

SIERRA MADRE
TENNIS COURT
RESURFACING
- EXTENDED

The days the tennis courts at Sierra Vista Park and Memorial Park are closed for court resurfacing has been extended.

Due to the curing process the court closure will continue through Sunday, May 5, 2013. Sierra Vista Park is located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Memorial Park is located at 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Tennis courts at both locations will re-open to the public on Monday, May 6, 2013.

For additional information please contact the Community Services Office at 626.355.5278.

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FIRE SAFE SIERRA MADRE -
PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM
WILDFIRE

By SM Fire Captain Rich Snyder

In California, hazardous vegetation is one of the major contributors to urban wildfires. Dry vegetation is the easiest fuel to ignite, but fortunately one of the simplest to abate. Wildfire danger is greatest to hillside homes, but dry grass, weeds, chaparral, and flammable landscaping surrounding your home can bring the fire to you, whether you live on a hillside or not. When fire starts, those shrubs ignite and explode, spreading fire to your house. The greatest wildfire danger is in the fall; however, as we saw last week in Monrovia, fires can happen any time of year.

No homes were lost during the recent Monrovia "Madison" fire. Even with the over 200 fire fighters, 65 engines, dozers, fixed wing tankers and five helicopters fighting hard to protect the community, the outcome would have been much different if the fire had occurred during the fall when fuel moistures are low and the dry windy weather patterns that exist at that time of year are present.

The success battling wildfires is no accident. Fire departments put up a good fight; however, they can not do it alone. We rely on the help of homeowners who gave us a "fighting chance" by maintaining proper brush clearance around their homes.

Each year, The Sierra Madre Fire Department works with the residents in the foothills to help provide that "fighting chance" that is desperately needed to prevent a disastrous fire. This is done through an aggressive brush management program and by educating the residents on what to do before, during and after a brush fire.

Here is a list of the brush clearance requirements that you can use to protect your home:

- Maintain the first 30 feet around any structure low and free hazardous vegetation.
- Aggressively thin and trim the vegetation 30 to 100 feet around any structure. Remove dead branches from trees and keep all branches 6 feet off the ground.
- Clear vegetation 10 feet from roadways.
- Remove tree limbs that are within 10 feet of a chimney outlet.
- Maintain 5 feet of vertical clearance between your roof and overhanging vegetation.
- Keep all roof surfaces clear of dead leaves and twigs.
- Post your street number on your house so it is visible from the street.

Brush inspections of the homes north of Grandview began May 1st. The success of battling brush fires starts with you. Give us that fighting chance by eliminating hazardous brush from around your home.

If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please contact the Sierra Madre Fire Department at 355-3611 extension 3.

SIERRA MADRE FIREFIGHTERS SEND
STRIKE TEAMS TO SPRINGS AND
CANYON FIRES



When fire strikes, everyone pitches in. At press time, the Sierra Madre Fire Department had strike teams dispatched to both the Springs Fire and the Canyon Fire, north of the city. According to SMFD Chief Steve Heydorff, firefighters were working 24 hour shifts to assist in the containment of both fires. At the Spring Fire, engine OES (Office of Emergency Services) 281, pictured above, and Striketeam 1801A was "working 24 hour shifts doing mop up and catching spot fires." SMFD "Water Tender 41 is working at the Glendale Fire working with Glendale Engine 25", said Heydorff. He also noted that "Engine 41 and RA 41 are ready to respond to any emergency in town."



JOIN THE CITY TEAM – APPLY TO BE A CITY COMMISSIONER

We want you to be a part of our City Team!

The Sierra Madre City Council encourages citizen participation in its decision-making process through the use of citizen commissions. Currently, there are five citizen commissions established by the Council to advise and assist them in dealing with specific problems.

Applications may be obtained at City Hall or the City website at <http://cityofsierramadre.com/commissions-boards-committees>. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled; however, it is recommended that applications for appointment for the beginning of the 2013-2014 fiscal year be submitted by Friday, June 7, 2013 to the City Manager's Office.

The advisory bodies study a variety of topics in detail. After gathering all pertinent information, hearing arguments, and weighing values, they recommend to the Council what they consider the best action to take. In certain situations, commissions are empowered to make specific decisions, subject to appeal to the Council. Public notices on all commissions are prepared in compliance of the Maddy Act.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
The Community Services Commission is responsible for overseeing the City's recreation and community services programs. The Commission oversees the general use of park facilities and matters relating to the community's arts and recreational service needs. The Commission provides information and recommendations to the City Council in these areas. *Meets the 3rd Monday at 6:30 pm, in the City Hall Council Chamber*

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
The responsibilities of the Library Board include the following: establishing Library policies and programs to ensure that quality programs are provided to the community, recommending an annual budget to the City Council for approval, and ensuring that efficient and effective services are provided at the Library. *Meets the 4th Wednesday at 7:00 pm, in the City Hall Conference Room*

PLANNING COMMISSION
The responsibilities of the Planning Commission fall into two broad categories: consideration of current land-use (i.e. applications for General Plan amendments, zone changes, specific plans, conditional use permits, tract maps, variances, and appeals of staff land-use decisions); and advising the City Council on City initiated amendments to the City's General Plan. *Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm, in the City Hall Council Chamber*

SENIOR COMMUNITY COMMISSION
The Senior Community Commission is responsible for defining the needs, locating and publicizing available resources, coordinating and initiating services and opportunities for the senior population of Sierra Madre. *Meets the 1st Monday at 3:00 pm, in the City Hall Council Chamber*

TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION
The Tree Commission is an advisory body to the Director of Public Works, City Manager, Planning Commission, and City Council. The commission shall make recommendations to the Director of Public Works, City Manager, Planning Commission and the City Council as appropriate on matters involving care and maintenance of City-owned trees and trees on private undeveloped property. *Meets the 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 pm, in the City Hall Council Chamber*

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Thur:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
Fri:	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, May 14, 2013
6:30 pm

May 7th	6:00	General Plan Committee
May 14th	6:30	City Council Meeting
May 22nd	7:00	Library Board of Trustees
May 24th	5:30	MWTR Pasta Feed Kersting Ct
May 25th		Mount Wilson Trail Race



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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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FRIDAY - Noon Gene Goss'
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Gene's guest this week
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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 and visit our Facebook page Rotary of Sierra Madre.

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We are doing this survey now because we are excited to launch a new channel, Channel 98. As you might know, Channel 3 on Time Warner Cable has been airing City Council and Planning Commission meetings, and other City government events, live for years and this important service will continue. But we are now adding Channel 98 as a commercial free, educational channel that will feature children's programming, classic movies and TV shows, how-to shows, community special events and other interesting and eclectic programming relevant to our lives in Sierra Madre all presented without commercials and without fundraising. It is our channel, it is starting from scratch, and we need you to tell us what you want to see on it.

Please take a few minutes to fill out this questionnaire either online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/X6VBWYB or drop it off at City Hall, Sierra Madre Library, or the Recreation Center by May 31, 2013 and be part of creating something that will entertain and inform us, be unique to our special town, and make us proud. Thanks for the help!

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SIERRA MADRE AUTHOR MERRILL
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Monday, 05/13/2013 7:00 pm
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JOAN CROW TO BE HONORED AS SIERRA MADRE'S OLDER AMERICAN OF THE YEAR



Joan Crow, holding flowers, will be honored this Friday at the Hart Park House. She was honored earlier in the week by the Senior Community Commission. From left to right, Marilyn McKernan, Dorothy Jerneycic, Bill Nelson, Chair, Nina Bartolai, Joan Crow, Fran Garbaccio and Amy Putnam. Not pictured: Commissioner Jacquie Pergola
Photo courtesy of the City of Sierra Madre

On Friday, May 10th, the City of Sierra Madre Community Services Department and the Senior Community Commission will hold a reception in honor of Joan Crow, the 2013 Older American of the Year for Sierra Madre.

Each year the President of the United States, the Governor of California and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors designate the month of May as Older American Month. In recognition of Joan Crow's dedicated volunteer service to the community, The reception held at the Hart Park House Senior Center on Friday, May 10, 2013 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For more information on the Older American Reception or on how you can assist with honoring Joan Crow, please contact the Senior Services Desk at 626-355-7394.

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

For the period April 22-28, 2013

Wednesday April 24, 2013

At 12:30pm, a resident parked and locked her vehicle near Sierra Madre Nursery School (701 E. Sierra Madre Boulevard) and went inside to pick up her daughter. When she returned five minutes later, she discovered that the vehicle right side window had been smashed and her purse was missing. The investigation could not determine what type of object was used to smash the window and no witnesses to the crime were found. The victim's purse contained identification, credit cards and currency.

Friday April 26, 2013

A resident in the 200 block of San Gabriel Court parked his work truck overnight in the street near his house. The next morning a neighbor alerted the owner that the doors and cabinets on the vehicle were open. The owner then discovered that a number of power tools had been removed from the truck. The investigation determined that the vehicle doors and cabinets were left unlocked overnight and an unknown suspect was able to easily access all areas of the truck. A readable print lift was obtained and the investigation is on-going.

Sunday April 28, 2013

At 9pm, officers went to a residence in the 00 block of West Sierra Madre Boulevard to conduct a felony probation compliance check. As they interviewed the individual on probation, the officers observed a white crystalline substance and narcotics paraphernalia in plain sight on an entry room table. Further investigation determined that the substance was methamphetamine. This constituted a violation of the terms of probation. The individual (male 28 years of age) was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

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AIR QUALITY FORUM MAY 11, 2013

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All Saints' Sweetland Hall,
132 N. Euclid Ave., Pasadena.

While California is leading the way in air-quality policy, 95 percent of Californians still live in areas that fail the national and state standards for clean air.

Representatives from the port of Los Angeles, Pasadena Water and Power and California Air Resources Board will discuss the critical role and economic cost to transportation and energy industries in meeting those standards. They also will address how air-quality policies affect business, the economy and consumers.

Specifically:

*What policies govern the electric sector and what effect do they have on electric bills.
How air-quality policies affect the movement of goods and in turn the economy.*

LaRonda Bowen, ombudsman for the California Air Resources Board (CARB), will describe the state's air quality policies, the data that support the policies and ways to measure improvement. Shari Thomas, assistant general manager of Pasadena Water and Power, will discuss policies governing electricity, how the local utility is complying and what it means to rate payers.

Teresa Pisano, environmental mitigation coordinator for the Port of Los Angeles, will talk about the port's specific policies and effects on the movement and pricing of goods.

Felicia Williams, former chair of the Environmental Advisory Commission for the city of Pasadena, will moderate.

A continental breakfast will be served. Free parking is available in the church lot at the corner of Euclid Avenue and Walnut Street. Further information is available by calling. 626-798-0965

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THE JUNE FAIRE

An Annual Sierra Madre Event Celebrating "All Things British"



The Presentation of the Colors opens The June Faire.
Photo by Robert Mendel

The 2013 June Faire will be held at the British Home in California, 647 Manzanita Avenue, Sierra Madre, on Saturday, June 1, from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm.

This festive, family-friendly event held annually at Sierra Madre's premier non-profit independent and assisted living facility for seniors, offers British-style fun, food and entertainment for everyone from 5 to 105.

Colorful booths artfully situated on the beautiful 2 ½ acre campus will offer crafts, books, tools, collectibles, personal accessories, and decorative and household items for sale, the proceeds from which support the British Home.

Traditional British food, including ploughman's lunches, English bangers, home-baked breads, pastries and savories, and a "proper" Victorian Tea Room will be available for your enjoyment throughout the day. Treat the kids to a hot dog, and a soda, topped off with a snow cone or refreshing bowl of

strawberries and ice cream.

The Children's Area is among the Faire's most popular features. The fun begins with a stop at the face-painting booth. Game booths, a bouncy house, sticky wall, water toss and bubble wand activities will provide hours of wholesome fun for the kids.

Live entertainment will include bagpipers and adults and youngsters performing traditional Morris, Scottish and Irish dances.

Have your picture taken with a strolling "British Bobby" or "Beefeater." Coming attired—British style—in the garb of your favorite historical era is also encouraged.

The British Home is located in a residential area, with parking along Ramona and Manzanita Avenues, as well as on the side streets. For more information, please call (626) 355-7240 or visit our website: www.britishhome-ca.us.

DELTA DELTA DELTA

On Tuesday, April 16, the San Gabriel-Crescenta Valley Alumnae Chapter of Delta Delta Delta (Tri Delta) held their monthly luncheon meeting in Sierra Madre at the Four Seasons Tea Room.

The meeting was hosted by Amy Putnam, Tri Delta alumna (University of New Mexico), and Rosa Jaime, owner, Four Seasons Tea Room who served a delicious luncheon tea.

Special guests were Gwen Robertson, local Sierra Madre resident and alumna of the UC-Irvine Tri Delta Chapter, and Kyle Schnurr, Recreation Supervisor, City of Sierra Madre and alumna of the Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo Tri Delta Chapter.

Delta Delta Delta is an international women's collegiate fraternity with chapters on 138 campuses in the United States and Canada. Funds raised by Tri Delta collegiate and alumnae chapters benefit Tri Delta's designated philanthropy, children's oncology research both at local hospitals and nationally at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



HIGH TEA AT SIERRA MADRE'S VILLAGE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

The Village Church of the Ascension will be hosting a fundraiser and Silent Auction to raise money for the Church with a portion of the proceeds being donated to the Women's Room for Friends in Deed - Ecumenical Council Pasadena Area Congregations (ECPAC).

When: Saturday, May 25, 2013

Time: 2:00 pm

Where: The Church of the Ascension - Hawks Hall
25 East Laurel Avenue, Sierra Madre, CA

Cost: \$35.00 for Adults
\$17.50 for 11 years and under

Afternoon High Tea is open to the all, please come and enjoy a full High Tea for adults and children. Bring your mom, sister, or friends and catch up over a steaming hot pot and delicious treats. Tickets are available at the Church office during regular business hours, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday's (closed on Wednesdays). Tickets are also available at the Bottle Shop located at 58 West Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre and at Savor the Flavor, located at 11 Kersting Court, Sierra Madre. Tickets sales will be limited, and must be purchased in advanced (no ticket sales at the door).

Come for a wonderful afternoon. For more information, please call the church office at (626) 355-1133 or visit: www.ascension-sierramadre.com.

SENIOR HEALTH SEMINAR - STRESS MANAGEMENT AND DRUG INTERACTIONS

The Hart Park House Senior Center presents a two part health seminar on Monday, May 13, 2013 from 1:00-3:00 pm at the Hart Park House Senior Center, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. A presentation on stress management hosted by the YWCA San Gabriel Valley will occur from 1:00-2:00pm. The YWCA San Gabriel Valley is seeking to increase the knowledge of older adults on stress as well as the point of entry of available mental health services. This presentation will provide an increased knowledge of stress, its impact, and techniques to manage stressors in one's life. This presentation is also beneficial for care givers of older adults.

From 2:00-3:00pm Walgreens Pharmacy will provide a presentation on managing drug interactions. This presentation is a must for those that take several different medicines (prescription or over the counter), see more than one doctor, or have certain health conditions. Understanding how medications interact will help prevent negative drug interactions. Individuals are encouraged to bring their prescriptions for clarification.

For more information on either of the Senior Health Seminars please contact the Hart Park House Senior Center at 626.355.7394.

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Local Man Arrested for Torture and Sex Crimes

Pasadena Police Detectives arrested a man Wednesday for torture, mayhem and various other sex-related crimes after a woman called police saying she had been burned and tied up.

