

Sierra Madre’s Quality of Life Is Second To None!

HUCK FINN FISHING DERBY AND THE
EASTER BUNNY KEEP THE SMILES ON THE FACES OF CHILDREN
AND PARENTS ALIKE!



year 215 youth ages 3-15 participated in the event with many parents, family and friends in attendance as well. The fishing was fantastic this year as most young anglers caught at least one trout and many caught their limit of three! Awards were given in the following four age categories, as well as the Largest Overall fish and Smallest Overall fish. Age category winners were based on the total weight of a maximum three fish.

- Age Category 3-6 years:
 - 1st – Travis Smith
 - 2nd – Andrea Peeler
 - 3rd – Lucas Kirages
- Age Category 7-9 years:
 - 1st – Aresha Echols
 - 2nd – Luke Enriquez
 - 3rd – Charlie Hynes
- Age Category 10-12 years:
 - 1st – Allison Kruger
 - 2nd – Jillian Kruger
 - 3rd – Lauren Meier

If Forrest Gump came to Sierra Madre, he would certainly say, “Life Is Like A Bowl of Cherries”!

And that is true when considering the quality of life in many places. There are an abundance of activities for the young and old, and especially families that provide wholesome, free activities for both the young and old. One such event was the 2013 Huck Finn Fishing Derby that took place last week. Young fisherman (and girls) camped out at the city’s settling basin which was stocked with fish for a weekend of old fashioned fun. This



- Age Category 13-15 years:
 - 1st – Brock Vance
 - 2nd – Samson Sly
 - 3rd – Kyle Shigenaga

Largest Overall Fish – Travis Smith (5.85 lbs.) (Pictured Above)

Smallest Overall Fish – Michael Sheehan (.63 lbs.)

The City of Sierra Madre would like to thank the following sponsors for making the Huck Finn Fishing Derby and Campout such a success: Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighter’s Association, Sierra Madre Civic Club, LA County Department of Power and Water, Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club, Okuma Fishing, Berkley – Pure Fishing, Danny Osti Tree Service, Johnny’s Sport Shop, Pasadena Casting Club, Sierra Madre Public Works, Chris Campbell and the Huck Finn Fishing Guides. (Photos courtesy the City of Sierra Madre)

A few weeks earlier, the Sierra Madre Fire Department hosted its annual Easter Egg hunt and again families were able to spend real quality with their children, the Easter Bunny and real firefighters and it didn’t cost a thing.

(Photos courtesy Rod Spears)

Yes, as for the quality of life in this town, you just can’t ask for much more!

FORMER SIERRA MADRE MAYOR
ENID JOFFE HONORED



San Marino, CA – On Saturday, Rep. Judy Chu (CA-27) recognized outstanding women from the 27th Congressional District during her fourth annual Women of Distinction Awards in Huntington Library in San Marino. Recipients included Former Mayor Joffe and Monrovia Mayor Mary Ann Lutz.

The event honored women entrepreneurs, volunteers, civil servants and a female Olympian, all from the San Gabriel Valley. The 16 honorees represent the 16 cities in the 27th Congressional District. Each honoree was chosen from nominations submitted by members of their communities.



Former Mayor Joffe (inset)
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“No words can describe the contributions that all sixteen of these amazing women have made to our community in the San Gabriel Valley and to the

world at large,” said Rep. Chu. “From competing for our nation on the global stage, to advocating for those with developmental (cont. on page 3)

COUNCIL EXTENDS SECOND UNIT
AMNESTY PROGRAM

At the April 9, 2013, the Sierra Madre City Council extended the Second Unit Amnesty Program for an additional three months. The original end of the program was scheduled for April 15th. Below is a description of the program partially taken from the City’s website:

Sierra Madre initiated a Second Unit Amnesty Program for a six month period, from October 15, 2012 to April 15, 2013. It is now extended until July 15th. The City recognizes there are a number of second units in the community built without permits; these can be counted towards meeting the State-mandated regional housing needs allocation (the state requires the City have a certain number of affordable housing unit available to residents). Second Unit Amnesty Program offers incentives to property owners registering existing, non-permitted second units demonstrating safe and habitable conditions. Incentives for the property owner include a full waiver of the building application fee, a 50% break on building permit and planning fees if necessary, and relaxation of zoning standards.

What is a Second Unit?
A second unit is a self-contained residential dwelling unit either attached to the main house (with separate entry from the outside), or in a separate structure on the property. A second unit provides complete independent facilities for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation.

The City’s goals in establishing the amnesty program are:
•To encourage healthy and safe conditions in existing housing units.
•To meet the City’s share of affordable housing units required by the State.
•To reduce or eliminate the requirement to establish zoning for higher density multi-family housing.

Why Would I Want A Second Unit Amnesty Permit?
•A legal second unit can increase your property value and make it more attractive to potential buyers.
•Provides an opportunity to register existing second units with the City.
•Allows for the relaxation of development standards during the amnesty period, such as reduced setbacks, and increased height and square foot limits.

City staff can provide additional information regarding eligibility requirements and other zoning standards. The City stresses that property owners who inquire about the amnesty program will not be penalized for their non-permitted second unit. Information applicants provide on the Amnesty Permit application will not be used as the basis for enforcement action unless there is a clear and imminent danger to public safety and/or environmental health.

For additional information please contact the Sierra Madre Development Services Department at (626) 355-7138.

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Wed:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 50s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 50s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



2013 Mount Wilson Trail Race - Youth Opportunities

Kids' Fun Run

Join the Sierra Madre Community Foundation and CATZ Sports for the 2013 Mount Wilson Trail Race Kids' Fun Run. The Kid's Fun Run is an absolutely free event for youth ages 3-12 years of age. The Kid's Fun Run will begin at 7:45 a.m. on Saturday, May 25, 2013. Youth will have the opportunity to run up and down Baldwin Ave. and finish under the same banner as MWTR runners! Youth 3-6 years of age will run a ½ mile course, while youth 7-12 will run the full mile. All participants must sign up with a parent or guardian beginning at 7:00 a.m. in Kersting Court. The first 250

youth to sign up will receive a free T-shirt, compliments of Sierra Madre Community Foundation and will receive a ribbon for their participation.

Kids' Fun Run Training Days

Join past MWTR Women's Race Winners Sharon Pevsner and Jill Liston as they prepare you for the MWTR Kids' Fun Run. Training days will be held on Saturday April 27, 2013 and Saturday May 11, 2013 beginning at 9:00 am at Sierra Vista Park - Westside, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Participation in the training days is free for all and participants should bring running shoes and water. Participants will learn basic running technique, complete running drills, and take part in a question and answer session with Sharon Pevsner and Jill Liston.

Kids' Fun Run T-Shirt Design Contest

Your artwork can be featured on the 2013 Mount Wilson Trail Race Kids' Fun Run

T-Shirt! Youths in Kindergarten - 8th grade are encouraged to submit their artwork for this contest. The winning entry will have their artwork displayed on the back of the Kids' Fun Run t-shirt, be recognized at the Mount Wilson Trail Race and receive a t-shirt with their design. Participation in the contest is absolutely free. Contest application and guidelines are available on the City's website, www.cityofsierramadre.com, on the Community Services Department page or at the Community Services office located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Applications are due by Friday, April 26, 2013 at 5:00 pm.

For more information on any of the 2013 Mount Wilson Trail Race Youth Opportunities please contact the Community Services Department at 626.355.5278.

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
Tuesday, April 23, 2013
6:00 pm

April 18	City of Sierra Madre - Volunteer Breakfast
April 18	LA County Health Department - temporary food facility presentation
April 20	Woman's Club - Fashion Show
April 20	SM Rose Float - Legendary Bingo
April 20	SM Environmental Action Committee - Bailey Canyon Wilderness Park Clean Up
April 20	Foothill Unity Center - Murder Mystery Fundraiser



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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

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Gene's guest this week is Tom Contreras, Supervisor, Angeles National Forest. This will be an extremely informative interview about an important local resource.

See the Calendar page at the Vine for show times.

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Sierra Madre Rotary operates an active high school service group, the Interact Club, participates in Rotary scholarship, music and essay competitions, raises funds for local and Rotary Foundation causes, recognizes exemplary teachers, offers mini grants for worthy projects, hosts the yearly Elvis in the Park concert and donates hundreds of service hours to community events like the Wistaria Festival, Dickens Village and July 4th Parade.

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

www.SierraMadreRotary.com

FRIENDS OF THE SIERRA MADRE
LIBRARY ANNUAL ART FAIR

The 51st annual Friends of the Sierra Madre Library's Art Fair will be held in Memorial Park, 222 West Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre, on Saturday, May 4, from 9:30AM to 6:00PM and Sunday, May 5, from 9:30AM to 5:00PM. More than 90 artists will be displaying and selling their fine arts throughout the weekend. Mediums include oil painting, jewelry, water colors, glass, wood, metal, photography, pottery, ceramics, mixed media, and weaving. The Art Fair will be the place to be to find that perfect Mother's Day, graduation, or wedding gift and to find pieces that you will be proud to wear or to display in your home.

Live music will be featured throughout the weekend in the band shell and on the south lawn. Guests will enjoy an eclectic selection of music ranging from country jazz to Latin to classical flute and guitar. A food court will offer a variety of food and drinks provided by local non-profit groups as well as food vendors. And, of course, the Friends of the Library will have a booth selling their famous sweet breads and quick breads. For the children, the Creative Arts Group has planned a Chinese kite making activity on Saturday and Sunday from 10am-4pm.

This year we will again have a silent auction. So far, forty of the artists who are displaying and selling their creations at this year's fair have donated lovely, one-of-a-kind pieces for the auction which means that you'll have a chance to bid on some really beautiful artwork.

So come early and stay all day. Browse through the wonderful displays of artwork, sit on the lawn and listen to music, have a little lunch, check on your silent auction bids, and then go back and purchase those lovely pieces of art that have been calling your name ever since you spotted them. Proceeds from the Art Fair benefit the Sierra Madre Library. For more information, visit our website at sierramadrelibraryfriends.org or call 626 355-7186.

BAILEY CANYON CLEAN UP

Sierra Madre Environmental Action Council (SMEAC) will hold its annual Spring Bailey Canyon Wilderness Park Clean Up on Saturday, April 20 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Members of the public are invited to assist with this "Earth Day" weekend project. Be sure to bring gloves, garden tools & friends.

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626•355•8350 www.creativeartsgroup.org

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JOFFE (continued from page 1) disabilities, to representing the cutting edge of entrepreneurial achievement, each one has had a profound impact on the world around them. Most importantly, all overcame tremendous obstacles in their careers, proving themselves to be wonderful role models for others who aspire to their success. I thank each of this year's 16 Women of Distinction for their contributions, and urge them to continue being a shining beacon of inspiration for women and girls in our district and around the world."

Enid Joffe was recognized for her efforts as a Community Leader in Clean Energy.

According to Congresswoman Chu, "Enid Joffe would tell you that her claim to fame is that she hired former Labor Secretary Hilda Solis for her first job out of college. At the time, Ms. Joffe was working at United Way and she hired Hilda Solis to help with outreach to the Hispanic community. But of course, Ms. Joffe's accomplishments extend far beyond hiring the former Labor Secretary.

Ms. Joffe found her passion when she started working on charging technology for electric cars almost two decades ago. In 1999, Ms. Joffe co-founded her company Clean Fuel Connection to provide infrastructure sales, installation, service and consulting support for electric and natural gas vehicles. In 2002, the industry experienced a severe downturn. But Ms. Joffe is not the type to call it quits when things get rough. The determined Ms. Joffe and her company persevered. And in just 14 short years after the company's founding, Ms. Joffe's company has an annual revenue of over \$4 million.

Before Ms. Joffe started her company, she expanded her knowledge of the clean energy industry by working as the manager of charging infrastructure for Edison EV where she worked with local, state, and federal governments on policy issues related to electric vehicles. In this role, she

also managed activities to obtain incentives for electric vehicle infrastructure and coordinated sales of public charging stations to government and public sector organizations.

Besides her pioneering work in the clean energy industry, Ms. Joffe was also active in her community. She was first elected to the Sierra Madre City Council in April of 2004, and served as mayor from 2007 to 2008. In the non-profit sector, Ms. Joffe served on the board of West San Gabriel Valley YMCA from 1990 to 1993 and served as the president of the Rosemead Kiwanis Club from 1992 to 1993."

Ms. Joffe received her bachelor's degree in sociology from Barnard College. In addition, Ms. Joffe also received a master's in sociology and an MBA from UCLA.

Monrovia Mayor Mary Ann Lutz

Mayor Mary Ann Lutz is a giver when it comes to donating to community programs. She first became a member of the Monrovia City Council in 2003 and was elected mayor in 2009. During her tenure, she has helped to move key projects forward, including helping Monrovia to navigate through the uncharted terrain of having no redevelopment agency and pushing forward the Gold Line Extension. Today, construction of the Gold Line is underway and is slated to be completed in 2015. Under her watch, community programs such as Monrovia Area Partnership – a program that empowers residents to proactively improve their neighborhoods – have flourished. More recently, Mayor's Luntz's biggest accomplishments have been in the area of environmental sustainability. Under her leadership, the Resource Management Plan was approved, paving the way for the preservation and responsible public access to hundreds of acres in the Angeles National Forest. Mayor Luntz has also been instrumental in the creation of the Monrovia Accords – a list of 21 action items that make water conservation, recycling, and sensitivity to the en-

vironment leading priorities of her administration.

Mayor Luntz's most notable accomplishment is the successful effort to create the Los Angeles Storm Water Partnership. This partnership consists of a coalition of eight cities in Los Angeles County that continues to seek collaborative opportunities with other municipalities. In fact, this partnership has expanded in 2011 to form the LA Permit Group – a body that consists of 62 voting agencies, all working hard to promote water quality and conservation.

Despite all of her accomplishments, Mayor Lutz is too humble to take credit alone. In her recent State of the City address, she told the crowd of nearly 200 people that, "Nothing great happens in our City by the efforts of one person alone. It is a collaboration; a partnership."

OTHER HONOREES:

- Evie Romero (Community Leader in Development Disabilities)
- Inger Miller (Former Olympian)
- Lillian Lee Jang (Community Leader in API Issues)
- Karen Chen (Business Woman and Community Leader)
- Susan Schenk (Community Leader in Sustainability)
- Karen Komsak Davis (Elected Official)
- Marta Escanuelas (Community Leader in Developmental Disabilities)
- Margaret "Margie" Martinez (Community Leader in Healthcare)
- Barbara Peterson Sinclair (Community Leader in the Health Profession)
- Mandy Wong (Community Leader in Public Safety and Education)
- Jeanne Raya (Community Leader in Law)
- Christina Kan (Community Leader in Healthcare)
- Megan Pan (Small Business Owner)
- Wendy Gladney (Author and Inspirational Figure)

ART OF THE GARDEN: A TOUR OF ENCHANTMENT

Garden lovers be prepared for a day of enchantment as the Creative arts Group presents ART OF THE GARDEN a garden tour on April 21, 2013 that will be a day to remember for all who participate and experience four truly magnificent gardens.

Nature retreat

Although this home is situated in the heart of Pasadena, it has the feel of a secluded getaway complete with a natural spring and a multitude of migratory birds. Designed by Doug Ewing, of Ewing Architects, this home with its light and airy Progressive Arts and Crafts style, fully embraces its natural surroundings.

English Arts and Crafts Styled Estate

An English Arts and Craft estate built by Henry Huntington's grandson, Edwards Huntington Metcalf, for his young bride in 1934 was purchased by the current owners who began a much needed restoration in 1992. Roses were a natural selection for a garden with such English roots, and this landscape boasts an astonishing selection with 170 hybrid Teas, climbers, miniature and tree roses in the front garden alone.



Strolling past the "Birdhouse Garden" on the way to the rear yard, guests are treated to a beautiful fountain beneath Bay Laurel and Cassia trees. Continuing on, an exquisite view of expansive lawn, rare varieties of plants, pool, spa, pavilion, and outdoor Barbeque areas await. Near the back porch are a variety of herbs and vegetables with easy access to the kitchen and the custom-designed mini green house, tool shed and potting bench.

Spanish Revival Estate

This 1920s Spanish Revival boasts lovely covered terraces, patios, fountains and a charming casita designed by Architect Ron Ettinger. When the present owners purchased the property, the rear yard was a steep hillside with little useable space. Landscape designer, Rick Button, solved the problem by calling for a retaining wall with deep pylons to add much needed square footage to the property. Several large Fan Palm trees were craned onto the estate. Dimmick stone, fabricated on site, is used throughout. Citrus trees and herbs abound in the outdoor kitchen garden along with Mutabilis and Joseph's Coat climbing roses. Beautiful varieties of geraniums can be found throughout the estate in pots and in the ground.

