



“DIRECTED AWAY FROM HARM” - *Sierra Madrean Tim Osti Finished the Boston Marathon Before The Deadly Explosions And Returned Home Saddened, Determined and Grateful*

By Susan Henderson

When Tim Osti challenged the students on Maranatha's Cross Country Team last year, he had no idea that keeping his commitment would put him in the midst of one of the most heinous acts of violence in this country's history.

Osti, an avid runner for most of his life, promised the Maranatha team that if they beat out their No. 1 rivals, he would qualify for, and run in the Boston Marathon this year. Well, they won, and he did. Last year he ran the St. George Marathon in Utah and narrowly, (by 36 seconds), qualified for the Boston Marathon and he was excited.

Osti had only been to Boston one other time, when as a young man in 1985, he and a group of seven friends ran from Boston to Los Angeles for charity. This trip was to have been somewhat of a reunion and very special. At one point, his entire family was planning to travel east to watch Tim cross the finish line. At the last minute, however, those plans were changed and Tim traveled to Boston alone with the encouragement of his family and good friend and fellow runner Sharon Pesner. Sharon's mom lives in the Boston area, so Tim had a home away from home.

Osti, 45, ran the race with very good speed. He finished the run in 3 hours, 26 minutes and 25 seconds. He finished just about 20 minutes before the explosion.

At the time of the blasts, Osti was on the bus on his way back to his car at the starting line. He never heard the explosion. He was at least 10-15 minutes away. In fact, he didn't know about the tragedy until he got back to his car and received a call from his sister.

"She asked me if I was ok, and not realizing what had happened, I said, 'Yes, just a little tired.' Then she asked me again, and I said, 'well my calves hurt a little'. She realized at that point that I didn't know what had happened. When she told me I noticed that my phone was full of messages and the magnitude of what happened started to sink in."

"I wanted to make certain everyone at home knew I was okay. I especially wanted to make certain my granddaughters, who attend Bethany Christian School in Sierra Madre knew I was ok. I called the school to let them know Grandpa was ok. I also called my church, (Calvary Christian) because I had so many people that had called me or sent me messages from there."

"I don't know why, but God directed me away from that finish line". Osti said he had every intent of hanging around with other runners who had completed the run, but all of a sudden he just "decided to get on the bus, and I really don't know why. I was directed away from the danger, and I am so grateful." And, while he is happy that he escaped harm, he was still very shaken at the thought of the fate of those who were innocently standing there either as runners or waiting for their friends and loved ones to cross the line.

Tim was very happy to get back home to his wife Ana and family and friends in Sierra Madre on Tuesday. On Wednesday, he was back at work in the family business, Danny Osti Tree Service. In town, Tim is probably best known for the fantastic Christmas Display he assembles every year on Auburn.

Is he going back to Boston next year? Definitely. "When things like this happen, it takes away from our American freedoms. We have to reclaim our freedoms otherwise we give them more territory to take."



Tim Osti (above) was the only entrant from Sierra Madre in the Boston Marathon. Below, Tim in 1985 in front of Arnold's Hardware preparing for his cross country run. Right the 1985 Cross Country



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Sierra Madre's Woman's Club steps out for the 44th year with its Fashion Show and Luncheon, Saturday, April 20th at 11:30 am at Essick House, 550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre. Melissa Stute is the event chair.

Featured will be Karen Crisol, owner of the popular Magnolia Boutique in Arcadia. Lunch will be served.

Tickets are \$25. For tickets call Sheila Pierce, 626-355-8332.

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<b>Wed:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
<b>Thur:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
<b>Fri:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



### CITY OF SIERRA MADRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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

Wednesday, April 24 Library Board of Trustees 7:00 pm

April 24-26 Alverno High School - Spring Musical: Godspell (St. Rita O'Malley Hall)

April 25 Sierra Madre CERT - Training

April 27 City of Sierra Madre - Mount Wilson Trail Race Youth Training Days

April 27 Athens Services - Compost Giveaway

April 30 Alverno High School - Junior Ring Ceremony



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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
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THURSDAYS - Noon Catherine Adde's  
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FRIDAY - Noon Gene Goss'  
VILLAGE INTERSECTIONS  
Gene's guest this week is Dr. Jeanette Mann, Trustee at Pasadena City College. Gene and Dr. Mann have a wide ranging discussion about the college. See the VVO Calendar for show times.

Village Vine Online  
Sports Presents:

Two LIVE Little League  
Game webcasts this week

Saturday 5:00  
Sierra Madre Dodgers vs  
Sierra Madre White Sox

Wednesday April 24 at  
5:00  
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## 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](http://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.

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The Hart Park House

As part of our club's lively weekly meetings, dynamic speakers are scheduled on Rotary's service interests, local community topics and general appeal subjects.

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

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

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

## Sierra Madre Police Blotter

For The Week Of April 8-14, 2013

Wednesday April 10, 2013

At 2:30pm, officers responded to a business in the 300 block of West Sierra Madre Boulevard to investigate a report of a Battery. An employee allegedly grabbed the arm of a co-worker and pulled her toward another area of the business. The victim broke free from the grasp and reported the incident to her supervisors. The victim initiated a private person's arrest for the incident and the other employee was booked on the charge of battery.

Thursday April 11, 2013

Between 7-9pm, and unknown vehicle collided with a parked vehicle in the 1900 block of Oakwood Avenue. The unknown vehicle left the scene without making an attempt to contact the owner of the parked vehicle. The parked vehicle sustained moderate damage to the left rear side panel.

Friday April 12, 2013

A resident in the 700 block Fairview Avenue reported that someone had entered two of their vehicles that were parked in the driveway overnight. An unknown suspect entered the unlocked vehicles, rummaged through the interiors and removed property. A similar crime occurred a week prior in the 200 block of Grove Avenue.

Saturday April 13, 2013

At 4:30am, three individuals became involved in an argument inside an apartment in the 00 block of Esperanza. At one point, two of the individuals locked the third party out of the residence as he had become belligerent. That individual broke the living room window with a chair and tried to climb in. He failed at this and subsequently kicked the front door open. Once inside he punched one of the occupants several times in the face. When police arrived, the aggressor was arrested for Battery and Vandalism. The victim of the Battery sustained minor injuries.



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## 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY GRAND MARSHAL NOMINATIONS

The Volunteer Sierra Madre 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee is seeking nominations for the 2013 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Grand Marshal. The Parade will be held as always the morning of July 4<sup>th</sup>. Parade Grand Marshal nominees should embody the spirit of Sierra Madre, be an active volunteer in any of the local nonprofit organizations or in some way contributed to the betterment of Sierra Madre.

Nominations must be submitted in writing by Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and should be sent to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee, PO Box 1073 Sierra Madre CA 91025 or emailed to [4thofjulysiermamadre@gmail.com](mailto:4thofjulysiermamadre@gmail.com).

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## 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.

**Saturday, April 27, 2013, 09:00am - 12:00pm**

Athens Services and the City of Sierra Madre are co-hosting the Compost Giveaway event on Saturday, April 27, 2013. The event is at Sierra Vista Park from 9:00am-12:00pm. The Compost Giveaway is free, but you must be a Sierra Madre resident. Please be sure to bring sturdy containers as this is a self-serve event.

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## SIERRA MADRE HIRES OUTSIDE AGENCY FOR PARKING ENFORCEMENT

Motorists who park in Sierra Madre are going to have to start abiding by the rules or pay the price. Inter-Con Security Systems has been hired by the city to patrol the streets of Sierra Madre, looking for parking violators.

With recent budget cuts and the reassignment of code enforcement from the Police Department to Development Services, the city manager and council deemed it in the best interest of Sierra Madre to contract out services for ticketing those who violate the city's parking ordinances.

Inter-Con, a company that has created a niche market when it comes to parking enforcement, is also responsible for the same tasks in seven other nearby cities including Pasadena.

By giving the task to an outside contractor rather than patrol officers, the expectation is that the number of citations will increase. According to the information presented to the council, Sierra Madre currently issues around seven parking tickets a day. That number is expected to double with the new arrangement.

The revenue generated by the increased issuance of tickets is expected to cover the \$64,000 cost of the contract with Inter-Con.

## COUNCIL REORGANIZATION SET FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 23rd

At this Tuesday's City Council meeting, the annual re-organization is expected to take place. The council rotates Mayoral duties each year. Currently, Josh Moran is Sierra Madre's Mayor and Nancy Walsh is the Mayor Pro Tem. The selection of the new leadership on the council will be decided by the current members.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm and a reception for the outgoing leaders will follow.

## 2013 Creative Arts Group Garden Tour

108 N. Baldwin Ave., Sierra Madre CA 91024 626-355-8350 [www.creativeartsgroup.org](http://www.creativeartsgroup.org)  
Sunday, April 21, 2013, 10:30am – 4:30pm  
Tickets \$25 pre-sale \$30 day of tour



Purchased by the current owners in 2007, the grounds have gone through a major transformation to meet the needs of an active family. Landscape Architect Nord Eriksson's design made room for a grand pool and spa as well as a cabana featuring a fireplace, outdoor



This English Arts and Craft estate was built by Henry Huntington's grandson, Edwards Huntington Metcalf. It boasts more than 170 roses, rare varieties of plants, a spa, pool, pavilion, barbeque area, kitchen garden, and custom-designed mini green house, tool shed and potting bench.



This 1920s Spanish Revival showcases lovely covered terraces, patios, fountains and a charming casita designed by Architect Ron Ettinger. Landscape Designer, Rick Button, transformed a steep hillside to create the additional space needed to develop a beautiful garden.



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.



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# Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Log

Search and rescue activity in our local area continues at a very modest level with the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue (SMSR) Team responding to three calls for assistance in March.



Submitted by Chuck Stoughton

**Siezure, Big Santa Anita Canyon, Chantry Flat:** The Team received a page at 11: 54 a.m. on March 17th to respond on reports of a hiker experiencing a medical emergency in the Fern Lodge area below Chantry Falt. Search and rescue team members responded along with fire department units from Los Angeles County and Sierra Madre. Crews were able to quickly reach the subject and assess the situation. The subject was stabilized on scene and wheeled out via litter to a point where vehicle access was possible. The hiker was transported back to Chantry Flat and transferred to ambulance for the trip to a local hospital. The operation was secured at 2:00 p.m. and all units released from the incident.

**Lost and Stranded Hiker, Mt. Wilson:** At 3:22 p.m. on the 2nd , SMSR responded to a mutual aid request from Altadena Mountain Rescue to assist in the rescue of a hiker over 4.5 miles above the Mt. Wilson Toll Road. Limited communications prevented rescuers from determining the hiker's exact location. Along with SMSR and Altadena Mountain Rescue, air and ground units from LA County Fire responded on the call and a command post was established at the Toll Road gate off of Pinecrest Drive in Altadena. SMSR personnel began working search assignments along the Mt. Wilson Trail and Manzanita Ridge where they respectively intersection with the Toll Road. The hiker was spotted by helicopter shortly after crews began their field assignments. The hiker assessed for injuries and was airlifted off of the mountain. The rescue was secured at 4:22 p.m.

**Mountain Rescue Association (MRA) California Region Snow/Ice Reaccreditation, June Lake:** Over the weekend of March 2-3, eighteen Search and Rescue teams from across California including the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue team, participated in various hands-on rescue scenarios in areas such as: snow/ice rescue techniques; avalanche beacon rescue; winter litter evacuations and medical treatment. These scenarios are designed to assess the skills and preparedness of the respective rescue teams to support operations in winter conditions. The Mountain Rescue Association (MRA) was established in 1959 on Mt. Hood, Oregon, and is the oldest search and rescue association in the United States. It is an organization of teams dedicated to saving lives through rescue and mountain safety education. SMSR is a fully-accredited member team of the MRA and successfully completed the reaccreditation process.

For over 60 years the all-volunteer Sierra Madre Search and Rescue team has been responding to calls for help in the local mountains and beyond. Funded entirely by private donations, SMSR provides a range of public programs on wilderness safety in addition to its search and rescue activities. The Team never charges for any of its services.

For more information, including how to arrange a wilderness safety demonstration for your school or group, visit [www.smsr.org](http://www.smsr.org).

## PUMPKIN SECRETS REVEALED AT MAY GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Just in time to plant those Halloween globes, Sierra Madre Pumpkin Guru Doug Parker will share his experience, tips and tricks for a successful crop. Doug has been raising pumpkins since 1998 when the leftovers from his Halloween carving sprouted into pumpkins where they had landed in the back yard. He decided to try his hand at growing large pumpkins and has experimented with different varieties, watering systems, soil ph, and locations in his yard. The process starts in May and culminates on Halloween evening with a fantastic display of creatively carved masterpieces decorating the Parker home on Alegria. In 2012, Doug harvested 45 giant pumpkins; the largest weighing about 800 pounds. For 2013 he is raising Atlantic Giant, Big Max, and Prizewinner varieties.

In October the pumpkins will be harvested and moved, with the help of friends, neighbors and special tools, to the Parker's front yard for carving and display. Doug and his brother-in-law Chris Roberts work for four to five days, carving the giants; creating everything from fancy Tiffany lamps to unusual faces and characters. Heather and Doug's home is one of the famous stops along the Alegria trick-or-treat trail with visitors coming from throughout the greater San Gabriel Valley to enjoy the extensive displays.

Anyone interested in raising pumpkins or gardening in general is invited to attend the May 13 meeting of the Sierra Madre Garden Club. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program at 7:15 p.m. The catered dinner is \$10 and reservations for dinner must be made by May 7, at 626-836-4945. There is no charge for attending only the program. Location: Hart Park House, Memorial Park, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. For more information, call the reservation number or visit [www.smgarden.org](http://www.smgarden.org).



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City of Sierra Madre

ORDINANCE NO. 1336

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE AMENDING CHAPTERS 17.20 "ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE" AND 17.68 "PARKING" OF TITLE 17 OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE.**

WHEREAS, the R-1 One Family Residential Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 17.20 of the Municipal Code) was adopted for numerous reasons including to encourage development that preserves the small town character of the community, and to promote architectural diversity while maintaining neighborhood consistency;

WHEREAS, the Parking Ordinance (Chapter 17.68 of the Municipal Code) was adopted to regulate parking in the City with respect to number of required parking spaces for various land uses, location of parking spaces, design of parking facilities, parking lot landscaping, and other related provisions.

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to Chapters 17.20 and 17.68 of the Municipal Code have been drafted to address a number of development standards that have been proven to be contradictory, difficult to apply, or inconsistent with the City's development goals.

WHEREAS, staff has worked with the Planning Commission during the course of several meetings regarding R-1 development standards, which have culminated in the subject municipal code text amendment to address these concerns;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission at its February 7, 2013 regular meeting recommended the amendments to Chapters 17.20 and 17.68 of Title 17 of the Municipal Code to address those issues;

WHEREAS, these proposed changes are consistent with the General Plan in that they will help preserve the City's neighborhoods characterized by single-family dwellings;

WHEREAS, the amendments are generally consistent with the goals, policies, and objectives of the General Plan in that it would help protect low-density single-family residential uses in the City.

WHEREAS, the Initial Study for this Ordinance concluded that the amendments will not have any significant effect on the environment;

WHEREAS, a Negative Declaration was prepared pursuant to the provisions of Section 15070 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing at its regular meeting of March 26, 2013 and continued it to April 9, 2013, to take public testimony on the proposed amendments.

THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Code Amendment. Chapter 17.20, entitled "R-1 One-Family Residential Zone", is hereby replaced with Chapter 17.20 as provided herein as Exhibit "A."

Section 2. Code Amendment. Subsection A.1 of section 17.68.020 of the Municipal Code, entitled "Parking spaces required", is revised to provide:  
For R-1 Zones: Two spaces per dwelling unit in a garage or carport; Three spaces per dwelling unit in a garage or carport for dwelling units with five or more bedrooms; Each space in a garage or carport shall have a minimum interior dimension of 10' x 20', with a minimum floor-to-ceiling height of 7 feet.

Section 3. Code Amendment. New subsections S, T and U to section 17.68.080 of the Municipal Code, are hereby added to provide:

S. Properties subject to the R-1 zoning standards: All driveways and parking spaces shall be paved with either asphaltic or concrete pavement, or a pervious paving material subject to the approval of the Development Services Director. Asphaltic pavement shall be placed to a minimum depth, after compaction, of two and one-half inches and a seal coating of coal tar pitch emulsion shall be applied to all asphaltic surfaces. This requirement shall not exclude the utilization of brick or special stones for decorative purposes.

T. Properties subject to the R-1 zoning standards: The planned circulation of vehicles in parking areas shall be arranged to permit vehicles to move into and out of the parking area. For residential parking spaces, a minimum 24 feet of unobstructed back-up distance shall be provided; the back-up distance shall include the combination of private property and public right-of-way (street or alley) to allow for sufficient maneuvering. For garages that are located at the rear of the lot, minimum back-up clearance shall be provided as shown on Exhibit D.

