

Farewell Dear Doug...

Doug Berkshire - Sierra Madre Civic Leader Passes

On Saturday friends and family gathered at Sierra Madre's Pioneer Cemetery to bid farewell to longtime Sierra Madre resident and Civic Leader, Douglas 'Doug' Croft Berkshire. Berkshire served as the city's Treasurer for 24 years, was a Mason since 1954 and a member of the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club since 1980.

Born on April 5, 1915 in Council Bluffs, Iowa, the youngest of six children, Doug was just shy of his 94th birthday.

In 1936, Doug contracted with Nash Motor Company in Wisconsin, a job that brought him to California. In October of that year, he married Evelyn, a union which lasted 59 years. The couple bought their first home on Ramona in Sierra Madre and had five children, Roger, Janine, Robyn, Rex and Holly. Evelyn preceded Doug in death in 1995.

In 1940, Berkshire went to work for the telephone company where he remained for the next 35 years. However, his job did not stop him from giving back to his community. In 1954 he became a member of the Masonic Order in Sierra Madre. He was a member of the Congregational Church for many years. He served on the city's Planning Commission from 1964 to 1975. In 1980, he made an indelible mark on the city's history by becoming Treasurer,



a post he kept for 24 years. He also joined Kiwanis that year, another organization to which he dedicated much of his time.

Doug had a great zest for life and love of people. He was ageless. In 2001, he married his longtime friend, Millie Solury, who mourns the loss of Doug most of all.

Douglas Croft Berkshire epitomized the 'Spirit of Sierra Madre' through volunteerism. He was a member of a well known group of the city's mover's and shakers that met daily at Bean Town. He will be missed but his spirit shall remain with the community forever.

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Training Day Turns to Rescue-Mt. Baldy

On Saturday at 8AM, nine members of the all volunteer Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team went to the snow on Mt. Baldy to train three new members in snow and ice rescue techniques. After ascending to the snow level the rescuers came across a man and woman who had slid over 300 feet down a snow covered gully. The 61 year old man was limping down the trail with a bloody bandage on his head. The woman was not injured but the man impacted a rock outcropping sustaining injuries to his ankles and head.

On the hike to Baldy Bowl, rescue leader Rob Klusman told the trainees that they should always be prepared for rescue operations, especially on Mt. Baldy. Within a couple of hours hiking to the snow, the



Team responded to the needs of the couple who were part of a hiking club enjoying a day hike on the mountain. The training shifted immediately to a rescue operation.

After a medical assessment, Team members carried the man to the hut down the trail where they completed their treatment of the injuries. Because of high winds, helicopter evacuation was not possible. Spindrift was blowing 200 feet off the high ridges because of the Santa Ana winds. While caring for the injured man, five members of the West Valley Search and Rescue Team responded to the hut with a litter. Battling the high winds and rough terrain, the victim was evacuated and reached the road and transportation at 7:30 PM.

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Arcadia Methodist Hospital Builds New Patient Tower



ARCADIA, CA. – Methodist Hospital will begin construction of a new patient tower this month having secured Housing and Urban Development insured tax-exempt bond financing. The new tower is the cornerstone of a major campus expansion program to meet urgent emergency and critical care needs in the San Gabriel Valley.

"It is the culmination of years of planning and input from our community, team of experts, and leaders and we are delighted to announce the official start of construction," said Mickey Segal, hospital board chair. "It is a sound investment in the advancement of health care in our community."

The hospital's announcement of the financing commitment is an important milestone to build a new patient tower, expand its emergency department, and provide additional intensive care unit

from its beginning," said Mike Hoover, foundation board chair. "And it is because of this commitment that we are able to put Methodist Hospital at the forefront of medical excellence."

The hospital embarked on the journey of planning for the future in 2002 when a community needs assessment and various studies regarding population growth were considered. Closures of other hospitals have put greater pressure on facilities like Methodist Hospital but public and private support will enable the hospital to fulfill its goals of expanding capacity and care to the communities it serves.

"Throughout its 105 year history, Methodist Hospital has continued to grow and evolve with the changing needs of the community," said Dennis Lee, president and CEO. "This campus expansion project reflects our commitment to those we serve."

(ICU) beds. The emergency department will expand from 17 beds to

28 beds, with an 18-bed observation unit. The ICU will expand from 29 beds to 40 beds. The new patient tower will house 20 critical care patient rooms, 120 medical/surgical rooms, a new pharmacy, kitchen, and cafeteria.

The hospital also has plans to improve its technology infrastructure and create new programs to support the hospital's commitment to an exceptional patient experience and further support its community. This important endeavor will be made possible by the many who have already pledged over \$20 million to The Campaign for Methodist Hospital.

"The community has supported Methodist Hospital it is because of this commitment that we are able to put Methodist Hospital at the forefront of medical excellence."

Bats Anyone?

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Friends February Best Used Book Sale February 6 & 7

When you think of Valentine's Day 2009, think of giving your husband, wife, sweetheart or best friend a real treasure...A book or five from the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library Best Used Book Sale.

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For the collectors of old books there will be another treasure – a 30 volume set of Harvard Classics along with a fascinating collection of old books. Of course, a new selection of DVD's and Videos will be available. Outside tables will be filled with hard back fiction and non fiction titles for \$1.00 each. And the ever popular paperbacks for 25 cents will be back.

Mark your calendars for Friday, February 6th from 3:00 to 7:00 pm and Saturday, February 7th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to visit us at the library: 232 West Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre. Need help with directions? Call (626) 355-7186. The Friends operate the Best Used Book Store. Reasonable prices and all proceeds support the library programs. Come and shop early for the best finds

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January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Happy New Year						
4	5 Fire Safe Council City Hall 7:00	6	7	8 COORDINATING COUNCIL 12:00 YAC 3:00 BARKS & BOOKS FOR KIDS SM Library 6:30 Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting City Hall	9	
11 		13 City Council 6:30 pm	14 Arts Commission 6:30 pm Council Chambers	15 Planning Commission 7:00 Council Chambers	16	17
18	19 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, Holiday	20	21 Tree Commission 7:00 Council Chambers			
25	26 CHINESE NEW YEAR YEAR OF THE OX	27 City Council 6:30 pm	28 Library Trustees 7:00 City Hall Conference Room			




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Wednesday January 7th
 11 year olds at 6:00 PM
 12 year olds at 7:00 PM
Saturday January 10th
 10 year olds at 8:45 AM
 9 year olds at 10:30 AM
 8 year olds at 1:30 PM
 7 year olds at 3:00 PM

If you are unable to attend Tryouts you may participate in a make-up session:
 11 and 12 year olds: Saturday, Jan 10th at 8am
 7, 8, 9, 10 year olds: Tuesday, Jan 15th at 6pm
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CHINESE NEW YEAR STORY TIME AT THE LIBRARY

Children are invited to a special Chinese New Year after-school Story Time at the Sierra Madre Library on Monday, January 26 at 3:30 p.m. Theme-related stories and a fun craft will be presented by Youth services Librarian Meegan Tosh. The program is part of a series of multi-cultural programs planned for 2009 at the Library. For more information call Meegan Tosh at (626) 355-4672.

FORMER NEW YORK GIANT TO SPEAK AT SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY

Al Barry, former offensive lineman with the New York Giants, will discuss and sign his new book, *The Unknown Lineman: The Lighter Side of the NFL*, at the Sierra Madre Library on Tuesday, January 27 at 7 p.m. Barry, along with Frank Gifford, Rosy Grier, Pat Summerall and Jack Kemp, faced the Baltimore Colts in the 1958 NFL Championship in what has been called the "The Greatest Game Ever Played." Barry (No. 68) was the starting offensive left guard for the Giants that day, in what was also the

first playoff ever to go into Sudden Death Overtime. Barry was inspired to write his book after former President Richard Nixon told the team at their 1993 reunion in New York City that he believed offensive linemen were the real unsung heroes of pro football. In addition to the Giants, Barry also played with the USC Trojans, Green Bay Packers, and the Los Angeles Rams. His talk will offer a behind-the-scenes look into what it was like to play pro ball during the birth of the modern era of the NFL.

LA Opera Speaker Bureau – Das Rheingold

The Los Angeles Opera Speaker Bureau has a wonderful lecturer, Angela Wood who will discuss its current opera production, *Das Rheingold* by Richard Wagner. The lecture will take place at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, on Tuesday, January 20 at 1:30 pm. This opera is about gods, goddesses, giants and dwarves struggling to be lords of the ring, but as Wagner's mammoth music drama unfolds, the ring's curse unleashes its vengeance.

Angela Wood, the Los Angeles Speaker Bureau volunteer, has a free lecture every other month. Space is limited and reservations can be made by calling the Arcadia Community Center at 626.574.5130 before January 13.

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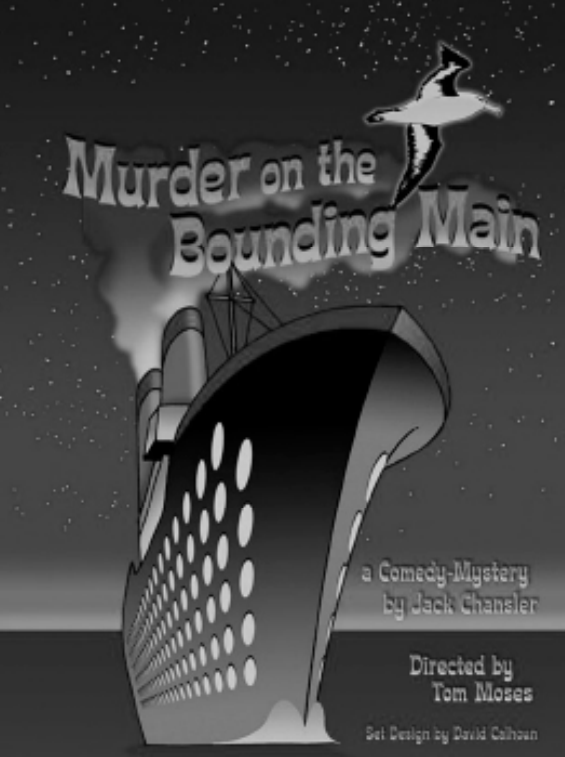
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HOWARD DEAN LIBBY, Arcadia

Harold Dean Libby died in his home of 71 years on January 8, 2009. He was born at the Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena on July 3, 1928 to Philip A. & Imogene C. Libby. He attended San Marino schools prior to moving to Arcadia in 1938. Harold attended Holly Avenue, First Avenue and graduated from Monrovia Arcadia Duarte High School in 1946. He was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity at USC in 1947. Harold joined the United States Navy in 1948, attained the rank of Lieutenant, and as a pilot flew 20 missions over Korea for which he received the Gold Star. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Engineering in 1956 and his Master's degree in 1964, both from USC. Harold worked as an Engineer for Pacific Telephone until 1983. In 1956 he married Carol Geerlings. They celebrated 52 years of marriage last September.

He is preceded in death by his son, James C. Libby, and is survived by his loving wife, Carol, his children, Melanie Smith of Santa Rosa, CA, Dr. Richard A. Libby of Richmond, CA and Anne Libby of El Cajon, CA, daughter-in-law, Susan Libby of Sebastopol, brother William A. Libby of Hawaii, five great grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Harold volunteered with many Arcadia organizations including the Arcadia Welfare & Thrift Shop, Los Voluntarios of the LA County Arboretum, Arcadia Public Library Bookstore and Arcadia Senior Services Tax Assistance and Renter's Credit. He was awarded Arcadia's Senior Citizen of the Year in 2007.