Italianate Estate

Purchased by the current owners in 2007, the grounds of this unique home believed to be designed by Silvanus Marston have gone through a major transformation to meet the needs of the active family who lives here. The driveway and garage access was moved from the side street to the south side of the house opening up room for the park-like rear garden. The hedged front yard features a concrete and pebble circular drive. New walls and gates take cues from the formal architectural lines. In the rear garden a new covered terrace creates livable space for the upstairs bedrooms as well as a beautiful tile-floored dining and lounge space off the dining room and kitchen. The garden design made room for a grand pool and spa featuring handmade decorative Lescaux tiles. The cabana structure, anchored by Umbrella plants and Agave attenuata features a fireplace, outdoor kitchen and lounge area making poolside living a dream.

Designed by Nord Eriksson of EPT Design, the gardens were conceived to appear as though they were laid out in the 1920's while, at the same time, reflecting the Owner's eclectic taste and joyous spirit. A large central lawn, often the scene of impromptu soccer or football matches is surrounded by beds featuring succulents, Italian cypress, Yucca and Dracaenas, Olives, mature Coast Live Oaks, and profuse Bougainvillea.

The "Art of the Garden" Tour is held Sunday, April 21st, from 10:30am to 4:30pm. To purchase tickets or for more information, call Creative Arts Group at 626-355-8350 or visit the office & gallery at 108 N. Baldwin Ave., Sierra Madre. Tickets are \$25 in advance & \$30 if purchased the day of the event. All funds are used to support CAG's educational & community-service programs.

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

For the period April 1-7, 2013

Monday April 1, 2013

During the late afternoon or early evening hours, an unknown suspect entered an unlocked vehicle that was parking in a driveway in the 200 block of Grove Street. The suspect disturbed items in the glove box and the center console, but did not take any property. No other reports of vehicle tampering in this area were received.

At 10pm, officer responded to a call of a domestic fight in the 500 block of Manzanitas. A husband and wife were involved in a verbal argument that continued to escalate. At one point the wife started slapping her husband on the shoulder several times with an open hand. She then threw a bottle of cream against the wall smashing it and scattering the contents across the room. In response, the husband restrained her arms then pushed her away. The investigation revealed that the wife was the primary aggressor and she was subsequently arrested for domestic battery.

A resident in the 00 block of Esperanza reported that the front license plate of her vehicle was stolen overnight. No other evidence of vandalism or attempted entry was observed.



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News From Your Community For Your Community

Burglar, Identity Theft Suspect Arrested



Altadena Detectives investigating a burglary and identity theft case served search warrants at three separate locations in Pasadena over the last month leading to the arrest of a woman last week wanted in connection with the crimes.

Police say the suspect Aqualina Jaime had gained access to a victim's credit accounts and fraudulently obtained thousands of dollars in cash advances on their credit cards. Jaime also made several purchases at stores in Pasadena, Duarte, and Los Angeles.

According to police, the first location was searched on March 11 and the other two locations were searched on April 4. The investigation started Jan. 31 when a resident of Altadena noticed several unauthorized, high-dollar, transactions on her credit card. The ensuing complex investigation led detectives to the suspect's identity police said.

Detectives located Jaime on April 4, and arrested her for burglary, identity theft, and grand theft.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office filed 14 felony counts against the suspect Tuesday. She is being held in lieu of \$345,000 bail.

Pet of the Week



Big Momma is a nine-year-old black cat. She enjoys being petted and loves attention. She's eligible for the Lucky 13 Black Cat Adoption event this Saturday, April 13 in which her adoption fee is reduced to \$13.

Big Momma's regular adoption fee is \$70, which includes her spay surgery, a microchip, the first set of vaccinations, as well as a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. New adopters will receive complimentary health and wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information on how to care for your pet. Big Momma also qualifies for our Seniors for Seniors program in which her adoption fee is waived for adopters 60 years old and up. Ask an adoptions counselor for more information during your visit.

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A239878, 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.



City Bans New Recycling Facilities

The city council unanimously approved Monday night the extension of urgency ordinance prohibiting the approval of new recycling facilities, the expansion or modification of existing facilities citing concerns of secondary impacts

of recycling centers including transient activity, drunkenness, loitering and trash.

"We're all familiar with the issue, just as an update, we did have a large recycling center that closed at Lake Ave. and Orange Grove Blvd. that is now gone,"

Council Approves Glenarm Power Plant EIR



Pasadena City Council, late Monday night, approved the Environmental Impact Report for the Glenarm Power Plant Repowering Project; a move city staff said will secure a more reliable and environmentally responsible energy future for the city and Pasadena Water and Power customers.

"This is an important undertaking by Pasadena Water and Power to meet our City's energy needs with modern, efficient and environmentally friendly equipment that will serve our residents and provide power for new and existing businesses as our local economy continues to grow," Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard said.

The Glenarm Power Plant Repowering Project will replace an antiquated, steam-generating power plant with a new, state-of-the-art, 71-megawatt natural gas powered generator and the best available air pollution control systems. The new power plant will generate power about 30 percent more efficiently and will augment the reliability of the City's electrical system when conditions are unfavorable for wind and solar energy production.

"By generating power locally, we can continue to provide

uninterrupted power to our customers when the City's electrical demand exceeds its import capacity and also help integrate solar and wind renewable energy resources into our portfolio," said Phyllis Currie, General Manager of Pasadena Water and Power. "It will reduce the City's dependence on purchases of energy from the market, the cost of which can spike when demand for power is high."

Plans for the project, which is expected to be operating by the end of 2015, have been included in the City's capital improvement program for a number of years. Cost estimates of \$115.6 million, first projected in 2010, are under review by expert utility consultants. With the EIR now approved, next steps include developing a financing plan and securing the required building and air-quality permits.

The Glenarm Power Plant, first built in 1907, is a block south of the Metro Gold Line's Fillmore Station on East Glenarm Street, between Fair Oaks Boulevard and the 110 Freeway. The facility includes the landmark Glenarm building and its iconic, Art Deco fountain.

Police Launch Mobile Curbside Coffee & Chat



Be on the lookout for the Pasadena Police Department's MobileCommandPostCurbside Coffee & Chat. Pasadena Police Officers assigned to the Community Services Section - Neighborhood Outreach Unit have taken to the streets in a concerted effort to meet and chat with community members in their neighborhoods.

The Mobile Command Post is being utilized as a highly visible and recognizable platform from which to host informal curbside coffee & chats with residents in neighborhoods throughout Pasadena. These informal meetings allow for neighbors and their children to step out of their homes and to be greeted

at the curbside by uniformed officers operating the Mobile Command Post. It's an excellent opportunity for neighbors to socialize and meet with officers and our police volunteers while sharing information that can drive enforcement efforts and deter crime.

The Mobile Command Post has been deployed into many neighborhoods thus far and has been enthusiastically received by the community. If you would like the Mobile Command Post Curbside Coffee & Chat to visit your neighborhood, please call: Officer Ralph Ordonez at 661-744-7651 or email: ralphordonez@cityofpasadena.net

Councilmember Victor Gordo said. "I think that gives us another basis for continuing the interim ordinance in order to ensure that our new regulations are in place if in fact that property owner were to allow a new operator."

A security guard working at rePLANET Recycling located at Lake Ave and Walnut Street said he thought Gordo may have been mistaken explaining that rePLANET had just shut down a facility at Lake Ave. and Washington Blvd.

He also attributed recent long lines and implementing security guards to the ordinance.

City Manager Michael Beck said the ordinance would last 12 months.

"The reason for the continuation of time is really based on the fact that we would, one, like to study alternatives that other cities have looked at in regard to recycling ordinance regulations and then the reality, in Pasadena we would like to have a number of community meetings," Beck said.

A number of resident asked that they shorten the ordinance time saying recycling should be a main priority in the city.

Altadena Sheriff's Inaugural Car Show

The Altadena Sheriff's Station and Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation will be hosting the first ever Altadena Sheriff's Car Show.

Saturday, April 27, 2013, from 9:00am - 5:00pm. Car Show Entrants arriving between 7:30am - 8:30am Farnsworth Park, 568 Mount Curve Avenue, Altadena

Categories: Antiques, Street Rods, Classics, Trucks, and Motorcycles Stock or Modified Registration Fee is \$25.00 before April 12, 2013 and \$30 after. So hurry and get your car registered for this event! Goodie Bags for first 50 Entrants.

Judging will start at 10:30am and trophy presentations at 2:30pm.

Awards, Vendors, Art Walk, Crafts Featuring Live Band THE ANSWER

This is fun filled day for the entire family. Even if you're not entering a car for the show, stop on by and enjoy the festivities, it's gonna be a great event!

If you're interested in entering your car or participating as a vendor, please contact Sergeant Matthew Bossier, Deputy Michael Spina, or Deputy Greg Gabriel at 626-296-2107.

NASA Holds Science4girls

Jet Propulsion Laboratory's Karen Yuen and Carla J. Johns offer a fascinating look at space and earth science using hands-on astronomy events, field-tested educational activities, and local science resources for girls and their families on Saturday, April 20, 11 a.m. at Pasadena Central Library's Donald R. Wright Auditorium, 285 E. Walnut St.

For more information contact Pat Smith at (626) 744-4045 or psmith@cityofpasadena.net.

Fire Captain Saves Man during Gruesome Incident

Pasadena Fire Captain Art Hurtado describe Thursday morning the scene at a hardware store the day before in which he saved the life of an unidentified man who deliberately picked up saws and cut his own arms to the bone.

The incident happened inside a Home Depot store in West Covina.

"I walked in, there was pandemonium in the store, a lot of chaos, people were running all different directions," Hurtado said. "I made a beeline towards the police officers that I saw there trying to render care to a person on the ground." Hurtado said there was blood down many aisles. The man was face down in a large pool of blood.

"I didn't have any equipment like I would at work so I just improvised," he said. "I knew we had to stop the bleeding. I didn't know if he was or wasn't going to make it."

Hurtado said he then yelled out for some rope and made a tourniquet for one arm. West

Covina paramedics took over Hurtado said.

According to West Covina police around 12:30 p.m. Wednesday a man, only described as in this 50s, picked up saws normally used for drywall and cut both his arms near the elbows to the bone.

The incident is being investigated as an attempted suicide. At press time, the man was in critical condition at a local hospital.



Captain Hurtado and his wife

Llama Lady Turned Pirate Chosen Doo Dah Queen

Avast, me hearties, the queen has been chosen!

Hours of Doo Dah madness ended Sunday with a royal nod to this year's parade queen, Susann Edmonds, an enthusiastic signing woman o' pirate that wowed judges with her wit, dress and well thought out routine —including homemade cocktail elixirs given to the 50 judges.

"She [Edmonds] just does a million stuff and so full of energy," Doo Dah organizer Tom Coston said. "She's a really cool local person and will make a great Doo Dah representative."

Edmonds plans to walk a Llama down the parade route during this year's 36th Occasional Pasadena Doo Dah Parade April 27. She said she is best known in Altadena as the Llama Lady.

"I was the one who changed the laws in LA County so that Llamas were no longer exotic animals and now livestock," Edmonds said explaining that the law was changed in 2001 after a 22 month fight to keep Llamas on her property.

"Shortly after that, Llamas went down the Rose Parade route," she said with a sneer.

The Doo Dah Parade is often referred to as the twisted sister of the conventional Rose Parade.

Edmonds said that although she no longer owns Llamas herself, she plans to borrow one

from a friend.

Edmonds also said she owns the Llama Lounge in Altadena, "We turned the corral into a pub."

Most recently, she is known for her gardening, which she said will be featured in the upcoming month's Country Living magazine. She is also outspoken against a new Walmart neighborhood market in Altadena.

"Support small businesses," she said. "Not ones that suck money from the economy."

Edmonds said the cocktail elixirs are part of a small business she owns, Jabberwocky Foods. They are a 15th century maritime recipe. The elixirs will be for sale, she said, with all the proceeds going to the Light Bringer Project, the nonprofit, Pasadena-based arts organization that also oversees Doo Dah.

The judges, most of whom themselves are former queens, said Edmonds had stiff competition from Mia Bonadonna, third runner up, who incorporated four large pizzas into her performance and Tanya Piana, second runner up, who danced in burlesque style with pasties set to a punk rock tune; and the belly dancer extraordinaire, Narayana, who was first runner up.

The 36th Occasional Doo Dah Parade steps off at 11am along Colorado Boulevard in East Pasadena.



Edmonds is lifted into the air after being chosen Doo Dah Queen

Learn How to Produce Your Own TV Show

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. Producers' Training teaches citizens how to produce their own show for The Arroyo Channel. Studio Production/Equipment training is also offered for volunteer crewmembers. In addition, on-going training and



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Citizen Journalism	Every Tuesday
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“What’s Going On?” PHONY ROCKEFELLER GUILTY:
News and Views from Joan Schmidt What Other Choice Was There?



1985. My family and I had recently relocated to California and were renting a house on Walnut/Holly, Arcadia. We were terrified to leave a window opened at night-the Night Stalker recently killed a couple on Lemon Avenue, a few blocks north of us. At that time, I also vaguely remember a young couple, John and Linda were missing in San Marino and that was scary.

Years passed, we bought our current home and were settled in Monrovia. In 1994, a pool was being built on Lorain Ave. in San Marino. Human remains were discovered. Questions arose. Could these remains belong to John or Linda Sohus? There was an initial problem with DNA because John was adopted and I believe the DNA testing wasn't as advanced as today. I read of John's mother Didi and her anguish over her missing son, even so far as believing he just abandoned her.

The next piece of this puzzle was the definite identification of the remains as being of John Sohus. Years pass, and there is publicity about a man who is posing as a Rockefeller back East and is wanted for kidnapping his daughter. This man had married a very intelligent Harvard/Yale graduate, Sandra Boss who was from high society. "Rockefeller" was caught, tried and convicted. A movie was made about the couple meeting, their marriage, the birth of their daughter and

Sandra's suspicions about her husband's background and identity. Of course she planned to divorce him when she realized he was an imposter. Somehow during the trial, his daughter was kidnapped. After I watched the movie, I just wondered how such an intelligent woman could be duped by this man. But apparently she was just one of many. He had many aliases and each had quite a background-one was even a descendent of an Earl in England!

Eventually the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department contacted authorities in Massachusetts and this man, Christian Gerhartsreiter of Germany was extradited to California for trial. Frank Girardot, Editor of the Pasadena Star News began extensive coverage of the case and daily went to trial. Each morning I read his update and decided to attend. The Thursday I went I sat in front of Dan Banks who gave me quite an earful. Dan had known "Chris Chichester" from Church of Our Savior in San Gabriel and didn't care for him at all. According to Dan, the twenty-three year old Chichester was going after Dan's seventeen-year old daughter. Dan also mentioned Chris never had any money and wanted Dan and Dan's wife to preview a movie Chris made, but they never did. Lt. Dan Allen from Greenwich, CT, and Ralph Boyton, a Wall Street Veteran also testified. At the trial, I also met a woman from Northern California, who was staying in Santa Clarita and drove to the trial every day! After the half-day court session, I went home, and learned that Girardot had written a book, *Name Dropper* about Chichester. Needless to say, I

read it for more insight into the trail.

At the time of the trial's proceedings, my husband and I were in the midst of planning an eleven day trip to see the newest granddaughter! We were also working on a surprise 70th birthday party for my sister at a nursing home in Edison NJ! But in the midst of all the planning, I just *had* to go back to the trial! The day I attended-Wednesday-was the second day Sandra Boss, the defendant's former wife testified and she gave quite an account. Prior to the trial, I also spoke with Jan of Sweden and his wife, and they were sure the defendant was guilty!

My husband and I left California late Thursday evening. We arrived in Philly early Friday AM. In between all the visits/travels, I called my daughter back in CA for trial updates, and went online when internet was available. While visiting Meg Gardner, a retired psychiatric social worker/counselor of thirty years and my buddy since College, I gave an account of the trial! Meg was *beyond* interested and joined my obsession with this trial.

