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WALKING SIERRA MADRE.... *The Social Side*

By Deanne Davis

We Sierra Madre folk are a healthy bunch! We can be found day and night, crack of dawn till...for the radical fitness extremists... almost 9, walking, running, bicycling and, as Harvey Hyde (our former Mountain Views News Sports Guru) always said when we ran into him on his walk, usually with a phone glued to his ear, "gettin' it done!"

Walking 'round town is actually quite a pleasant pursuit, checking out whose roses still look decent in spite of the water situation and the burning heat; whose lawn is just clinging to life (like ours); who's painted their house; and whose sprinklers are watering the street. This particular item brings out the seven-year-old tattletale in me, you know: "I'm telling!" Well, I won't name any names, but some schools and churches need to take a look at their sprinklers.

The mornings lately have been cool and pleasant and, walking up Canon Drive into the canyon, we have spotted groups of three and four deer several times in the last week or so. It is such a delight to see these lovely creatures turn and look at us, then go back to nibbling, keeping one eye on us just to see if we're going to turn into large, ravaging wolves. We don't, we just take their pictures.

Walking downtown today, we admired the new STOP sign at the corner of Baldwin and Highland, which went up with astonishing speed and is probably going to be a real shock to a lot of drivers who whiz down Baldwin at a great rate (myself included)!

We looked in the window at Mother Moo's to see if she still has Rum Raisin ice cream! Woo hoo, she does! Noticing the yogurt place has cleaned all the posters off their front windows, which looks really nice now you can see inside. Seeing if P E Dean's, that fabulous furniture resale store, has anything we can't live without and, frequently, they do!

Did you know that we have an amazing number of places here in town where you can do just about anything associated with fitness? There's Sierra

Health & Fitness on South Baldwin, Village Yoga on Sierra Madre Blvd.; there's Curves right by P E Dean's on Sierra Madre Blvd.; Body Shop Fitness on North Baldwin, which is a private fitness studio; Yoga Madre upstairs at 16 W. Sierra Madre, and even more! Most of these folks feature Pilates and just about everything you can think of to lengthen, strengthen and tone your bod! We had no idea!

Also in the fitness realm, there's our new G3 Academy of Martial Arts on Sierra Madre Blvd. where, in days of yore, Highlander Liquor used to be. Didn't you love seeing all those kids in their martial arts uniforms in the July 4th parade! All learning life skills, discipline, and respect, in addition to balance, flexibility, coordination, fitness, focus and strength. Not bad at all!

The Jacaranda trees are still blooming a little, the Crape Myrtle Trees are coming into bloom, the Pepper Tree in Kersting Court is looking great, we still haven't tried out the wine tasting room at The Bottle Shop but it's not going anywhere!

If you haven't taken a stroll around town lately, just to see what's going on, you need to give it a try! Have a cup



New 4-Way Stop Sign at Baldwin and Highland Avenues

of coffee at Beantown or Starbucks, maybe a little breakfast at Corfu or Only Place in Town Café and see who's out that you know. Hey, how about this Saturday?!

Sierra Madre Honors Awards Nominations

Time is running out! The Sierra Madre Honors Awards Dinner is the way of honoring the true treasures of Sierra Madre. To Nominate: Simply e-mail Dorothy Costello or drop off a short letter at City Hall listing qualifications of your nominee by 5:00 pm, Thursday August 1, 2013.

The award categories are:
George Mauer Lifetime Achievement Award - Awarded to a person / entity whose lifetime of service embodies the spirit of volunteerism
Wistaria Award - Recognizes a City / Community partnership that assists with

providing community-wide programs and services

Police Chief's Special Award - Presented for outstanding service and duty to the community

Public Safety Award - Awarded for protecting and maintaining safety in the community

Public Service Award - The Employee of the Year award

Community Youth Service Award - Presented to a youth (under 18) for outstanding service

PLANNING COMMISSION DENIES STONEGATE PERMITS; APPEAL FILED



In the ongoing struggle to complete the Stonegate Development (formerly known as 1 Carter), the developers recently filed an appeal of the Planning Commission's decision not to grant conditional use permits for three of the homes that are ready to proceed.

At the June 20th meeting, the commission denied the applications on the basis that in general the size of the proposed residence was out of character for the project. According to staff reports, in the instance of 638 Baldwin Court the proposed development "is inconsistent with Policy L12.1 because of the density of the development proposed." Similar reasoning was used in denying permits for 630 Baldwin Court as well. For the latter, the Commission felt that the scope of what was proposed was not in compliance with the Hillside Management Zone.

A Conditional Use Permit is required to insure that the proposed residences "which can be seen from the historic Macomber Cabin, Carter Barn and Willis Estate contrasts with the design of these structures."

An appeal has been filed with the City Council by the developer, CETT Investment Corporation of Rosemead, Ca. It will not be heard by the council, however until perhaps sometimes after the summer recess in September.

CETT Investment Corporation owns 23 of the 28 lots in the development. Five are owned by individuals. To date, the most progress that has been made are the completion of the access roads, utilities and for the three before the council, some basic layout as shown in the photo above taken on Friday.

This land, which begins at the intersection of Baldwin and Carter Avenues, has been a bone of contention in Sierra Madre for more than a decade, beginning with the attempt to build Maranatha High School on the property. After that attempt failed, the property was sold to another developer who proposed building 50 'McMansions'. After years of litigation, and Greg Galletly lost the property in foreclosure, an agreement was reached with the bank and the city on just what could be built on the property. The agreement prohibits building anything that conflicts with existing city codes, including the Hillside Management Zone. The settlement also reduced the number of units to 29 and the size to less than 4,000 sq. ft., 5 bedroom, 5 bath homes.

S. Henderson/MVNews

WILL THE FARMERS' MARKET MOVE TO SUNDAYS IN KERSTING COURT?

By Noah Green

The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce has teamed up with the company that runs the Sierra Madre farmer's market, Raw Inspiration, Inc., in an effort to move the farmer's market to Sundays in Kersting Court. The market's current time and location on Wednesday afternoons on Hermosa Avenue next to Memorial Park has been an obstacle and an inconvenience to many customers who simply cannot get off of work in time to make it to the market. The location has also been a problem for the market vendors because of the general lack of foot traffic in the area.

The Chamber believes that moving the market to Sundays in Kersting Court will benefit customers by providing them with a more convenient location with abundant parking. Attracting more customers will hopefully boost the vendors' business. The Chamber also hopes

that the new time and location will encourage market customers to patronize local businesses in and around Kersting Court, as well as enrich the town's sense of community by providing residents with a central location where they can shop and mingle during the weekend.

Thus far, the Chamber has received an overwhelmingly positive response to its initiative from the community. Indeed, the Chamber was able to get every business in the Kersting Court vicinity to sign a petition in support of the move.

The decision as to whether the move will actually happen now lies with the City's Community Services Commission. If you support moving the farmer's market to Sundays in Kersting Court, please contact the Commission and let them know!

For more information on the effort, contact Noah Green at 626-355-5111.



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Tues:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Wed:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
Tuesday, July 23, 2013
6:30 pm

CALENDAR

July 20 Historical Society - Annual Meeting and Chicken and Ravioli Dinner

July 21 City of Sierra Madre - Concert in the Park (Elvis, sponsored by SM Rotary)

July 25 Sierra Madre CERT - Training

July 28 City of Sierra Madre - Concert in the Park

August 02 Creative Arts Group - Faculty Show

August 02 Sierra Madre Art Walk

August 04 City of Sierra Madre - Concert in the Park

August 6 National Night Out

August 15 Foothill Unity Center - Back To School Event at the Santa Anita Race Track

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Any local non-profit or non-commercial organization can have their event information broadcast to the public on *Sierra Madre Community Information Radio*. The station covers the city of Sierra Madre, plus surrounding areas of Pasadena, Arcadia, and Monrovia. Your event must:

- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
- Be open to the public
- Be of general interest to local citizens

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to radio@cityofsierramadre.com.

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FRIDAY - Noon Gene Goss'
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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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LIBRARY RECEIVES GRANT FOR NEW BOOKS!



Sierra Madre's Public Library was the recipient of a one-time grant of \$7,500 from the state library and was able to purchase over 400 new, print books. New books include children's, teens, popular fiction, classics, non-fiction and reference materials. All new books are part of collections with high demand and high circulation. Library Director Carolyn Thomas said, "We made a real effort to acquire new versions of classics and we refreshed popular books with immaculate new copies. We also bought many Newbery and other award-winning children's books as well as some reference books we would not have been able to afford otherwise." Stop by the library and see the impressive

LOOKING FOR FREE, FUN & EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES THIS SUMMER?

Then look no further than the City of Sierra Madre's Summer Fun in the Park. The program includes interactive presentations provided by local organizations and fitness activities. It is targeted for children 3-10 years of age but all ages are welcome to enjoy. The program occurs Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30-10:30 am in Memorial Park, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

For more info call Community Services t at 626-355-5728.

Tuesday Educational Program runs June 18 through August 13
2013 Community Services Department Newsletter | www.cityofsierramadre.com/online/registration

July 23 – Socal Edison: Electrical Safety/Hazard Hamlet
July 30 – LA County Arboretum: Planting, Insects, and Reptiles

August 6 – Los Angeles Zoo: Wildlife
August 13 – Police Department: Safety First
Thursday Fitness Program runs June 20 through August 15
(No class July 4)

Get Active with CATZ (Competitive Athletic Training Zone) Sports fitness program that includes capture the flag, relay races, and various games of tag. Don't forget to bring your sneakers, shorts, t-shirts and water bottle!

SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

For the period July 8-14, 2013

Monday July 8, 2013

Over a period of more than 24 hours, a resident received 53 text and voice mail messages from a former friend. The individuals had a five year relationship before breaking up. The officers interviewed both parties and completed an Annoying Phone Call Report.

Wednesday July 10, 2013

At approximately 9pm, a resident (victim) was approached by an acquaintance (suspect) as he sat on a bench in front of 65 North Baldwin Avenue. The suspect was immediately confrontational demanding that the victim stand up and face him. When the victim stood, the suspect pushed him back onto the bench and then wrapped his arm around the victim's neck. The suspect released his hold after a few moments but continued shouting at the victim. Three individuals, who were with the suspect when the incident began, then walked him away from the location. The victim did not sustain any visible injury but did complain of soreness to his neck. It is believed that the argument was generated by a dating relation each has had with the same female.

Thursday July 11, 2013

Between 8pm and 11:45pm, unknown suspects entered a vehicle parked in the carport in the 600 block of West Sierra Madre Boulevard. There was no sign of forced entry evident and the owner was unsure if he had locked the vehicle. The suspect(s) ransacked the interior of the vehicle and removed miscellaneous items. A duffle bag that was removed from the vehicle was found a short distance away.

Saturday July 13, 2013

At 6:30am, officers responded to the 00 block of West Highland Avenue to investigate a report of an unknown person sleeping on the front porch of a residence. The officers located the individual and found him to be intoxicated. The individual (male, 54 years of age) admitted he had consumed a few drinks earlier that morning and thought he was at his mother's house. He was arrested for public intoxication.

NEW CITY HALL PUBLIC HOURS BEGAN JULY 1ST

Beginning July 1, 2013 the offices at City Hall and the Community Recreation centers will be open Monday - Thursday 11:00am - 5:30pm.

The Council implemented the new open hours at City Hall and Community Recreation offices to offset for the reduced staffing levels implemented over the last five years. The adopted FY 2013-2015 budget also includes additional consolidated job responsibilities as well as technology enhancements to continue to improve work efficiencies and effectiveness, in order to serve Sierra Madre citizens.

PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCIES

Application deadline is July 25, 2013

The commission meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chamber

Staff Liaison: Danny Castro / City Council Liaison: Council Member Chris Koerber

Number of Vacancies: Two Terms available starting July 1, 2013

Current Planning Commission Applicants:
Buckles, DeMarzo, Diedrich, Frierman-Hunt, Stafford



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HOLDEN URGES FLORIDA BOYCOTT

Assemblymember Chris Holden said Wednesday he would introduce a joint resolution with the California Legislative Black Caucus urging a boycott on traveling to Florida or doing business in the Sunshine State in the wake of the not guilty verdict in the shooting of Trayvon Martin.

The resolution would urge a repeal of Florida's "stand-your-ground" law, he said.

Hold released the following statement, "When I heard the verdict last weekend, I was disappointed and saddened. Another young black child is dead and nobody is being held accountable. It is a true nightmare scenario for every black parent in America, and a sad commentary on racial injustice in this country.

While sitting in a downtown Los Angeles courthouse waiting to be called for jury duty earlier this week, I thought 'What do we do now?' I urge the Department of Justice to investigate civil-rights charges against Zimmerman and it is my sincere hope that the tragic death of Trayvon Martin compels legislators in Florida and other states to put an end to stand-your-ground laws. I keep asking myself - didn't Trayvon Martin have a right to also stand his ground? What were Trayvon Martin's rights?

Until then, I plan to plan to introduce a Resolution on behalf of the California Legislative Black Caucus urging a boycott of Florida, and encouraging all organizations, businesses, and families who would normally do business with or travel to Florida to consider patronizing other states; it's just not safe to travel in Florida until the law is changed.

The death of Trayvon Martin is a tragedy that will reverberate across the country. My heart is heavy, but I continue to believe that a peaceful, lawful solution is the only answer. By boycotting Florida tourism, conventions, and conferences we send a clear message that the death of an unarmed black teenager cannot be tolerated."

Pet of the Week



Truffle (A330177) is an adult, white and brown rabbit. She can be shy at first, but warms up quickly. She enjoys hopping around and exploring her area.

Truffle's adoption fee is \$30, which includes her spay surgery, a microchip, the first set of vaccinations, as well as a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. New adopters will receive complimentary health and wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information on how to care for your pet. Ask an adoptions counselor for more information during your visit.

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A330177, 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.



Group Protests over Zimmerman Verdict

By Dean Lee

Over 100 people gathered Wednesday night at the First African Methodist Episcopal Church of Pasadena to protest the acquittal of neighborhood watch coordinator George Zimmerman by a Florida jury. The group wrote letters to elected officials, held a bible study and prayed.

The night ended with a march, wearing hoodies, through the streets of Northwest Pasadena.

"I understand you are going to have a peaceful march today in recognition of Trayvon Martin," said Pasadena Police Lt. Ed Calatayud. "We are supportive of you and your peaceful march. We just wanted the opportunity to come out and introduce ourselves."

Before walking the neighborhood in a six block circle singing gospel songs and praying, Reverend Nikia Robert and Reverend Melanie Mays called the group to action preaching their perspective of

what it means to wear a hoodie.

"To wear a hoodie in America, a once token that represented white supremacy, and on the other side represented black cowardliness, so today we reclaim the symbolism of the hoodie," Robert said. "We wear our hoodie today in solidarity to say that we are not suspicious. But that we are God's creation, and that we are worthy of justice irregardless of the color of our skin."

Martin wore a hoodie Feb. 26, 2012 the night he was killed. Some believe Zimmerman actions were related to the garb.

Protesters also wore t-shirts with Martin's picture, others carried signs that read, "Trayvon is every mother's son."