Police later arrested Piotr Igor Dudkiewicz of Pasadena for alleged kidnapping, rape and torture.

According to police, shortly before 9:00 a.m. Tuesday dispatchers received a 911 call transfer from the California Highway Patrol. The woman on the phone was distraught and uttered she was in Pasadena and had been burned and tied up by a male. The call was then disconnected.

Pasadena Police Officer connected the caller's phone number to a residence in the 700 block of N. Pasadena Avenue. No one was located at the residence.

Los Angeles Police Department notified the Pasadena police that a Hispanic female-21 was found suffering from severe chemical burns at a Los Angeles area hospital. Pasadena patrol officers responded and determined she was the original caller.

The investigation revealed that the victim had been intentionally burned by a suspect, who she met in Los Angeles and agreed to follow him to his home in Pasadena. At the residence, the suspect convinced her to pose for a picture wearing a motorcycle helmet. After placing the helmet on her head, the victim felt a burning sensation against her skin. When she attempted to remove the helmet, the suspect held the helmet in place until she lost consciousness. She later awoke to find the suspect sexually assaulting her.

The victim remains hospitalized in serious, but stable condition with second and third degree burns.

Dudkiewicz remains in custody on \$1.4 million dollars bail.

Pasadena detectives are asking that anyone with information contact Detective Carolyn Gordon at (626) 744-7113 or the Pasadena Police Department at (626) 744-4241.

Pet of the Week



Billy is a sweet and playful two-year-old Labrador/pit bull mix. He enjoys playing with toys and going out for walks in the park. He came into the shelter as a stray and would do well with an active family.

Billy's adoption fee is \$125, which includes his neuter surgery, a microchip, the first set of vaccinations, as well as a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. New adopters will receive complimentary health and wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information on how to care for your pet. Ask an adoptions counselor for more information during your visit.

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A324857, or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday - Friday, 9-4 Saturday. Pets may not be available for adoption and cannot be held for potential adopters from phone calls or email. Directions and photos of all pets can be found at www.pasadenahumane.org.



Doo Dah Parade Strikes Again

Thousands of parade goers lined Colorado Boulevard in East Pasadena Saturday to get a glimpse of some of the wacky entries that made up this year's 36th occasional Doo Dah Parade including the amusing Flying Baby Hammer (pictured above), a Moveable Feast (based on a Hemingway novel), and BBQ & Hibachi Marching Grill Team among others. This year's Queen Susann Edmonds was accompanied by a llama she borrowed from Parade Grand Marshal Alan Zorthian.



Queen Susann Edmonds

Live Stream with Author Dan Brown

An Evening of Codes, Symbols and Secrets

Pasadena Public Library will host a Live Stream Event of Dan Brown, the #1 international bestselling author, at Lincoln Center - An Evening of Codes, Symbols and Secrets on Wednesday, May 15 at 4:30 p.m. in Central Library's Donald R. Wright Auditorium, 285 E. Walnut St. This unique publishing event will be Brown's only public appearance and is presented by Doubleday.

Brown will speak about his



new novel, "Inferno," plus a range of topics, including science, religion, codes, book publishing, movie making plus a few surprise topics. For more information call (626) 744-4294

White Suits Green Thumbs to Help Parks

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association and Miracle-Gro have partnered to improve and enhance parks in the city of Pasadena through a project dubbed "White Suits Green Thumbs" - "white suits" being a reference to the traditional New Year's Day uniform of Association volunteer members - that will have members digging, planting and utilizing Miracle-Gro products in three parks on Saturday, May 4. A fourth park will undergo a more extensive transformation to be unveiled in October.

On May 4, Brenner Park, Hamilton Park and Robinson Park will benefit from the work of 85 Tournament volunteers, as well as an additional 91 family members and friends. More than 19,500 square feet of mulch and Miracle-Gro products donated by the company will be used to improve the soil and help ensure that new plants and trees thrive.

The improvement of Central Park will be a larger-scale project, with work resources provided by other parties.

Altadena Sheriff Crime Blotter

Sunday, April 21st

An unknown suspect vandalized a parked car in the 700 block of Woodbury Road by firing a BB gun at the driver's door.

Monday, April 22nd

Between 5:00 PM and 7:00 AM (Wednesday) - A Grand theft occurred at Five Acres, 760 W. Mountain View St. Loss: laptop, digital camera, video game system.

Wednesday, April 24th

Between 8:00 PM and 7:30 AM (Thursday) - A grand theft from an unlocked vehicle occurred in the 700-blk of W. Sacramento St. Loss: car stereo, iPod, amplifier, and equalizer. 9:30 PM and 10:00 AM (Thursday) - A vehicle burglary occurred in the 1700-blk of New York Dr. Loss: airbags, navigation system, speakers, and black tailgate.

Thursday, April 25th

4:30 PM - A vehicle burglary occurred at 24Hr. Fitness, 2180 N. Lincoln Av. Three male/black suspects were seen fleeing in a black colored car. Loss: purse, textbooks, wallet and make-up bag. A business in the 2000 block of Lake Ave. reported that

three different suspects passed counterfeit money at his establishment within two hours of each other. The suspects were described as two female/black adults (50-60 years old) and one male white juvenile, driving a grey minivan.

6:20 PM - A victim reported that two suspects approached her in the 2500 block of Fair Oaks Ave. and threatened her with a gun. The suspects are known to the victim. When responding deputies saw the possible suspect on El Nido Drive, he fled on foot and was not located at the time.

Saturday, April 27th

Between 4:00 PM and 8:00 PM - A vehicle vandalism occurred in the 1200-blk of Sonoma Dr. Suspects(s) unknown punctured the victim's tire. Between 10:00 PM and 12:15 AM (Sunday) - A vehicle burglary occurred at 24Hr. Fitness, 2180 N. Lincoln Av. Loss: backpack and wallet.

Sunday, April 28th

4:09 PM - A vehicle (Jeep Cherokee) was stolen in the 2300 block of Olive Ave. Between April 21th and April 28th there were 19 runaway juveniles reported to the Altadena Sheriff Station.

Pharmacy Bill Passes Key Committee

The Assembly Health Committee has approved Assemblymember Chris Holden's bill to give patients a choice in pharmacy health plans.

AB 299 targets mail-order prescription mandates by prohibiting any mail-order pharmacy from entering into contracts with health insurance companies when the insured are required to purchase their medications from a mail-order pharmacy.

"Let's use some common sense here. The average consumer wants to have a choice in where he or she purchases prescription drugs," said Holden. "These plans shouldn't discriminate on where you buy your medications. Let the patient choose what works best for him or her - a local pharmacy or a mail-order pharmacy. I am especially concerned that seniors or those with complicated conditions such as cancer, hepatitis or HIV/AIDS have access to the pharmacist of their choice."

AB 299 follows reports earlier this year that health insurer Anthem Blue Cross was going to require thousands of its California patients with chronic diseases such as cancer, rheumatoid arthritis and HIV/AIDS to buy prescription drugs from a mail order pharmacy. Anthem has since backed off while they reevaluate the requirement. But Assemblymember Holden felt it was important to go ahead with the legislation to ensure consumers have a choice.

AB 299 is supported by several senior groups including AARP California and the California Senior Legislature, California Pharmacists Association, AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Target and Walgreens among others.

Earlier, AB 299 passed the Assembly Business, Professions and Consumer Protection Committee. It now goes to Assembly Appropriations for fiscal consideration.

Library to Close for Staff Development

All Pasadena Public Library sites will close for Staff Development Day, Thursday, May 9. They will reopen and resume their regular schedule on Friday, May 10.

For more information, contact Catherine Hany, chany@cityofpasadena.net or (626) 744-4207.

Pasadena Marathon Course Map Revealed

Event downgraded to half marathon

Although this year's Pasadena Marathon is set for June 30, the popular event, now in its fifth year, will be downgraded from a full marathon to a half marathon officials announced this week. Also cut this year is the bike tour.

The marathon will feature a half marathon, 10K, 5K, and kids run.

"Unfortunately, though it was our wish to once again put on a great Full Marathon, Full Marathon Relay, and Bike Tour event, the events were not permitted by City of Pasadena Staff," a notice says greeting runners as they visit the events website pasadenamarathon.org.

City staff said the event draws less than 1,000 participants something they say cannot justify shutting down the high number of city streets dunning a full marathon. The full marathon shuts down 26.5 miles of city streets, something city officials said is more of an undertaking than needed for the Rose Parade.

Pasadena Marathon Race Director Israel Estrada is

no stranger to controversy with the city. Estrada has said the biggest issue with the marathon, in the past, has been that the event has never had a permanent race date. He also said that each year, city staff final approval does not give runners enough time to train. He also said that canceling the full marathon will stop attracting running from as far away as Australia.

Last year the event was held in May and prior to that in March

This year's race will again start at Pasadena City College, then snake through the city passing historic landmarks such as city hall, downtown old Pasadena and the Rose Bowl stadium.

Organizers also announced this year's art contest winner, Marion Eisenmann, who designed a new look for the marathon including the logo, t-shirts and medals.

There will also be a question and answer session, May 7, for team captains or anyone else forming a group for the run. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Souplantation 201 South Lake Avenue.



Pasadena Marathon 2013 Course Map

PCC Wins at Public Relations State Conference

The Pasadena City College Public Relations Office continued its long-standing winning streak at the 2013 Community College Public Relations Organization (CCPRO) Conference with a first and second place PRO Award in the category of Sports Media Guide and a third place win in the category of Banner/Outdoor Media.

The annual conference, which was held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Santa Ana, Calif. on April 18-19, recognizes excellence in California's community college public relations and related professions.

"We pour many hours of work and energy toward producing a quality printed sports media guide," said Robert Lewis, PCC sports information specialist. "To be honored once again by our peers in the public relations field is special, and we take pride that PCC is a perennial winner in the sports media category. It's an affirmation that we do our job well of promoting student and

team success."

PCC's first place win came from the 2013 Lancers football media guide, and the college's second place award was for the 2013 Lancers women's basketball media guide.

The PCC sports media guides are a collaborative effort, written and edited by Lewis, with graphics produced by Jesus Ruiz, typesetter/production artist for the PCC Publications Office. Photos are provided by Richard Quinton, PCC sports information photographer, and Richshell Allen, PCC digital media technician.

"I'm inspired to be part of a team that puts out such consistent, quality work," Ruiz said. "It's an added bonus that our work is recognized by the industry and our peers."

PCC received third place for its Distinguished Alumni banners, which can be seen at the turnaround in front of the Industrial Technologies Building on Hill Ave.

May JPL Events Calendar

MAY 4-5: SHOOTING STARS FROM HALLEY'S COMET

The Eta Aquarids meteor shower will peak in the early hours before dawn on Sunday, May 5. Away from city lights, up to 30 shooting stars an hour can be seen. Each one is a small bit of Halley's Comet streaking across Earth's atmosphere. A thin crescent moon makes for dark skies, and best viewing is in the hour or two before dawn. Some meteors may be visible for a few days before and after May 5 due to the broad peak of this shower. <http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/asteroidwatch/meteor.cfm>

MAY 9-10: FREE LECTURE - RADAR IMAGING OF NEAR-EARTH ASTEROIDS

Radar is a very powerful astronomical technique for studying the physical properties and refining the orbits of near-Earth asteroids. The world's only two radar telescopes for imaging asteroids are at Arecibo, Puerto Rico, and Goldstone, Calif. These telescopes can image near-Earth asteroids with

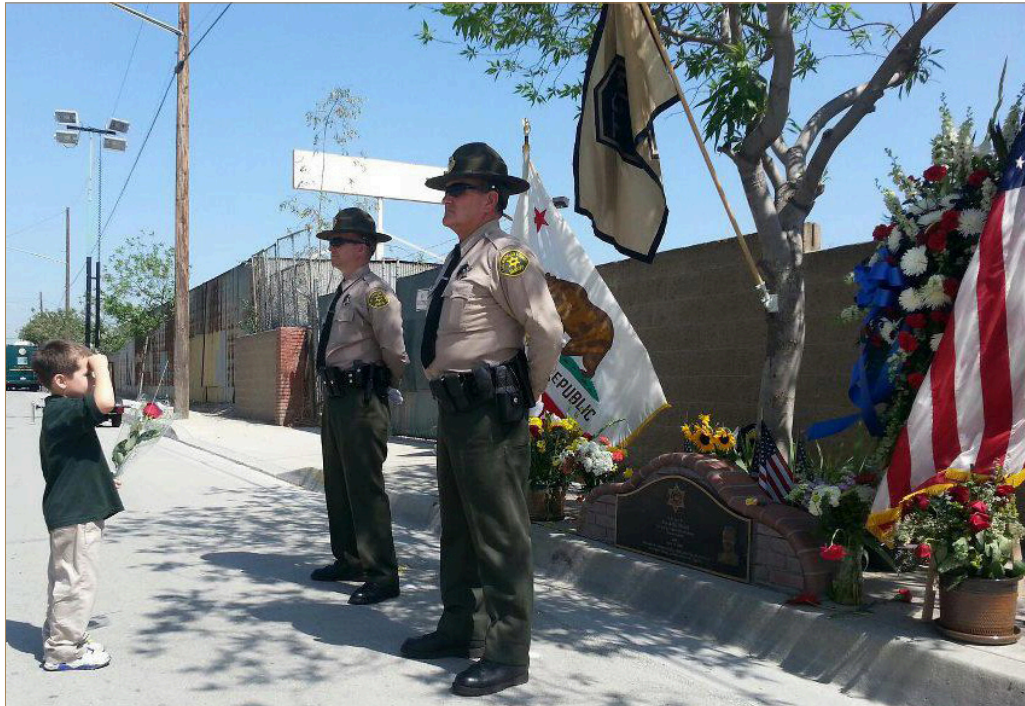
resolutions as fine as several meters, which greatly exceeds the finest resolution available from any ground- or space-based optical telescope (even the Hubble Space Telescope). Radar images reveal an object's size, shape, rotation state and features on its surface such as craters, ridges and even large boulders. Scientists have discovered that one-sixth of near-Earth asteroids larger than 200 meters (656 feet) in diameter are double systems that revolve around each other, like miniature versions of Earth and Moon, and that 10 percent of near-Earth asteroids look like gigantic peanuts, while others resemble muffins and potatoes. Free lectures on May 9 at JPL; May 10 at Pasadena City College; both at 7 p.m. http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/events/lectures_archive.cfm?year=2013&month=5

MAY 23: NASA'S CASSINI FLIES CLOSE TO TITAN

On May 23, NASA's Cassini spacecraft will fly within about 600 miles (970 kilometers) of Saturn's largest moon Titan. This is the 92nd targeted flyby of Titan in the mission. <http://saturn.jpl.nasa.gov>

"What's Going On?"*News and Views from Joan Schmidt***ELEVEN YEARS LATER,
DAVE MARCH IS GONE,
BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN**

It's hard to believe eleven years have passed since Deputy Dave March was gunned down by a coward, whom he had pulled over for a traffic stop. That day I'll never forget-I was at my school, Annunciation, Arcadia, teaching sixth grade. The sirens seemed endless and we were put on lockdown. One frantic call to Sgt. Mike Rodriguez confirmed my worst nightmare. Our area 57 Deputy Dave March-the big guy with the big grin was gone. The suspect was Jorge Arroyo Garcia, aka Armando Garcia fled to Mexico and was arrested there in 2006. Finally he was extradited to the US in 2007 and is now serving a life term. (The Death Penalty could not be sought; otherwise Mexico would never have sent him back here.)