A Celebration of Life is planned for Saturday, January 24 at the Libby home. Donations may be made in Harold's name to the Arcadia Welfare & Thrift Shop, 323 N. First Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91006.

Duarte
Royal Oaks Park Building Gets Makeover
Work to be Completed in April

DUARTE, CA, January 13, 2009 – The 40 year-old recreation building at Royal Parks Park in Duarte is undergoing major renovations that will include three new bathrooms, a remodeled classroom and the addition of a lobby where parents can observe their children as they participate in recreational classes.

Started in December, the work on the building is scheduled to be completed in April, according to Parks and Recreation Director, Donna Georgino.

The project was made possible through a combination of a \$251,000 state grant from the California 2002 Resources Bond Act and Quimby funds. Prior to applying for the grant Parks and Recreation staff spent nearly four months surveying users of the park to determine what were the greatest needs.

“The survey indicated that park users wanted new restrooms, heating/air conditioning, and an observation lobby. All of these requests were incorporated into the renovation plans for the building,” said Georgino.

The 2,800 square foot building will also have a new “storefront look” on the outside. The front of the building which formerly was an outdoor stage has been redesigned to serve as the building's new entrance that will also be handicapped accessible, noted Georgino.

Shook Building Systems of Mira Loma, California is the contractor on the project.

Sales and Marketing in Challenging Times
What can businesses do to improve their sales and marketing success in a down economy?

Daniel Morales, executive director of the San Gabriel Valley Small Business Development Center will offer some answers at a free luncheon talk sponsored by the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon will be held at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Dr. Seating is limited so reservations are required. Reservations can be made by calling the Chamber at (626) 357-3333, or on the Chamber website: www.duartechamber.com.

Arcadia
“Cool Jazz” Comes To Good Shepherd

“Cool Jazz” comes to Church of the Good Shepherd, on Saturday, January 24, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. with the Shawn Kirchner Quartet performing. This concert is a part of the church's Music in Sacred Spaces Concert Series which features world-class artists performing in Good Shepherd's beautiful venue. The Shawn Kirchner Quartet was formed in the fall of 2007, and debuted at Claremont's new jazz club, Hip Kitty. They specialize in the great songs of classic jazz, along with newly-written tunes by Kirchner. Accompanying Ryan Harrison's vocals are Steve Biondo on percussion, Robbie Davis on bass, with Kirchner on piano. Immediately following the concert, a light luncheon provided by the United Methodist Women will be served. Tickets are on sale now in the church office and will be available the day of the performance. \$15 includes both the jazz concert and lunch. Church of the Good Shepherd, 400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA 91007, 626-447-2181, is located at the southwest corner of Duarte Road and Holly Avenue. You will have the opportunity to meet and talk with the performers after the concert. Below is a brief introduction to the artists:

Shawn Kirchner is a songwriter/composer and a singer/pianist active in the music circles of Los Angeles. His interest in song writing spans many styles, from jazz and gospel to country and bluegrass. A member of the Los Angeles Master Chorale, he performs regularly with the Chorale and the Los Angeles Philharmonic at Disney Hall and the Hollywood Bowl. Kirchner's choral compositions are performed by choirs across the country and around the world. He has sung on a number of feature film soundtracks, and was the music director for the 2004 CBS Christmas Eve special “Enter the Light of Life.” He recently released a bluegrass/country album of original songs called “Meet Me on the Mountain.”

Ryan Harrison is an award-winning vocalist and songwriter whose versatility makes him at home in a wide range of styles, from jazz and gospel to country and pop. He was a featured soloist in the CBS Christmas Eve special “Enter the Light of Life” that was broadcast nationally in 2004, and he has performed across the United States and abroad. Harrison has sung on numerous recordings, and has recently released a new pop album, “It's True.” Harrison also sings lead on “Meet Me on the Mountain.”

Steve Biondo is a drummer/percussionist and recording artist. His influences are jazz, rock, Latin, Cuban and African percussion. He is the director of the West African Drum Ensemble at the University of La Verne and also serves as the Music Department coordinator. Biondo is also a percussion adjudicator for Drums Across California. He has studied with Bob Maxim, Tom Float, Michael Ellerby, Rudolph Charles, and Raynor Carroll. In addition to The Shawn Kirchner Quartet, Biondo performs with Ensemble Kuku.

Robbie Davis attended North Texas State University, where he majored in bass performance with an emphasis in jazz. While there he studied with Ed Rainbow and played in the Lab Jazz Bands and Paul Holderbaum's Kosmic Jazz Orchestra. Davis's broad musical experience includes performances in classical and stage orchestras, society big bands, folk, rock and jazz groups. He has played with Keely Smith, Herb Jeffries, Trini Lopez, and Ray Anthony. Davis has performed for Bob Hope, Barbara Walters, and President Gerald Ford and his wife Betty.



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Sierra Madre
Garden Club Makes New Friends

Photos & Story
By Dean Lee



With only 43 species of bats in the U.S. you would not think they could get such a bad rap but bat biologist AL Kisner said they are one of the most detested animals known and his goal Monday night was to educate the Sierra Madre garden club about the true nature of the species.

Kisner is also a member of the Garden Club as well as Bat Conservation International.

He started his talk right off by saying a study showing animal likeability had bats at the bottom of the list with rattlesnakes and cockroaches.

“I would like to do something nice to elevate bats on that chart a little bit,” he said as club members awed at cute pictures. “They are fascinating little animals,”

Like something from a National Geographic Magazine, Kisner showed colorful sides and explained some of the most common bats from the “Fishing Bat” to the feared “Vampire Bat” and the fruit eating bats. All are important parts of nature he said.

He explained how the Fishing Bat could, using echolocation, detect the dorsal fin on a minnow. Many bats are responsible for repopulating forested areas, especial the fruit eating ones; he said leading up to a discussion on the vampire bat. Ironically the room was decorated with Halloween style bats all over.

There are only three kinds of vampire bats, he said, and none of live near here. Of those he said two feed on birds and only one feeds on mammals.

“They do not suck blood,” he said. “They lap it up. They have incredible sharp teeth which they poke a small hole and lap it up.”

He said they drink about a tablespoon of blood each, “so the idea that you're going to get attacked and all the blood sucked out

forget it. That's Hollywood.”

The smallest bat in the world he said was the “bumblebee bat.” And the largest are the fruit eating bats with a wingspan of six feet.

Kisner said he is regularly asked to remove bats from people's homes. “We do this generally by using some kind of netting.”

He then showed some of the habitats bats live in where the populations can get to over 20 million. He also said bats must echolocate on their first fight, at about six weeks, through their habitat or die.

He also explained that some snakes will eat bats.

Not until the end of his speech did he go over some of the threats bats face. Spelunking was a main concern. Bats hibernate and he said and if woken up twice that can be enough to kill them. He said they were working with caving groups to make them more aware.

Another threat is modern day mining companies he said. Bats like old mines and by law the bats have to be removed before a company can do any kind of blasting. Kisner said he works with another bat biologist do just that, remove bats. Of the questions asked most were about this. He went into great detail about how they use nets to relocate bats.

Kisner also speaks to local area high schools about the protection of bats.

CIVIC CLUB WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS AT EVENING MIXER

Sierra Madre Civic Club will host a “getting to know you” evening mixer for new and prospective members. This will be held January 29, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Pat Alcorn, a club past president, 741 E. Grandview Ave. in Sierra Madre. Membership Vice Presidents Jean Coleman and Coleen McKernan say the welcome mat is out for interested women in the area to attend and learn about this active group.

The club holds general meetings monthly on the second Thursday night, 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Park Hart Senior Center. Organized in 1944 at the height of World War II the group has since been an important volunteer force in the community, has given generously with philanthropy donations and has received City recognition in appreciation for the important contributions it has made. It also provides a mellow blend of making friends, caring about each other, along with good times and fun in fund raising.

Anyone interested in attending the mixer or for more information please contact Coleman at 355-9216 or Mckernan, 355-1223.

WOMAN'S CLUB CELEBRITY LUNCHEON FEATURES MIGUEL PEREZ

Sierra Madre Woman's Club invites you to enjoy a delightful day of entertainment at their annual Celebrity Luncheon on Saturday, January 31, 11:30 a.m., in “Essick House”, their historic clubhouse, 550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

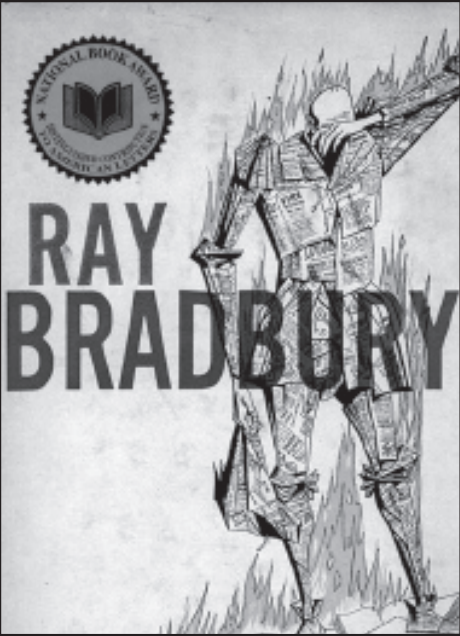
The club will showcase Miguel Perez, Sierra Madre resident, movie and television actor who also has an heart-tingling voice. This will be his second appearance to share his talents and humor with the group. Gift yourself with this special opportunity to immerse yourself – and to share with friends, says Event Chair Rosemary Morabito. A delicious catered lunch will also be served.

Tickets are \$25.00 each with proceeds supporting club philanthropies. For reservation call 355-6225.

“FAHRENHEIT 451”
CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

The Sierra Madre Library is sponsoring a creative writing contest based on Fahrenheit 451, the city's One Book One City selection for 2009. Writers and poets of all ages are invited to create an essay or poem up to 500 words or a short story up to 3500 words based on themes contained in Ray Bradbury's Sci-Fi classic. The First Place winner will receive a gift certificate to Sierra Madre Books and will have their piece published in The Mountain Views-Observer and The Sierra Madre Weekly. The winning work will also be displayed at the Library during the month of March, along with other top entries.

Manuscripts may be submitted electronically to pbonnett@sierramadre.lib.ca.us or in person at the Library, beginning January 12 and ending February 17 at 9:00 p.m. Winners will be announced the last week in February. Entries will not be returned, and winners will be published with permission of the authors. For further information, please contact the Sierra Madre Public Library, 440 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre, (626) 355-7186, www.cityofsierramadre.org.



Bradbury to Appear in Sierra Madre:

Ray Bradbury, famous author of science fiction novels for a half-century, will appear Saturday, February 7, at 6 p.m. at Sierra Madre School Auditorium for a lecture about censorship. He will also be available for an author book-signing.

“Sierra Madre Community Foundation is sponsoring this evening through a grant from its Library Field of Interest fund,” announced Rob Stockly, newly elected Foundation Chairman of the Board.

The Sierra Madre 2009 One Book, One City Committee has chosen the Bradbury classic, “Fahrenheit 451,” as this year's selection.

Along with the February 7 fete, there will be a Read-a-Thon of the book on January 31 at 6 p.m., and a discussion on the subject of censorship on Thursday, February 7. Bradbury's book centers around the possibility of censorship of reading material in the United States.

Sierra Madreans are urged to form reading and discussion groups concerning the theme of “Fahrenheit 451” or simply read or reread the book.

Sierra Madre Books (836-3200) is a sponsor of One Book, One City and has books available for sale.



