

Editorial:



MEASURE UUT: YOUR CITY, YOUR CHOICE, PART II

By John Capoccia, Member of Sierra Madre City Council

In my first article, I gave some background on the Users Utility Tax. This week I'll review Sierra Madre's various departments, what they do and how your tax dollars are spent, and I'll discuss the possibilities for cuts. The following week I'll also examine the prospects for other sources of revenue should Measure UUT fail, personnel costs, and I'll discuss some other risk factors.

But first, a little more background: Measure U, when approved by the voters in 2008, specified that the UUT would be raised in three steps in three consecutive years – to 8% in 2008, 10% in 2009, and 12% in 2010. Measure U was accompanied by a companion Measure UA, which called for a non-binding recommendation that the increase in UUT be used only for public safety. Prior to what would have been an increase to 12% increase in 2010, the City Council voted to suspend the increase, and keep the UUT at 10%. They also further reduced the rate to 9% for water and sewer, to avoid creating a windfall as a result of imminent water rate hikes. UUT revenue has been fairly level since. From the time Measure U passed, the increased expenditures for public safety have exceeded the revenue provided by Measure U. This has been verified annually by the UUT Advisory Committee, and documented in our audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The difference was made up by belt-tightening in the General Fund.

Your City Council and staff continued to hold the line on expenses. In 2011 the windstorm hit, with a resultant clean-up expense of over \$600,000. The dissolution of the Community Redevelopment Agency also caused a loss of revenue. The Council could have voted to raise the tax to the voter-authorized 12%, but chose belt-tightening instead.

To reduce expenses, your city leadership did several things. Departments were reorganized to improve efficiency. Personnel costs costs were reduced by avoiding backfilling new positions and reducing part-time hours. We contracted

with Waterworks to run the municipal pool, contracted park maintenance, building inspections and plan-check. When open positions are filled, job responsibilities are reviewed and broadened, and then candidates are sought with skills and experience to supplement and enhance evolving responsibilities, further increasing efficiency.

Going forward, I'm always looking for ways to decrease expenses. While I'm confident that incremental improvements can be made, Further substantial cuts are impractical without contracting out major departments. Yes, other cities have taken such steps as contracting Fire, Police and Library, but what's right for others is not necessarily right for us.

Sierra Madre's General Fund provides for Police, Fire/ Paramedic, Library, Public Works, Recreation and Community Services. The General Fund also covers expenses such as Administration, Information Technology, Fleet Management, Facility Management, Finance, Elected Officials and Elections, and Legal

The General Fund breakdown by department is as follows from the 2013/2014 budget:

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| Police | \$3,616,537 |
| Administrative | \$1,703,373 |
| Fire/Paramedic | \$1,335,654 |
| Library | \$ 811,304 |
| Public Works | \$ 357,265 |
| Community Services | \$ 256,561 |

Approximately 67% of the total is for personnel expenses.

If the current UUT is allowed to sunset, there's no other meaningful source of revenue to replace what's lost. We'll have to do one of the following: Cut 13% across the board, make selective cuts that total \$1,000,000 annually, or outsource one or more departments.

Let's review each of our major departments, starting with Community Services. Since this is Sierra Madre's smallest department, there's not much that can be mined for savings. The department coordinates major events such as the Mount Wilson Trail Race, Fourth of July Parade, Concerts in the Park and other events. It coordinates and sponsors programs and contract classes such as tennis lessons and adult softball, coordinates with the youth sports organizations such as Little League and Girls Softball. It manages park activities and facilities reservations, assists with Senior programs and oversees the Water Works pool program. Our Community Services Commission recently completed Sierra Madre's Parks Master Plan. Even with current funding levels, we're not able to implement many of the high priority recommendations. I'm not in favor of substantial reductions to the Community Services, and I believe the majority of Sierra Madre's citizens would agree. It could be argued that more volunteerism could reduce the (cont. pg. 4)

RESIDENTS EVACUATED AS SIERRA MADRE POLICE RESPOND TO SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE

By Susan Henderson

On Wednesday evening at approximately 9 p.m., the Sierra Madre Police Department received a call from a resident who was concerned about an unidentified suspicious backpack that had been left on his mailbox. Upon arrival, the SMPD determined that the item warranted handling with

care, given its suspicious nature and immediately called on mutual aid from Arcadia and Monrovia Police departments to assist with evacuations and traffic.

SMPD quickly set up a perimeter around the object and began the evacuation of the complex (cont. pg. 4)

RICHARD JOHNSON CHOSEN AS 2014 SIERRA MADRE OLDER AMERICAN OF THE YEAR



Sierra Madre, CA. - March 20, 2014 - The City of Sierra Madre Community Services Department and the Senior Community Commission are happy to announce that Richard 'Dick' Johnson has been selected as the 2014 Sierra Madre Older American of the Year.

Mr. Johnson's contributions to the community have been numerous over the years including his service as Chairman for the Annual Art Fair, President of the Historical Preservation Society, and a Library Board Trustee. In addition, he has volunteered for the local AYSO, coached Sierra Madre Little League and Pony League teams, and presently serves as a Board of Trustee for the Sierra Madre United Methodist Church.

Each year the President of the United States, the Governor of California and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors designate the month of May as Older American Month. In recognition of Dick Johnson's dedicated volunteer service to the community, Sierra Madre will be honoring him at a local reception held at the Hart Park House Senior Center on Friday, May 2, 2014 from 4:30-6:00 PM.

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

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CANDIDATE FOR SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL: GENE GOSS

If you have ever walked on the field below the Monastery at sunset, or hiked up Mt. Wilson Trail, or rode in the back of a Little League pickup in the 4th of July Parade, you would know why I am running for City Council. I love this town and I want to preserve all that is so wonderful about it. To this end, I offer a unique combination of qualities:

Commitment, Independence and Experience.

In terms of Commitment, my wife Lisa and I have lived in town 19 years, 14 years on Sierra Keys Dr., five houses down from the Monastery field, where we still have many friends, and five years on Ramona Avenue. We have been raising a son here for 11 years. This is his home town. We plan to retire here and hope that our son may someday raise his family here. My longevity here in town and my experience as a parent sets me apart in terms of my understanding of our community.

In terms of Independence.

I will not accept campaign contributions from political organizations, developers, law firms, labor unions or any other organization. I only accept contributions from individuals, friends and family members. You can be assured that my first allegiance is to our town...and only our town.

In terms of Experience, I have qualifications which are directly applicable to work on the Council. For 23 years I have been a Government Professor at Long Beach City College. Government is my expertise. I served as a College Department Head and successfully managed a large staff during hard economic times. I am a Trustee on the Sierra Madre Public Library Board and I have participated in the Library Strategic Planning Process. This is my 7th year as a Coach and Manager in Sierra Madre Little League. I have volunteered more than 1000 hours working with our community's youth. I founded and Chair our town's newest Non-Profit, Village Vine Online.

My campaign is focused on the following priorities:

Fiscal policy: I will insist on innovations to reduce costs in all City Departments.

Public safety: I will fight to maintain our own police department and properly fund the fire department and paramedics.

Infrastructure: I will push for plans to upgrade our water mains, streets, sidewalks and tree trimming.

Development: I will work to protect the Monastery field from irresponsible development.

I am endorsed by the Pasadena Star News, Sierra Madre News.Net, our Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and seven former Mayors, our current Citizens of the Year and nine former Citizens of the Year, our current Sierra Madre Older American of the Year, the Chair of the Library Board of Trustees, the President of the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society, the Chair of the Mount Wilson Trail Race, the Chair of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, United Teachers of Pasadena, and many other leaders in our community.

You can learn more about me at my web site: www.GeneGoss.com I'd be honored by your vote on April 8th.

ELECTION COVERAGE

On April 8, 2014, voters in Sierra Madre will go to the polls and select three people from a field of four to sit on the City Council. They will also vote on a local ballot measure to extend the city's current User Utility Tax Ordinance.

The Mountain Views News will provide our readers with comprehensive coverage of this election. Each week, as we have done in the past, we will profile the candidates and give each of the candidates the opportunity to introduce themselves to our readers by answering the following questions:

1. Why are you running for City Council?
2. What are you going to do for Sierra Madre?
3. How do you plan on accomplishing your goals?

(All candidates are being asked to answer the same questions and their answers will be published unedited.)

The paper will also review the pros and cons of the proposed User Utility Tax Ordinance.

The schedule will be as follows:

March 29th Candidate Forum Review

It is our sincere hope that each candidate will submit their answers so that we can share them with our readers. A separate letter has been sent to each candidate asking them to participate.

In addition to the candidate spotlights, we will attempt to cover the various forums sponsored by local organizations. Where possible, the unedited video of these forums will be broadcast on the papers website.