In the days following Dave's death, many beautiful posters, cards, flowers and remembrances appeared by the site. The following Saturday I attended the funeral and rode on one of the buses from Temple Station provided for their personnel and City/Town Council Members. As I rode to the funeral site, I was overwhelmed how the residents of Saugus came out for Dave. Along the sidewalks, were people of all ages, holding signs and flags. It was beautiful. Behind us were six miles of law enforcement vehicles in support of Dave.

The services were beautiful. Governor Davis came down from Sacramento, Supervisor Antonovich and public officials, Sheriff Lee Baca, CHP Commander Mike Brown, Temple Station Commander Captain Roberta Abner and all Temple Station deputies. (It should be noted that when these tragedies occur, deputies from other station and local police will cover for the station of the fallen deputy so all can attend services.) There was the gun salute, release of doves and a horse without a rider. Captain Abner was eloquent and Teri March was presented with the flag.

Eventually Irwindale Police Department and a few local businesses put up the permanent Memorial to Dave as he was killed on Live Oak in Irwindale. A beautiful Memorial to Dave at Temple Station was the gift of his fellow personnel there. A year later, a rally was held at the Irwindale Speedway. Teri, Dave's widow, his parents, and sister Erin all spoke. They were angry that the coward who killed Dave was still at large.

Armando Garcia will spend the rest of his life in jail. Teri March has remarried to a wonderful man and they have two beautiful sons. But Dave will always have a special place in her heart, and in the hearts of his family, many friends, coworkers and all residents of the MAD county area. And of course Temple Station deputies once again stood in a 24 hour vigil at the site Dave was gunned down. Ten-seven in heaven, Deputy Dave March. You will never be forgotten.

**A REVIEW OF "HIGH NOON"**

[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.]

I finally saw "High Noon" with Gary Cooper, a movie that I'd heard of forever, but for whatever reason, never had a chance to view. Finally, last Fourth of July, I had the opportunity to watch this classic.

The lessons of this movie are worth reflection, since the movie captured some of the most basic, universal, timeless human traits. Set in the western genre, Gary Cooper (Cain) is getting married to a Quaker woman, and therefore resigning as marshal of this small town. His resignation is occurring just one day before the new marshal is set to arrive. This means there will be no marshal for one day.

Coincidentally, three "bad guys" show up in town, awaiting a train that's due to arrive at high noon. On board the train is Frank Miller. Apparently, it was because of Cain that Miller was sent to prison, and Miller is coming to seek revenge.

But Cain just got married, and was heading out of town. He could just walk away from it all. He no longer has any legal responsibilities to the small town. But his personal ethics compel him to go back to the town.

Some time earlier, Cain and company had managed to drive all the bad elements from the town, and turned the town into the sort of place where people would want to come to in order to work and to live a good life.

There's also another woman (isn't there always?) and a cast of characters all caught up in the pettiness of their own lives.


As we watch the clock tick down to noon, Cain attempts to round up some men and deputize them in order to fight back Miller and his gang of three.

But it turned out that Miller and gang had many passive supporters in the town, those who liked the wild days before Cain got Miller sent to prison. You'd think that the whole town would rally behind Cain, but each one had their own fears, their own doubts, and their own excuses.

The movie is a fantastic study in human character. The basic "good vs. evil" drama is depicted here, which reminded me of the "Lord of the Flies," where the two sides set themselves against one another. Pleasure vs. discipline. Freedom vs. control. Do what you want vs. do what is right.

In the end, Cain does his duty and gets some unanticipated assistance. Duty done, he finally tosses his brass badge in the dust and departs that little town that offered no help.

This is a movie worth taking the time to watch, and having a discussion afterwards. It makes you realize that with all our modern trappings today, we are no better and no different than the parochial folks in that little isolated town, who – like us – get to look in the mirror every day, and must accept the consequences of our choices.




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Looking Up

with Bob Eklund

**CASSINI IMAGES LARGE HURRICANE ON SATURN**

NASA's Cassini spacecraft has provided scientists the first close-up, visible-light views of a behemoth hurricane swirling around Saturn's north pole.

In high-resolution pictures and video, scientists could see that the hurricane's eye is about 1,250 miles wide—20 times larger than the average hurricane eye on Earth. Thin, bright clouds at the outer edge of the hurricane are traveling 330 miles per hour (150 meters per second). The hurricane swirls inside a large, mysterious, six-sided weather pattern known as the hexagon.

"We did a double take when we saw this vortex because it looks so much like a hurricane on Earth," said Andrew Ingersoll, a Cassini imaging team member at Caltech. "But there it is at Saturn, on a much larger scale, and it is somehow getting by on the small amounts of water vapor in Saturn's hydrogen atmosphere."

Scientists will be studying the hurricane to gain insight into hurricanes on Earth, which feed off warm ocean water. Although there is no body of water close to these clouds high in Saturn's atmosphere, learning how these Saturnian storms use water vapor could tell scientists more about how terrestrial hurricanes are generated and sustained.

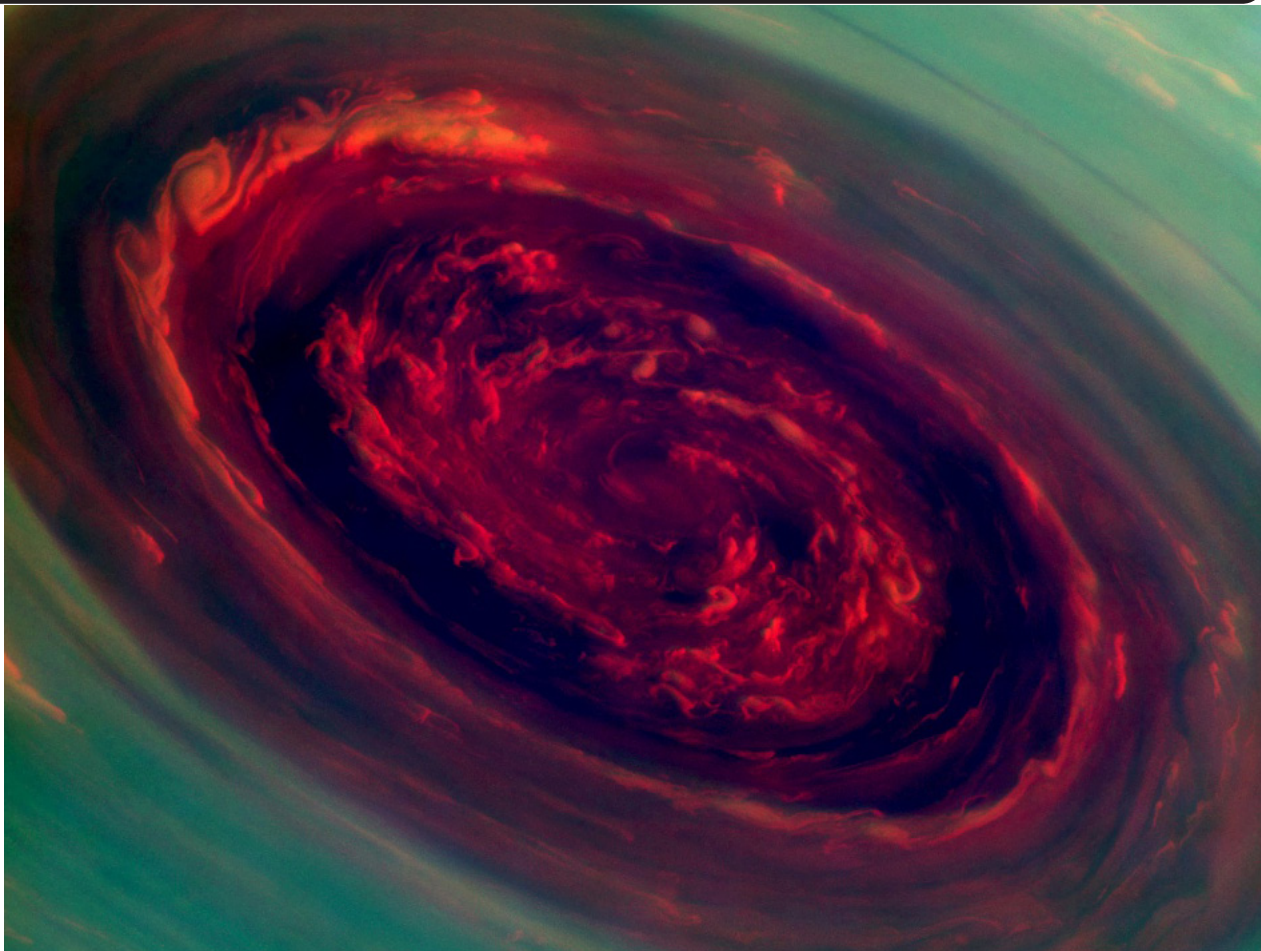
Both a terrestrial hurricane and Saturn's north polar vortex have a central eye with no clouds or very low clouds. Other similar features include high clouds forming an eye wall, other high clouds spiraling around the eye, and a counter-clockwise spin in the northern hemisphere.

A major difference between the hurricanes is that the one on Saturn is much bigger than its counterparts on Earth and spins surprisingly fast. At Saturn, the wind in the eye wall blows more than four times faster than hurricane force winds on Earth. Unlike terrestrial hurricanes, which tend to move, the Saturnian hurricane is locked onto the planet's north pole. On Earth, hurricanes tend to drift northward because of the forces acting on the fast swirls of wind as the planet rotates. The one on Saturn does not drift and is already as far north as it can be.

"The polar hurricane has nowhere else to go, and that's likely why it's stuck at the pole," said Kunio Sayanagi, a Cassini imaging team associate at Hampton University in Hampton, Va.

Scientists believe the massive storm has been churning for years. When the Cassini spacecraft arrived in the Saturn system in 2004, Saturn's north pole was dark because the planet was in the middle of its north polar winter. During that time, Cassini's composite infrared spectrometer and visual and infrared mapping spectrometer detected a great vortex at the north pole, but a visible-light view had to wait for the passing of the planet's equinox in August 2009. Only then did sunlight begin flooding Saturn's northern hemisphere. The view required a change in the angle of the spacecraft's orbits around Saturn—a difficult and fuel-consuming maneuver—so it could see the poles.

"Such a stunning and mesmerizing view of the hurricane-like storm at the north pole is only possible because Cassini is on a sportier course, with orbits tilted to loop the spacecraft above and



This image is among the first sunlit views of Saturn's north pole captured by Cassini's imaging cameras. When the spacecraft arrived in the Saturnian system in 2004, it was northern winter and the north pole was in darkness. Saturn's north pole was last imaged under sunlight by NASA's Voyager 2 in 1981; however, the observation geometry did not allow for detailed views of the poles. Consequently, it is not known how long this newly discovered north-polar hurricane has been active.

below Saturn's equatorial plane," said Scott Edgington, Cassini deputy project scientist at JPL. "You cannot see the polar regions very well from an equatorial orbit. Observing the planet from different vantage points reveals more about the cloud layers that cover the entirety of the planet."

To view the video, go to: <http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/news/news.php?release=2013-149>

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BRIDGE WORK DELAYED THREE WEEKS

Completion of the bridge over Colorado Boulevard, and thus the opening of that street and the beginning of construction on the bridge over Santa Anita Avenue has all been pushed back by three weeks until the end of May.

So far, there is no obvious bridge over Colorado Boulevard except on each side of the street. That bridge is the second of four bridges to be built through Arcadia to carry a light rail line an additional 11.5 miles from Pasadena to Azusa.

Until now, work has all been completed on schedule, so the project was overdue for at least the first slight snag.



Photo courtesy metro.net

Media event January 31, 2013, at Colorado bridge construction site.

A spokeswoman for Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority responded today (Tuesday, April 30) to a request over the weekend from ArcadiasBest.com by saying that additional utility work under Colorado Boulevard has required the three-week extension.

Work on the third bridge, the one over Santa Anita, cannot begin until work is completed on the Colorado Bridge. The construction window for the Santa Anita bridge was already tight since the Construction Authority has promised to have work completed or at least halted during the Breeders' Cup the first weekend of November, and hopefully for the entire Autumn Meet horse racing season at Santa Anita Park that begins the end of September.

During the next three weeks, Foothill Transit Construction will be completing the work on the Colorado Boulevard light rail bridge, all underground utility work, rebuilding the street, and re-opening the street to traffic. All that work is anticipated to be completed the third week of May. Following the re-opening of Colorado Boulevard, work will commence on Santa Anita Avenue about the end of May.

Colorado Blvd Bridge Construction:

- The closure of Colorado Blvd has been extended and will continue until the third week of May 2013 due to additional underground utility work. Please click here to view the updated construction notice for this work and additional details on the extension of the closure including detour maps and other additional information.

Santa Anita Ave Bridge Construction:

- Construction of the Santa Anita Ave bridge in Arcadia is scheduled to begin at the end of May 2013 and continue for seven months. North and southbound lane closures along Santa Anita Ave (between Newman Ave and Santa Clara St) will be in place during this period. The work will occur in phases. The initial phase is detailed in the following: Please click here to view the construction notice for the first phase of work, which includes a four-month closure of La Porte Street at Santa Anita Avenue.

ANOTHER FIRST FOR THE ARCADIA HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE DEPARTMENT!



Arcadia High School Theatre Department Wins The DTASC Sweepstakes Trophy. This is the first time in the history of the school that the Theatre Department has won this first place Sweepstakes trophy. Out of 66 schools throughout Southern CA, including all the performing arts schools in LA, Arcadia High School took home the most first place awards ranking us in First place for the overall sweepstakes award.

Winning the Sweepstakes trophy is the highest award a high school can receive at this competition and it is only issued to the one school that won the most points in the different categories.

Arcadia School Superintendent Joel Shawn said "Arcadia HS's success at this prestigious competition is one more example of the excellence of our students and the commitment of their teacher and drama director Steven Volpe to teach and develop these outstanding young people. Steven is an excellent teacher and the performance of his students is a validation of their hard work and his focus on teaching and learning".

"This is one more example of our outstanding students and the drama program, examples of the overall excellence for which Arcadia High School is known" said Dr. Brent Forsee the Arcadia High School Principal.

"Arcadia is extremely proud of the High School Theatre Department. A dedicated group of theatre students have outperformed 66 other schools in Southern California. An accomplishment all Arcadians can celebrate with our high school. Congratulations to all staff and students for this championship performance" – Said Mickey Segal the Mayor of Arcadia.

The Director of the Performing Arts Center Sue Cook said "We are so proud of these students! Steven Volpe has raised the level of professionalism in the theatre arts at Arcadia to new heights and the students and community are the lucky beneficiaries of his expertise and excellent work ethic."