Federal and State Platforms On Hold



By Dean Lee

Because of the late hour the city council decided to hold off Monday night making decisions about Federal and State Legislative Platforms for the upcoming year including how they stand financially on projects such as the Robinson Park Rehabilitation and Renovations Pasadena Healthcare Link, and the Neighborhood Outreach Workers Program.

Some projects are in danger of not be funded such as Transportation, Bridge Repair and Soundwalls according to city staff. No date was given as to when the issue would be heard again. The council put off the agenda item close to midnight after Councilmember Steve Madison quickly motioned to do so.

The staff report says the council would have also looked at the Water Resource Development Act.

Projects for that include the Water System Improvement Program, which authorizes "flood control, navigation, and other water-related projects."

Staff also said, "WRDA bills are traditionally considered by Congress every two years, but Congress is not required to do so —there was a seven-year gap between WRDA bills between 2000 and 2007—."

The city is looking for state and federal assistance for completion of Phase II of the Robinson Park Rehabilitation and Renovations with an estimated cost of \$16.5 million. Of that the city is requesting \$650,000 from the Department of Housing and Human Services.

The city has already put \$5.8 million toward phase I which will include installation of a synthetic turf athletic football and soccer, baseball and softball. Phase I will be completed this year staff said.

The second phase will include renovation of the community center along with the gymnasium, swimming pool and locker rooms/restrooms. It is also pointed out that the center is used in an effort to divert

Robinson Park

youth crimes including gang activity.

There is also a request for \$700,00 to fund The Pasadena Healthcare Link Project also from the Department of Housing and Human Services The project is a 24/7 nurse advice, case management and referral line sponsored by the Pasadena Health Department and local health care providers. Staff said last year the program would also provide support for parents in the Pasadena Unified School District.

There is also a federal funding request for \$250,000 from the Justice Department to hire and additional 15 outreach workers aimed at potential violent youth aged 15-17 involved in street gangs.



They are also requesting \$4.8 million for transportation, \$13.5 million in bridge repairs and \$15 million for water system improvement. Staff said the city is "eager" to deploy a number of Intelligent Transportation Systems that will help reduce traffic congestion although they also said funding was a serious concern.

They were also looking for \$16 million to repair the La Loma Bridge and \$13.5 million for strategically placed sound walls along the 210 freeway.

On a state level the city is looking for an unspecified amount of funding for the abatement of nuisance liquor stores and \$25 million toward the Rose Bowl renovation. They are also looking for money in support of affordable housing, expanded healthcare coverage, protection of children against sexual predators, group homes and many other things on a very long wish list.

The list in broken down into phases and the council will decide which items to make priority with an emphasis on guiding principles such as preserving local funding and authority.

Free Electronic Waste Collection Event

Pasadena residents and businesses will have the opportunity to safely dispose of electronic waste conveniently and free of charge at Saturday, Jan. 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Parking Lot I at Brookside Park south of the Rose Bowl.

E-waste, includes computer monitors and parts, circuit boards, disk drives, televisions, printers, laptops, cellular phones, VCRs, DVD players, fax machines, small household batteries, floppy disks, computer keyboards, satellite TV equipment, microwaves and phone answering machines. For more info email recycle@cityofpasadena.net or call (626) 744-4087.

Church to Renovate Historic Braley Building

By Dean Lee

After being vacated for over a year the city council heard Monday night plans for the use of the historic Braley Building by the Church of Scientology for a chapel, library, bookstore, and offices.

The church bought the 60,800 square foot 35 S. Raymond Avenue building in Old Pasadena in 2007 forcing some well know officials to relocate their offices including Congressman Adam Schiff.

The city's Director of Planning and Development Richard Bruckner said the project was of community wide significance although only a handful of residences were left to hear it at 11:30 p.m. "You usually don't see the reuse of buildings under this discussion," Bruckner said. "But that this building in undertaking a complete change in use it did meet the threshold so we are obligated to report it to you."

In contrast, when the meeting started at 6:30 p.m. the chamber was packed.

The first floor of the four story building will be used as a chapel, offices and classrooms Senior Planner Darrell Cozen explained. He also said the second floor would have a bookstore, classrooms and offices. The third will also have offices, classrooms. This floor would also have a sauna he said.

Bruckner had also said earlier that there was a lack of clarity in the plans of the upper floors summated by the church.

"We're still in the preliminary stages trying



the historic Braley Building

to understand that ourselves," he said.

Staff was also concerned that the first floor might not satisfy the zoning code requirement that 50 percent of the street frontage must be pedestrian-oriented. They were also worried about parking.

Councilmember Margaret McAustin said she was concerned over the building being pedestrian-oriented. She said, "That's very important to maintain the vitality of Old Pasadena." Cozen said uses include those that are visible and open to the public.

Mayor Bill Bogaard asked about the review which Cozen said was only a staff decision and not subject to commission review. Although Bruckner did say the Design Commission could be called in for review if notified. He also said the city council can call for a commission review.

The proposed plan does not include any new parking spaces and parking would then be provided through public parking garages staff said. This would also intensify street parking they added. The building would be open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

There is also a concern over assembly use although no details were given.

Major renovations are also scheduled for the exterior of the building including storefront infill, new art glass, new awnings, and replacement of deteriorated windows, although they must still get redesign approval by Historic Preservation staff. Cozen that should be done at April.

The design architect, on behalf of the church, said they planned to cooperate with Pasadena Heritage, the Planning Department and any other groups. She also said this was part of



renovating church owed building throughout the world.

She also emphasized that the ground floor would have a bookstore open to the public to buy books and DVDs. She added that was, "very important to the church."

Other council members stayed silent throughout the conversation.

The Braley building was built in 1906 and a contributor to Old Town National Historic District.

Pasadena 'S 2009 State Of The City Event Is January 22



Bill Bogaard

"The Momentum to Succeed" is the theme

44th District Democrats Elect Delegates

By Teresa Baxter

Last weekend Democrats from around the state elected their local delegates for the California Democratic Party with a multitude of candidates vying for one of twelve spots on the roster to represent the 44th Assembly District. The district includes Altadena, Arcadia, Duarte, La Canada-Flintridge, Cypress Park, Eagle Rock, Glassell Park, Mt. Washington, Mount Wilson, Pasadena, South Pasadena, and Temple City. MountainViews-Observer columnist Ralph McKnight

of Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard's 2009 State of the City event Thursday, Jan. 22, at Pasadena Civic Auditorium, 300 E. Green St.

From 6:30 to 7 p.m., guests will visit with each other in the lobby and stop by information tables featuring the programs and services of various city departments.

The program will begin at 7 p.m. in the upstairs Gold Room with Vice Mayor Steve Haderlein serving as master of ceremonies. The colors will be presented by Pasadena Police Explorer Post 19 and the Pledge of Allegiance will be led by Jenny Martin Haderlein.

Furious Theatre Company will perform a staged preview of the play "No

Good Deed," which will make its world premiere in Pasadena in 2010.

A video presentation narrated by Flintridge Foundation President Jaylene Moseley will highlight the accomplishments of the past year in Pasadena. Tom Seifert, chairman of the Pasadena Center Operating Company Board of Directors, will provide a brief overview of the Pasadena Convention Center expansion.

During his remarks to the community, Bogaard will provide updates and future plans regarding the economy, public and private investment in the community, water and energy challenges, the General Plan, public

Newly elected delegate Lon-nee Hamilton has been a driving force regarding political issues on the local front. Hamilton was the founder of "Pasadena and Altadena for Obama". She also headed the Pasadena Obama campaign prior to Super Tuesday and later became the Volunteer Co-ordinator of the Pasadena United Democratic Headquarters during the general election.

"I believed in Obama's message of change and community building," said Hamilton. "The most exciting thing to me about working on the Obama campaign was seeing everyday people who had never been politically active become engaged and enthusiastic about the process."

schools and more.

Refreshments will be provided after the program in the lobby of the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.

Parking will be available in the structure on Euclid Avenue between Green and Cordova streets. Guests who bring their parking vouchers with them to the event will receive validations.

The program will be televised live on KPAS, the city's cable television channel, and via streaming video on the Internet at www.cityofpasadena.net (click on City News). A replay schedule will be announced.

For more information call (626) 744-4311.

In fact, Hamilton recently started a networking website for anyone interested in the ongoing volunteer efforts that support the newly elected president. The goal of the site is to motivate citizens to step up to Obama's challenge of changing this nation through local activism. For more information, please visit the site at www.rosecityobamaworks.com.

Pasadena City Councilmember Chris Holden was elected as the Executive Board Representative and the following were also selected as delegates: Joanne Wendler, Jacque Robinson, Darla Dyson, Julianne Hines, John Gallogly, Tim Wendler, Estuardo Ponciano and Richard Zaldivar.



Environmentally Speaking, Did You Know?

NUMBER PLEASE
By Pat Birdsall

Have you received a new phone book recently? Do you have a stack of outdated editions filling a corner of your garage? Many people are unaware that phone books are recyclable, and every year 660,000 tons end up in landfills across the country. A bit of phone book history from Yellowbook... The first “phone book” appeared in 1878, shortly following Alexander Graham Bell’s first telephonic transmission in 1876. Originally only one sheet of paper, today’s phone books are some of the largest printed. Phone books are typically delivered twice each year to millions of American households and businesses. In fact, 540 million telephone directories are distributed each year. This amounts to over 106,000 miles of phone books, enough to wrap the planet 4.28 times. Yellowbook works with paper suppliers that have achieved sustainable forestry and ISO certifications. They use paper comprised of discarded wood chips, pulp and recycled fiber. Many companies also employ the use of non-or lower- toxin inks. Yellowbook, for example uses non-toxic biodegradable soy inks. Some phone books are also making earth-friendly changes such as reducing their size or using online versions, decreasing the amount of paper needed to deliver the same information to customers. With the various adjustments the phone book industry is making to be more eco-conscious, it is still up to consumers to recycle the end product. By recycling only 500 phone books, consumers can save: * Between 17 & 31 trees *7,000 gallons of water *463 gallons of oil *587 pounds of carbon emissions *3.06 cubic yards of landfill space * 4,077 kWh of energy. Not only can old phone books be recycled into new phone books, but they can also be transformed into seemingly unrelated products. They can also become: *Cellulose insulation * Organic lawn care products* Roofing surfaces * Packing material to replace foam peanuts * Other paper products, like grocery bags and paper towels.

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Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, January 4th, to Saturday January 10th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 308 calls for service.

Monday, January 5th:

10:02 AM – Vandalism, 160 North Canon Ave, Sierra Madre School. A window of the multipurpose room and counselor’s office were smashed. The crime occurred during the holidays, between Friday, December 19, 2008 and Monday, January 5, 2009.

Tuesday, January 6th:

10:26 PM – Arrest, Suspended/Revoked driver’s license, 5 West Foothill Blvd, Arcadia. A motorist was stopped for a traffic violation. A records check revealed the driver’s license was suspended/revoked. The driver was arrested and released on a citation. The driver’s car was stored for the violation.

Thursday, January 8th:

5:00 PM – Arrest, Business License required, 100 block North Sunnyside Ave. A man was stopped for selling magazines door to door. During the investigation the man was unable to produce a city business license. He was subsequently arrested for the violation and driven to the Sierra Madre Police Jail and booked. He was later released on a written promise to appear.

Friday, January 9th:

1:46 PM – Vandalism/Graffiti, 20 South Baldwin Ave. The front windows of Creative Framing and A Better Nanny had the front glass etched with the letters “FWBK.” The crime occurred between Friday, 11/25 and Tuesday, 12/15.

10:27 PM – Arrest, Trespassing, 222 West Sierra Madre Blvd. One man and three juveniles were trespassing on the roof of the Hart Park House, Memorial Park. All involved were arrested and taken to the police station where they were subsequently booked and cited. The juveniles were released to their parents.