Seventeen year-old Martin was killed in Sanford, Florida, by Zimmerman during a scuffle. Zimmerman had called 911 to report "a suspicious person." Before police arrived he shot Martin, claiming he feared for his life.

ARTS Buses Service Changes Take Effect



10 will still service a portion of Green Street between Orange Grove Boulevard and Pasadena Avenue.

Extra bus service is also coming to Route 20, the City's most popular route with more than 700,000 passengers a year traveling along its service corridor of Lake Avenue and Fair Oaks Avenue. As part of a three-year, \$1.9 million federal grant, the City is adding bus service in both directions during the weekdays. Route 20 provides direct connections to four Metro Gold Line stations, numerous other bus lines, key commercial and entertainment areas, medical destinations, employment centers, schools, and numerous other destinations in Pasadena.

Riders on Route 51/52 will notice a schedule adjustment to improve on-time arrival performance. Based on customer input, many of the scheduled "stop times" on this route have been shifted—in some cases by several minutes—so all riders are advised to check updated schedules on the City's website. This route serves Old Pasadena, the South Raymond corridor, both Art Center College of Design campuses and JPL.

For more information on these service changes, please visit www.cityofpasadena.net/artsbus or call (626) 744-4055.

Rose Bowl Brick Naming Campaign Announced

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses, in a joint effort with Legacy Connections, announce the launch of the Brick Campaign at the Rose Bowl Stadium.

The Brick Campaign will allow fans of the Rose Bowl Game® and Rose Bowl Stadium to purchase personalized pavers and bricks that will be incorporated into the iconic plaza in front of Gate A, leading to the main entrance of the stadium.

"We are excited to invite college football fans to celebrate the 100th edition of The Granddaddy of Them All® one brick at a time," said Tournament of Roses President, Scott Jenkins. "The Rose Bowl Game and its memories have touched so many lives from across the country for over a century and we feel this is a wonderful way for people to leave a legacy at the foot of America's Stadium."

There will be approximately 27,500 bricks as part of the

mosaic design varying in size and finishing. Bricks will range in price from \$100 to \$425 with optional incentives including replicas and display cases. Fans can choose from text-only designs or text and logo options. Public sale will begin in August with project installation slated for April 2014.

The Brick Campaign will be co-managed by the Tournament of Roses Association and Legacy Connections, a non-profit fundraising organization comprised of community volunteers and private citizens committed to preserving the history of the Rose Bowl Stadium and ensuring its viability for decades to come.

On January 1, 2014, the 100th edition of the Rose Bowl Game will feature champions from the Big Ten and Pac-12 Conferences. For additional information on the Brick Campaign and how you can support the Rose Bowl legacy, visit www.rosebowlbricks.com.

On July 13, a six woman jury found Zimmerman not guilty based on Florida's "stand-your-ground" law. The jurors deliberated for more than 16 hours. They had the choice to find Zimmerman guilty of second-degree murder or find him guilty of manslaughter as well as the not guilty verdict.

The verdict has sparked protests, some violent, all over the country including locally in South Los Angeles where protesters blocked off a portion of 10 Freeway Sunday night. In San Bernardino, 11 people were arrested Thursday after protesters threw bricks at cars.

Popular Parks after Dark Returns

Pasadena's popular Parks after Dark Program returns this summer bigger and better including, concerts, entertainment and movies.

This family friendly program is brought to you by the Pasadena Police Department and the Human Services and Recreation Department. Programming appropriate for the whole family takes place from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., each Thursday, Friday and Saturday through August 17, at the following three locations: Robinson Park, 1081 North Fair Oaks Ave. Villa-Parke, 363 East Villa St.

La Pintoresca Teen Center, 1415 Raymond Ave.

Free fun and activities range from men's basketball, evening recreational swimming, teen co-ed basketball, youth and adult soccer leagues to Latin dance sessions, cooking classes, concerts, entertainment and movies. Free snacks will be available too.

Parks After Dark is offered at no cost to area residents. For more information, please contact Efrain Montes at (626) 744-8334 or emontes@cityofpasadena.net; or Bill Davis at (626) 744-6523 or bdavis@cityofpasadena.net.

PCC Names New HR Supervisor

Pasadena City College last week named Julianna Mosier as its new supervisor for Human Resources.

"I am very excited to be joining the Pasadena City College family and the Human Resources department team," Mosier said.

Mosier comes to PCC from the College of the Canyons, where she was the senior HR Generalist Project Coordinator. She oversaw all public records act requests, as well as the redesigning of the HR Internet and Intranet websites.

As HR supervisor, Mosier will plan, manage, evaluate and oversee the work of technical and administrative HR staff, including recruitment and selection of HR's management programs.

"I'm looking forward to building strong, collaborative working relationships here on campus and helping the Human Resources department provide exceptional service to all faculty, staff and managers," she said.

Possible Pit Bulls on the Loose after Violent Attack

By Dean Lee

Pasadena Humane Society officials are looking for two dogs, believed to be pit bulls that violently attacked a four-month old puppy leaving the dog with a life threatening gash along her neck. Two men trying to help were also left with minor bites.

The two dogs, one described as an orange and black pit bull, the other a charcoal and black pit bull are still on the loose. One of the dogs had a collar a witness said.

According to reports, Pasadena resident Courtney Gomez and her grandfather were walking her dog Molly Monday, near Michillinda Avenue and Mountain View Avenue, when two other dogs suddenly attacked.

"It just grabbed her by the neck and stated pulling her away," Gomez told KTLA 5 News. "I punched the dog in the face like four times trying to get it to let go."

Gomez said at one point, the



Molly

aggressive dog pulled the puppy completely away from her, "he was just shaking her. Blood was just everywhere."

Reports also said that a couple diving by saw the attack and stopped to help. The Good Samaritan freed the puppy using an umbrella to wedge the dog's mouth open. He was bitten in the process. Gomez' grandfather was also bitten trying to free the puppy.

The puppy was rushed to the vet and had surgery. She is expected to survive.

Anyone with information is being asked to call the Pasadena Humane Society at (626) 792-7151.

Annual Armenian Cultural-Identity Festival Sunday

The 6th Annual Armenian Identity Festival, organized by the Armenian Community Coalition of Pasadena, will take place this Sunday at Victory Park from noon to 7:00pm.

The day-long cultural activities include Armenian folk dances in traditional dresses, music and Mediterranean food, with Armenian flavors. Other activities include classic car show, judo practices, petting zoo and slides for the children.

Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard and other City Councilmembers and City

Officials are expected to attend along with Congresswomen Judy Chu. Information displays by several Pasadena City Departments are planned.

The Festival is free and open to the general public.

There will also be speakers representing the different organizations that comprise the Armenian Community of Pasadena. The emphasis this year will be Armenian folk Dances, music and art.

For more info. Contact 626-399-1799 paccoalition@gmail.com www.acc-us.org

Michael Feinstein Extends Contract with POPS



Pasadena Symphony Association President Diane Rankin and Chief Executive Officer Paul Jan Zdunek announced, last week, the extension of Principal Pops Conductor Michael Feinstein's contract through 2016. His current contract was for a 1-year term.

Fresh off the heels with rave reviews for his conducting debut to capacity crowds on June 1st, the leadership of the Pasadena Symphony Association immediately offered Feinstein a multi-year contract extension. The decision represents a confident commitment to Feinstein and support for his vision for the Pasadena POPS Summer Concert Series at the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden.

Neighborhood Learning Institute Free, 10-week Class

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m., Monday, August 5, 2013 for the Pasadena Neighborhood Leadership Institute, a free, 10-week program offered by the Human Services and Recreation Department's Neighborhood Connections Division. Classes begin September 10, 2013.

Completed applications need to be mailed or hand delivered to the Jackie Robinson Community Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena, CA 91103. Applications also can be faxed to (626) 396-7782; or by email to wsyms@cityofpasadena.net. Postmarks by the 5:00 p.m. Aug. 5 deadline will be accepted.

Pasadena Neighborhood Leadership Institute is an interactive training program designed to empower emerging, locally based leaders by: Developing leadership and

communication skills Teaching them to work effectively in a group to effect positive change Building relationships with City officials and assistance agencies Providing the tools to influence decision-makers and make a difference

Applications are available at the Jackie Robinson Community Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave.; Robinson Park Recreation Center, 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave.; Villa-Parke Community Center, 363 E. Villa St.; Victory Park Center, 2575 Paloma St.; City Hall, Room N255, 100 N. Garfield Ave.; and at the Flintridge Center, 236 W. Mountain St., Suite 106.

For more information, contact William Syms, Neighborhood Connections program manager, at (626) 744-7295 or by email to wsyms@cityofpasadena.net.

"What's Going On?"*News and Views from Joan Schmidt***MONROVIA-ARCADIA-DUARTE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Updates on Hope House, Live Oak Village and Summer Fun for Everyone**

At the July Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte Town Council Meeting, updates on community concerns were given. First, George Lopez from *Hope House* on Fairgreen Avenue said the alarm system has been installed. It is *not* a loud siren, but a "talking" alarm system! It alerts you if someone is trying to open a window or door. George said the neighborhood has "embraced us with open arms and welcomed us... People have come over to introduce themselves and it has had a positive effect on the residents". He also said they *loved* the Mayflower Village

Parade and will be in it next year!

Council Member Linda Sells gave a great update on the Live Oak Village in South Arcadia. Linda has been working diligently with Rose Olson, Project Director. At the last meeting many residents voiced concerns which were heeded by Rose. The next day, many residents met with Rose, saw the project plans and they were appeased. However some residents still had concerns. One concern was parking. Originally, the project was *not* going to cut down a great Oak Tree. However the residents didn't care about the tree, they wanted more parking! So the tree will come down, but several others will be planted in the proposed park-like area on the site. It's also "Back to the drawing board", and there is consideration for a smaller structure.

Council Members Terrence Williams and Gloria Huss mentioned riding the Gold Line and how that project is on schedule. Gloria reminded everyone to go to Gold Line's website for updates on road work/street closing.

Since Youth Activities Deputy Art Valenzuela has been out of town, Probation Officer Kevin Peris kindly gave us an update on YAL activities.

In June, Deputy Valenzuela took eight male youth to Camp Courage in the City of Industry where they worked on team building and leadership skills. The kids challenged themselves on a rock wall, zip line and high/low rope course. The goal is to build upon confidence and teamwork. (Girls Camp Courage will be July 30-August 1)

In July, Deputy Valenzuela took youth to FamCamp-Calaveras Big Tree State Park. Thirty members of the Youth Athletic League from Temple Station, East L.A. and West Hollywood attended. They worked on training, had the opportunity to swim and kayak, and enjoyed hikes and trust walks.

On July 15-16, Deputy Valenzuela took 5 youth to the first ever Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. The two-day class included basic first aid, emergency rescue/response and other disaster preparedness skills. Each teen received a certificate of completion and an emergency response bag.

On July 17, Deputy Valenzuela took 23 youth deep-sea fishing at Marina Del Rey on the Betty-O. One final reminder: Enjoy the great Library, Music and Pamela Park summer programs! Ronald McDonald will be at the Duarte Library Tuesday, July 23 at 3pm! Teen activities (Grades 6 and up) are Monday evenings at 6:30 at Live Oak Library - last week they made great jewelry! Those music concerts are great! Arcadia is Thursday evenings at 6:30, Monrovia is Sunday evenings at 7, and Pamela Park is Thursdays at 6. (Please refer to the July 13 issue of this paper for the complete schedule). Lastly, FREE MOVIE NIGHT - Fridays 8pm at Pamela Park - bring a blanket - free popcorn and a great time for all!

**MONTEREY PARK POLICE ARREST ALLEGED CREDIT CARD SCAM ARTIST**

Monterey Park Police Investigators identified and arrested a woman suspected of multiple incidents of credit card fraud, burglary, and grand theft. Si H. Liu, also known as "Katie," was arrested Friday, July 12, at her home in La Puente. Liu represents herself as a real estate agent and may own a massage business in the city of Fullerton. Liu speaks Mandarin Chinese and has been a U.S. resident for about 10 years. Investigators have linked her to at least sixteen victims in the San Gabriel Valley and the investigation continues to grow.

Victims contacted Liu after reading her advertisements for easy loans in the Chinese Daily News. Liu asked victims for their identification, social security numbers, and all of their credit cards so that she could "check their credit" in order to obtain loans. Victims provided the information believing that Liu would obtain loans for them. Instead, Liu allegedly used the credit cards to obtain cash for herself using a credit card machine that she owned. Other victims reported that she accompanied them to open credit accounts at retail stores

such as Best Buy; she would ask victims to purchase items for her on their credit accounts with a promise to pay them back in cash, but she never did. Liu also made photocopies of identification and credit cards prior to returning them to the victims, possibly for the purpose of committing fraud and identity theft in the future.

The Monterey Park Police Department urges citizens to be aware of correct financial loan practices and to investigate the legitimacy of any business person promising "easy loans" or requesting personal information such as credit card or bank account information. Fraud suspects frequently use classified ads to target potential victims, and citizens who have limited English skills are at risk;



they are also reluctant to report fraud after it happens. The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office filed a 25-count felony complaint against Liu on Tuesday; charges range from Residential and Commercial Burglary to Theft Using an Access Card, Possession of Access Card Information, and Grand Theft.

Additional victims are encouraged to contact Detective Han at the Monterey Park Detective Bureau; 626-307-1246.

LAWSUIT THREATENS TO PUT 300 OUT OF WORK

By: Cynthia Kurtz, San Gabriel Valley Economic Development Partnership

We have a great legal system. We probably use it too often to settle disagreements that could be resolved by getting everyone in the same room at the same time. But sometimes it is necessary to hand a matter to the lawyers. It is nice to know that our legal system is there in case you ever do need to use it.

By and large, I think the courts find reasonable ways to handle the business and employment grievances put before them. However, once in a while you hear of a case and wonder how can that be fair?

The case in point is a recent judgment against a company in the San Gabriel Valley. What started as a dispute over a single termination might end up impacting 300 employees and their families. The company is Valley Vista Services, a family owned solid waste and recycling company that has served the San Gabriel Valley since 1957.

This case began when one of Valley Vista's female employee became ill and wasn't able to work. After using sick leave and vacation time, she still wasn't back at work. Valley Vista tried to contact her but she didn't respond and so the company terminated her for job abandonment.

Her lawyer says Valley Vista's action was a wrongful termination and that the company didn't try hard enough to accommodate her special needs - panic attacks.

I didn't hear the trial and I don't know all the details so I make no judgment on whether the employee was treated fairly or unfairly. The court's

determination was that she deserved monetary compensation. So let's accept that and say that Valley Vista Services should pay the employee damages.

First, she was awarded \$5.2 million in compensatory damages. These are intended to make her whole for the loss of her job. She was also awarded punitive damages. Punitive damages are intended to punish the "wrongdoer." California doesn't have any caps on punitive damage awards in these types of cases. Twenty-two of the forty-five states that allow punitive damages set limits. California does allow the court to look at the company's value before setting the damages. In this case the plaintiff's attorney argued that the company's value should not be based on revenues but on the value of the company if everything was liquidated.

Yes, I said liquidated. Everything sold, piece by piece, no more company. The court accepted this argument and Valley Vista Services was hit with an additional \$16.5 million judgment. The \$21.7 million penalty is the largest employment related award of its kind in Los Angeles County history. Unless it is overturned on appeal, it will put Valley Vista Services out of business and put 300 employees out of work.

