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## ZIMMERMAN WANTS TO AUDIT THE AUDITS Repeal of Utility User Tax Also Proposed

By Susan Henderson

When former Mayor Kurt Zimmerman relinquished his office last month, he pronounced that during his term he had restored the city to "fiscal responsibility". Touting the decrease in the city's share of the cost of last year's fire by \$3 million dollars, he also claimed responsibility for the completion of all overdue audits. However, it appears that Zimmerman wishes to continue the auditing process by having another firm do an 'external review' of the FY 2006/2007 audit.

The request was made at a previous council meeting to have an independent review of the city's books in an attempt to answer where the alleged 'extra' \$1 million dollars came from during the original audit, despite all indications that there is no surplus million dollars.

As reported by this paper in March of this year, the audits were prepared by the firm of R. Edward Beranek, a Certified Public Accountant in good standing with the State Board of Accountancy. For the year in question, Beranek issued an "unqualified opinion" giving the city a clean bill of health in terms of its compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). GAAP principles govern those responsible for the city's finances, from accounting clerks to top executives. They also govern the performance of auditors. In the findings of Beranek, for the year in question and the subsequent FY 2007/2008, no improprieties have been found. Beranek has in the past issued qualified audits when he found that city staff had not been in compliance with GAAP. For instance, in the FY 2003/2004 which was completed in 2006, it was noted that "The city has not followed GAAP for many years (prior to FY 03-04) related to the recording of capital assets." As a result of that audit report, then City Manager John Gillison retained a consultant to bring the city into compliance.

The cost of an audit is almost \$30,000 and should the council decide to hire another accounting firm to forensically review the city's books, the unbudgeted expense could be as high as another \$30,000.00. The second review would be confirming whether or not GAAP principles had

been followed, just as the original audit did. In a brief conversation with City Treasurer George Enyedi, he was confident that the audits had been completed properly and disclosed the true financial position of Sierra Madre.

In the 06/07 audit, the alleged 'surplus' funds were an accumulation of fund transfers that had not yet been made and intransit transactions as of June 30, 2007. According to City Manager Elaine Aguilar, as of June 30, 2008, the actual surplus is approximately \$233,000.

Zimmerman's desire to find the 'extra' million dollars appears to be the impetus behind his call for a suspension or decrease in the Utility Users Tax. According to the General Fund Revenue Actual and Projected Performance (see charts on page 9), the city cannot afford to change the existing Utility Users Tax. The economic uncertainty of the times indicates that even if there were 'excess' funds, the city will need to use them to keep afloat.

In Aguilar's memo to the council she notes, "Another factor which is not estimated or accounted for on the aforementioned charts is the uncertainty regarding actions of the State of California to balance the State's budget." She reminds the council that the Governor is prepared to suspend 2004's Proposition 1A if the initiatives on the May special election ballot fail. Should that happen, the state would "borrow" 8% of local property tax revenue which would result in a decrease of \$250,000 - \$300,000 in general fund revenue.

Sierra Madre has had for several years a reserve fund of approximately \$2 million dollars. The reserves are used when revenue projections do not meet expectations and obligations have to be met. That fund has dipped below the \$2 million dollar mark in recent years, however, as of June 30, 2008, the balance is back to the \$2 million dollar level, a small amount considering the economic uncertainty of the times.

### Other Items On The Agenda:

Historic Preservation Issues

Water Billing Procedures

Second Reading of Ordinance 1290 which establishes an Administrative Enforcement Process and Resolution 09-18 Setting Forth Administrative Fees and Penalties For Violations Of The Sierra Madre Municipal Code

The Sierra Madre City Council will meet on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 6:30 pm - City Council Chambers - City Hall

## Sierra Madre School Student Mei-Mei Liu Wins 3rd Place In Statewide Competition



Mei Mei (center) with her mother and Heidi Photo Courtesy D. Tully

Mei-Mei Liu, a 7th grade Special Education student from Sierra Madre School won 3rd place in the State Of California History Day Competition for her Historical Paper entry. She also won three other awards: Best California History entry; Best 'People History' entry; and Kudos for Kids award (for a kid who had to overcome tremendous hardship to be at History Day. For that award according to Lisabet Nepf, her homeroom teacher who was there, she got a standing ovation.