Saturday, January 10th:

11:12 AM – Arrest, under the influence of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana, Auburn public parking lot. Officers arrested a woman, who was reported looking through the windows of parked vehicles. An investigation revealed no vehicle-related crime, but the woman was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance. She was transported to the Pasadena jail for remand.

A Weekly Spotlight on
Sierra Madre Volunteers
Focus
Bill Messersmith

Bill Messersmith -- The Constant Firefighter

Ask anyone in Sierra Madre, "Who's Fireman Bill?" The answer will come quickly, "Bill Messersmith."



As a child in Sierra Madre, Bill would hop on his bike when he heard the old fire horn (then located at 55 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. on top of the City Hall, Police Dept. and Fire Station). He would get as close to the fire as possible and rubber-neck until the fire was quelled. That interest in fire suppression has obviously carried over from his childhood years into his adulthood. Being a firefighter was Bill's first volunteer job; he had joined the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department in 1971, when he was 21 years old, and 38 years later he continues to be a volunteer firefighter.

During most of his service, Bill has held the rank of engineer with responsibilities of driving and operating the apparatus. In 1989 Bill became an Emergency Medical Technician so he could assist in providing Emergency Medical Service in Sierra Madre. A year later, Bill became a state-certified Firefighter 1, then eight years after that he was "Driver/operator 1A and 1B," another rung up the ladder of firefighting and equipment-handling. But that wasn't enough activity for Bill Messersmith.

Turning back the calendar to 1991, Bill was instrumental in forming the Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighters' Association, with the spinoff of handling donations and philanthropies of the department. The group incorporated as a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit public benefit corporation. He has served as its president since 1992.

In 1999, Bill was asked to participate with a committee to form what would become the Sierra Madre Community Foundation a year later in 2000, and he has served as a Board Member of SMCF since its inception.

The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce recognized Bill as Sierra Madre's Citizen of the Year in 2002. And the Sierra Madre Rotary Club also honored Bill as a "Paul Harris Fellow" in recognition of his service in 2006.

Bill is married to Sue and they have two married adult children and four grandchildren.

The local firefighter is a Broadcast Television Engineer and has worked since 1969 in the entertainment industry for the Motown Record Corporation, Trans-American Video, AME, he Fox Television Network and for the last three years with the TV Guide Network.

As a volunteer, Bill is semper paratus. He's ever-present, always ready to help. If you're in a jam, just call "Fireman Bill." He'll get there very quickly and know immediately how to help. He's one classy volunteer.

Volunteers are needed to help in a wide range of activities in Sierra Madre. Please contact De Alcorn at 626-355-4793 or dalcorn@cityofsierramadre.com for more information.

Current Volunteer Opportunities

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| Clerical | General Plan Committee |
| Tutors-Middle and High School | Canyon Plan Committee |
| Youth Sports Coaches | Green Committee |
| Senior Services Desk | Fire Department Volunteers |
| Senior Fitness Instructors | Police Administrative Assistant |
| Handyman | Communications Assistant |
| Manning of Emergency Operations Center | Crime Prevention Aide |
| Landscape Maintenance | Chaplains |
| Intern - Civil Engineering | Speed Monitors |
| City Web Site | Crosswalk Monitors |
| Assemble New Library Patron Packets | Identity Theft Investigator |
| Rewind Videos | Criminal Justice Professional for Staff Training |
| Maintain Friend's Library Garden | Background Investigator |
| Library Interior Housekeeping | Emergency Operations Special Needs |



Fire Safe Council
“Announcements and Observations”

February 2, 2009 7 P.M. in the City Council chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. will be the next Fire Safe Council monthly meeting. At this meeting we will be outlining the Curbside "Chipper Day" program that the Fire Safe Council grant will be administering to homeowners who chose to participate. The program addresses homes in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone in the foothills of Sierra Madre. This grant is the result of our volunteer board application to the California State Fire Safe Council and comes from funding from the United States Forest Service as we are adjacent to these public lands.

Please attend this very important meeting and learn how you can participate in this brush removal assistance program. Flyers announcing this program will also begin to be distributed throughout the foothill area.

For further information, call Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council: 355-0741. Or e-mail at smfiresafecouncil@hotmail.com

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Looking Up With Bob Eklund
Rare Stellar Zombie Refuses To Die!



Photo by Aaron Dominguez

telescope called XMM-Newton has caught the fading glow of a tiny celestial object, revealing its rotation rate for the first time. The new information confirms this particular object as one of an extremely rare class of stellar zombies—each one the dead heart of a star that refuses to die. There are just five so-called Soft Gamma-ray Repeaters (SGRs) known, four in the Milky Way and one in our satellite galaxy, the Large Magellanic Cloud. Each SGR is between 10 and 30 km across, yet contains about twice the mass of the Sun. Each one is the collapsed core of a large star that has exploded—a neutron star. What sets the Soft Gamma-ray Repeaters apart from other neutron stars is that they possess magnetic fields that are up to 1,000 times stronger. This has led astronomers to call them “magnetars.”

SGR 1627-41 was discovered in 1998 by NASA’s Compton Gamma Ray Observatory when it burst into life emitting around a hundred short flares during a six-week period. It then faded before X-ray telescopes could measure its rotation rate. Thus, SGR 1627-41 was the only magnetar with an unknown period. Last summer, SGR 1627-41 flared back into life. But it was located in a region of sky that ESA’s XMM-Newton was unable to point at for another four months. This was because XMM-Newton has to keep its solar panels turned towards the Sun for power. So astronomers waited until Earth moved along its orbit, carrying XMM-Newton with it and bringing the object into view. During that time, SGR 1627-41 began fading fast. When it came into view in September 2008, thanks to the superior sensitivity of the EPIC instrument on XMM-Newton, it was still detectable. A team of astronomers took the necessary observations and revealed that it rotates once every 2.6 seconds. “This makes it the second fastest rotating magnetar known,” says Sandro Mereghetti, INAF/Istituto

di Astrofisica Spaziale e Fisica Cosmica, Milan, one of the team. Theorists are still puzzling over how these objects can have such strong magnetic fields. One idea is that they are born spinning very quickly, at 2–3 milliseconds. Ordinary neutron stars are born spinning at least ten times more slowly. The rapid rotation of a newborn magnetar, combined with convection patterns in its interior, gives it a highly efficient dynamo, which builds up such an enormous field. With a rotation rate of 2.6 seconds, this magnetar must be old enough to have slowed down. Another clue to the magnetar’s age is that it is still surrounded by a supernova remnant. During the measurement of its rotation rate, XMM-Newton also detected X-rays coming from the debris of an exploded star, possibly the same one that created the magnetar. “These usually fade to invisibility after a few tens of thousand years. The fact that we still see this one means it is probably only a few thousand years old,” says Mereghetti. If you’d like to learn more, you can contact Bob at b.eklund@mvoobserver.com

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PUSD Puts Focus On Special Education Programs

By Teresa Baxter

Recently, the Pasadena Unified School District added to its "Leadership Team" by appointing Theresa Hawk as the Executive Director of Special Education and last week Hawk gave a presentation about the current status of the program.

Hawk explained that students with disabilities are entitled to a free and appropriate education in the least restrictive environment that addresses the student's unique and individual educational needs.

"In general terms—special education is a service and it's important to emphasize that it is not a place or a location," said Hawk. "It is a service that consists of

four components...we want to look at instructional content, instructional procedures, the environment and instructional technology."

It doesn't matter what label you have in special education—it is the service support, accommodations and modifications needed to be successful in an education environment, she said.

"Special education is an under funded mandate that we are required to provide," said Hawk. "Federal law, when it was originally enacted, promised and committed 40 percent of the funding needed to provide this service...but it has never gone above 17 percent. So, the states have been required to make up that difference."

As Executive Director of Special Education, Ms. Hawk will be responsible for administering all Special Education programs, establishing collaborative relationships with parents and directing strategic planning efforts for the division.

Prior to her PUSD appointment she was the Special Education Coordinator of the Centralia School District in Buena Park, California, where she developed and implemented early intervention and technology programs. Previously, she was assistant principal at the Orange County High School for the Arts in Santa Ana, California, assisting special education students.

SIERRA MADRE CIVIC CLUB OFFERS EDUCATION AWARDS

Sierra Madre Civic Club announces sponsorship of its 2009 Education Award. Eligible to apply are 2009 graduating high school seniors who are either Sierra Madre residents or is a relative of a SMCC member.

Key points about each student to be considered by the Awards Committee include: volunteer activities, interests, hobbies, talents, educational plans and career interests. Also, about a person, place, event or combination of these which has made an impact on the life of the applicant or contribute to making a special or unique person.

Two letters of reference, one from a teacher or school advisor and one from an adult leader of volunteer activities or an employer, must be attached to the application.

To qualify for the award applications must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2009. These are to be sent to Awards Chair Marcia Bent, 541 San Gabriel Ct., Sierra Madre.

Monetary awards to those chosen will be presented at Civic Club's meeting, Thursday, May 14, 2009, 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Park Hart Senior Center, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Applications are available with local high school counselors or by contacting Bent at 626-355-5372.

The Education Awards are consistent with the club's long tradition of supporting young people in their education and career pursuits. Phyllis Chapman, publicity, 626-355-3928
Marcia Bent, chair, 626-355-5372

Sibling Registration for PUSD Open Enrollment

Siblings of students who currently attend schools other than their neighborhood campuses can apply early. Parents may register the siblings of students enrolled at the school of choice, directly at the campus during this period. If siblings are not registered during this specific time period, sibling preference is forfeited.

Applications submitted for siblings during the general Open Enrollment application period will not receive preference. The general open enrollment application period is January 12 - February 10, 2009

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Witnessing History - Alverno Students Go To The Inauguration



Alverno students attending the Obama inauguration in Washington D.C. practice keeping warm! The juniors and seniors going to Washington through the Closeup program are Chelsea Bond, Melody Bueno, Chelsea Cubas, Cheryl Iwamoto, Jenae Kitaguchi, Stephanie Kuem, Brenna Robinson, Lillya Roldan, Jordan Turner, Morgan Turner, Elizabeth Torres.
Science teacher Suzy Ares is chaperone.

Sierra Madre School Annual Fund Presents
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 All proceeds go to Sierra Madre School.

A Night To Set Sail The S.S. Alverno



Alverno High School students prepare for their 11th Annual Gala "A Night to Set Sail the S.S. Alverno."

The Alverno High School Parents' Association presents the Annual Gala "A Night to Set Sail the S.S. Alverno," with a live and silent auction on Friday, March 20 at 6:00p. This 11th annual event which will take place at the Westin Pasadena, is Alverno's major community fundraiser and will include dinner and dancing to a live band.

"This is certainly our largest and most popular event each year," said Wendy Finch-Burk, Alverno Director of Development. "Proceeds from this year's event will be used to renovate and update our classrooms. Our mission is to make a private college-preparatory education available to young women in our community. Each year funds from our Gala support projects

that benefit these young women, as well as the entire school community," she said.

Located in Sierra Madre, Alverno is an all-girls Catholic high school with a current enrollment of 260. The school graduated its first class in 1964. The campus also features the Villa del Sol d'O ro, a reproduction of a Tuscan villa, used frequently in movies and commercials.

Early bird tickets for the Gala are available before February 13, for \$85 each/\$750 table of 10; thereafter \$95 and \$850. Corporate sponsorships are also available. For more information or to order tickets, please contact Wendy Finch-Burk at (626) 355-3463 x227.