Our reporting on this election will be as fair and objective as possible. However, please keep in mind that our columnists are always free to share their opinions. Their opinions are their opinions and may or may not reflect the position of the paper. This is true in all things, not just this election.

We will also provide for you the calendar of important dates regarding the election. It is our goal to do whatever we can to help you make an informed decision on April 8, 2014.

Susan Henderson, Publisher and Editor



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| Fri: | Sunny | Hi 70s | Lows 50s |

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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, March 25, 2014
6:30 pm

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Sierra Madre's EMERGENCY radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

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

- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
- Be open to the public
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During the week of Sunday, March 9, to Sunday March 16, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 255 calls for service.

SUNDAY MARCH 9, 2014

At 10:46 am, Sierra Madre Police responded to a disturbance involving two males, in the 00 block of W. Sierra Madre. Officers counseled both parties and one party left the location. No crime.

At 1:15 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to a residential burglary in the 300 block of Foothill. Resident left for a short period of time, when resident returned, they discovered their home was ransacked and items were stolen. At this time it appears suspect(s) possibly entered through a front or rear door. Suspect(s) fled location in unknown direction.

Monday March 11, 2014

At 7:40 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to a disorderly intoxicated female in the 00 block of W. Sierra Madre Ave. During the investigation, a prescription pills not belonging to the subject were found in the zipper pouch of her purse. Subject was booked for an alcohol offense and possession of prescription Narcotics without a prescription.

Sunday March 16, 2014

At 6:00 am, Sierra Madre Police Officers along with Volunteers, Reserves, Cadets, and Community Service Officers, successfully gathered to celebrate the City of Sierra Madre 2014 Wisteria Festival. The event had a large turnout with lots of vendors, food, music and fun. Fire responded to two incidents where an elderly individual suffered from heat exhaustion and another of a fall which caused injury to the subject's ankle.



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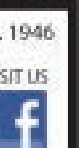
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Mother Nature provided a perfect day for the 2014 Wistaria Festival after several years of rainy and unpredictable weather.

The Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the event was please with the results as the event brought literally thousands into town to not only view the vine that resides on property owned by Bob and Nel Solt, and the adjacent house owned by Tony Held, it also brought customers to our local businesses. "It was the busiest day we have ever had", said one local merchant.

The goal of the festival is to showcase Sierra Madre and encourage visitors to come back and visit our historic sites and shop.

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BONNIE GARNER

As the paper was going to press, word that beloved Sierra Madre resident Bonnie Garner passed away earlier this week after being under Hospice care for the last 3 weeks.

Bonnie, who knew her health was rapidly declining, recently celebrated her 90th birthday with a party for friends and family. Those in attendance said that it was “the best for her and she was so happy that afternoon. That was her Celebration of Life-being with family and good friends.”

Bonnie did not want a funeral and left a message for her friends, she “ wanted to be remembered as she was at her party and all the other fun times you had together with Bonnie. She loved being active with all of you. We all have good memories of the time we spent with Bonnie. She had a great life of 90 years.”

YOUR CHOICE - (continued from page 1)

dependency on city staff, but most of the major events are primarily staffed by volunteers. So at best, increasing volunteerism will only incrementally reduce expenses.

Public Works: Our Public Works department is responsible for maintaining our Parks, Public Buildings, Streets, Sidewalks and Trees. Public Works also manages our Water and Sewer Utilities, both of which are funded separately and not subsidized by the General Fund. Public works is the “face” of our city. The condition of streets, sidewalks and trees reflect on the pride our citizens feel for our community. As a citizen of Sierra Madre, I feel that we’ve neglected our public facilities. We have a “C-” grade from the American Institute of Civil Engineers regarding the condition of our streets. We have over 300 missing street trees, and the trees that we do have are not optimally maintained because we have insufficient funds to properly trim them. Ironically we’re known as a “Tree City USA” in spite of our neglect. Our sidewalks are atrocious. I’m in favor of more public works spending, not less.

Library: Sierra Madre’s Library just completed its Master Plan, which is ambitious, but yet very modest in that it’s not asking for much in the way of taxpayer resources above the current funding level. Our library offers programs for children and adults that are widely used and appreciated by a large part of the community. Our building is aging, and is very modest especially compared to some of our neighbors such as Arcadia, Monrovia, San Marino that have built new libraries in recent years. Our Library receives a high level of volunteerism compared to other communities. The “Friends of the Library” organization has been instrumental in supplementing funding, supporting programs and helping to bind us together in the community with great events such as the annual Wine Tasting and the Art Fair. Our Library is well utilized by all demographics from children to seniors. Many would like to see our Library service hours expanded. The current hours are minimal compared to Arcadia, Monrovia, South Pasadena and San Marino, all of which keep their libraries open for more hours than we do. Outsourcing to LA county wouldn’t save much and the loss of a beloved home-grown institution would be a devastating blow to many.

Fire and Paramedic: Our Fire Department is legendary and deeply embedded in Sierra Madre’s legacy. Because it’s primarily staffed by volunteers, it is a bargain. Our Paramedic program is becoming increasingly important as our population ages. Our response times at just over four minutes are incredibly fast. Our part-time paramedic technician’s pay is very low compared to other communities. Perhaps we could save money by outsourcing Paramedic services, but would Arcadia or Pasadena offer their services to us for substantial savings? Not likely. We could possibly contract with the County. That in itself won’t come close to closing the budget gap. Again, the opportunity for savings is slim, especially when weighed against the possible degradation of response time.

Administrative: Of the General Fund administrative costs, less than 10% is personnel, primarily for finance. The bulk of the costs are accounting cost-allocations for facilities, fleet management etc. (If that is confusing, thank the GAAP folks, we’re just following Generally Accepted Accounting Practices). Over the years, our municipal accounting has improved tremendously. Our audits are squeaky-clean and are produced on-time. Our budget documents are award-winning (California State Municipal Finance Officers “Excellence in Budgeting”). Sierra Madre also won an award for use of our website and social media to promote

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have only seen letters in this newspaper supporting the utility tax increase lately, so I’m hoping I can offer a different viewpoint.

I am NOT in favor of another tax increase especially when no one has been able to articulate where the last increase of money was spent. How much of our water problem was fixed with the money that was “needed” in the past. We have lost the wonderful Sierra Madre water we had. I don’t see a real effort to tighten the belt in the running of the city. As I have recently downsized in order to retire, I am very aware that a good look at a budget can make a difference. Our present government seems to be of the thought that we can keep the “status quo” by just asking for more money once in a while.

The last straw for me was a vote at the City Council to cap Sierra Madre’s commercial business utilities to \$400 a year for water and sewer! So, basically, to heck with the residents, they can pay extra. How does this encourage smart use of water in a drought year by a business? I understand that the mantra for this is to encourage business to come to Sierra Madre, but doing this on the backs of residents is not what we voted for in the past. And, really, did anyone EVER move to Sierra Madre for the business?

Please vote....

K. Hood, Sierra Madre

WALKING SIERRA MADRE.....THE SOCIAL SIDE

Photo and Story By Deanne Davis

“Wistaria is my favorite flowering vine. Do you know why?” I shook my head. “No, ma’am.” ‘Because it’s strong -- just like me.”
Beth Hoffman, Saving CeeCee Honeycutt



Ms. Hoffman certainly got that right! Reading about our own personal Wistaria vine up there on Carter, purchased in a gallon can by Alice Brugman for a mere \$.75 back in 1894, according to Phyllis Chapman’s excellent article “The Vine” in last week’s Mountain Views News, that vine is so strong that it will outlast us all!

We were so inspired by last year’s Wistaria Festival (and, according to Phyllis, the whole world is spelling it wrong and Sierra Madre’s had it right all along, with an ‘a’ instead of an ‘e’) that we bought ourselves two Wistaria vines from a catalog house somewhere or other. They arrived several weeks later in the form of two twigs, carefully wrapped in moss, bubblewrap and plastic. We did everything right, watered, fertilized, loved and admired and, as you can see from the picture, one of them now has three branches, is about 8” high and is already reaching for the fence. We figure in about another hundred years ours will cover the entire back half of our lot and we will be Stop 2 on the shuttle tour! Could happen!

Hope you spent a little time walking Sierra Madre yesterday. We were delighted to see so many merchants set up with exciting things to buy. I especially wanted one of those gorgeous handbags with the beading at Shakeel’s Concepts, which was right in front of the new martial arts studio (the former Curves). They were exceptionally beautiful and priced to move. I’m hoping they come to the Art Fair in May. I’ll have my wallet with me then. Saw a young lady wearing a really cute purple tie dye shirt and pants at All Tied Up on the south side of the street which brought me right back to the ‘70s when we had first bought our house and my daughters and I made tie dye curtains for the downstairs windows out of old sheets and Rit Dye. They were orange, of course, as everything I touched was either orange or lime green in those days, including our kitchen, which was eye-searing orange and yellow. I just loved it. And my husband, the extremely patient John, not only let me paint it that color, he encouraged me!