U. Unless otherwise noted in this Chapter, a tandem parking arrangement shall not satisfy the required off-street parking requirements for properties subject to the R-1 zoning standards.

Section 4. California Environmental Quality Act. The City Council has considered all of the evidence in the record, including the staff reports, the initial study, the testimony received during the public hearings on the matter held by the Planning Commission and the City Council, and hereby determines that pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15070, there is no possibility of a significant impact on the environment, and hereby adopts the Negative Declaration.

Section 5. Severability; Continuation of Provisions. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases of this Ordinance or the rules adopted hereby. The City Council of the City of Sierra Madre hereby declares that it would have adopted each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases hereof be declared invalid or unenforceable. To the extent the provisions of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code as amended by this Ordinance are substantially the same as the provisions of that Code as they read immediately prior to the adoption of this Ordinance, then those provisions shall be construed as continuations of the earlier provisions and not as new enactments.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its passage and adoption pursuant to California Government Code section 36937.

Section 7. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published according to law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 9th day of April 2013.

AYES: MAYOR JOSH MORAN, MAYOR PRO TEM NANCY WALSH, COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHN CAPOCCIA, JOHN HARABEDIAN, AND CHRIS KOERBER NOES: NONE ABSENT: NONE

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Star-News Editor  
Chosen Doo Dah  
Thorny Rose

Once again the very local Doo Dah parade will bring out all the weird wackiness the event is known for down Colorado Boulevard in East Pasadena —the parade is sometimes referred to as the alter-ego of the prim and proper Rose Parade.

The 36th Occasional Pasadena Doo Dah Parade takes place on Saturday, April 27th, stepping off at 11am. Bring a camera and a lawn chair. The event is always free.

Led by this year's Queen Susann Edmonds and Grand Marshal Alan Zorthian, spectators will be startled and amused by Flying Baby Hammer, A Moveable Feast (based on a Hemingway novel), Ace Ketchum-Professional Vampire Fisherman, The Great Firewall of China, The LOH Down on Science (featuring NPR personality Sandra Tsing Loh), Suffer Jet-Set Planet for David Bowie, Camp Bimbo, World's Tallest Girl Scout, Jiffy Pop! Happy Howard's Harlequin, The Bearded Ladies, Long Beach Ukelele Club, Johnny Skunkmobile, Fashion on the Fly, Drunk in the Garage Band, Zombie Training Camp, Arrow Sign Spinners, and The Army of Toy Soldiers.

This year's recipient of the Thorny Rose is Pasadena Star News editor Frank Girardot. The honor is bestowed annually by a secret panel of judges to a local personality who has generated significant controversy in the greater Pasadena community.

"If the day comes that those traits [political correctness] define him, it will be time for a huge reality check," said parade organizers. "Frank is definitely a throwback to the days when reporters dug in to get their story. In so doing, he has ruffled plenty of feathers along the way."

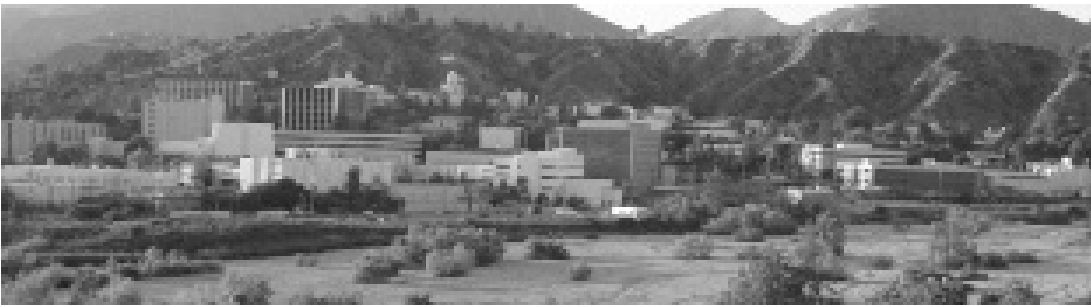
Pet of the  
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Symphony is a 2-year-old brindle Staffordshire terrier. She's very friendly and well-behaved. She's also a volunteer favorite.

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Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A322954, or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday – Friday, 9-4 Saturday. Pets may not be available for adoption and cannot be held for potential adopters from phone calls or email. Directions and photos of all pets can be found at [www.pasadenahumane.org](http://www.pasadenahumane.org).



JPL Suspends Popular Open House

Through an official announcement made on [jpl.nasa.gov](http://jpl.nasa.gov) website, officials from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory confirmed that a decision had been made Tuesday to suspend a popular open house usually scheduled for a weekend in late May or June.

In the past, the two day event has attracted upwards of 40,000 potential and current scientists to the 177 acre campus near the North West edge of Pasadena.

According to several reports the decision was made based on federal spending cuts, as part of, the sequestration which took effect March 1.

Officials said the event could still be held later in the year after they knew more about the effects of the cuts.

Congressman Adam Schiff said Thursday he was disappointed with the cancelation calling the sequestration a poor fiscal policy. He also said the open house was an important part of NASA's outreach and education programs.

Advocacy and Outreach Strategist for The Planetary Society, Casey Dreier also expressed disappointment.

This is, to say the least, a very depressing announcement," he wrote on The Planetary Society's website. "NASA's recent directives cutting down on travel and education and public outreach are really starting to be felt. It seems like every day another conference is canceled or a public event gets suspended indefinitely."

Pasadena to Open State's  
First City-Run Dental Clinic



Pasadena is set to celebrate the opening of the first, city-operated public health dental clinic in California during a special Open House Wednesday at the City's Public Health Department, 1845 N. Fair Oaks Ave. The public is invited to the Open House celebration and to tour the new clinic.

The event begins at 11:30 a.m.

First District City Councilmember Jacque Robinson and Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich are scheduled to be keynote speakers. The City of Pasadena Michael D. Antonovich Dental Clinic is a brand new, state-of-the-art facility to help improve access to oral health services for HIV-positive persons. Services will eventually be expanded to the homeless, seniors, young children and other underserved populations in Pasadena and the Greater San Gabriel Valley area.

Pasadena is one of three city public health departments, in addition to Long Beach and Berkeley. While some county

health departments maintain dental services, this is the first municipal-based clinic in California.

The Pasadena Public Health Department received more than \$795,000 to establish the new dental clinic, including \$365,387 from Supervisor Antonovich's Office; \$358,625 for operating costs from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Division of HIV/STD Programs (Ryan White Funding); \$40,000 from the Pasadena Community Foundation Center; \$30,000 from the Patron Saints Foundation, and \$1,500 from Pastor Eisenlord with Good Shepherd Church in Pasadena. Additional assistance was received from the City's Community Development Block Grant program.

The dental clinic will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., alternating Fridays. Services are free or at reduced fees for income-qualified patients.

MTA Heightens Security in  
Wake of Boston Bombing

In the wake of the Boston Marathon bombing, Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) has heightened security and additional inspection of the MTA bus and rail system.

"This senseless terrorist bombing that has claimed lives and injured many serves as a reminder to everyone to maintain a vigilant and dedicated security presence on our bus and rail systems," said Chairman Antonovich. "MTA

and Metrolink are coordinating efforts to heighten security on our system and perform the necessary inspections to keep the public safe."

Riders on the MTA bus or rail system can take the following actions to alert authorities to suspicious activity:

- Alert deputies or Metro personnel
- Press the emergency intercom in the stations or on the trains
- Inform bus operators
- Call LADS at (323) 563-5000

Holden Bill to Boost State  
Agriculture Moves Forward

The Assembly Agriculture Committee today heard Wednesday testimony on Assemblymember Chris Holden's legislation to ensure that California fruit, nuts, livestock and vegetables are given priority when it comes to state purchasing.

Under Holden's AB 199 Choose California Act, state agencies would be required to give California agriculture producers priority when purchasing food products if the price is within 5% of the lowest out-of-state competitor. School districts would have to purchase California grown products as long as they aren't more expensive than out-of-state products.

"AB 199 uses the state's purchasing power to bolster California's Agri-business and that means more jobs and more revenue and that's good for California's bottom

line," said Assemblymember Holden. "This bill is a win-win for everyone. The public institutions get a locally-grown product, we're helping create opportunities for our farmers and a new appreciation for local food helps stimulate the economy."

"California Citrus Mutual is excited to support this legislation as it puts before our young people and population the wonderful bounty we produce in California. To have this focus is a win for agriculture and a win for our state," Joel Nelsen, President, California Citrus Mutual

The Agriculture Committee voted unanimously (7 to 0) in favor of AB 199. Earlier in the session the measure was approved by the Assembly Accountability and Administrative Review Committee. It now moves to Assembly Appropriations for fiscal consideration.

On Friday Representatives Schiff and Senator Dianne Feinstein sent a letter to NASA Administrator Charles Bolden calling on him to keep any operating plan for the fiscal year consistent with the funding levels and allocations directed to it by Congress earlier this year.

In the letter, the congressional leaders wrote: "While we fully understand that the funding levels enumerated in the bill and report are subject to change to reflect the across the board and sequester cuts, we expect that the balance among programs will remain consistent with the structure directed by Congress."

JPL officials said they were unaware of any federal cuts to their education programs.

Police, Zero  
Tolerance  
Distracted  
Driving

As part of April's Distracted Driving Awareness Month campaign, the Pasadena Police Department will be actively ticketing those texting or operating hand-held cell phones on Monday, April. Police say drivers who break the law will be cited with no warnings.

"We all know that talking on our cell phones while driving is distracting, but that doesn't stop some people from continuing to do it," said Pasadena Police Department's Chief, Phillip Sanchez "This effort is intended to educate our community about the dangers of cell phone use while driving. We hope that once people see the statistics and realize the danger involved, they will change their driving habits to help protect themselves, their families, and others on the road."

He further explained, drivers who use hand-held devices are four times as likely to get into crashes serious enough to injure themselves. Younger, inexperienced drivers under 20 years old have the highest proportion of distraction-related fatal crashes. In addition, studies show that texting while driving can delay a driver's reaction time just as severely as having a blood alcohol content of a legally drunk driver.

To avoid a distracted driving ticket or crash, the Pasadena Police Department offers drivers the following tips:

- Turn off your phone and/or put it out of reach while driving
- Include in your outgoing message that you can't answer while you are driving
- Don't call or text anyone at a time when you think they may be driving

According to police the current minimum ticket cost is \$159, with subsequent tickets costing at least \$279. Last April, over 57,000 tickets were written statewide for texting and hand-held cell use. There were nearly 450,000 convictions in 2012. Whether it's a ticket or a crash, as the campaign theme states, "It's Not Worth It!"

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Three from  
JPL Make  
Time 'Most  
Influential' List

The 2013 list of the 100 most influential people named by TIME Magazine includes three men from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. The list announced this week by TIME Magazine includes Don Yeomans, Pete Theisinger and Richard Cook

"We are honored to have three distinguished individuals from JPL on the TIME list of most influential people," said JPL Director Charles Elachi.

Local Public TV Station  
to Close as Part of Move

In a letter to producers and volunteers last week, Pasadena Media Executive Director Keri Stokstad announced that the public access station would be shutting down this week in perpetration of a planned move to a new bigger facility.

"Pasadena Media must vacate our Hen's Teeth location on North Los Robles entirely by May 1," She wrote. "Our last studio production day at that location is Tuesday, April 23rd but we will make every effort (including providing on site personnel and venue location options) to accommodate your reserved programs."

Stokstad went on to say that Pasadena Media has outgrown the location with the high volume of programming. The station operates four local cable channels including KPAS, The Arroyo Channel, KLRN and PCC tv.

"The community channels

and programming will have minimal, if any, disruptions during the move to our new facility," she said. "We look forward to giving everyone a tour of Pasadena Media's new home very soon."

The studios and administrative offices will be located at: Pasadena Office Tower 150 S. Los Robles Ave., Suite 450. Although some staff is currently working at the new location, the studios will not be open for at least three months. Stokstad said a ribbon cutting ceremony will mark the opening.

For more information and/or updates visit [pasadenamedia.org](http://pasadenamedia.org).



Hen's Teeth Studios

Schiff Calls on Obama to  
Recognize Genocide

Adam Schiff, called on President Barack Obama Wednesday to recognize the Armenian Genocide on April 24th. Each year, Obama has issued a statement marking the anniversary of the start of first genocide of the 20th Century, but has consistently failed to properly refer to this campaign of killing as "genocide."

Caltech Interim  
President Begins July



The Caltech Board of Trustees unanimously agreed late last month to appoint Edward Stolper to the role of interim president, effective July 1, 2013. He will assume the post from Jean-Lou Chameau, whose last day as president of Caltech will be June 30, 2013.

Over the past few weeks, the presidential search and selection committees have initiated the process of defining the qualities and range of experience that we will be looking for in the Institute's next leader. "Our priority is to find the best next president for Caltech, and also to ensure that the Institute remains vital and growing during this transition."

"Ed has been an outstanding provost and partner during

my tenure at Caltech," said President Chameau. "I have learned a lot from him and am delighted that he will be leading the Institute as interim president."

"I am humbled and honored to be asked to serve in this interim role," said Stolper. "Caltech is in a very strong position thanks to Jean-Lou's six years of dedicated leadership of the Institute, and I am committed to continuing its progress and momentum."

"On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to express our gratitude to Jean-Lou for his excellent service to Caltech and to Ed for agreeing to take on this responsibility. We are confident that naming Ed to the interim post will ensure the continued excellence of the Institute until the search committees have had the chance to find and name the next permanent president of Caltech. As you know, Jean-Lou is fully engaged in the life and leadership of the Institute and will remain so until his final day at Caltech. Over the next few months, we will have a variety of celebrations to mark Jean-Lou's great contributions to the Institute and to thank him for being a vibrant part of our community for these many years."

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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memberships are available in our citizen journalism and digital film groups. Call the office (626) 794-8585 or go to [PASADENAMEDIA.ORG](http://PASADENAMEDIA.ORG) explore all that Pasadena Media has to offer.

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<b>Producers' Training</b>	2nd & 4th Monday
<b>Camera</b>	1st & 3rd Tuesday
<b>Character Generator</b>	2nd & 4th Tuesday
<b>Lighting</b>	1st & 3rd Wednesday
<b>Audio</b>	2nd & 4th Wednesday
<b>Video Tape Operator</b>	1st & 3rd Thursday
<b>Technical Director</b>	2nd & 4th Thursday
<b>Stage Manager</b>	1st & 3rd Friday
<b>Teleprompter</b>	2nd & 4th Friday
<b>Citizen Journalism</b>	Every Tuesday
<b>Digital Film Group</b>	Every Thursday



## ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FORECASTS GROWTH IN THE REGION

### *San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership to host Economic Outlook event*

IRWINDALE, CA - What business sectors are growing? How will the changing demographics and generational forecasts shape the future of the San Gabriel Valley? Find out how to position your business in today's economy. Adding to this year's report is the economic impact on nonprofit sector in the region.

The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership will host its annual Economic Outlook event on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 from 8:00 - 10:30 a.m. at the Pacific Palms Hotel & Conference Center in the City of Industry.

The Economic Outlook will include the following in depth presentations:

- The Surprising New Demographic Future for Los Angeles County - Dowell Myers, Ph.D., USC Sol Price School of Public Policy
- Economic Forecast Update - LA County and San Gabriel Valley - Robert Kleinhenz, Ph.D., Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation

"Each year the San Gabriel Valley economic forecast report offers business and community leaders a perspective on both the past and the future of our local economy," said Cynthia Kurtz, president and CEO of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership. "This information is essential in making good business and investment decisions."

Dowell Myers, Ph.D. is a professor of policy, planning, and demography in the Sol Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California, where he also directs the PopDynamics Research Group. Grounded in demography and future-oriented urban planning, he specializes in temporal models for better understanding urban change. Through the PopDynamics Research Group, Myers publishes three to four major reports each year on newly emerging issues in California. Myers also sits on several editorial boards and has published recent scholarly articles in Boom: A Journal of California, the Journal of the American Planning Association, Demography, Social Science and Medicine, International Migration Review, and Urban Studies. His public

essays in recent years have appeared in the New York Times, the Sacramento Bee, the Los Angeles Times, and Zocalo Public Square.

Robert A. Kleinhenz, Ph.D. is Chief Economist of the Kyser Center for Economic Research at the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, which conducts research on the regional, state, and national economies. Prior to joining the LAEDC, he served as Deputy Chief Economist at the California Association of REALTORS® and taught economics for over 15 years, most recently at California State University, Fullerton. Dr. Kleinhenz has spoken to local, state, and national audiences and is a frequent contributor to media coverage on the economy, including coverage in news outlets throughout California along with the Wall Street Journal, CNBC, Bloomberg News, and NPR. Registration is \$85 for SGVEP members, \$95 for the General Public and day of event registrants and \$30 for Students.