On the day the verdict was due, I went on the Internet and was flabbergasted by the quick results. GUILTY! I immediately called Meg in NY and her comment was, "What else could they have done?" This perceptive woman had taken in all the facts and that was her opinion. I also read that John's sister from Arizona was in tears and relieved it was over. But what about Linda? Meg thinks Linda is probably in one of the many wooded areas of Connecticut or New York. No one really knows.



SURVIVAL SKILLS

By Christopher Nyerges

[Nyerges is the author of "How to Survive Anywhere," and "Enter the Forest." Information about his books and classes is available from Box 41834, Eagle Rock, CA 90041, or from www.ChristopherNyerges.com.]

In the "First Aid" chapter of How to Survive Anywhere, we address specific simple ways of dealing with the common medical emergencies that one can expect in the aftermath of a major disaster, or if lost and hurt in the woods. What would you do if a major earthquake struck Sierra Madre tomorrow?

Here is something else to consider.

It is not only the physical accidents that we need to be concerned about, whether in a wilderness accident, or the result of an urban disaster (major earthquake, etc.). In studies that have been done of the survivors of major disasters, the following conclusions have been made about the mental state of the survivors. Approximately 15% made quick, appropriate, and efficient choices and actions which were well-suited to their safety and security. Another 15% "went crazy," making wild irrational choices and even getting hurt as a result of their "losing it."


The rest, about 70% of the survivors – a full majority – neither went crazy nor did they make wise and efficient choices and actions, but rather wandered about somewhat zombie-like, spaced-out, in a state of stupor and shock, simply not knowing what to do, where to go, what to think. This shocked majority tends to be passive, but will take orders from someone who seems to be in control and who seems to know what they are doing and why.

The point: None of us wants to be a part of that majority, and definitely we don't want to be a part of that "crazy 15." No one would want to be wandering around Sierra Madre Blvd. in a dazed state of mind.

What can we do to ensure that in a time of disaster, we find ourselves in that 15% category of wise, appropriate, efficient actions? None of us really knows what we will do until we are actually tested in difficult, stressful real life conditions. It is impossible to predict what you might do when you are seated comfortably in your home drinking a warm beverage. The only way to expand our mental and physical limits is to actually put ourselves into situations where we can discover more about ourselves during situations of less sleep, less food, more work. People in the military often get that experience. Some survival schools offer these experiences. And anyone (with a group of friends and supporters) can regularly plan such trips with the express purpose of expanding limits, learning how you will react in times of stress, and attempting to make the right choices when it is not easy to do so.

TAKE CLASSES
I encourage everyone to take the Red Cross Emergency First Aid course, and learn how to deal with everyday first aid problems.

Consider enrolling in some of my classes where we learn about wild foods and very basic survival skills. The schedule of our classes can be seen at www.ChristopherNyerges.com, or write to Box 41834, Eagle Rock, CA 90041.

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Looking Up
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A METEORITE MYSTERY: First Meteorite From Mercury Found?

Early in 2012, someone in Southern Morocco picked up 35 greenish stones. Purchased by a dealer in Erfoud, Morocco, one of them was then resold to Stefan Ralew, a meteorite collector from Berlin.

The dealer was demanding a high price, and Ralew may have hesitated. But the wrinkled glassy coating on one face of the rock was clearly a fusion crust, a kind of glaze that forms when a meteorite is heated as it passes through the atmosphere.

Looking at other faces, he would have recognized it as a type of meteorite called an achondrite, says Randy Korotev, a meteorite expert at Washington University in Saint Louis (WUSTL). That meant it was an exceptional stone.

Most meteorites are stony, he explains, and of the stony meteorites, almost all (90 percent) are what are called ordinary chondrites. These are pieces of small, unmelted asteroids that are uniform in composition throughout.

The achondrites, on the other hand are pieces of large asteroids or planets, ones at least 200 kilometers in diameter. These produced enough internal heat early in their history to partially melt and segregate into a metal core surrounded by a rocky exterior. Achondrites, which come from the crust or mantle of these differentiated bodies, make up only 5 percent of the stony meteorites that have been found.

So already this find was looking very interesting. Where might it be from? About half of the achondrites come from the large asteroid 4 Vesta. Others come from Mars, the Moon, or other asteroids.

To answer the question of origin, the stone's chemistry had

to be analyzed. Ralew shipped it to Tony Irving at the University of Washington. "Tony is where all the serious collectors go when they find strange meteorites," says Korotev, to whom Irving sends the "lunars" (possible lunar meteorites), which is what Korotev mainly studies.

Both the iron/manganese ratio of an asteroid and the ratios of its oxygen isotopes (variants of the oxygen atom) are thought to serve as "fingerprints" of its body of origin.

At the 44th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference in March, Irving said that the stone, now

officially designated Northwest Africa 7325 (NWA 7325), had highly unusual chemistry. What's more, he said, the chemistry was suspiciously similar to that measured by NASA's Messenger probe, which is currently surveying the surface of Mercury from orbit.

"It is high in magnesium and very low in iron, which is what they're seeing on the surface of Mercury," Korotev, who attended Irving's talk, says.

Some chemical ratios didn't match, but Irving said that might be because the stone had been "excavated from depth," that is, blasted into space by a collision that left a deep scar in Mercury.

Although Korotev can't say for certain where the meteorite comes from, he can say why it is such a peculiar green. The green comes from a silicate mineral laced with chromium.

"I once analyzed bottles to see what made them blue or green," Korotev says. The greenest bottle had 660 parts per million chromium, but some of the mineral components of NWA 7325 have 7,000 parts per million chromium. That's why it's green."

But the bigger mystery—where did it come from—is as yet unsolved.

You can contact Bob Eklund at: beklund@MtnViewsNews.com.



One of 35 meteorites of mysterious origin found in the Moroccan desert. This piece weighs 100 grams. The alphabet block to the right is a centimeter on a side.

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From Arcadia's Best

SANTA ANITA LANES CLOSED FOR MONTHS

The most brutal part of the construction of the Gold Line through Arcadia begins soon, with the right lanes of Santa Anita Avenue to be closed for months to north-bound and southbound lanes beginning later this month or early May. Closures will continue through the spring and summer and until late October.

The lanes will be closing as the first steps towards construction of a bridge carrying train tracks over the four-lane road, which will also include the lowering of the road where it now rises in a hump to meet the tracks.

Santa Anita lanes will be closed once work on the bridge over Colorado Boulevard is complete and that road is open west of Santa Anita. A construction notice is forthcoming.



Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, March 31st, through Saturday, April 6th, the Police Department responded to 1,011 calls for service of which 106 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

- Sunday, March 31:
- At about 6:41 a.m., an officer responded to the area of Live Oak Avenue and Second Avenue regarding a vandalism report. The suspect damaged his father's vehicle by smashing two of the windows with a rock. A search of his person revealed he was in possession of concentrated cannabis. The 18-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
 - Around 10:35 p.m., an officer was dispatched to M&P Sound Stereo, 25 West Las Tunas Drive, in reference to an attempted burglary report. Unknown suspect(s) broke the front window and attempted to grab merchandise from a display shelf; however, the merchandise would not fit through the security gate. It appeared the suspect cut him/herself in the process and left behind a blood stain. Further investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.

- Monday, April 1:
- At approximately 11:45 a.m., two suspects entered Victoria's Secret at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, and stole 45 bras from a display table. The loss was over \$2,000 and the incident was recorded on video surveillance. The suspects appeared to be Hispanic males in their mid-twenties.
 - Shortly after 3:25 p.m., an officer responded to the 1600 block of Oakwood Avenue in regards to a residential burglary report. The victim discovered unknown suspect(s) gained entry into his garage by an unknown means, searched his vehicle, and fled undetected with an iPhone and various golfing equipment. No one reported seeing or hearing anything suspicious.

- Tuesday, April 2:
- At roughly 2:44 p.m., an officer responded to the area of Huntington Drive and Golden West Avenue in regards to a disturbance between motorists. The suspect exited his vehicle as a result of a road rage incident and walked up to the victim's vehicle. He hit the victim's vehicle several times with a baseball bat, breaking the side view mirror. As the suspect fled the scene, another motorist followed him a short distance in order to record the license plate. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, early 30's, approximately 5'10" tall, skinny build, short black hair, wearing a striped colored shirt and dark pants, and driving an older model black Mercedes Benz with tinted windows.
 - Around 4:00 p.m., a female victim came to the Arcadia Police Department front counter to report a fraud. While checking her online bank account, the victim discovered two personal checks were cashed without her permission. Investigation revealed the checks were counterfeit. She had no idea how her account information was compromised and she was not desirous of prosecution.

- Wednesday, April 3:
- At about 9:00 a.m., an officer responded to the area of the 210 freeway and Santa Anita Avenue regarding a vandalism investigation. Unknown suspect(s) used black spray paint to graffiti several areas of the Gold Line Bridge, which was blocked off for construction. The repair cost was estimated to be approximately \$15,000.
 - Shortly before 2:10 p.m., officers were dispatched to Macy's at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in reference to fraud report. Two of three suspects were detained after making a purchase with a fraudulent credit card. Nine fraudulent credit cards were found in their possession. The 19-year-old Asian male and 24-year-old Asian female were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The third suspect fled the location; however, he was recorded on the video surveillance.

- Thursday, April 4:
- At approximately 9:55 a.m., traffic enforcement officers stopped a vehicle for making a right turn on a red light at the 210 East freeway off-ramp and Baldwin Avenue. A records check revealed the driver had a suspended license. The 54-year-old Hispanic male was cited, released in the field, and his vehicle was left legally parked.
 - Shortly after 10:50 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for expired registration in the area of Live Oak Avenue, west of Peck Road. An investigation revealed the driver had a suspended license and an outstanding misdemeanor warrant issued by the Arcadia Police Department. He was also in possession of drug paraphernalia and a hypodermic needle. The 32-year-old White male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

- Friday, April 5:
- At almost 10:32 a.m., an officer responded to the area of Huntington Drive and Holly Avenue regarding a robbery that had just occurred. As the victim walked eastbound on Huntington Drive, an unknown suspect approached her from behind and snatched her purse off her shoulder. The suspect entered an awaiting light blue colored sedan and the victim recorded the license plate as it sped off south down Holly Avenue. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male wearing dark clothing. Further investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.
 - Roughly after 9:30 p.m., an officer responded to the 000 block of East Norman Avenue in reference to a vehicle burglary report. The victim looked out of her window and noticed an unknown Hispanic male walking away from her vehicle. She noticed the vehicle's interior light was on and explained to her boyfriend that it appeared the suspect had broken in. The boyfriend located the suspect a short distance away and confronted him; however, when the suspect put his hands inside his pocket, the boyfriend fled in fear the suspect was possibly attempting to remove a weapon. Officers were unable to locate the suspect at the time of the report and the victim was unable to identify any missing property.

- Saturday, April 6:
- Around 12:02 a.m., an officer responded to Albertson's, 298 East Live Oak Avenue, in regards to a fight in progress. An argument between two adult relatives over money led to a physical altercation. Both subjects sustained injuries and required medical attention. The 50 and 60-year-old males of unknown race were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking after receiving medical clearance.
 - At approximately 5:07 p.m., officers were dispatched to an injury traffic collision in the intersection of Colorado Street and the northbound extension of Baldwin Avenue. A Volkswagen Beetle, traveling west on Colorado Street, attempted to turn left onto southbound Baldwin Avenue when it was broadsided by an SUV approaching eastbound. The driver and passenger of the Volkswagen were transported to Huntington Memorial Hospital with severe injuries. The driver and passenger of the SUV were treated for minor injuries at Arcadia Methodist Hospital. Preliminary investigation revealed the driver of the Volkswagen was under the influence of alcohol and marijuana. Further investigation is being conducted by the Major Accident Investigation Team.

BALDWIN STATUE DEDICATION APRIL 16

"By Gads! This must be paradise," is the expression famously attributed to Lucky Baldwin in 1875 upon first seeing the land that would, years later, become the City of Arcadia.

Arcadia's founding father, Elias J. "Lucky" Baldwin, will be honored for his pioneering and visionary contributions to Arcadia and the San Gabriel Valley with a bronze statue entitled "A Dawn in the West" that will be unveiled and dedicated on Tuesday, April 16 at 4 p.m. in the Reverend Monsignor Gerald M. O'Keeffe Rose Garden, near the Arcadia Community Center at 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia.

"We are so pleased that we are able to pay tribute to the great visionary Elias Baldwin," said City of Arcadia's Mayor, Robert C. Harbicht. "He was a forward thinker and a pioneer in the days when California was just beginning to blossom. He saw the beauty and potential in the San Gabriel Valley and he put into motion the dream he saw for this community. The tradition of horse racing is an excellent example of something that Lucky introduced to Arcadia and that flourishes to this day," Harbicht said. "The City Council and community at-large are thankful to Lucky's family for donating to the City this wonderful representation of our cherished past."

Bringing the statue to fruition

was a labor of love for the two donors, Margaux Gibson-Viera and Heather Gibson, great, great, great granddaughters of Lucky Baldwin. "Having Elias J. 'Lucky' Baldwin memorialized in the form of a statue has been a dream of mine. It gives me great joy and peace to know that this monument will stand for generations to come. I hope that E.J. 'Lucky' Baldwin's legacy is never forgotten and this representation of him will help to achieve that," said Margaux Gibson-Viera. "This gift is not only to Arcadia, but to all of California and our United States of America. Elias Jackson was one of California's greatest pioneers!"

"I am happy to donate the statue of Lucky Baldwin to the City of Arcadia along with my sister Margaux to honor the life of our great, great, great grandfather," added Heather Gibson. "I wish for this statue to inspire the youth of Arcadia to read and study history -- to look ahead and never give up. It is a reminder to all who come and visit of just how much one man or woman can do in a lifetime."

Mrs. Gibson-Viera and Ms. Gibson are descendants of Anita Baldwin, Lucky's second daughter, and the only child from his marriage with his third wife, Jane Virginia (Jennie) Dexter. The majestic statue stands nine feet tall (13 feet with the base) and highlights a dignified yet unpretentious Baldwin in a

vest and suit with a bowtie. He is realistically featured with a pocket watch draped across his mid-section and his characteristic hat in his hand. The statue is positioned west with Lucky's gaze focused in the direction of his homestead on the ranch, and the famous Queen Anne Cottage that he built, which are now part of the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden.

The statue was artfully designed and crafted by artist Alfred Paredes. Paredes, working out of his Pomona, CA studio, was honored to be a part of such a significant contribution to the Arcadia story. "It's a real privilege and honor to be trusted with a family's legacy," said Paredes. "I take it seriously, and I am really glad that the family and City are so pleased with the work."

Paredes has been a sculptor for more than 15 years and has had his work displayed in Beverly Hills, Laguna Beach, on "The Ellen Show" and in Sculpture Review Magazine, to name a few. Paredes has been the recipient of several sculpture awards including the 2010 Roger T. Williams prize by the National Sculpture Society. A new Arcadia Historical Society "History Lives Here" marker, featuring photos and the story of Baldwin, is also being introduced at the site a few yards southeast of the statue.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S FIRST AUCTION APRIL 26

Dozens of collectibles from clocks to peacocks

ARCADIA, Calif. -- The Arcadia Historical Society will hold its first ever auction from 6 p.m. -- 8 p.m. Friday, April 26, at the Arcadia 210 Self Storage, 324 North Second Avenue. Come and bid on rare historical memorabilia and artifacts of all shapes and sizes that mostly have no specific connection to Arcadia history or historical event.

Among the items:

Spinning wheel; Mantle clock; Pair of bronze peacocks; T. Haviland (Limogue) serving dishes; Pieced quilts; Bridal gowns; Japanese tea cup & saucer sets; other tea sets; Vintage clothing from 1900-1980; Cameras; Jewelry; Church pews; other collectibles

Come look, bid and enjoy wine and cheese for only \$15. All proceeds go to the Arcadia Historical Society, a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization dedicated to preserving, protecting, interpreting and promoting community interest in the history of the City of Arcadia and its immediate environs.

Contact:

Arcadia Historical Society: 626-446-8512

or Scott Hettrick, e-mail: hreporter@aol.com / cell: 626-485-8783

Web site: <http://www.arcadahistoricalociety.org>

SAVE THE DATE!

OPEN HOUSE - ARCADIA COMMUNITY CENTER

On Saturday, April 27, from 8am-12noon, the Recreation & Community Services Department present the first annual "Open House" where many Recreation classes and programs will be showcased. Families can come out to the Community Center and visit a variety of booths for more information on summer classes, programs, and Library & Museum events.