We'll see if an appeal of the case changes the outcome. But if it doesn't, taking away the jobs of 300 people who were not the "wrong doers" as a way of righting the wrong to one employee just doesn't make sense to me.

**TERUMASA'S QUESTIONS****From the Book "Til Death Do Us Part"**

By Christopher Nyerges

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Terumasa's questions. I'd really like that."

"OK," I told him. "We will, but you have to promise to come." Mel said OK.

About a month later near the end of January, we planned a Bon Voyage party for Terumasa, who would be actually departing the following morning. We invited many people, and planned to have Japanese tea and Japanese food.

We set up an outside table up on the hill at the wildlife sanctuary, with lights and a table full of dinner. Nami came up with Terumasa and we invited them to sit down. It took a little while for Terumasa to realize that this was a party for him. He laughed loudly when he realized this was a surprise for him!

We filled our tea cups and touched them together for our toast, and then all held hands and recited the words of the classic work, "Friendship Bridge."

Then, after asking Terumasa about the details of his departure, and what he'd be doing back in Japan, we made the effort to answer his questions. Prudence and I prepared with different parts of the book "Thinking and Destiny" by Harold Percival, along with our own insights.

We didn't want our bon voyage to Terumasa to become a strict metaphysical study, but rather we wanted to provide some preliminary answers to his serious query. It was as much for us as it was for Terumasa.

We decided that we were born upon this world in order to continue our spiritual evolution. Each of us added some comments to this, but everyone seemed to concur that this is why we are here, and which is why we are here to live this life.

The subject of pain was much more complex. Yet, we quickly denounced the notion that our pain is something given to us, or done to us, by "god," as is so often averred by religious zealots. In fact, in all the cases of individual and large scale pain that we could list, we felt that we are our own worst enemy. We men and women are the sources of



pain on the earth, which usually come about by some violation of natural law, some breaking of the Ten Commandments, not abiding by the Golden Rule, and by partaking of the Seven Capital Sins. Our pain is the result of our own choices, and when we learn from our pain and our choices, we - if we are intelligent - learn to make other choices.

This was a big topic, but again everyone was in agreement that we bring our own pain upon ourselves, and that pain is largely unavoidable unless we make other choices.

Then we talked about death. Prudence read from "Thinking and Destiny" and pointed out that death can be a friend to our Spiritual Self, that our bodies are simply not destined to live forever, and that - like it or not - we will all die as part of our long progress towards spiritual perfection.

This was not wholly agreeable to all, but the topic of death is so full of emotion and opinion and religious dogma that we did not attempt to have agreement all around, and that was OK.

By now we were feasting on some delicious Japanese fish and soup, and we gave Terumasa some gifts to take back to Japan.

We all exchanged phone numbers and emails and we all hugged. It was clear to all that change was coming soon, and that this wonderful warrior would soon be gone. By 9:30, we all departed, and on the following Saturday morning, Terumasa flew away to Japan.

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THE SUMMER HEAT IS ON! – TIPS FOR SENIORS TO STAY SAFE AND COOL!

Summer is a time for vacations and outdoor activities, but the heat and health risks of the summer heat should not be taken lightly, especially for the elderly. As a person becomes older, they become less sensitive to higher temperatures, putting the elderly more at risk to heat related illness. The elderly are more likely to not notice the warning signs of heat-related diseases and injury. Health conditions caused by the heat can range from heat stroke, the most serious, to cramps caused by lack of water intake, nausea and weakness, and headaches caused by exhaustion due to the summer heat. Following are some tips for seniors to stay safe and cool during the summer heat:

- Maintain plenty of water intake to keep hydrated, about 4-8 glasses a day; eating fresh fruits and vegetables can also help hydrate the body. Avoid alcohol and caffeinated drinks; drink water or a sports drink instead.
- Reduce strenuous activities during hot weather. Exercise in the cool morning and evening hours to avoid the heat.
- Avoid too much sun and always use sunblock when going outdoors for prolonged periods of time.
- When planning for a family outing in the summer, ensure there are cool places with shade and ventilation for seniors to retreat to.
- Snack on cool treats, such as popsicles, ice cream, and other frozen treats to keep cool.
- If you have an elderly family member or friend, check on them or have a neighbor check on them to ensure their safety during hot summer months.
- When the heat rises to extreme temperatures, seniors should stay in cool places out of the sun, such as an air-conditioned room.
- If you see signs of heat exhaustion or dehydration, such as weakness, nausea, heavy sweating or no sweating, rapid pulse, or fainting, move the senior immediately to the nearest cool shaded area and provide with ventilation and hydrants like cool juice or water. You can also help cool them down by applying a cold compress. Call for medical assistance immediately if it is necessary.

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ADULT ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASS VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED

Would you like a volunteer role where you make new friends from foreign lands? Would you enjoy learning about different cultures and sharing yours? Would you like to help foreign-born residents learn to speak English? Are you free on Monday mornings from 9:45 a.m. until noon?

If your answer is “yes” to these questions then you are invited to come to the Tutor Information and Orientation meeting at the Arcadia Public Library in the Library Board Conference Room on Monday, July 29 at 10:00 a.m.

You will learn about the all-volunteer Adult Conversational Skills Class that meets weekly at the Library and what is required of the tutors. A clear speaking voice, good pronunciation and a desire to help are needed, but it isn't necessary to have teaching skills. Materials and training are provided.

If interested, please phone the Library at (626) 821-5570 to make a reservation.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, July 7th, through Saturday, July 13th, the Police Department responded to 927 calls for service of which 131 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

- Sunday, July 7:
1. Around 2:25 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a broken head light in the area of Huntington Drive and La Cadena Avenue. An investigation revealed the driver was under the influence of marijuana and had a suspended license. The 26-year-old Hispanic male driver was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
 2. At about 11:19 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a traffic collision in the intersection of Baldwin Avenue and Longden Avenue. The driver of a white 2001 Volkswagon Beetle drove through the intersection on a red light and collided into another vehicle. She was transported to Huntington Memorial Hospital for treatment. The other driver and passengers required no medical attention.
- Monday, July 8:
3. At approximately 2:04 a.m., an officer made consensual contact with a subject walking in the area of Colorado Place and Gate 5 of the Santa Anita Race Track. A records check revealed the subject had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant and was in possession of methamphetamine. The 37-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
 4. Just after 8:40 p.m., officers were dispatched to the area of Las Tunas Drive and Gilpin Way in regards to a call of shots fired. A lady was driving on Las Tunas Drive when her vehicle was hit by a BB. She stopped her vehicle and immediately called 9-1-1. Officers conducted an area check for possible suspects and located two suspicious subjects on the northwest side of Longley Way Elementary School, 2601 Longley Way. The suspects, both 18-year-old Hispanic males, were in possession of a black case containing a BB gun. They were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- Officers found no damage to Longley Way Middle School. However, further investigation revealed the suspects were responsible for the vandalism that occurred at Dana Middle School, 1401 South First Avenue, on June 26th. The suspects used the same BB gun to shoot out numerous windows, which was estimated to be over \$22,000 in damage.
- Tuesday, July 9:
5. At about 5:35 p.m., an officer responded to Nordstrom at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in regards to a theft investigation. Two Hispanic males of unknown age stole a watch display containing numerous “Michelle” watches and fled the location in a newer model Nissan Maxima. The incident was recorded on video surveillance.
 6. Around 8:09 p.m., an officer responded to AMF Bowling Square, 1020 South Baldwin Avenue, in regards to a fraud investigation. A female subject purchased a bottle of water using a counterfeit twenty-dollar bill and fled the location. The suspect is described as Hispanic, approximately 30-years-old, 5'10" tall, 180

- lbs., with long auburn hair and brown eyes, wearing a long green dress.
- Wednesday, July 10:
7. Around 00:53 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 1000 block of South Golden West Avenue in regards to a residential burglary report. Unknown suspect(s) forced entry through a window and fled undetected with three laptop computers. No evidence or witnesses were located.
 8. At approximately 6:38 p.m., an officer was dispatched to JCPenney at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in reference to a theft report. The suspect concealed merchandise inside her purse and exited the store without making payment. The 22-year-old Hispanic female was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- Thursday, July 11:
- Shortly after 10:00 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a residence in the 2400 block of Florence Avenue in regards to a suspicious circumstances report. The resident explained that approximately one week ago, she received a phone call from an unknown male soliciting computer repair services. The resident expressed interest in the service; however, when she declined to give out her credit card information, the caller hung up.
- On today's date, an unknown male subject knocked on the resident's front door and explained he was sent from AT&T to fix her computer. The resident was not expecting any service. She refused to open the door and eventually the subject left the location. The subject is described as a Hispanic or White male, approximately 30-years-old, 5'7" tall, 150 lbs., with black hair, wearing an unknown color polo shirt and dark pants.
9. At about 1:14 p.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter in regards to a fraud report. A representative of Foothill Federal Credit Union, 30 South First Avenue, reported that a male subject opened a checking account online and soon after deposited six checks which belonged to a Chase bank account. Over the course of one week, the suspect withdrew approximately \$4,660 in cash from the credit union before each check was returned as unpaid. The officer ran a DMV check on the driver's license number that was used to open the account and discovered it belonged to another person. Further investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.
- Friday, July 12:
10. Around 7:34 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a broken tail light on Las Tunas Drive, at Holly Avenue. The 45-year-old Hispanic male driver was never issued a license. He was cited, released in the field, and his vehicle was impounded for 30 days.
 11. Just after 5:05 p.m., an officer was dispatched to Alejandro Alcondez Mexican Grill, 57 Wheeler Avenue, in regards to an attempted burglary report. Video surveillance revealed three male suspects of unknown age and race walked toward the store and attempted to pry open the front door using an unknown tool. After they were unable to defeat the locking mechanism, they fled in a black or dark colored Land Rover. The suspects are described as wearing jackets with the hoods over their heads and gloves.



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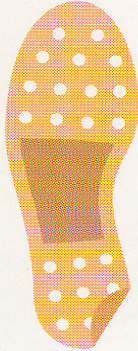


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Monrovia Police Blotter

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- Attempt Mail Theft
July 15 at 1:58 p.m., a resident in the 500 block of Sombrero reported that a male White subject in a silver Honda Passport, or similar vehicle, drove on the wrong side of the street to his mailbox and attempted to open it. Due to a similar incident, the victim had replaced their traditional mailbox with a security mailbox and the suspect was not able to open the mailbox. The suspect realized he had been seen and fled the area. The investigation is continuing.
- Grand Theft Auto
July 16 at 1:48 p.m., a vehicle was reported stolen from the 600 block of West Duarte Road. The vehicle was actually taken a week earlier, but the victim waited to report it because she thought it might be a family member who took the car and they would return it. When the family member refused to return the car, the victim reported it as stolen. The vehicle taken was a 2004 Volkswagen Beetle. The LoJack system on the vehicle was activated and El Monte Police Department located the vehicle. A short time later a possible suspect, the victim's brother, came forward and admitted he had taken the vehicle. El Monte Police Department arrested him.
- Vehicle Burglary
July 16 at 2:30 p.m., a vehicle was reported stolen from a business parking lot in the 1600 block of South Mountain. The victim is an employee of the business and the theft occurred the previous day about 5:30 p.m. The loss was an iPod, black Ray Ban glasses and a Bank of America check-book. That day, the victim saw a silver Acura SUV with two suspects who had jumped into the Acura and left quickly. The vehicle entered the 210 Freeway. The victim followed the vehicle on the freeway, but lost sight of it. The investigation is continuing.
- Grand Theft Auto – Motorcycle
July 16 at 2:57 p.m., a black, 2009, Kawasaki Ninja motorcycle that had been locked in a parking lot in the 100 block of West Huntington Drive was taken by unknown suspect(s). The theft occurred between 6:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. that day. The investigation is continuing.
- Fraud
July 16 at 4:08 p.m., a male Hispanic suspect entered a bank in the 100 block of West Foothill and attempted to withdraw cash from an account that had just been opened over the Internet. The funds in the account had been fraudulently deposited from another recently opened account. The suspect provided a fraudulent California identification card. The bank became suspicious and called the police.
- The suspect was on the phone with someone during the delay at the teller window. He realized the police had been called and he then fled the loca-

- tion. The suspect had committed the same crime a week earlier and had received \$800 in cash. Bank staff advised that this is a popular scam that has been occurring in Los Angeles County. The investigation is continuing.
- Grand Theft Auto
July 18 at 1:16 a.m., police responded to the report of a stolen vehicle from the 400 block of North Encinitas. A 1997 Honda was taken from the front of the residence. The investigation is continuing.
- Detective Bureau Case Follow-up**
Assault with a Deadly Weapon / Injury Hit and Run Traffic Collision / Driving Under the Influence – Suspect Charged
On July 6, the suspect driver in this case was involved in three incidents over a short period of time in three different locations, one in Monrovia. In the Monrovia incident, the suspect drove his vehicle around a bicyclist on Huntington and Mountain before intentionally striking him. The suspect was later arrested in Azusa. The California Highway Patrol handled two of the three incidents and the case was filed jointly at Pasadena Superior Court. The charges filed were three counts of assault with a deadly weapon, other than firearm; two counts of injury hit and run; and two counts of driving under the influence, resulting in injury. The suspects bail was set at \$320,000.
- Felony Evading / Hit & Run Traffic Collision / Driving Under the Influence / Gang Injunction Violation – Suspect Charged*
On June 4, a driver failed to yield and evaded an officer attempting to stop him. The suspect made his way into the City of Duarte and drove into a cul-de-sac, where he exited his moving vehicle, injuring his foot. The suspect was taken to a hospital. He was determined to be under the influence of alcohol and drugs. The case was filed in Pasadena Superior Court and the suspect was charged with felony evading, misdemeanor hit and run, driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs, and violation of the City of Monrovia's gang injunction.
- Suspect Arrested and Charged for Thefts From Vehicles*
On July 13, a resident in the 1000 block of Norumbega saw a suspect in her vehicle. The suspect, realizing he was seen, exited the victim's vehicle with her purse in hand. The suspect ran from officers and he was not located. A few hours later, a citizen reported a subject jumping over the wall adjacent to the wash into a backyard in the 200 block of Madeline. Officers responded to the house and spoke to a number of subjects. Further investigation led to the issuing of a warrant for one of the subjects at the house on Madeline; he was located and arrested. He admitted to committing a number of thefts from vehicles. The case was filed in Pasadena Superior Court and the charges filed are one count of receiving stolen property and four counts of petty theft. Detectives were able to connect the suspect to five other theft cases. They were able to recover some of the property stolen and return it to their owners.