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Gregory J. Wellborn

expression would be the celebration of his remarkable accomplishments.

The first reason to honor President George Bush is for what didn't happen on his watch. After the attacks of 9-11, there wasn't a person in America who didn't believe that we would be attacked again. Even President Bush commented that "they only have to be lucky one time; we have to be lucky every time." I don't think luck had anything to do with it. This president didn't accept the inevitability of attack and has successfully defended this country for 7¼ years.

The second reason should be equally as obvious: the surge. Not only was this a wonderfully successful strategy, bringing Iraq to the brink of peace and security, but it was a monumental act of political courage. Iraq was being lost, the war was unpopular, and members of his own party argued forcefully for abandoning Iraq in order to bolster their own election chances. Given the results of November, perhaps they were right in their political calculations, but President Bush showed himself to be the inspired leader his critics will never be able to comprehend.

The third reason is arguably controversial. Bush's directive to enhance interrogation techniques of terrorists and utilize wireless eavesdropping has been hysterically portrayed by the left as the quintessential threat to our own freedom. Clearly Bush didn't see it that way, nor do I. The bottom line is that American lives were saved and devastating attacks were thwarted as a result of the interrogations. Even Alan Dershowitz, Harvard Law School's constitutional scholar, argued that in extreme situations such as we have now, enhanced interrogation is needed. Better to have it done in the light of day with guidelines and accountability established than done in secret where it can be abused without recourse.

The fourth reason is President Bush's rebalancing of the Supreme Court. Our founding fathers recognized that the preservation of liberty was dependent on the separation of power. Their brilliant solution was to construct a government of three competing equal power centers: the presidency, the legislature and the courts. For too, long liberals had tilted the power to unelected judges, who used their duty to interpret laws to actually create laws that suited their political agenda. Bush's appointments of Alito and Roberts helped restore the balance and will preserve our freedoms.

The fifth reason is closely related. President Bush also found the need to restore deflated presidential power. Under Clinton, the congress like the courts, had usurped power that rightfully belonged to the President. Bush didn't hesitate to exercise that authority and stand up to criticism of those actions.

The sixth reason is Bush's emphasis on promoting democracy around the world. What good is it to be the world's only true superpower if we don't stand for

Ten Reasons to Honor George Bush

Today marks the end of the last full week of George Bush's presidency. Some may be tempted to celebrate his departure. I think that a more honest

something noble? Bush made it very clear in his inauguration addresses and in his actions that we were calling the world's dictators to account. He couldn't make it happen overnight, and much work remains, but under his leadership freedom has increased.

The seventh reason stems from the sixth. Bush's unwavering support of Israel must be seen as an extension – and yet significant in its own right – of his efforts to promote freedom. Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East. Because of that, many of its neighbors wish to wipe it off the map. Letting Israel die would do more to darken that corner of the world than any other single act. The contest has been heated during his eight years, but Bush has never flinched in elevating Israel as the democratic model for that region.

The eighth reason will probably come as a surprise. We don't think of East Asia as needing any particular attention, and yet strengthening our allies there has provided enormous benefits. East Asian allies Japan, South Korea and India have sometimes wondered whether they should throw their allegiance to China because of American inattention to their needs. By strengthening our ties there, we have emboldened them to stand up to Chinese efforts to dominate and to effectively resist terrorism in their midst.

The ninth reason is Bush's decision to resist the global warming hysteria. Had he signed on to the disastrous Kyoto accord, the recession we're experiencing now would have looked like a training exercise. The taxes and restrictions crafted in that monumental piece of political garbage would have impoverished the world. Because of his resistance, the debate about global warming is in a healthier place, and we're even hearing some evidence that the world may be cooling a bit.

Finally, the tenth reason to honor President Bush is the unprecedented support Bush has shown Africa and its people. For too long Africa was viewed as the lost continent, and reasonable estimates showed Africa's population dwindling by 1/3rd due to the AIDS epidemic and associated government corruption. Simply put, Bush has spent more time and sent more aid to Africa than any other president in history. Millions are alive because of Bush's actions and millions more have hope for a brighter future.

While some of his actions may seem counter-intuitive, he has clearly demonstrated a realization that for freedom to survive, the U.S. must survive, that democracy must be expanded throughout the world and that those in the most need are due our compassion, energy and assistance. When all is said and done, President George Bush, the compassionate conservative, championed the cause of the powerless, the oppressed and the truly destitute. Well done good and faithful servant.

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Stuart Tolchin On..LIFE



IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO BE NUMB

I saw two pretty good movies recently- "Doubt" and "The Reader". Both of these thought provoking films involve individuals

holding on to strict attitudes towards right and wrong. These attitudes are realized to be too narrow, simplistic, and the resultant discomfort requires painful change. Today, just about everyone I know is taking some sort of daily drug to help them tolerate or ignore present discomfort. It seems crazy but the ethic of today seems to be that if things are really bothering you it's considered best to take some pill and after a while you won't notice how bad you feel. Pretty soon you won't notice, or if you do notice you won't care as much about all the things that are making you miserable. I guess it's easier than understanding and rethinking ones attitudes and behaviors.

Americans previously did not accept the continuation of perceived pain and discomfort. We attempted to find solutions and to make necessary changes. Individually, we have for a long time had a national fixation on diet programs and conditioning programs and "How To..." programs intended to somehow make ourselves more worthy. For a while "self-improvement" seemed to have replaced baseball as the National Pastime. During the 70's and 80's the Human Potential Movement and the New Age disciplines promised to show the way to more effective, powerful and successful lifestyles, whatever that meant.

Even though I make sport of it, this way of thinking was in our blood. Culturally, America has had a frontier mentality; it was our perceived Manifest Destiny to bring civilization and its worthiness from ocean to ocean and then across the oceans to the entire world. Democratic equality would pave the way for anyone who worked hard and had the right beliefs to gain material wealth and to be successful and happy as White Male American Protestants. Well, as time went by this American dream had to

be modified. Maybe these values were a bit questionable; but understanding modified the dream. Everyone was entitled to the same success, even non-White, non-Male, non-Christian, even non-heterosexual human beings. It took some convincing but we Americans noticed what was wrong and things changed; perhaps not fast enough but things changed I think for the better.

When we realized the necessity we have fought the big corporations and have been willing to extend extra effort. (Remember when everyone smoked and our streets were covered with dog poop). Yes, we had to work hard but that was okay because we had some idea of what we were working for. We looked around us and saw that things were getting better all the time. We also noticed, most of us at least, that some old attitudes and behaviors were no longer appropriate. Often we became uncomfortable with ourselves and we changed. We noticed our discomfort and we adapted---yes, we changed. I think it was this ability to experience our own discomfort that made it possible for internal and external change to occur. We changed and we grew and we are all better off for the change.

Now there is a new change. New improved drugs are easily available by prescription and many, many of us now choose to go through life in a benumbed fashion. Rather than just taking drugs illegally to get high and take a break and then get back into the ring we now live our lives in a legally chemically influenced daze not noticing and not caring all that much about what is going on. It's the Matrix providing us with a virtual reality that is not real. It is self-induced delusion. We no longer need politicians to lie to us; we are more than willing to lie to ourselves and to remain content to hold on to old attitudes and to be incapable of discovering the necessary new truths. This is what scares me. Are we now even more easily lied to and manipulated. Oh, I hope not! It's so stressful---maybe I should take another pill---otherwise I will have to make some changes.
TO A DRUG FREE AMERICA
(Not Free Drugs)

.....And over 4,000+ Reasons Why Not To Honor George W. Bush!

It is a very rare occasion when I write column in response to a columnist before the public has chance to read it and react. However, while reviewing this edition, I could not help but notice the topic of Greg Wellborn's column. Now don't get me wrong, I love each and every one of the columnists who write for this paper. And those with whom I rarely agree make the paper interesting. I expect each week that 100% of the readership will find at least one columnist with whom they will like and Greg is definitely there for those on the right - especially my friend Maury! Nevertheless, this time, I just can't pass Greg's column on to you without my own thoughts on W's eight nightmarish years as President.

For a very brief moment a few weeks ago, I felt rather sorry for George W. Bush for it appeared that all of his friends and confidants that he favored, relied upon and trusted over the years had abandoned him. That has to be some kind of code violation. Even in organized crime, loyalty is expected. However, W's friends just kicked him to the curb as soon as the covers came off. Aren't there laws against idiot abuse? Don't get testy about me calling 'W' an idiot, Nancy Reagan said it first. 'We have just elected the village idiot' is widely reported to be her comment after the 2000 election. I think his friends should have stuck by him 'till the end. Then it would have been a lot easier to boot the whole bunch!

Nevertheless, before we begin creating the revisionist history that so often follows a sorry President, let us stay mindful of what W did while in charge of our country and the reasons why we should wish him a serious farewell:

Reason No. 1 - 4,000: He is responsible for the death of over 4,000 young men and women and the wounding of another 30,000 in a war that had nothing to do with 9/11.

Reason No. 4001: He squandered the budget surplus that existed when he came into office. Seems to me that a prudent person, or one that was not asleep at the switch would have taken that budget surplus and found ways to make it multiply. Now we have debt so large that the zero's fall off the edge of the page.

Reason No. 4002: Millions of Americans have lost their homes and retirement investments



Rich Johnson

Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde was born October 16, 1854 in Dublin, Ireland. He wrote and produced nine plays with "The Importance of Being Earnest" possibly the most well known. He wrote "The Picture of Dorian Gray" his only novel.

Oscar Wilde's connection to the Victorian Era displays a period of English history steeped in contradiction. Sexual repression was a benchmark of the Victorian Era, yet Oscar Wilde very much flaunted his rather liberal views on the issue of sex. I consider him to be the first hippy. And he certainly was the first hippy to sport what we affectionately called in the 60's: The Beatle Haircut. (Which is interesting as he died forty years before the first Beatle was born.)

And although I don't share many of the same values as Mr. Wilde, I will always be thankful for the vast cornucopia of quotes he has given to us for all time. Please enjoy some of them with me:

"I can resist everything but temptation."

"Always forgive your enemies – nothing annoys them so much."

"America is the only country that went from barbarism to decadence without civilization in between."

"Bigamy is having one wife too many. Monogamy is the same."

"Experience is simply the name we give our mistakes."

"I am so clever that sometimes I don't understand a single word of what I am saying."

"In America the young are always ready to give to those who are older than themselves the full benefits of their inexperience."

"Life is too important to be taken seriously."

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go."

"When I was young I thought that money was the most important thing in life; Now that I'm old I know it is."

And finally when asked to name the one hundred best books of all time, he responded, "I fear that would be impossible, because I have written only five."

Speaking of books, I think I will give another plug for the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library 39th Annual Wine and Cuisine Tasting event. It's being held Friday, February 20th from 7:00pm to 9:30pm at the Alverno Villa. Tickets are \$60.00 each. It is a very posh evening and proceeds support a wonderful cause. Get your tickets at a variety of businesses in town or even, for the first time, online at www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org.

because of *Bush Cronies Gone Wild.*

R e a s o n

No. 4003: Millions of Americans, over 2.8 million last year alone, have lost their jobs and can't afford to go overseas and apply for the ones he shipped out.

Reason No. 4004: Katrina.

After stealing the office in the first place, you would think that he would try to prove to America that he was capable of doing at least a reasonable job. But that's what we get for electing a President that isn't familiar with the language. And, in case you think I am exaggerating, here is a poem made up entirely of Bush's misstatements:

This following poem is composed entirely of actual quotes from George W. Bush. Author Unknown - Confirmed by snopes.com as accurate.