Here are the winners of the various categories:

1. Sweepstakes: Steven Volpe
2. First Place: Grand Tour: A Midsummer Night's Dream: Kristina Price, Paeon Wang, Ashley Poon, and Chloe Yin
3. First Place: Group Drama: Romeo and Juliet: Anthony Nappier, Chloe Conrad, Luke Karsana, Craig Capps, Alana Deblase, and Angela King
4. First Place: Royal Court Costumes: Queen Elizabeth: Alex Tan
5. First Place: Group Comedy: Much Ado About Nothing: Keith Harmel, Gordon Chang, Emily Johnson, Patrick Matsutani, Summer Ellis, and Annabelle Muljana
6. Second Place: Tragic Deaths: Macbeth: David Liu and Janessa Floyd
7. Finals (Top 10) Replay: Troilus and Cressida: Christian Cruz, Nicole Richcreek, Liam Swan, Catherine Liu, Shelby Dreves, Christie Kuo, Susana Nestor, and Carolyn Ho
8. Finals (Top 10) Sets/Lights/Graphics: Romeo and Juliet: Samantha Grasso and Ninoshka Figueroa Correa and Sean Monje
9. Semi Finalist: B-Stories: Troilus and Cressida: Cassie Nickles, Sommer Zetter, Hunter Gibson, and Sarah Falatoonzadeh
10. Semi Finalist: Monologues: Richard III/ Much Ado About Nothing: Dominique Ortiz

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, April 21st, through Saturday, April 27th, the Police Department responded to 949 calls for service of which 127 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

- Sunday, April 21:
1. At about 2:40 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for driving with no headlights on in the area of Live Oak Avenue and Peck Road. The officer detected an odor of alcohol emitting from the driver's breath and person. An investigation revealed the 25-year-old Hispanic male was under the influence with a blood alcohol level greater than 0.08%. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
 2. Shortly after 8:00 p.m., an officer responded to the 600 block of West Norman Avenue in regards to a residential burglary report. Unknown suspect(s) forced entry through a window, ransacked the location, and fled undetected with numerous property items including cameras, jewelry, a television monitor, and a purse. No one reported seeing or hearing anything suspicious.

- Monday, April 22:
3. At approximately 5:23 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 400 block of West Huntington Drive regarding a disturbance. An argument between a boyfriend and girlfriend led to a physical altercation in which the female victim was struck in the face. An emergency protective order was issued against the 22-year-old Hispanic male suspect. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
 4. At about 10:51 p.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on two bicyclists for riding without reflectors on Second Avenue at Foothill Boulevard. An investigation revealed one bicyclist was under the influence of alcohol. The 43-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

- Tuesday, April 23:
5. Between 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., unknown suspect(s) burglarized a vehicle in the parking lot of the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue. The suspect(s) gained entry by a physical means and fled with a laptop computer, lunch box, and headphones. Latent fingerprints were discovered on the outside of the vehicle. Further investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.
 - At approximately 6:45 p.m., an officer responded to the Santa Anita Race Track, 285 West Huntington Drive, in reference to a battery investigation. An unknown suspect hit an elderly male victim on the head with a bottle of liquor after the victim refused to surrender his wallet. The victim fell to the floor and was transported to Huntington Memorial Hospital where he was treated for a broken arm. The 34-year-old Hispanic male suspect attempted to flee on foot; however, he was later detained in the west-side area of Arcadia County Park. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

- Wednesday, April 24:
6. Just before 11:00 a.m., an officer made consensual contact with a subject walking in the area of Santa Anita Avenue and Colorado Boulevard. An investigation revealed the subject was under the influence of a controlled substance and had an outstanding no bail warrant. The 34-year-old White male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
 7. While conducting daytime enforcement in Arcadia at roughly 3:12 p.m., West San Gabriel Valley Anti-Crime Task Force officers initiated a pursuit of a possible stolen vehicle on Longden Avenue at Sixth Avenue. Shortly after, Arcadia officers joined the pursuit; however, a short time later the pursuit was terminated due to unsafe driving conditions.
 - The suspects continued to drive at high speeds and ultimately crashed into another vehicle at the intersection of Holly Avenue and Los Altos Avenue. A records check confirmed the suspect vehicle was stolen out of Covina. The 33 and 37-year-old White males were arrested and transported to Arcadia Methodist Hospital where they were medically cleared for booking. The driver of the other vehicle was transported to the Arcadia Methodist Hospital as a precautionary measure.

- Thursday, April 25:
8. At approximately 2:44 a.m., an officer responded to the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in regards to a subject check. The officer discovered the subject was intoxicated, unable to care for himself, and had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. The 28-year-old White male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
 9. Around 4:57 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the Arcadia Police Department front counter in regards to a theft report. An unknown suspect called the elderly victim on the phone and pretended to be his granddaughter. The suspect asked for cash in order to get bailed out of jail in Cancun, Mexico. The victim wired \$2,300 via Western Union and later realized he was scammed after talking to his actual granddaughter who was safe and sound at her home in New York. Further investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.

- Friday, April 26:
10. Roughly after 2:50 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for failing to use his turn signal at the intersection of Longden Avenue and Myrtle Avenue. The driver provided false information; however, a records check revealed he had four outstanding misdemeanor warrants. The 35-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
 11. At about 3:30 p.m., an officer responded to Macy's at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in regards to a theft investigation. Two Hispanic female suspects concealed merchandise inside their handbags and exited the store without making payment. One of the suspects was in possession of marijuana and had four outstanding misdemeanor warrants. Both suspects were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

- Saturday, April 27:
12. At approximately 9:20 a.m., an officer was dispatched to 24 Hour Fitness, 125 North First Avenue, in reference to a theft report. Upon finding out that a product was not on sale, a White female suspect became upset, took the product, and exited the store without making payment. The incident was recorded on video surveillance and the suspect's identity is known.
 13. Shortly after 6:40 p.m., an officer responded to the 400 block of North Old Ranch Road regarding a traffic collision that just occurred. An investigation revealed the suspect was intoxicated, drove his vehicle erratically, and crashed into a neighbor's front lawn. The suspect was placed on a 72-hour hold for being a danger to himself and others. Further investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.

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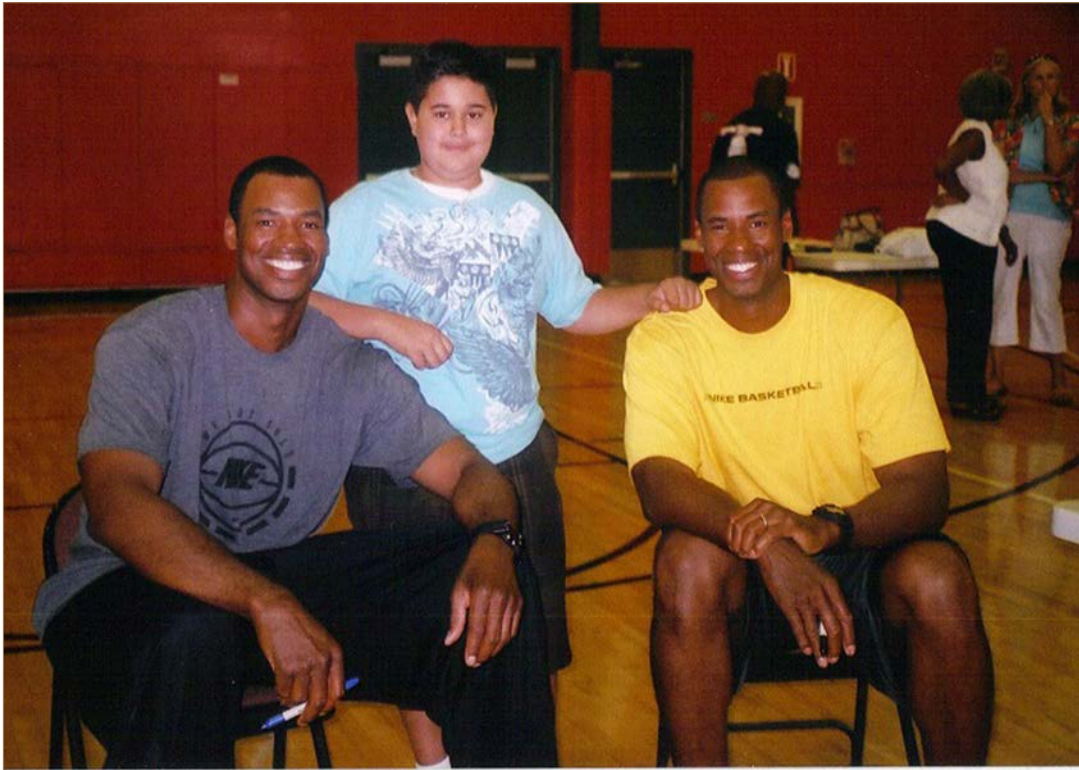
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LEADING THE WAY-NBA STAR JASON COLLINS

Story and Photo By Joan Schmidt



Richard Blake with Jason and Jarod Collins

Two years ago after retiring from fulltime teaching, I resumed my writing career. Shortly after, I met Rodney Jefferson, the Head Basketball Coach at Duarte High School. Rodney is an awesome man, who has abundant energy and is always looking for ways to serve others and help the community.

At that time, Rodney was doing his annual *A Game Fundamental Basketball Clinic*. This special non-profit basketball clinic not only helps develop skills, but its participants learn the value of education, hard work, setting goals and working as a team. The clinic lasts a week, and Friday's ending festivities included games and competition between team and individuals followed by certificates, awards, trophies and a guest speaker.

There were two guest speakers, twin brothers and NBA players, Jason and Jarron Collins from Northridge, California. They blew me away. They spoke of the importance of family and the sacrifices their parents made, so that they could be where they are today. The Collins brothers told the youths to turn around, look at their families and to appreciate them, their support and sacrifices. Setting goals and working hard are an important prerequisite to success. Early on they realized their parents couldn't afford to send both to college, so they had to be successful in the classroom. As far as athletics were concerned, the brothers said there was no substitute for practice and hard work. Jason said he wanted to do his best and challenged himself to do better. One of the brothers was not an "A" student in all classes, so he met with the teacher, asked about extra credit and set aside time each day for homework.

After their inspirational talk, it was time for questions/comments. School Board Member Ken Bell remembered the Collins' high school Westlake Village had beat the Duarte High School Falcons twice! Lois Gaston, past Duarte Mayor remembered their years at Stanford and asked why that university was chosen. The answer

was, "for a number of factors including excellent athletic and EDUCATIONAL programs and for family." Their grandparents lived in the Bay area and their grandfathers attended all their games at Stanford.

Of course, there was a question about their height. Mom was 6'1; Dad, 6'4. By the time the twins reached 8th grade, they had had a growth spurt, were 6'6 and could dunk.

When asked about "MYP" awards, they couldn't answer. What they remembered and what were the most important awards were "TEAM" ones. Scoring didn't matter, rebounds, and passing to other players-that's what counted! John Stockton once said, "It's amazing what you can accomplish when no one cares about themselves."

The brothers sat down, signed MANY autographs, and posed for pictures. I heard parents' comments, "What perfect role models the Collins are, stressing the importance of education... family being a factor in choosing Stanford, appreciate your families and their sacrifices."

As I drove home, I had such a warm feeling in my heart for these two fine men. Then last night, Jason's announcement that he was gay, was on the news. I thought, "How nice that someone has stepped forward." (It hadn't clicked yet that it was the Jason I met almost two years ago!) Then as they talked about the "Westlake Village Star" and repeated Jason's name, I jumped out of my seat. "OMG, that's one of the awesome twins who inspired the participants and parents at *A Fundamental Basketball Clinic* two years ago!"

It seemed only fitting that this fine man who spoke of the importance of setting goals and education, hard work and appreciating your family and their sacrifices would be the first person in a major league sport to announce he was gay. He has led the way for many others who wish to be honest about their sexual orientation. Well done, Jason. Thank you.

FRIENDS OF THE MONROVIA PUBLIC LIBRARY SPRING SALE- MONROVIA

Friends of the Monrovia Public Library announce the Friends Spring Sale, on Friday, May 17 and Saturday May 18. The sale is open to the public in both Library Park and the Library Community Room at these times: Friday from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m., with our famous \$2.00 a Bag Sale Saturday 3-5 p.m. 100% of the proceeds benefit the Monrovia Public Library. Our volunteers operate the only book store in Monrovia. On May 17-18 more than 5,000 books will be available for purchase - 90% of them are donations from the public. Prices for regular books and media range from 25¢ to \$2. While book sellers are welcome, scanners are not permitted.

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Monrovia Police Blotter

Highlighted Activity for the Weekdays of April 29 - May 1, 2013

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 487 service events, resulting in 77 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.

Parolee at Large - Suspect Arrested

April 29 at 9:15 a.m., an officer stopped a vehicle at Shamrock and Lime for speeding and running a red light. A computer check revealed the 43-year-old, male driver was a parolee at large on parole for grand theft auto. After being issued a citation for the traffic violations, he was arrested and taken into custody.

Child Abuse - Suspect Arrested

April 29 at 12:58 p.m., an officer was dispatched to an elementary school in the 200 block of Jasmine regarding a child abuse report. School staff notified the police after a child reported the abuse to her teacher and said she was afraid to go home. The 10-year-old girl was whipped and punched several times by her mother, resulting in the child receiving multiple bruises. Officers investigated and eventually arrested the mother for causing corporal injury to a child. The Department of Children and Family Services took custody of the child.

Violation of Restraining Order - Suspect Arrested

April 30 at 2:54 a.m., a female subject called police reporting her boyfriend was outside her home at the front door. She claimed to have a valid restraining order against the subject. Officers located and detained the subject at a gas station at Foothill and Madison. A computer check revealed the subject had several outstanding warrants. He was arrested on the warrants, and a report regarding the restraining order will be sent to the District Attorney for filing consideration.

Residential Burglary

April 30 at 6:57 p.m., a residential burglary was reported in the 200 block of Madeline. A real estate agent arrived at the home, which is currently for sale, and noticed the front door ajar; she called police. Officers responded and checked the house for possible suspect(s), but no one was located inside the home. The property inside the home had all been moved to the center of the living room, including the refrigerator. The lockbox was missing and there were no signs of forced entry found. The investigation is continuing.

Resisting and Delaying a Peace Officer / No-Bail Warrant - Suspect Arrested

May 1 at 1:55 p.m., an officer on patrol observed a wanted suspect in the area of Palm and Shamrock. When the suspect saw the officer, he ran west and into the school yard of Clifton Middle School in the 200 block of South Ivy Avenue; he ran through the school gym. Responding officers set up containment of the area and advised school staff at Clifton and Tzu Chi Preschool to lock their facilities down. Clifton students had already gone home for the day. A search was begun.

A resident in the 200 block of East Foothill called and reported a subject matching the suspect description had run into their garage. Officers responded and checked the residence, but the suspect had fled the garage out a side door and over a wall. He fled north onto Foothill and out of sight. The schools were advised to release their lock down once officers were convinced he was out of the area.

The suspect eluded officers for several hours, but at 5:36 p.m., he was located in the area of Jasmine and Palm. A perimeter was set up and the Foothill Air Support helicopter responded to assist in the search. After several attempts to evade officers, the suspect finally surrendered and was arrested for the no-bail warrant and for resisting and delaying officers.

Residential Burglary

May 1 at 7:45 p.m., police responded to the 100 block of Los Angeles Avenue regarding a residential burglary. The victim left for work at about 10 a.m. and her home was secured. She returned home at around 7:45 p.m. She went inside and noticed her jewelry box was missing and the bedroom window was broken and open; she called police. No suspect(s) were located and investigation is continuing.

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14TH ANNUAL CRYSTAL BALL CIRQUE DE LA SALLE DELIGHTS AND ASTONISHES GUESTS

Story and Photo by John Blackstock



The 14th Annual Crystal Ball, "CirQue De La Salle" was held on April 12 at the Langham Huntington Hotel in Pasadena. Crystal Ball Chairs, Pamela Jacques P'13 and Hillary Sanchez P'14, chose the theme that is self-described as a dramatic mix of circus arts and street entertainment. Pamela says, "We wanted something different than anything else we had seen in the past and something that would create great energy and fun. Guests enjoyed an evening of wonder and charm in celebration of those in the Lasallian community who help create the La Salle experience through their generosity. CirQue De La Salle was engulfed in bright colors of pinks, oranges, purples, blues and greens as guests dined at tables beautifully adorned with white feather bouquets and draped in multiple vibrant hues, as well as watching performances by contortionists, acrobats, and aerial silk artists.