Mei-Mei was one of 46 students from Sierra Madre's K-8 School's 4th, 5th and 7th grade classrooms that participated in this year's annual L.A. County History Day competition at Azusa Pacific University along with over 700 other students from the L.A. County area. She won the L.A. County Competition in the Historical Paper category.

This year's theme was: The Individual in History: Actions and Legacy. Students worked diligently to research and

analyze the contributions of someone whose actions created a legacy that still reverberates today. Four 5th grade students: Tyler Keck for his Individual Poster/Process Paper: The Trunk of the Tree of Liberty - Toussaint Louverture and Joel Brown, Chance Woods and Yenz Strayer for the Group Poster/: The Price of Freedom - Haym Salomon won the L.A. County Competition and also competed in Sacramento in the State Finals.

An Honorable Mention went to 5th graders Mackenzie Guzman, Reilly Milton and Charly Culwell for their Group Poster: Sacajawea: A Shoshone Hero. Two Special Category awards went to 4th grader Lily Wilkins for her poster/process paper: Cabrillos California Coast from the Autry National Center and the La Senora Research Center. Lila Rowel received the Kudos for Kids award for participation under extraordinary circumstances.

We are so proud of all our students, their parents and their teachers, Tina Ogron, Lisa Digrado and Lisabet Nepf.

## Sierra Madre Businesses Recognized for Eco-Friendly Policies/Programs

Story and Photo By Bill Coburn

Recently at a luncheon at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Duarte, nearly two dozen companies/organizations from Duarte, Pomona, Rosemead, and Sierra Madre were recognized at the San Gabriel Valley Environmental Awards, sponsored by the Los Angeles Regional Agency (LARA). According to James Carlson, Management Analyst for the City of Sierra Madre, the City is one of sixteen member Cities in LARA. Sierra Madre's membership is paid for by Athens Services, which provides the City's waste disposal services. Carlson said that AB 939 requires all

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Waste Less Living's Christine Lenches-who emceed the event with their "recycled" Hinkel, representing Sierra Madrestoplight awards. Not shown, but also Community Nursery School, and Mailboxrecognized by the Agency, were E. Waldo & Postal owner Armen Khourdajian (R) joinWard and Son, Cafe 322, SMEAC, and Howard Morris from the City of PomonaSierra Madre School.

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## Weather Wise

### 5-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.



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<b>Tues:</b> Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
<b>Wed:</b> Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s
<b>Thur:</b> Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
<b>Fri:</b> Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

### BARGAIN BOOK TABLE SALE AT SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library will have a Bargain Book Table Sale inside the Library, Monday, May 11 through Saturday, May 16, during the Library's public open hours. Featured subjects will include Fiction, Health, Children's, Specialty, and Collectible books, all in good condition. All books will be sold at the bargain price of \$1.00 each. These every-other-month book sales provide funding for Library resources and programs. The Sierra Madre Public Library, located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre, is open Monday through Wednesday from Noon to 9 p.m., Thursday & Friday from Noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (626) 355-7186, [www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us](http://www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us).

### SIERRA MADRE CHAMBER INVITES LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS FOR COFFEE

Beginning May 28<sup>th</sup>, the Sierra Madre Chamber invites local business owners, both members and prospective members, to stop by the Chamber office each Thursday morning between 7am and 9am to share a cup of coffee, and to discuss how the Chamber can assist local businesses. Chamber President Matt Krantz and Executive Director Bill Coburn will be on hand to receive feedback from local businesses about what the Chamber currently does to promote and serve local businesses, and how it can better serve the needs of Sierra Madre's business community. Beantown Coffee Bar will donate the fresh brewed coffee. The Chamber office is located at 37 N. Auburn Ave., Ste. 1 in Sierra Madre. Call for more info at (626) 355-5111, or visit the Chamber's regularly updated website at [www.SierraMadreChamber.com](http://www.SierraMadreChamber.com).