They can also experience live demonstrations from many of the instructors, and have their questions answered. Classes offer something for everyone in the family from Art, Zumba, Yoga, Karate, Tennis, Soccer, Golf, Cooking, Photography, Baton Twirling, Piano, Guitar, Acting, Ballet, Line Dancing, Salsa and more! Are you looking for a summer activity for your children or yourself? Check out the Summer Day Camp, Sports Camp, The Zone, The Pit, Swim Program, Museum events, Library Summer Reading Program and Fun n' Play Playgrounds. Representatives will be available to answer your questions or provide more information for all. No registration necessary.

For more information please call 626.574.5113 or go on-line to the City of Arcadia's website: www.arcadia.org

Open Houses Sunday April 14th



170 Colony Drive, Sierra Madre
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MONROVIA'S 2013 LOCAL ELECTION: THE SEMI-OFFICIAL RESULTS ARE IN

While the official election results will not be certified until a special meeting on April 30, 2013, the preliminary results are in. Monrovia's newly elected officials will be sworn in on April 30, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Following are the semi-official results, with approximately 176 vote by mail and provisional ballots still to be processed.

Total Voter Turnout: 13.1% (2,731 voters)

For Mayor: Mary Ann Lutz, 2,326 votes
For City Council: Alex Blackburn, 1,691 votes
For City Council: Larry Spicer, 1,504 votes
For City Council: Robert Parry, 983 votes
For City Clerk: Alice Atkins, 2,316 votes
For City Treasurer: Steve Baker, 2,323 votes

Precinct 1 (Monrovia High School): 10.6% voter turnout (6.3% vote by mail)

Mayoral Candidate, Mary Ann Lutz with 481 votes
City Council Candidate, Alex Blackburn with 357 votes
City Council Candidate, Larry Spicer with 341 votes
City Council Write-In Candidate, Robert Parry with 186 votes
City Clerk Candidate, Alice Atkins with 480 votes
City Treasurer Candidate, Steve Baker with 478 votes

Precinct 3 (First Presbyterian Church): 19.3% voter turnout (10.2% vote by mail)

Mayoral Candidate, Mary Ann Lutz with 496 votes
City Council Candidate, Alex Blackburn with 371 votes
City Council Candidate, Larry Spicer with 274 votes
City Council Write-In Candidate, Robert Parry with 292 votes
City Clerk Candidate, Alice Atkins with 495 votes
City Treasurer Candidate, Steve Baker with 502 votes

Precinct 10 (MaryKnoll Sisters): 21.8% voter turnout (9.8% vote by mail)

Mayoral Candidate, Mary Ann Lutz with 411 votes
City Council Candidate, Alex Blackburn with 323 votes
City Council Candidate, Larry Spicer with 232 votes
City Council Write-In Candidate, Robert Parry with 214 votes
City Clerk Candidate, Alice Atkins with 418 votes
City Treasurer Candidate, Steve Baker with 421 votes

Precinct 21 (Mary Wilcox Youth Center): 11.8% voter turnout (7.8% vote by mail)

Mayoral Candidate, Mary Ann Lutz with 446 votes
City Council Candidate, Alex Blackburn with 326 votes
City Council Candidate, Larry Spicer with 295 votes



City Council Write-In Candidate, Robert Parry with 169 votes
City Clerk Candidate, Alice Atkins with 451 votes
City Treasurer Candidate, Steve Baker with 449 votes

Precinct 30 (Calvary Chapel): 9.8% voter turnout (5.9% vote by mail)

Mayoral Candidate, Mary Ann Lutz with 492 votes
City Council Candidate, Alex Blackburn with 314 votes
City Council Candidate, Larry Spicer with 357 votes
City Council Write-In Candidate, Robert Parry with 122 votes
City Clerk Candidate, Alice Atkins with 472 votes
City Treasurer Candidate, Steve Baker with 473 votes

The City of Monrovia conducts general municipal elections in April of odd-numbered years to elect members to serve on the City Council. There are five members of the Monrovia City Council, including the directly elected Mayor who serves a two-year term, and four Councilmembers serving a four-year term of office. The City Clerk and City Treasurer are also elected to serve four-year terms.

CITY OF MONROVIA DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

The Monrovia Fire Department is leading an Emergency Response Drill from 10 a.m. to noon on Thursday, April 18. The drill will involve nearly 70 people, made up of City Hall employees, CERT volunteers.

The drill will simulate an earthquake event that will result in a damaged reservoir. Activities will take place at Station 1, Station 2 and at an apartment located at 2055 S. Myrtle Avenue. Be advised, this event is staged (not real). These drills prepare the City in the event of a real disaster.

For more information, please call the Monrovia Fire Department at (626) 256-8181.



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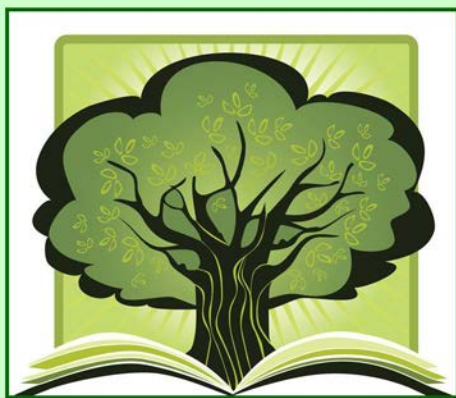
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City of Monrovia

Department of Community Services

Youth Commission and Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.)



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Saturday, April 20, 2013

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Monrovia Police Blotter

Highlighted Activity for the Weekdays of April 8-10, 2013

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 469 service events, resulting in 65 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monrovia> for crime mapping. For Police Department news and information, visit our website and follow us on Twitter for police notifications.

Grand Theft From a Vehicle

On April 10, three victims had their catalytic converters stolen off their vehicles overnight. The incidents occurred in the 600 block of West Olive, 500 block of West Maple and the 400 block of West Lime. The investigation is continuing.

Detective Bureau Case Follow-Up

March 26, an officer responded to and conducted a burglary investigation at a business in the 100 block of West Walnut, Antiques of Fair Oaks. Sellers rent cases from the business owner to display and sell their products. Suspect(s) broke into the location overnight and stole merchandise from the cases. Four victims were identified.

One of the victims found and identified some of her property being sold on eBay and contacted police. She recognized not only the items, but also the description of the items she had written on the tags. Through investigation, detectives found information on the seller, and the investigation led to an address in Tujunga.

A search warrant for the location in Tujunga was written and served on April 10 at 5:30 a.m. The property/residence in Tujunga was extremely large, so Monrovia detectives requested assistance from the West San Gabriel Valley Burglary Task Force, Pasadena Police Department and Glendale Police Department SWAT Teams. The search warrant was executed without incident. The objective of the search warrant was met and the victim's property was recovered from the residence.

This case is a great example of multi-agency cooperation and teamwork.

DUARTE CITY COUNCIL SETS SERIES OF NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY MEETINGS

The Duarte City Council will take to the road for a series of community meetings this spring and summer in addition to holding to its regular schedule of City Council meetings. Topics of discussion will include the City budget, development update, community outreach, public safety, and Gold Line construction.

"As a public servant charged with improving the quality of life in the City of Duarte, I want to make sure that we are spending the people's money as efficiently and effectively as possible. Receiving input from the citizens in locations around the city that encourage participation, is a positive approach to responsible stewardship in our community," said Mayor Margaret Finlay.

The first of the community meetings, all to begin at 7 p.m., will take place on Tuesday, April 30 in the Andres Duarte School Cafeteria, 1433 Crestfield Dr. Other community meetings are scheduled for July 30 at Beardslee Elementary School Cafeteria, 1212 E. Kelwill Way, and at Valley View School, 237 Melcanyon on Sept. 17.

For more information, call Duarte City Hall, City Clerk's Office at (626) 357-7931, ext. 219.

Monrovia Sunday Morning Farmers' Market

That's right- it's back!

From 10am - 2pm on Myrtle Avenue, shop for fresh produce at the Sunday morning Farmers' Market in Old Town Monrovia.

DUARTE AND BRADBURY JOIN HANDS IN EARTH DAY 2013 ACTIVITIES, APRIL 20

-- Duarte and Bradbury will honor Earth Day 2013 with a variety of joint community volunteer projects starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 20. Volunteers will plant trees and drought tolerant plants, and clean up trails throughout both communities.

Some 70 volunteers including 50 teens from the Duarte Area Resource Team (D.A.R.T.), Cardinals Helping Youth Live Life (CHYLL), Teen Nutrition Council, and Share Mentoring Program will participate in the Earth Day activities. Participants will be treated to both breakfast and lunch. Duarte Mayor Margaret Finlay and Bradbury Mayor Richard Pycz will kick off the luncheon at the Duarte Teen Center by thanking volunteers for their service. A speaker from the Los Angeles Regional Agency, a consortium of 16 environmentally-conscious large and small member cities in the Los Angeles County committed to state mandated recycling, will also address the volunteers.

The community Earth Day project is made possible through the support of sponsors, the City of Bradbury, California America Water Company and Burrtec Waste Industries. For more information, or to volunteer, call Duarte's Promise —The Alliance for Youth at (626) 357-7931, ext. 267.



THEY ARE ALL WINNERS

Four local high school seniors participated in the Dan Stover musical contest hosted at LaSalle High School by Rotary of Sierra Madre.



The

great performers were Brianna Barta playing piano of La Salle, Bryan Rose playing English Baritone Horn of Pasadena HS, Michael Austin playing Marimba of Pasadena HS, Sara Rupp playing piano of La Salle.

Sara Rupp won the \$250 first prize playing "Liebestrom" by Franz Liszt. All entrants went home with a cash prize.

We were honored to have three distinguished judges this year: Tom Brady of the Destination Group, Jessica Pierce, PHD and Almer Imamovic of Sierra Madre Music.

The regional performance will be conducted at **Ramona Convent Secondary School, 1701 W. Ramona Rd., Alhambra 9180** on **April 23**. You will not want to miss hearing Sara Rupp's amazing performance. Seating is limited so arrive before 7 pm curtain. The winner of each of the four regions will go to the district conference in San Diego to perform in May. The winner of district will receive a \$5,000 prize.

PASADENA UNIFIED SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR VACANT SEAT ON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Application Period Open through May 10

PASADENA, CA – The Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) Board of Education approved an appointment process to fill the soon to be vacant at large PUSD Board of Education seat at its regular meeting on April 9. Kimberly Kenne, who won the election for the new geographic subdistrict Seat 5 in March, will vacate her current Board of Education Seat 4 on May 6.

PUSD's at large board districts became geographic subdistricts encompassing Pasadena, Altadena, Sierra Madre and portions of unincorporated Los Angeles County after the passage of Measure A last June. Elections for geographic subdistricts 1, 3, 5 and 7 took place in March 2013 (a runoff for subdistrict 3 will be on April 16) and elections for geographic subdistricts 2, 4 and 6 will be in 2015.

To qualify for an appointment to the PUSD Board of Education, applicants must be registered to vote at an address within the

boundaries of PUSD, complete an application available online at www.pusd.us or at district headquarters and submit a resume. The application and resume must be received by 5 p.m. on May 10, 2013 and can be mailed or delivered to:

Office of the Superintendent
Pasadena Unified School District
351 South Hudson Avenue,
Room 222
Pasadena, CA 91109

Applicants may reside anywhere within the boundaries of PUSD. Visit gopusd.com/locator to determine if an address is within the district's boundaries. The Board of Education is tentatively scheduled to conduct interviews and select the replacement board member on June 4. The new member selected by the PUSD Board of Education will assume office in early July and will serve until May 4, 2015.

PUSD KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION AND READINESS FAIR

Families can register prospective kindergarten students and learn how to get ready for the first day of school at the Pasadena Unified School District's (PUSD) Kindergarten Registration and Readiness Fair Saturday, April 20 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Parents and incoming students can meet teachers, learn about summer "kinder prep" options and get up to date with required immunizations.

At this event parents and students can:

- Register for the 2013-2014 academic year
- Get free immunizations needed for kindergarten (Medi-Cal eligible and uninsured only)
- Discover kindergarten preparation summer programs including those offered by PEF
- Learn about transitional kindergarten options for children with fall birthdays
- Get tips on helping students and parents get ready for the first day of school
- Obtain information about PUSD's school breakfast and lunch programs
- Meet and connect with other current and incoming PUSD parents
- Receive free school supplies from PUSD's Families in Transition

The event will take place in the Rose City High School Great Room located at 351 S. Hudson Ave. in Pasadena. Free parking is available in the PUSD north lot on Del Mar Blvd. and south lot on Oak Knoll Ave. Admission is free. All families attending the Kindergarten Fair on April 20 will receive a readiness packet with fun activities for students to prepare for school. Spanish language translation will be available.

To be eligible for kindergarten in PUSD, a child must turn five years old by October 1, 2013. PUSD will also be offering transitional kindergarten for children turning five between Sept. 2, 2013 and Dec. 1, 2013. Transitional kindergarten is the first year of a two-year kindergarten program that uses a modified curriculum that is developmentally appropriate for younger students.

Parents may also register their child by visiting their neighborhood school. The following documents are required to register a student for kindergarten:

- The child's birth certificate or certified copy
- The most recent immunization & vaccination record
- Two proofs of residency in the form of a recent gas, electric or water bill in the parent/guardian's name and a copy of a deed, rental or lease agreement, mortgage receipt or property tax bill

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preschool@foothilloaksacademy.org

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website: www.highpointacademy.org

LaSalle High School

3880 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Pasadena, Ca.
(626) 351-8951 website: www.lasallehs.org
Principal Bro. Christopher Brady, FSC

Monrovia High School

325 East Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA 91016
(626) 471-2800 Principal Darvin Jackson
Email: schools@monrovia.k12.ca.us

Odyssey Charter School

725 W. Altadena Dr. Altadena, Ca. 91001
(626) 229-0993 Head of School: Lauren O'Neill
website: www.odysseycharterschool.org

Pasadena High School

2925 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Pasadena, Ca.
(626) 798-8901 Principal: Gilbert Barraza
website: www.pasadenahigh.org

St. Rita Catholic School

322 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
Principal Joan Harabedian
(626) 355-9028 website: www.st-rita.org

Sierra Madre Elementary School

141 W. Highland Ave. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
(626) 355-1428 Principal: Esther Salinas
E-mail address: salinas.esther@pusd.us

Sierra Madre Middle School

160 N. Canon Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
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THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show

Movie Reviews Especially for Teens & 'Tweens

JURASSIC PARK 3D



This is one of my favorite sci-fi/action movie of all time. I find the plot intriguing, the acting amazing, and the ideas that it proposes chillingly realistic. In the past, I've found that 3D does not always help a movie, but here, the 3D blends

beautifully.

The plot remains the same: a genius scientist (Richard Attenborough) has created a new kind of 'biological preserve' on an island near Costa Rica. After experiencing legal issues, he requires the help of Doctors Alan Grant (Sam Neill) and Ellie Sattler (Laura Dern) to sign off on his park's safety. Even the mathematician Dr. Ian Malcolm (Jeff Goldblum) is brought in. However, they soon discover that the park has much more to offer than any of them had thought.

The movie is the exact same as before; nothing has changed, but I found that the 3D, which is some of the best I've ever seen, completely changes the experience. You really feel like that velociraptor is going to bite your face off! I would recommend this to people who have already seen the movie and certainly to those who have not.

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Rumors?

Where there is smoke there is fire. Well, okay, I hope there is no fire. Panda Inn in Ontario just completed a renovation, I hear it looks great. My sources tell me that a similar plan is slated for this summer in Pasadena. Oh no, where will I go for my Summer Mai Tais? One good place is the Canoe House in South Pasadena. Owner Dave Yost after much prodding from yours truly has beefed up the pour to a 15 oz Mai Tai. I still love the ones at Islands Restaurant and Trader Vic's Mai Tais are legendary, but the Canoe House is coming on strong. I'm headed to Santa Barbara for a few days, anyone interested in joining me. Here are the details.

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
thechefknows@yahoo.com

Wine and Women Wine Tasting Wednesday

Is that enough W's for you? Join Winemaker Chrissy Whittmann of Wild Horse Winery at the Montecito Vons at 3 PM to 7 PM. Chrissy will be discussing Wild Horse Wine and her entry into the world of wine making. This is a taste the wine before you by event. So, not only can you pick the Winemakers brain and learn about wine. You can also purchase the wine at one time only substantial savings. Toma Restaurant will be also there sampling food from their menu. Food Adventurer Peter Dills from KABC Talk Radio will host the event. It is absolutely free so please stop by! Vons 3 PM to 7 PM. 1040 Coast Village Rd. Montecito (805) 969-2112 Complimentary Samples

First Impressions

Stopped by the new Pasadena Noodle Grill last week, had a bowl of the Steak Pho, not bad and for \$6.55 a good lunch. Located at the new Vons Shopping Center Colorado at Sierra Madre. It must be good all the employees were eating!