The night was filled with the thrill of pursuit with bidding on several dozen items during the live, super silent, and silent auctions. The Révez Grand (Dream Big) Auction items included tickets and dinner at the LA Phil, hockey tickets for the Anaheim Ducks, Los Angeles Dodgers tickets, Adventures to Sea World, a trip to Augusta, Georgia to attend the 2014 Masters Golf Tournament, and "I Dreamed of Africa" photo safari, just to name of few. Aside from the auctions, there was also an Opportunity Drawing where people had the chance to win a trip for two for a 7-night stay in Hawai'i, an iPad or four Disney Park Hopper passes.

Over 300 guests came to congratulate this year's Crystal Ball honorees Cristi and Steve Seidner P'09, '12. Cristi and Steve were selected as the recipients for the 2013 Lasallian Volunteer Award. The spirit of volunteerism runs deep in the Seidner family. They have volunteered for many places and organizations that included Foothill Unity Center, Maryvale's "Shop for the Girls at Christmas" program, synagogues, Anita Oaks School, Barnhart School, La Salle's Parent Association, Technology Fundraising Committee, and especially the Crystal Ball. "They have been untiring in their commitment to support their children's high school - even after they have graduated," says Dr. Richard Gray, President.

"The Crystal Ball is truly a team effort. All the amazing parent volunteers, La Salle staff, and local businesses play such an integral role in the success of the Crystal Ball. I'm truly thankful to our amazing committee, especially Co-Chair Hillary Sanchez. I couldn't have done it without her," says Pamela.

The Crystal Ball is La Salle's largest fundraiser of the year that allows everyone an opportunity to come together and support La Salle's programs and activities that the School provides to the students.

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THE REEL DEAL: THE HOST

by Ben Show



While I am not a big Stephanie Meyer fan, I do enjoy sci-fi, and decided to see this movie. For me, Twilight was horrible, but in the end, I enjoyed The Host much more than I thought I would.

Earth has been invaded by an alien race and the planet has never been better: no war, no hunger, and no violence at all. We are at peace. But some of the humans have survived the purge, including Melanie (Saoirse Ronan) and Jared (Max Irons), who find each other and fall in love. However, Melanie gets captured and has an alien, Wanderer aka Wanda, implanted in her. Now, she must not only get Wanda out but also save the remainder of the human race.

There was actually quite a bit of sci-fi themes in this book, enough to make the complex love square bearable. While I expected this movie to fall flat, I actually became connected to the world and even the wonderful cast of characters.



May 8, 2013

Sierra Madre Middle School is participating in Bike to School Day on Wednesday, May 8, 2013

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If you have been following my articles here in the hometown newspaper *The Mountain View News* you know that I love crab cakes, and recently I have fallen in love with Slater's 50/50 (sorry Big Daddy's - I have been cheating on you, but I do miss you). Last week I persuaded food blogger Howard Meyers to meet me at Slater's. I have been there four times and as far as my success, they were batting a big 1000.00 percent with me as I have enjoyed sitting at the bar and watching the game, sampling what brew I wanted and talking to the Cicerones (fancy name for a bartender who knows his beer). On this day we sat in the main room, and while our server was full of energy things just didn't seem in the groove. A few apologies are okay, but once he engaged us in the 7th inning of our meal he wouldn't stop. I was a little disappointed with my burger, and maybe

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
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I had built up my blogger friend's expectations too high, but he kind of shrugged his shoulders after the meal and said it was just okay, that they didn't hit it out of the park, but he felt the beer list was a homerun. So I am now officially 4-for-5 at Slater's 50/50, a sweet batting average of .800, my Angel/Dodgers Fans, and with both the Angels and Dodgers playing sub-.500 baseball I'll take .800 anytime, I'll be back !!

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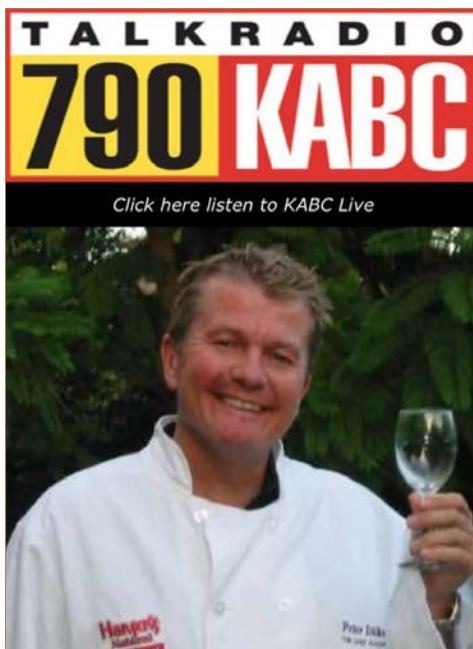
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This year's event, a special celebration in honor of San Marino's Centennial, will include the viewing of the newest exhibit in the Boone Gallery, "When They Were Wild: Recapturing California's Wildflower Heritage". Pictured here is *Spiraea douglasii*, or Rose *Spiraea*, from the exhibition.

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INGREDIENTS

- 4-1/2 cups sugar
- 3/4 cup cornstarch
- 4-1/2 cups cold water
- 3 packages (3 ounces each) strawberry gelatin
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 6 packages (3 ounces each) cook-and-serve vanilla pudding mix
- 6 pastry shells (9 inches), baked
- 3 pounds fresh strawberries, halved
- Whipped cream, optional

DIRECTIONS

•In a large saucepan, combine sugar and cornstarch; gradually stir in water until smooth. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Remove from the heat. Stir in gelatin and lemon juice until gelatin is dissolved. Cool to room temperature.

•Prepare pudding mixes according to package directions. Pour into pastry shells. Top with strawberries. Carefully spoon gelatin mixture over berries. Refrigerate until set. Garnish with whipped cream if desired. Yield: 6 pies (8 servings each).

SIERRA BRIGANTI...REVISITED by Deanne Davis

The weather's getting nicer and the patios at Sierra Briganti are drawing more and more folks in to enjoy a leisurely lunch; a glass of wine or two and a plate of Bruschetta al Pomodoro; or a delightful dinner featuring an exciting "speciale del giorno". Your reporter has been in several times to enjoy the sunshine and the Insalate de Salmone, bringing along friends who are now inviting their friends!

Being a compleat Sierra Briganti fan, I thought I'd drop in for a chat with the Top Chef, David Moreno. The word that comes up the most in David's conversation about the menu is "fresh!" David, Zach Abeyta and Nanni Mastromatteo, partners in Sierra Briganti decided together that a smaller menu of extremely fresh and brilliantly executed dishes is preferable to dozens of selections. And, of course, that "fresh" thing is at the top of the list for each dish.

David has been in the restaurant business for the last twenty plus years, starting at the bottom; yep, dishwasher, at a high-end restaurant in Beverly Hills and learning every aspect of the kitchen. David is originally from Sonora, Mexico arriving in California in 1990. He has lent his talents to six or so southland spots, including Bella Cucina in Hollywood. A Pasadena resident, David and his wife have three children, 23, 18 and 14.

When I asked David if he had a dream for the future, he said it was Sierra Briganti. Needless to say, he loves to cook, loves to bring new dishes to taste. Currently, blueberry pasta with chicken tortellini is one of the specials patrons are requesting again and again. Incidentally, all the pasta, ravioli, and tortellini are handmade right there in the Sierra Briganti kitchen and again, "fresh" makes a huge difference.

The most popular items currently are the Insalate de Salmone and the Panini Caprese at lunch and the daily special dishes. David, Zach and Nanni plan to offer more specials on a daily basis, depending, of course, on what is "freshest!"

All the desserts are also homemade and, having experienced the Bread Pudding, I can only say if the rest of them are as heavenly as that is, the desserts are flying out of the kitchen! Next time in, I'm trying the Cannoli and then the Pana cotta, with two forks and a good friend, of course.

The wine list is excellent and Zach has been sampling some exquisite new white wines to add, now that warmer weather is on the way.

The décor and ambience at Sierra Briganti are charming, restful to the eye, and welcoming as can be. The wait staff is professional and the view is beyond description of our own personal mountains. And here's a little good news in the making: Pizza is coming! That's right, pizza baked in a stone pizza oven will soon be a delightful new menu item!

Next time you plan to dine out, select Sierra Briganti! You'll be so glad you did. Sierra Briganti is at 120 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre 91024. 626-355-3700. Lunch daily 11:30-2:30p.m. and dinner daily 5-9 p.m. Weekends open till at least 9:30, or longer if everyone is having a fantastic time!



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



ANIMAZONIA WILDLIFE FOUNDATION RESPECT, CARE & HOPE FOR ANIMALS IN NEED

Last week I had the privilege of catching up with a friend and fellow animal advocate, Serena Burnett, co-founder and director of Animazonia Wildlife Foundation, and as always I came away very much inspired by her heart-felt dedication to helping exotic animals in need. It had been a while since I'd last seen Serena at the Animazonia fund-raiser last September, so I was anxious to hear about what's been happening with their awesome organization recently. I was pleased to find out that they are still going strong and have continued in their mission to provide a forever-refuge to big cats and other exotic animals. I first met Serena a few years ago at a yard sale here in Sierra Madre while I was going about my usual Saturday morning routine of seeking out potential pickings around town. Much to my delight I found several great pieces of jewelry at that sale, but more importantly I met a great group of very kind and cool people that share my intense compassion for animals, and I made it a point to keep in touch.

Animazonia Wildlife Foundation got its start in 1987, inspired by co-founder and artist Charles Thompson (who has since passed away). They adopted their first big cat and embarked on a long-term crusade to create a home with proper habitats where more animals could live out their lives peacefully and humanely. From the beginning, they operated solely by the support of their intimate group of founding members until the year 2000, when an attorney volunteered her time to assist them through the lengthy and complicated process of becoming a non-profit organization. They then began operating as a 501(c)(3) non-profit and have been doing so ever since. Today, Animazonia is a vibrant organization supported by a die-hard dedicated Board of Directors including professional paralegals, musicians, writers, business owners, therapists and artists, all of whom work together and volunteer their skills, time and creative energies to keep Animazonia Wildlife Foundation in operation. Each member plays an integral part in day-to-day operations, and no money is paid in salaries or honorarium, which means a majority of all contributions go directly to the benefit of the animals.

A major part of this dedicated group's mission is to educate the public about the importance of providing a sanctuary for wild animals, and keeping the public informed on current proposed legislation designed to prevent the inappropriate breeding, neglect and/or abuse of exotic animals in our country. Exotic big cats and other animals end up in sanctuaries for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is breeding by people who think they will be able to raise them as pets. Ultimately, when they realize how big and strong the animals become as adults, they find themselves unable to control them, so they call the authorities or try to find someone else who will take them off their hands. Other common scenarios include the animal becoming ill, and/or escaping from the owner, and then, if they're lucky, to be captured

by authorities and eventually placed in a refuge. Tragically, some are gunned down by fearful humans before the authorities have a chance to capture them and some are brought to sanctuaries after spending years in a zoo or being used for entertainment and just need a place where they can retire with respect and proper care.

I had the opportunity to visit the Animazonia sanctuary in rural Riverside a couple of years ago, and found it to be a virtual Garden of Eden! Hidden neatly and surrounded by lots of open natural wilderness, their property includes a small lake, a quaint cottage and a collection of fenced-in big cat habitat areas, all nestled between a grove of gigantic eucalyptus trees and meandering California oaks. Among their more recent projects, Animazonia added a new type of species to their serene sanctuary. A month ago, they took in several hives of bees that would have otherwise most likely been exterminated, and they are very excited at the prospect of having fresh honey to sell, as another means of helping pay their expenses. They are also planning a bee-keeping class on May 26th for those who are interested in learning about the craft. The folks at Animazonia truly amaze me with all the energy & creativity they put into keeping their sanctuary alive and thriving!

How can you help Animazonia continue with the great work they do? Well, first of all next **Friday & Saturday, May 10-11 from 8:00am-4:00pm they are having their annual yard sale at 33 Sierra Place in Sierra Madre**, and they are asking for donations. For more details and to arrange for pickup, contact Serena at 818-802-9484. Also, be sure and come to the sale and check out all the great treasures. I guarantee you will not go away empty handed, and you will be pleased to meet all the ladies who work so hard for the sake of animals.

Also, Animazonia will be holding their **annual wine & chocolate tasting fund-raiser on September 21st** (details to be announced). The one I attended with them last year was a blast. I can't wait to see what great ideas they will come up with for this year's event. Another way you can play an important part in helping Animazonia is to visit their website at www.animazonia.org and make a donation, or offer your assistance with any skills you might have to help meet their specific needs. The main goal at the moment is bringing new cats that need a lifetime sanctuary into the facility. Their fundraising efforts are currently geared towards being monetarily prepared to support those new cats for a period of 1 to 3 years, and to also further upgrade the enclosures with new feeding doors and other accoutrements in case those new cats are rescued from the wild and are not used to human contact. I encourage everyone who can, to get involved and start making a difference for the better on behalf of the animals. There are many ways you can help, but whichever way you choose to support this worthy organization, I promise you will be glad you did. I know I am!

PET OF THE WEEK

MALCOLM #A4567989

Meet a charming and classy guy, Malcolm (A4567989)! Malcolm is a fantastic eight year old tan and black neutered male Catalan Sheepdog/Terrier mix who was found in Baldwin Park and brought to the Baldwin Park Shelter on April 24th. Weighing thirty-eight pounds, Malcolm walks well on the leash and seems to be housetrained. He is friendly and playful with people and with other dogs, and we think he would be wonderful with kids. Docile and cooperative, this boy has a good attitude towards the world in general. Malcolm will be the perfect indoor pet for an individual or family living in a private home or a large apartment or condo. To watch a video of Malcolm please visit this link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=DD9nZjZPYII



To meet Malcolm 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 Malcolm, please reference his animal ID number: A4567989. 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 Malcolm or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at Samantha@hope4animals.org. To learn more about United Hope for Animals' partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter through its Shelter Support Program, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.



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Dear Savvy Senior:
What types of new home technologies can you recommend to help me keep tabs on my elderly mother? She lives alone, about an hour's drive from me, and I worry about her safety. Concerned Daughter

Dear Concerned:
Helping an aging parent remain independent and living in their own home has become a little easier in recent years, thanks to a host of new and improved assistive technology products. Here are some top rated options you should know about.

Medical Alerts
If you're worrying about your mom falling and needing help, one of the most frequently used products over the years for seniors living alone is a medical alert device – also known as a personal emergency response system, or PERS.

These devices provide a wearable “SOS” button – typically in the form of a necklace pendent or bracelet – and a base station that connects to the home phone line.

At the press of a button, your mom could call and talk to a trained operator through the system's base station receiver which works like a powerful speaker phone. The operator will find out what's wrong, and will notify family members, a neighbor, friend or emergency services as needed.