About the Economic Outlook Breakfast

The Economic Outlook Breakfast provides business and community leaders a competitive edge by offering a detailed economic forecast report and presentation to gauge current and future economic trends on the local, regional, and state economies.

About the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership

The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership is a regional, not-for-profit corporation supported and directed by its members and committed to the continued successful economic development of the San Gabriel Valley. A collaboration of businesses, local government, higher education institutions, and non-profits, the Partnership pursues this commitment by fostering the success of business, engaging in public policy, marketing the San Gabriel Valley and connecting people, companies, and organizations in the San Gabriel Valley. For more information, contact the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership at (626) 856-3400 or visit [www.valleyconnect.com](http://www.valleyconnect.com).



## THE BOOK OF ELI 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](http://www.ChristopherNyerges.com).]

"The Book of Eli" was one of my favorite "end of the world as we know it" movies. It didn't hurt to have Denzel Washington as the star, a role which he played excellently.

The movie is set in the future, and we see a treeless, pock-marked landscape without the millions of people who are present today. The world is sparsely populated, most people apparently killed off by some event, probably nuclear.

Denzel possesses a Bible, and his self-appointed task is to get his book to a safe place somewhere on the west coast.

In this version of the future, people have learned to survive by trading – money as we know it today has no value. There is no longer any formal "law enforcement," just various random thugs, and thugs who work for a big thug. There is no infrastructure, no fire department, no grocery stores, no electricity. We see no farms where either plants or animals are raised. In fact, we hardly see any plants or trees at all – maybe the soil is spoiled from the results of some future warfare.

And we get hints that some have reverted to cannibalism. Violence and depravity are the norm.

A strong thug is the leader of what may one day become a town. This thug wants to find a Bible so that he may use it to exert power over other people. When he learns that Denzel might have a Bible, the basic plot and drama of the movie become clear.

In some ways, this movie shows a harsh view of the future, presented in such a way that you believe it could be possible.

The setting is not so far-fetched and the story of Denzel and what he does makes this somewhat of a secular Savior story, including the notion that he may return again, in some form.

The harshness of the world made me realize that I'd never want to live in such a bleak world. Thus, watching this movie made me want to fight even harder to protect all that I believe is good and right in our world.

And besides the entertainment value, and besides the "big picture" message, there were some excellent teaching moments where each of us could learn a few things.

For example, everyone traded. In this harsh world, piece of paper had no meaning, and certainly no value. If you wanted or needed something, you had to barter with material goods or services that the other person needed or wanted. Very basic, to the point. And how many of us realize that general commerce in today's society cannot continue without the electricity that powers our machines? And what about the electronic transfers of "money" from place to place, and our reliance on the credit card? Most of our modern societies are constantly in a state of near-emergency, but we barely realize it. Learning to barter is a step in the right direction.

There was another scene in the movie where a young woman was asking Denzel what it was like before "the event." Denzel thoughtfully responded that the people back then – us, today – had far more than they needed. Indeed! So many of us lust after more and more physical stuff to fill our lives, and it never seems to bring happiness. We then toss the objects into the landfills as we seek other material objects to give us happiness and give our lives meaning. How many Americans are aware of the fact that even the very poorest amongst us live lives that are far better than millions of people in third world conditions?

Yes, "Book of Eli" is an excellent movie on many levels. You can rent or buy the DVD and enjoy it with your family, followed by a lively discussion of what it all means.

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## FREE PUBLIC FORUM ON CHARTER SCHOOLS

*May 2, 2013*

The League of Women Voters Pasadena Area is presenting a free public forum May 2 on the controversial topic of charter schools. It will be from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Women's City Club, 160 N. Oakland Ave., Pasadena.

Titled "What We Can Learn from Charter Schools," the forum will address issues surrounding the charter school movement, which began 20 years ago and is a growing sector of public education. California alone has about 1,000 charter schools serving 360,000 children. Pasadena has six with approximately 1,400 K-12 students.

Critics claim charters siphon funds from regular public schools because they are publicly funded but operate independently of local school districts. On the other hand, advocates contend that, freed from local restrictions, charter schools can experiment and innovate to develop successful education models for all public schools.

The forum will address these issues from different perspectives and answer commonly asked questions. One is whether charter schools have met the goal of improving student performance and led to better educational practices for all children in public school. Another is whether gains for charters are losses for traditional public schools. Do charters provide better educational opportunities with comparable amounts of money? What about the question of equity?

Erick Premack, founder and director of the Charter Schools Development Center in Sacramento, will lead off the program with a short history of the charter school movement. A panel discussion follows.

Panelists include Lauren O'Neill, the head of Odyssey Charter School in Pasadena; David Tokofsky, a former school board member of the Los Angeles Unified School District, which houses more charter schools than any other in California; and Judy Higelin, a Los Angeles County Office of Education supervisor of charter schools. Premack will also be a part of the panel. A lively question and answer period will follow.

Lunch is available for \$20, including tax, tip and free parking. The program is free. For information and lunch reservations, call 626-798-0965.

# Looking Up

with Bob Eklund



## A GHOSTLY GREEN BUBBLE IN SPACE

This intriguing new picture from ESO's Very Large Telescope shows the glowing green planetary nebula IC 1295 surrounding a dim and dying star located about 3,300 light-years away in the constellation of Scutum (the Shield). This is the most detailed picture of this object ever taken.

Stars the size of the Sun end their lives as tiny, faint, and extremely dense white dwarf stars. But as these stars make the final transition into retirement their atmospheres are blown away into space. For a few tens of thousands of years they are surrounded by the spectacular and colorful glowing clouds of ionized gas known as planetary nebulae.

This new image from the VLT shows the planetary nebula IC 1295, which lies in the constellation of Scutum (The Shield). It has the unusual feature of being surrounded by multiple shells that make it resemble a micro-organism seen under a microscope, with many layers corresponding to the membranes of a cell.

These bubbles are made of gas that used to be the star's atmosphere. This gas has been expelled by unstable fusion reactions in the star's core that generated sudden releases of energy, like huge thermonuclear belches. The gas is bathed in strong ultraviolet radiation from the aging star, which makes the gas glow. Different chemical elements glow with different colors and the ghostly green shade that is prominent in IC 1295 comes from ionized oxygen.

At the center of the image, you can see the burnt-out remnant of the star's core as a bright blue-white spot at the heart of the nebula. The central star will become a very faint "white dwarf" and slowly cool down over many billions of years.

Stars with masses like the Sun, and up to eight times that of the Sun, will form planetary nebulae as they enter the final phase of their existence. The Sun is 4.6 billion years old and it will likely live another four billion years.

Despite the name, planetary nebulae have nothing to do with planets. This descriptive term was applied to some early discoveries



*This intriguing new picture from ESO's Very Large Telescope shows the glowing green planetary nebula IC 1295 surrounding a dim and dying star located about 3300 light-years away in the constellation of Scutum (The Shield). This is the most detailed picture of this object ever taken.*

because of the visual similarity of these unusual objects to the outer planets Uranus and Neptune, when viewed through early telescopes, and it has been catchy enough to survive. But even early observers such as William Herschel, who discovered not only Uranus but also many planetary nebulae, knew that these nebulae weren't actually planets orbiting the Sun, as they did not move relative to the surrounding stars.

These objects were shown to be glowing gas by early spectroscopic observations in the nineteenth century.

This image was captured by ESO's Very Large Telescope, located on Cerro Paranal in the Atacama Desert of northern Chile, using the FORS instrument (FOcal Reducer Spectrograph). Exposures taken through three different filters that passed blue light (colored blue), visible light (colored green), and red light (colored red) have been combined to make this picture.

ESO is the foremost intergovernmental astronomy organization in Europe. It is supported by 15 countries: Austria, Belgium, Brazil, the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Finland, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

ESO operates three observing sites in Chile: La Silla, Paranal and Chajnantor. At Paranal, it operates the Very Large Telescope, the world's most advanced visible-light astronomical observatory, as well as two survey telescopes. ESO is currently planning the 39-meter European Extremely Large optical/near-infrared Telescope, the E-ELT, which will become "the world's biggest eye on the sky."

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# ARCADIA

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## A GOOD DAY IN ARCADIA

By Joan Schmidt

This past Tuesday was an exciting day in Arcadia as two special events occurred. The first was the dedication of the larger than life bronze statue of Elias “Lucky Baldwin” at the Monsignor Gerald M. O’Keefe Rose Garden at the corner of Huntington Drive/Campus Rd/Holly Avenue, Arcadia. The nine-foot-high statue is titled “A Dawn in the West” and its location is ideal, as Baldwin overlooks the developed City and behind him are the mountains.

The artist is Alfred Paredes who graduated from the Laguna College of Art and Design in 1998. His dedication to revealing the nature of his subjects has won him several sculpture awards including the 2010 Roger T. Williams prize by the National Sculpture Society. During the program, I had the pleasure of standing next to Alfred’s mother and she just beamed with pride throughout the festivities.

Mayor Harbicht began by calling Baldwin, “truly a visionary who recognized potential in this area...a true California pioneer.”

Mayor Harbicht also spoke of the great generosity of Baldwin’s two great, great, great granddaughters, Heather Gibson and Margaux Gibson-Viera, who made the gift of the statue to the city. The City obtained funding for the pedestal and dedication plaque.

The next speaker was City Clerk Gene Glasco, also a member of the Historical Society, who gave more background about Baldwin’s life.

The last speaker was the artist, Alfred Paredes who thanked Margaux Gibson-Viera and Heather Gibson for the statue, and the City of Arcadia for the opportunity to be part of the tribute to its founder.

The time for unveiling came and as it was done, all spectators were in awe of the majestic statue. A reception followed in the area outside the Chamber of Commerce.

Barely two hours later, it was time for a reception and Reorganization of the Arcadia City Council. At the City Council meeting, the first item of business was presentations to outgoing Mayor Bob Harbicht. They included Tommy Tseng for Congresswoman Judy Chu, Iso Nakasato for Senator Ed Hernandez, Olivia Lee for Assembly

Member Ed Chau, Brian Mejia for Supervisor Mike Antonovich, Joann Steinmeier and Dr. Joel Shawn for the Arcadia Unified School District, Arlynn Robinson for the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce, Eric Barter for the Arcadia Rotary Club, Joanna Liang for the Arcadia Chinese Association, and Mayor Pro tem Mickey Segal on behalf of the City of Arcadia. The accolades were many and all included mention of Harbicht’s nineteen years of service to the City of Arcadia, his involvement and support of Scouts and the Rotary Club.

After the accolades, outgoing Mayor Harbicht spoke of his goal to keep the city as great as it was when he first took office, and he has accomplished that feat. As Mayor, he has worked with the New City Manager Dominic Lazzaretto and said what a great job he has done. Harbicht also thanked the fellow Council Members, the great City Staff, Mary, Lisa, Connie and Kristen, and of course his wife Patsy.

Next it was time for the City Clerk, Gene Glasco to call for election of the Mayor and the unanimous choice was Mickey Segal. Mayor Segal then called for the election of Mayor Pro Tem and John Wu was chosen.

The newly-chosen Mayor and Council then spoke; each had praise for Harbicht, spoke of their great City and their pleasure working on the Council. They also thanked their wives and family for their understanding when commitments take them from home.

After the comments from the City Council, it was time for “public comments”. All three speakers spoke of the proposed work on the Chandelier Room at Santa Anita Park. There was great concern about renovation of the room and removal of the chandeliers and gold palms... “they should be left according to historical standards.”

The Consent Calendar was approved; Council adjourned, and thus ended a great day for Arcadia.



Bob Bane

ing, and assists staff by photocopying forms and flyers for Community Center operations. Bob has provided extensive volunteer service to the Senior Friendship Club by serving as the Treasurer the past two years and has successfully worked with the IRS and Franchise Tax Board to consolidate the club financial records to meet the requirements of both Federal and State financial agencies. In addition to the financial responsibilities, Bob has assumed the duties of Co-tour chairman for the club. In this capacity, he helps to plan trips for the members, collect money, pay bills and market the excursions through the City newsletter and club correspondence. Bob and his wife Shirley live in the City of Arcadia and are both committed to giving back to the community through volunteerism.

## Arcadia Police Blotter

*For the period of Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, through Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, the Police Department responded to 1,159 calls for service of which 125 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.*

Sunday, April 7:

1. Around 11:21 a.m., a victim was walking through the parking lot of Bowling Square, 1020 South Baldwin Avenue, when an unknown male suspect grabbed her by the shoulders and proceeded to kiss her three times and grab her breasts. The victim ran away and contacted police. Officers conducted an area check for the suspect, but were unable to locate him. The suspect is described as an Asian male in his seventies, approximately 5’4” tall, 140 lbs., wearing a white t-shirt, dark colored jacket and pants, grey and white shoes, and a blue “Harrah’s Rincon” hat.

2. At about 1:43 p.m., an officer responded to CVS, 188 Las Tunas Drive, to conduct follow-up on a previous case. Upon arrival, a sales associate informed the officer that a juvenile was shoplifting inside the store. The officer made contact with the suspect who had concealed a pack of beer behind his skateboard. Video surveillance revealed the suspect had also stolen beer from the store earlier in the day. The 16-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, April 8:

3. At approximately 10:25 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 2000 block of Canyon Road in regards to a bear in the area. The bear walked through several yards and rummaged through residents’ trash cans. In attempt to only scare the bear away and back into the wilderness, the officer shot the bear with a bean bag after it did not respond to the sound of an air horn. The maneuver sent the bear running back into the mountains and no one was harmed.

4. Shortly after 6:00 p.m., an officer responded to the parking lot of 99 Ranch Market, 1300 South Golden West Avenue, in reference to a robbery report. As the victim walked back to her vehicle, an unknown female suspect approached her from behind and grabbed her wallet out of her hand. The victim attempted to chase the suspect; however, she fell to the ground and the suspect fled in an awaiting vehicle. The suspect is described as Hispanic, approximately 30-years-old, 5’4” tall, 160 lbs., wearing dark colored clothing. The driver of the unidentified suspect vehicle is described as a Hispanic male, approximately 30-years-old, with no facial hair.

Tuesday, April 9:

5. Around 6:08 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for making an illegal left turn out of the Santa Anita Inn parking lot, 130 West Huntington Drive. An investigation revealed the 35-year-old White male driver had three outstanding warrants and a suspended license; and the 23-year-old Hispanic female passenger was under the influence of a controlled substance. The suspects were also in possession of multiple fraudulent credit cards and a counterfeit driver’s license. They were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

6. At roughly 6:14 p.m., officers responded to Camino Grove Elementary, 700 Camino Grove Avenue, in regards to three juveniles trespassing on the roof of the location. An investigation revealed one of the juveniles was in possession of an aerosol paint can and had spray-painted graffiti throughout the campus. The 13-year-old Hispanic male was arrested, transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking, and later released to his parent.

Wednesday, April 10:

7. At about 2:36 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for an unreadable license plate in the area of Santa Anita Avenue and Live Oak Avenue. A vehicle search revealed the 31-year-old Hispanic male driver was in possession of a small bat that had been altered into a billy club type weapon. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

8. Shortly before 8:20 p.m., an officer was dispatched to an injury rear-end traffic collision on northbound Sunset Boulevard, at Portola Drive. The 29-year-old Hispanic male suspect explained the vehicle in front of him stopped suddenly and he was unable to stop in time. The driver he hit was transported to Arcadia Methodist Hospital for head and neck pain. An investigation revealed the suspect was under the influence with a blood alcohol content greater than 0.08%. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Thursday, April 11:

9. At approximately 3:21 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 1500 block of South Third Avenue in regards to a residential burglary report. Unknown suspect(s) forced entry through a window, ransacked the location, and fled out the front door with a laptop and cash. The total loss was unknown at the time of the report and no evidence was located.

10. Around 7:55 p.m., an officer was dispatched to an apartment building in the 900 block of Arcadia Avenue in reference to a missing juvenile. Patrol units and airship support searched for the 4-year-old girl who had left her residence through an unlocked screen door. Shortly after, a good samaritan located the juvenile sitting alone on the northwest corner of Golden West Avenue and Duarte Road. An investigation revealed the juvenile became angry with her mother and wandered away in an attempt to visit a nearby park. Both subjects were counseled and no signs of foul play were observed.

Saturday, April 13:

11. At approximately 6:35 p.m., officers responded to Nordstrom at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in reference to a burglary investigation. Video surveillance revealed three incidents wherein a Hispanic female suspect removed security sensors from several Michael Kors watches, concealed them inside her purse, and exited the store without making payment. An inventory check revealed 27 watches were missing, worth approximately \$7,220. The suspect’s identity is known and further investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.