Another booth I really liked was Mark McRae’s “Just Buddha – An Apparel Line of Positive Messaging.” Just Buddha featured t-shirts with anti-bullying statements, and things like “Respect Yourself and Others.” Liked those a lot and hope he’s back for the Art Fair, too.

Our restaurants were all doing terrific business, especially all our Al Fresco places. A couple of our Police guys were dining at Vicious Dogs, which was packed! As was Zugo’s, Only Place in Town, Lucky Baldwin’s, Corfu, Sierra Brigante, and that was just on Sierra Madre Blvd.! The Festival was bigger and better than ever and the weather was perfect. How delightful for our community that we can put on such a splendid event and bring a little revenue into town at the same time.

People were walking up Baldwin, to see the vine, and walking back down searching for ice cream. The Gem City Jazz Cats were great in Kersting Court but I was a little worried about the guy who was out there on the corner of Auburn and Sierra Madre. He was playing his guitar, singing for all he was worth. He reminded me a lot of my brother-in-law, and I just hope he had a lot of sunscreen on.

Wendy and Henry from the Post Office were there in Kersting Court, too, with the special Wistaria postmark and the guys from The Village Vine, Online Radio and TV were broadcasting live.

Walking Sierra Madre right now is just a delight as Spring is definitely here. There are Wistaria vines all over the place, in addition to mine, except everybody else’s vine is flowering. The Gooden School has a beautiful one on their fence, our City Hall has a fine one, and they are in yards all over the place. Take a walk, take a look, and you might find yourself, just like Ms. Alice Brugman and her neighbor, Mrs. W.B. Crisp, hitching up your SUV and making your way to your favorite nursery for something new. If you missed last week’s News, you can still read Phyllis Chapman’s excellent article by going to: www.mtnviewsnews.com Vol. 8, No. 11, Section B.

“Don’t worry about wistaria. You can beat it up a bit and it will still bloom. Wistaria is one tough vine and no matter what you do, chances are very good that rather than killing it, you’ll shock it into blooming.”

So take heart, dear Walking Sierra Madre friends, if your wistaria hasn’t bloomed yet, prune it a bit and tell it how beautiful it is anyway!

Did you feel the earthquake Monday morning?

Check out my book, *Walking Sierra Madre friends!* “A Tablespoon of Love, A Tablespoon of Laughter.” It’s available on Amazon.com and at the following link: <https://www.createospace.com/4561071> And at the bookstore at Pasadena First Church of the Nazarene 3700 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Pasadena!

BOMB (continued from page 1)
that housed the package and two structures on the east and 2 structures on the west side of it. Approximately 25 residents were displaced for approximately an hour and a half.
According to SMPD Officer Joe Ortiz, the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department’s bomb squad was contacted and after a brief pre-screening, they came out and determined that the package met the criteria that warranted the bomb threat protocol.
They deployed the ‘robot’ which used a water type charge to implode the package. After so doing, it was determined that there was no bomb,
Ortiz noted that detectives from LASD were very pleased with how the SMPD handled the situation stating that in today’s environment, suspicious package protocols must be strictly followed.
Several residents that were evacuated from their homes were also pleased. Said the gentleman who made the initial call, “I’d rather be safe than sorry”.
This is not the first time tensions have been high during a contentious campaign making many people nervous. In 2007, a mailbox was blown up in Sierra Madre at the height of Measure V. It was later determined, as was the case with this episode, that it was unrelated to any political activity.



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Repurposed Parking Meters to Help Homeless

Soon bright orange parking meters will dot the sidewalks of Pasadena —used as mini donation centers— as part of an Art Center College of Design project Real Change Movement to help homelessness. William Huang, Director of Housing, City of Pasadena made the announcement Wednesday. “There are ‘real changers’ in Pasadena already.” He said. “Nonprofits and homeless service providers, the city— but they need more people, more businesses and more individuals to be a part of this to end homelessness in Pasadena. This project is a step in creating that.”

The idea of using repurposed parking meters came from students last fall in the Welcome Home studio class, “addressed homelessness in Pasadena by designing a transmedia, public awareness campaign in conjunction with City of Pasadena leaders.”

According to organizers, “Its three-pronged approach is comprised of: a public outreach and education campaign, the installation of re-purposed parking meters, “donation stations” (citywide), allowing interested people to contribute their spare change and/or credit card donations in productive ways, and thirdly, the redirecting of funds from panhandlers to homeless service providers and job training programs. Informing the public that not all panhandlers are homeless, and not all homeless are panhandlers, is key.”

The meters are set to be installed early this year in both Old Pasadena and along South Lake Avenue in the Playhouse District.



Council to Discuss Parklets on Colorado

The city council is set Monday night to discuss the idea, first proposed by the Pasadena Playhouse District Association, of putting “parklets,” a temporary sidewalk extension into the roadway, along Colorado Blvd.

The plan calls for a series of parklets to be installed at select locations along Colorado Boulevard between Los Robles and Hudson Avenues. The plan also calls to add reverse angled parking.

According to city staff the parklets would be temporary platforms designed to city standards and removable so as not to interfere with the Rose Parade. Since the parklets would use curb parking space, which has traditionally been a scarce commodity in the Playhouse

District, the Playhouse District Association elected to forward a configuration for parking that would change the existing parallel parking to angled parking, which would increase the supply of curb parking in these blocks even with space given over to parklets.

They also said, the change to angled parking is the second component of the initiative since it would require reconfiguration of Colorado Boulevard from a five-lane roadway to a three-lane roadway to make room for the added dimension of angled parking.

The Transportation Department has been evaluating the potential effects of the proposed angled parking on Colorado Boulevard using a traffic simulation model according

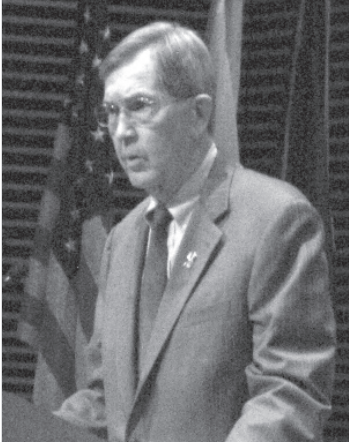
to the staff report.

City staff also looked what types of uses could be done such as, sidewalk dining, curb use, etc., or if sponsorship and/or advertising could be allowed.

Possible funding could come from the Playhouse Parking Meter District Fund or Gas Tax, Transportation Sales Tax (Measure R) and/or the General Fund staff said.

The item is on the agenda as presented for information only, the council will not take a vote, although public comment is allowed.

41st Annual Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast



Join Mayor Bill Bogaard, community members, Pasadena residents, civic, business, student, and educational leaders and the Interfaith Community for the Pasadena Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast, Wednesday, April 30 from 7 - 9 am at the Pasadena Convention Center.

The keynote speaker is Elise Buik, President and CEO of United Way of Greater Los Angeles.

Buik has been honored with the “Nonprofit CEO of the Year” award from the Los Angeles Business Journal, and the “Leadership Award” at the Peace Over Violence Annual Humanitarian Award Dinner. In addition, she is the first woman to head the United Way of Greater Los Angeles.

Doors open 6:20 a.m. Program starts promptly at 7 a.m.

Convention Center is at 300 E. Green Street.

Purchase tickets online at www.friendsindeedpas.org.

For more information call Monday-Thursday 626.797.2402.

A Look at the History of Vroman’s

The public library is set to hold an event, taking an intriguing look at the history of Southern California’s oldest and largest independent bookstore Vroman’s on Saturday, March 29 at Pasadena Public Library’s Lamanda Park Branch, 140 S. Altadena Dr. at 11 a.m. and then at the San Rafael Branch, 1240 Nithsdale Rd. at 2 p.m. Vroman’s, a Pasadena landmark, was named the best independent bookstore in the United States by Publisher’s Weekly. For more information contact Leonard Lane, Branch Manager (626) 744-7266 or (626) 744-7270, or llane@cityofpasadena.net.

Graphic Novelist to Speak at PCC

Gene Luen Yang, author of the “Avatar/ Airbender series,” will give a special presentation Thursday in Harbeson Hall at Pasadena City College. Yang is also the author of the award-winning graphic novel “American Born Chinese,” and the newest graphic novel “Boxers and Saints.”

Gene Luen Yang’s presentation is part of the annual Asian Pacific Islander Visiting Scholar program in honor of Asian Pacific Heritage Month. It is sponsored by the PCC Cross-



Cultural Center, the Student Services Fund, the College Diversity Initiative, and the Asian Pacific Islander Visiting Scholar Committee.