Tune into Dining with Dills Radio Program Sunday at 5 PM 790 KABC



INGREDIENTS

1/2 cup	bottled poppy-seed dressing
1/4 cup	minced green onions
3 tbsp	chopped fresh basil
1/2 tsp	freshly ground pepper
4 cups	chopped cooked chicken
2 cups	diced fresh strawberries
Salt to taste	
1 cup	chopped toasted pecans

DIRECTIONS

Stir together poppy-seed dressing, minced green onions, chopped fresh basil, and freshly ground pepper in a large bowl. Fold in chicken and strawberries; add salt to taste. Cover and chill 2 hours. Stir in pecans just before serving.

A BITE OF CHINA IS COMING

California State University Long Beach will hold the Chinese Food and Culture Festival from April 22 - 25, 2013.



The Opening Ceremony will held on April 22, 2013, and will include presentations and remarks by CSULB leadership and Chinese dignitaries. The ceremony will also include Chinese musical performances and a Bian Lian (face-changing) performance. Immediately following the ceremony there will be a Chinese banquet in the University Student Union Ballroom.

Martin Yan and his team of chefs will select the best ingredients and prepare an authentic meal featuring regional Chinese cuisine. The evening will also include live Chinese music.

The event, which is an activity in the @CHINA series, is intended to introduce students to Chinese food culture and local customs. The festival will also feature a contest for local college students to create a promotional plan for the popular Chinese Television documentary series, "A Bite of China", to an American audience.

China is a country rich in culinary traditions and this seven-part documentary series offers insights into the geographical, historical and cultural dimensions of what the Chinese people eat while learning about Chinese culture through its cuisine.

The festival presents an opportunity for five participants to win amazing prizes by developing and submitting a marketing plan for promoting A Bite of China to American audiences. Participating CSULB students and community members will learn about Chinese culture and cuisine while showcasing their creativity and marketing skills.

Seating for the banquet is limited. If you wish to attend, please visit: www.ccpe.csulb.edu/chinesefcf, download the @China app to reserve tickets.

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Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



CAT CAFÉS PROVIDE FUR THERAPY FOR FELINE FANCIERS

The concept of cafés specifically focused on catering to cat lovers has recently caught on like crazy in a couple of countries. The idea of charging patrons by the hour to cuddle a furry feline over a cup of tea was reportedly hatched in Taipei, Taiwan in 1998 and by 2005 the idea had become so popular among Japanese tourists, it spread to Tokyo and blossomed overnight. Today there are at least 100 cat cafés in the city of Tokyo, according to the last count this past January. In 2012, the kitty café concept migrated west to become the talk of the town in east London where entrepreneur Lauren Pears hopes to open "Lady Dinah's Pet Emporium". Assuming she is able to raise sufficient funds, Pears' new pet project will become London's first kitty-catered coffee, tea and crumpet haunt. (Visit ladydinahs.com for details and updates)

I must admit, I just heard for the first time last week that cat cafés even exist, and I was absolutely delighted with the idea of having a place for pet-less cat lovers to go and satisfy their desire for feline fur therapy. Apparently there are lots of serious cat fans in Taiwan, Japan and England who work long hours and live in small dwellings where pets are prohibited, leading to the demand for places where cat coveters can pet furry felines and enjoy a cup of tea and a bite to eat at the same time.

Logic follows that sharing the company of a cat at a local "beastro" would be a worthwhile way to un-wind after a long day. I mean, it has got to be a better source of relaxation than sitting alone and surfing the net in a public place. OK, so today's technology offers access to a global network, but what it can't offer is the heart-warming unconditional love and undivided attention that a kitty-cat can. While some may prefer spending their leisure time hanging out with a cold, wireless, soul-less machine, it seems there are plenty of people in Taiwan, Japan and England who would rather pay by the hour to cuddle and play with a very much alive furry friend at a cat café. Enough people, in fact, to cause the cat café concept to catapult into an up-and-coming booming business.

To me, the alternative of petting a cuddly cat versus plucking a keyboard in a café makes total sense. The benefits of spending time with a friendly feline that readily reciprocates affection are manifold. Research studies have proven that humans who spend time with domestic pets tend to lead a longer, happier and healthier life. It has even been observed by numerous physicians, that patients can experience more expedient recovery from a number of diseases by spending quality time with a domestic pet on a regular basis. Some may argue the urban legend that cats carry diseases, and therefore couldn't possibly be healthy to have in a café setting. However, medical sociologist and award-winning medical writer Joan Leibmann, PhD begs to differ in her 12/17/10 Huffington Post blog where she wrote that according to *Healthy Pets, Healthy People*, a division of the Center for Disease Control, the health benefits of having a relationship with a cat far outweigh the risks for most people.

Another way kitties can be helpful to humans has to do with their inherent cuteness (dubbed "Kawaii" in Japanese). According to recent studies by the journal, PLoS, looking at adorable kitty photos for moments at a time between projects at work gives our minds a little break and allows us to become more productive when it's time to return to the real work. Hiroshi Nittono and his colleagues at Hiroshima University performed studies involving motor tasks and global-local letter tasks (identifying a series of random numbers and associating letters with shapes). Each test proved that viewing images of kittens (and puppies) prior to performing a given task led to an improved performance. (Source: KAWAII, *The Power of Cute* by Allison Espiritu Jan. 9, 2013)

For me, it goes without saying that a warm-blooded, cute kitty cat is much better company than a computer could ever be. I mean, how many laptops do you know of (with or without the net) that could come sit on your lap and comfort you when you are feeling low and need a little lift? In this age of rapid technological advances, we as a society have become more and more isolated from physical interaction with other beings, both human and otherwise, and I think that's sad. As an avid animal lover, I would be lost without the love and affection of my pets and I know without a doubt that I benefit greatly from those relationships. I am fortunate enough to have my own pets, but I still look forward to the cat café concept making it's way to the USA for those who aren't so lucky.



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To meet Bear in person, please see him at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378 or 626-962-3577). He is currently available now. For any inquiries about Bear, please reference his animal ID number: A4559556. 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 Bear or the adoption process, 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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Dear Savvy Senior: What tips can you offer people who are shopping for hearing aids?
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Dear Overwhelmed:
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Choose a Provider
The first step in buying a hearing aid is to choose a good provider. The best option – as recommended by Consumer Reports – is an otolaryngologist (an ear, nose and throat doctor) who employs an audiologist that fits and dispenses hearing aids.

An otolaryngologist will first examine your ears and rule out any medical conditions such as a tumor, bacterial infection or ear wax that can affect your hearing. Medicare will cover the medical exam and an audiologist’s test if ordered by a physician.

If you can’t find a conveniently located doctor’s office that dispenses aids, an independent audiologist or hearing instrument specialist is a good alternative. To search for these professionals in your area, see howsyourhearing.org and ihsinfo.org. Big box retailers like Wal-Mart and Costco also sell hearing aids.

Or, if you’re a veteran, be sure to check with your nearest VA health facility. Eligible veterans may be able to get hearing aids for free.

During Your Visit
After you locate a provider, when you go in for your first visit you need to be prepared to discuss your lifestyle and hearing needs. For example: Do you just want to hear the TV, or other people speaking? Do you talk on the phone a lot? Do you need to hear in a lot of noisy places, like restaurants? Knowing your priorities will help your provider determine what style and hearing aid technology is best for you.

You’ll also be given a hearing test in a soundproof booth to determine what type of hearing loss you have. After the test, your provider should give you a choice of hearing aid brands, features and styles to consider.

To help you decide, ask for a demonstration. Many providers are able to put a disposable plug on the tip of a behind-the-ear hearing aid and program the device to your hearing loss so you can experience how it works.

Also ask about popular add-on features like “telecoils” that helps with phone conversations, “directional microphones” that can help you hear in noisy places, and “feedback cancellation” that prevents the aid from squealing when you get too close to other audio equipment. But, keep in mind that the extra features will drive up the price.

At the Fitting
After you buy your hearing aid, don’t leave the office without making sure it physically fits your ear and that it does what you want it to do. To help with this, ask to have a “real-ear” test which measures the match between your hearing loss and the response of your hearing aid.

Also get a signed copy of a contract that outlines the hearing aid you’re buying, along with the price, trial period, any nonrefundable fees and the warranty. Most manufacturers allow a 30 to 60-day trial period to be sure you’re satisfied, and provide follow-up visits to help you with needed adjustments or questions.

Resources
You also need to know that digital hearing aids are expensive, typically costing between \$1,000 and \$3,500 per ear, and they’re not covered by traditional Medicare or most private insurance companies. To look for help, call the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders at 800-241-1044 and ask them to mail you their list of financial resources for hearing aids.

For more hearing aid information, get a copy of the “Consumer’s Guide to Hearing Aids” for \$5.50 plus shipping at hearingloss.org, or call 301-657-2248.

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



KATIE TseThis and That
CRUEL IRONY

Things are rough all over, but you already knew that. It used to be lucky to have a lawyer or a doctor in your family. Now graduating law students are lucky if they find a job! One of my co-workers was telling me about her son’s recent experiences in his quest to secure his place in the world of law.

After a long, diligent search and numerous interviews, Ryan finally found a job at a law firm in Merced. Nothing against Merced, but compared to Chino Hills, where Ryan grew up, it’s no exciting metropolis. However, Merced does have some benefits, from a legal point of view, in that it maintains a steady rate of blue-collar crime. While far from the glamorous courtroom dramas, such as “Damages,” Ryan was ecstatic to have a job! At last his first “real” case landed on his desk. He was to be the prosecutor for the DA’s office against some individual who had been caught with an ounce or two of an illegal substance. The usual punishment for such crimes is a hefty fine and several months in prison.

Being the supportive parents they are, Ryan’s mom and dad made a special trip to witness their son’s first case. For them, traveling is no small feat. His father battles chronic lung infections, often resulting in hospitalizations. At the time of the trial, he was wheeling an oxygen tank with tubes running into his nostrils. Ryan’s mother also suffers from health problems. A cancer survivor, she wears a medical sleeve to keep the circulation in her arm moving.

On the day of the trial, the defendant was clean-shaven and dressed in a crisp suit that hid his tattoos. He had also removed about a brick’s weight of metal from his many piercings. Ryan presented a sound, rational argument for the suspect’s incarceration. The defending attorney rebutted with some unimaginative statements about his client’s sad background that sought to rationalize his descent into a life of crime.

The judge adjourned to his chamber for consideration and then, to Ryan’s dismay, pronounced the defendant innocent! The ruling was a blow to Ryan’s confidence, and his parents did their best to assure him that the judge must’ve had some partiality toward the defendant. The next week back at the office, Ryan asked one of his bosses what had been wrong with his performance in the courtroom.

“Don’t worry about it,” his boss said nonchalantly. “The cards were stacked against you from the moment the kid’s folks walked in the room.”

“What are you talking about?” Ryan asked.

His boss patted him on the shoulder. “Didn’t you see the guy’s mom and dad sitting behind him? That man with his oxygen tank almost had me in tears!”

Moral of the story: If you bring visitors to court, make sure they know which side belongs to the prosecutor and which to the defendant.



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SENIOR HAPPENINGS

By Pat Birdsall

FYI - Volunteering:
Seniors who volunteer not only help society, but themselves as well. Seniors have a great deal of knowledge and experience, and sharing that with younger people is traditional role for seniors in society. By volunteering, seniors become more engaged in their world and reap health benefits to boot. Until recently, those health benefits have been hard to define or list. Researchers with AARP’s Experience Corps, an organization that trains people over 55 to tutor children, learned that seniors who volunteered were found to have better mental and physical functioning, along with better self-esteem and connectivity with other people. Add to those; a lower risk of depression, less decline in health due to aging, improvement in memory, and a feeling that overall, life is improving. To find out more about the Experience Corps go to: www.experience.com Experience Corps is an excellent program, but is by no means the only way to get those benefits. The key ingredients are engaging with other people, meeting new people, doing meaningful work and challenging yourself!

HELPFUL HINT: Can you reuse pickle juice? Absolutely! Slice some onions thinly, throw them in the jar and you’ll love them on salads, sandwiches or hamburgers.

FOR YOUR FUNNY BONE

An elderly woman was arrested for shoplifting at a grocery store. When she appeared before the judge, the judge asked what she had taken. The lady replied, “A can of peaches.” The judge then asked why she had done it. She replied, “I was hungry and forgot to bring any cash to the store.” The judge asked how many peaches were in the can. She replied, “Nine.” The judge said, “Well then, I’m going to give you nine days in jail--one day for each peach.” As the judge was about to drop his gavel, the lady’s husband raised his hand and asked if he might speak. The judge said, “Yes, what do you have to add?” The husband said, “Your honor, she also stole a can of peas.”

You’re getting old when there’s no question in your mind that there’s no question in your mind.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ... April Birthdays

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Quote of the Week:

Never lose a chance of saying a kind word. - William Thackeray, 1811-1863



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 1:00 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 1:00 pm-2:00 pm. Don Brunner is available to all seniors for income tax consultation. Appointments are a must- Call (626) 355-7394 to make yours.

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 Birdsall at 626.355.7290.

Lunch & Learn: Wednesday, April 24, 2013- 12:15 – 1:15
Topic: Collecting, Cluttering, Hoarding. The items that gather, as we age, often mean more than just the objects alone could to anyone else. These objects represent memories, travels, friends, love and more. Join the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) as they provide an informative presentation on hoarding. LACDMH staff will distinguish between collecting, cluttering and hoarding, and emphasize the need for treatment for those who have a significant problem.



UPCOMING EXCURSIONS:

Palm Springs Follies Palm Springs, California
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2013 Time: 8:30 am-6:00 pm
Meeting Location: Hart Park House Senior Center
Cost: \$63.00 (does not include lunch)

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Save the Dates!

Friday, May 17, 2013. California Science Center Los Angeles, Ca.
Friday, June 28, 2013- Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA)
Friday, July 12, 2013- Pageant of the Masters (evening excursion)

***Registering for Excursions** can be done in person at the Hart Park House Senior Center and the Community Recreation Center or online at www.cityofsierramadre.com Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted. Make checks payable “City of Sierra Madre”. Payment must be made at the time of reservation.

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.
April’s selections are:

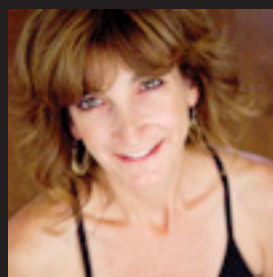
April 3- Splash (1985) Directed by Ron Howard
A man is reunited with a mermaid who saves him from drowning as a boy and falls in love not knowing who or what she is. Starring Tom Hanks & Daryl Hannah- Rated PG Start time: 1:00pm, run time: 111 minutes.

April 17- Mildred Pierce (1945)
After her cheating husband leaves her, Mildred Pierce proves she can become independent and successful, but can’t win the approval of her spoiled daughter. Starring-Joan Crawford. Not rated. Run time is 111minutes.

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Later, we move on to 1:2 breath. We can learn to let go by lengthening the exhale. This calms us down. It is not the volume of the breath, but the amount of prana we absorb from the breath that energizes us. Most of us need to learn to absorb more. The less we can hear the breath, the more internalizing it is and the more we can be aware of the prana carried on it.

It is important to learn breath practices from a knowledgeable teacher. Have fun getting to know your breath!

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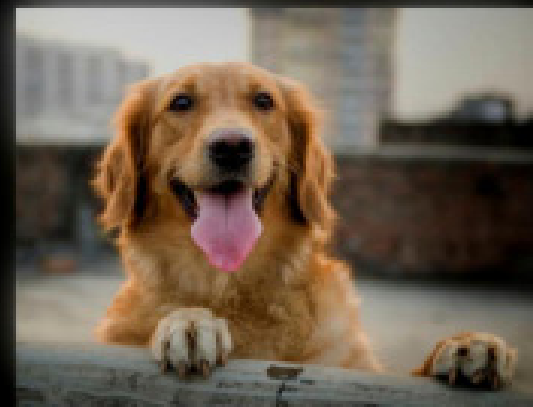
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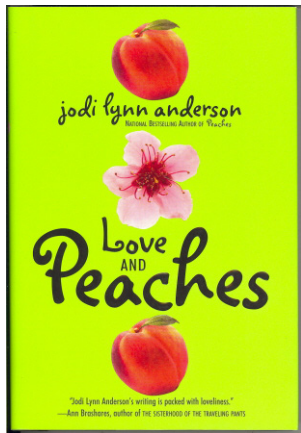


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JASMINE'S CORNER

Book Reviews by Jasmine Kelsey Williams

LOVE AND PEACHES By Jodi Lynn Anderson



Jodi Lynn Anderson brings forth the third and final book of her "Peaches" trilogy, and the spring season will serve to be perfect for this choice. "Love and Peaches" is the last one here, bringing back the three protagonists that consist of Murphy, Leeda, and Birdie for a sweetly wonderful reunion and a final farewell.