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					Travelers & Collectors Season Finale Friday, May 8th Council Chambers: 7:30 pm 	Mother's Day Tea With Louisa May Alcott Saturday, May 9th 11:30 am - 1:30 pm Sierra Madre Women's Club 550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd \$20 for Adults \$8 Children under 17
					<b>May 16 &amp; 17</b> <b>Sierra Madre Art Fair</b> <b>Memorial Park, 9:30 am</b>	
					Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm Council Chambers	<b>Mt. Wilson Trail Race</b> 

## Fiction and Creative Non-Fiction Workshop

Tuesdays, May 26 - June 30, 6:30 - 8:30pm

\$350.00 per student (plus tax)

Our class will be a workshop, with students reading aloud their own work, and with our classmates and myself offering gentle, supportive suggestions. A selection of modern essays and stories will be discussed. The emphasis is on writing that reflects on the nature of life and tries to make some sense of it. ("A writer is one on whom nothing is lost," said Henry James. "Fiction is news from existence," said Saul Bellow.) Personal memoir and humor, explorations of family dynamics, and love stories (both romantic and familial) are welcome. The deepest experiences of life will be the subjects you explore.

We will discuss in class, in addition to the art and craft of writing well, "the writing life," aspects of publishing and marketing, the benefits of having an agent, the nature of the publishing industry today, and related matters. We will

begin class by sharing some exercises addressing "hot spots" in your lives and eventually you will complete one essay, memoir or story.

Instructor: Merrill Joan Gerber

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Merrill Joan Gerber is a prize-winning writer whose stories have appeared in The New Yorker, The Atlantic, Mademoiselle, The Southwest Review, The Sewanee Review, Commentary, and many other literary journals. Among her awards are a Wallace Stegner Fiction Fellowship, an O. Henry Prize, a Pushcart Editor's Book Award, and the Ribalow Prize from Hadassah Magazine. Her newest novel is The Victory Gardens of Brooklyn. She teaches fiction writing at the California Institute of Technology. Merrill Joan Gerber's website including prizes and publications: [www.cco.caltech.edu/~mjgerber](http://www.cco.caltech.edu/~mjgerber)

### Garden Club Program to Feature "Small Garden, Large Harvest" by Phyllis Chapman

Sierra Madre Garden Club invites you to attend their dinner meeting on Monday, May 11th at 6pm in the Hart Park House at Memorial Park. A program will be presented by Dr. Theresa Smith and John Johnson about their development of a garden in Monrovia into one that produces giant-size, flavorful crops of food in a limited space.

They will provide how-to steps for their amazing results of plants that reach maturity sooner, yielding bumper crops that are delicious - and all with the priority of conserving water. Also, the great plus of enjoying lower grocery bills in this time of economic downturn.

Presently, home gardens are receiving greater attention due to health, the environment and economics. The National Gardening Association says 43 million households plan to grow their own produce in 2009, up from 36 million last year, a 19% increase. Both the Obamas in the White House and California First Lady Maria Shriver have planted gardens to teach children and visitors the value of growing food. Not since the Victory Gardens of World War II has there been greater interest and excitement about home gardening.

Reservations are needed for the dinner at this meeting, \$9 each, and can be made by calling 355-0606. To attend just the program, no charge or reservation needed, arrive by 6:45pm.