The event is free. The program runs from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Dr. Tooktook Thongthiraj at (626) 585-3162 or Dr. Mikage Kuroki at (626) 585-3372.

Former U.S. Ambassador Elected as Caltech Trustee

Barbara McConnell Barrett, chairman of the Aerospace Corporation and former U.S. ambassador to Finland, was recently elected to the Caltech Board of Trustees the college announced Thursday.

Barrett is a member of the governing boards of Sally Ride Science, the RAND Corporation, the Smithsonian Institution, the Lasker Foundation, and the Horatio Alger Association. She has also served on the boards of the Space Foundation, Hershey, the Mayo Clinic, Exponent, the Raytheon Company, and Piper Aircraft.

The Board is led by David L. Lee, chair, and vice chair Ronald K. Linde, and is currently



composed of 42 trustees, 19 senior trustees, 23 life members, and one honorary life member.

Crackdown on Texting and Cell Use While Driving

As part of April’s Distracted Driving Awareness Month campaign, Pasadena Police Department will be joining with over 200 other local law enforcement agencies and the California Highway Patrol in a month long “zero tolerance” enforcement and education campaign to curb those texting or operating hand-held cell phones while driving. Officers will be on alert throughout the month for those who break the cell phone laws and place themselves and others in danger. Special high visibility enforcement operations to cite cell phone violators will take place on April 4, 2014.

The increased enforcement and education aims to persuade drivers to recognize the dangers of distracted driving and reduce the number of people impacted by this perilous behavior. The “It’s Not Worth It!” theme emphasizes that a phone call or text isn’t worth a hefty fine or a collision. The current minimum ticket cost is \$161,

with subsequent tickets costing at least \$281.

“We take the issue of distracted driving very seriously,” said Pasadena Police Chief Sanchez, “because we see the aftermath of these totally preventable crashes. Is that text message or cell phone call really worth \$161, or worse, someone’s life?”

Drivers who use hand-held devices are four times as likely to get into crashes serious enough to injure themselves. In addition, studies show that texting while driving can delay a driver’s reaction time just as severely as having a blood alcohol content of a legally drunk driver. According to research, sending or receiving a text takes a driver’s eyes from the road for an average of 4.6 seconds. Even a three second glance at freeway speeds means a driver has traveled the distance of a football field.

These operations are funded through a grant by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Sears to Stay Open as HomeGoods Moves In

Although Sears Holding has closed hundreds of stores nationwide, the Pasadena location will stay open, only to, spit part of the department store into a second location that will house a new HomeGoods home furnishing store.

HomeGoods, owned by TJX Companies, has not officially announced a grand opening date for the new location in the 3800 block of East Foothill Blvd. Signs out front say the store is opening soon.

“We’re not going anywhere,” said an unnamed Sears employee. “They just put up that wall, selling off part of the store to HomeGoods.”

Nationwide, Seas has closed 300 stores since 2010 and another 500 stores are expected to close sometime in the near future. Sears Roebuck & Co merged with Kmart in 2005, a deal worth \$11 billion.

In Related News

The outdoor clothing retailer, Lands’ End, will spin off from Sears Holdings in April allowing it to exist on its own as a publicly traded company. Lands’ End will enter into a lease agreement to keep their products in Sears stores.

Sears Holding also recently spun off Orchard Supply Hardware, a majority of the assets, of which were sold to Lowe’s hardware.



Sears to stay open

Celebrate One City, One Story

Teen Art Contest: “Unlocking the Secret”

Teens are invited to submit a one frame illustration depicting an idea or scene inspired by Mr. Penumbra’s 24-Hour Bookstore. Entries will be judged based on creativity, technical skill, and execution. Deadline to submit is Monday, March 31. Contest

forms are available online and at all Pasadena library sites. Visit <http://cityofpasadena.net/library/teens/> for more information. The winning entrant will receive full tuition for a 10-week class or 5-day workshop. See www.artcenter.edu/sat for details. This contest is co-sponsored by Art Center College of Design.

Work to Close Lanes on Rosemead Blvd Till May

Crews will be working on the underpass of the I-210 Freeway Bridge over Rosemead Boulevard between Colorado Boulevard and Foothill Boulevard, as part of the 11.5-mile Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Light Rail Project. During this work, Rosemead Boulevard will have lane closures at night and early morning for approximately two months.

Lanes on northbound Rosemead Boulevard will be closed to thru-traffic between Colorado Boulevard and Foothill Boulevard for approximately seven (7) weeks.

The three left lanes along northbound Rosemead Boulevard will be temporarily closed to thru-traffic nightly from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. The right lane on northbound Rosemead Boulevard will remain open for access to the eastbound I-210 Freeway on-ramp only.

May 5, 2014 – May 17, 2014, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.; Lanes on southbound Rosemead

Boulevard will be closed to thru-traffic between Colorado Boulevard and Foothill Boulevard for approximately two (2) weeks.

The two left lanes along southbound Rosemead Boulevard will be temporarily closed to thru-traffic nightly from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. The right lane on southbound Rosemead Boulevard will remain open for access to the westbound I-210 Freeway on-ramp only.

“No Parking” signs will be posted along Rosemead Boulevard. Parking restrictions will be strictly enforced. Detour signs will be posted to direct motorist during the closure. During construction, sidewalk access for pedestrians will remain open on one side of the street. Access to local residences and businesses will remain open. Bus stops in this vicinity may be temporarily relocated.

For more information go to www.foothillextension.org or call the Hotline at (626) 324-7098.

Learn How to Produce Your Own TV Show

In anticipation of Pasadena Media opening new studios at 150 S. Los Robles Ave, they are offering free television-training programs for producers. Plan to attend an orientation to discover the right classes for you.

Producers’ Training teaches how to produce shows for The Arroyo Channel. Studio Production/Equipment training is also offered to volunteer crewmembers. In addition, on-going training will soon be

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Monday March 24 at 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Training Orientation

Monday March 31 at 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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Hey Foods Peeps, love the Pinot Noir, I want to invite you to this really cool event.

Dozens of the finest wines from California, Oregon and Australia will be paired with Cheese & Charcuterie by Claud & Co. and other small bites by Noor. Live music will be compliments of iconic jazz musician, Michael Lington. This event begins at 12:00 PM for VIP and at 2:00 PM for general admission guests, and will continue until 5:00 PM.

If you've had a chance to come to the Pinotfest at the Altadena Country Club in the past then you know how enjoyable this event is, and if you haven't, come out this year and see what a great time it is! Claud & Co provides full service catering with a distinctive flare, for parties, receptions, corporate events and extraordinary intimate dinners. They serve in the Pasadena, San Gabriel and greater Los Angeles area. Claud & Co takes pride in hearing their clients' needs and working closely with them to ensure complete satisfaction. From menu to décor, they strive to make each event an occasion to be coveted by guests and hosts, alike. Noor is a boutique event space situated in historic downtown Pasadena. Their mission is to earn the trust of their Clients by producing consistent and flawless events. Readers of Pasadena Weekly have affirmed their mission by voting Noor "Best of Pasadena" 3 years and were voted as Pasadena Magazine's "City Best-Top Venue" in 2012. Noor features two gorgeous indoor ballrooms along with a stunning outdoor space.

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
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Michael Lington, the saxophonist have done extended stints as a special guest with musical superstars, including Barry Manilow, Bobby Caldwell, Randy Crawford and Michael Bolton. On his tour, he played more than 300 shows in over 50 countries. Lington's most recent album Pure was released February 14, 2012 by Trippin' N' Rhythm distributed by Red/Sony. His previous CD "Heat" reached #4 on the Billboard Contemporary Jazz Sales Chart.

Hathaway-Sycamores Child and Family Services provides an array of services to over 8,500 children and families annually through a network of facilities in greater Los Angeles. Services include: a residential treatment center for youth ages 9 through 18; foster care and adoption services; a nonpublic school; school-based and outpatient mental health services; in-home counseling services; a transitional living program for teens; a family resource center; and a grief and loss center for children. You can find out more by clicking on www.hathaway-sycamores.org

PCDA improves the lives of children and young adults who have autism or other developmental challenges, through leadership in family-centered, multidisciplinary services and professional training. Learn more here: www.pasadenachilddevelopment.org

WHAT: Morgan Stanley and Claud & Co Presents Pasadena Grand PinotFest
WHEN: Sunday, March 30th, 12-5pm
WHERE: NOOR Pasadena, 260 E. Colorado, Pasadena 91101
HOW: Tickets can be purchased at www.pasadenagrandpinotfest.com

Tickets are \$115.00 for general admission and \$165.00 for VIP
VIP gets you an all "exclusive" pass to the event including a pre-reception to taste and enjoy the finest wines before the general admission, full access to the outside patio and preferred area to hear jazz musician Michael Lington perform and a "Meet and Greet" afterwards. VIP starts at 12 pm while General Admission starts at 2 pm. Tickets come with a goodie bag stuffed with gift items, special offers and a specially etched wine glass compliments of Morgan Stanley. \

Saturday at 12 Noon I will be hosting my own wine tasting at Vons on Colorado. Coppola has given me a few of their best wines to sample. Please come by for this free event. March 29th

Email me at thechefknows@yahoo.com with any questions

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- Pastry boards shouldn't be oiled, as they're always used dry.