Like its predecessors, "Love and Peaches" picks up the tone and story from where "The Secrets of Peaches" left off, but instead of starting directly at the Darlington Peach Orchard, the story works its way backwards, choosing to start from different points from the three main characters individual lives instead. The characters' main stories have progressed to them still maintaining their bonds with each other, but their own lives have brought about change not just between them, but also one that challenges their friendship. Murphy's return to the orchard brings not just shocking news from her mother regarding her father, but also plucking up the courage to face her first love that she left. Leeda's return brings her responsibility in the form of a surprising inheritance, and Birdie returns to the orchard from Mexico, only to learn about holding on to what she has and letting go of what she has ever known, including the orchard itself.

"Love and Peaches" contains so much more beneath the surface; the themes of friendship, love, and forgiveness compliment the issues of secrets, holding and letting go, and sometimes choosing what you want out of your own life versus choosing what may be the right thing to do (and both are challenging). Anderson still maintains the calm tone throughout all three of her books, but readers will notice how the story and the characters grow and change throughout the trilogy, from their high school days, back to the orchard, and through the beginnings of their college years and eventually what choices are made for their own lives. Copyrighted in 2008 and still receiving praise from Publishers Weekly and various critics, "Love and Peaches" will not only complete your book collection and this trilogy, but one that shows readers of many ages how the bonds of friendship and faith can possibly last for a lifetime.



SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

CAVEMAN

NYC dream-rockers Caveman return with their eponymously titled sophomore album. Their 2011 debut record, "CoCo Beware," earned them much acclaim. The real test obviously comes with the follow-up record and Caveman doesn't falter. A deeper, richer, more melodic sounding album is what "Caveman" is. It's a shimmering, wistful collection of songs that reflect those of the 80s British pop era as well as hints of The Shins, Grizzly Bear and Fleet Foxes. Comparisons aside, Caveman's intensely satisfying second record captures a plaintive life, yet those impacted by it will have their own subjective opinions. The wailing guitars, the sensitivity in the vocals, and hazy synths are all driving forces behind "Caveman." Their sound is unmatched in today's ever so increasingly expansion of indie rock bands (especially those from NYC). While the album may not be something to fully blow you away, it's still a sumptuous communal set of songs. It's definitely a slow burn of an album that tests the patience of the listener. If you're willing to stick around for the entire show, you're in for an experience that's rare these days.

The album starts off with "Strange to Suffer." It's a dreamy, paradise encompassing song that is light on lyrics, but is as soothing as anything you could ever ask for. The subsequent track and first single, "In The City," is the most upbeat song off the record. It's airy, synth-soaked, and melodically intoxicating. While rest of the album meanders through, it's a trip worth taking. For everyone will take away a different experience, but all come to the conclusion that "Caveman" is significantly powerful on many unexplained levels. At times quite intimate such as with the song "I See You," the folk rock, barebones track to sweeping efforts like "Where's The Time?" and "Chances." In fact, "I See You," reminds me a lot of something found on both Local Natives' latest masterpiece, "Hummingbird" and reminiscent of the band, "City and Colour." No matter the similarities, "I See You" is one of Caveman's most warm and sorrowful songs. It's filled with sheer beauty and desolation. Admittedly so, the album runs its course a bit with the later tracks like "Never Want To Know" and "The Big Push." They're the lengthiest of songs found on "Caveman," but offer no real surprises. Nonetheless, the listener will already be completely enthralled with the record that the end may not pose much of disappointment.

I heard the real assessment for a band is how they perform their songs live. Caveman has been known to put on great live shows. Therefore, it's a great reassurance that the band is definitely something to rave about. While "Caveman" isn't the music you're blasting in your car or working out to, it's rich textures, thick guitar layers, affectionate sensibilities will draw you in and hold you tight. Despite the slight tail off toward the end, that grasp it has on you may let up slightly so. Nonetheless, the first nine tracks will prove to be something wholly innovative, vastly pleasurable, and quite gentle as the listener navigates the shores of "Caveman," never wanting to return to land.

Grade: 8.5 out of 10

Key Tracks: "In The City," "Ankles," "Pricey," "I See You"

SIERRA MADRE AUTHOR PUBLISHES 28TH NOVEL



Merrill Joan Gerber, a 45 year resident of Sierra Madre, is, as Readers Digest used to say, a most "Unforgettable Character".

I had the chance to meet her via email and a telephone conversation when she contacted the paper regarding an auto accident on her street. She had taken a few pictures of the incident and wanted to share them with the community.

During my telephone conversation with her, I learned that this woman, a teacher of fiction writing at Cal Tech, is quite the accomplished author and a real delight to converse with. She is witty and provided a much needed uplift for my day!

THE HYSTERECTOMY WALTZ

Merrill Joan Gerber



Born in Brooklyn she has won many literary awards and honors for her novels and short stories. She has published stories in The New Yorker, The Atlantic, Mademoiselle, Redbook, and many other journals. In 1986 Gerber won an O. Henry Prize. In 1993, she won the Ribalow Award from Hadassah Magazine for her novel, The Kingdom of Brooklyn. She currently teaches fiction writing at the California Institute of Technology.

Her latest novel, her 28th, "The Hysterectomy Waltz" has just been released on Amazon and will soon be in bookstores on May 14th however it can be early-ordered on Amazon now. There will be a reading at Pasadena Vroman's (Hastings Ranch) on May 13th, Monday, 7 pm.

Learn more about Merrill by going to her website: www.cco.caltech.edu/~mjgerber

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SUCCESS BEGINS WITH A MINDSET

Something magical begins to unfold after an individual truly commits to a goal. "As a man thinketh, so is he" is a Biblical reference from the Book of Proverbs (23:7) that parallels many ancient and contemporary perspectives about the importance of one's thought process. manuscript, "As A Man Thinketh." The idea that a simple thought might serve as the impetus to propel someone toward achieving a goal may initially appear quite outrageous. However, with more than a century of documented surveys and studies captured in books like, "Think and Grow Rich," by Napoleon Hill, it is clear that a person's mindset is the necessary starting point.

The act of being decisive unleashes an energy that begins to create the environment and circumstances to support progress toward the end goal. As the collection of writings about this phenomenon over the last century became known as the "positive mental attitude" (PMA) and self-help genres, some people regarded the philosophy as silly and unsophisticated. However, there is a wide body of evidence to support the correlation between a person's mindset and the level of success.

The structure and function of our brains create this success dynamic, including the conscious, sub-conscious and unconscious aspects of our thinking processes. At the point that we use our conscious mind to make a decision, our brain is hardwired to find a way, connect the dots and create the path that places us at the right place and right time as we move towards the goal. This isn't to say that it's always easy. Not everyone who succeeds is able to tell the story of a fairy tale journey. Many people have to make it through turbulent situations to claim the

prize. Maintaining a mindset of success in the midst of the challenges is what continues to fuel movement in the direction of progress.

Thomas Edison, the world's most famous and successful inventor was committed to developing a working light bulb. After almost 10,000 experiments that failed, he refused to adjust his mindset. On October 22, 1879, it finally paid off. Almost three years later on September 4, 1882, he was forever etched in history when the world's first power station illuminated a section of New York City near Wall Street. That historic event was the culmination of a long series of steps, including successes and failures that started with Edison's mindset to invent a light bulb powered by electricity.

If you will simply use it, the power to decide equips you with the means for life to provide you with access to everything needed to succeed. The focus and extent of success will be shaped by the quality of your decision. Is your decision clear? It is firm? Or do you waver after supposedly having made the decision? Take charge of your conscious decision-making ability and your subconscious and unconscious will swing into action to move you in the direction of the success that you desire and deserve. Studies by neuroscientists dating back to the 1970's show that a human brain begins to prepare for action in a little over one third of a second before we consciously decide to act.

"Using the power of decision gives you the capacity to get past any excuse to change any and every part of your life in an instant." – Anthony Robbins



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Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou

IT PAYS TO STAY

If you want to take advantage of the affordability of homes today, but anticipate major life changes in the next couple of years, you have to consider the implications of selling so soon. Keep the following factors in mind when making your decision.

As long as you sell for more than you owe on the mortgage, you'll be fine. Otherwise, you'll lose those costs associated with your initial investment, including the money you spent on loan and closing fees.

Also consider the cost of selling your home soon after purchasing. You paid closing costs when you bought it, but you face more closing costs when you sell it. In just a couple of years, most people won't build up enough equity in the home to justify selling so soon and paying transaction fees again. Finally, if you sell your home in less than two years - for a profit - you may have to pay capital gains taxes on that profit. Currently, homeowners are exempt from those taxes up to \$250,000 (or up to \$500,000 for married filers) - but the home must be your primary residence and lived in for at least two years.

Hardships like health issues or job relocation may allow you a partial exclusion on those taxes, though. Speak with your tax advisor and real estate agent for some solid advice.



Some high-tech companies won the lottery this week. The lottery in question was not one of the many lotteries that can transform some lucky schlub from a working stiff into a fabulously wealthy 1 percent overnight. The lottery we'll be discussing here is what is widely known as the H1-B Visa Program Lottery.

This particular Visa program was designed to assist US employers in hiring foreign workers in specialty occupations, specifically high-tech jobs. While this concept is being sold to the public as a needed measure in order to fill high-tech job vacancies (that may or may not exist), opponents of the program argue that these set-asides could lead to a hemorrhaging of American high-tech jobs.

The program is currently limited to a cap of 65,000 slots reserved for foreign workers per year. High-Tech giants such as Yahoo, Google, Microsoft and Intel are lobbying hard for higher caps and companies such as Microsoft are attempting to frame the H1-B issue as a patriotic call-to-arms that would be good for the country. While supporters of higher caps for the program like to insist that a shortage of trained workers is hurting the competitiveness of US companies, a recent high-tech survey shows that in fact our country is producing far more people with STEM degrees (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) than industry actually needs at this point.

The current unemployment rate for Electrical Engineers in the US hovered just under 5% for 2012 while during the period between 2000 and 2011 salaries for workers in the computer- and math-related fields rose only 4.5%. Interested parties of the high-tech fields are beginning to wonder aloud why is it that if these skills are in such demand then why haven't high-tech salaries kept pace with high-tech profits, which have literally exploded since the mid-90's. If there is no shortage of high-tech workers then why the aggressive push for higher caps for the H1-B Visa programs?

Part of the answer lies in the fact the biggest employers of foreign tech workers are offshoring- and outsourcing consulting firms, and if the existing caps are raised, the existing trend of high-tech salaries not keeping pace with high-tech profits is likely to continue and worsen as American high-tech workers are replaced with lower-paid, off-shore (or H1-B- sponsored) technical resources.

There are already 500,000 workers in the United States on H-1B visas. Bringing over more workers on H-1B visas, would obviously darken job prospects for America's struggling young scientists and engineers. This state of affairs also has the effect of discouraging young students by communicating to them the message that it may not be worth the effort to study hard and earn the high-tech degree because the economy may import someone to do the same job for less. The stop-gap measure of raising the H1-B Visa cap may actually be a trumped-up excuse for lowering labor costs but it may also end up contributing to an actual shortage in the future.



DOLLARS AND CENTS

By Carl Davis, CIMA

SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTING

As the global climate change discussions heat up in Washington, many investors are paying attention to the impact of their investments on the environment and the well being of people around the world. As this trend has increased, so has the demand for investment choices that demonstrate not only financial soundness, but also a concern for quality of life. This investment philosophy, known as socially responsible investing (SRI), has a special appeal to many individuals concerned with the future of our planet.

What constitutes socially responsible investing?

Investors who adopt an SRI strategy believe their decisions should be governed not only by economics, but also by social issues. This often means refraining from investing in companies or industries that produce products or offer services the investor disapproves of, regardless of the company's or industry's potential for profit or value. Investors who maintain an SRI strategy may choose to avoid investing in companies related to alcohol, tobacco, gambling and weapons. It can also mean investing in companies that promote workplace diversity, actively participate in community volunteer programs or work to improve the environment.

Benefits, drawbacks and strategies of SRI

As with all types of investing, there are tradeoffs that come with socially responsible investing. Those who practice SRI can feel good that their investment choices reflect their values. However, socially responsible investors must balance this benefit with more limited choices with regard to portfolio diversification.

Some strategies that those interested in SRI may employ include divesting from companies that don't align with their personal morals or beliefs, and participating in shareholder activism or engagement. They may also include:

- **Investing in SRI mutual funds.** These funds include companies that many socially responsible investors support. They use SRI strategies as part of their fund objectives and portfolio choices.

- **Micro-financing.** Money invested in micro-financing service companies is used to

support small businesses that otherwise would not be eligible for traditional financing.

- **Community-investing.** Community-investing directs capital from investors and lenders to communities that are underserved by traditional financial services institutions. It makes it possible for local organizations to provide financial services to low-income individuals and to supply capital for small businesses and vital community services, such as affordable housing, child care, and healthcare.

Building a socially responsible portfolio

To invest according to your ethical standards, research your investment decisions carefully. SocialFunds.com is a website of SRI World Group, Inc.; a news, research, and consulting firm that advises clients regarding sustainability investment issues and corporate responsibility practices. The Forum for Sustainable and Responsible Investment (socialinvest.org) is a nonprofit organization that promotes socially and environmentally responsible investing. Their website also provides extensive information that may help you get started.

If you think a SRI strategy fits your financial objectives, consider working with a financial advisor to get professional advice about possible investment opportunities. A financial advisor can help you find appropriate SRI and brainstrom options for future investments that satisfy both your financial goals and your desire to invest ethically and responsibly.

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WHY MIKE RICE HAD TO GO



Independent's Eye
by Joe Gandelman

Retired professional basketball coach and former basketball player Phil Jackson once said:

"Not only is there more to life than basketball, there's a lot more to basketball than basketball." Someone should have told that to Mike Rice, Rutgers's retired-by-being-fired former basketball coach.

Rice was fired after ESPN aired video showing him yelling at players on his team, shoving them, throwing balls at their heads, and using a gay slur that begins with "f." University administrators knew about the video as early as November. A Rutgers board member now insists he called for Rice's immediate firing after seeing the video, but it only resulted in Rice being investigated.

The Star Ledger in New Jersey, in an editorial, declared: "The evidence against Mike Rice was too damning, too vile, too extreme for him to spend one more day on the Rutgers University payroll. That he remained employed this long — long after a line of Rutgers officials that winds all the way to the president's office had watched the now infamous video — is an embarrassment..."

Gov. Chris Christie told reporters "You have lots of successful coaches...who don't act this way...they don't conduct themselves like animals. [What] parent would let this animal back into their living room to recruit their son, after this video? I'd hang up the phone."

A journalist friend points out that Rutgers is New Jersey's only major state university that doesn't carry the state's name as opposed to, say, UCLA, USC, or CalTech. He contends, "Rutgers has tried to compensate by pouring ungodly sums of money into its athletic program to the detriment of minor sports that were dropped. The basketball coach scandal is, in part, a result of skewed priorities." And, indeed, The New York Times reports that when also-fired Rutgers Athletic Director Tim Pernet learned of Rice's behavior he was negotiating to try to get Rutgers into the Big Ten with its prestige and perceived riches.

Some conservatives and Fox Newsers took the other side. Eric Bolling said firing Rice because he got rough with players showed "it's time to toughen up" and that it represented "the wussification of American men." Fox News Rush Limbaugh wannabe Sean Hannity said: "Maybe we need a little more discipline in society. Maybe we don't have to be a bunch of wimps for the rest of our lives. My father hit me with a belt. I turned out okay."

Actually, if Hannity was hit with a belt as a kid, then there are some who will feel he is the living, breathing reason why no kid should E-V-E-R be hit with a belt. But Hannity's final sentence begs serious examination.