### Sierra Madre City Councilman Joe Mosca To Speak At Kiwanis Tuesday, May 12, 2009

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## Pasadena

### Proceeds from May 17<sup>th</sup> Art Faire Will Benefit MACH1: Move A Child Higher, New Facility

One way to feel better during this economic slump is to do something to help other people. An opportunity to help children with special needs will take place on May 17, 2009. Move A Child Higher, a nonprofit organization will be holding their very first Art Faire at the Shakespeare Club in Pasadena, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The proceeds from this event will be used to create a new larger facility for this organization which gives children and adults with disabilities the opportunity to interact with horses therapeutically, for development and lifelong benefit. Right now, the facility located at the Hahamongna Watershed Park in Pasadena accommodates 33 children and 4 adults. They have little room for additional students. The new facility they aspire to build will accommodate up to about 80 students.

MACH1 was founded in 1996 by Joy Rittenhouse. She suffered from polio as a child and because of it was stricken with physical handicaps. These disabilities, including weakness in her legs and wearing a brace had to be overcome. When she finally was able to ride a horse at age 32 and an adult, she found it invigorating. One of her riding instructors inspired her by telling her about Liz Hartel, an Olympic champion, who was also affected by polio. This motivated Joy to continue her pursuit of horseback riding and eventually to become certified in Therapeutic Riding. "Joy founded Move A Child Higher (MACH 1) so that other people with disabilities like hers can experience the benefits of horseback therapy. The organization she developed relies upon private contributions for the bulk of its funding and its generous volunteers for their many hours of loving assistance with program



clients and horses."

Last year, fine artist Nick Bitar bequeathed to MACH1 twelve of his wildlife and exotic animals oil paintings. According to Kerry Kelly, a volunteer responsible for promotions and marketing of MACH1 the paintings were a pivotal factor for MACH1 in the development of their Art Faire. The funds raised from the selling of these paintings as well as, the works of other contributing artists will be a step forward in achieving their goals of increasing the facility size and making equine therapy more available to those children and adults that would profoundly benefit from it.

There will be exquisite pieces of fine art from twelve local artists, including: Andrew Kasiske *Photography*, AnKara *Designs*, Carole Babcock *Stone Sculpture*, Deborah Levine *Latter Handmade Artisan Jewelry*, Desdy Kellogg *Baggott Plein Air Oils*, Eleanor Erickson *Hargrave Watercolor and Oils*, Gail Martin *Plein Air Oils*, Howard *Zazove Fantasy/Whimsical Illustrations*, Nick Bitar *Oils-Equine & Exotic Animals*, Trish Kertes *Plein Air and studio oil paintings of California, Italy and Montana*, Gary Pantiskas and Melanie Taylor Kent. Many of the artists will be accompanying their work to the Art Faire and prices of the artwork range from twenty dollars to thousands, allowing for all levels of participation in raising funds for this humanistic purpose.

*The Art Faire will take place at the Shakespeare Club located at 171 S. Grand Ave in Pasadena from 1-4pm. Light snacks will be served and glasses of white will be served. For more info on MACH1 go to [www.moveachildhigher.org](http://www.moveachildhigher.org) or call (626)798-1222.*

## Pasadena Unified School District PUSD UPDATE REGARDING SWINE FLU

### No Confirmed Cases in Pasadena Unified Schools

Pasadena, CA - Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD)

Superintendent Edwin Diaz today issued the following statement regarding the District's response to concerns about reported cases of the swine flu:

"We have not received any reports of confirmed cases of the H1N1 virus, or swine flu, in Pasadena Unified schools from local and county public health officials. Yesterday, May 5, the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) advised schools against automatic closure in response to confirmed cases of H1N1 virus. A summary of the CDC's revised recommendations follows:

School closure is not advised for a suspected or confirmed case of novel influenza A (H1N1) and, in general, is not advised unless there is a magnitude of faculty or student absenteeism that interferes with the school's ability to function.

Schools that were closed based on previous interim CDC guidance related to this outbreak may reopen.

Students, faculty or staff with influenza-like illness (fever with a cough or sore throat) should stay home and not attend school or go into the community except to seek medical

care for at least 7 days even if symptoms resolve sooner.