Rub oil with a cloth or paper towel in generous amounts, until it no longer absorbs.

- The wood and the oil should be at room temperature before starting.

- For very dry utensils, you should repeat the process after 6-8 hours, and again, if necessary, until the oil is no longer being absorbed after that time.

- Then use a cloth or paper towel to wipe off any excess oil that remains on the surface. Wash your properly oiled wooden utensils without worry.

- Do not soak wood utensils soak, and do not put them in a dishwasher.

- Keep food from drying hard by cleaning utensils right away.

- Most utensils can simply be wiped clean with a cloth or paper towel. Use soap and hot water for spoons, spatulas, and other utensils that come in contact with raw foods, like meat and egg products.

- For wood pastry boards, use a nylon or metal scraper to remove stuck-on dough. If you used soap, you might need to re-oil after drying. Soap removes oils, and should only be used when necessary, such as with utensils that come in contact with potentially hazard-posing raw foods. Other times, rub with a lemon wedge after drying.

Towel dry wooden boards and utensils thoroughly after washing.

- Wood dries faster than plastic, and will thus be less likely to harbor bacteria on its surface.
- Quickly drying keeps water from soaking into and damaging the board, especially if it's in need of a good coating of oil.
- Rub a wedge of lemon on the wood to help keep it free from bacteria and other germs. Makes it smell good, too.
- Store in a dry location, at room temperature, away from hot, cold and humid areas.
- Excessive heat dries the surface oil, and causes warping, splitting, and cracking.
- Extreme cold temperatures are very dry, draw the moisture from the wood, and cause warping, splitting, and cracking.
- Moisture that stays on wood causes it to split from expansion.
- Never subject wooden utensils to temperature extremes. Like us, wood needs a bit of time to warm up when coming in from the cold, and it doesn't like touching very hot pots, either.

- Salad bowls can just be wiped clean and dry with a paper towel.
- Avoid build-up of vegetable oil and intense flavors by keeping bowls clean and coated with mineral oil.

- If build-up does occur, scrub with lemon juice.
- If lemon juice doesn't remove build-up of sticky oils, scour with medium-grit sandpaper, then re-season the bowl with mineral oil.
- Cutting boards should be cleaned thoroughly after use.
- Note also, boards should never be used interchangeably with uncooked meat (including poultry and fish) and other foods (like bread, salads, etc.). This is important in order to avoid possible cross contamination from pathogens found in uncooked meat products.
- The USDA recommends that you wash wooden cutting boards and utensils used with uncooked meat products (including fish and poultry) with hot, soapy water, then rinse and dry.
- Before first use, make sure your cutting board is well oiled.

If a wood board or bowl is well maintained (washed with no soaking nor dishwasher after use and dried immediately, kept oiled, not subjected to unusual temperatures), it is simply not likely to warp or crack. If a well maintained board cracks, it will "most likely" be due to a manufacturing defect, and it would more than likely be a split along a glue line.

A dry wooden board or bowl that has NOT been maintained will eventually crack along the grain of the wood. If subjected to the dishwasher and other temperature extremes, it might also crack at the glue joints by weakened glue bonds.

The glue joints are supposed to create a stronger bond than the wood fibers. Manufacturer defects are often caused by things like too little glue, too tight clamping, unclamping too soon, the improper mating of joints, and even the wood's moisture content as it was being glued.

Reminder... When you notice the wooden becoming dry (it will lighten in color), it's time to re-oil. Better yet, just make it a point to re-oil on a regular basis. That old wood spoon from grandma will then last you just about forever, or until it wears out, whichever comes first.

Wood Finishing
What if you want a hard finish on your wooden counter or butcher block?

- A hard finish of a food-safe lacquer or varnish means no more oiling.
- But you can't use it as a cutting surface, as sharp objects scar the finish.
- And always use a trivet under hot or cold dishes.

The best food-safe lacquer is shellac. In flake form, it is free of water, wax and preservatives, and can easily be mixed as needed. It is easy to apply, protects well against moisture, and makes a wonderful shiny surface. Small blemishes can be easily repaired, however heat spots and alcohol spills are damaging and require work to fix.

The best food-safe varnish is natural tung oil. It is easy to apply, protects well against moisture, blemishes can be easily repaired, and lasts much longer than shellac. It takes more coats than shellac, and more work to get a shiny surface, a longer drying time, and is more expensive.

Other food-safe lacquers and varnishes are available commercially, and should be matched to the type of food and degree of food preparation to be done on the surface area.

Always read the labels and follow the manufacturer's instructions for best results. (Excerpt from <http://www.fantes.com/wood-care.html>)
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Dear Savvy Senior:

Where can I get help with my Medicare decisions? I'm approaching 65, and could use some help sorting through the different Medicare plan options that are available to me. Almost Eligible

Dear Almost:

The options and choices available to Medicare beneficiaries today can be overwhelming. In addition to original Medicare (Part A and B) that has been around for 49 years, you also have the option of enrolling in a Part D prescription drug plan, and a supplemental (Medigap) policy – both of which are sold by private insurance companies. Or, a Medicare Advantage plan which covers health care, prescription drugs and extra services all in one. These plans, which are also sold by private insurers, are generally available through HMOs and PPOs.

To help you figure out the Medicare plans for you, there are a variety of services and tools available today depending on how much help you need. Here are several to get you started.

Free Resources

A good starting point to get familiar with Medicare is the “Medicare & You” 2014 handbook that overviews the program and your options. You can read it online at medicare.gov/pubs/pdf/10050.pdf, or you should receive a free copy in the mail one month before your 65th birthday.

The Medicare website also offers a free “Plan Finder” tool at medicare.gov/find-a-plan that can help you find and compare health plans, supplemental policies and prescription drug plans in your area. Or, if you don't have Internet access, or don't feel confident in working through the information on your own, you can also call Medicare at 800-633-4227 and a customer service representative will do the work for you over the phone.

Other free resources that can help include planprescriber.com or ehealthmedicare.com, two websites developed by eHealth Insurance that will compare Part D, Advantage and supplemental plans in your area and connect you to a licensed insurance agent.

In addition, the Medicare Rights Center (medicarerights.org) staffs a hotline at 800-333-4114 to help answer your Medicare questions.

And your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) provides free Medicare counseling in person or over the phone. To find a local SHIP counselor see shiptalk.org, or call the Eldercare Locator at 800-677-1116.

And, for tips on choosing a top Medicare Advantage plan, see the HealthMetrix Research Cost Share Report at medicarenewswatch.com. This resource lists the best Advantage plans by area based on your health status.

Fee-Based Services

If the free services don't cut the mustard and you need some additional help in making your Medicare decisions, there are a handful of fee-based companies that are very helpful.

One of the best is Allsup Inc. (ama.allsup.com, 866-521-7655) which offers a Medicare Advisor service that takes your personal information online or over the phone, such as the prescription drugs you take and the doctors you use, and provides you customized advice on the best Medicare plans that match your needs and budget. They'll even help you enroll in the plan(s) you select. Fees for their services range between \$200 and \$495 depending on how much help you need.

Another option is Healthcare Navigation (healthcarenavigation.com, 877-811-8211), which charges \$750 for a 90-minute comprehensive Medicare consultation.

Commission-Based

Another way to get help with your Medicare enrollment is to consult an independent insurance agent. Agents typically get paid a commission to sell you a policy, although they offer plans from a number of providers.

The Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America have a directory on their website (see independentagent.com/contactus) that lets you search for agents in your area. But keep in mind that agents typically specialize in the Medicare plans they represent, rather than all the plans in your market.

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

KATIE Tse.....This and That
I <3 TECHNOLOGY!

Ain't technology grand! Phones, in particular, become more sophisticated by the second. That snazzy iPhone you got last week is going to get blown away by the new Android to be unveiled tomorrow. If you haven't already caught on, I'm not much of a “techie,” so please excuse me when I use misuse a term. A couple years ago one of my husband's friends was showing off all the cool apps on his new phone. To measure his pulse, he merely pressed his thumb on part of the screen --and presto! His resting pulse was 75! Of course that was then. The phone he has now can probably perform open heart surgery and text the bill to his insurer.