SIERRA MADRE 16U CLINCH COLT DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP



Back Row: Manager Edgar Garcia, Coach Alex Baer, Coach Alfred Rosas; Middle Row: Daniel Hernandez, Christian Mendez, Sumner Smith, Jordan Rodgers, Daniel Rosas, Frankie Garriola, Kyle Cuellar; Front Row: Danny Casillas, Cole Pillar, Angel Lerma, Brenden McKiernan, Anthony Khraich, Ryan Garcia. Not pictured: John Mendoza, Adrian Rodriguez, Sammy Martinez

Submitted by Edgar Garcia
Writer: Corey The-Dawg

Game Summary vs MLB Youth Academy- One of many exciting games

In what's best described as a roller coasting barn burner of a baseball game today in Glendora at Henderson Field for the PONY Colt 16U regional playoffs, the Sierra Madre blasted its way to the semifinal round and remained undefeated in the event with help from five runs and seven singles in the sixth inning en route to prevailing 11-8 over the Urban Youth Academy of Compton. These boys have made history. Sierra Madre's first 16u Colt Division banner ever. 2013 Region CHAMPIONS! They move on to Super Regions...which begins 7/19/2013 in Glendora, CA. (Fifteen to Sixteen year olds)

There were a total of five ties and five lead changes this game.

Frankie Garriola (combined: 6 for 8, eight RBIs, four HRs, 4-4 stolen bases) furthered his stellar rampage, crushing his third and fourth home runs in two games (one over the tennis court fence above the hilly left field embankment, and the other going oppo with a solo shot just inside the right field foul pole). He finished 4-5 with 3 runs, 3-3 stolen bases, and 4 RBI's.

Garriola's first homer of the game got Sierra Madre ahead 1-0 in the bottom of the first before UYA answered back with three runs in the ensuing top-2nd, capped by a two run single from Jaylon McLaughlin bringing home Leonard Grimes and Ryan Stephens, after Donny Wilson scored off a passed ball to draw even at 1-1.

Sierra Madre then countered with four runs in the bottom half to regain the lead. Ryan Garcia (1-1, SacB, run, 1/1 SB) singled over the third baseman to lead off before advancing to second and scoring on a Garriola single that bounced off the infield, over the third baseman, and uphill in left.

UYA's Jaylon McLaughlin (3-4, 4 RBIs) responded with another two run single in the top of the fourth to knot it at 5-5 before SM's Garriola went oppo yard in the bottom half to unbreak that draw.

It was short lived once more as Jason Wallace doubled in Chris Rocco in the top-5th to tie it at 6-6 before the UYA went ahead for the last time (8-6) in the top of the sixth by capitalizing off a throwing error (McLaughlin had a leadoff single, stole second, and scored) and wild pitch (Chris Rocco cashed in).

Sierra Madre roared to rock the field in the bottom half of the sixth for five runs and seven singles.

Sumner Smith, Garriola, Jordan Rodgers, and John Mendoza singled in consecutive order to begin the frame and draw the fifth and final stalemate (8-8) before Kyle Cuellar squeezed in the go-ahead run (Rodgers) bunting for a base hit halfway up the first base side with one out and the corners occupied. 'Madre never surrendered the lead, and added two more insurance runs thanks to Mendoza seizing home off a wild pitch and Cuellar pacing in the crib on Danny Rosas' RBI single to bookend the surge.

Jordan Rodgers arrived to relieve a waning Rosas who had left with the bases loaded and one out after a single and double. Rodgers was successful in stopping UYA, shoving back to back strikeouts to diffuse the scare, eventually finishing with a win in relief in which he yielded three hits, two (unearned) runs, and threw seven strikeouts against two walks in 2 2/3s innings.

Christian Mendez came through with a huge play from the right field corner, throwing out Ryan Stephens for the second out as he attempted to stretch his hit into a double.

Grimes, who ended the day batting 2-3 with two runs and a double, drew a walk, but Rodgers ended the threat and sent 'Madre to the semis by striking out McLaughlin.

Regional Final Scores:

Sierra Madre 8 vs Glendora 6
Sierra Madre 11 vs MLB Youth Academy 8
Sierra Madre 3 vs Diamond Bar 15- Semis
Sierra Madre 5 vs Glendora 4 - Semis- loser bracket
Sierra Madre 7 vs Diamond Bar 3 - Championship
Sierra Madre 3 vs Diamond Bar 0 - Championship

SIERRA MADRE TO HOST 9-10 YEAR OLD DIVISION III NORTH LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

Sierra Madre Little League and its stunning Heasley Field, nestled against the foothills, is thrilled to be hosting the 9 and 10 year old Division III North baseball tournament July 20-25, 2013. Teams will be coming from San Dimas, Manhattan Beach, Goleta Valley South, Tustin Eastern and Sherman Oaks to compete in the 6-day tournament to be crowned regional champion. All games will be broadcast live over the internet, via the Village Vine, part of the Live365 Internet Radio Network. "We are so excited to host this very important tournament," says Alan Tierney, President of Sierra Madre Little League, "and to showcase our first class field and town."

Sierra Madre Little League was established in 1958 and annually fields twenty-two teams for boys and girls from ages 4-12 at all levels and playing ability. For more information about the League, please visit www.sml.org.

TIPS TO GET KIDS TO BE HEALTHIER THIS SCHOOL YEAR

(StatePoint) Childhood obesity rates have skyrocketed over the past 30 years. Right now, one-third of American kids are overweight or obese.

"Unfortunately, healthy eating for kids isn't always stressed consistently," says Debbie Blacher, founder of Wholesome Tummies, a children's food franchise devoted to bringing nutritious meals to schools. "Many kids lack access to nutritious food and good information about healthful eating and behaviors."

Since most kids consume half their daily calories at school, healthy eating habits must be addressed both at home and in the classroom, she stresses.

Blacher, a mom herself and an expert on crafting healthful school lunches, is offering these lunch packing tips for parents:

- Make a bento box: Instead of packing the traditional entrée and sides, make lunch out of small snacks in a multi-compartment box. Hardboiled eggs, raisins, an apple or other fresh fruit, crackers, tuna fish, pasta salad, veggies, dips and more.

- Travel the world: Go with an international theme each day, such as Mexican, Asian or Italian. Include an educational note about the meal's origin.

- Include a surprise: Kids love surprises,

such as favorite photos, stickers or a reminder about an upcoming event. A lunch box surprise can make your child's day extra special.

Busy parents may not have the time to pack lunch each day. But programs like Wholesome Tummies are providing schools with affordable, healthy, kid-friendly lunches. More information can be found at www.wholesometummies.com.

But nutrition is only half the equation. As screen time competes for kids' attention, active time is decreasing. And exercise is crucial to preventing obesity, improving motor skills and providing a social outlet.

Unfortunately, not all kids are receptive.

"One of the biggest challenges is getting shy kids to participate," says Jyl Camhi, co-founder of Great Play, a children's gym franchise that uses interactive technology and a progressive curriculum based on motor-skill development.

Camhi is offering tips to coax a child forward in a group fitness scenario:

- Allow spectating: The first time in a new environment can be emotionally draining. Stay for an entire class and return the next time.

- Never force participation: Be a source of comfort for your child while he or she sits on the sidelines. Your child will feed off your energy.



- Look for peer leaders: Outgoing children are often thrilled to help another child feel more comfortable.

- Sometimes leaving helps: Oftentimes kids behave better when they don't have a parental crutch to lean on.

- Pay attention to leaders' personalities: Whether it's classes, sports or school, the leader can make or break the experience. Does the coach make kids comfortable? Look for telltale signs and find a coach that works well with your child.

More information about kids' fitness or to find a Great Play Franchise near you can be found at www.GreatPlay.com.

There are some trends not worth following -- and an unhealthy lifestyle is one of them. With the right tools and tricks, you can be a positive influence on your kids' health.

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THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show THE LONE RANGER



At first, I thought of this movie as just another summer blockbuster that everyone would go to see. However, when it was released and the horrible reviews about it came out, I was intrigued. How could a movie with people like Jerry Bruckheimer, Gore Verbinski, and Johnny Depp be a flop?

John Reid (Armie Hammer) has always lead his life by the law. Once he meets the eccentric Native American warrior, Tonto (Johnny Depp), his life changes forever. He must change from a man of the law to a man of justice... and vengeance.

Like with many movies I have seen lately, my opinion of "The Lone Ranger" varies from most critic reviews. I found it to be an exciting romp complete with wonderful acting, a fantastic story, and beautiful cinematography. Johnny Depp, as usual, gives a magnificent performance. So, go see "The Lone Ranger" for yourself and make of it what you will. I guarantee that it will be money well spent.

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



A 24-7 TELEVISION CHANNEL JUST FOR PUPS?

With such a wide variety of designer theme networks and channels seen on television these days, it is a small wonder that there will soon be a TV channel specifically designed strictly to entertain your canine companion. Animal Planet has always been a great network for pet lovers' viewing, and the National Geographic channel has long been my favorite source of entertainment and information about animals, all for

human viewing, but a very unique channel is soon to be unleashed that will be focused on nothing more than keeping your canine companion content while you are away and your pup is home alone.

Billed as the first channel of it's kind, commercial-free is only one of the totally awesome features offered by the new "Dog TV" channel, set to be released by America's largest satellite network, DirecTV in August 2013. A test version of this one-of-a-kind just for pets channel was launched in San Diego last year, and was reported to have reach 483,000 homes in California's second largest city. The new home-alone channel for dogs will feature pet-pampering-programming designed strictly to entertainment your furry four legged friends from a "dog's point of view". The new "Dog TV" channel promises to feature programs that will include short videos designed to relax, stimulate, and expose home-alone dogs through various movements, objects and sounds that are specifically produced and sculpted to entice your beloved pet to want to watch, which will help them forget that you're not home.

As a pet owner and pet sitter, I am absolutely elated and waiting on baited breath to have access to this new and innovative TV resource that will hopefully keep my canine kids and clients from being lonely between my daily & nightly visits. To view a few samples of what this new canine comforting channel is all about, be sure to check them out on Youtube, or visit their website at dogtv.com.

Now, because I submitted a shorter than usual column article this week, I offer up a little bit of laughter for my readers ~

Here's a list of dog breeds that didn't make it: (Don't forget, it's to laugh!)

Deerhound + Terrier =
Spitz + Chow Chow =
Kerry Blue Terrier + Skye Terrier =
Great Pyrenees + Dachshund =
Pekingnese + Lhasa Apso =
Irish Water Spaniel + English Springer =
Labrador Retriever + Curly Coated Retriever =
Newfoundland + Basset Hound =
Terrier + Bulldog =
Bloodhound + Labrador =
Malamute + Pointer =
Collie + Malamute =
Bloodhound + Borzoi =
Pointer + Setter =
Collie + Lhasa Apso =

Derriere, a dog that's true to the end
Spitz-Chow, a dog that throws up a lot
Blue Skye, a dog for visionaries
Pyradachs, a puzzling breed
Peekasso, an abstract dog
Spaniel Irish Springer, a dog fresh and clean as a whistle
Lab Coat Retriever, the choice of research scientists
Newfound Asset Hound, a dog for financial advisors
Terribull, a dog that makes awful mistakes
Blabador, a dog that barks (or drools) incessantly
Moot Point, owned by ... oh, well, it doesn't matter anyway
Commute, a dog that travels to work with you
Bloody Bore, a dog that's not much fun
Poinsetter, a traditional Christmas pet
Collapse, a dog that folds up for easy transport

PET OF THE WEEK

SABRINA: #A4603951



Meet a cute and playful pup, Sabrina (A4603951). Sabrina is a wiggly two month old white and tan female Pit Bull puppy who was found in Baldwin Park on July 9th and brought to the Baldwin Park Shelter. Weighing fifteen pounds and likely to be fifty pounds full grown, Sabrina is 100% pure puppy and ready for training. She is good with other dogs and we think she is made to order as a playmate for kids. If you are looking for a bouncy, happy large breed puppy this is your girl! Sabrina is the perfect indoor pet for an active individual or family living in a private home. To watch a video of Sabrina please visit this link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ys71LCU-Eow

To meet Sabrina in person, please see her at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378 or 626-962-3577). She is currently available now. For any inquiries about Sabrina, please reference her animal ID number: A4603951. 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 Sabrina or the adoption process, please contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at Samantha@hope4animals.org. To learn more about United Hope for Animals' partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter through its Shelter Support Program, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.

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HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT EXECUTOR FOR YOUR WILL

Dear Savvy Senior:
What are my options for choosing an executor for my will? I was considering asking one of my kids to do it but I don't think any of them are up for the job. What can you tell me? Still Kicking



Dear Kicking:
Choosing an executor – the person or institution you put in charge of administering your estate and carrying out your final wishes – is one of the most important decisions in preparing a will.

Picking the right executor can help ensure the prompt, accurate distribution of your possessions with a minimum of family friction. Some of the duties required include:

- Filing court papers to start the probate process (this is generally required by law to determine the will's validity).
- Taking an inventory of everything in the estate.
- Using your estate's funds to pay bills, including taxes, funeral costs, etc.
- Handling details like terminating credit cards, and notifying banks and government agencies like Social Security and the post office of the death.
- Preparing and filing final income tax returns.
- Distributing assets to the beneficiaries named in the will.

Given all the responsibility, the ideal candidate should be someone who is honest, dependable, well organized, good with paperwork and vigilant about meeting deadlines.

Who to Choose
Most people think first of naming a family member, especially a spouse or child, as executor. If, however, you don't have an obvious family member to choose, you may want to ask a trusted friend, but be sure to choose someone in good health or younger than you who will likely be around after you're gone.

Also, if your executor of choice happens to live in another state, you'll need to check your state's law to see if it imposes any special requirements. Some states require an out-of-state executor to be a family member or a beneficiary, some require a bond to protect your heirs in case of mismanagement, and some require the appointment of an in-state agent.

Also keep in mind that if the person you choose needs help settling your estate they can always call on an expert like an attorney or tax account to guide them through the process, with your estate picking up the cost.

If, however, you don't have a friend or relative you feel comfortable with, you could name a third party executor like a bank, trust company or a professional who has experience dealing with estates. If you need help locating a pro, the National Association of Estate Planners and Councils (naepc.org) and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (naela.org) are great resources that provide directories on their websites to help you find someone.

Executor Fees
Most family members and close friends (especially if they are a beneficiary) serve for free, but if you opt for a third party executor it will cost your estate. Executor fees are set by each state and typically run anywhere from 1 to 5 percent depending on the size of the estate.

Get Approval
Whoever you choose to serve as your executor, be sure you get their approval first before naming him or her in your will. And once you've made your choice, go over your financial details in your will with that person, and let him or her know where you keep all your important documents and financial information. This will make it easier on them after you're gone.

For more information on the duties of an executor, get a copy of the book "The American Bar Association Guide to Wills and Estates" fourth edition for \$17 at ambar.org/wills or call 800-285-2221.

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

THE NEVER-ENDING CYCLE



Recycling --it's something that's become so second nature we barely give it a thought. But there was a time when it had a political connotation, kind of like climate change does now. But enough about politics, because there are enough other columns in this paper to satisfy your political appetite (and I'm as much of an authority on politics as I am on higher math).

It's probably safe to say most of us don't see recycling as a necessary income. We recycle because it's the right thing to do and we don't want to feel guilty. But I remember in grad school our department used recycled bottles and cans to raise money for different projects. (Most grad students are whizzes at finding ways to stretch a few pennies.) Spotting a soda can in the trash would cause a minor uproar. "Who threw this in there? Hello! The grad can is right next to it!" The "grad can" was a recycling bin with a big sign proclaiming support of our class.

Even after grad school, the habit of hoarding cans for recycling continued. Occasionally my husband and I would be out somewhere and dither about tossing the soda cans from lunch into the recycling bin versus keeping them in the car until we got back. Hmm... Is the CRV really worth it?