If you're interested in this, there are dozens of services to choose from including the Philips Lifeline (lifelinesys.com, 800-380-3111) which is the most widely used medical alert service in the U.S. and costs around \$35 per month. Phillips also offers a new Auto Alert option (for \$48 per month) that has fall detection sensors in the SOS button that can automatically summon help without your mom ever having to press a button. This is helpful because many seniors after a fall become confused or disoriented and forget to press the button.

If you're interested in a more budget-friendly option, consider an unmonitored medical alert like the new VTech CareLine Home Safety Telephone System for \$120 (vtechphones.com), which doesn't require professional monitoring services, therefore has no monthly monitoring fees.

Or, to deal with falls or health emergencies that happen outside the home, there are mobile-alert GPS products now available that work anywhere. To find these, see GreatCall.com, MobileHelpNow.com and PhilipsLifelineGoSafe.com.

Monitoring Systems
Another more sophisticated technology for keeping tabs on your mom is with a home monitoring system. These systems will let you know whether she is waking up and going to bed on time, eating properly, showering and taking her medicine.

They work through small wireless sensors (not cameras) placed in key locations throughout the home. The sensors will track her movements, learning her daily activity patterns and routines, and will notify you or other family members via text message, email or phone if something out of the ordinary is happening. For instance, if she went to the bathroom and didn't leave it could indicate a fall or other emergency.

You can also check up on her patterns anytime you want through the system's password-protected website. And for additional protection, most services offer SOS call buttons as well that can be placed around the house, or worn.

Some good companies that offer these services are BeClose (beclose.com, 866-574-1784), which runs \$399 or \$499 for the sensors, plus a \$69 monthly service fee if paid a year in advance. And GrandCare Systems (grandcare.com, 262-338-6147), which adds a fantastic social component – through a senior-friendly computer – to go along with the activity monitoring. GrandCare leases for \$150 to \$300 per month.

Medication Management
If you want to make sure your mom is keeping up with her medications, there are medication management devices you can now rent, that will dispense her medicine on schedule, provide constant reminders, and even notify you if her medicine is not taken. Two products that offer this are MedMinder (medminder.com, 888-633-6463), which rents for \$40 per month, and the Philips Medication Dispensing Service (managemypills.com, 888-632-3261) that costs \$75/month.

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



KATIE TseThis and That
GOTCHA! (LATE APRIL FOOLS)

April is over, but it's never too late to share an April Fools story! My friend, Shannon, teaches third grade at a public elementary school (which will remain nameless). As the years have passed, the school's lost several colorful teachers to retirement. One of the most flamboyant teachers, Dr. Jane Marston (not her real name), retired after 30-plus years of teaching junior high. However, Dr. Marston refused to go gently into that good night of retirement, and periodically returns to sub and generally raise Cain.

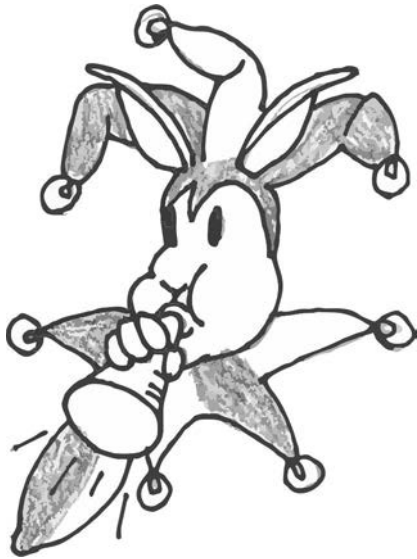
It just so happened that Jane came in to sub for a teacher who called in sick on April 1. In retrospect, Jane most likely asked the teacher to take the day off so Jane could come and torture the principal. That might sound mean, but the principal is a worthy adversary. She and Jane can't be together long before they're cracking each other up (and whoever is near them) with their playful “trashing” of each other.

Jane started out the morning by sending well-behaved, scholarly students to the principal with bogus referrals of talking disruptively, cussing, cheating on quizzes, and beating up their classmates. Sure, a few of these A-list fourth graders might've experienced a little trauma at being wrongly accused and suffering a moment of unwarranted scorn. But kids are resilient --or so they say.

Jane probably thought that she pulled a good one over on the principal, but she couldn't have anticipated the principal's resourcefulness when it comes to getting even. In the late afternoon, a team of upper grade students hand delivered memos to every classroom (except Jane's). “There will be a practice emergency drill this afternoon. DO NOT EVACUATE!! This is only a drill. Again, DO NOT EVACUATE!!!”

Disruptions and changed plans are as unavoidable to public school teachers as acne is to teenagers. Any rigid, inflexible teacher is sure to be broken before her first year in the classroom is over. Shannon and her fellow teachers received the memo and ignored the emergency bell as instructed.

But the principal was careful to make sure her messengers did not deliver the memo to Jane. Therefore, when the emergency bells rang, Jane marched her fourth graders out onto the field to wait for the rest of the evacuating classes. Except these classes never arrived. Instead, the principal let Jane and her students stand dumbfounded on the field for a few minutes before laughing into her megaphone, “What are you doing all alone out there, Dr. Marston? April Fools!”



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By Pat Birdsall

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See the FBI/HUD Intelligence Bulletin for specific details on HECMs as well as other foreclosure rescue and investment schemes. If you feel you are a victim of this type of fraud and want to file a complaint, call HUD's hotline at 1-800-347-3735 or your local office of the FBI.

HELPFUL HINT: For a fast fix for drive-you-crazy faucet drips. Tie a piece of string to the faucet nozzle, resting the other end in the drain. The water will slowly flow down the absorbent string, silencing the maddening drip and saving your sanity until you can get it fixed.

FOR YOUR FUNNY BONE

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word to each other. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position. As they passed a barnyard full of mules, goats and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, “Relatives of yours?” “Yep,” the wife replied, “in-laws.”

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ... May Birthdays



JoAnn Serrato-Chi, Harriett Lyle, Jean Coleman, Birgitta Gerlinger, Donna Mathisen, Dorothy Murphy, Linda Wochnik, Marian Woodford, Debbie Sheridan, Joanne Anthony, Carole Axline, Kika Downey, Shirley Hall, Annie Scalzo, Janet Ten Eyck and Jayne Thomas.

Note from the Editor: Belated Happy Birthday to Lori Cooper who turned 95 on March 20th!
* 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:

Age and treachery will triumph over youth and skill! ~Author Unknown~



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

YMCA San Gabriel Valley Intervale Senior Café: Monday-Friday at 12:00 Noon (Participants are urged to arrive no later than 11:45 A.M.)
All seniors 60 and up can take part in the lunch program. There is a suggested donation of \$2.00 for those 60 and over and \$3.75 for non-senior guests. Daily reservations are necessary as space is limited. Please call 24 hours in advance...626.355.0256

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

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

Free Chair Yoga: After four years and approximately 200 classes, Teryl Willis said in an e-mail to me... “It's time.” She wanted me to tell you this... “What a great group of people came to the classes-so interesting and good at living! I do miss them already...Good luck to you, Teryl!”

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

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

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

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

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

Lunch & Learn: Wednesday, May 27, 12:15 to 1:00 PM “Brain Building Activities are Fun!”- This seminar takes a brief look at the causes of memory loss and then explores the array of activities that bolster mental acuity. The discussion will include why crosswords, dancing, learning languages and playing board games (among other fun activities) are so good for individuals. Facilitated by Jackie Stahl, Community liaison for Comforcare Senior Services in Pasadena. For lunch reservations please call the Intervale Senior Café at (626) 355-0256 at least 24hours in advance, or bring your own lunch to enjoy.



UPCOMING EXCURSIONS:

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!

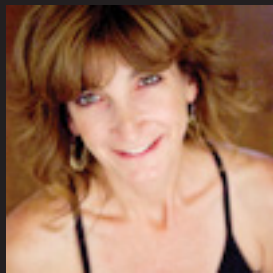
Friday, June 28, 2013- Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA)
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May 15- Life of Pi (2012)
Based on the novel by Yann Martel and directed by Ang Lee.A young man survives a disaster at sea and is hurtled into an epic journey of adventure and discovery. While a castaway, he forms an unexpected connection with another survivor: a fearsome Bengel Tiger, portrayed by a Bengal Tiger (typecasting), named Richard Parker. Rated PG (run time is 123 minutes)

May 29- Secretariat (2009)
A biological sport's drama produced and distributed by Walt Disney Pictures. It chronicles the life of thoroughbred race horse Secretariat, winner of the Triple Crown in 1973. Starring Diane Lane and John Malkovich Rated PG, (run time is 123 minutes)

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HOW CAN YOGA HELP
MORE COMPLAINTS?

Angry, depressed, stressed out? Constipated, overweight, not in optimal health? Trouble sleeping, focusing, getting motivated?

Who do you listen to? Doctor? Life coach? Friend? Therapist? Yoga Instructor? The answers are the same as in last week's column. These days we are in charge of our own care. We are in charge of finding the right help. It can be very confusing. How do we change it? Do we have to live with it? I cannot speak for all yoga teachers. But here is the general philosophy: In yoga we are here to learn about our own bodies and our own minds. We are here to learn what makes us feel better and what makes us feel worse. We are here to pay attention. The practice of yoga is to help you learn to be your own teacher. Your instructor is there to help you learn more about yourself and how to care for yourself in order to do that.

Let's get over the anxiety, let's get things moving, let's find our best weight, and create the lives we want. Let's learn how to manage stress so we can be happy everyday. Yes, we want to know what to do everyday so we can be *free*. Some day I will just start putting out testimonials so you really believe me. Yoga Therapy is designed to get you in the right place to heal, on your own. It is so very empowering. What are you waiting for?

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"SPRING" into Health by Dennis Buckley, DC

If this past weekend you decided that it was time to work on the house, clean up the yard, open the windows and start your spring cleaning, more than likely on Monday morning you woke up feeling achy and stiff. This is a common consequence and is expected with a change in activities.

Your body is sending you a strong message. BEWARE! You are overloading me. Even if you have been exercising regularly, a change in activities can activate muscles and joints not accustomed to activity and this can irritate them.

What can be done? First of all be realistic in what you want to accomplish. Trying to do too much can lead to a situation where you will not be able to do anything. If you are going to work on the house, break down your jobs into smaller jobs that are prioritized in importance. Work safely and correctly. This means the proper equipment, planning, and common sense. More people are injured trying to do projects that are beyond their means or skills.

Drink plenty of fluids, meaning water while working. Wear proper shoes and use sunscreen on exposed areas to avoid sunburn. Lift correctly using the legs and take frequent breaks so as not to overwork your body. Work when it is cooler, early morning or late afternoon/early evening. Wear protective gloves or eye protection when working. Sunglasses can provide protection and lessen stress on your eyes. More injuries occur because of carelessness than anything else does. Stepping on tools, dropping heavy objects on feet, having objects fall on you, tripping, and dehydration all can be avoided with proper preparation.

If you do experience pain and soreness during or after activity, application of ice to the affected area can provide immediate temporary relief. Contrast therapy of ice and heat, 5 minutes of heat followed by 7 minutes of ice for 4 cycles is very effective for decreasing inflammation and increasing motion.

If these symptoms persist, it is advisable to schedule an appointment with your doctor and/or chiropractor. The lack of previous activity and the increase in new activity has probably caused an imbalance in your musculoskeletal system affecting nerve function resulting in symptoms. The chiropractor can identify the problem and by eliminating this imbalance through appropriate treatment will decrease the pain, correct the underlying problem, and allow your body to heal naturally and safely. This will allow you to take advantage of outside activities in spring and through summer.



LIVING TRU by Lori Koop, Right Brain Business Coach



WHAT'S TRU?

"Living TRU"... what does that mean? Let's start with "TRU."

I pondered what acronym I could create from those three letters. I knew it was the spelling I wanted to use, I just didn't know why. I tried to figure out something that would make sense. Something ingenious. Something mind blowing! But nothing came to me.

Not until I opened the door to my doctor's office and in dropped "The Real You." It was not audible, but I heard it. What? Yes, it was true: TRU = The Real You. "T"... The, "R"... Real, "U"... You. Wow! Talk about mind blowing!! It was perfect. Exactly what I was looking for. Because when you are The Real You, you are TRU.

The Real You is who you are at your core. Your Essence. Your spirit. It is the part of you that is ageless and could have been placed into any body. It is not the body, but is located in it. Specifically, it lives in the right brain. The right brain provides the space from which the spirit can guide and lead. That's what the spirit was designed to do: it holds the map to our right life, to our entire life, including the work we are here to do. It can navigate without guesswork.

We gain access to the map (and the specifics of our life) when we listen deeply. When we spend time in a calm, quiet place -- a place where we can be open to the truth -- we hear the soft voice of the spirit. If our environment is too loud, we cannot hear. Even our own mind can distract us. The worries and concerns, the fears and the doubts of the left brain disconnect us, and we lose access. Our attention is brought to the surface, away from the spirit and into a place far from calm. As these fearful thoughts take over, we lose our clarity. Our sure direction becomes fuzzy. Our confidence dwindles. And we feel lost.

Living TRU is about coming back into alignment: reconnecting with the truth that is in you and your path. Next week, we'll talk about *how to* connect to the spirit. Stay tuned.

Lori Koop, The Right Brain Business Coach Get clear about The Real You and what's TRU, for you and your business. Schedule a complimentary coaching session at The Center for Wellbeing, [626-355-2443](tel:626-355-2443).

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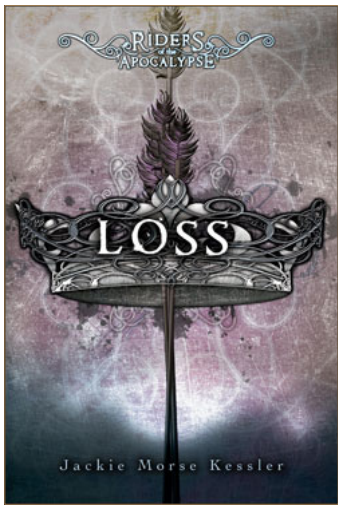
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JASMINE'S CORNER

Book Reviews by Jasmine Kelsey Williams



LOSS By Jackie Morse Kessler

With the month of April coming to a close, we now head into the month of May with the Riders of the Apocalypse series by Jackie Morse Kessler, and the starter for this series is "Loss". No need to fret on the confusion, dear readers: "Loss" is the third in this series (coming after "Rage" and "Hunger") but does not overlap into its predecessors, making "Loss" its own unique story. "Loss" focuses on our protagonist fifteen year old Billy Ballard, who tries to live a quiet life: help take care of his grandfather, get through school, and trying to survive the everyday brunt of the school bullies that plague him.

The opening chapters that chronicle Billy's life help readers, especially in their teenage years, to connect with him on his plight and struggles and to understand why he takes a passive approach to his own life, but also delve into his memories when he realizes that he was tricked as a child to take on the role of Pestilence, the White Rider of the Apocalypse.

The pacing does start to pick up as the chapters go deeper, first from Billy's encounter with Death, to his encounter with the White Rider himself, and then also becomes deeper in tone, as Billy learns of what the White Rider does, along with his newfound responsibilities of having to bring sickness and disease. Readers will feel the strong emotions start to come through as Billy gains strength and then confidence when he carries out his task of bringing back Pestilence to be the original White Rider, and then sense optimism when he carries his newfound confidence back into his own original life. Kessler paints a vivid picture of Brian and his world, along with the characters of Death and Pestilence, as well vivid imagery of the mythology that surrounds the universe of the Riders of the Apocalypse. Copyrighted and published in 2012, along with praise from *Kirkus Reviews* and *New York Journal of Books*, "Loss" is a wonderful read for teens and even young adults, as well as an excellent pick to start off your spring or summer reading.



SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

MINI-REVIEWS: PRE-SUMMER MOVIES WORTH CONSIDERING

"PAIN & GAIN"

In this dark comedy from Michael Bay, Mark Wahlberg - alongside Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and Anthony Mackie - all star in this true story of three body builders in Miami who get caught up in an extortion ring and a kidnapping scheme that goes horribly wrong. "Pain & Gain" is loud, fast-paced and wildly humorous and for that, I absolutely loved it. It may be over stylized and outrageously over-the-top, but it's incredibly entertaining from beginning to end. Wahlberg's character, Daniel Lugo, just wants to live the American dream and will go to great lengths to achieve it. With the help of fellow bodybuilders, his vision quickly becomes a reality when they rip off a shady businessman (and one of his clients), Victor Kershaw, portrayed by Tony Shalhoub. Wahlberg, Johnson, and Mackie are all terrific playing naive, dumb-founded buffoons. Each actor brings a different element and personality to his characters and despite any overlapping similarities they're all distinctively unlike the other. However, one thing is certain, wanting more than just the bare minimum drives them all into acting the way they do. Watching these three guys weave in and out of trouble was the most fun I've had at the theaters so far this year. "Pain & Gain" is worth every bit of its two hours and nine minute running time. It's a great pre-summer flick to seek out before all the heavy-hitters make their way to the plate. *Grade: 4 out of 5*

"MUD"

Writer/director Jeff Nichols third feature film, "Mud," is the tale of two teenage boys who cross paths with a fugitive on the run. Together they form a pact to help him escape the bounty hunters on his trail in order to reunite him with his true love. Ellis, portrayed beautifully by Tye Sheridan, is one of the boys who happen to stumble upon the title character, Mud (played in yet another strong performance by Matthew McConaughey) on an island out in the Mississippi River. The film has a deep depiction of life in the south. As it unfolds, "Mud" ultimately tells a story of love and heartbreak. Ellis believes in love at all costs even if it's breaking down around all those it consumes. Realistically, he's too young to know what heartbreak truly is. Nevertheless, he continues to help Mud come together with his girlfriend, Juniper (Reese Witherspoon) and witnesses the demise of his own parent's relationship. Ellis' own personal view of love has wandered aloof. Unfortunately, not everything truly works to perfection in this movie, particularly the hollow character Reece Witherspoon must portray, particularly when the pacing of the movie slows down in the second act. However, "Mud" is still a breathtaking movie to view with strong performances by most of its cast and benefits from a wholly original screenplay that would have appeared to be adapted from a great American novel. At any rate, this was a breakthrough performance by young actor Tye Sheridan who displays both sweet and toughness with anger and vulnerability to absolute impeccability. While I didn't love "Mud" perhaps the way I intended, I did like it enough to give it a strong recommendation. *Grade: 4 out of 5*

BUSINESS NEWS & TRENDS

DOLLARS AND CENTS

By Carl Davis, CIMA

SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTING

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

What constitutes socially responsible investing?

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

Benefits, drawbacks and strategies of SRI

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

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

- **Investing in SRI mutual funds.** These funds include companies that many socially responsible investors support. They use SRI strategies as part of their fund objectives and portfolio choices.
- **Micro-financing.** Money invested in micro-financing service companies is used to support small businesses that otherwise would not be eligible for traditional financing.

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

Building a socially responsible portfolio

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

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

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Many homeowners are still facing mortgage default, and while the best bet is to contact your lender directly, there are tempting advertisements out there for companies that claim they can solve your financial crisis. Fraud is rampant, so look out for the following warning signs. First, don't believe the hype when you hear, "We'll stop the auction!" or, "Debt eliminated, guaranteed!" If it sounds too good to be true, it is!

You should be suspicious of any company that tries to gain your trust by imitating a government agency. They may (illegally) publish government logos and names, or even copy the look of an official website, so pay attention to the details.

Back out of any deal that requires you to pay any fees upfront. There is no need to pay anyone to modify your mortgage terms, because your lender, and only your lender, can do that.

Most importantly, do not make mortgage payments to anyone but your lender. If a person or company presents you with an official looking statement that indicates payments should now be made to them, don't walk – run for the door, and call the Better Business Bureau.

By working directly with your lender, you may be able to modify your loan terms, or agree to a pay-off through a "short sale" listing. Please heed this advice from an experienced professional.

5 SOCIAL MEDIA IDEAS FOR B2B DEVELOPMENT

We often hear success stories from B2C (business to consumer) businesses using social media and email marketing to promote their products and services but can a B2B (business to business) leverage the potential of social media?

A good social media strategy promotes credibility, elevates customer retention, builds relationships and makes it easy for potential customers to find your business when they are searching on-line.

There is a hunger to connect with the people behind a brand, the business owner or the person in charge. According to *Real Business Rescue*, one-third of global B2B buyers use social media to engage with their vendors and 77% say they are more likely to buy from a company whose CEO uses social media. If you are in the B2B world, you know how important relationships are with your customers. Good relationships generate valuable word of mouth and retain loyal customers.

Here are five ideas to help B2B businesses leverage social media and build stronger relationships with their prospects and customers:

1. **Listen to your customers and prospects.** As business owners, it's our job to listen to our customers and understand who they are, what they like, what they don't like and what interests they have. Listening shows you care about their business and their needs. Social media makes it easy to get to know your customers and prospects. Most businesses have some type of social media presence now. "Like" their Facebook pages; follow them on Twitter; connect with them on LinkedIn. Listen to what they are saying and comment on posts that make sense. Do the same with prospects. All the social media tools have a "search" feature that allows you to search by industry or business name.
2. **Provide great content.** Figure out what type of information would be helpful for your target audience and be generous with it. Don't worry about giving away the farm, when you share something valuable you position your business as a leading authority in your industry. This helps promote your credibility and professionalism. Keep in mind, it doesn't always have to be original content. Sharing an interesting article or statistic about business trends in your industry is helpful too.
3. **Give your audience ideas that will help them be successful in their business.** For example, if you sell wholesale to other businesses, give them ideas or images that will help them promote the product (a tool kit). If you are more of a service provider to another business, share ideas that will inspire their growth.
4. **Use email marketing.** Send an email 1-2 times a month to your current customers and prospects. Share industry trends, tips and advice. Talk about the problems you are solving for your customers and share case studies to provide some real world examples (of course, maintaining the confidentiality of actual businesses or individuals by being creative with changing names, geographic locations, etc.). People love to see before and after images. Keep it simple and quick to read. Share your email campaigns on your social sites to extend the reach.
5. **Humanize your brand.** Show the human side of your business. Share pictures of your team, the boss and others involved with your business. Give them a flavor of your business. We like to do business with people we like, especially when it comes to B2B transactions. Create the likeability factor for your business.

If you are just starting out, do some research and find out where your customers and target audience hangs out on-line. Most B2Bs find that Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube get the most action.

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

WHY CAN'T WE JUST HAVE FUN?

The great pastime of America throughout the years has been sports. Americans have been ingenious in turning something simple into a sport for everyone to enjoy. I must say I have enjoyed my share of sports.

When younger, I was a baseball fan. I went to as many games as possible. The Stadium in Baltimore Maryland was just a few minutes from my house so I could visit it often, and I often did. I did not really care who won the game as long as it was a good game played, not to mention the hotdogs.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage accused me of going to ball games just to eat hotdogs. Whenever I would return from a ballgame the first question would be, not who won the game but, "How many hotdogs did you eat?"

If the truth was known, and you will not get it from me, many a hotdog sacrificed itself at a ballgame. After all, when you are watching a ballgame, who has time to keep track of how many hotdogs you are eating?

I did have a moment of anxiety once when my wife threatened to weigh me before the game and then weigh me after the game to see if I had eaten too many hotdogs. When she first mentioned it I laughed, but I noticed she was not laughing, which caused me some deep concern.

Fortunately, for me it never got to that, but came perilously close.

Nothing is more relaxing on a Saturday afternoon than sitting in a ballpark watching a ballgame in progress. Somehow, all the cares of the world seem to flutter away while watching the game.

It all ended for me one summer.

I had come into the house from some chore and my wife greeted me by saying, "Do you know your ball team is on strike?"

I looked at her, laughed and said, "I know. They get three strikes and then they're out. That's the way they play the game." I winked at her and laughed good-naturedly. "Finally," I said to her, "you're coming to understand what the game is all about."

"No, you don't understand. Your team is on strike."

"I get you, and this Saturday I'm going to go and watch them strike again."

It took me a while but finally my wife got through the thickness of my skull and got me to understand the strike she was talking about was not the strike I was talking about. It is always nice when people are on the same page.

In a marriage situation, the biggest challenge

a couple has is staying on the same page. Even though the husband and wife might be reading the same book, for some reason wives have the ability to read three or four chapters ahead. When a husband tries to correct her she impatiently says, "We were on that page last week. Try to keep up."

Try as we might, it is a rare husband who can keep up. But we try.

When I got up to the same page as my wife about the baseball team on strike, I was feeling rather low. "What do you think about your baseball game now," she taunted.

As it turned out, the baseball team was actually out on strike and if I remember correctly, we missed the whole season that year. They were on strike for, you will never guess, more money.

Up to that point, I thought the players played because they loved the game. Boy, was I on the wrong page with that. I went to games because I love the game and it did not matter to me who won or lost as long as it was a good game.

Now, to find out that my heroes, if you can call them such, were primarily interested in money was disheartening. I have never been able to watch a game since with the same excitement I did before.

Why can't we just have fun? Why does life have to be such a battle? Why can't we have a baseball game just for the fun of it?

Recently, I attended a baseball game at the local high school. I thought I would just go and enjoy the game. I did not know any of the players; I just wanted to enjoy the game.

Then I met an unfamiliar phenomenon of high school baseball. Parents of baseball players!

The game started as normal but soon the air exploded with shouting and yelling in the stands. I did not quite understand what all the noise was about at the time. Two women, imagine that, got in a fistfight over the ballgame! They were mothers of two of the players on opposite teams.

That was just the beginning of the shouting and the yelling that afternoon. As I walked away, I sadly shook my head and said to myself, "Why can't we just have fun?"

I believe the Preacher in the book of Ecclesiastes explains it well. "I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit" (Ecclesiastes 1:14 KJV).

Some are so caught up in the vanity and vexations of life that they never know what it is like to just enjoy life. Why can't we just have a little bit of fun?

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RIGHT TURN ONLY

RED LINES IN THE SAND GREG Welborn

"Bluffing is a great strategy, except when it's not." I can't remember who said this, but it's one of those great – almost Yogi Berra-esq quotes – that capture a life lesson in a few simple words. I do know that it was first postulated many decades ago, but it almost perfectly applies to the situation into which President Obama has placed himself with his rash pronouncements concerning Syria.

Not long ago, Barack Obama took to the opportunity of a very public address to announce that Syria's Bashar al-Assad using chemical weapons would cross a "red line" and be a "game changer". In case there was any potential for misunderstanding, Obama clarified by stating, "I've made it clear to Bashar al-Assad and all who follow his orders we will not tolerate the use of chemical weapons against the Syrian people, or the transfer of those weapons to terrorists". This was just last month, and he concluded with the ominous threat, "the world is watching; we will hold you accountable".

It would take an ignoramus not to realize that as a line in the sand. It's the equivalent of betting all the money you've got on the hand of cards you hold in an effort to demonstrate just how confident you are that you will win. Of course, if your hand is as strong as you're implying, then there is very little risk to this strategy. But if you hand is weak, you're bluffing, and everything depends on your opponent folding. If they don't fold, you lose two ways.

First, you lose that hand; but secondarily, and more importantly, by losing that hand you've also communicated that you bluff when your position isn't that strong. You lose the ability to bluff in the future, and you geometrically increase the necessity of backing up what you say in the future. Any future threat or promise must be kept or you lose all credibility.

That is unfortunately where President Obama has lead himself and the rest of the nation. Syria's Assad has now used chemical weapons in his fight against the rebels seeking to dislodge him from power. The Israelis have evidence, as do several other western nations, and now our own intelligence community has evidence of it. The red line has been crossed, and the world is watching to see what the American President will do.

Nothing is what the American President is going to do. Lest there be any doubt about that, Obama held a press conference to walk back his earlier comments. Now, the intolerable and game changer means that we'll ask the U.N. to investigate. As surreal and naïve as that sounds, it is exactly what the American President has told the world he meant by telling Assad he'd better not use chemical weapons.

Oh boy, there's going to be hell to pay. Assad, like a little boy testing him mom, touched what he wasn't supposed to touch, and mommy is going to... call for an investigation? Sends quivers down my spine; that's for sure. Obama announced that he will now ask the U.N. to conduct a comprehensive investigation to confirm that Assad has crossed the line. The likelihood that the U.N. will be given timely and unfettered access to the killing fields is less than the likelihood of snow in hell. The bottom line is that there seems to be

no practical, significant consequence to defying this president, and that is a very dangerous thing indeed.

Now, I am not without sympathy for President Obama. There is ample evidence to suggest that toppling Assad's regime will result in worse mayhem than if he's allowed to stay in power.



The opposition forces in Syria include elements of Al-Qaeda and the Muslim Brotherhood. Both are jihadist factions that would like nothing better than to have another foothold in the Middle East and access to chemical weapons. That is a very real possibility, perhaps even probability, if the Assad regime falls.

What's obvious is that President Obama didn't think through the consequences of his strategy and actions. If he had no intention of brining about the end of the Assad regime – and I don't necessarily disagree with that conclusion – then he shouldn't have threatened to do it if the red line was crossed. On the other hand, if he was willing to let it fall, then he should have taken a more active part in preparing the successors to that regime. There should have been a lot more nation building. But this is something anathema to Obama and other liberals.

To assume that we, the United States, have the right to determine the composition or general philosophy of another nation's government is in their minds unthinkable and morally repugnant. Liberalism dictates that we must accept the legitimacy and goals of any government, no matter how repugnant, repressive or cruel. Liberalism rests on the assumption and principal that all nations are morally equivalent and equally credible. So enshrined is the principal in Liberalism that the U.N., whose members include more dictators than democrats will decide whether Assad can kill his own people and defy the norms of civilized behavior.

But that is not all that is at stake. Obama's credibility is on the line elsewhere. Iran was told just last month "as President of the United States, I don't bluff", supposedly as a stern warning that developing nuclear weapons would not be allowed. Obama has committed himself to action in Syria and in Iran if certain red lines are crossed. If one country is allowed to cross its red line without meaningful consequences, do we really suppose the other won't cross theirs? Of course they will.

Obama's naïveté, inexperience and outright fecklessness have destabilized an already unstable region. It has lost Egypt and Libya, pushed Syria further into the hands of Jihadist extremists and strengthened the hands of the Iranian Mullahs. Bluffing is no substitute for commitment and strength.

LEFT TURN with Howard Hayes will return next week

STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE



WHAT'S SO IMPOSSIBLE ABOUT PEACE, LOVE, AND UNDERSTANDING?

Today has been really instructive for me. Prior to that time I was really disturbed by the entire country's reaction to the bombing which occurred at the conclusion of the Boston Marathon. Every reference to this bombing described the perpetrators as deranged monsters infected by the disease of radicalism. I understand, but rather than treating "radicalism" as pathology I think it would be appropriate to at least make an attempt to understand the thought processes of radicals. Perhaps understanding may lead to a kind of solution that will allow Americans to feel more secure while addressing the criticisms that people from other cultures direct toward us. Before we allow the United States to metamorphize into a martial state wherein we are regularly searched, monitored, and photographed, it certainly makes sense to look at ourselves from different perspectives.