My husband and I recently upgraded our phones. The last phone I owned was still over my head even after I'd already used it for several years. Getting a new phone always reminds me of when I had to buy a graphing calculator for my high school math class. (These days they're probably teaching the same stuff in fifth grade. But that's another story...) My Texas Instruments calculator was a massive gray plastic thing with a protective sliding cover. Paying upwards of \$90 for a calculator was unconscionable. My dad etched “Hopkins” on the back, just in case I left it somewhere when I was off having fun graphing things. Although I knew the device was capable of more functions than I used it for (mostly long division), my spiffy calculator spent most of its life in the back of my desk among faded receipts and dried rubber bands. Eventually, it either went to Good Will or the Women's Club. I felt good knowing someone out there can graph to their heart's content for a much more reasonable price.

Before I was introduced to the world of modern phones, my coworkers often made fun of my pitiful attempts at texting. At conferences and staff meetings they would text me, “Hey, you're LATE!!!” Meanwhile, I fumbled to disable the sound. Then I laboriously punched in something like 44-2-44-2-3-444-3-88-4-33-8-2-222-666-7-999-4-6-33-? Which translates “Ha ha did U get a copy 4 me?”

The first cell phone I owned was very primitive. It even had an antenna. It must've come free with my mom's phone, and I never used it except to call out; no one ever called me. My ignorance about this phone led to a frightening experience in grad school when my phone went off during an exam. We all knew the rules; if you failed to silence your phone, you forfeited your test. The blood drained from my face and a cold sweat came over me. Horror-stricken I pawed around in my purse for my phone. This did little good, though, because once I found it, I didn't know how to kill the noise. I could feel all my classmates' eyes trained on me. When the ringing mercifully stopped, my professor nodded toward me with a sympathetic smile. She knew I was helplessly clueless about such things.

It's been about a decade since that scary night, and my phone skills have improved slightly. I learned to “swipe,” instead of punching each letter individually. That was all well and good until my new phone decided that “non-words” must be mistakes, and therefore it substitutes other words it believes are what I'm trying to type. This is one of those instances in which artificial intuitive intelligence backfires. (Is that an actual term? I made it up, but it sounds like it should be real, doesn't it?) Instead of making life easier, this function just ticks off simple-minded people like me.

Case in point, abbreviations such as “CPA,” “IEP” and “NPO” become “Cops,” “Oreo,” and “Boo.” It also has a ball with nontraditional names. “Fadwa” and “Tinh” become “Fades” and “Young.” If I just swipe without checking the screen, I might send a weird message like “Ask Fades if she got the inch tree ration” instead of “Ask Fadwa if she got the invitation.”

Although my phone's stubborn insistence on conforming my writing to its idea of proper English is annoying, it makes for some interesting reading. The stuff it comes up with reminds me of Beatnik poetry from the 50's. Writing from “Free Association” came up with lines like “Tail turned to red sunset on a juniper crown a lone magpie cawks.” (Allen Ginsberg). I imagine a new wave of the Beatnik movement for our era. The hip, young people can add artsy berets to their skinny jeans ensemble while they sit around at Starbucks (I would say under a heavy layer of smoke like in the 50's, but no one smokes these days). I can almost hear discordant bongos as each kid's glazed eyeballs stare into their phones while their tireless fingers churn out poetry. “Your selfie replied to all viral 5,000 hits flavor of Doritos.”

Like I said, ain't technology grand? Did it?



SENIOR HAPPENINGS

FYI: CUT COSTS AT HOME

Millions are looking for ways to shave dollars and dimes from their daily expenses. To share your own tips, send us an e-mail telling us how you save. You can save money on everything, but here's how you can get started around your home.

Use up to 60 percent less energy by boiling water in a microwave rather than on an electric stovetop. When you do use the stovetop, make sure pots and pans fully cover the heating element. A 6-inch pan on an 8-inch element translates to an energy waste of more than 40 percent.

Improve freezer efficiency by keeping the thing as full as possible—with bags of ice, for instance. But keep a 1-inch open space on each side of the interior for better air exchange.

Lower your thermostat in the winter. For each degree that you drop, you cut your heating bill by 3 percent. To feel more comfortable at lower temperatures, place pans of water near heating outlets or radiators. Water-filled air retains heat better, and the added humidity reduces itching and dry skin.

Mix your own garden dirt. Those “enriched” bags of soil boost flower and vegetable growth—at about \$8 a bag. Instead, for each one part of dirt or topsoil mix in about two parts of compost—shredded from leaves and branches and available for free at many municipal recycling centers.

Get a rain barrel. Connected to your home's storm gutters, it will collect water for later use on your lawn, vegetable garden or car.

Excerpts from AARP

HELPFUL HINT: *To Help With Standing Yellow Water: Use a Magic Eraser (Sponge you can find in your grocery store). Cut a piece off and float it in your toilet overnight and voila! no more toilet ring!*

FOR YOUR FUNNY BONE - *An elderly man was having hearing problems and went to see a specialist. The doctor fitted him with some hearing aids that brought his hearing back to full strength. After a few weeks the man came back to make sure the new equipment was working properly, which it was. The hearing specialist said, “It all seems perfect. Your family should be delighted you can hear everything now.” “Oh no,” the man responded. “I haven't told any of them. I just sit quietly, listening carefully. I've changed my will four times.”*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ... March Birthdays



Clare Marquardt, Karen Blachly, Carla Duplex, Ella Guttman, Viky Tchatlian, Mary Cooper, Georgina “Snooky” Greger, Sun Liu, Helen Wallis, Joan Crow, Nancy Fox, Nan Carlton, Martha Cassara, Rita Johnson, Mercedes Campos, Dorothy Webster, Terri Elder, Carol Cerrina, Amy Putnam, Sally Contreras and Lori Cooper. (Thanks Pat Birdsall for putting this list together.) To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737. YEAR of birth not required, however you must be 60 years old or more.

Quote of the Week: Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment - Buddha



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: Monday, January 27th 11:00 to 11:45 with Shannon Vandevelde. A variety of balance exercises are practiced; all ability levels are encouraged and welcomed.

Free Blood Pressure Testing: Held Second Tuesday of the month from 11:00 am-12:00 pm: No appointment necessary.

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

Free Chair Yoga: 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 Lem Makupson 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

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.

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.

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.



UPCOMING EXCURSIONS:

Whale Watching (Long Beach, Ca.) Date: Saturday, March 22, 2014

Time: 10:00 am-3:30 pm Meeting Location: Community Recreation Center

Cost: \$31.00 (does not include lunch)

Don't miss the Community Services Department's annual whale watching excursion. The 2014 excursion will visit the same whale watching Charter Company as 2013, which features a narrated cruise by Aquarium of the Pacific staff and with indoor and outdoor seating. Participants can bring their own lunch to enjoy on the boat, or purchase snack items on board. Children 2 and under are free. Last day to register is Tuesday, March 11th. Level of Walking: Minimal

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

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HOWARD Hays As I See It



"What does labor want? We want more schoolhouses and less jails; more books and less arsenals; more learning and less vice; more leisure and less greed; more justice and less revenge; in fact, more of the opportunities to cultivate our better natures."
- Samuel Gompers, 1915

Years ago, when I realized the rent still had to be paid while waiting for my break as an opinion columnist, I took a public-sector job that seemed an attractive prospect. For "full-time" employees there were good health and retirement benefits, vacation and sick days, regular pay increases, etc. All it took to move from "casual" to "full-time" status was to stay on the job for a year.

Several months into the job, I learned of another employment rule. When approaching the one-year hiring anniversary, employees were required to take a "break in service"; for one day they were removed from payroll, and the next day put back on as if a new hire. Employees would thus be kept on "casual" status for years on end, with none of the benefits of a "full-time" employee.

Fortunately, we were represented by a union – and our union stepped in and helped put an end to that practice.

Years later, I worked for a manufacturing company whose biggest customer was one of the nation's large retail chains. After becoming familiar with folks in the stores, I noticed many of their titles were changing; "Department Heads" became "Department Supervisors"; "Inventory Managers" were now "Inventory Controllers". Employees would be re-started in "new" positions (doing basically the same jobs), with the revocation of whatever seniority, pay level and benefits they'd earned in their old ones. These employees didn't have union protection, so if they wanted to keep their jobs, they pretty much had to take it.

Especially with a declining percentage of Americans with union representation, employers feel more entitled to circumvent whatever worker protection rules there are – if not outright ignore them. And, they'll have highly-paid front men at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and American Enterprise Institute to concoct talking points to feed media shills and purchased Members of Congress.

Their latest comes with President Obama's effort to stem the abuse of overtime rules, and the charge, repeated by Greg Welborn in his column last week, that this would "stifle upward mobility". Thanks to the redistribution of the nation's wealth to that upper 1% and concurrent decimation of the middle class, it's already been stifled. Prospects for upward mobility here are lower than in most European countries.