All recycling enthusiasts know that maximizing your refund requires a few extra steps. For starters, entering each and every container individually into the machine yields a slightly higher return than if you go the easier route and have a recycling center attendant weigh it. Another catch is that the recycling centers aren't all open at the same times, usually close for lunch, and often malfunction. Overcoming these odds make the difference between the determined recycler and the more passive ones.

My mom falls more into the latter category. One day she offered to accompany me on one of my recycling trips, it was this time of year, when the heat off the asphalt makes it shimmer in the distance, and stepping into your car is like sliding into a pizza oven. My car was loaded up with bags of cans and bottles as we drove to a recycling center by Ralph's. There were a few people in line for the machines, both of which were working --Woo Hoo! We lugged our bags to the end of the line and waited. "Waited," as all recyclers know, is the key word.

One of the most frequent occurrences at recycling centers, and one of the best ways to test the true civility of people, is when you get a person who has gone through all their bags and are now down to the last three oddly shaped bottles that the machine keeps spitting back out. The constant hum

of the conveyor belt is interrupted with an annoying buzzer as the rejected bottle pops out again. This happens to all of us, but there are times when the person keeps doggedly replacing the unwelcomed bottle, in hopes that *this time* the machine will reconsider and accept it. They will replace the bottle in the opposite direction or on its side, or any number of machinations to try to force it along.

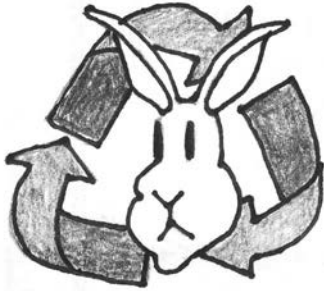
The annoyance of being behind someone like this isn't the point. It's about what you do when faced with this annoyance. Some people start huffing loudly and others even tell the offender to give it up already. Of course the humane reaction is to wait patiently. But that day we didn't have the challenge of the person with the odd bottles. We had a lady with never-ending bags.

She was the last person in front of us with about five garbage bags of cans. We waited as she deposited them one by one. When she had only a few cans left, she walked to a van parked close by and pulled seven more tightly stuffed bags to the machine. It was a big van, the type you'd use to ship washers and driers, and through the tiny windows we could see it was entirely jam packed with recycling bags. She repeated this retrieval process several times. My mom was starting to look distressed and said she'd wait for me in the car with the doors open (remember the temperature was in the 90's). I assured her we'd be done soon.

Finally the lady in front was down to the very last of the *very last* cans. We could see the light at the end of the conveyor belt tunnel! Then from out of nowhere, a guy drove up in another van similarly stuffed to the gills with bags. He hopped out, greeted the lady, pulled out a bunch of bags, and started inserting them into the machine. I thought my mom was going to have an attack!

But she kept calm and carried on, and eventually it was my turn at the machine. One by one, I started sticking the cans onto the conveyor belt, reaching back into the hot plastic bag with sticky, sweaty fingers to take hold of another. About two thirds of the way through, I caught a glimpse of my mom in the car, her eyes like those of the puppies at the pound that silently plead "Please GET ME OUT!"

At this point I realized my selfishness in making my mom suffer so I'd reap the greatest CRV benefit from my stash. Guiltily, I asked the attendant to weigh the rest of it, took the receipt, and my mom and I fled the Ralph's parking lot not much worse for wear. Sometimes, like when you're buying insanely overpriced text books for grad school, it pays to get every last cent you can. And other times, like when you've sucked in unsuspecting victims, such as my mom was, the most charitable thing is to settle for less.



SENIOR HAPPENINGS

By Pat Birdsall

FYI - ECO-FRIENDLY WAYS TO GET RID OF MOSQUITOS

Eliminate Standing Water- Mosquitoes can breed in a *small* amount of standing water. Check depressions in trees and around sprinkler heads, old water buckets, tires, watering cans and wheel barrows.

Maintain Your Yard- By keeping your lawn cut short, bushes pruned back and avoiding letting leaves pile up during mosquito season, you eliminate spots where they like to breed.

Plant Mosquito Repellent Shrubs- Lemon grass, Rosemary, Marigolds and catnip are all plants whose scent, once released, naturally repels mosquitoes.

Cover Up- Instead of spraying Deet or some other chemically laden spray on your arms and legs, simply cover up by wearing long pants and long-sleeved shirts.

Use Non-Toxic Pesticide Repellents- Avoid mosquito repellents that contain harmful toxins that are both harmful to you and the environment. There are many natural mosquito repellents currently on the market. For those who prefer a spray, try plant based *Repel Lemon Eucalyptus Repellent*, or if sprays aren't to your liking, *Badger Balm*, which comes in a tin or push-up stick that you rub on your skin.

Keep the Air Moving- Moving air currents prevent mosquitos from biting you because they displace the carbon monoxide in your breath that the mosquitos are attracted to. Try using an oscillating fan to keep the air moving and mosquitos away.

Set the Mood- Candles act as a natural inhibitor because they prevent mosquitos from biting you by preventing them from smelling you. Made from non-toxic essential oils, these candles are good for you and the environment. To be the most effective don't place the candles on a table or porch railing. Instead, place them less than a foot from the ground so that their scent wafts around your entire body instead of just your upper half. Eco-friendly candles are available from Mosquito Solutions: www.mosquitosolutions.com

Remember, when you use toxic pesticides the beneficial bugs die too. The Honey Bee is a sad example...voices.yahoo.com

HELPFUL HINT: Finally, now that the scars on my hands have finally faded, someone has come up with a sensible solution to opening the nearly impenetrable and dreaded clamshell packaging! Don't use scissors, knives, or explosive devices, albeit tempting. All you need is a hand-held can opener. Turn the package over so that you're looking at the back and then clamp the can opener on the edge of the package and work it all away around. Good luck!

FOR YOUR FUNNY BONE - Top Ten Things Men Understand About Women:

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ... July Birthdays

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Quote of the Week: "Peace cannot be achieved through violence; it can only be attained through understanding." Ralph Waldo Emerson

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 Balance Class: Every 3rd Monday for 11:00 am to 11:45 am with Shannon Vandeveld. A variety of balance exercises are practiced; all ability levels are encouraged and welcomed.

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: New Hours: 11:00 to 11:45 Every Wednesday morning. Join Paul Hagen for this free class that focuses on senior yoga techniques. No reservation is necessary!

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

Lunch and Learn: Wednesday, June 26th, 12:15 to 1:00 pm Come listen to the great services offered by Humana, a widely known company throughout our community and the country. Their motto entails: "Healthy People, Healthy Planet, Healthy Performance." They promote seniors and their well-being.

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.

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.

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS:
Save the Dates!

Friday, August 16, 2013- USS Iowa (San Pedro)
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Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou

ANALYZE THIS

When you're ready to make an offer on your dream home, will you gaze into a crystal ball for mysterious guidance to determine the magical price that the sellers will accept? Oh, if only it were that easy! There are a number of factors to consider when formulating your offer, but one of the most important tools is the Comparative Market Analysis (CMA) prepared by your real estate agent.

The CMA takes the characteristics of your house (number of rooms, square footage, age, location, etc.) and compares it to similar listings in the area. You'll see the prices of properties that are currently for sale, have recently sold, or have expired without selling. Current listing prices are irrelevant, but pay attention to the prices at which properties SOLD, because that's what buyers were willing to pay. Throw out the highest and lowest prices in the range and figure an average sales price for the remaining homes. Your agent will help you determine how those "average" homes compare to the one you want, so that you can adjust your offer accordingly.

Be sure to note how recently those sales took place, too, because sales from six months ago are probably no longer relevant or useful for your decision. Your agent will help interpret the information so that you can make a fair offer likely to be accepted.

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

**PLANNING, POSTING, PARTICIPATION
AND PERSISTENCE**

Planning, Posting, Participation and Persistence are the new 4P's for social media marketing.

Plan

Think about your message, its purpose, its call to action, its value. Create a simple calendar and jot down when and how often you will post and check in. Just like you need to regularly check your phone messages and email, you also need to check your Social Media activity. There are free tools like Hootsuite and Nutshell Mail that allow you to look at all your social media tools in one place.

Post

If your last post was six month's ago, the perception is your business no longer exists. Ouch! Social Media loves fresh content. Frequent posts create content that can help a prospective customer who may be searching for you online, to find your products and services. We suggest posting 3-5 times a week. You can schedule posts in Facebook and you can also use Hootsuite to schedule on Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook.

Build a system. We think one of the best practices is to feed your Facebook or Twitter posts right into your website. It is an easy way to freshen up your web site and let your visitors see what is happening with your company. Our mantra is *Post once, populate many*. Create a system that will become your online marketing machine and it will save you time.

Participation

It's important to engage with your audience. That not only means posting regularly, but also listening to them and responding and commenting on their posts. Let your audience know you care about them with active listening.

Persistence

There are no silver bullets. Simply having an account on Facebook, Twitter or any of the other Social Media tools will not make you millions over night. You'll find you will get more out of social media if you roll up your sleeves and keep at it. Try new things, repurposing content that has value, build relationships and get to know others better by listening to them.

About MJ: MJ and her brother David own HUTdogs, a creative services business that specializes in Internet Marketing strategies. They are known for providing valuable information at their Social Media and Email Marketing classes. "Like" them on Facebook for trending news in social media, internet marketing and other helpful tips, www.facebook.com/hutdogs. Sign up for their upcoming classes and presentations at: www.hutdogs.com/workshops/schedule

BUSINESS TODAY

The latest on Business News, Trends and Techniques

By La Quetta M. Shamblee, MBA



NATIONAL HEALTHCARE REFORM AND COVEREDCA.COM

The firestorm of controversy that surrounds the historic passage of the nation's broad sweeping healthcare reform continues to fuel rumors and falsehoods. A constant barrage of media sound bites and uninformed coffee shop conversations continue to influence and shape opinions rooted in nothing more than personal opinion. Fortunately, there are a plethora of details readily available for anyone with genuine interest in learning the facts about the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, routinely referred to as Obamacare. The following list provides an overview of a few key aspects as they pertain to California:

- Covered California (www.CoveredCA.com) is the statewide exchange established for individual and small businesses to access health insurance.
- Effective January 1, 2014 everyone who meets eligibility requirements will be required to have health insurance or be subjected to a penalty. Citizens and individuals who are "lawfully present" are eligible, with the exception of individuals who are exempt (including low-income and/or elderly individuals who qualify for MediCare, MediCal and the incarcerated).
- 13 insurance companies have undergone a rigorous application, review and approval process to participate in CoveredCA.com. The state is divided into 19 geographic regions, with the selection of insurance companies varying in each region. For example, in Los Angeles County, consumers will have the choice of Anthem, Blue Shield, Health Net, Kaiser Permanente, L.A. Care Health Plan and Molina Healthcare.
- Individuals and small businesses will enroll with the insurance company of their choice, whether to select an HMO, PPO or EMO, and will also have the option to purchase enhanced or premium benefits.
- No one can be denied health insurance coverage or be charged a higher rate due to a pre-existing health condition.
- Currently, nine Essential Health Benefits are included in the cost of the annual premium, like preventative health screenings, wellness programs and other routine services.
- Based on household income, an individual or family may qualify for premium assistance to help cover the monthly cost of health insurance
- Also based on income, many Californian's will qualify for some level of tax credit that can be applied to pay a portion of the monthly health insurance throughout the year, or applied in part or in full to reduce one's annual tax liability.
- In California, small businesses with 1 – 50 employees will be able to offer insurance to their employees through Covered CA. However, there is no requirement, nor is there a penalty for small businesses that choose not to participate. Their employees who are eligible, can still obtain insurance and individuals through Covered CA. Penalties that will become effective in 2015 apply to business with more than 50 employees.

During the first year of implementation for the Affordable Care Act, the initial enrollment period begins October 1, 2013 and ends March 31, 2014. Watch for additional information in this column on Covered CA and the ACA in upcoming months. For an easy-to-use website with facts about health care options that will become effective on January 1, 2014, visit www.CoveredCA.com.





HOW CAN YOGA HELP YOGA FOR WOMEN

By Hope Rayman Friedman

Yoga and women go together like chocolate and raspberries. Maybe your doctor has mentioned how practicing yoga can lower your blood pressure. Maybe you've read in a women's magazine how it can help with menstrual discomfort or menopausal symptoms. Maybe you've tried a class once and found it to be a delicious tonic for stress. So why not make it a bigger part of your life?

Yoga provides the physical and emotional balancing women need to be our best selves for our families and ourselves. You don't need to be uber-flexible or stand on your head to have a strong practice. The journey of learning how to finesse the postures while honoring your body's own idiosyncrasies is empowering.

You may already have activities that you enjoy. If you enjoy the meditative component of running you'll also like yoga, which is useful in keeping the hamstrings supple and helps to reduce injuries. If you swim to reduce joint stiffness, you might find a more gentle oriented yoga class to be kind to the joints while also building bone density. Walking is good for your heart. A yoga class is also good

exercise for the heart and teaches you how to slow your breath, which can fill you with a deep sense of peace.

My point is not to choose yoga over other physical activities, but to find a good instructor or classes you love and add it to the mix. It will increase your energy. Your muscles will get leaner and stronger, and you'll optimize your respiratory, circulatory and digestive systems. You'll also improve reproductive health, which can help relieve PMS, cramps, hot flashes, and other fun (!) menopausal symptoms.

Practicing yoga is especially important to women because of the varied demands on our time that leave us drained. A gentle or restorative class, or a class specifically designed for women, will incorporate poses that stimulate the parasympathetic nervous system, which encourages a deeper relaxation response and is rejuvenating.

Make yoga a bigger part of your life, or better yet, practice yoga and then treat yourself to chocolate and raspberries.

Living TRU

by Lori Koop, Right Brain Business Coach



The business of life can draw us into its whirlwind: work pressures often push us away from our TRU selves, and perfection may keep us reaching for the impossible. The methods we've learned for exercising our freedoms may not be helpful. Thankfully, we are *still* free! Free to choose the way we want to live.

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Find a quiet spot and close your eyes. Allow the world to become smaller and smaller as you listen to your breath. Breathe in to fill your belly, wide and full. Then breathe out -- all the way out, pulling your belly button towards your spine. Continue to notice the movement of your body. Feel the sensations. Feel yourself filling with peace. Hold your breath at the top for 3 counts if you want. Then release... releasing stress and tension as you exhale. Hold for the same number of counts on the bottom. Repeat until calm returns.

Find your spirit, free of toxins and fear. It clears the air and brings new insights. Retreat to your sanctuary. Refill and refresh. You don't have to be caught up in life's whirlwind -- you can choose a calmer path.

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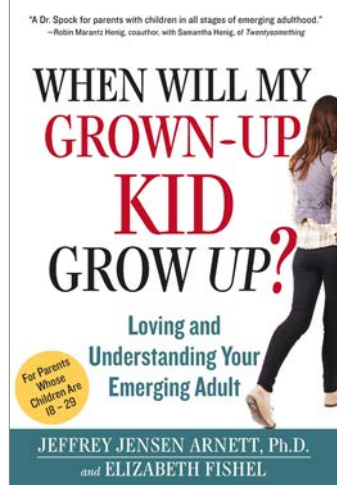
JASMINE'S CORNER

Book Reviews by Jasmine Kelsey Williams

WHEN WILL MY GROWN-UP KID GROW UP?