## 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](mailto:hreporter@aol.com) / cell: 626-485-8783

Web site: <http://www.arcadahistoricalsociety.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.ci.arcadia.ca.us](http://www.ci.arcadia.ca.us).

## SANTA ANITA BRIDGE GROUNDBREAKING

*From Arcadia’s Best*

“ *B r a c e yourselves!*”

That was the

warning by

Habib Balian,

CEO of the

Metro Gold Line

Foothill Extension

Construction

Authority at a

groundbreaking

ceremony

Friday morning

with the City of

Arcadia for the

third of four

bridges being

built in Arcadia,

this one over

Santa Anita

Avenue.

The rise in the

street to meet

the railroad tracks

near Fasching’s

Car Wash and

Goldstein’s Bagel

Bakery will be

removed to allow

for the bridge,

meaning the road

will need to be

lowered six feet,

which is a significant

undertaking.

Construction of

the \$12.5 million

structure will

begin around May

1, or as soon as

work is complete

on the new replacement

bridge a few yards

away over Colorado

Bldv near Newcastle

Park.

Work on the Santa

Anita bridge will

result in the closing

of one lane in each

direction for four

months and some

full closures overnight,

as well as three

additional months

of construction

during which both

lanes in each direction

will be open but

still with some

traffic impacts,

Balian cautioned.

La Porte Street

off Santa Anita

Ave to the east

and near the

tracks will be

closed, according

to Arcadia police.

The first Gold

Line extension

bridge over the

210 freeway was

completed in

December. The

fourth two-track

bridge to begin

construction

this fall will

replace the one-

track structure

over Huntington

Drive at Second

Avenue. Meanwhile,

preliminary work

has already begun

on the Arcadia

train station and

two-level parking

garage on the

northwest corner

of the intersection

at First Avenue

and Santa Clara

Street.

Mayor Bob

Harbicht noted

with pride that

Arcadia is the

only city building

a bridge to avoid

a street crossing

along the new

11.5 mile extension

of the track to

Azusa, which is

to be ready by

late 2015 and

probably opened

in early 2016.

Street-level

crossings in

Pasadena and

other cities

result in traffic

being stopped

for several

minutes at a



time every five minutes or so during rush hour and peak periods.

Harbicht and City Councilman Gary Kovacic said the residents of Arcadia stepped up in 2006 to overwhelmingly approve an \$8 million bond issue to supplement a commitment of \$5 mil. in city funds to build the \$13 mil. bridge. Nearly 72% of voters approved the Measure A ballot measure in the pre-recession days.

Seven years later, rather than an increase in the cost of the project, which is typical when so many years pass, the bridge is now expected to cost about \$12.5 mil.

Police say that detours and closures will be posted on Santa Anita Ave during construction. Local businesses will remain open and accessible. The bridge project is projected in phases with this first phase of construction being May-August 2013. The Gold Line intends to open all lanes and stop most construction during the Breeders’ Cup races Nov. 1-2, and hopefully for the entire Autumn race meet at nearby Santa Anita Park beginning in late September through early November.

Police recommend that if you commute via Santa Anita Ave that you please consider using an alternate north-south roadway during construction to avoid delays and detours.

For more information, visit [www.foothillextension.org](http://www.foothillextension.org), call the hotline at 626-324-7098. There is also a Public Information Office located at 400 N. Santa Anita Avenue, Suite 101-B, Arcadia, open Monday and Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

– By Scott Hettrick



# MONROVIA - DUARTE

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## MONROVIA TO HOST FOUNTAIN TO THE FALLS RACE, HEALTH & FITNESS EXPO ON MAY 18

*Expo to feature free Zumba in the Street and Body Vibe in the Park taught by YMCA*



**MONROVIA** – Calling all runners, walkers and lovers of fitness: Registration is open for the Third Annual 7 Mile Fountain to the Falls Walk/Run at 7 a.m. on May 18. This is an out and back course beginning at the Fountain in Library Park to the Water Fall in Canyon Park and back.

Can't do the run? You can still join the fun by enjoying the activities at the **Health and Fitness Expo**, sponsored by the City of Monrovia, the Santa Anita Family YMCA, and **Assemblyman Chris Holden** – who will also be participating in the race. The Expo will be open from 6 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Library Park, 321 S. Myrtle Avenue.

The Expo will feature a free “Zumba in the Street” on Myrtle Avenue at 7:05 a.m., just minutes after the racers depart for their run/walk, with another free group exercise scheduled in Library Park at 10:30 a.m. Both classes will be taught by YMCA instructors.

Other activities and events at the Expo include giveaways, healthy cooking demonstrations, health screenings and massages from vendors such as Crossfit Monrovia, Movement Unlimited Fitness Center, New Liberty Nutrition, Pacific Transportation Federal Credit Union, Spa Xylem, Snail's Pace, Santa Anita Family YMCA, the Monrovia Old Town Advisory Board, Walgreen's, Balance Chiropractic, Hala Skin and Body, and more.

The Awards ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m.

### About the Race

First through third place awards will be given for each age category. The race is limited to 400 participants and advance registration is required. No race day registration will be accepted.

The \$35 entry fee per person (registration fee is added to each entry) includes a t-shirt. Registration will only be accepted on-line only through [www.active.com](http://www.active.com). No late starts or unregistered participants will be permitted. Participants are required to present identification at race check-in. Registration is being accepted through Thursday, May 16, or until filled. For additional information, please contact the Department of Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

### About the Health & Fitness Expo

Openings are still available to health and fitness related businesses wishing to have a booth at the Expo. Please call Jennifer McLain at 626-303-6601, email her at [jmclain@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:jmclain@ci.monrovia.ca.us) for more information, or visit [www.cityofmonrovia.org](http://www.cityofmonrovia.org). Deadline is May 1.

## Monrovia Police Blotter

### Highlighted Activity for the Weekdays of April 15-17, 2013

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 414 service events, resulting in 84 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.

### Residential Burglary

April 15 at 2:46 p.m., a residential burglary was reported in the 800 block of South Mayflower. The resident left her residence at 7:30 a.m. and returned home at 2:46 p.m. to discover the front door wide open. A rear window was smashed and property was taken. The investigation is continuing.

### Violation of Court Order - Suspect Arrested

April 17 at 5:11 p.m., a known subject with a restraining order that prevents him from loitering at Library Park was observed in the park by an officer on patrol. He was detained; the restraining order was confirmed, and he was arrested for the violation.

### Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - Suspect Arrested

April 17 at 11:23 p.m., an officer contacted a suspicious subject in the area of Montana and Primrose. The subject consented to a search of his person, and during the search, the officer located a syringe in his possession. He was arrested and cited out in the field for possession of drug paraphernalia.

### Tip of the Week

Homeland Security "If you see something, Say Something" Campaign

In light of the tragic event that occurred in Boston this week, the Monrovia Police Department would like to make our community aware of how they can report suspicious activity. Following is information on "If you see something, say something," a homeland security awareness campaign on how to recognize, and the importance of reporting, suspicious activity to local law enforcement: The nationwide "If You See Something, Say Something™" public awareness campaign - is a simple and effective program to raise public awareness of indicators of terrorism and terrorism-related crime, and to emphasize the importance of reporting suspicious activity to the proper local law enforcement authorities. For information on the program, click on Homeland Security.

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**SAY**  
something™

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**Report suspicious activity**  
to local law enforcement or  
call 9-1-1 in case of emergency.

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### What's on YOUR Mind?



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## DUARTE STUDENTS ATTEND ANNUAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY IN RICHMOND VIRGINIA

By Joan Schmidt

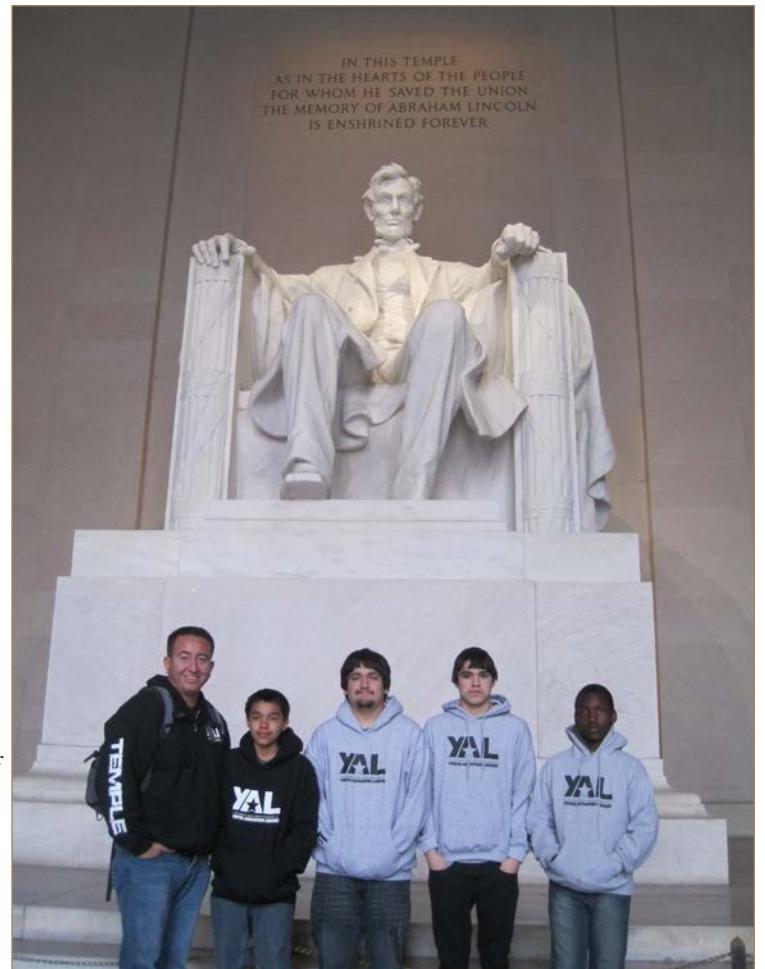
While my husband and I were back East on a eleven day trip through Philly, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts, four young men from Duarte were in Virginia on their own special trip. Deputy Art Valenzuela, briefed me on their exciting learning experience. The Temple Station Youth Athletic League took four local Duarte youth to the National Police Activities League annual Youth Leadership Academy held this year in Richmond, Virginia.

The four attendees included Kentrell Davis and Isaiah Aceves from Northview Intermediate School and Isaac and Angel Diaz De Leon from Duarte High School. (Pictured right in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.)

The group flew to Richmond arriving Thursday morning and immediately drove to Washington D.C. where they visited the White House, U.S. Capitol, Lincoln and Washington Memorials. On Friday morning, they drove to Mt. Vernon to see the home of the Father of our country, Commander-in-Chief during the American Revolution and first President, George Washington. On Friday evening and Saturday the young men attended the Youth Leadership Academy where they had the unique opportunity to network with youth across the nation gaining hands-on experience in leadership and character development. Sunday was the closing ceremony and then the group returned home.

The goal of this program is to motivate youth by teaching them leadership skills that they can bring back to their communities to effect positive change.

This experience was free to all the youth because of the generosity of the National Police Activities League and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Youth Activities League. ([sheriffsyouthfoundation.org](http://sheriffsyouthfoundation.org))



## DUARTE TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING APRIL 22 ON PROPOSED PLANS FOR TRANSIT VILLAGE AROUND FUTURE GOLD LINE STATION

**DUARTE, CA** - A public meeting has been set for Monday, April 22 to discuss and begin the public review process on proposed plans for the City of Duarte's Gold Line Station Specific Plan. The meeting will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Dr.

For Duarte, as in other cities along the light rail line, the coming METRO Gold Line train station presents a potential opportunity to transform the area immediately adjacent to the station into a new economic stimulus for the City. It also provides owners of properties in the Specific Plan area the potential to increase the value of their property through conversion to the new “Transit Village” land uses proposed. The City's environmental consultants will evaluate one potential implementation under the Specific Plan's draft Master Land Use Plan for up to 475 residences, 250 hotel rooms, 400,000 square feet of office space and 12,000 square feet of retail space.

The review process for the Duarte Station Specific Plan will guide future development. This first step in the process, formally referred to as a Scoping Meeting, is to give all interested parties an opportunity to raise questions and express concerns about the Specific Plan at the beginning of the environmental review process so that the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) can address those issues.

The area included in the Specific Plan is 19.08 acres in size and is currently the location of three industrial manufacturing buildings. A residential neighborhood is to the west, a business park to the east, the 210 Freeway and Duarte High School to the north, and the METRO rail line, City of Hope and an Army Corps of Engineers basin to the south.

The City invites comments at the meeting or in correspondence on any of the areas where possible environmental impacts may occur. The Initial Study identified the following environmental areas where significant impacts may occur: aesthetics, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, noise, population and housing, public service and utilities, transportation and traffic. The initial study also determined that there would be no impact or a less than significant impact on agriculture and forestry resources, geology and soils, biological resources, mineral resources and cultural resources.

Next steps in the review process will be the preparation and release of a draft EIR followed by a 45-day comment period when residents and other interested parties can study the document and submit their comments. A public notice will be provided to area property owners when the draft EIR comment period opens. At the end of the comment period, the Duarte Planning Commission will hold a public hearing where members of the public can speak about the proposal.

More information is available on the City's website: [www.accessduarte.com](http://www.accessduarte.com). Interested parties can sign up for email updates on the process. For questions, contact Duarte Senior Planner, Jason Golding at (626) 357-7931 or email: [goldingj@accessduarte.com](mailto:goldingj@accessduarte.com).

The costs associated with the preparation of the Duarte Station Specific Plan and EIR are being funded primarily through a grant from METRO, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

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Newly Elected Board Member  
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Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) District 3 voters elected Tyrone Hampton to serve a four year term on the PUSD Board of Education in the April 16 runoff election, according to unofficial results from the Pasadena City Clerk's office. Hampton, a project manager and former Cleveland Elementary, Washington Middle School and Muir High School student, received 61% of the vote in District 3 which includes northwest Pasadena.

The April 16 election results will be declared official at the PUSD Board Organizational Meeting on May 6 when Hampton and re-elected board members Scott Phelps, Kimberly Kenne and Elizabeth Pomeroy will be sworn in and the board will elect its officers for the year.

The PUSD Board of Education is accepting applications to fill Seat 4, which will be vacated by Board Member Kimberly Kenne on May 6. Kenne won the election for the new geographic sub-district Seat 5 in March. To qualify for an appointment to the PUSD Board of Education, applicants must be at least 18 years of age, registered to vote at an address within the boundaries of PUSD, complete an application available online at [www.pusd.us](http://www.pusd.us) or at district headquarters and submit a resume. Applicants may reside anywhere within the boundaries of PUSD. Visit [gopusd.com/locator](http://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.

The application and resume must be received by 5 p.m. on May 10, 2013 and can be mailed or delivered to:

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## GIDLEY SCHOOL TEACHER RECEIVES SCHOOL GRANT FROM CALRTA #71



Patricia Fletcher (left), Gidley School seventh-grade art teacher and Committee Chairperson Patti Hahn  
Photo By: Esther Morris

The California Retired Teachers' Association #71 (CalRTA-SGV) was pleased to award a school grant to Patricia Fletcher, 7<sup>th</sup> grade math/art teacher, at Gidley School in the El Monte City School District. Principal Jaime Ortega cordially welcomed the CalRTA #71 School Grant Committee to the school's faculty meeting.

Ms. Fletcher had requested art supplies and also needs for students to make baskets patterned after those of native Indians of California. In her request for these classroom materials, she had told of her appreciation for the handiwork of our state's native predecessors and said that she wanted to pass along her appreciation and learning to her students. CalRTA #71 School Grant Committee Chairperson Patti Hahn awarded Ms. Fletcher a grant to help in the purchase of these classroom supplies. Other CalRTA #71 members present were Barbara Gera, John Gera, and Esther Morris.

CalRTA #71 has allocated an annual amount for school grants as a means of helping teachers to meet their classroom needs and also as a way of acquainting future retirees with the organization. Membership in CalRTA, a state organization, is open to all retired teachers as well as to any others interested in joining. For membership information, please contact Marietta Watkins at (323) 2358-9615 or Patricia Dietrich at (626) 446-8437.

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## ALVERNO HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS GODSPELL

The show will run April 25 and 26 at the Lanterman Theater in La Cañada

Sierra Madre, CA – Alverno High School is proud to present Stephen Schwartz and John-Michael Tebelak's *Godspell* on April 25 and 26 at 7:00 p.m. the Lanterman Theater in La Cañada.

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The ensemble of *Godspell* includes Alverno freshmen Emma Andres, Aja Gerardo, and Jackie Hischier; sophomore Jackie Molina; juniors Reagan Dowd, Madison Mennie, and Cassie Shima; and seniors Lindsay Fisher, Tracey Janzen, PJ Lakatos (St. Francis High School) and Lauren Moore-Sanchez.