The president directed the Labor Department to reevaluate overtime regulations, as employers now are increasingly avoiding compliance by simply putting workers on salary with a new job title – getting more work for less pay, with more funds available for shareholder dividends and executive bonuses, rather than investments in their companies and workforce.

The L.A. Times cites an Economic Policy Institute spokesman pointing out that a window washer spending 95% of his time washing windows, and another 5% overseeing a couple other window washers, could be reclassified as an "administrator" – and thus ineligible for overtime.

One thing to be considered is the salary level, set some time ago, below which overtime is mandatory – currently \$455 a week, sub-poverty-level for a family of four. Betsey Stevenson of the White House Council of Economic Advisors notes that if that level were simply adjusted for inflation, 3.1 million Americans would qualify for overtime. As it is now, someone making less than \$25,000 a year can be forced to put in 60-hour weeks with no additional pay – as long as they're given an impressive job title.

We've been hearing the same "job-killer" arguments in regards to raising the minimum wage. They were heard fifteen years ago in the State of Washington, when voters approved increasing theirs and tying it to inflation so that now, at \$9.32 an hour, it's the highest in the nation. Job creation in Washington (0.8%) now beats the national average (0.5%). Payrolls in Washington's restaurants and bars, businesses highly affected by labor costs, have expanded by 21%.

New Seattle Mayor Ed Murray hopes to raise it locally to \$15 an hour. As he put it, "We can't rebuild this economy if it's just people who buy 94-foot yachts and play in the derivatives. You build an economy when a middle class is buying microwaves or flat-screen TVs or the next set of clothes for their kids."

Last November, New Jersey's voters hiked their minimum wage a buck to \$8.25 an hour, with future increases tied to the Consumer Price Index. In January, the month the law took effect, employers added over eight thousand jobs – the fastest rate of job growth in New Jersey in over a year.

The CBO figures President Obama's proposal to raise the federal minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour over time in three steps would cost 500,000 jobs, a 0.3% cut in employment. At the same time, though, 900,000 Americans would be lifted out of poverty, and the \$31 billion gained by low-wage workers would be pumped back into the economy, not sequestered in some offshore tax shelter.

It's also reported that this minimum wage hike would cut food stamp costs by 6%, saving us \$4.6 billion a year.

Bloomberg reports that last year U.S. corporations parked over \$200 billion in profits overseas, bringing the total close to \$2 trillion outside the reach of the IRS. The group Good Jobs First finds that, over the past twenty years, state and local governments have doled out \$63 billion to Fortune 500 companies (not small start-ups and entrepreneurs). The Koch Brothers alone have taken in \$88 million in corporate welfare.

These are the folks spending millions to keep the poor from getting healthcare, to cut food stamps and unemployment insurance, to avoid paying decent wages that would allow more Americans "opportunities to cultivate our better natures" – something that can't be achieved by simply handing out an impressive new job title.

PUTIN TAKES GREG Welborn CENTER STAGE



There are many who believe that recent events in the Ukraine and elsewhere in the world have damaged President Obama's stature and credibility. While there is much truth in those observations, we should pay closer attention to who has risen to replace Obama as the world's most important political leader. The significance of Obama's humiliation here pales in comparison to the effect Putin's ascendancy will have on the world order.

First, there are the obvious effects which stem from a weak American President and weak America. Members of Obama's inner circle have mockingly accused Putin of being too "19th Century" assuming that he and every other rogue in the world see that as a slur. The Putins, Bin Ladens, Assads, Khomenis and Kims of the world see it as a compliment. The rhythm of history has very consistently been one of the powerful and determined taking what they want from the weak and complacent. The relative peace and calm of the post WWII era was a break with that longer historical reality because America remained strong and enforced a civil world order.

America is now irrelevant in terms of enforcing any measure of civility or minimal morality upon the world's thugs. There have been absolutely no meaningful consequences to the annexation of Crimea, the gassing of innocent Syrian children or the pursuit of an Iranian atomic bomb. Expect such actions to multiply. Any despot who covets any territory lying adjacent to his existing border will simply take what he pleases, which of course is very 19th Century, but it is also very profitable. There will be more instability, not less; more death and destruction, not less.

But this is only the beginning. The worst outcome from Putin's ascendancy and dominance on the world stage will be nuclear proliferation. This is somewhat ironic given President Obama's stated desire to reduce the presence of nuclear weapons, but it is nonetheless predictable. It is the primary lesson to be drawn from Crimea's annexation.

Few people realize that when the old Soviet Union broke apart, a significant portion of their nuclear weapons were stationed in the Ukraine. Since the Ukraine became an independent country, it had the right to keep those weapons residing in its territory.

This was not in the world's or Russia's interests, and so the new Russia struck a deal with Ukraine: voluntarily give up your nukes and Russia will promise not to violate Ukrainian sovereignty or territory. Not entirely trusting Russian integrity, the Ukrainians asked that the United States and Britain add their assurances in what became the 1994 Budapest Memorandum. The deal called on us and the Brits to provide the muscle necessary to keep the Ruskies honest.

The only problem with this is that nothing kept us or the Brits honest. Neither country has even broken a sweat in trying to defend Ukrainian territory. The question becomes – and it's being asked by every other small vulnerable government on this planet – what would Russia have done had the Ukraine still possessed nuclear weapons? Does anyone believe that Russia would have risked a nuclear confrontation in order to take the Crimean peninsula? The obvious answer is no. And therein lies the real danger.

Japan and South Korea are surely considering the benefit of replacing their reliance on U.S. resolve and promises with reliance on a couple of nuclear missiles that could be hurled at any attacker. The same goes for Egypt, given the threat posed by a nuclear Iran, and for a host of other countries still nursing historical grievances with their neighbors.

The deterrent affect offered by nuclear weapons is a strong one, and it's only natural that it now be considered in a more positive light. The calculus of the world order has changed. The U.S. is no longer a reliable defense partner or keeper of the peace. It is every man – or country – for itself.

Once again, a man who campaigned so affectively on the benefits of fundamental change, to the cheers of a worldwide audience, has now been forced off that stage and leaves it different than anyone would have guessed and certainly worse than anyone would have wanted. About the author: Gregory J. Welborn is a freelance writer and has spoken to several civic and religious organizations on cultural and moral issues. He lives in the Los Angeles area with his wife and 3 children and is active in the community. He can be reached gregwelborn2@gmail.com

Business Trends

FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



ANOTHER ACTOR'S ESTATE PLAN SCREWED UP BY HIS LAWYER

Oscar-winning actor Philip Seymour Hoffman's will was recently filed for probate and provides a cautionary tale for all of us when it comes to estate planning mistakes.

Here are four things Hoffman's lawyer could – and should – have done differently to correct them:

Create a Revocable Living Trust. Hoffman was a public figure who valued his privacy. Yet by creating a will instead of a revocable living trust, he let the world in on his private life. We now all know that his son will inherit everything at age 30 and we'll also know the total size of his estate when it's inventoried and filed with the Court, as it must be. A will is public record, so every detail is available to anyone interested enough to look it up. A revocable living trust would have allowed Hoffman to keep his private wishes private and his son's inheritance his son's business, instead of everybody else's.

Update your plan. Hoffman created his will in 2004 but never updated it, so his two youngest daughters are not mentioned or provided for in the will. His estate has been valued at \$35 million, and his executor is his long-time companion who is also the mother of their three children. After born children are provided for by law, but Hoffman lost out on the opportunity to specifically direct their interests.

Cover your assets. While Hoffman did create a trust for his son Cooper, naming Cooper's mother as sole trustee, that trust will dissolve once Cooper turns 30. And all assets distribute to Cooper outright at that time. Instead, Hoffman could have created a Lifetime Asset Protection Trust that would have kept Cooper's inheritance safe from divorce, creditors, lawsuits and bankruptcy forever PLUS provided incentives to Cooper to grow the assets of the trust rather than squander them.

Use tax-saving strategies in your estate plan. Since Hoffman was not married to his long-time companion, there will be a monster sized estate tax bill to pay, both state and federal. The use of other tax-advantaged estate planning strategies like an Irrevocable Life Insurance Trust (ILIT) would have preserved assets and resulted in much more money going to Hoffman's family and much less to the US Government.

To put the proper protections in place for your family, contact our office to schedule a time for us to sit down and talk. Because this planning is so important, I've made space for the next two people who mention this article to have a complete planning session at no charge. Call 626.355.4000 today and mention this article, or visit www.GarlettLaw.com for more information.

**Tips of the Trade:
Real Estate Revealed**
by Luther Tsinoglou

IT ALL ADDS UP

As you search and tour homes that appeal to you, how can you be sure that the asking prices are in line with current values? Begin by asking your real estate agent to collect comparables and prepare a Comparative Market Analysis (CMA). This report indicates market trends by showing whether similar homes in the area are selling for above or below the asking price of the home(s) you've selected.