Loving and Understanding Your Emerging Adult

By Jeffrey Jensen Arnett, Ph.D. & Elizabeth Fishel



This next choice as we approach the middle of July is a personal recommendation of mine, as this will not just prove an interesting read, but one that provides insight, enlightenment, and critical thinking as well. Another factor that can add to its appeal is that this selection is not just a personal recommendation, but one that is beneficial to both parents and young adults such as me. “When Will My Grown-Up Kid Grow Up? Loving and Understanding Your Emerging Adult” by Jeffrey Jensen Arnett and Elizabeth Fishel is long in title but rich in details as these two authors delve into the reasons and mindset of today’s young adults and why it may seem longer for them to “grow up”. The tone here is not meant to be harsh or condescending, but rather to open up the minds of both young adults and parents, and to present the different experiences and perspectives of parents who have children within 18 to 29 years of age. Each of these unique experiences are meant to provide stories and examples of those have children who do not just fall into this age range, but are still learning to stand on their own feet and learning to navigate their pathway in the adult world. Arnett and Fishel


provide encouragement and understanding, as well as similarities and differences to why it can appear that today's young adults may not seem as eager as previous generations to jump right into the adult world. Arnett and Fishel explore five different features of emerging adulthood such as identity exploration, instability, self-focus, feeling in-between, and a sense of possibilities, while also establishing the three areas where young adults may fall into: the launch period, exploring, and finally landing. These main areas present the reasoning why many young adults of today take longer to find their footing and even then may experience setbacks, panic or disappointment when things may not go as planned, or even the unexpected "boomerang" effect when a young adult comes to move back in. However, with enlightenment and understanding, both parents and their young adult children can learn that they will be able to find their way, as long there is structure, guidance, and acknowledging that not all will be perfect but that their young adult children will take time and eventually learn to find their own way. Copyrighted in 2013 and receiving praise from various critics, "When Will My Grown-Up Kid Grow Up?" is a wonderful guidebook for parents and their adult kids alike who are learning to find their own way and the learning experiences that come with it.



SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

PACIFIC RIM

Review by: Sean Kayden



Pacific Rim is big, bold, and incredibly fun to watch. It has an inherently light and airy feel to it as opposed to other summer blockbusters that have been dark, brooding, and cynical. It takes place in the not-so-distant future when Earth is under attack by Kaiju, enormous sea monsters which have emerged from a portal on the ocean floor. To battle the monsters, humanity unites to create the Jaegers, which are gigantic humanoid mechas. Two pilots, whose minds are joined by a neural bridge, control each mecha. One pilot takes over the left hemisphere of the brain and the other pilot, the right hemisphere. The film focuses on Raleigh Becket (Charlie Hunnam) a has-been Jaeger pilot called out of retirement and teamed with rookie pilot Mako Mori in a last resort attempt to defeat the Kaiju. What truly works in Pacific Rim is that it's a very contained film with one true purpose. Unlike big blockbusters this summer that feel like one part of a trilogy, Pacific Rim is completely stand alone and ultimately a truly satisfying experience. Pacific Rim's non-super serious approach unlike other summer duds is very refreshing to say the least.

Directed by:	Guillermo del Toro
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The film begins with everything actively going on with the Kaijus for quite some time. Earth was struck by numerous attacks until they banded together to create the mechas to fight off the monsters. While casualties are inevitable, the robots are still our greatest chance of survival. Charlie Hunnam's character Becket is one of the best pilots of his time. What attributes to his super abilities is the fact he's teamed up with his brother. Since the two siblings are minds are joined together to control to the robot, we know they have what is known as "drift compatibility." This allow for each pilot to link up with the other's mind. In this process, however, they get to see the other's memories. When Becket is brought back several years after his botched mission by his commanding officer played by Idris Elba, he must reconnect with another pilot for the first time. However, the other pilot played by Rinko Kikuchi has her own demons to contend with. Now without going too much into a summary of the movie, not only is the film profoundly epic, but deeply human as well. It's not just about robots and monsters going at it. Inside the robots are humans, just like you and me. And because of that, you feel the urge to cheer them on. The film, in my opinion, is more fascinating when we discover small things about each character. There's not a whole lot of back-story, but you get a sense for each character as their memories are molded together when they link up with one another. There are a few scenes that are quite moving without being so heavy handed. Great human stories easily triumph pure action and chaos that's displayed on screen just because it simply looks cool. While Pacific Rim doesn't get delve too deep and occasionally touches upon cheesiness, it's still wildly entertaining from start to finish.

Director Guillermo del Toro and co-writer Travis Beacham have created this massive motion picture that not only serves as an entertaining sci-fi action film, but a movie where the humans, no matter who they are, where they come from, unite to take down a common enemy. In a way, *Pacific Rim* is kind of uplifting and shows that with teamwork, a common goal, and a purpose to accomplish something seemingly out of reach, human beings can achieve great things. With the combination of huge action sequences, a richly told narrative, and the better-than-your-average robot plot, *Pacific Rim* is a clear winner for summer's best blockbuster.

Grade: 4 out of 5

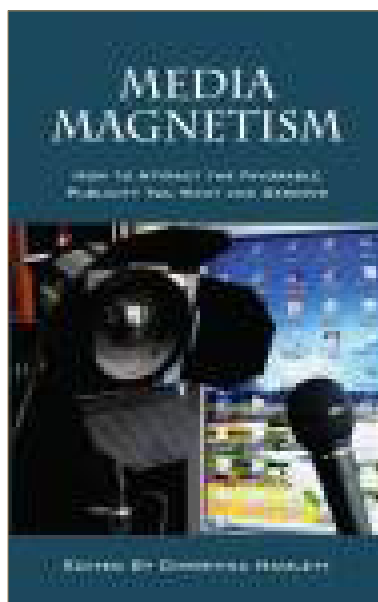
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WAIT A MINUTE...WAS
THAT A TRICK QUESTION?

By Christina Hamlett



No matter how accomplished someone is at designing landscapes, selling cupcakes or writing novels, common sense has an unfortunate way of flying out the window whenever the press comes calling with a request for an interview. For those unaccustomed to being in the media spotlight, there's a tendency to embrace a predisposed view that every reporter will be (1) their new best friend or (2) their worst enemy.

To err in either extreme not only impacts the comfort level of both parties but also colors the quality – and quantity – of content imparted. In my years as a freelance journalist, I’ve had no shortage of interviewees who giddily hug me upon first introduction, blather on about their last vacation, or tearfully confide they had terrible childhoods that no amount of therapy can remedy. I was even asked once if I could pick up a latte for a female bank executive on my way to our meeting because she hadn’t had time for breakfast. (Apparently she had already decided that such are the favors one asks of potential BFFs.) On the flip side, I’ve had just as many interviewees who – when asked why they went into the cupcake business – folded their arms, squirmed in their chairs, squinted their eyes and responded defensively, “Why do you want to know?”



The fact of the matter is that unless you've pilfered squillions from the company coffers or bulldozed the habitat of endangered muskrats to expand your parking lot, the media only wants one thing in a feature profile or advertorial: to get great stories from individuals who have not only positioned themselves as experts in topical, consumer-interest subjects but who can also provide entertaining, well-focused, informative, inspirational and/or memorable segments with a strong takeaway value for the media outlet's core audience.

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HOWARD Hays As I See It

"I want to address my children . . . You're strong, you are black and you are beautiful and whenever you need me don't think the distance should keep you away from me, okay? . . . My love is here without seeing you or not and I know that angels are watching over you . . ." - Marissa Alexander

Henry Sanford was a mid-19th century heir to a manufacturing fortune who wasted it on unsuccessful business ventures, including an orange plantation in central Florida – where a town now bears his name. As our ambassador to Belgium, Sanford lobbied Congress to support King Leopold II's rape of the Congo. Countless chained women and children died of starvation as they were held hostage while their men worked to expand rubber production. 10 million Congolese succumbed to murder, famine and disease.

Sanford saw the Congo as a repository for our country's black population. He argued the colony would benefit from an influx of those with an American background; we'd benefit by being rid of them.

Around the turn of the last century, the town of Sanford grew by "hostile takeover"; absorbing and dismantling the civic structures of adjacent, autonomous black communities. It later boasted a ballpark which hosted spring training for the Montreal Royals, the Dodgers' AAA farm team. In 1946 the Royals were to debut with their newly-signed shortstop, Jackie Robinson. Hundreds of Sanford residents descended on City Hall, demanding that an integrated team not be allowed to take the field. The Chief of Police had the facility padlocked. As recounted by daughter Sharon Robinson, "The Robinsons were run out of Sanford, Fla. with threats of violence." A local newspaper editor described Sanford as a place "filling in the public pools rather than integrating them."

In July 2005, two armed white security guards, failing to identify themselves as such, confronted a group of black teens parked in the lot of a Sanford apartment complex. They say they fired at the windshield as the car sped towards them, killing the driver. One guard was a police volunteer, the other the son of a police detective. Neither was arrested.

They were later indicted for manslaughter by a Seminole County grand jury. An investigation showed that shots were fired after the car had stopped. The "driver", Travares McGill, had been shot in the back. He was sixteen. A judge dismissed the case, ruling legitimate self-defense.

Justin Collison is the son of a Sanford Police Lieutenant. He'd been arrested for shooting into a vehicle; the charges were dropped. In December 2010, he came out from a Sanford bar and sucker-punched a black man hard in the back of the head, driving his face into a light post, knocking him unconscious and breaking his nose, reportedly shouting "nigger" as he again punched the man while he was down.

The police arrived and tended to the victim. Despite there being numerous witnesses, one of whom volunteered he had video of the entire incident, the police declined to intrude on Collison's evening. A month later after the video appeared on YouTube

and local newscasts, charges were filed for felony battery and disorderly conduct. Collison agreed to counseling for alcohol abuse and anger management.

The Sanford Police official in charge the night of the Collison incident was Sgt. Anthony Raimondo. He was also the first supervisor at the scene of an incident, some fourteen months later, involving the death of a black teenager who'd gone to the store for snacks to share with his 12-year-old brother waiting at home for the start of the second-half of an NBA playoff game.

George Zimmerman had been arrested for felony "resisting officer with violence" and "battery of law enforcement officer". The same year, his ex-fiancé was granted a restraining order against him for domestic violence. He'd been fired from a job as bar bouncer for being too physically aggressive with customers.

Zimmerman stalked and shot to death Trayvon Martin, just turned 17. Police arrived about a minute after Trayvon was killed, and let Zimmerman walk away.

They coached Zimmerman on how to respond to questions. In a February 2012 interview with Sanford Police Det. Chris Serino, Zimmerman was played recordings of the cries for help heard preceding the shooting:

Serino: "That's you . . . You hear yourself?"

Zimmerman: "That doesn't even sound like me."

Serino: "That's you."

The U.S. Dept. of Justice didn't share the proclivity of Sanford officials for summarily dismissing the killings of black teenagers. Under pressure, Florida Gov. Rick Scott appointed a prosecutor and, 44 days after the killing, George Zimmerman was placed under arrest.

In Jacksonville, 120 miles up the Florida coast from Sanford, Marissa Alexander was a 31-year-old black single mother of three young children, one born days before. She had no criminal record, had earned her master's degree and supported her family with a job at a payroll software company. She had a restraining order against her husband for spousal abuse, one incident having sent her to the hospital.

In August 2010, she felt it was safe to return to their old home to retrieve some clothes. Her husband, who'd threatened to kill her, was there and surprised her – enraged at finding messages from her ex-husband on her cell phone. Marissa fled to the garage but found the outside door locked. She took the handgun, which she was licensed to carry, from the glove compartment of her car, confronted her husband and demanded he leave. He refused and, feeling threatened, Marissa fired a warning shot into the ceiling. No one was injured, as no one was intended to be.

The words quoted above were spoken as Marissa Alexander faced her children in the courtroom before being led away to begin her mandatory twenty-year sentence for the act of having fired her gun. It had taken the jury twelve minutes to convict her.

Two days after his acquittal, George Zimmerman got his gun back. *Editor's Note: At press time, the Department of Justice The Department of Justice sequestered all evidence in the Zimmerman case until their investigation is complete.*

AMERICA, LET'S BE NO. 1 DANNY TYREE AT CORRUPTION

Despite all the caterwauling you hear about nepotism, rigged elections, waivers, loopholes, crony capitalism, foxes guarding henhouses, gerrymandered legislative districts, incompetent court-appointed attorneys, misleading negative campaign ads and government surveillance programs, we Americans are an alarmingly contented bunch.

The anti-corruption nonprofit Transparency International has surveyed citizens in 107 countries and released its 2013 Global Corruption Barometer. The 24/7 Wall Street organization has used that information to determine the nations with the highest percentage of respondents who claim corruption is a very serious problem in their own nation.

Liberia and Mongolia rose (sank?) to the occasion, but the mighty United States of America couldn't even make the top nine! The U.S. has already lost bragging rights as the most obese developed nation in the world. Must we also lag behind in the corruption race? How did it come to this?

One commentator (awash in jingoism and naïveté) opined that the U.S. really IS better than the other countries, because of reliable laws and institutions that have "leveled the playing fields." Um, yes. He forgot to mention that, in that leveling process, someone's brother-in-law got a no-bid contract and paid underage illegal immigrants under the table to do the bulldozer work!!!!

A more reasonable (albeit unfair) explanation is that many foreigners have fewer distractions and more time to focus on corruption. ("Hmm...watch the neighbor's yak go through shedding season again or report the local magistrate for waterboarding my only child. Decisions, decisions...")

Yes, Americans may gripe and moan, but our political/cultural leaders have graciously given us a nice "bread and circuses" approach to rearranging our priorities so that, when push comes to shove, we rarely put our discontentment into action. ("When Honey

Boo Boo throws a tantrum about arcane accounting rules that encourage off-the-books partnerships for hiding liabilities, then, by golly, I'll be the first in line to stage a coup!") Perhaps the 21st century has made us too mellow. Nonjudgmental Americans insist, "No, sweetheart deals don't bother me – as long as the sweethearts can be the same sex."

Most importantly, Americans have become too INSULATED from devious doings. The vast majority of the mischief takes place in Washington lobbyist dinners or smoke-filled statehouse rooms. By and large, we just aren't directly exposed to the stereotypical two-bit shakedown artists who extort bribes in other countries. ("Come for the spring festival, stay for the summer festival...or the Travelocity gnome gets it!!")


So if we're going to make more of a splash in the next Global Corruption Barometer, we need to encourage American officials to take a more visible "in your face" approach.

We need police forensics experts offering to draw a more flattering chalk outline of your deceased love one for a nominal fee, and DMV employees whispering, "For an extra 20 you can get the GLAMOR PHOTO on your driver's license..."

How about little countertop signs that announce, "Take a penny, leave a penny... either way, you're actually automatically casting a vote for the political party that always runs this burg. Ha ha ha ha ha ha ha..."?

C'mon, America, let's give a really blistering appraisal of the U.S. on the next survey. Unless you'd rather *ahem* pool your resources so the Transparency International folks find a little something extra in their pay envelopes...