The main cast of *Godspell* includes Micah Sanders as Jesus, Nicolas Hammond as Judas, and Toby Bradford (Marshall High School) as John. Alverno seniors Alessia Paciulli and Ariana Shafai along with freshmen Amy Aghajanian, Cynthia Lee, and Ciara Madigan star as lost "hipsters" learning life lessons from Sanders' Jesus.

Presale tickets to *Godspell* may be purchased from the Alverno office for \$12 and for \$15 at the door at the Lanterman Theatre.

Alverno High School is located at 200 North Michillinda Avenue in Sierra Madre and the Lanterman Theater is located at 4491 Cornishon Avenue, La Cañada Flintridge.

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## THE REEL DEAL: SCARY MOVIE 5

by Ben Show



After seeing the other movies in the 'Scary Movie' franchise, I was excited there was another one coming out. Whether you see the horror movies they spoof or not, you're guaranteed to be laughing like crazy.

Taking most of its story elements from 'Paranormal Activity', 'Evil Dead', 'Black Swan', 'Mama', and 'Rise of the Planet of the Apes', the movie focuses around the couple Dan (Simon Rex) and Jody (Ashley Tisdale). After taking in three children from Dan's dead brother, mysterious, and hilarious, events begin to occur, seeming to circle around the family.

Being a horror movie fan myself, I appreciated how intact some of the plots were. There are plenty of funny scenes that will keep you entertained for the whole hour and a half. However, it is not one of the best movies ever and would only recommend it to someone who had some time to kill on the weekend or needed a movie to see with a friend.



## TIPPING ANOTHER VIEW

My dearly departed pappy Elmer Dills would tell me, don't argue sex, politics and or religion, I must add tipping to the list. I have used this topic many times on my radio show, Dining with Dills on KABC Radio to get the phones buzzing. Just got back from Santa Barbara and had a very interesting situation on the subject.

The owner of the restaurant we were at was kind enough to act as our server as his bar was very busy. The bottle of wine we ordered was \$50. Now, my question is do you tip the *owner* of the restaurant? In this case we did because it was my feeling he was going to pass it along to the help.

(A couple of notes from my dad's tipping guide. Let's call them my father's rule of thumb was 10% for a buffet and couple of extra dollars to the busboy and never tip the full amount on an expensive bottle of wine, he thought was it takes up the same amount of energy to open a \$25 bottle of wine that of a \$200 bottle of wine. Makes sense to me.)

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills  
*thechefknows@yahoo.com*

What made me scratch my head is a recent posting by what seems to be a very capable blogger - *that is someone that posts on the Internet*. This was a list of nine recommendations to us uninformed diners on how to tip in the year 2013. *Note: It might be a little biased coming from a person that works for tips.*

Going through the list I agreed with the concept, \$1 per drink at the bar as the tip, if you are using a coupon or getting part or whole of your meal comped, you should tip on what the amount should be, agree and agreed, but here is where the scratching took place.

*"Times have changed, (ok I am with you), and a 15 % tip is now should be considered a bad tip,*

I am reading this as if you received bad service please tip 15 % or that your server gave great service and 15% is an insult.

The reasoning continues to say that with the cost of living going up, that to be a server that 15% doesn't cut it anymore. Here is my argument against that thought process. As a professional person such as a waiter, indeed you will not get a raise from the owner of the restaurant, it is set in stone and is a timeless practice, the job pays minimum wage plus tips. Not the end of story though, many restaurants will pay \$2 more an hour to the "training" waiter or the headwaiter. As your experience grows and you become better, it would make sense that your tips as a percentage would grow accordingly.

Tips... To insure proper service. Here is my rundown and no it hasn't changed in twenty years of reviewing restaurants. Anyone in any country that provides a service should be rewarded.

10% buffet plus \$2 directly to busboy that brought you water and had to clean up after the kids through Jell-O on the ground.

\$1 for each drink at the bar

\$2 for a to go order, as long as they got it right

12% fair service, means they brought you the food and came back with your check

15% Good service brought you your food and drinks and refilled drinks and asked how was it

18% Very Good service all of the above plus asked you if your meal was prepared to your liking

20-25% All of the above, brought items in proper order, waited for you to ask for check, asked if there is a validation needed and please ask for me next time.

One more note... I subtract 5% when the server blames the kitchen for a mistake, got it !!

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## INGREDIENTS

Marie Calendar Deep Dish Pie Shell

6 jalapenos, roasted and seeded (do not remove blistered skin)

1 1/2 cups tightly packed cilantro leaves

1 clove garlic, chopped

3 tablespoons pine nuts

Extra-virgin olive oil

1/4 cup grated Parmigiano-Reggiano

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

1 tablespoon canola oil

1/2 pound Mexican chorizo, casings removed

1 1/2 cups grated fontina cheese

1/4 cup finely grated Cotija cheese

2 to 3 green onions, (dark and pale green part) thinly sliced

2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme leaves

10 large eggs

1 3/4 cups milk

1 3/4 cups heavy cream

4 ounces soft goat cheese, frozen for 10 minutes and cut into 1/2-inch pieces

## DIRECTIONS

Blend the jalapenos, cilantro, garlic, pine nuts and oil to a pesto like consistency. Add the cheese and salt and pepper, to taste, and pulse a few times to distribute the cheese.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Heat the oil in a large saute pan over high heat until it begins to shimmer. Add the chorizo and cook until golden brown. Remove with a slotted spoon to a plate lined with paper towels. Let cool slightly.

Scatter the fontina, Cotija, green onions, chorizo and thyme over the pie shell. Whisk the eggs in a large bowl. Add the milk and cream and whisk until smooth. Pour into the shell and evenly distribute the goat cheese over the top. Bake until the crust is deep golden brown and the center is almost set (still slightly jiggles) but the sides are set, about 40 to 50 minutes. Let sit at room temperature for at least 20 minutes before serving. Cut into wedges and drizzle jalapeno pesto over the top.

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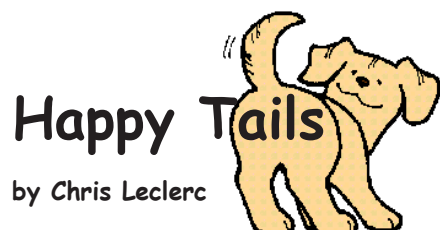
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# JUST FOR BEST FRIENDS



by Chris Leclerc

## EUROPE IS LOOKING GOOD, CRUELTY FREE! IF THEY CAN DO IT, WHY CAN'T WE?

March 11, 2013 marked the end of a long drawn-out and grueling effort on the part of celebrities, corporate and political leaders and supporting citizens in the European Union who refused to give up on doing away with marketing, sales or import of cosmetic products tested on animals. After 2 decades of disappointing delays and having their hands tied up in red tape, avid animal advocates in the EU who understand that lab testing on animals is cruel and unusual, finally celebrated the victory of a full ban. Good to know that there are enough humane humans in those 27 countries who feel strongly enough about the issue to have done what they had to do in order to nip it in the bud, and my thought is, "If Europe can be cruelty free, then why can't we?"

Why manufacturers of cosmetics or any other product for that matter, continue to use animals for lab testing is beyond me. There are equally reliable and less expensive alternative methods available for lab testing these days, and the more forward-thinking companies are getting on board. Pharmagene Laboratories, based in Royston England pioneered the idea of using only human tissue and sophisticated technology in the process of testing and developing their drugs. The scientists at Pharmagene found that the discovery process is way more efficient using tissue from humans versus animals. Even Pharmagene's co-founder, Gordon Baxter says, "If you have information on human genes, what's the point of going back to animals?" (Source: *Pioneers Cut Out Animal Experiments*, Andy Coghlan - New Scientist August 1996). In my opinion, the brutal use of live animals for lab testing any product is crude and archaic, and should be banned fully in every country throughout the globe.

Humane Society International, along with several other animal rights organizations, campaigned feverishly with various concerned individuals to see the EU ban come into force in spite of strong opposition imposed by 'higher-uppers' in the cosmetic industry. The question (at least for me) is, why would those cosmetic corporatists oppose a plan that could save them money and serve them more efficiently, while at the same time promote a cultural philosophy of humane animal treatment? The only answer I could come up with, after reading as many news articles and publications as I could find on the subject, is that the top dogs in the cosmetic industry were grossly misguided by a toxic blend of ignorance and greed.

A little knowledge and understanding can go a long way for those who are humble enough to be taught, but one must take the time to listen and learn. Corporate leaders come in all shapes and sizes, I know, but a truly successful leader is willing to learn from his own mistakes and allow himself to be led by others who might know better! Maybe it all boils down to the proverbial concept that "Pride goeth before the fall", and if so then maybe it's time for more industry leaders to let go of their pride and start looking inside. All I know is that, if I were in the position of leadership where animals were being treated inhumanely, I would not be able to sleep at night or look myself in the mirror in the morning.

Perhaps now that the European Union has set an ethical precedence by converting to cruelty-free testing of cosmetics in 27 countries, the corporate leaders in the USA who are in a similar situation will be prompted to educate themselves on the subject and realize there are far better alternatives to lab testing than the cruel 'dark-ages' practice of using animals. One can only hope!

I am thankful to the celebrities who dedicated so much of their time to take part in the "Be Cruelty-Free" campaign that led to the banning of animal lab testing in the European cosmetic industry. Chrissie Hynde, Paul McCartney, Danielle Alonso, Colbie Caillat, Ke\$ha, Judy Dench, Ricky Gervais, Francia Raisa, Torrey DeVitto, Fiona Gubelman and Joanna Krupa are among the celebrities who were willing to get involved with advocating a more humane global society on behalf of the animals. My heart goes out to all of them. We Americans should be humbled by the European Union's tenacity in standing up for what is right, and we should be inspired to work equally hard at becoming a cruelty-free nation, not only in the cosmetic industry but every industry in the US. We have a lot of work to do, but the EU has proven that when people come together they can accomplish great things!

For more information about the worldwide "Be Cruelty-Free" campaign and how you can get involved, visit this Humane Society International website page: [http://www.hsi.org/issues/becrueltyfree/be\\_cruelty\\_free.html](http://www.hsi.org/issues/becrueltyfree/be_cruelty_free.html)



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To meet Miles 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 Miles, please reference his animal ID number: A4559566. 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 Miles or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at [samanthasayon@gmail.com](mailto:samanthasayon@gmail.com) or 661-309-2674.

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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By Pat Birdsall

RETIREMENT PLANNING RESOURCES FOR WOMEN

Dear Savvy Senior:  
What retirement planning resources can you recommend to women? I'm 58 years old, divorced and living on a tight budget and need all the help I can get. Financially Challenged



Dear Challenged:  
When it comes to planning for retirement, most Americans could stand to brush up on their financial knowledge a bit, but it's especially important for unmarried women. Here's what you should know.

**Retirement Struggles**  
It's an unfortunate reality that most unmarried women – whether they're divorced, widowed or never married – face much greater financial challenges than men in retirement.

Why? Because women tend to make less money (about 78 cents for every dollar a man makes) and have shorter working careers (due to raising children and/or caring for aging parents) than men. And less money earned usually translates into less money saved and a lower Social Security benefit when you retire.

In addition, women also live an average of five years longer than men which requires their retirement income to stretch farther. And, according to studies, women tend to be less knowledgeable and more intimidated about financial issues than men, which means they don't always handle their money as well as they should.

Because of these issues, it's very important that women educate themselves on financial matters. Listed below are some good resources that can help.

**Financial Education**  
A good place to start is with the Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement, a nonprofit organization dedicated to financial education for women. At [wiserwomen.org](http://wiserwomen.org) you can read and download for free a wide variety of easy-to-understand publications on retirement planning, money management, saving and investing, as well as Social Security, health care, annuities and more. If you don't have a computer or Internet access you can call 202-393-5452 and order hard copies of their publications and have them mailed to you for a few dollars.

Another resource you should tap into is [mymoney.gov](http://mymoney.gov), a U.S. government website dedicated to financial literacy and education that provides free information, resources, publications, financial calculators, checklists, budgeting worksheets and more, to help you make informed decisions. You can also call 888-696-6639 and order a free "My Money" tool kit that includes a variety of publications on saving, investing and getting the most for your money.

The Employee Benefits Security Administration, part of the U.S. Department of Labor is another agency that offers a variety of publications including the 62-page booklet "Taking the Mystery Out of Retirement Planning," and "Women and Retirement Savings" brochure. You can see them online at [www.dol.gov/ebsa/publications](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/publications), or call 866-444-3272 and have them mailed to you for free.

Also visit [choosetosave.org](http://choosetosave.org), a website developed by the Employee Benefit Research Institute that offers the Ballpark Estimate retirement planning worksheet, more than 100 online calculators, brochures, savings tips and links to resources to help you manage your finances.

**Social Security Help**  
You also need to get up to speed on Social Security. To help with this, the Social Security Administration has an online resource specifically designed for women that covers how marriage, divorce, widowhood, work, caregiving and other life or career events can affect your benefits. It also offers information on SSL, Medicare benefits and provides calculators to help you figure out your future earnings at different retirement ages. You can access this information at [ssa.gov/women](http://ssa.gov/women), or call 800-772-1213 and order their free pamphlet entitled "What Every Woman Should Know."

**Financial Advice**  
If you need some hands-on help, consider getting a financial assessment or tune-up with a fee-only financial advisor. Costs for these services will vary from around \$150 to \$300 per hour, but it can be very beneficial to help you set-up a retirement plan you can follow. See [napfa.org](http://napfa.org) or [garrettplanning-network.com](http://garrettplanning-network.com) to locate an advisor in your area.

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



KATIE Tse .....This and That

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE!...

Sometimes it's nice to be "the only one." The only one who earned a perfect A on a test. The only one who swam faster than the other 30 guys. The only one who stole someone's heart. Yes, singling someone out can be flattering or romantic. But, there are times when the words "You're the only one!" can cause disdain. Let me tell you about my cousin, Sandy.

In junior high, Sandy "won" a live turkey at a school dance. Later, it was learned that the whole turkey contest was rigged as a prank on Sandy's sister, who was a new teacher at her school. Apart from that, Sandy has never been "lucky." But she's been "the only one" so many times.

When my Aunt Linda went to be with the Lord, Sandy buried her at a local cemetery. Of course, the passing of a beloved one is hardly the time you want to be bothered with the clerical errors of others. It started out as a simple mistake. "We never received your check," one of the cemetery's staff members told Sandy. Well, she told her that she'd sent it in already and gave her the check number. Sandy then had the bank cancel that check because the cemetery staff had apparently lost it. So, she sent another check. This one must've been sucked into the black hole of missing checks as well, because the same staff member felt compelled to PERSONALLY visit Sandy to collect the money --implying that she was trying to skirt the payment!

Insulted, but not deterred, Sandy wrote out yet another check, which miraculously cleared and was quickly processed. The situation would have been annoying enough if it had ended there --but oh no... Then the cemetery staff found the previous two checks. "Oops!" they apologized. "You're the only one this has ever happened to!"

Sandy's dealings with them seemed to have reached an irritating climax, but there's more. A few days after the burial, Sandy visited her Aunt Linda's grave. Surprise is a mild word for her reaction when she saw that in place of her mother's headstone was that of an Armenian man who had passed a week earlier than my aunt! The cemetery gave their signature response, "So sorry! You're the only one who's had this happen!" No, somewhere there's an Armenian family wondering where their patriarch's headstone is.

Sandy's next big case of being the only one picked by the fickle finger of fate occurred when she was undergoing surgery to remove a small cancerous tumor in her breast. Every day I thank God that He delivered her from this nightmare. The whole story is too long for this article. Suffice it to say that Sandy received treatment worthy of a malpractice lawsuit at the incompetent hands of the surgeon recommended to her. A "routine" operation turned into a critical condition in which Sandy could have bled to death due to a vein severed by the hospital's "top" breast surgeon. In defense, the oncologist tried to placate Sandy by telling her "Your veins are abnormal. That's why (doctor who shall remain nameless) severed that vein. We've never seen a vascular system like yours!" Please! What's Judge Judy's line? "Don't pee on my shoe and tell me it's raining." Even if Sandy had an aberrant vein or too, any experienced surgeon should have been skilled enough to deal with it!

Her latest brush with being "the only one" occurred during her brief (three day) membership at Weight Watchers. I don't know what compelled her to join again. She's been a WW member before. But in recent years she's just followed a basic plan of eating healthier and exercising consistently. (Such ideals are more attainable when you're retired, which Sandy is.)

Nevertheless, she paid her monthly fee online, which entitles her to weekly meetings. She went to one of these meetings, in which the leader talked about the virtues of all their new, techie gadgets such as codes you can scan with your phone, and an electronic points calculator. Sandy is one of many people in her generation who haven't embraced this new, touch screen era of high tech equipment. When she tried out the points calculator, it didn't work, even for her husband (who is tech savvy).