Make the Pie Higher

I think we all agree, the past is over.
This is still a dangerous world.
It's a world of madmen
And uncertainty
And potential mental losses.

Rarely is the question asked
Is our children learning?
Will the highways of the internet
Become more few?
How many hands have I shaken?

They misunderestimate me.
I am a pitbull on the pantleg of opportunity.
I know that the human being and the fish Can coexist.

Families is where our nation finds hope
Where our wings take dream.
Put food on your family!
Knock down the tollbooth!
Vulcanize society!
Make the pie higher!
Make the pie higher!

But there are some things that you can remember him for fondly. After all, he appeared to have the appropriate concern for animals, "I'm not going to fire a \$2 million dollar missile at a \$10 empty tent and hit a camel in the butt!"* What a thoughtful, compassionate man!

**(as stated in the Oval Office and reported by Newsweek Chief Political Correspondent, Howard Fineman)*

Useless Information: Thanks To Oscar Wilde

"It is a very sad thing that nowadays there is so little useless information." Oscar Wilde

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HOOVER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**, 2216 S. HOOVER ST., L.A., CA 90007. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **LOUIS S. CORNEJO**, 3671 S. NORMANDIE AVE., L.A. CA 90007. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LOUIS S. CORNEJO**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **01/07/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/1/96.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LA CONFIDENTIAL ENT.**, 13700 MARINA POINTE DR. #1006, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **THEANA VASDEKIS**, 13700 MARINA POINTE DR. #1006, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: THEANA VASDEKIS**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **01/07/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MODIFY FAST**, 11245 183rd ST. #123, CERRITOS, CA 90703. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **BARRY JACKSON**, RENTIA JACKSON, 2443 CAMERON AVE., COVINA, CA 91724. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: BARRY JACKSON**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **01/06/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/10/08.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **POETRYLLA**, 1440 23rd ST. APT. 208, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **HILDA WEISS**, 1440 23rd ST. APT. 208, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **WAYNE L. LINDBERG**, 1507 16th ST. APT. 9, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: HILDA WEISS**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/29/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/1/2007.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 09-002193

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ROYAL TIME EVENTS**, 13700 MARINA POINTE DR. #1006, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **THEANA VASDEKIS**, 13700 MARINA POINTE DR. #1006, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. LORALE CHAN, 2572 S. WESTGATE, L.A., CA 90064. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: THEANA VASDEKIS**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **01/07/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **TOUCH OF EDEN ENTERPRISES**, 1116 N. GARDEN AVE., COVINA, CA 91724. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **STEVEN J. BARR**, 1116 N. GARDEN AVE., COVINA, CA 91724. AARON MISQUEZ, 2016 BOLLING AVE., LA VERNE, CA 91750. This Business is conducted by: **JOINT VENTURE. Signed: STEVEN J. BARR**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **01/05/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FILE NO. 2009-0016394
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **AMG MACHINE CO.**, 14037 GARFIELD AVE. #G, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 3/15/01, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 01-0429728. The business was conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 01/06/2009. The business information in

this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) **SIGNED: HECTOR A. TALOTUNA/OWNER**.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-2277006

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BISTRO LA PROVINCIA CATERING 2**, **BISTRO LA PROVINCIA RESTAURANT**, 1247 SUNFLOWER AVE., GLENDORA, CA 91740. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JESUS-MANUEL DIAZ**, **VERONICA TOVALIN-DIAZ**, 1247 SUNFLOWER AVE., GLENDORA, CA 91740. This Business is conducted by: **HUSBAND AND WIFE. Signed: VERONICA TOVALIN-DIAZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/31/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BOCA DEL RIO, INC.**, 3706 WHITTIER BLVD., L.A. CA 90023. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **BOCA DEL RIO, INC.**, 3706 WHITTIER BLVD., L.A. CA 90023. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: DAVID MACIAS CABRAL/PRES**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/31/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/31/08.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **JUST GLASS FUSING**, 14930 GOODHUE, WHITTIER, CA 90604. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **TRONNIE VAN WINKLE**, 14930 GOODHUE, WHITTIER, CA 90604. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TRONNIE VAN WINKLE**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/31/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-2276486

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MAKE-UP BY LALA**, 22898 HILTON HEAD DR. #323, DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **LAURA ARGOMANIZ**, 22898 HILTON HEAD DR. #323, DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LAURA ARGOMANIZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/31/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SOPHIE GIRL CO.**, 505 N. ETHEL AVE., ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **SOPHIA HOWETH BLONDELL**, 505 N. ETHEL AVE., ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SOPHIA HOWETH BLONDELL**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/31/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fict

The Mountain Clymer
by Kim Clymer-Kelley

Bucky Paper

For those of you who did not catch last week's column on scientific miracles that are on the horizon, the contents of this article may seem to come out of nowhere. Last week I was discussing one of two fascinating breakthroughs that I had heard about on a late-night radio talk show. Since that show, "Coast to Coast AM" with George Noory, has guests who somewhat sensationalize whatever it is that they are talking about, I was a bit skeptical about the exciting developments that were being discussed. After researching them, however, I found that most of what was said was indeed true. Since their applications could dramatically impact the environment, in a positive way, I thought that it might do some good to make others aware of them. Last week I discussed a revolutionary organic soil called "terra preta". It is self-sustaining, perpetually fertile, eliminates the need for fertilizers and pesticides, and eats CO2 from the atmosphere.

The other fascinating innovation on the horizon is called "buckypaper". In 1985, space related research yielded an incredible new discovery of a new form of carbon. Prior to this only two forms of carbon were known, diamonds and graphite. This new form of carbon is formed when 60 atoms of carbon (C60) combine into a soccer ball shaped molecule that was named "Buckminsterfullerene" because of its resemblance to the geodesic dome designed by Buckminster Fuller and nicknamed "buckyballs". Since then, other variations of this form of carbon have been identified and

researched. This research has led to the invention of "buckypaper". Bucky paper is made from nanotubes of carbon formed much the same way as buckyballs are formed, except instead of carbon atoms shaping themselves into a polyhedron, they form cylinders that are the thickness of 1/50,000 of a human hair. The cylinders are then formed by various methods into sheets of paper, discs and columns. When layered, the sheets of buckypaper are 1/10 the weight of steel, up to 500 times as strong, and harder than diamonds. It is as heat conductive as brass or steel as electrically conductive as silicon or copper. Potential uses for such a material is incredible.

Among the possible applications is in the manufacturing personal body armor and armor on vehicles. It could also be used as the exterior shell of aircraft. This would result in a far lighter craft that uses only a fraction of the fuel of planes currently in use. The same could be done for the auto industry, resulting in a full size auto that would weigh in the neighborhood of 400 lbs. The reduction in fuel consumption would be remarkable. With buckypaper's remarkable electrical conductivity, there are endless possibilities in the electronics field. There is talk of carbon nanotubes replacing current silicon technology. A thin film of buckypaper could also be used for computer and television screens. Its potential for use in making solar cells and for hydrogen storage for fuel cells and in batteries of electric cars makes breakthroughs in alternative right on the horizon. If we find a way to form this substance into



materials suitable for building, the construction industry would be revolutionized. Think of bridges and buildings made of materials 1/10 the weight and 500 times stronger than steel. In addition to buckypaper, uses for buckyballs are being explored. They are being looked at especially for use in the medical field. Their hollow construction makes them ideal for pinpoint delivery of drugs and other substances to targets in the human body. With the ball-like construction and toughness of the molecules, they could also make fantastic lubricants.

What needs to be done to get this technology into use. Scientists are currently working on simple and economical processes to create the materials for the various applications. Once this is done, it will be necessary to devise and set up a system for mass production in order to use them on a large scale. Since both buckyballs and buckypaper are composed of pure carbon, wouldn't it be miraculous if the carbon needed could be obtained by removing it from the CO2 in the atmosphere and locking it away so that it could not reenter the ecosystem? This development has the potential to vastly improve solar energy technology, greatly reduce fuel consumption, and provide new avenues to explore in alternative energy. The possibilities are endless, will likely be in limited use in the near future, and will ultimately revolutionize some industries...with such a silly name, who would have thought?

WHAT HAPPENED ON THE MASSAGE TABLE

Falling into inner space

By Christopher Nyerges

[Nyerges, who is a manager at the Highland Park farmers market, is the author of numerous books including "How to Survive Anywhere." He also leads classes in various aspects of wilderness and urban survival. For more information, see www.ChristopherNyerges.com]

It was already getting dark at the Highland Park farmers market, and my back was hurting me from all the running I'd done two days earlier. My birthday was two days earlier and I followed my two-decades long custom of doing a birthday run where I ran a lap for each year of my life, as I mentally reviewed that year. It had been an awesome run which took me two hours. Anyway, I told my assistant that I was going to get a massage at the shiatsu booth at the market. My back was killing me. Plus I was thinking about my wife Dolores - it had been over a month since she passed away, but I was still missing her very much.

Chiyoki had me lie down on her massage table, and I instantly felt some relief just by lying down. Then she went to work, first on my scalp and then working her way down my back. There's something about pushing, squeezing, working the flesh and muscle - it was simultaneously painful and enlightening. Something about the pain I was experiencing, both mentally and physically, allowed me to enter into some other twilight-zonish space where time didn't exist. Maybe the massaging released certain chemicals into my bloodstream and brain - I don't know. But as

Chiyoki continued to twist my arms and knead my back as if it were dough, my mind went into early childhood memories as vivid as yesterday's breakfast.

I was sitting in the kitchen late at night with my mother, talking about all the things we used to talk about when everyone else was asleep. I would be trying to identify plants that I'd collected that day with my many books, while my mother would drink tea and read her newspapers and magazines. "How can God have had no beginning?" I would ask her. "How can the Pope be infallible?" I would ask her. We discussed these matters at length, and she would often say that I should ask the priest. But later, when word got back to her that I was debating the parish priest, she would yell at me and say

"Who do you think you are, talking back to the priest?" It was a pleasant memory, whether we agreed or not, since we could sit there and talk, and she died about 10 years ago.

Time was non-existent as Chiyoki worked my back, and the incense from the next booth wafted over me, reminding me of being an altar boy at the Catholic church, and getting up early before school to practice and to help the priest say Mass. Why was I thinking of that? Was it merely the smell of incense triggering a memory? I thought long and hard about spiritual matters of that sort, and was once serious about going into the priesthood, but something along the way disillusioned me.

The past was no less alive then as it was now, as the thoughts and ideas coursed through my consciousness, as the music of the Vera Cruz singers down the block rang out and reminded me of travels to Mexico.

Chiyoki began pulling each arm into the middle of my back and I was about to scream, but I just let her do it. I felt my body needed it. And as I relaxed into the pain, I was climbing the Pyramid of the Sun again, standing at the top as I did in 1974, wondering about the people who planned and built such majesty, and wondering what happened to it all. Past, present, future -- all aspects of the same reality. We think, we build, we live, we die. Our parents and families form our character, and then we make choices, and then we do whatever it is that we were genetically destined to do. What was I destined to do, I thought at the top of the pyramid? Does all life, and all culture, end? If so, what is the point of it all?

I was experiencing some sort of mental free-fall, an internal Fellini movie, highlights of memorable conversations, meetings, endings, as the incense flowed, and the singing rang through the street, while my muscles were being given a good beating.

"OK, all done," she finally told me. I got up, put on my hat, and walked back into the market, realizing once again the illusion of time, and the reality that nothing matters in and of itself, but only how we approach what we do, and whether or not we learn from life.



TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

POP

Happy New Year, I will be taking roll after class this year. To celebrate a new beginning and a New Year I stopped by the freshest restaurant in Old Town Pasadena called, Pop. No, it is not another family restaurant where the guy pushed his wife out and had to change the sign, it's a Champagne Bar. The alluring setting has a je-ne-sais-quoi perfume about it!! I tend to think that it's the first true Champagne Bar in the area.

Sure, lots of wine bars have been populating like rabbits around these parts for the last few years but I have been patiently waiting on bar stools and through happy hours in this great city of ours, ready to spring upon a Champagne Bar. I wore my protective glasses for my maiden voyage. The problem that I have encountered with our local wine bars is this. Too many me thinks, we need to thin the herd some, spade, neuter, get a 10 step program going, stop selling wine openers; regulate wine bars like congress regulates smoking. There shouldn't be more wine bars than hamburger places, that is French not American! Where is an iconoclast when you need one? I know, I know the beauty of these aristocratical libations and it is such an edifying experience to tutor the innocent ones with all the novel names, the vintage styles and those sophisticating airs. My dream, beside Jessica Simpson accepting my proposal or my call is a perfect blend of youth and experience, I am not talking about me and Jessica anymore, rather a mixture of the old and familiar names sprinkled with some fledgling ones that you might not know by title but do recognize by region.

If the rest of the year is like the beginning of this one it is going to be a great year. Pop Champagne and Dessert Bar has done this to me, I am a child again. I think they may have restored hope in this creature. Now I have only been there once so let's remember that the wet paint signs are coming down slowly, but I have visions for this place. I think this place is ready to uncork some good times for everyone. The cocktail room is spaciously open with a line of vision to the bar when you are seated in the center of the room and the middle of the action. It's a great place to meet friends at the bar or enjoy a table. The menu includes sparklers, Champagne and a variety of reds and whites. The list is split 50/50. Of course to be addressed as the celebrated Champagne, the grapes must be grown from the region of France named Champagne. A thousand condescending remarks from a French companion if you missed that one. Maybe you have been going to a Sparkling Sunday Brunch all these years. More of these great places are to be found on my TV show "The Chef Knows," tune in as we take measures each week to assure that you don't offend our friends from Paris.

The sparkling wine and Champagne aren't cheap, but I find the prices to be competitive here ... Let's compare a glass of Veuve Clicquot... My memory tells that a glass at Madeliene's is around (\$18) and at Ruth's Chris in the range of (\$23) a glass. At "Pop" It is only (\$15) a glass and get this on Wednesday Night only (\$10)!!!!

Not sure what to order? I suggest the tasting flights. Prices range from (\$10) to (\$19) and you can enjoy three different samples of some great Champagne, then after that you can decide on the glass you would like to order.

I'll be back to try the food and desserts, for now Cheers.

Buzz Factor A-
Service B +
Value B
Overall: B+

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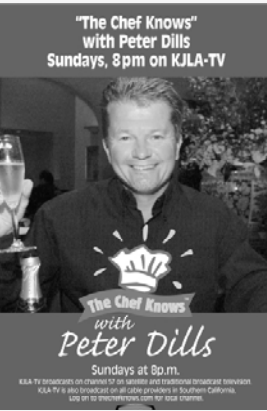
"So many radio shows interview chefs, but you cannot see the dishes they prepare", says Dills. "On TV you get the exciting visual part of the presentation. This is not a recipe show, but a journey of food discovery and exploration.

The Chef Knows airs every Saturday afternoon at 3 PM, and reaches 5.4 million homes. Check your TV's listing for exact channel. Satellite is always Channel 57

Peter's resume includes hosting the successful Pasadena Chili Cook-off for 12 years and co-hosting The Spice of Life Report Radio Show with Stephanie Edwards. Peter also filled in for his father, legendary critic Elmer Dills' Radio show when Elmer was on vacation.

This week's feature is Panda Inn and Robin's BBQ of Pasadena and Tutti Mongia of Claremont. The Chef Knows is brought to you by Dos Equis Beer

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The Senior

By Bruce Lamarche

SPRING CLEANING or “What is all this Stuff?”



I know . . . it’s only January. But consider, Christmas is now put away and this might be a good time to thin out your stuff before spring comes. Are our homes shrinking in size or are our inventories increasing?

Take the time to go through the garage and various closets and ask that all-important question, “When is the last time is used/wore this item?” The real test occurs when you say, “I forgot we even had this!”

After asking these questions, it’s important to be honest about your answer. Be tough on yourself and make the decision to get rid of things which are crowding you out of your home. Start with the closets holding your clothes. I recently looked at my stack of seven pairs of jeans and realized that I regularly wear only three pair. Of my twenty-five shirts, I regularly wear only nine of them.

When I went through the garage, I found burned out Christmas tree lights and duplicates of some of my gardening tools. Some of these I never choose to use. When looking my tool closet, I discovered a number of old one gallon paint cans which contain one inch of hardened paint. It’s time to dump these at the hazardous waste roundup.

The kitchen cabinets are interesting. The crowded bins of plastic food storage containers were interesting. Less than half of them had lids. Time to thin here.

When we see pictures of the elderly who are overwhelmed with the stuff saved because of hoarders syndrome we are shocked that people can live like. Yet, when we look closely at our own homes, it is amazing how much of our clothing and other junk we keep but will never use again. One wonders what the difference is.

Start by gathering all the items not needed or used recently in one area. Consider a pile in the middle of the garage. (Hopefully, there’s space there to do that.) Sort these items by the categories of trash, recycle, e-waste for the recycle events in your community, and things suitable for donation to Good Will or the Salvation Army. Be ruthless and don’t put things back into the house. Thin and you will find your home becoming larger. Thin and donate things you will probably not use, ever. Thin to simplify your life. Life is not about stuff.

Got a question? Ask Bruce by phone-(626)335-3412 or e-mail: blamarche@verizon.net This article is provided by Bruce Lamarche, a member of Society of Certified Senior Advisors’, www.csa.us. Bruce’s company, R & B Reverse Mortgage Services (Glendora) helps seniors make an informed decision about obtaining a reverse mortgage. www.LASeniorMortgage.com

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From the Inside Out: Hidden Depths

By Mary Carney



Yesterday I received a belated Christmas card from someone I knew years ago ... and from whom I don’t hear much. The hand-written note touched my heart and a flood of comforting memories flowed through me for a while. Nice.

Also yesterday I was wrestling with how to handle things when something comes my way, yet the results - instead of triggering a flood of heartwarmth - results in a shocking flashover into anger or rage. Instead of, “Oh, how nice!” the response is, “How dare he?!#@\$%&*” (or she) say or do that “to me”. That’s happened several times - sometimes it’s kept it safely “inside”, other times it leaks everywhere. Not nice to see, not nice to experience, and definitely not nice to have the post-trigger corrosive acid continuing to eat away inside.

So, what goes on when someone says something, and this sudden unfathomably deep explosion comes raging up from the depths to the surface? For myself, and only for myself, and totally based on personal experience, I’ve come to be able to retrace my own inner pathways to find the “bottom” of the issue that was so innocently triggered by someone else.

For example, by my cousin’s wife several years ago. She’s a professor and, (unwisely, in retrospect) had given her students her only email address for lesson submission. Along with student submissions, she also received family email, plus spam and junk. In an emotional fit of spam elimination, she accidentally deleted some students’ final grade submissions, and of course wound up in all kinds of hot water at the end of the term.

Her solution? Instead of creating a separate email specifically for students, she sent an email to everyone she knew, asking them to not sent anything to her other than separate and individual, personal emails. No emails with all family members listed, no jokes, no “thought you might be interested in this” I was pretty good for a while, and then there was something I really thought was special and I did a generic family sending - and she promptly blacklisted me. Mind, this is someone from whom I regularly experienced open-hearted sunshine every time I thought of her. When I realized I’d been blacklisted, my inner landscape changed instantly from open sunshine to blackest rage. “How dare she!!!!!! Who does she think she is to cut

me off????!!!! No one, but no one but “X” ever got away with that ...” Uh oh. I suddenly realized that I wasn’t dealing with her - she was just an inadvertent trigger bringing up something I hadn’t yet handled. And believe you me, handling it was a challenge. Those of us women (and I suppose of men, too) “of a certain age” learned very early that we did not express ourselves when we were angry.

So, what does one do with all this emotion when something like this happens? Most of the time, the totally unaware individual has no idea what happened. (Yes, sometimes it is deliberate, but very often not.) Regardless, it’s a challenge to remove that person as the “cause” of the explosion, and it can be harder yet to email, speak, write, or visit with them - let alone forgive them. The ongoing internal discomfort can be overwhelming - not just for an hour, or a day, but sometimes for weeks, months, years or lifetimes. And this inner “something” requires more and more energy to keep controlled, leaving less and less energy with which to live; we may find ourselves pushing away first “that” person, then people associated with “that” person, then events, things, places ... until we may wind up locking out joy and love and tightening and constricting our lives to almost nothing but an awareness of discomfort, a stain, a smear - a hazy sky, if not downright storm clouds and flash floods.

Lucky or trained folks learn to process stuff like this quickly. Some folks have to stew for a while before they take action. Others wind up discovering more buried linkages - like tree roots that just keep on going - no matter how many you come to grips with, something has not yet let go. Just so we’re all clear, the longer something like this remains unresolved, the less energy we have to live our daily lives - and it’s a challenge to realize that God has called us to do some inner housecleaning, and we’re being two-year-olds saying “No, No, No!” - and that it’s time to grow up. Another one of those “from the inside out” things to deal with. If something’s come your way, may your process - prayer, decision, EFT, Theta Healing, Holographic Repatterning, or just a cup of tea and conversation with a trusted friend ... bring you release, forgiveness, balance, freedom, self-confidence, love, and happiness.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS...

By Pat Birdsall

It is with regret that I report the passing of Doug Berkshire, longtime City Treasurer; husband, father, Kiwanian and friend to so many. And,Kathleen Drueggen, the beloved mother of Patti Huber. Her sweet smile will always be remembered.

FYI: From the 50+ Health Connection Bulletin – Arcadia Methodist Hospital
January is National Glaucoma Awareness Month: Two of the most common problems of aging eyes are glaucoma and cataracts. A cataract is a clouding of the eye’s natural lens, which lies behind the iris and the pupil and can decrease your ability to see clearly. Glaucoma is the second leading cause of adult vision impairment. Unfortunately, glaucoma often does not cause symptoms in its early stages, and many people do not know they have it.
On Tuesday, January 27th from 1:30- 2:30 PM there will be a Glaucoma & Cataracts Seminar conducted by Kenneth Lu, M.D., Ophthalmologist at the Arcadia Community Center-- 365 Campus Dr., Arcadia. For reservations, please call the Center at 626.574.5130.

~Helpful Hints~

Shoe bags aren’t just for footwear...1)In a utility closet or room, tuck sponges, scrub brushes, old toothbrushes for cleaning tight corners, spray bottles and cleaning cloths. 2)In your own closet, add an extra bag to keep all your small accessories like scarves, belts, small purses, ties, socks or stockings, even lingerie neatly stored and easy to find.3) In your home office, hang one near your desk for scissors, staples and stapler; pens, pencils and markers. Hole punches, envelopes both large and small-- or even bills in date order.