The recent tragedy in Bangladesh wherein hundreds of garment workers were killed while employed creating clothes for the more privileged people of the Western World was a horrible reminder of the disparities that exist in today's world. Reading about this tragedy resulted in me thinking about the bombing from a different viewpoint. I read that the workers of Bangladesh, employed making cheap clothing for us, earn on the average thirty-eight dollars a month. Think about this while you think about the marathon. Can we understand that, for some, a marathon is seen as a run to nowhere by people scantily clad in their underwear as they gather in the famous cities of the world? How does that look to the great percentage of the world that lives in poverty without food, water, or electricity?

I believe that there are enough assets to go around in this world and the real problem is improper distribution. Horrible inequalities do exist and will continue to exist but, at least, there should be some attempt to understand what other people experience. Will America, focusing on the need to protect itself, simply demonize its perceived enemies and voluntarily allow itself to be imprisoned by fear? I think the major solution to world problems is communication. There is a great deal to be gained through non-aggressive conversation --- more than can be gained through attack, war, and hatred. At the beginning

of this article I mentioned that a couple of things have happened to me today that have left me feeling pretty encouraged.

In the afternoon I drove to the Kaiser medical facility to order refills of the medication I must take daily. There is construction in the parking lot and Security officers are stationed to direct traffic. Another vehicle did not notice the Security Officer and turned right, almost hitting me. The driver of the car, a woman about half my age, glared at me and honked her horn. After we both parked our cars, she charged up to me and began screaming and cursing. The anger in her eyes was truly frightening. I became very upset and screamed at the woman using similar words to the word she directed at me. She charged ahead walking into the facility and I followed behind. The incident activated one of my many medical conditions, atria fibrillation, I guess, and I began breathing hard and perspiring.

Still I followed my young tormentor and waited in the line behind her. As we waited in line she suddenly turned toward me and looked up at me and said, "I'm so sorry. I just didn't see the guy directing traffic. I'm just having a bad day." Now there was no anger in her soft brown eyes.

What did I do then? I started to loudly sob and I couldn't stop.

What did she do? She hugged me - that's what - and she kept on hugging me. After I stopped crying we exchanged a few words and I told her I was going to try and write an article which included our incident. She gave me her e-mail address and I'm going to send her this article and perhaps she'll reply and I'll have a new reader or even a new friend.

Later, another incident happened at the Pasadena Library. As I drove through the parking lot a car suddenly started to back out of its space and almost hit me. I beeped my horn and the car stopped without hitting me. The driver pulled back into her space but would not look up or make eye contact. Eventually the driver got out of the car and I said, "Parking lots are frequently just a place waiting for accidents to happen." The driver of the car, a young woman, turned toward me and said "I'm so sorry". I just learned to drive and I was thinking about my psychology test. Thank you for saving me.

Well that's the end of today's stories. These incidents give me hope. It's a better feeling.

RICH Johnson



THE REAL "POOP" ON DOGS IN SIERRA MADRE

I love dogs. And I like the fact that Sierra Madre is dog friendly. The citizenry certainly takes advantage of it, particularly in the downtown area. Any late afternoon and evening you will see a constant parade of dog owners being tugged around Kersting Court and beyond by their dogs. I find it particularly enjoyable when a small dog sees a large dog and immediately goes postal on the big dog. I wonder what the big canine thinks. Of course, the only defense a small dog has against a big dog is his bark. His bite would only trim the dog's paw nails.

What I don't like about dog friendly are the owners who refuse to take responsibility to pick up after their dog. Anybody else step in the stuff getting to their car? Just last weekend, right outside one of the local eating establishments, was the residue of a dog conducting his business. A trail of stepped in "you-know-what" led right up to the door of the restaurant. Yum! In fact it was at that very spot that a local couple recently told me of their plight with the local dog owners. It seems they had the audacity of putting a "No Poop" sign in their front yard. Maybe you can guess what happened. People started tossing their poop laden bags next to the sign in these people's front yard.

I've been told by people who tabulate these sort of statistics that the average dog will produce a couple hundred pounds of "waste" a year. How many dogs are there in Sierra Madre? Don't know but I bet it piles up (sorry). Some municipalities have gone so far as to require dogs to submit to DNA testing. That way if they find an abandoned supply of "waste" it can be analyzed and the guilty parties can be suitably punished hunted down and punished.

My fix would be easier. People out walking their dogs would have to show proof, when asked by the property authorities, that they were carrying little plastic bags with which to deal with the canine by-product or be given a \$100 citation. What say you?

So as not to end on a down note here is proof that men are like dogs:

Dogs can hear a can of food being opened from half a block away.
Dogs look dumb and lovable at the same time
When you want to play, dogs want to play
When you want to be left alone, dogs want to play
Dogs love you if you rub their tummy
And dogs leave their toys everywhere.

City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

To: Citywide
From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California Law, that the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on May 14, 2013 at 6:30 PM, or soon thereafter, to hear testimony on the Citywide Fees for FY 2013-2014.

The City is proposing updated fee changes to be effective July 1, 2013, after approval by the City Council.

The draft of the Fee Schedule is available at City Hall and the Sierra Madre Library for the public to review.

If you have any questions about this matter please contact Finance Director, Karin Schneider, at 626.355.7135.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
 City Council meeting
 Tuesday, **May 14, 2013**
 (Hearing begins at 6:30 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
 City Council Chambers
 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
 Sierra Madre, CA 91024

All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.
 For further information on this subject, please contact the Administrative Services Department at (626) 355-7135.

By Order of the City Council

Karin Schneider, Finance Director

City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California Law, that the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on May 28, 2013, at 6:30 PM, or soon thereafter, to hear testimony on the adoption of Resolution 13-12 enacting Phase II water conservation measures as outlined in Section 13.24.080(B) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code.

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 Sierra Madre, CA

The City Council will receive testimony and take action on City Council Resolution 13-12 adopting the Phase II mandatory water conservation measures.

All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.

The City is proposing to adopt Resolution 13-12 which will enact mandatory water conservations as described herein: 13.24.080 - Customer water curtailment by twenty percent. The following reductions in water consumptions are applicable to all water department customers:

A. Beginning January 1, 2021, no customer shall make, cause, use or permit the use of water delivered from the water department for any purpose in an amount in excess of eighty percent of the amount used during the base period defined in this chapter.

B. If a Phase II conservation period is declared pursuant to section 13.24.210 prior to January 1, 2021, no customer shall make, cause, use or permit the use of water delivered from the water department for any purpose in an amount in excess of eighty percent of the amount used during the base period defined in this chapter.

13.24.200 - Base period allocation.

Base period allocation: 2007-2008 Consumption Data.

13.24.210 - Implementation of required phases.

The water department shall evaluate and monitor the projected availability, supply, and demand for water, and shall recommend to the city manager, the extent of the conservation phases required by customers, so the department may prudently plan for and deliver water to its customers on a continuous fiscal year basis. The city council shall, after a noticed public hearing and by resolution, order that the appropriate phase of water conservation be implemented, modified, or rescinded. The resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the city council and shall be published once in the newspaper of general circulation. Percentage reduction shall apply to the next billing cycle commencing on or after the effective date of the adoption by the city council.

If you have any questions about this matter please contact Director of Public Works, Bruce Inman, at 626.355.7135.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2013-090649

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ACADEMY SECURITY TRAINING, 25202 CRENSHAW BLVD. #103, TORRANCE, CA 90505. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LULAI I. BULLALÉ, 3604 W. ESTATES LN. UNIT 121, ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, CA 90274. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LULAI I. BULLALÉ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/02/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: May 04, 11, 18, 25, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2013-090361

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ALL DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY, 5635 N. CAHUENGA BLVD., NO HOLLYWOOD, CA 91601. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PARVANEH MOHEBAN, 1407 HILLSIDE DR., GLENDALE, CA 91208. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: PARVANEH MOHEBAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/02/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: May 04, 11, 18, 25, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2013-086251

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ANGEL TEXTILES, 840 S. MAPLE AVE., L.A., CA 90014. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LUQUE FRANCISCO JAVIER MONZON, 840 S. MAPLE AVE., L.A., CA 90014. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LUQUE FRANCISCO JAVIER MONZON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/26/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/27/2013. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LUQUE FRANCISCO JAVIER MONZON, 840 S. MAPLE AVE., L.A., CA 90014. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: DUSTIN EDWARDS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/26/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: May 04, 11, 18, 25, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2013-081568

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BEACH CITIES ESCROW SERVICES, A NON-INDEPENDENT BROKER ESCROW, 4195 VIKING WAY STE. B, LONG BEACH, CA 90808. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BEACH CITIES PROPERTIES, INC., 4195 VIKING WAY STE. B, LONG BEACH, CA 90808. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: DUSTIN EDWARDS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/26/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: May 04, 11, 18, 25, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2013-090446

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BIO EPOXY SYSTEMS, 730 E. 59TH ST., L.A., CA 90001. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BIO SPECIALTY COATINGS, INC., 730 E. 59TH ST., L.A., CA 90001. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: MANUEL PALLILA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/02/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/25/2012. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: May 04, 11, 18, 25, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2013-089412

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BIOSTAR ORGANIX HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION, 4443 W. SUNSET BLVD. STE B, L.A., CA 90027. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) UYLESSS ANGULO, YOLANDA ANGULO, 4443 W. SUNSET BLVD. STE B, L.A., CA 90027. This Business is conducted by: AN UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION OTHER THAN A PARTNERSHIP. Signed: YOLANDA ANGULO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/01/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/25/2012. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: May 04, 11, 18, 25, 2013

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2013-086242

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BULLY WORLD PET FOOD AND SUPPLIES, 5801 MALABAR ST., L.A., CA 90058. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUAN CARRILLO, JUAN CARRILLO MARTINEZ, 5801 MALABAR ST., L.A., CA 90058. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: JUAN CARRILLO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/26/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: May 04, 11, 18, 25, 2013

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File No. 2013-086242

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CAKE A LICIOUS BAKESHOP, 4862 BOREL ST., BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VALERIE CRUZ, 4862 BOREL ST., BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: VALERIE CRUZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/26/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: May 04, 11, 18, 25, 2013

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File No. 2013-090387

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: COJOCO.COM, 8 COUNTRY MILE RD., POMONA, L.A., CA 91766. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DAVID YEH, 8 COUNTRY MILE RD., POMONA, CA 91766. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DAVID YEH. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/02/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: May 04, 11, 18, 25, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2013-088091

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CORNERSTONE EYE CENTER, 18895 COLIMA RD. STE B, ROWLAND HTS., CA 91748. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CORNERSTONE EYE CENTER, 18895 COLIMA RD. STE B, ROWLAND HTS., CA 91748. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: GRANT LEE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/30/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: May 04, 11, 18, 25, 2013

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File No. 2013-089695

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CRETA SONS IMPORT COMPANY, 13200 E. VALLEY BLVD., LA PUENTE, CA 91764. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOHN I. KAPAROS, 18817 RANCHERO RD., HESPERIA, CA 92345. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOHN I. KAPAROS, 18817 RANCHERO RD., HESPERIA, CA 92345. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: JOHN I. KAPAROS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/30/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: May 04, 11, 18, 25, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2013-089441

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DOWNEY DANCE STUDIO, 8670 SAN CARLOS AVE., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ELIAS DELGADO, 8670 SAN CARLOS AVE., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ELIAS DELGADO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/01/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: May 04, 11, 18, 25, 2013

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2013-089883

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EL ORSEQUIO PERFECTO, 2611 GLEASON AVE. #5, L.A., CA 90033. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PEDRO JIMENEZ, 2611 GLEASON AVE. #5, L.A., CA 90033. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: PEDRO JIMENEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/01/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: May 04, 11, 18, 25, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2013-086423

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FORSURE COURIER, 7391 KENSINGTON DR., BUENA PARK, CA 90621. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALEX L. SIN, 7391 KENSINGTON DR., BUENA PARK, CA 90621. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALEX L. SIN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/26/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: May 04, 11, 18, 25, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2013-086159

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GLOBE TECH, 1203 JOHN REED CT., CITY OF INDUSTRY, CA 91745. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) AV ENTERTAINMENT, INC., 18760 E. AMAR RD. #131, WALNUT, CA 91789. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: CHEW KWAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/26/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: May 04, 11, 18, 25, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2013-083300

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GORGEOUS ELEMENTS, 700 PAULSEN CIR., TRISTAN DR., DOWNEY, CA 90240. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RANDISHA WARD, 700 PAULSEN CIR., COMPTON, CA 90220. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RANDISHA WARD. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/23/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: May 04, 11, 18, 25, 2013

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File No. 2013-085616

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HUEKITA INSURANCE SERVICES, 9735 STEPHAN DR., WEST COVINA, CA 91790. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RANDISHA WARD, 700 PAULSEN CIR., COMPTON, CA 90220. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RANDISHA WARD. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/23/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: May 04, 11, 18, 25, 2013

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File No. 2013-084740

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: IMAGE MESSAGE, 1237 S. SAN GABRIEL BLVD., SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) XIFENG HE, 1020 S. MARENGO AVE. #3, ALHAMBRA, CA 91803. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: XIFENG HE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/01/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: May 04, 11, 18, 25, 2013



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO FILL A VACANCY FOR A MEMBER OF THE PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SEAT 4 BY APPOINTMENT

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) Board Policy 9223, the PUSD Board of Education is accepting applications for PUSD Board of Education At Large Seat 4 to fill a vacancy by appointment created by the resignation of Board Member Kimberly Kenne from Seat 4, effective May 6, 2013.

Applicants must be 18 years of age, be registered to vote in and reside within the boundaries of the Pasadena Unified School District. Applications can be obtained from gopUSD.com/board vacancy or the PUSD Office of the Superintendent. Applications and a resume must be received either by mail or hand delivered by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 10, 2013 to:

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

To be considered for the position, applicants must submit the and resume by the deadline and attend a special meeting of the tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at time all prospective applicants be interviewed. A provisional appointment could be announced early evening The term of service for the appointment to the PUSD Seat 4 is from the date of appointment to May 4, 2015.

Questions-Please call 626-396-3606 or email communications@pusd.us

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SHIH YUAN CHUANG CASE NO. VS024335

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SHIH YUAN CHUANG HAS FILED A PETITION WITH THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT - SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR A DECREE CHANGING NAMES AS FOLLOWS:

Present Name: Shih Yuan Chuang
 Proposed Name: Bill Chuang
 A HEARING on the petition will be held on 05/29/2013 at 1:30PM in Dept. C located at 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, Ca. 90650.

THE COURT ORDERS that all interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Petitioner Appearing Pro Per

Scott Sheng Jung Chuang and

Tracy Jung Chih Lu

13149 Aclaire Street,

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SOPHIA YVONNE MACIAS VIVOR NO. VS024422

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner YVONNE MACIAS CARTER HAS FILED A PETITION WITH THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT - SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR A DECREE CHANGING NAMES AS FOLLOWS:

Present Name: Sophia Yvonne Macias Vivor
 Proposed Name: Sophia Yvonne Macias Carter

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 06/12/2013 at 1:30PM in Dept. C Room 312 located at 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, Ca. 90650.

THE COURT ORDERS that all interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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