Students, faculty and staff who are still sick 7 days after they become ill should continue to stay home from school until at least 24 hours after symptoms have resolved.

Students, faculty and staff who appear to have an influenza-like illness at arrival or become ill during the school day should be isolated promptly in a room separate from other students and sent home.

At this time, CDC recommends the primary means to reduce spread of influenza in schools is to focus on early identification of ill students and staff, stay home when ill, and practice good cough and hand hygiene etiquette. Decisions about school closure should be at the discretion of local authorities based on local considerations, including public concern and the impact of school absenteeism and staffing shortages.

To see the complete CDC update, go to: [http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/K12\\_dismissal.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/K12_dismissal.htm). For updates and additional information, please visit [www.pusd.us](http://www.pusd.us) or call the Pasadena Public Health Department at (626) 744-7445 during business hours and at (626) 744-6012 after hours.



## Social Events Of The Season!

"This the time of year for installations of new boards of directors for many organizations, also award time for some of the same. By the time this goes to print, the City of Monrovia will have a new Mayor. Can't miss that, since the new Mayor is a lady this time around. Mayor Mary Ann Lutz will be the third woman Mayor of Monrovia. Imagine, only three of us from the female contingency over a period of 123 years! Pretty sad! So, of course, Lara Larramendi, the number 2 woman Mayor, and I will be there to spur her on. In fact, we have a Proclamation to offer for this momentous occasion.

On the subject of mayors, one gets to ride in numerous parades when holding that office, or any other elective offices. One time as the convertible that I was in, cruised along in one of the Monrovia Day parades, I heard a youngster say to his mother: You mean the Mayor is a lady? As if the sky were falling for sure a that very moment. I was first and nothing drastic took place, outside of getting the redevelopment plans off to a start, due to the farsightedness of the outstanding directors of Community Development and Community Services. Even cut the ribbon for Monrovia's first hotel, Howard Johnson's at the time, now Courtyard, Marriot. Ancient history, for sure.

Moving along, on April 22nd Quota International of Monrovia/Duarte held its annual installation of officers at the spacious home of Mary Ann Mayer in Monrovia. New officers include: Laura Ur, President; Linda Proctor, 1st V.P.; Yvette Fitzgerald, 2nd V.P.; Mary Macias, Recording Secretary; Pattie Tellez, Asst Sec.; June Shafer, Corresponding Sec.; Mary Ann Mayer, Treasurer; Ferne Petrie, Director; Charlotte Schamadan, Tid-Bitz Editor. Quota is an International Service

Club, encompassing 14 countries, its main philanthropy being aid to the deaf and abused women and children, as well as numerous donations to local community projects.

Also, on May 1st, Monrovia's outgoing Mayor Rob Hammond was feted, toasted and roasted at a formal dinner in his honor to a capacity crowd, held at the Doubletree Hotel in Monrovia. One of the very enthusiastic persons attending was Rob's brother who is returning to Iraq this week. For Rob, I'm sure it's a big relief not to have any more big decisions to make once the last gavel was struck.

There's quite a line-up of events taking place in Monrovia this month, so mark your calendars. Unfortunately, as you read this paper Sturday, May 9th, many of us will be happily attending the annual Open House at the Monrovia Fire Department and enjoying their Pancake Breakfast, 7 am to 11. The little ones love it.

Then, on May 16th, the great Formal Opening of the magnificent new Monrovia Public Library at 10 am. Really open for business that day! Besides that, it's Monrovia Day, with booths and such all over the place. This year the parade was on the previous Thursday evening.

Always on Memorial Day weekend, Immaculate Conception Church on Shamrock in Monrovia, holds its annual Fiesta. Booths, rides, heavenly Mexican dinners, Bingo, the works, Friday night through Sunday evening; even several youth bands playing through it all.