Here are two non-secrets, Sean. First, a good chunk of people abused as youths grow up to have abusive relationships. And, second, suicide is the number two cause of death among college students. Despite their big bodies, college students are youths who may be sensitive, psychologically vulnerable and impressionable.

The real issue is how we choose to imprint young people. Will they turn behaviors and attitudes we show them into their own? For that reason alone -- not the mere act of angrily pushing a kid young enough to be his son, or throwing a ball real hard at a kid's head, or yelling out a sexual bigot word -- Rice had to go to.

Is he now apologetic, almost in grief over his actions in how they let down the university, his team and his family? Reportedly, yes. Is someone who uses Rice's tactics a shaper of young minds and behaviors? Let's hope not.

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SHARE YOUR PASSION FOR BASEBALL WITH YOUR KIDS

(StatePoint) As kids, many had the same dream of hitting a walk-off home run to win the World Series. Now baseball season is finally underway, and there is no shortage of opportunities to share your passion of the game with your children.

Getting children involved in baseball at a young age is a great way to commit them to an active lifestyle and form lifelong memories. Many kids fall in love with the game from the moment they first step on the field.

As the familiar sounds of the crack of the bat and the roar of the crowd once again fill the air, here are a few ways to introduce your children to America's favorite pastime.

Have a Catch

Having a catch with your child is the quintessential bonding experience. It's also a great way to ease younger kids into the game. All you need is a glove and a ball to get started. After your son or daughter has the basics down, take the next step by going to the batting cages.



Use literature to get kids interested in baseball, such as the new picturebook, "Who's on First?" by Abbott and Costello and illustrated by John Martz.

Read a Book

Sometimes it's best to familiarize your child with the game before getting on the field. "Who's on First?" the famous 1930s Abbott and Costello comedy routine, is inspiring a love of the sport for a new generation of kids -- this time in the form of a picture book that carries the same name.

The humorous book, adapted and edited by David Borgenicht, President and Publisher

of Quirk Books, and illustrated by John Martz, features the same witty banter of the original skit.

"This picture book edition of the classic comedy routine is a great introduction to comedy, Abbott and Costello, and the game of baseball," says Borgenicht. For more information, visit www.QuirkBooks.com.

Play in an Organized League

For many kids, the best part about playing baseball is the rush they get from playing in a competitive game. Aside from the health benefits of being active, organized sports are fun, and a great way to learn teamwork and discipline.

Go to a Game

As a child, the magic of attending a ball game is unmatched. Whether it is a major league, minor league, or even a college game, the sights and sounds of the ballpark will capture your child's imagination. Grab some peanuts and Cracker Jacks for the real authentic experience. A day at the ballpark will be a memory that you both have forever.

Finally baseball season is here, and it is time to play ball!

WINNING WEEKEND FOR YOUNG DUARTE BOXERS AND DUARTE ROP VIDEO PRODUCTION STUDENTS



Faith Franco, Joseph Martinez and Luis Sedano of the Duarte Youth Boxing Club proved their mettle at the U.S.A. National Boxing Championships held in Spokane, Washington, April 1-6. Franco now ranks #2 in the nation, Sedano ranks #3 in the nation, and Martinez ranks in the top 10 in the nation. The young amateur boxers were honored by the Duarte City Council upon their return. From left Councilmember Liz Reilly, Mayor Margaret Finlay, Councilmember John Fasana, and Councilmember Tzeitel Paras-Caracci.

Eleven young Duarte competitors went out in the world last weekend and came home carrying gold, silver, bronze and a new sense of confidence and direction.

Three members of the Duarte Youth Boxing Club proved their mettle and won two medals at the U.S.A. National Boxing Championships held in Spokane, Washington, April 1-6. More than 500 amateur boxers from around the country participated in the competitions.

Two teams of Duarte High School ROP Television and Video production students competed in the 46th Annual SkillsUSA State Competition in San Diego, April 4-7, with one team bringing home Gold Medals and a ticket to the National SkillsUSA Competition in Kansas City, MO, June 24-28.

Faith Franco, 21, a member of the Duarte Youth Boxing Club since she was 16 years old is now the #2 amateur boxer in the nation. Franco brought home a Silver Medal from the U.S.A. National Boxing Championships held in Spokane, Washington, April 1-6, after advancing to the finals in the Elite 141 pound women's division. She lost her bout on a close decision to Bertha Aracil from Yonkers, N.Y., who was ranked #1 in the U.S.A.

It was awesome to finally see what my future looks like," said Franco, whose goal is to stay ranked to be in contention for the 2016 Olympics. She is also a student at Questa College in San Luis Obispo.

Luis Sedano, 22, and Joseph Martinez, 22, members of the Duarte Youth Boxing Club since their teenage years, also came up in rank following their matches in the U.S.A. National Boxing Championships. Sedano is now ranked #3 in the nation. He competed in the Elite 132 pound men's division and advanced to the semi-finals to fight against Kenneth Sims of Chicago, IL, who is ranked #1, and is a six time National Champion

and Olympic Games alternate. Sedano took the Bronze Medal after losing the bout in a close and controversial 28-26, 28-27, 28-27 decision.

In reporting on the fight, Jim Allen of the Spokesman-Review newspaper, wrote: «But nothing in this poster-sized card of 20 Elite bouts at the Northern Quest Resort and Casino could match the lightweight bout between Chicagoan Kenneth Sims, and tireless Luis Sedano. With his legs tiring and his mother, Tina, imploring him to hold on, Sims did just that, taking a unanimous but controversial decision...»

For Duarte head boxing coach, Victor Valenzuela, who has helped train and guide the young boxers from the first day they walked into the Duarte gym, it was an emotional moment. «I was so proud of Luis. He was going up against a major contender, but I told him, give it all you've got. He did, even bringing Sims down to an eight count in one round. That's heart. I went out and cried, I was so proud,» said Valenzuela.

Martinez competed in the Elite 201 pound men's division and advanced to the quarterfinals where he lost to Javonta Charles from Las Vegas, NV, the #1 seeded boxer in the heavyweight division. Martinez is now ranked in the top #10 in the nation. «All the boxers did a tremendous job and truly represented the City of Duarte in a very mature and professional manner. We should be very proud of these young individuals,» said Valenzuela.

Next up for Franco is an international boxing competition in Tahiti on May 26, representing the United States against the #1 female boxer from New Zealand. This is the second time that Franco has been invited to compete in the Tahiti Boxing Tournament. Both Franco and Sedano have been invited to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs to compete in international competition.

It was also a winning weekend of competition for Duarte High School ROP Television and Video production students who traveled with their instructor, Levon Yotnakhparian, to San Diego for the annual SkillsUSA State Competition. More than 1,900 students from Northern and Southern California participated in the competition involving video and broadcast news production and about 110 other technical skills.

One of two teams of Duarte students comprised of Isaiah Mendoza, Yanelly Serrano, Ghovanni Valdez and Nicholas Perez, competed in the Broadcast News competition and won Gold Medals for their efforts. They and their competing teams were given two hours to plan, produce and deliver a three minute newscast. The teams were presented with a choice of topics to include in their newscasts, of which they were to choose one national, one state, one international, and one sports story, along with three to four other stories to report on. As a result of their first place win, the team of students will advance to the SkillsUSA National Competition in Kansas City in June, representing the State of California.

Four other Duarte ROP TV and Video Production students, Ellie Abajian, Lorelei Near, Martin Heithe and Gerald Marin participated but did not medal in the TV Video Production competition which had students produce on the spot, 60-second videos featuring such topics as "Skills USA Partnership" and "Working Together."

"Our teams of students did an outstanding job and represented the Duarte Unified School District, the City of Duarte and Duarte High School with pride. They worked extremely hard and fared very well among the 1,900 plus statewide contestants," said Kevin Morris, head of the ROP Steering Committee and principal of Mount Olive High School.

NEW LIFE FOR LANCER TENNIS COURTS

Pasadena, CA – In early March, La Salle's Athletic Director, Anthony Harris, presided over the ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly resurfaced tennis courts in Arcadia. In his opening comments he said, "Today is a special day in the La Salle tennis program as it serves as the celebration of our new courts here at Orange Grove Park."

The history of the La Salle tennis program began in the 1960s when Brother Wilfred, FSC served as coach. Because La Salle does not have on-campus courts, the program developed a variety of relationships over the years with neighboring tennis facilities, with the last two being Live Oak Park and Whittier Narrows. "When I began as AD at La Salle in January of 2011," Harris continued, "I had discussions with our current tennis coach, Tim Pawley (our boys and girls tennis



Above from left, Ryan Wright, City of Arcadia Recreation Department, Anthony Harris, La Salle Athletic Director, Bob Harbicht, Mayor of Arcadia, Brother Christopher Brady, FSC, Principal, Dr. Richard Gray, President and Tim Pawley, La Salle Tennis Coach.

Left, Bob Harbicht, Mayor of Arcadia, cuts the ribbon to "open" the courts.



coach of 10 years), about securing a more permanent location for Lancer Tennis. The fruit of that meeting places us here today. It's a win-win situation for all, as Arcadia has new tennis courts and we have "home" courts during the season." Harris went on to thank Arcadia Mayor, Bob Harbicht, who, along with the city council was instrumental in getting the project approved. Harris said he greatly appreciated the help of Ryan Wright and Sara Somagyi from the City of Arcadia, who "pointed me in the right direction" while helping us through the permit and construction process.

Harris thanked Mark Mitchell, the father of Christine Mitchell '12, a former girls tennis player who made a significant donation toward the completion of the project. He also thanked the La Salle Athletic Boosters, "the backbone of the La Salle Athletic Department. They donated \$5,000 toward the completion of the project. They are just some of the special people that we need to thank as this project would not have been possible without them."

HOWARD Hays As I See It



"If [gun laws] need to be tightened up, or if we think that it could prevent anything more like this, then of course that will be considered."

He was armed with a handgun and two legally-purchased semi-automatic rifles. Sixteen people were shot and killed, including the gunman's mother, and fifteen injured before the killer turned the gun on himself.

About a year later, the country stiffened its gun laws; semi-automatic weapons were outlawed, new restrictions placed on shotguns and ammunition, registration requirements were tightened and cops had more leeway to deny permits to those deemed unfit.

The massacre took place in the Hungerford area of Berkshire, England in 1987. The new gun law got through Parliament under the leadership of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, quoted above.

I've wondered how Ronald Reagan would fare with today's corporate-controlled Republicans. Here's a president who argued it was unfair for a bus driver to pay taxes on his earned income at a higher rate than what a Wall-Streeter pays on his capital gains. I can't imagine many Democrats, let alone Republicans, openly taking that position today.

I wondered the same about Margaret Thatcher, who, in addition to overseeing one of the U.K.'s most significant gun control measures in a generation, also accepted scientific fact as being scientific fact. She was one of the earliest leaders to sound the warning on climate change; "The danger of global warming is as yet unseen but real enough for us to make changes and sacrifices so that we do not live at the expense of future generations."

Thatcher remained an ardent supporter of her country's National Health Service, which, unlike President Obama's Affordable Care Act, actually is "socialized medicine"; "I believed that the NHS was a service of which we could genuinely be proud. It delivered a high quality of care . . . and at a reasonably modest unit cost, at least compared with some insurance-based systems."

When discussing means to address climate change, or getting firearms off the street, P.M. Thatcher would often use the word, "sensible". The question is why it's so hard here at home to enact measures 90% of us agree are, at the very least, "sensible".

The main reason is we're dealing with an industry which, according to National Shooting Sports Foundation, has an annual \$32 billion footprint on our economy (a figure approximate to what's spent yearly on the arts), and is determined to maintain it.

Start with \$30 million spent since 1990 buying Congress through corporate front groups like the NRA; \$4.2 million for the 2012 election cycle alone, with 96% going to Republicans. Then create and disseminate talking points about how Obama wants to take away everyone's guns, or at least establish a nation-wide registry of owners so things will be in place when he decides the time's right to impose Sharia law.

Yeah, it's crazy – but the pros orchestrating the propaganda do their homework and follow the polls, like one last month from Public Policy Polling, showing that when targeting those who last year voted for Mitt Romney, you're dealing with a crowd in which 61% believe global warming is a hoax, 36% believe Saddam Hussein was involved with 9/11, and 22% believe Barack Obama is the "Anti-Christ". Clearly, these are folks who'll buy into most anything.

The threat to wavering Republicans is that if they don't fall into line, if they show signs of putting the interests of constituents over those of arms manufacturers, they risk being "primaried". The lobbyists would invest millions putting up challengers in "safe" Republican districts, mobilize the base and guarantee a formidable turnout of those determined to deny reelection to anyone seen as siding with the Anti-Christ in the White House intent on taking their guns.

Keeping guns out of the hands of unstable people could have a serious impact on that \$32 billion industry. Keeping them out of the hands of unstable countries could cut into the estimated (by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute) \$8.8 billion in annual arms exports from the U.S.

Earlier this month the United Nations voted overwhelmingly to approve a treaty calling for a "background check" for nations seeking arms abroad. As reported in the N.Y. Times, it calls for "sales to be evaluated on whether the weapons will be used to break humanitarian law, foment genocide or war crimes, abet terrorism or organized crime or slaughter women and children." Particularly threatening to arms exporters, it calls for public disclosure of the countries and regimes they deal with.

Ours was one of the 154 countries in support. The only three votes against were cast by Iran, Syria and North Korea. Ratification in the Senate appears unlikely, though, as the NRA and their servants in Congress have sided with Iran, Syria and North Korea. In a recent fundraising appeal, Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) confides, *"I don't know about you, but watching anti-American globalists plot against our Constitution makes me sick ... Ultimately, UN bureaucrats will stop at nothing to register, ban and CONFISCATE firearms owned by private citizens like YOU."*

Of course, the treaty only deals with international sales - but if you're going to side with Iran, Syria and North Korea, you have to make stuff up and target your appeal to the gullible and fearful.

Both Reagan and Thatcher were divisive figures, and their policies arguably caused great harm. They governed, though, in service to their countries, not to corporate benefactors. When they spoke of the advance of freedom and fall of Communism, they appealed to our best nature and highest aspirations. When protecting accessibility to militarized firepower for the deranged here and abroad, however, the only option is to appeal to the basest fears and lowest common denominator.

And regardless of politics, current efforts to prevent measures from even coming to the floor for debate and a vote cannot be described as conservatism, but only as cowardice.

MARGARET THATCHER, A HERO FOR OUR TIME

GREG Welborn



With the death this week of Margaret Thatcher, former Prime Minister of England, the West has lost one of its greatest leaders. She not only saved her nation, but provided support for our own President Reagan as he toiled to save America from the depths of collapse and despair which had already beset England. For this, we, as Americans, owe her a debt of gratitude which we can never repay, and it is for this that I dedicate this week's column.

Margaret Thatcher came to power as Prime Minister in 1979 after Britain's "winter of discontent". More than a political slogan, the term aptly described a time when everything in England was falling apart. There was nothing left to cherish or celebrate. Inflation hit double-digit levels, unemployment skyrocketed, the economy was shrinking, 98% income tax rates had driven entrepreneurs to the brink of collective bankruptcy, the public unions had paralyzed a nation with an almost year-long strike, and the military had retrenched from guarantor of pax Britannica to beggar of spare parts to keep its jeeps rolling. Britain was written off by most leaders in the West and East, alike, as ungovernable and a has-been nation.

Into this stepped a woman of indomitable spirit and unflinching faith in the average citizen. Externally, she also faced an ascending Soviet Union which threatened to overrun and subsume Western Europe politically and morally, if not actually militarily. Many in Western Europe had simply given up on themselves, but not Margaret Thatcher.

Margaret Thatcher knew instinctively that freedom was not only good for the soul but good for the success of a nation as well. In her own memoir she commented on "the great complex romance of international trade which recruited people from all over the world to ensure that a family in Grantham could have on its table rice from India, coffee from Kenya, and sugar from the West Indies". She loosened the regulations and taxes that were strangling her nation, and she killed inflation. She privatized scores of industries, thus turning losers, which required support from the treasury, into winners, which contributed to the treasury with new tax revenues born of economic success and growth. Her actions turned massive government deficits into a surplus by the time she left office. Along the way, she allowed the average citizen to become stockholders, and thus stakeholders, in British industry, thereby allowing them to enjoy the fruits of economic recovery many times larger than what ever could have been received from government handouts had the government retained control and ownership of more than a third of the economy.