Using the comparables that your agent researched, you'll be able to figure the average cost per square foot for the area, and determine if the home you want compares favorably with those figures. Total the square footage of several homes and divide by the number of homes to get an average. Total the "sold" prices of each home and divide by the number of homes to get an average selling price.

Now, divide that average selling price by the average square footage to produce the average price per square foot for homes in the area. When you multiply that average price per square foot by the square footage of the home you want, you'll discover how your choice compares, and then you'll know if you're looking at a fair price.

Other factors like the seller's motivation or urgency may also affect your offer, so talk to your agent about that CMA and take the next step!

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WHAT'S ON 98

March 24 - March 30, 2014

As You Like It is playing Monday at 1 p.m.

Released on January 8, 1936: Sir Laurence Olivier plays the part of Orlando in this 1936 epic production of William Shakespeare's love story.



This is Laurence Olivier before he got his Sir.

It is said that in 1599 author William Shakespeare played the part of Adam in this love story, and it has been a favorite tale on stage for almost 500 years. It is amazing that after half a millennium people are still very much the same, and while the manner of speech has changed since Shakespeare's time, the personalities and emotions of men and women have changed very little. In this motion picture telling of the story a very young and handsome Laurence Olivier plays the part of Orlando, who falls desperately in love with the daughter of a deposed Duke, but after the two lovers meet they are separated and exiled, probably never to meet again. Laurence Olivier was working day and night in this period of his young acting career - after a full day of filming for this Shakespeare epic he went to the theater and performed every evening in the Shakespeare play "Romeo and Juliet" - talk about your work-a-holic! Ahhh to be young and not need sleep! I have never been afraid of hard work or long work hours, and for several years I worked three jobs . . . sixty hours a week as a restaurant General Manager, twenty hours a week as a clerk in a store at the local shopping mall, and ten to fifteen hours a week entering job data into an accounting computer program for a small contractor. But alas, those ambitious days are (hopefully) well behind me, and I enjoy . . . really enjoy . . . periods of total nothingness when I can meditate on anything or nothing at all . . . or watch a 500 year old story that can make one laugh and cry and love life again, as if the great bard Shakespeare had written the story just for me and you. Pop a big bowl of white kernel popcorn with plenty of warm melted butter on it and relax, forget about the cares of the day, and enjoy the show. Austin Trevor and Laurence Olivier in As You Like It

by Jimbo Berkey

This is how the schedule works:

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| 7-9 | Youth programs and movies |
| 9-11 | Painting to cooking and much much more |
| 11- Noon | Comedy movies and The Lucy Show |
| 1-3 | Romance movies |
| 3-5 | Film Noir movies and Dragnet |
| 5-6 | Comedy movies |
| 7-9 | Bonanza, Mr. & Mrs. North and Sherlock Holmes |
| 9-10 | Mystery movies |

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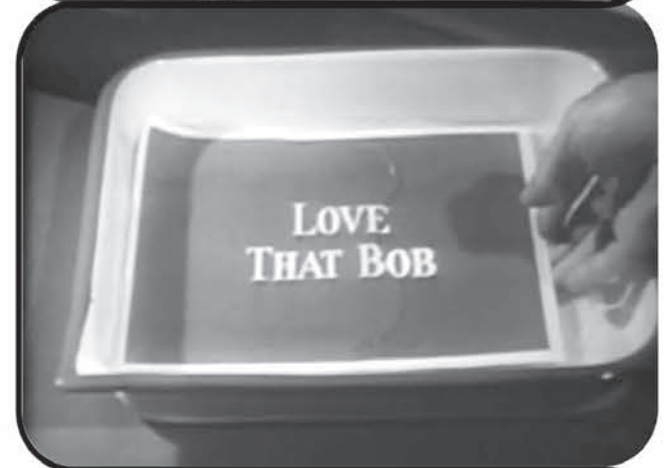
We are looking for help in provide this service to the Sierra Madre community. I know there is some kind of video entertainment you enjoy. Help develop a time segment for the shows you want to watch.

| | My Picks of the Week |
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| Monday | As You Like It |
| Tuesday | Sherlock Holmes Fatal Hour |
| Wednesday | Lonely Wives |
| Thursday | Case of the Frightened Lady |
| Friday | Tom Brown School Days |
| Saturday | Sunny |
| Sunday | Waltzes from Vienna |

Make sure you have your popcorn ready, gone to the potty, cushions fluffed and your are comfortable. There are no interruptions during the movie. The films are not edited for time or content.

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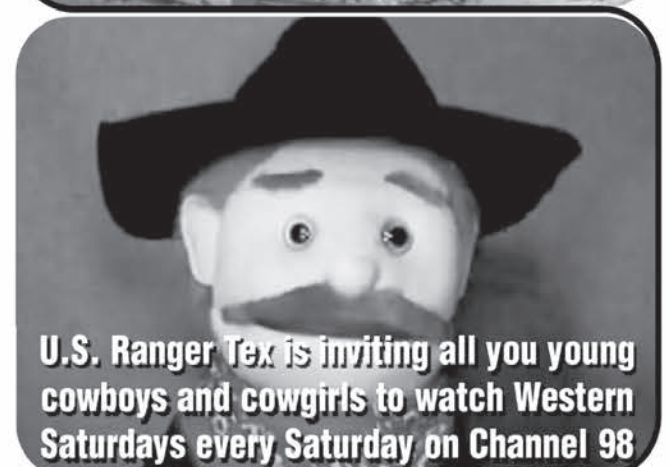
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| 11 to 12 pm | Remedy for Riches |
| 1 to 2 pm | As You Like It |
| 3 to 4 pm | Love on the Dole |
| 5 to 6 pm | The Vampire Bat |
| 7 to 8 pm | Bonanza, Mr. & Mrs. North, Sherlock Holmes |
| 9 to 10 pm | Isle of Destiny |
| Tuesday 3.25.14 | Movies |
| 7 to 8 am | Children's Programing |
| 9 to 10 am | Painting, Cooking and much much more |
| 11 to 12 pm | The Road to Ruin |
| 1 to 2 pm | The Stars Look Down |
| 3 to 4 pm | Rain |
| 5 to 6 pm | Phantom Ship |
| 7 to 8 pm | Bonanza, Mr. & Mrs. North, Sherlock Holmes |
| 9 to 10 pm | Sherlock Holmes Fatal Hour |
| Wednesday 3.26.14 | Movies |
| 7 to 8 am | Children's Programing |
| 9 to 10 am | Painting, Cooking and much much more |
| 11 to 12 pm | Hillbilly Blitzkrieg |
| 1 to 2 pm | Lonely Wives |
| 3 to 4 pm | Our Town |
| 5 to 6 pm | Revolt of the Zombies |
| 7 to 8 pm | Bonanza, Mr. & Mrs. North, Sherlock Holmes |
| 9 to 10 pm | Ghost Train |
| Thursday 3.27.14 | Movies |
| 7 to 8 am | Children's Programing |
| 9 to 10 am | Painting, Cooking and much much more |
| 11 to 12 pm | Meet the Mayor |
| 1 to 2 pm | Millie |
| 3 to 4 pm | The House of Rothschild |
| 5 to 6 pm | The Invisible Ghost |
| 7 to 8 pm | Bonanza, Mr. & Mrs. North, Sherlock Holmes |
| 9 to 10 pm | Case of the Frightened Lady |
| Friday 3.28.14 | Movies |
| 7 to 8 am | Children's Programing |
| 9 to 10 am | Painting, Cooking and much much more |
| 11 to 12 pm | Boys of the City |
| 1 to 2 pm | Second Chorus |
| 3 to 4 pm | Friday the Thirteenth |
| 5 to 6 pm | The Corpse Vanishes |
| 7 to 8 pm | Bonanza, Mr. & Mrs. North, Sherlock Holmes |
| 9 to 10 pm | Tom Brown School Days |
| Saturday 3.29.14 | Movies |
| 7 to 8 am | Children's Programing |
| 9 to 10 am | Billy the Kid in Santa Fe |
| 11 to 12 pm | Fighting Carvans |
| 1 to 2 pm | To The Last Man & Range Warfare |
| 3 to 4 pm | The Cowboy Counselor and Cowboy from Sundown |
| 5 to 6 pm | The Stork Club |
| 7 to 8 pm | Sunny |
| 9 to 10 pm | The Fargo Kid and The Star Packer |
| Sunday 3.30.14 | Movies |
| 7 to 8 am | Children's Programing |
| 9 to 11 am | Music - Zydeco Magic |
| 11 to 12 pm | Sentence of Death and 1984 |
| 1 to 2 pm | Bonanza Specials |
| 3 to 4 pm | Breaking the Ice |
| 5 to 6 pm | Whistle Stop |
| 7 to 8 pm | The Melody Master |
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