Recipe of the Month:



Red-Leaf Salad with Roasted Sweet Potatoes

- 2 sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks
 - 1 medium red onion, quartered
 - 2 Tbs. olive oil
 - Coarse salt and ground pepper
 - 1 package (10 ounces) frozen cut green beans, thawed
 - 1/3 cup walnut halves or pieces
 - 1 cup plain low-fat yogurt
 - 2 Tbs. white-wine vinegar
 - 1 garlic clove, crushed through a garlic press
 - 1 head (10 ounces) red-leaf lettuce, torn into bite-size pieces
- 1- Pre-heat oven to 450. On a large rimmed baking sheet, toss together sweet potatoes, onion and oil; season with salt & pepper. Roast until sweet potatoes are tender, about 20 minutes.
- 2- Add green beans and walnuts to sheet; toss. Roast until green beans are tender, about 5 minutes.
- 3- Meanwhile, in a small bowl, whisk together yogurt, vinegar, and garlic; season dressing with salt and pepper. Top lettuce with roasted vegetable mixture; drizzle with dressing.



Happy Birthday! January Birthdays: Mary Tassop and Loyal Camacho

For Your Funny Bone

Ralph and Edna were in love, and both patients in a mental hospital. One day while they were walking past the hospital swimming pool, Ralph suddenly jumped into the deep end. He sank to the bottom of the pool and stayed there. Edna promptly jumped in to save him. She swam to the bottom and pulled him out. When the head of nursing became aware of Edna’s heroic act she immediately ordered her to be discharged from the hospital, as she now considered her to be mentally stable. When she went to tell Edna the news she said, “Edna, I have good news and bad news. The good news is you’re being discharged since you were able to rationally respond to a crisis by jumping in and saving the life of the person you love. I have concluded that your act displays a sound mind. The bad news is, Ralph hung himself in the bathroom with his bathrobe belt right after you saved him. I am so sorry, but he’s dead.” Edna replied, “He didn’t hang himself, I put him there to dry. How soon can I go home?”

Quote: Winter is the season in which people try to keep the house as warm as it was in the summer, when they complained about the heat. ~Author Unknown~

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

- Lunch Program:** Monday- Friday at the Intervale Café -12:00 Noon-Call (626) 355-0256 to make your daily reservation. Suggested donation \$2.00 for seniors (60+) and \$3.75 for visitors.
- Monday:** Free strength Training Class with volunteer Lisa Brandley 1:00-1:45
- Tuesday:** Bingo- 1:30PM- 3:30 PM .25c per card
Yoga- 5:30 PM- 7:00PM Instructor Andrea Walsh- \$6.50 for seniors (50 and over.)
Call 355-5278 for more information.
- Wednesday:** 1st & 3rd Wednesday- Community Lunch & Learn Program
- Thursday:** Game Day- 1:00PM- 3:30PM- Poker, UNO, Scrabble, Cribbage, Chess, Checkers, Backgammon, Pinochle...you name it.
Yoga- 5:00 PM- 6:30 PM \$6.50 for seniors (50 and over) Call 355-5278 for more information
- Friday:** Ping-Pong 1:30 PM
- Saturday:** Senior Club for those 55 and older- Brown bag lunch at 11:30AM
Meeting at Noon- Bingo at 12:30 PM- only .25c per card

Monthly Excursions:
At press time, information on future trips was not available. Please inquire at the Senior Desk , 626.355.7394.

Free Blood Pressure Clinic- Second Tuesday of each month 11:00 AM- Noon No appointment necessary

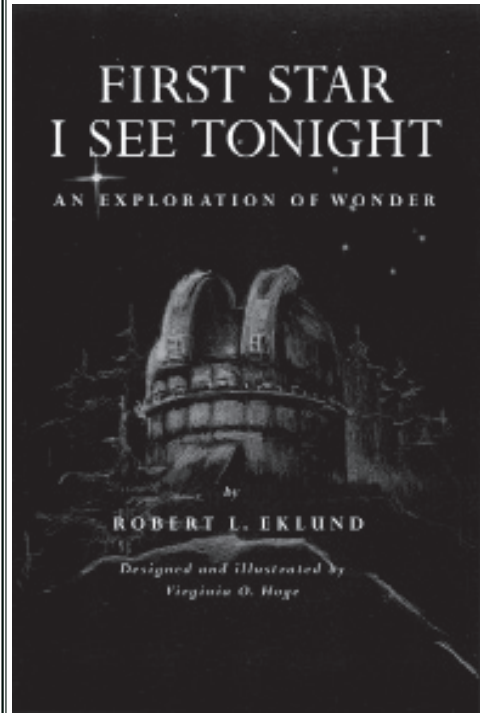
Financial Consulting- 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Hart Memorial Park House from 10:00AM- Noon. Please call (626) 355-7394 for an appointment.



Meals-on-Wheels:

Meals are delivered to homebound seniors by volunteer drivers through the YWCA Intervale Lunch Program M-F (with frozen meals for the weekend.) \$2.00 suggested donation per day.
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View the Huntington's Greene and Greene Exhibit....

Before it hits the road to the Smithsonian!

You have only until January 26 to catch the extensive exhibit honoring the work of Pasadena's most noted architects, the brothers Greene. Shortly thereafter, it will be packaged up to travel east to the Smithsonian, then the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. The exhibit has garnered a great deal of local attention as well as a recent extensive feature in the Wall Street Journal.

With an estimated 88 Pasadena homes to their credit, nearly 50 examples of Charles and Henry Greene's Arts and Crafts style homes remain dotted throughout Pasadena. This is in large part to the National Historic Preservation Act and efforts by devoted enthusiasts beginning the 1970's. Prior to these efforts to preserve our local architectural heritage, many Greene and Greenes were demolished during a period of disinterest in their style.

Known also as the "Craftsman Style," typical Greene and Greene homes almost always featured a single wide, shallow-sloping roof covering the main body of the house with dark-stained shingles. The style calls for the eaves to extend well beyond the vertical exterior walls, supported by rows of their signature "outrigger" beams. Covered porches and sleeping porches or balconies made frequent appearances. Expansions beyond the central body of the home extended in horizontal wings. Pillars, chimneys and retaining walls were often built with the softly sculptured Arroyo stone readily available nearby, firmly anchoring the home.

Staying true in the most part to their chosen style, the Greenes did not venture into the uncharted territory that contemporary Frank Lloyd Wright did into his structural experiments into light and space. Instead they focused on the zealous and fervent appreciation of fine, sometimes exotic woods, especially Philippine mahogany. Ebony plugs were often used to hide furniture's screw holes. According to the Huntington, the Greenes considered architecture "no less than a design language for life, imbuing their houses and furnishings with an expressive sensitivity for geography, climate, landscape and lifestyle."

They loved to experiment with unusual cuts, shaping, joinery, stains and polishes for their beloved woods. Many examples are showcased in this unique exhibit filled with loaned items, many never before shown to the general public. Art glass windows and light boxes, with intricate leading, were another favorite feature of the Greenes, with several stunning pieces on exhibit. Multi-colored opalescent glass, with interesting striations allowed the creation of clouds, terrain, movement and direction in the windows. They were used beautiful focal points in design, as well as for translucent but private windows in bathrooms.

Clockwise from Center: Adelaide A. Tichenor house, Long Beach, 1904-05. Watercolor by Charles Greene, c. 1905. (Courtesy of Greene and Greene Archives, The Gamble House, University of Southern California).

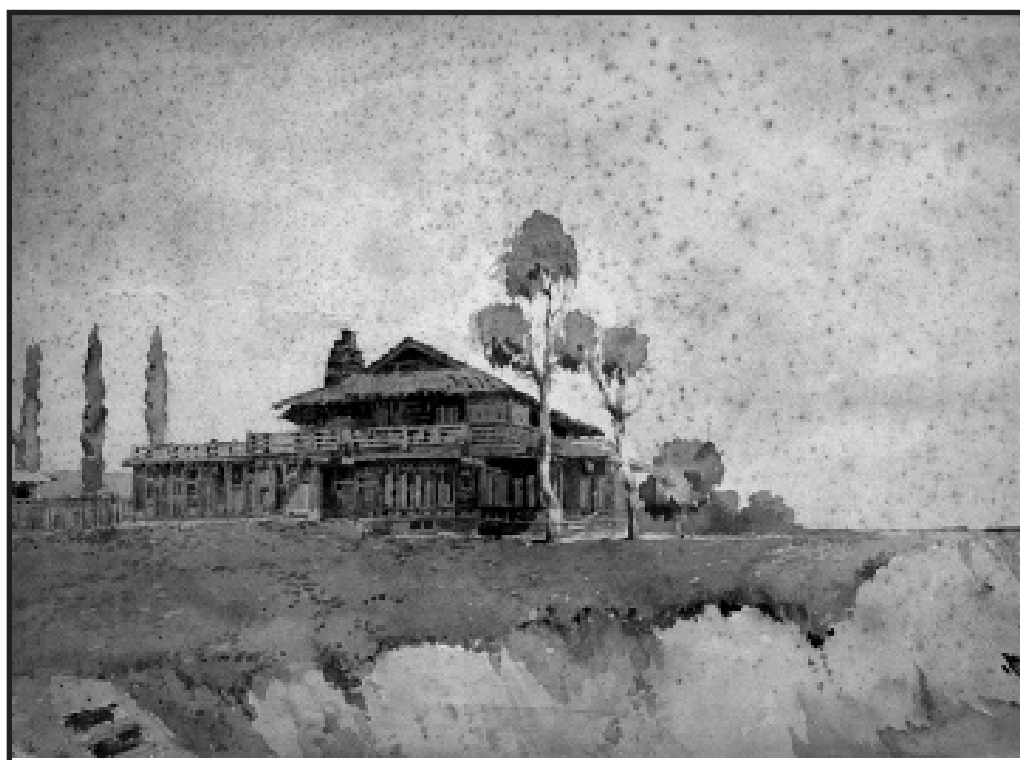
Entry-hall window, Jennie A. Reeve house, Long Beach, 1903-04. (Private collection. Photograph courtesy of Sotheby's, New York).

Lantern, 1910, James A. Culbertson house, Pasadena, 1902-14. (Courtesy of Guardian Stewardship. Photograph courtesy of Sotheby's, New York).

Photograph of Henry Greene, c. 1906. (Courtesy of Los Angeles Public Library).

Photograph of Charles Greene, c. 1906. (Courtesy of Los Angeles Public Library).

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projects, including furniture, art glass, lighting, metal sculptures, extensive archival photographs and a recreated section of the Blacker House, the Greenes' largest commission. A ten minute video allows visitors to take in extensive views of 10 Greene and Greene projects amid the

hushed environment of Craftsman enthusiasts.

Greene and Greene designed furniture is in high demand for those with a hefty pocketbook these days. Furniture from the Blacker home commanded an amazing \$396,000 and \$913,000 at recent auction while a dining set from the Ford home of 1908 brought in over \$2,000,000. The current exhibit offers the rest of us a rare opportunity to see their inspired work up close and personal, courtesy of over thirty private and institutional lenders.

After the Huntington exhibit, you might want to make a day of it, touring the Gamble house at 4 Westmoreland Place, Pasadena, some five miles away. Celebrating its 100th anniversary, this home was originally built as a winter home for the Gambles of Ivory Soap fame, with everything from the home and furnishings included in the project. The home was occupied by Gamble family members until it was given with its entire furnishings jointly to the city of Pasadena and USC in 1966. It is the only example of Greene and Greene regularly available for public viewing.

I recommend you pick up tickets for this one hour tour in the morning, before your Huntington visit. Visit www.GambleHouse.org for more information. After the Gamble house, you can view the Blacker house from the intersection of Wentworth and Hillcrest, beautifully restored by owners dedicated to the genius of Greene and Greene.

For more information about the Greene and Greene exhibit: A New and Native Beauty, visit www.Huntington.org. The 207 acres of the Huntington library, art collections and botanical gardens are located at 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino 91108. The museum is closed on Tuesdays.



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