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THE WORLD AROUND US

Looking Up with Bob Eklund



EARTH'S GOLD CAME FROM COLLIDING DEAD STARS

We value gold for many reasons: its beauty, its usefulness as jewelry, and its rarity. Gold is rare on Earth in part because it's also rare in the universe. Unlike elements like carbon or iron, it cannot be created within a star. Instead, it must be born in a more cataclysmic event—like one that occurred last month known as a short gamma-ray burst (GRB).

Observations of this GRB provide evidence that it resulted from the collision of two neutron stars—the dead cores of stars that previously exploded as supernovae. Moreover, a unique glow that persisted for days at the GRB location potentially signifies the creation of substantial amounts of heavy elements—including gold.

"We estimate that the amount of gold produced and ejected during the merger of the two neutron stars may be as large as 10 Moon masses —quite a lot of bling!" says lead author Edo Berger of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics (CfA).

At today's market rate, that amount of gold would be valued at ten octillion dollars—that's a 1 with 28 zeros behind it, says Berger.

A gamma-ray burst is a flash of high-energy light (gamma rays) from an extremely energetic explosion. Most are found in the very distant universe. Berger and his colleagues studied GRB 130603B which, at a distance of 3.9 billion light-years from Earth, is one of the nearest bursts seen to date.

Gamma-ray bursts come in two varieties—long and short—depending on how long the flash of gamma rays lasts. GRB 130603B, detected by NASA's Swift satellite on June 3rd, lasted for less than two-tenths of a second.

Although the gamma rays disappeared quickly, GRB 130603B also displayed a slowly fading glow dominated by infrared light. Its brightness and behavior didn't match a typical "afterglow," which is created when a high-speed jet of particles slams into the surrounding environment.

Instead, the glow behaved like it came from exotic radioactive elements. The neutron-rich material ejected by colliding neutron stars can generate such elements, which then undergo radioactive decay, emitting a glow that's dominated by infrared light—exactly what the team observed.

"We've been looking for a 'smoking gun' to link a short gamma-ray burst with a neutron star collision. The radioactive glow from GRB 130603B may

be that smoking gun," explains Wen-fai Fong, a graduate student at the CfA and a co-author of the paper.

The team calculates that about one-hundredth of a solar mass of material was ejected by the gamma-ray burst, some of which was gold. With several moons worth of gold being produced by just one GRB, and given the many such blasts that are thought to have occurred since the Big Bang nearly 14 billion years ago, Berger and his team suggest that neutron star collisions are the primary factories for gold in the cosmos.

"To paraphrase Carl Sagan, we are all star stuff, and our jewelry is colliding-star stuff," says Berger.

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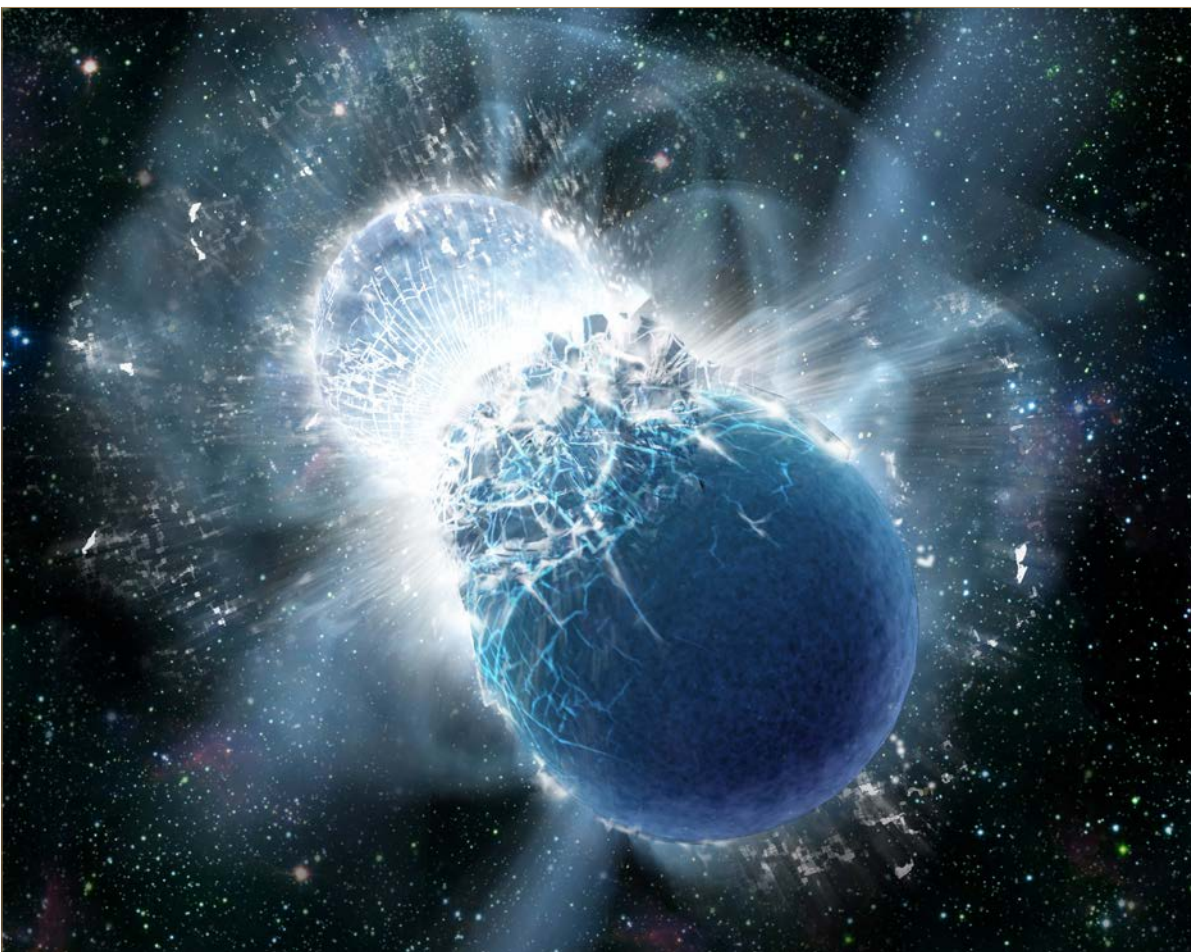


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Want to go into space for \$144,000?

Try the balloon that will fly 22 miles high and offer panoramic views of the Earth: In about 2 years Eblooní service will take passengers to near space but it will cost \$144,000 for a pod of four people. Space tourists will journey to earth's outer limits in a capsule that can hold six people (four people plus two pilots) tethered to a high tech balloon. They will be able to see the sun and stars at the same time, while looking down on fantastic panoramic views of Earth. The experience will be very much like that in an airplane although there will be a period of about 30 seconds of weightlessness and passengers will be able to float around the cabin.

Not so sweet side effects of artificial sweeteners: Writing in Trends in Endocrinology & Metabolism, researcher Susan Swithers argues that artificial sweeteners may negatively affect our metabolism and brain and even lead to weight gain. She says that these artificial sweeteners may change your brain's sweetness pleasure centers and cause, quote, "metabolic derangements."

There is no scientific consensus' on sea-level rise: There isn't enough data to say with any certainty what will happen to sea levels around the world , and there is no "scientific consensus" to say that the rate of the seas' rise will accelerate dangerously. This is according to a group of eminent specialists based in Germany, the Netherlands and the UK. Writing in the Nature Geoscience this week, they say that the Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets have been reported to be losing mass at accelerating rates . However, at present there is no scientific consensus if these reported accelerations are from variability inherent to the ice sheet climate system, or reflect long-term changes.

Today's 90 year olds are surviving into very old age with better mental performance than ever before: People born in 1915 scored higher in cognitive tests in their 90s compared with those born a decade earlier, according to a study from Denmark in The Lancet. Better living standards and intellectual stimulation may be key factors, experts say. The number of people reaching very old age is on the rise globally. In the US, for example, the number of people aged 90 or above has more than doubled in 30 years.

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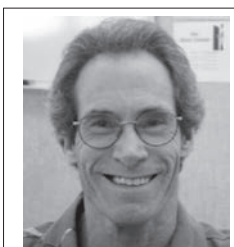
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HAIL Hamilton My Turn

AMERICA IS NO LONGER THE FIRST OR THE BEST



everything when compared to the rest of the world.

My wife had her phone on "speaker" so I could say hello. But before I could say a word my daughter made a curious remark. My wife was telling her about our upcoming trip this month to Mexico to save thousands of dollars on a bunch of dental work I need done before I retire next summer. My daughter said, "Getting your teeth fixed in Mexico is like having heart surgery in China."

Clearly my daughter shares a common misconception that American health care--including dentistry -- is better than anywhere else in the world. This simply isn't the case. For the purposes of comparing medical costs and outcomes between countries the World Health Organization (WHO) includes dentistry as a part of medical care because the serious diseases related to poor dental care.

According to the WHO, the United States spends a higher portion of it's GDP on health care every year than any other in the world. Yet, the U.S. ranks 37th out of 191 countries in the WHO's ranking of health care systems. It's difficult to imagine any consumer spending that much more money on a product only to be handed something that ranks 37th in quality.

According to the CIA World Factbook life expectancy at birth in the U.S. is 78.6, or 51st in the world, below most developed nations and some developing nations. Monaco is 89.7. Jordan is 80.3. With 72.4% Americans of European ancestry, life expectancy is well below the average life expectancy for the European Union (EU). More importantly, with the exception of Mexico, Turkey and the United States, all Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) countries have achieved universal or near universal health coverage.

The U.S. also ranks close to the bottom compared to other industrialized countries on several important health issues affecting mortality: low birth weight and infant mortality, injuries and murder, teen pregnancy and STDs, HIV, and AIDS, deaths resulting from drug overdoses, obesity and diabetes, heart disease, and lung cancer. Most involve life style choices. A few, such as low infant birth weight and HIV, might be increased by improved health care.

My going to Mexico to get my teeth fixed is not that unusual. Commonly called "dental tourism" it is, along with its counterpart "medical tourism," increasingly attracting middle class Americans seeking dental work abroad because it is too expensive here and not covered by insurance.

Since April I've been healing from the initial "screw" surgery for two implants that are to support a bridge replacing four lower front teeth. I had thought my total bill was going to be \$3,200. Now I find out that doesn't include the posts and crown bridge, which is another \$3,200. The dentist then tells me I need an additional implant to construct yet another bridge to span the gap where two molars had once been. I was beginning to feel like San Francisco between the Golden Gate and Bay Bridges.

And all this sparkling new white porcelain dental work would only cost me **\$11,000!** I almost choked on the temporary denture I've been wearing in place of my missing teeth.

My choices were suddenly very simple: either I go around the rest of my life without four lower front teeth and a bunch of missing molars, looking like that toothless hillbilly in the movie "Deliverance," rob a bank with my wife like Bonnie and Clyde, or seek out much more reasonably priced dental work in Mexico. It was a no-brainer. **I chose Mexico!**

One other thing. Another common misconception my daughter shares with most Americans is the misconception that the U.S. middle class is first in the world. It isn't... It is 27th... just behind Kuwait!



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

APPLE FRITTER: The Fruit Of My Choice

Our country, so it seems, runs on choice. The more

choices we have the better we like it.

Most people in America pride themselves on the ability to make their own choices.

"Freedom of Choice," is the cry you hear all around our country these days. Yet, most people do not have the freedom of choice they think they have. Somebody is influencing the choices they make without them realizing they are being influenced.

That is called marketing.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were watching television the other night, trying to watch a favorite TV program. Finally, from an end of the room that was not my end, came an exasperated sigh. I tried to ignore it, but you know how that works.

The exasperation seemed to accelerate and I knew that if I did not acknowledge it in some way, well, I think you know what would happen.

It was in the middle of some commercials and so I turned to her and said, "What's got you in such pain tonight?" At her age I did not know if there was some medical something or other going on.

"These commercials," she moaned so painfully, "I can't stand all these commercials!"

I must say I was a little bummed out about all the commercials myself. I think every one-hour program is devoted to 30 minutes of commercials. Most of those commercials are for things I have no interest in. Or, they are played at a very inappropriate time.

It never fails if we are having our supper while watching television there are 79 commercials for diarrhea. Is this really a major problem in our country today?

Getting back to my wife and the commercials, I responded as cheerfully as I could, "Well, my dear, somebody has to pay for our television viewing privilege."

I felt a cold yet burning stare in my direction.

"Can't they run those lousy commercials when I'm not watching TV?"

Someone once said that silence is Golden and right then I cultivated a golden moment. Commercials are a way in which manufacturing companies influence our choices. Every product has 100 different companies marketing the same product. I have not done too much research but the little I have done I discovered that the same company makes the same product but sells it under a different name.

There are two categories of products. There is the name brand, which cost a fortune. Then there is the generic brand, which is only a fraction of what the name brand cost. It is the same product, made by the same company, but advertised by difference venues.

This is where choice comes in.

Some people choose the high-priced product because they think it is better.

Some of us choose the low-price product because we know better.

One night as we were watching television, it seemed most of the commercials had to do with dieting of some kind. There were high calorie diets, low-carb diets and diet that really did not make sense to me.

Watching all of those dieting commercials, I did not see one that I would die for.

Every one of those commercials assumes everybody watching wants to lose 297 pounds. Personally, I have lost the same 5 pounds for over 30 years. I lose 5 pounds and then by golly, three weeks later I find those 5 pounds, at least

they recognize me.

Anybody can lose weight; it is all a matter of choice. Personally, I do not plan to lose any sleep because I cannot lose weight. I think it is going to be rather funny if when we go to heaven everybody is fat. Wouldn't that be something? We plummet ourselves almost to death trying to lose weight and get to heaven and everybody is fat.

It all boils down to choice. It all boils down to the fact that most people think they are making their own choices.

Those of us who are on the husband side of the marital equation know we do not make our own choices. Our choices are made for us by our "better half." Why do you think we get married?

My wife is a great one for fruit and vegetables. Every day of our life is fruit and vegetables. To mix things up a little bit one day it will be vegetables and fruit.

She prepares the fruit and then invites me to make a choice. I am sure she did not see all of this in any television commercial; at least I hope she hasn't. She is proud of the display of fruit choices she has for me.

She is also concerned about my diet. Much more than I am. I do not think my diet is so important that both of us should be concerned about it. If she chooses to be concerned about my diet, that is her choice.

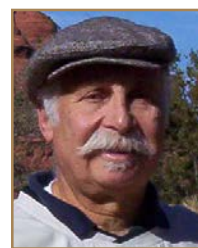
I choose to be a little more cavalier when it comes to dieting.

Actually, and do not tell her I said this, but my fruit of choice is the humble Apple fritter. It has everything my heart desires and a few things my body desires, too.

I like with David said, "Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart" (Psalms 37:4 KJV).

It is all a matter of choice, that is, making the right choice.

STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE



CAN WE KEEP OUR EYES CLOSED?

There's a lot going on and it's very hard to make sense of it all. Are we on the brink of taking action against the problems facing the world and our particular country or are we all about to throw in the towel? Last week's issue of this newspaper which hit the streets just before news of George Zimmerman's acquittal contained passionate articles focusing on the significance of that trial. Today's Los Angeles Times (Monday, July 15, 2013)) refers to the not guilty verdict freeing the admitted killer of an unarmed Black teenager as "a referendum on race and gun laws across the nation." All right then, what does the Not Guilty verdict tell us about the state of our country?