So Sandy went back to her local WW site and asked for a refund for the useless points calculator. The woman attending her told her how odd that was, since she was "the only one who's had problems with it!" In true poetic justice, the woman took another points calculator off the shelf and tried to make it work. Nothing happened. She took a second one and fiddled with it for a while. Still, it remained lifeless. "This is so funny!" she exclaimed. "You're the only person who's had this happen three times!"



FYI - Arthritis and Arthritis Friendly Products...(Excerpts from [hiparthrititis.blogspot.com](http://hiparthrititis.blogspot.com))

For anyone who suffers from arthritis, the daily pain involved makes it a very viable topic. There are many steps to take to make arthritis tolerable and to help the sufferer and their families.1) The first step of course, is to confer with your doctor and set up a specific treatment plan. That plan should include low-impact exercise into your routine every day as they can give you more freedom of movement. Some exercises you can do to stay limber include walking, swimming or bicycling. 2) If you're not getting enough sleep at night, plan for a long nap in the afternoon.3) Keep in touch with your doctor on about different options for treating your arthritis symptoms. 4)Make sure you take your medications the way they are prescribed. If you are not experiencing the benefits you should be don't stop taking the medication. Sometimes it can take several days, weeks or months for the medication to work the way they're supposed to. If you are still concerned, talk to your doctor.

When you suffer from arthritis, the little things—buttoning a blouse, opening a jar, gripping a pen—can be very difficult. Fortunately, there are scores of devices available—mostly based on simple, ergonomic designs that provide the assistance you need to carry on your everyday pursuits inside and outside the house. Anything from a long-handled hair washer; scrub brush and sponge kit; a jar opener, shoe horn, button opener down to a playing card shuffler! There are so many web sites to visit you'll want to get started...The Arthritis Foundation itself: [www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org) The Disability Products site: [www.disabilityproducts.com](http://www.disabilityproducts.com) Products for the Disabled: <http://products.disabled-world.com/> This only tips the iceberg...Let us know about a product that you find especially helpful for you and maybe someone else will benefit. Call me, Pat Birdsall at 626.355.7290.Thanks!

**HELPFUL HINT:** To get the built-up residue off your shower head, tie a baggie of vinegar around it and leave it there over night. The residue will be gone and the tip extended is nil. *\*This really does work! Klutz that I am, I'll just tell you to be careful when you attach the baggie to the shower head. I don't think I need detailed information here, do I?\**

FOR YOUR FUNNY BONE

Stevie Wonder meets Tiger Woods and mentions that he, too, is a golfer. "When I tee off," the blind musician explains, "I have a guy call to me from the green. My sharp sense of hearing lets me aim." Tiger's skeptical, but when Stevie suggests that they play for \$100,000 Tiger readily accepts, figuring it's the easiest 100 grand he'll ever make. "So, when do you want to play?" Stevie shrugs, "Pick any night."

"You know when you're getting old?" my friend asked. "I give up," I said. "When you tell your friends you're having an affair and they ask, "Is it catered?"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ... April Birthdays



Howard Rubin, Mary Harley, Bette White, Dorothy White, Doris Behrens, Freda Bernard, Beth Copti, Terri Cummings, Marilyn Diaz, Virginia Elliott, Elma Flores, Julia Gottesman, Betty Jo Gregg, Barbara Lampman, Betty Mackie, Elizabeth Rassmusen, Maria Reyes, Anne Schryver, Christine Bachwansky, Colleen McKernan, Sandy Swanson, Hank Landsberg and to my friend, **Ken Anhalt, a very special 90th birthday wish to you!**

\* To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737. YEAR of birth not required.

Quote of the Week:

No one can terrorize a whole nation, unless we are all his accomplices. ~ Edward R. Murrow



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month 11:00 am-12:00 pm: A nurse from Methodist Hospital, Arcadia volunteers to do the readings. No appointment necessary.

**Bingo: Every Tuesday** afternoon from 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm Cards are only .25c each!  
**Free Chair Yoga:** Every **Wednesday** morning from 11:00 am-11:45 am Volunteer Teryl Willis offers this class that focuses on senior yoga techniques. It is geared toward gentle movements, breathing techniques and balance improvement. No reservations are necessary.

**Free Legal Consultation:** Pasadena attorney Geoffrey Chin volunteers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> **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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> **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 Brandlely. 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)

Upon arrival in Palm Springs participants can shop and lunch at nearby stores and restaurants all within walking distance of the theater. The Palm Springs Follies is a Broadway-caliber celebration of the music, dance and comedy of the 40s, 50s, and 60s with a cast old enough to have lived it! The performance begins at 1:30 pm and is approximately 2 1/2 hours in length. Excursion price includes transportation, driver's tip and a ticket to the Follies. Participants are asked to bring additional money for shopping and lunch. Some walking is involved.

**California Science Center** Los Angeles, Ca.  
**Date: Friday, May 17, 2013 Time: 9:30 am- 3:30 pm**  
**Meeting Location:** Hart Park House Senior Center  
**Cost: \$16.00 (Does not include lunch)**

Join us on a visit to the California Science Center, the west coast's largest hands-on science center! The trip will include a tour of the Space Shuttle Endeavor exhibit, which showcases images and artifacts that relate to the shuttle program in California where the orbiters were built. After the tour enjoy the IMAX presentation "The Blue Planet," which features footage taken by crews during five space shuttle missions. In between the tour and IMAX presentation participants will have the chance to lunch as well as an opportunity to visit the rest of the Science Center. Participants may bring their own lunch or purchase lunch at the Science Center Café.

**Save the Dates!**  
**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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month. The films, one contemporary and one vintage, are chosen by the seniors themselves. **April's selections:** **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.  
**Start time: 1:00 PM in Sierra Madre's City Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., SM**





## HOW CAN YOGA HELP YOU ARE WHERE YOU ARE

A very cool thing about yoga is that you get to start where you are. You don't have to be flexible, you don't have to be skinny, you don't have to have the perfect yoga clothes, you don't even have to have your own mat. You do however, have to go to the class to get the benefits. All those super crazy looking yoga poses are really just party tricks. It's the process of learning how to do them that is the real yoga. We start at the beginning, wherever that is for each of us and see where we are tight, we see where we are weak. We see what our balance is like. We get to know how we breathe, how we think and how we feel. All that is what we call 'awareness'. We get to take a real look at our strengths and our weaknesses. Then we focus on how to use our strengths to our advantage and how to overcome our obstacles. We do this a little bit at a time. Each time we get on the mat we become a little bit more aware.

As we learn to develop our strengths, we begin to apply them outside of class and really focus on creating the lives we want. We learn to leave our weaknesses in the dust. We feel empowered. It feels good. We get stronger. Our egos can help us out sometimes by pushing us to the edge of our ability. Our egos can hinder us sometimes - we push too hard and get hurt. So we learn to listen to when we need to push and when we need to back off. This is the journey. It seems impossible and it ends up being lovely. So don't let all those experienced yogis intimidate you. They were beginners once too. They fell down too. They are on their own journeys. And they will tell you how sweet the journey really is.

See you in class. Namasté, René

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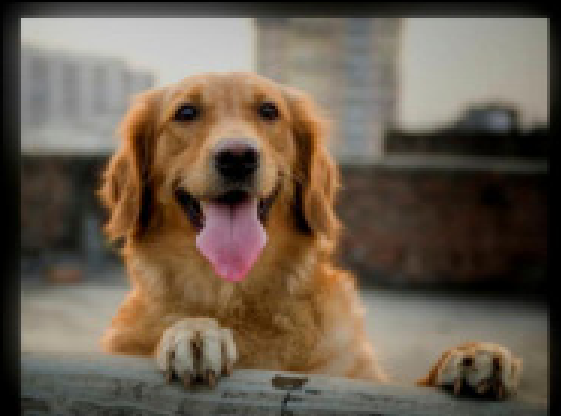
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## JASMINE'S CORNER

Book Reviews by Jasmine Kelsey Williams

## FRIENDFLUENCE: THE SURPRISING WAYS FRIENDS MAKE US WHO WE ARE

By Carlin Flora

With the topic of friends and relationships being the current hot choice for the start of the spring season, why not continue this sunny streak with "Friendfluence". "Friendfluence: The Surprising Ways Friends Make Us Who We Are" is not just an eye-catcher with its colorful leaves and lengthy title, but a wonderfully informative piece that does not require the use of story-telling; rather, "Friendfluence" focuses on many different aspects of why we as individuals not just crave friendship, but how it is considered essential to our well-being as well as the reasons of why we sometimes seem to prefer friendships as the relationships we most enjoy. This is not to say that friendships are the best or most important, but as to why they are beneficial for all individuals.

"Friendfluence" caters to the reasoning of why friendships, ranging from a large group of friends to a fair few, are the ones that can put us at ease, can make us feel welcome a lot more easily, and why sometimes efforts are made to make these friendships last. Carlin Flora clearly points out and explains how friendships are created, shaped, and maintained, and highlights the positives that come with it. Examples include the outside influences, the desire for another individual's philosophy to adapt with our own, and relishing the fact that there are like-minded individuals who do not just have something in common with ourselves, but who actually inspire you to be more open with yourself and with those around you (your families, partners, pets, etc.).

Copyrighted in 2013, and receiving praise from Huffington Post, Book Page, Kirkus Reviews, and Publishers Weekly, "Friendfluence: The Surprising Ways Friends Make Us Who We Are" is both a wonderful selection for your "must-reads" and one that is meant to be shared with others.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY 51<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL ART FAIR

The 51st annual Friends of the Sierra Madre Library's art fair will be held in Memorial Park, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in the city of 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 in mediums that include oil painting, jewelry, water colors, glass, wood, metal, photography, pottery, ceramics, mixed media, and weaving. Stop by the booth of our featured artist, David Van Noppen, to admire and purchase his lovely glass creations. So far, forty of the artists have donated lovely one-of-a-kind pieces to be auctioned off in a Silent Auction which means that you'll have a chance to bid on some really beautiful artwork. The Creative Arts Group has planned an imaginative craft activity for children from 10:00am-4:00pm both days. While you're strolling among the various booths, you'll be entertained by an eclectic variety of live music in both the band shell and on the south lawn.

A food court will offer a variety of food and drinks provided by local non-profit groups as well as food vendors. At press time we know that the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society will be selling their famous lemonade made with rangpur lime juice; Taquito Lover will be offering taquitos, tamales, nachos, tacos and fruit drinks; Sophia's Kitchen will be selling sausages, pizza, corn, hot dogs, nachos,

Philly cheese steak, a fish platter, and drinks; there will be Korean and Chinese barbecue including beef short ribs, chicken and beef on a stick, Taiwanese sausages, pot stickers, and egg rolls; The International Footprint Association will be serving hot dogs and beverages; and H.S.I. Carnival Snacks will provide Hawaiian shaved ice, churros, frozen lemonade, water, and ice cream pops. And, of course, the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library will have a booth selling loaves of homemade quick breads and sweet breads.

So plan to spend a day with us, enjoying artwork done in a wide variety of mediums, sitting on the grass listening to music, dining on a satisfying lunch or snack, watching the kids create their own souvenir of the Art Fair and then going back to bid on some of the items in the Silent Auction that appeal to you, and buying those lovely pieces of art that you've been thinking about since you saw them. Proceeds from the Art Fair benefit the resources and programs of the Sierra Madre Library. For more information, call 626 355-7186 or visit our website at [sierramadrelibraryfriends.org](http://sierramadrelibraryfriends.org).

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SEAN'S SHAMELESS  
REVIEWS:

## THE PLACE BEYOND THE PINES



I really wanted to love "The Place Beyond The Pines." It had all the ingredients to become a classic. This includes

starring two of the most talked about actors in the game right now, Ryan Gosling and Bradley Cooper. It's from up and coming director, Derek Cianfrance, who in 2010 wowed critics and audiences alike with his sophomore feature film, "Blue Valentine." However, I wasn't the biggest fan of that movie, but admired the way it was shot and acted. With "The Place Beyond The Pines," Cianfrance takes the ambitious route of focusing on three separate stories that are all linked together over the span of fifteen years. The problem with this is how jarring it becomes when the story would shift directions.

One act dedicated to Gosling's character, Luke Glanton, a motorcycle stunt driver who decides to rob banks as a means to provide for his son, who he just discovers exists. The second act has a focal point on Bradley Cooper's character, Avery Cross, a rookie cop moving up in the ranks in a corrupt department. Lastly, in the least compelling tale the final act is between both main characters' sons fifteen years later. Cianfrance is a wizard behind the camera, as this is a gorgeously shot movie. However, within the two hours and twenty minutes running time, "The Place Beyond The Pines" suffers from episodic storylines (the ones we've all seen before) and barely touches the surface on the multifaceted themes it's hastily trying to validate.

While Gosling's character Luke is hypnotizing in the first story (with many similarities from his character in "Drive"), his storyline isn't as deep as I was hoping for. His estranged ex-lover played by Eva Mendes comes back into his life and Luke finds out he has a son. Before this, all we know about Luke is that he's the leader of a traveling act of acrobatic motorcyclists named "Handsome Luke and The Heartthrobs." When the news of a son is revealed, Luke decides to quit his job and find a way to provide for his son. He teams up with a local mechanic and soon finds himself enthralled with the life of a bank robber. For a brief time, he's able to provide for his son, but things quickly escalate out of control. I can empathize with Gosling's character to support his son, but the whole robbing banks storyline seems outdated and stodgy. I understand there's a deeper meaning behind the surface—a father doing whatever it takes for his family for one. However this compulsion to commit crimes (with no inclination to hurt anyone) gets the best of Luke and ends in a collision course with police officer Avery Cross. By the time we get a better sense of Luke, his story comes to a swift conclusion. It feels more like a high production short film than one-third of an epic feature film.

Bradley Cooper's character Avery Cross is a rookie cop that crosses path with Luke. Without giving any way spoilers, Cross is thrown into the limelight in the media. Cross gets mixed up with some corrupt cops and has decisions to make. He too wants to provide for his family, but ultimately chooses right over wrong despite

what rewards are tied with wrong doings. This sequence is actually quite compelling even if it's something we've all seen before. Cooper's character feels incomplete because what happens later on in the film makes him only concern with himself and not his family. I don't understand why this occurs especially when you think he's a good man and father. It's another dynamic to the family theme that's

Directed by: Derek Cianfrance  
Written by: Derek Cianfrance, Ben Coccio, Darius Marder  
Release Date: March 29, 2013 (limited)

explored, but with most of the themes they only touch the outer surface and rarely get as deep as you'd hope.

The finale act is geared toward Avery's 17 year-old son, AJ, moving in with him and Jason (Luke's son, who is initially lied to about who his father was). The two boys, unbeknownst about each other's past, form a friendship due to a ridiculous coincidence. While the film has significant circumstances that occur, they rely heavily on coincidences. If you can get past this, "The Place Beyond The Pines" has some worth to it. I much rather have seen the first two acts extended and the elimination of the third story. In spite of this, the filmmakers' intentions were to tie the story with the sons because an additional theme to the story is fathers and sons. There's nothing quite as powerful as the relationship a son has with one's own father. However, the kids aren't as compelling as both Gosling and Cooper. Cooper's son AJ feels out of place. You come to realize how could his son turn out the way he is, but I suppose anything can happen during teenage adolescence. Jason, Luke's son, is lost and lonely. It seems utterly coincidental that now in his life he's curious to whom his real dad is. The final twenty minutes tries desperately to connect the layered stories together.

While "The Place Beyond The Pines" is ambitious to a fault, I think there are just too many half-baked ideas strung together to appear as something deeply profound and substantial. It's extremely dense film, but Derek Cianfrance is a filmmaker to watch out for because he knows how to get his actors to deliver strong performances. He's also a terrific director that may benefit more from an outsider's screenplay rather than his own. I don't want to see Cianfrance continuously get high on his own supply because perhaps he may shine the most when bringing another story to life that isn't as close to him but will be once he puts his signature touch on it. In the end, "The Place Beyond The Pines" is a sweeping, cinematic movie going experience with solid acting, beautifully shot sequences and great direction. At the same token it unfortunately falls apart in the end leaving you with a feeling of emptiness rather than fulfillment of any kind.