Thatcher was tested keenly when the military junta running Argentina decided to take advantage of what they perceived to be the weakened state of Britain's military capabilities. Perhaps they were right and, under a leader of less courage than Margaret Thatcher, they might have succeeded in their invasion of the Falkland Islands. But Margaret Thatcher stood tall and did not abandon the rights and freedoms of British citizens living on British soil. To many politicians, the plight of this small band of citizens wouldn't have been worth much of a political fight, let alone a full scale military fight thousands of miles

from home.

That, of course, was exactly what was wrong with Britain when Margaret Thatcher came along. England did not respect its own traditions, history or principles. Too many politicians had shown in the past their willingness to compromise with the public's freedoms, well-being and place in the world. The world's bad guys and bullies noticed, but they also noticed that Margaret Thatcher was different.

Margaret Thatcher stood up against unions at home, the junta in Argentina, and the international left which sought to derail the placement of U.S. cruise missiles in England and Europe to counter the Russian SS-20 missiles already stationed in Eastern Europe. Everyone underestimated Thatcher and came away from the experience more deeply respecting her strength and Britain's reinvigorated place on the world stage.

To her countrymen, Thatcher rescued a dying economy. She turned economic contraction into U.S.-style growth rates which lifted incomes at all levels. At every economic strata, personal income rose. Internationally, though, Thatcher's contribution dwarfed her domestic accomplishments.

Margaret Thatcher dissented strongly from the conventional wisdom of the day, which held that accommodation with the Soviet Union was the only viable strategy. 40+ plus years of such a cynical view had consigned a generation, and millions, of Eastern Europeans to a life of misery and neglect. The Soviets, like the Argentines, thought she would also blink and concede critical points. They, like the Argentines, were wrong. While she was willing to deal with the Soviets, she was nonetheless strident in defending the principles of freedom and insisting that the Soviet Union could be defeated. No longer, she offered, would the millions living behind the iron curtain be consigned to poverty and serfdom. She pushed the case for constructive engagement and while vigorously pushing the moral and political case for freedom. The fall of the Berlin Wall and the peaceful dismantling of the Soviet Union are as attributable to Margaret Thatcher's courage and conviction as they are to Ronald Reagan's.

Margaret Thatcher came on to the political stage at one of its most trying moments – a time when the principles of the West were threatened and mocked. She left that stage with the cause of freedom and democracy once again a goal to which millions can realistically aspire.

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16. Teacher's pet, e.g.
17. Radio knob
18. Consume
19. Bungle
21. *Biology branch
23. Long time
24. Niels Bohr's study object
25. Cleopatra's killer?
28. Christening acquisition
30. On which Romney and Obama were found
35. It must go on?
37. *Like animal near extinction
39. Marilyn Munster to Herman Munster, e.g.
40. Delhi dress
41. Sends by posts
43. Imitator
44. Are not
46. Mosquito net fabric
47. End of the line
48. Noontime
50. Give certain impression
52. DNA transmitter
53. Boll weevil, e.g.
55. Car display
57. *Garden helper
61. Iron Man's robotic nemesis
64. French farewell
65. Galley tool
67. Vociferously praises
69. Choral composition with sacred lyrics
70. Fix a game
71. He lives on Sesame Street
72. *You do it to your garden's soil before planting
73. "... ____ he drove out of sight"
74. Homes are often tested for this

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2. Reunion attendee
3. Lariat, e.g.
4. Used in some liquors
5. *Earth Day founder
6. Please get back to me
7. 17th letter of Greek alphabet
8. Rent again
9. Delivered by a mare
10. *Its emissions are regulated
11. Pharma product
12. Grammy of sports
15. Tower of London guard
20. Render harmless
22. *Corn holder, often left behind to protect soil quality
24. Most aerial
25. Indian state
26. Harry Belafonte's daughter
27. Focused or riveted
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31. One who fabricates
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33. *An earthly body
34. *Earth to ancient Romans
36. *Prop pusher
38. Do it "or ____!"
42. Beach souvenir
45. To give up or bow out
49. Up and down nod
51. * ____ earth
54. Mercantile establishment
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57. Barack's David
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My Turn



PART III: "AMNESTY BY ANY OTHER NAME IS STILL AMNESTY..."

This is the third in a series of articles about President Obama's proposed Comprehensive Immigration Reform and why Americans should oppose it. It is based on information from a variety of sources including the Cato Institute, Center for Immigration Studies, Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), NumbersUSA, and Pew Hispanic Center.

Former Attorney General Ed Meese III concluded his March 24, 2006 New York Times Op-Ed, "Amnesty by Any Other Name is still Amnesty..." with some very wise advice to President Bush and future administrations:

"The fair and sound policy is to give those who are here illegally the opportunity to correct their status by returning to their country of origin and getting in line with everyone else. This, along with serious enforcement and control of the illegal inflow at the border — a combination of incentives and disincentives — will significantly reduce over time our population of illegal immigrants."

As I said last week, If President Obama really wants to reform our immigration system he should end "Chain Migration" and the "Visa Lottery" before any kind of immigration reform, comprehensive or otherwise, is even considered. End Chain Migration
NumbersUSA defines Chain Migration as "the endless and often-snowballing chains of foreign nationals who are allowed to immigrate because the law allows citizens and lawful permanent residents to bring in their extended, non-nuclear family members. It is the primary mechanism that has caused legal immigration in this country to quadruple from about 250,000 per year in the 1950s and 1960s to more than one million a year since 1990." One bill currently being considered by Congress is "The Nuclear Priority Act" (H.R.692) Introduced by Rep. Phil Gingrey in February 2011. H.R.692 would end chain migration (as recommended by the bi-partisan Barbara Jordan Commission in 1995). Rep. Gingrey's bill would: "Eliminate the extended family visa categories (e.g., siblings, married sons and daughters of citizens, etc.); "Eliminate the parents category and instead create a renewable 5-year visa class for parents of U.S. citizens; "Require U.S. sons and daughters to provide satisfactory proof that they can financially support their immigrant parents and include proof of

health care coverage for the parents while they are residing in the United States; "Reduce the annual number of family-sponsored immigrant visas by 111,800." Another key element to Rep. Gingrey's bill is that "immigrant parents residing in the United States through the renewable 5-year visa would not be eligible to work in the United States." End Visa Lottery
The Visa Lottery Program is managed by the Department of State and awards up to 55,000 permanent resident visas a year to applicants from countries with relatively low rates of immigration to the United States compared to other countries, based on data from the previous five years.

According to FAIR, the Visa Lottery grants visas "based on pure luck to people regardless of family ties, skills, or education, exposing the country to national security threats such as espionage, terrorism, and criminal refuge."

In 1995, the bipartisan Barbara Jordan Commission recommended:

"The elimination of the lottery, since it serves no national interest. Yet it remains on the books today!"

There are bills offered in both the House and the Senate that would eliminate the Visa Lottery.

Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.) has introduced the "SAFE for America Act" (H.R.704) that would:

"Reduce overall legal immigration numbers by approximately 50,000 per year."

Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) has introduced the "Strengthening Our Commitment to Legal Immigration and America's Security Act" (S.B.332) that would:

"Require the Department of State to submit recommendations to the House and Senate Judiciary Committees detailing changes to the Visa Lottery program that would reduce fraud and abuse;

"Eliminate the Visa Lottery unless the changes are made to the program per the recommendations of the State Department's report. "Potentially reduce overall legal immigration levels by up to 50,000." Do not be fooled. Amnesty by any other name is still amnesty. Comprehensive Immigration Reform is amnesty -- pure and simple.

OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

WE NEVER NEEDED ARMED GUARDS, WE HAD MRS. AMMON



The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were watching television listening to a news report and I

simply broke out into laughter.

"What are you laughing at?" my wife asked.

"I'm just thinking of Mrs. Ammon. When I went to school we didn't need any armed guards, we had Mrs. Ammon and nobody crossed her."

The news report went on to say how they were trying to put armed guards at every school in our country. I suppose that is a good idea, I do not know all the ins and outs of the politicalness of that report. Everything these days seems to have some kind of a political angle to it. Now that political angle is intruding itself into the public school system.

This is all an attempt to protect our school children. I am all for that.

I was thinking, however, that when I was a youngster we did not need that sort of thing. We had Mrs. Ammon and her infamous hickory stick. Very few people remember a time when a teacher had, as one of her tools for education, a hickory stick and knew how to wield it, and wield it they did.

Somebody may ask how I know about that. Very simply. I am the product of a teacher wielding the hickory stick. It is hard now to remember the occasion that called for the application of that hickory stick. Actually, there was more than one occasion calling for such teacher and student interaction.

The old saying was that our teacher would apply the "Board of Education" to the "Seat of Learning." Believe me when I say, I earned a degree in that.

Somebody will say, "Things have changed."

I will agree that things have changed, but most things have not changed for the better. Back in "the day" when I was a member of the public education system, the teachers were in charge. A basic rule in our house prevailed, "If you get a paddling in school, you get a paddling at home." It was assumed the teacher was right.

I distinctly remember my first interaction with my teacher in this regard. How can you forget

such a thing?

At that time, teachers were too busy to put up with any kind of fooling around in a classroom. Do not get me wrong, my teacher made it fun most of the time. For the ones who, like me, took it too far, she knew how to stop it dead in its tracks.

"Mr. Snyder," the teacher would say in a very stern tone of voice. "Is that you making all that noise?" I knew what was to follow.

"Mr. Snyder, please go to the principal's office and I will join you shortly."

Oh boy. Those familiar words bring back haunting memories of my visit to the principal's office. You can be sure; Mrs. Ammon would not come into the principal's office, spank you and then go back to her class. On some occasions, I would have preferred her to spank me and get it over with.

The first thing she had to do was explain to me why what I did was wrong and disruptive to the class. Then, she had to explain to me how this paddling I was about the cat was going to hurt her more than it did me.

For the life of me, I could never figure out where it hurt her more than it did me. I knew exactly where it hurt me and for the rest of the day it would be quite difficult for me to sit down in my chair. Not only did my posterior glow in pain, but the snickers of my fellow students were even worse.

At the time of the application of the hickory stick, I really did not like Mrs. Ammon. Looking back, I have a different perspective. I now know that she really had an interest in me as a person. She was trying to discipline me in ways in which I needed discipline from someone like her.

Years later, I went back and visited my old teacher, Mrs. Ammon. I took to her some books I had written and published. She said she remembered me, I really do not know if she did or not. I had to do one thing and that was to thank her.

"I want to thank you, Mrs. Ammon, for teaching me to read and to write." Then I handed her my books. She seemed to be so very happy, but not as happy as I was. This teacher made a difference in my life that I did not realize until I was older.

One thing Mrs. Ammon taught me was that I should not get away with anything. There is a moment of accountability everybody must face. Mrs. Ammon was making sure that I was facing up to the realities of life before I did too much damage to my life.

It is sad that the politics have taken over our education system today. It is sad that we do not have any Mrs. Ammons with their hickory sticks.

When I think of Mrs. Ammon I think of what Solomon writes, "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes" (Proverbs 13:24 KJV).

It is my opinion that we need more Mrs. Ammons in our school classrooms and less, a lot less, politics.

STUART Tolchin..... On LIFE



MARCH MADNESS IS OVER SO HOW COME THE WORLD STILL SEEMS CRAZY?

I'm relieved that I don't have to watch College Basketball for awhile.

Speaking of College Basketball, this year I went to a UCLA game at Pauley Pavilion mainly to see how they had refurbished the place. I had gone to the very first game held there which was I think in 1965.

At the game I attended this year the half-time ceremonies involved the honoring of a famous UCLA player of the past, Keith Wilkes - now known as Jamal Wilkes. Seated in the front rows were other UCLA greats of course, including Lew Alcindor, now known to all as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. There, too, were other UCLA legends like Bill Walton and over on the other side was the coach of the opposition Oregon State Beavers, Craig Robinson, the brother-in-law of President Obama. Sure, all these men have pretty interesting stories but the guy I'd like to know more about is Craig Robinson and the rest of his family.

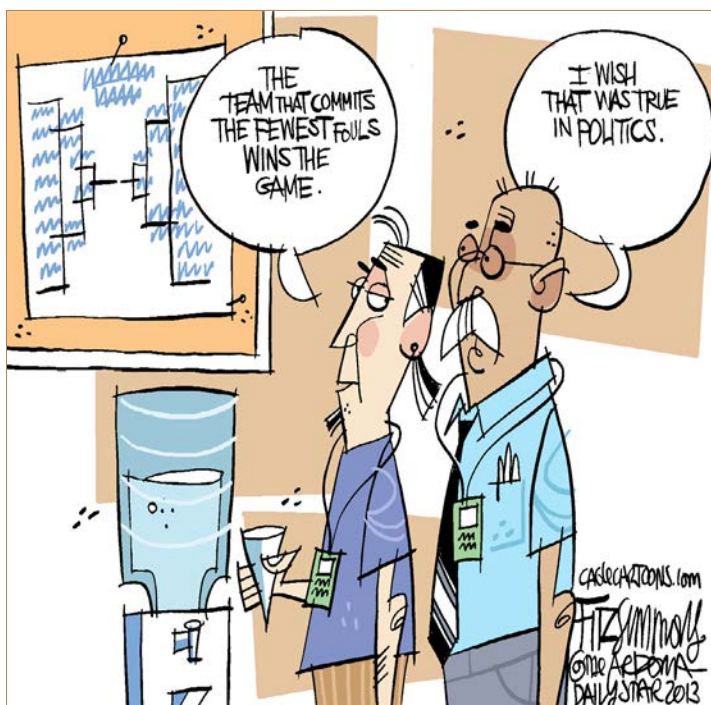
Craig and Michelle Robinson (Mrs. Obama) were both raised in South Side Chicago, just like me. Believe me, that was not an easy place to grow up. As I've written before, my mom and Dad were in the grocery business operating a market aptly named Stuart (that's me in case you forgot) Food Mart. Maybe being the child of a grocer or a retail merchant has some importance. Margaret Thatcher was the child of a grocer while Ronald Reagan's father owned a shoe store. Perhaps being the child of hard-working retailers who often work 12 hours a day asserts a certain kind of influence on a child? I was one of the few white kids in my class and, by the time I was in the fifth grade, I had already been double-promoted twice. I've always thought that there was some strange motivation behind the School skipping me because I was potentially so disruptive in the class. I was pretty friendless, I think, and tried to connect in the classroom by frequently raising my hand to question the teacher. I have three questions I would say, and the second question has 4 parts. Today I still have questions that have many parts and I have defended the oppressed for most of most of my Legal career.

I am certain that all of the experiences we have while growing up have a great deal to do with who we become as adults. From my own experience I can say that South Side Chicago Schools were not very good and most kids just didn't take school very seriously. It was probably the same at Michele and Craig's school also. Nevertheless, Craig and Michelle both were superb students and were later star performers at Ivy League Colleges. What experiences lead to their success? I have always assumed that their mother, Mrs. Robinson and the example of their crippled father, who kept working despite his disability, were strong positive influences. Mrs. Robinson now lives in the White House and receives little publicity, but she is there to help raise the kids. How will Sasha and Malia turn out, and how important is the influence of mothers and grandmothers? I have always thought that parental influence is incredibly crucial and that the best way of judging an individual's character is to see the way their children turn out.

Today I am in the midst of reading this book, *The Soul Code, In Search Of Character And Calling* authored by James Hillman, which completely refutes this idea. Hilton notes that contemporary psychologists and educators all seem to agree that parental influence is extremely important—they are all wrong he says. The book presents his "acorn theory" which states as a metaphor, I think, that there exists at birth; or even prior to birth, an acorn within each individual that contains the true destiny and talents of an individual. Life is about resisting all the outside influences like education and parents and media and friends which distract one from their true calling.

As I present the theory it may sound silly, but Hillman keeps talking about the tiny acorn that controls the destiny of the mighty oak and it's very convincing. Experiences along the way are also important in the same way that the amount of sunlight, the type of ground and the amount of rain influence the growth of the tree. The book asks the reader to drop all preconceptions and judgments and through an examination of many biographies makes the point that most everyone is blocked and misdirected by the misguided efforts of parents and Education, which obscure one's consciousness of true destiny. This is the reason we take drugs, get divorced, waste time watching frivolous sports, keep fighting senseless wars while ignoring pressing environmental problems and are on the path to a kind of total destruction.

I find the book so disturbing that I have trouble finishing it, but I haven't given up. There is still time to find some answers and perhaps Mankind can survive for a few more millennia. I wonder if that's our destiny.





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