Reviewing last week's Mountain Views News Articles, political conservative Greg Welborn begins by declaring that the American criminal justice system is becoming highly politicized through the efforts of the Obama Administration. Let me begin here. It may be news to Mr. Welborn, but I can attest to the undisputed fact that during my 45 years as an attorney, the American Criminal Justice System has always been politicized. By this I mean that a journey into almost any Criminal Courtroom in Los Angeles County will reveal a room filled with people of color. A huge percentage of Defendants, depending on the neighborhood, are young African-American or Hispanic males.

Are people of color genetically determined to be law breakers? Of course this question is nonsense. If you are a Caucasian and you do not know responsible non-Caucasian people, you might well question your own values and way of life. Are you living within a bubble that confirms your life experience to some mythical view of the world? Let's face it; our wonderful little secret mountain town which is probably 95% Caucasian allows for a life experience that is definitely different from the experience of most residents of Los Angeles County. Take a ride sometime on the Metro Train from here to Long Beach and you will experience something like a World Tour of different peoples and Communities. It's an experience very different from simply hanging out in Sierra Madre.

My point is that even if you have chosen to live here in Sierra Madre because of its isolated and homogeneous nature and even if the only people you know are people very similar to yourself, this should not blind

you to the undisputable fact that wonderful people come in all colors, sexes, and ages. Really, this is an important point—white does not mean right. There is another equally salient point; being non-White in America, even today's America, automatically places one in category of potential suspects. In criminal court parlance, just driving your car may put you into the category of Driving While Black.

Let me give you another example. Some years ago I had walked to lunch with a colleague, a distinguished African American Attorney some years older than myself. We were a little late getting back to Court and I suggested we take a short cut and jog back through an alley. My lunch companion shook his head and said "Black Man can't run through no alleys". I thought he was kidding, but when he wouldn't run I realized it was no joke; and I realized something else. Notwithstanding education, achievement, and wealth; color still made a difference in every moment of one's life.

Returning to a consideration of Mr. Welborn's article, he maintains that race should have no place in the administration of criminal justice and that "the racial politicization of the judicial process jeopardizes all our freedoms and strikes at the core of all the principles we hold dear." I'm afraid that just the opposite is true. The continued administration of criminal justice as method of keeping the Blacks, the Browns, the young (-especially the young males) and the poor in line is a despicable but continuing process. It creates criminals and impacts upon futures. Criminal Justice should not simply be a method of protecting the wealthy and secure (while ignoring their crimes) and singling out for punishment only those already most vulnerable in the society.

I want to conclude by referring to Susan Henderson's response to Mr. Welborn, which appeared in last week's paper. She voices the concern of any parent, especially the parent of teen-age male of color. "Is America now (still) a place where someone can take a life simply because they have a gun and want to?" The problems resulting from the continued existence of racism in America, along with the insane proliferation of gun possession, together constitute a threat to all the principles we hold dear. AND one cannot close our eyes to these facts - even in safe, friendly, homogeneous Sierra Madre.

Letter To The Editor:

Dear Mountain Views News: **THANK YOU**

I am a 13 year old, I am a purple belt and I help teach the younger students as a junior instructor. Thank you for writing an article March 23 about G3 Academy, it really helped with the publicity for the studio.

Your article made my teachers happy, because we were getting noticed in Sierra Madre. Because of this Sierra Madre is getting stronger and safer because people are learning life skills.

Sincerely,
James Taylorson, Junior instructor

Dear Editor - please forward: **NOT MY MONEY**

Mr. President, as you eloquently stated in the aftermath of the Zimmerman trial, "we are a nation of laws". As a veteran that served and fought for the preservation of our way of life, I am distressed that we have failed as a nation on the most critical of issues.

No state law can supersede federal regulations. Our Constitution guarantees our "inalienable rights". That is the right to life - Trayvonn Martin's is DEAD; Liberty - Trayvon's liberty was grossly infringed upon, and the Pursuit of Happiness. It doesn't guarantee our happiness, just the ability to pursue it, and Trayvon's was taken away.

The right to defend yourself with deadly force should never infringe on our most basic protections. It doesn't matter if this incident was race related, nor the specifics of the ensuing altercation. An American is dead, killed through a series of horrific and avoidable circumstances. A stand-your-ground gun culture like the one in Florida is a slick promotion of vigilantism, since it is not necessary that the person standing their ground be receiving any actual physical threat. Perception of threat is the only requirement.

I do not want the federal government to bring additional charges against Zimmerman. After all, proving civil rights violations may be next to impossible. Instead, I urge every politician in Washington to challenge the merits and legality of Florida's law, and if Florida continues to have such rules on its books, we withdraw all federal money from the state. After all, we threatened money restrictions to states that would not lower their speed limits to 55 in the 80's, so why not use that same tactic now?

I do not want one dime of my federal tax dollars going to state-sponsored vigilantes.

Fred Thomas, Sierra Madre

City of Sierra Madre
RESOLUTION NO. 13-52

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE ADOPTING MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY SIERRA MADRE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

WHEREAS, the City of Sierra Madre and the San Gabriel Valley are in the midst of an extended period of below average rainfall ; and
WHEREAS, groundwater levels at Sierra Madre water production wells approached all-time lows; and
WHEREAS, for the rainy season of 2012-2013 the City received only 9.72 inches of precipitation, compared to the City's average of 19.64 inches; and
WHEREAS, low levels of precipitation have not provided water for recharge of the groundwater basin or any associated improvement in groundwater levels; and
WHEREAS, low groundwater levels increase wear on water production equipment and increase water production costs; and
WHEREAS, low groundwater levels may be linked to increased concentration of groundwater contamination; and
WHEREAS, the Raymond Basin Management Board, in its capacity as Watermaster for Sierra Madre has enacted its "500 foot rule" which reduces Sierra Madre's adjudicated groundwater extraction right by 47%; and
WHEREAS, conservation of groundwater and reduction of water usage will reduce the impact of the present drought on the City's groundwater supply.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre, that:

SECTION 1 – Resolution 13-12 regarding Mandatory Conservation, adopted on May 28, 2013 is hereby rescinded in its entirety.

SECTION 2 - All residents and businesses within Sierra Madre with an average bi-monthly consumption from the base period (as defined in Section 13.24.160 of the Municipal code) of less than 1200 cubic feet (12 units) of water, are exempt from mandatory water conservation.

SECTION 3 – All residents and businesses within Sierra Madre with an average bi-monthly consumption from the base period (as defined in Section 13.24.160 of the Municipal code) of between 1300 and 1700 cubic feet (13 units and 17 units), are hereby directed to conserve water through implementation of Phase I water conservation measures as described in SMMC 13.24.070(B). These measures are to be effective immediately.

SECTION 4 – All residents and businesses within Sierra Madre with an average bi-monthly consumption from the base period (as defined in Section 13.24.160 of the Municipal Code) of greater than 1700 cubic feet (17 units), are hereby directed to conserve water through implementation of Phase II water conservation measures as described in SMMC 13.24.080(B). These measures are to be effective immediately.

SECTION 5 – As described in SMMC 13.24.200, the base period allocation is determined by calculating average consumption for three consecutive billing cycles comprising Summer and Winter usage.

For customers with a billing date of January (generally east of Baldwin Avenue), the Winter base period includes consumption reflected on January, March and May bills for calendar year 2013. The Summer base period includes consumption reflected on the July, September and November bills for calendar year 2012.

For customers with a billing date of February (generally west of Baldwin Avenue), the Winter base period includes consumption reflected on February, April and June bills for calendar year 2013. The Summer base period includes consumption reflected on the August, October and December bills for calendar year 2012.

SECTION 6 – For water customer accounts billed for multiple dwellings on a single water meter, the number of dwelling units will be divided into the bi-monthly consumption to determine the level of required conservation for that account, and to determine any penalties.

SECTION 7 - There shall be no Utility User Tax (UUT) assessed on the penalty charges on a customer's water bill.

SECTION 8 – Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 13.24.210, 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.

SECTION 9 – This Resolution shall remain in effect until superseded by further City Council Resolution or until the water emergency has ended as determined by the City Council.

SECTION 10 – Staff is directed to exercise all reasonable means to disseminate to the community information about water conservation and the urgent need to conserve.

Approved and Adopted on the 9th day of July, 2013.

AYES: WALSH, HARABEDIAN, CAPOCCIA, KOERBER, MORAN NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE



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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: **GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 13-02 (GPA 13-02);
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 13-01 (CUP 13-01)**
Applicant: Parker and Barbara Williams
Project Location: 215 North Baldwin Avenue, in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles,
State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider a request for a General Plan Amendment and Conditional Use Permit to allow construction of 2(two) 900-square-feet, one-story multi-family dwelling units and a 530-square-foot garage on the property located at 215 North Baldwin Avenue. The proposed construction would be added to the existing 2,145-square-foot residence and 740-square-foot garage. A General Plan Amendment is required to change the land use designation from RM (Residential Medium Density) to RH (Residential High Density) to correspond to the current R-3 zoning designation of the property. Pursuant to Sierra Madre Municipal Code Section 17.76.030, all R-3 developments require approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on July 18, 2013 to introduce the matter and continued it to August 1, 2013.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
Planning Commission meeting
Thursday, August 1, 2013
(Hearing begins at 7:00 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING

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

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

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The project qualifies for Class 3 Categorical Exemption, pursuant to Section 15303(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as the proposed project involves construction of two new dwelling units in an urbanized area.

APPEAL: The decision of the Planning Commission is subject to a 10-business-day appeal period to the City Council. If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the Planning Commission in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Development Services Department at (626) 355-7138.

City of Sierra Madre ORDINANCE NO. 1342U

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING CHAPTER 13.24 OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION PLAN

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2012, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1322 pertaining to Mandatory Water Conservation;

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2013, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1338 and 1338U, making modifications to the City's Mandatory Water Conservation Ordinance.

WHEREAS, the City Council may find and determine that a water shortage emergency condition may exist or may in the immediate future exist;

WHEREAS, the City Council may declare the necessity of implementation of a mandatory water conservation plan by adopting a City Council resolution;

WHEREAS, the Raymond Basin Management Board has implemented the Section VI (3) of the 1984 Raymond Basin Judgment, reducing Sierra Madre's water production right from the East Raymond Groundwater Basin by 47%;

WHEREAS, water levels at multiple city wells are in decline, and on June 27, 2013, City Well Number 4 was shut-down due to low water levels;

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that modifications should be made to the Mandatory Water Conservation Ordinance to account for seasonal usage and other factors.

WHEREAS, The City Council declares an Urgency pursuant to Section 36937 of the California Government Code which would permit this Ordinance to take effect immediately after a single reading for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety as described herein.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 13.24.140 Failure to Comply – Penalties is hereby amended to read:

13.24.140 It is unlawful for any customer or user thereof of the water department to fail to comply with sections 13.24.070 through 13.24.120 of this chapter. Civil penalties for failure to comply with any of the provisions shall be as follows:

- First Violation. For the first violation by any customer of the water department of any provision of sections 13.24.070 through 13.24.120, a surcharge penalty is imposed in an amount of twice the Tier 1 water rate per one hundred cubic feet of water or billing units.
- Second Violation. For the second and all future violations by any customer of the water department of any provision of sections 13.24.070 through 13.24.120, a surcharge penalty is imposed in the amount of three times the Tier 1 water rate per one hundred cubic feet of water or billing units.

SECTION 2. Section 13.24.160 Violation Period Determination is hereby amended to read:

13.24.160 After a notification period, the first, second, and all future violations will be determined by comparing the customer's current bi-monthly water consumption with that customer's average bi-monthly consumption for a Summer base period or a Winter base period. Average bi-monthly consumption for the base periods shall be determined by calculating the customer's average water consumption for three consecutive billing cycles. The notification period is the first billing cycle after adoption of a resolution establishing mandatory water conservation.

SECTION 3. Section 13.24.200 – Base period allocation is hereby amended to read:

13.24.200 Base period allocation: The Consumption Data for the three consecutive billing cycles comprising the Winter billing periods and the Summer billing periods, as established by City Council resolution.

SECTION 4. The City Council declares an Urgency pursuant to Section 36937 of the California Government Code. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after a single reading because its passage is required for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety. The facts constituting this urgency are that: (i) there is an immediate need to protect the underground aquifer that provides 90% to 95% of the city's potable water; (ii) overall water consumption has increased; (iii) the Raymond Basin Management board has implemented Section VI(3) of the 1984 Raymond Basin Judgment, reducing Sierra Madre's water production right from the East Raymond Groundwater Basin by 47%; (iv) the lack of rainfall and inability to spread adequate amounts of water to recharge the aquifer has resulted in further decline in water levels; (v) immediate implementation of mandatory water conservation would result in reduced water consumption and slow the decline of water levels in the aquifer; (vi) City well #4 has been turned off due to low water levels. Accordingly, it is necessary this Ordinance be effective immediately upon its adoption.

SECTION 5. The City Council intends this Ordinance to supplement, not to duplicate or contradict, applicable state and federal law and this Ordinance shall be construed in light of that intent.

SECTION 6. If any sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of Ordinance 1338 or 1322, or any part hereof or exhibit hereto is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not effect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or any part thereof or exhibit thereto. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that anyone or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraph, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

SECTION 7. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published or posted in accordance with California Government Code Section 36933, shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and his/her certification, together with proof of the publication, to be entered in the book of Ordinances of the City Council.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance is adopted by a 4/5 vote of the City Council and shall take effect immediately upon adoption as provided by Government Code Section 36937

URGENCY ORDINANCE No. 1342U PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 9th day of July, 2013.

AYES: Walsh, Harabedian, Capoccia, Koerber, Moran NOES: None ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: **MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT
13-02 (MCTA 13-02)**
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre
Project Location: 440 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard (Sierra Madre Library) and 449 Mariposa Avenue (APNs 5768-021-900 and 5768-021-901)

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider rezoning the City Library property located at 440 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard and the City-owned vacant property located directly behind the Library parking lot, 449 Mariposa Avenue (APNs 5768-021-900 and 5768-021-901), from R-P (Residential-Professional) and R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential) zones to a CIV (Civic) zone, and revising the zoning map accordingly. A Municipal Code Text Amendment (MCTA 13-02) will be required to add Chapter 17.18 to Title 17 of the Municipal Code to incorporate the CIV zone. The Planning Commission at its special meeting on July 8, 2013 recommended approval to add a new chapter to incorporate the CIV zone, rezone the two properties, and revise the zoning map accordingly.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council meeting
Tuesday, **July 23, 2013**
Blvd.
(Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING

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

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

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The project qualifies for a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (Review for Exemption) of CEQA, as there is no possibility that the proposed Municipal Code Text Amendment would have a significant impact on the environment.

For further information on this subject, please contact Danny Castro, Director of Development Services, at (626) 355-7138.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ROBERT K. DALY CASE NO. BP142633

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ROBERT K. DALY:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by STEVE DAURIA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that STEVE DAURIA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 07/24/13 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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