Grade: 3 out of 5

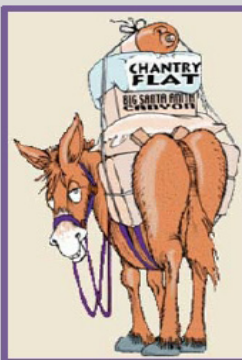
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## BUSINESS TODAY

*The latest on Business News, Trends and Techniques*

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### MULTI LEVEL MARKETING IS NOT A PYRAMID SCHEME

What do Avon, Amway, Herbalife, Mary Kay and Tupperware have in common? Each of these companies is among the most recognizable companies in the multilevel marketing (MLM) industry, and each of them offers a line of products marketed to and purchased by a broad base of consumers. Unfortunately, many alleged business opportunities disguised as MLM's have turned out to be nothing more than elaborate pyramids.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, there are legitimate MLM's. Many of them provide opportunities ideal for individuals seeking to start a business or build an additional source of income. As more individuals are confronted with a barrage of slick sales pitches and fancy websites that tout how easy it is to "sign up and make money," it is important to know the key differences between legitimate MLM's (which are legal) and pyramid schemes (which are illegal) camouflaged as MLM's. In a pyramid, recruitment is king! The primary focus and incentive to earn compensation is directly related to one's success in the repeated recruitment of other people who pay to enroll as a member, distributor, etc. This recruitment may be repeated directly or by encouraging the new recruits to enroll other paying members. The company's products and services are primarily and heavily marketed to the members, with minimal focus, support and/or financial incentive to sell products/services to a broader audience. At some point in the process when there are no new recruits on the conveyor belt, thus, no more enrollment fees, the pyramid collapses. The newest recruits are left with nothing for their investment. If the act of enrolling new paying recruits is the primary basis for member-recruiters and management to earn compensation, it serves as a red flag for a potential pyramid scheme. Apply this fundamental test to help make the distinction.

In contrast, financial success in a legitimate MLM is directly tied to products and/or services being marketed and sold to a broad market base "outside" of the company's own member-distributor base. Avon and Tupperware are two of the oldest and most well known. In recent decades, companies structured as MLM's have adopted terms like "affiliate marketing" and "home-based business franchising," but the distinction surrounding compensation tied to recruitment versus the sales of products and services remains the same.

Make no mistake, the MLM industry remains a viable arena to establish and build a money-making business. Once you identify a legitimate company that is a good fit for you, learn their system and work it with consistency and persistence, you will have the opportunity to claim your slice of a multi-billion dollar industry. According to a year-end report by the Direct Selling Association in 2011, MLM's were responsible for the vast majority of \$154 billion dollar in sales by more than 90 million distributors worldwide, with approximately 20% generated by 16 million distributors in the United States.

One of the best places to gather basic information on how an MLM opportunity compares within an industry filled with legitimate opportunities, visit the Multi-level Marketing International Association at <http://www.mlmlia.com>. Founded in 1985, the MLMIA maintains a directory of information and rankings for the benefit of the public's interest.



### FIVE BEST PRACTICES FOR PINTEREST

Pinterest is a social media site that is easy and fun to use. It allows you to organize all your favorite things you find on the web and in Pinterest. It is made up of images and videos.

Marketing gurus are keeping a close eye on Pinterest because it is driving more web traffic than any of the other major social bookmarking sites.

The main reason a business would want to be on Pinterest is to drive traffic back to their website. Here are five best practices for using Pinterest:

1. Make sure all your product images on Pinterest have a link back to your site and make sure you use attractive images that people will want to re-pin. You might review your web site and ask if the images on it are "Pin-worthy."
2. Create unique boards on your Pinterest profile. Figure out how your business fits a certain lifestyle or theme. For example, let's say you sell cupcakes. You might create an "all things pink" board and fill it with pink flowers, pink dots and anything that is interesting looking yet pink, then squeeze in a few pictures of your pink cupcakes.
3. Figure out the best hashtags for your product. Just like Twitter, hashtags help you search for similar content on Pinterest. For example, if you search for the hashtag #parenting all the recent pins that have #parenting in their description will pull up.
4. Participate and re-pin from other Pinterest users. To create unique boards on Pinterest, you don't have to come up with unique images, they already exist. You can simply hit "re-pin" on anything you see on Pinterest and you can add it to one of your boards.
5. If it makes sense for your business, include the price of your product with the dollar sign in the description and Pinterest will automatically categorize it into its gift category. The cost will appear on the image.

Just like the other Social Media sites, Pinterest can help people find out about your business and the products and services you provide. It's important to stay active and pin new content at least once a week. Happy pinning!

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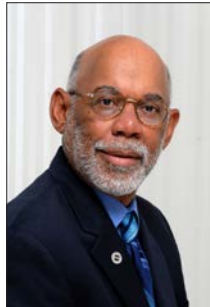
Did you realize that 6 out of 10 U.S. households have pets? That means that those without critter companions are in the minority, but if you're a pet owner selling your home, you shouldn't ignore the perceptions of those families that don't include cats or dogs.

Odors are the biggest issue. This isn't to say that your housekeeping is remiss, but remember that some buyers who visit your home may experience allergies or be particularly sensitive to pet dander or odors. Just vacuum the floors and furniture frequently and use an air sanitizer.

During the early stages of your listing, you'll likely experience more frequent showings and visits by buyers. This is a particularly good time to make arrangements to board your pet, or seek out a good "doggie day care" center for quick visits during showings. This may be safer and less stressful for your pet than a constant parade of strangers in your home, and may put buyers more at ease as well.

In any case, be sure to pick up toys, bowls, and bedding in advance of a showing, just as you would tidy up the children's things and other rooms throughout the house before buyers visit. A particularly attractive gesture would be to offer a cleaning allowance, no matter how scrupulously you maintain your home. This should quiet any potential objections.

### DOLLARS AND CENTS



By Carl Davis, CIMA

### CAN YOU TURN HOME EQUITY INTO RETIREMENT INCOME?

The long-struggling housing market is finally showing signs of recovery, giving many homeowners more equity in their properties. This encouraging trend is likely prompting more pre-retirees to consider if, and how home equity can be turned into a source of cash to help fund their retirement.

There was a time when owning a home with little or no outstanding mortgage balance was considered a potential financial bonanza for those in retirement. For years, home values moved higher, sometimes dramatically so. But starting in 2006, the bottom fell out of the housing market. Home equity was decimated and homeowners changed their expectations about the role equity can play in retirement.

Even with a lower value, home equity continues to represent one of the biggest assets for many Americans. It may play an even more important role when retirement savings come up short of expectations. Some already retired or approaching retirement feel like they have little choice but to tap the equity they've built in their home to support their cash flow needs throughout the rest of their lives.

The question then becomes how to do it. There are a variety of options available, but the right answer for you may depend on what plans you have for living arrangements in the future and many other factors.

#### Finding the most realistic solution

There are risks in assuming that the equity you've built up in your home will be a guaranteed source of income in retirement. For starters, you will always need a place to live, so you can't assume the full value of a home is at your disposal. Here are three primary options those in retirement generally consider:

#### Home Equity Lines of Credit (HELOC)

Americans became accustomed to tapping their equity through HELOCs in the last 30 years, and though it is a reasonable option for an employed individual, it may be less practical for someone in retirement. HELOCs need to be repaid, and using the proceeds from a home equity loan to help fund retirement income needs often means taking on interest costs in order to generate that income. It's important to note that an individual puts a lien on their home by taking a HELOC (second mortgage), and risks losing it should he or she fail to repay under the terms of the loan.

#### Reverse Mortgage

An alternative that has become popular with many retirees is to use a reverse mortgage. This allows a homeowner to tap into the equity of the home while still occupying it. A reverse mortgage provides payment to homeowners for the bulk of the value of their homes via a lump sum, a line of credit or periodic payments. In essence this is a loan to the homeowner paid back when the house is sold at some future date. However, interest accrues throughout the duration of the loan and upfront fees apply, so it can be expensive.

A standard reverse mortgage, also called a Home Equity Conversion Mortgage, charges a two percent mortgage insurance premium on the full value of the home. The government now offers a lower cost "Saver" loan with a mortgage insurance premium of just 0.01 percent of the home's value, but applying a higher interest rate. Over time, the combination of fees and interest charges can significantly deplete the value of the home's equity as it applies to income needs. Individuals who qualify for a reverse mortgage must also be at least 62 years old. The older a retiree is, the more he or she can receive from the home's equity. Understanding the complicated terms of a reverse mortgage before signing on the dotted line is crucial.

#### Selling Your Home and Downsizing

The other way to tap a home's equity is to sell it. Many retirees find they are ready to "downsize" their living quarters to a smaller home, townhome or condo. If the market is right, they can sell their existing home, buy a new place and have equity leftover to add to their retirement nest egg. Alternatively, they can pocket the full proceeds from the home sale and rent their living quarters or explore other living options. This will greatly bolster their retirement savings, but it also adds a new monthly expense they will need to fund throughout the rest of their retirement.

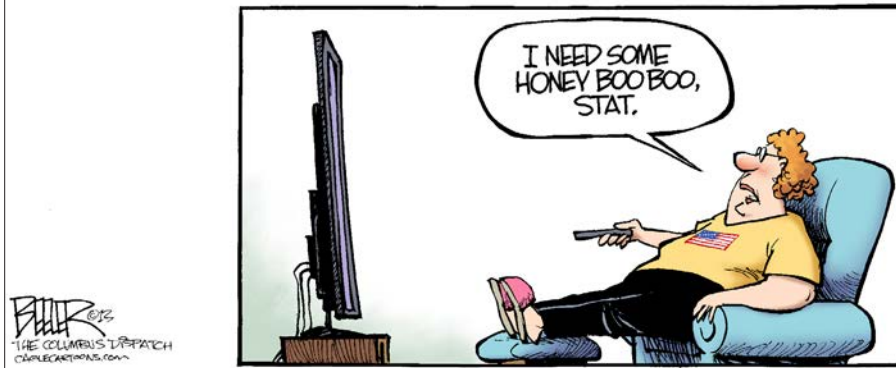
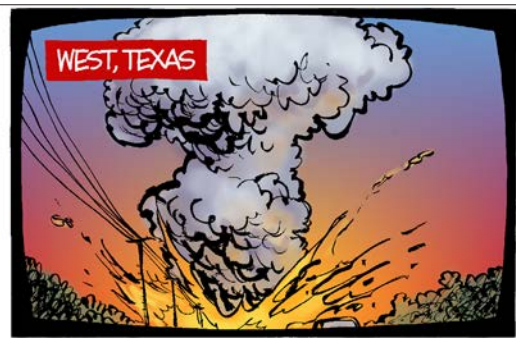
Home equity offers great potential value in retirement but, like any investment, is subject to the fluctuations of the market and may have tax consequences. If you plan to tap your home's value to support your retirement, proceed with caution. Remember that the primary function of your home is to provide a roof over your head, and using equity to fund retirement requires careful planning.

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## HOWARD Hays As I See It



*"I've heard some say that blocking this step would be a victory. And my question is, a victory for who? A victory for what? It begs the question, who are we here to represent?"*  
— President Barack Obama  
April 17, 2012

Sunday nights are back to normal at our place. With the new season now underway, we've resumed our routine of weekly get-togethers for the latest episode of "Mad Men".

Aside from story and characters, I enjoy reminders of a bygone era; aspects once ubiquitous and taken for granted, but now jarringly of another place and time. Early in the first season, for instance, there was Betty driving home in the station wagon while her two kids jumped back and forth between the front and back seats. Seat belts were an option found mainly in sports cars, and "car seats," as we understand the term today, were unknown.

There's the dining routine: Once seated, you have a cigarette with your cocktail; after the soup or salad, another cigarette; then the main course, followed by a cigarette with the coffee.  
(Stop now if you don't wish to learn details of last week's show.)

In the second episode of this new season, Peter has an affair with the neighbor's wife, and towards the end of the episode she shows up at his doorstep having been beaten up by her husband. Peter's reaction is not concern for her condition, but annoyance that she blabbed to her husband about the affair and, because she did, his own wife now knows about the affair, too.

In "domestic violence," the emphasis was on "domestic"; as in a domestic situation between husband and wife, rather than as a violent crime which, after seeing to the care and safety of the victim, calls for immediate reporting to the police.

Perspectives change, but such crimes continue in the real world.

Zina Daniel suffered three years of abuse from her husband, but finally managed to get a restraining order against him. In her request for the order she described how he'd threatened to kill her if she ever left him, throw acid in her face and burn her and her family with gasoline. "His threats terrorize my every waking moment".

This order would prevent him from purchasing a gun from a licensed dealer, so he got one over the internet. Last year he went to the Brookfield, Wisconsin beauty spa where his wife worked, killed her and two co-workers, wounded four others, and killed himself. Zina was 42 and left two small kids.

Jitka Vesel was a 36-year-old Czech translator and teacher in the Chicago area harassed by an ex-boyfriend. As a Canadian citizen, he couldn't get a gun through a licensed dealer, but managed to get a .40 caliber handgun through armslist.com. In 2011 he used it to pump 12 bullets into Jitka in the parking lot of the Czechoslovak Heritage Museum – five of them to the back of her head as she lay on the pavement.

Jitka's longtime friend Theresa O'Rourke commented, "Her murder was preventable, and she was failed. The American system and the American dream failed her by allowing her stalker, her murderer, to obtain a gun without a background check, without a single question asked. She didn't deserve to die alone in a parking lot with no one there, with no one to hold her hand, with no one to comfort her. Her life wasn't finished."

Melissa Barton of Redmond, WA, Harvard-educated lawyer and software developer for Microsoft, got a protective order against her estranged husband after repeated harassment

which included threatening her with a loaded gun and breaking into her workplace. That order might prevent him from being able to purchase a firearm from a licensed dealer, so, a few days after the order was served, he went to a gun show and brought home a .357 Smith & Wesson revolver and a 9mm Taurus semi-automatic.

Melissa Barton was shot eight times in the parking lot outside her home by her husband, who then killed himself. She was 36.

Earlier this year during debate on the Violence Against Women Act (in a Republican-controlled Congress, passage of something called the "Violence Against Women Act" can be a nail-biter), Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT) pointed out that states that require background checks for handgun sales have 38% fewer women shot by their partners. According to 2010 FBI statistics, 64% of women killed yearly are at the hands of a spouse or family member and, in incidents of domestic violence, a woman is eight times as likely to be killed if there's a gun in the house.

A 2002 Harvard study found that while the U.S. has 32% of the female population of 25 high-income nations, it has 84% of all female firearm homicides. The reason, simply, is the availability of guns.

There were 1,280 gun deaths in the United States in the eight weeks following the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary last December. Of those, 90 were women shot to death by their spouses or domestic partners.

I remember the "Mad Men" era, with congressmen warning of intolerable increases in new car prices should seat belts become mandatory. I remember "scientists" hired by the tobacco lobby questioning evidence of the harmful effects of smoking, as those hired by fossil fuel lobbies now question evidence of global warming.

President Obama asks of a government that votes to defeat compromise measures for universal background checks, "who are we here to represent?" It's not Zina Daniel, Jitka Vesel or Melissa Barton; it's the lobbies insisting we not inconvenience abusers seeking guns.

From my own research and experience, including jury service on trials involving domestic abuse, I find abusers to be basically cowards, with their own underlying issues of impotency. I can think of no better characterization of those siding with the gun lobby and against the conviction of the overwhelming majority of Americans. In this current debate, they represent the madmen.

## YOU'RE A PATHETIC, COWARDLY, FAILURE! GREG Welborn

Who are you? You planted two bombs along the path of the Boston Marathon; you've killed at least 3 people and maimed scores of others, so we're on a mission to find out who you are. Notice that I haven't asked what you are. We already know that. Regardless of your name – this we will ascertain in due time – we already know what you are. You are a spineless coward and pathetic representative of whatever demented cause you claim to represent and hope to advance. We also know that you are a failure, and I hope that sticks in your craw til the day you die.

That you are a coward is obvious at face value. You haven't provided a declaration of war; you haven't taken on a uniform to distinguish yourself as an armed combatant, distinct from innocent non-combatants; you certainly don't wage a conventional war, nor even a guerilla war. Both of these would require that you focus your actions toward other soldiers, leaving the innocent alone, and would at least evidence a certain courage of conviction and confidence that your cause might triumph in a fair fight against others similarly armed and prepared.

Instead, you target innocent and defenseless people who had no chance of contesting your actions. You killed Martin Richard, an 8 year-old boy who might have kicked a soccer ball at you; you killed Krystle Campbell, a 28 year-old restaurant manager who might have thrown a fork at you; you killed Lu Lingzi, a petite 23 year-old graduate student who might have hit you with her math book. All of them might have done something, put up some sort of fight, had you acted like a man and given them a chance. But you didn't do that. You reside in the shadows of a backwater alleyway of human refuse. Perhaps it is appropriate after all that you have not given your name, claimed responsibility or attributed your actions to some incoherent perceived grievance. We would prefer you remain irrelevant were it not for the fact that we need to find you in order to confine you to an even more dismal existence and eventually release you in death to the deepest circle of hell. How you can consider yourself brave or noble in any way is beyond human comprehension.

That you have failed may take a little more effort on your part to fully comprehend, so allow me to enlighten you. The purpose of terrorism has never been to win a battle or the war. Its means are never large enough, nor its scale broad

enough, to accomplish that. Terrorism at best can seek to influence policy or keep a citizenry compliant through fear and intimidation. Perhaps it has been successful in other countries and in other times, but it has never been successful in the United States at any time.

Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman orchestrated the first bombing of the World Trade Center. He now rots in jail and is barely remembered. Osama Bin Laden and the rest of the Al Qaida leadership orchestrated attacks against Marine barracks, several U.S. embassies, the U.S.S. Cole, and again against the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the White House, all in an effort to force us out of the Mideast. I've lost count how many of them we've killed, and we haven't cut and run from the Middle East. They all failed.

Timothy McVeigh bombed the Oklahoma City federal building, killing 168 people, in order to draw attention to and avenge the Branch Davidian cult. Timmy was executed, and I had forgotten all about Davidians until I took to writing this article. He failed.

And so, too, will you fail. In fact, as I wrote earlier, you already have. Whatever fear and intimidation you sought to create has instead been manifested in bravery and determination. Those who weren't injured in the blasts, ran toward the terror, not away from it, to aid the wounded. Citizens poured out into the public gathering spots, markets and eateries in tremendous numbers last night and tonight to enjoy a spring evening. They didn't cower in their homes. As one public official stated at an impromptu news conference the other day, Bostonians are giving you the middle finger.

But perhaps the most poignant and visible evidence of your failure can be seen in the YouTube video of the start of April 16th's Boston Bruins' game. You should watch that video if you have any doubts. Rene Rancourt came out on the ice to sing the national anthem. Mr. Rancourt was unable to be heard – and he had the microphone – over the crowd's singing of that anthem. Dozens of American flags were unfurled by those in the stands, and several impromptu, hand-lettered signs appeared encouraging us all to "be Boston strong!"

Ironically, whoever you are, I doubt you will ever understand why you failed. To think you could accomplish something by your cowardice bespeaks a profound ignorance of what makes America, America. Unlike any other country, America is at its core an ideal. It's not just a piece of land; it's not a grouping of people of the same ethnicity, features, or customs; it's not a large tribe. America is about people who love liberty, seek freedom and honor bravery. These things are not easily abandoned. We may get complacent from time to time, but when we're pushed, we've never hesitated to come together, stand tall and fight back. We sing our national anthem with greater reverence and more determination when the likes of you come out of the shadows because it emblemizes those principals and reminds us that we are the land of the free and the home of the brave.

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## JOE Gandelman.....Independent's Eye

### BOSTON MARATHON BOMBINGS, SAFE HAVENS AND EVIL



Once again it happens with sickening suddenness -- a jolting shock that alters and cruelly mocks our assumption of "normalcy."

On a weekend when the news cycle focused on North Korea's rising threat, the struggle to enact gun control and a dumb written comment about the -murdered-by-the-Nazis Anne Frank by self-absorbed teen singer Justin Bieber, the venerable Boston Marathon run ended in horrific bomb blasts. The result: at least three dead (including 8-year-old Martin Richard who was greeting his dad at the finish line), at least 176 injured -- and at least 25 missing one or more legs. With two flashes, the first successful terrorist attack on a U.S. City since Sept. 11, 2001 shoved the issues of national security and life's uncertainty to the forefront.

Immediately after the bombing, President Barack Obama made a brief statement that included this: "I've updated leaders of Congress in both parties, and we reaffirmed that on days like this there are no Republicans or Democrats -- we are Americans, united in concern for our fellow citizens."

*Oh, really?*

It soon became clear that some on the left immediately began speculating that it was right-wing terrorism. Some on the right suggested it was Muslim terrorists. And -- proving that not all nuts are on the shelves at Whole Foods -- right-winger Alex Jones and left-winger Cynthia McK-inney both hinted that somehow the government was involved. Many Americans talk about a war on obesity. How about a war on stupidity?

The fact is this: just as America has hurtled into the 21st century with all of the technological, cultural and economic changes that this kind of progress entails, the American lifestyle starting in the 1950s began to take a hit with mass killings and terrorist attacks and attempts. As a result, places where Americans can feel totally safe have dwindled. Rule out skyscrapers, walking on a uni-

versity campus, being in a university hall, in high school, in elementary school, watching a movie, going to a fast-food restaurant -- and more.

It was inevitable that sooner or later there would be an attack on some big sporting event and for years writers have speculated on attacks at other venues, such as malls. Our sense of vulnerability increases as the venues of safe havens decreases -- even though the odds are low of being a victim of a terrorist attack.

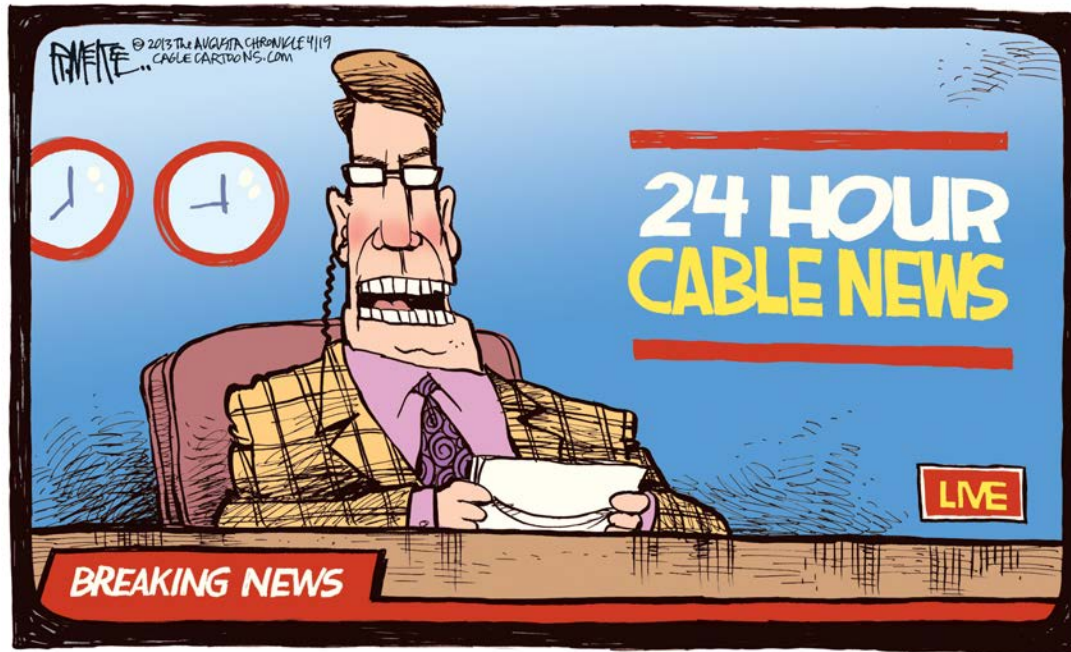
In 2012, Robert Bailey of Reason estimated the odds of an American dying in a terrorist attack were 1 in 1.7 million. Other estimates from web-sites over the years varied -- one had it one in 9.3 million worldwide. Others higher.

But odds matter little to the dead, injured and grieving families of terrorism's and murder's victims. Terror is just that: a murder-political technique designed to ostentatiously end in a body count that will terrorize, influence, bully or demoralize a populace and/or government. After a while there is a sameness where the murderers all seem the same and seemingly spawn each other. Right terrorism seeks the same dead body message as left terrorism and even incidents start to look the same.

The Daily Beast says former FBI counterterrorism investigator Mark Rossini saw some "disquieting" similarities between the Boston bombing and the March 2004 Madrid train bombings that killed 191, injured 1,800 and turned out to be the handiwork of a terrorist cell inspired by Al Qaeda.

In these kinds of horrific events, the names and political positions of the murderous groups may change. Because evil doesn't only come in different forms. It copies and clones itself.

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## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

### GROUCHY IS AS GROUCHY GROWLS

Did you ever have a day when everything went so well that you could not believe you were awake? I have dreams of times when

everything goes perfect. Then, I awake to the reality of the world around me. I guess everybody dreams of at least one perfect day.

Last week my dream came true... or almost.

For no apparent reason I awoke from sleep feeling quite happy. I had no explanation for this giggly feeling of mine. I do not normally rouse myself from sleep with a chipper attitude. Just ask my wife. On second thought, don't.

I just was in such a good mood that I broke out into song, which my wife threatened to end my life if I did not stop it immediately.

I did not try to psychoanalyze myself and think that perhaps this was the beginning of senility or something. I just accepted it as a great day to be alive.

One of my basic philosophies of life is, don't look a gift horse in the mouth; after all, he might have bad breath.

This particular day nothing could bring me back to earth. I was all but literally dancing on the clouds and I cannot dance. But it was a good day to be alive and know it.

Very nonchalantly, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage addressed me in a rather semi-informal manner. "Would you run to the store and get me something?"

Being in such a high spirit, I sang my affirmative answer to her in spite of her glaring in my direction. I did not care. I would have jumped over the moon if she had asked at the time. Lucky for me, she did not ask.

I was in such a good mood that I thought a shopping trip would be okay. Let it be known that when it comes to shopping, shopping and I go together like peanut butter and lobster tail. It was such a wonderful day and I felt so terrific I agreed to go shopping for my wife. Not that I needed a new wife, the one I have is fine, thank you.

When I entered the store, I had a nagging feeling that something was wrong. Being in such a great mood that I was in, I shook it off and rebuked it firmly.

In record time, I found the item my wife needed. Dancing and singing up the aisle, I went immediately to the checkout counter. When I got there, I found nobody there. On the counter was a bell and next to the bell, a sign that read, "Ring bell for cashier."

Being in such a great mood, I rang the bell to the tune of the song I was singing at the time.

After all, happy is as happy shares, and I had my share of happiness at the time.

Then I heard it.

"All right," growling from the back of the store, "I heard ya. I'll be there when I get there."

If I would have stopped there, it might not have gotten out of hand. Being in the goosy-kind of mood I was in, I had to take it one step further. I stared at the bell until I could stare no more and then I broke out into song accompanied by the cashier's bell. I wish you could have been there, it was spectacular.

"I heard you the first time," the voice exploded from the back of the store. "I'll get there when I get there and not a second sooner."

I smiled to myself and reminded myself that nobody was going to spoil my mood of happiness today. Then I saw her stomping up the aisle towards the cashier counter where I was waiting. If looks could kill, and I am not so sure they can't, I would have died on the spot.

I do not think steam was coming out her ears, but I am not absolutely sure about that. I know there was fire in her eyes, which were focused in my direction like a laser beam. When she got to the counter she growled, "Are you the one ringing the bell?"

With my finger on the bell, and nobody else in the store, it was hard to answer in the negative. In fact, it was hard for me to say anything while she was looking at me the way she was looking at me. She stared for a moment, at least it was something close to a stare that burrowed itself deep into my soul and that goosy-kind of feeling evaporated.

"It's customers like you," she snarled, "that makes my day terrible."

She then looked at the one item I had laying on the counter for her to ring up. She looked at it, and then looked up at me and then looked back at the item on the counter.

Hissing like I have never heard hissing before, "Is this what you're making all that racket about?"

Did you ever have a day when you felt like crawling into a groundhog hole and hiding until next February?

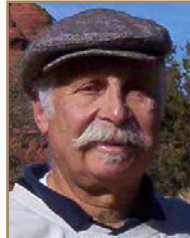
On my way home from the store I thought about what David said in Psalm 23. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me..."

I can endure anything and anybody as long as God is with me.

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## STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE

### TODAY'S LESSONS



Monday, Tax day, Patriot day, Jackie Robinson day and of course, Boston Marathon Day was definitely a day filled with special omens and lessons. My task and your task is to try and figure them out. The day for me started with awakening anger about the fact that the basketball game which could determine the fate of the Lakers was not available on Direct TV.

For those of you who couldn't care less this game to true Lakers fans was highly significant. At the conclusion of the preceding game the amazing, tremendous, invulnerable, invincible Kobe suffered a catastrophic injury. There was 1 minute and 43 seconds when Kobe went down and the score was tied. If the Lakers lost this game they were almost surely out of the playoffs. Amazingly the Kobeless team struggled to a surprising victory and managed to win the next game against fearsome San Antonio.

On Monday night the Utah Jazz was scheduled to play Minnesota. A loss by the Jazz would allow the Lakers to reach the playoffs no matter what the result of the Lakers final game on Wednesday. I desperately wanted to watch that game which was not available without a special NBA package. While driving to Downtown LA for my first Court Appearance I unsuccessfully tried to contact Direct TV in order to make arrangements to watch the game. All I could get were taped messages telling me to call other extensions which were equally unhelpful. Arriving downtown, I climbed behind a fence, a shortcut I have been using for about forty years. After a couple of hours I returned via the same route and there on a patch of mud were my car keys. Strange I had lost them without even knowing it. Of course I had no other set of keys and it would have been disastrous if I was without keys. Finding the keys that I did not know I had lost was another omen—a strange occurrence that indicated to me that someone or something was watching over me whether I knew it or not. Maybe it's a message.

At lunch I continued my unsuccessful search for a Direct TV office. From Information I obtained addresses that turned out to be non-existent. I ended up in South Pasadena and went to Burger Continental for lunch, something I had never done before. Surprisingly at lunch I said a few words to the server. She related the story of her brother who had been kidnapped in Mexico. She left her family here and went to Mexico and paid over a great deal of money. Eventually he was returned missing a kidney and suffering. He soon committed suicide and the server returned to Pasadena only to learn that her husband had left her and run off with a younger woman. We hugged and she cried. Another female customer observed this scene and came over and hugged me. Believe me having strange women come over and hug me is not a common occurrence in my life. This felt to be another message indicating that being available to other people is a reward in itself.

After lunch, back to Court, where as I left the building at the end of the day I first heard of the Boston Marathon Bombing from the Security Guards. I was concerned but not deterred from my quest to see the Utah Jazz game. I found a restaurant and called my wife and as far as I can tell we were the only people in town who watched the Jazz unfortunately win the game. The next day there was a knock on the door downstairs. I live way up in the canyon and no one ever comes to the door. A man needed to park in the driveway as he was doing some work across the street. He recognized my name from my newspaper articles and I invited him into the house and we talked for a few moments. I learned that his family was from Belorussia which is where the City of Tolchin was located and where my grandfather and father were born. I had never before met a person from Belorussia and we talked and I soon realized that his father and my grandfather had swum across the same river to escapes the Russian draft. As we talked about this discovery he noticed a painting upon our wall which depicted seemingly entranced Hispanic villagers dancing around a cactus. This man was born in Paraguay to which his father had migrated and he said something about the Circle of Life.

If there is any point to my articles, which I sometimes doubt, it is that I believe that all these seemingly unrelated details that make up our days are all part of some huge abstract mosaic which gives us hints on how to live. Sometimes we have to do difficult things; years ago we had to swim across frozen rivers; today, sometimes we must persevere in order to view a basketball game and tomorrow we must demonstrate our adherence to Democratic principles and the civil rights of our inhabitants even when it is frightening and inconvenient to do so. Perhaps that was yesterday's message as understood today.

## RICH Johnson



### SAID ANY DUMB THINGS LATELY?

We've all said dumb things from time to time. Except for that guy in the back of the room.

Frankly I've never heard that guy speak.

He probably follows what may be of the best pieces of advice available: *"Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt"*. I think we can attribute that quote to Abraham Lincoln.

Good politicians are masters of not really saying anything. A White House spokesperson was once quoted as saying: *"It's not easy getting up here and saying nothing. It takes a lot of preparation"*. Ain't that a fact. I feel for White House press secretaries. They must prepare up the wazoo to not say anything and act like they are giving out answers. Tough job. You remember the Al Gore invented the internet faux pas? Well here is exactly what he said: *"During my service in the United States Congress, I took the initiative in creating the internet."* Thanks Al.

I think Ronald Reagan was doing a microphone check when he said: *"My fellow Americans, I've just signed legislation that will outlaw Russia forever. We begin bombing in five minutes."* Good job Mr. President.

Frank Rizzo, the mayor our editors hometown once said about the city of brotherly love: *"The streets are safe in Philadelphia. It's only the people who make them unsafe."* Profoundly put Frank.

George Stephanopoulos (real name) said this when he was a Clinton White House aide: *"The President has kept all of the promises he intended to keep."*

The Rhode Island Governor, Frank Licht, had this to say during the 1972 presidential campaign: *"Nixon has been sitting in the White House while George McGovern has been exposing himself to the people of the United States."* Nixon won a landslide.

Chicago Mayor Richard Daley during the 1968 Democratic Convention upheavals: *"The police are not here to create disorder, they're here to preserve disorder."*

Richard Daley, Mayor of Chicago for 21 years. And finally, President Kennedy in his trip to Germany all those years ago should have said *"Ich bin Berliner"* which means *"I am a Berliner"*. What he did say was *"Ich bin ein Berliner"* which translated means *"I am a jelly doughnut."* Sweet Jack!

Have a good week everybody.





















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