A word of thanks to all for the many phone calls and cards expressing condolences on the death of my oldest son, Michael, last week. Burying one of our offspring is never something we anticipate in life, but the family is happy to have him out of pain and at peace. [Postrye@netzero.com](mailto:Postrye@netzero.com)

## Grand Opening



Hundreds turned out for the long anticipated opening of the new Best Buy in Duarte. A joint Duarte/Monrovia Chamber Grand Opening ceremony was held on Thursday, May 7th, featuring not only the traditional ribbon-cutting with local officials, but

an announcement by store General Manager Marisel Mosqueda that Best Buy was donating \$5,000 each to the Duarte Education Foundation and the Monrovia Boys and Girls Club.

Photo by Bill Coburn

## SIERRA MADRE'S FARMERS MARKET!

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## A Brush With Death



*Man falls 20 feet from snatched utility truck*

By Dean Lee

A cable television repair man got an unexpected ride of his life early Tuesday morning after a thief stole his vehicle —as he was 20 feet up in the truck's crane basket. The victim then fell, suffering, cuts, bruises and several fractures, as the suspect sped off.

Pasadena Police Information officer Janet Pope Givens said the 30-year-old worker was hospitalized in serious condition Tuesday. She said he is expected to survive.

She said police arrested Edwin Ramos at the scene. He was later charged with assault with a deadly weapon, kidnapping, grand theft, felony DUI and vandalism she said.

Givens also said the incident was still being investigated and it was unclear if the victim fell or jumped. She said the man was part of a crew subcontracted with Charter Communications fixing wires at about 2 a.m. when Ramos asked one of them to use his cell phone.

"The worker gave him the cell phone to use," Givens said. "Then the guy jumped in the truck and drove off with the other worker still in the bucket."

She said the crew was working at Fair Oaks Avenue and Washington Boulevard.

"The vehicle ended up at Pepper Street and Sunset Avenue," she said. "That's where the arrest was." She did not know at what point the victim fell out.

Givens said this was the first time they had seen this type of crime, "Hopefully someone else will think twice before they try and steal a van or at least look up to see if there is anyone else working."

She also explained the second worker, on the ground, was also a victim of the grand theft.

"This is probably going to be multi victim, there's the victim where the phone was taken, Charter was a victim because their van was taken and whatever vandalism was done to public utilities or other cable stuff."

Other news sources reported that as the vehicle sped away it slammed into power polls and trees although Givens said she could not confirm the details of what exactly happened.

## Ringing In the New City Council



*The full council poses for a picture minutes after new councilmember Terry Tornek (2nd from right) is sworn in along with reelected council members, Chris Holden and Victor Gordo.*  
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*Terry Tornek (Middle) is sworn in along with reelected council members, Chris Holden and Victor Gordo*

By Dean Lee

The council chambers was packed at Monday night's city council meeting even though there was no big development project being discussed, or ordinance being passed, or rates going up —everyone was there to congratulate new Councilmember Terry Tornek on winning the runoff race for District 7.

Council members, Chris

Holden and Victor Gordo were also honored as the both easily won reelection for District 3 and District 5 respectively. All three were sworn in, that night, by City Clerk Mark Jomsky

Each of the three thanked their, families, friends and field representatives including Tornek who will still have outgoing Councilmember Sid Tyler's field rep, Pam Thyret.

## Tribe Concerned Over Oaks Trees at Las Encinas Hospital

Richard Bruckner, Pasadena's director of planning and development gave the City Council a quick update, during their last regular meeting in April, on the status of the Las Encinas Hospital after a number of Gabrielino/Tongva tribe members voiced concern over the possibility of removing thirty Oak trees.

Bruckner said the hospital was in fact requesting a Master Plan but did not go into any further details.

"Master Plans in the city of Pasadena ultimately come to this body [the city council] for approval," he said. "But prior to doing that, it



will be before Design Commission, Historic Preservation Commission and Planning Commission for recommendations."

He said they anticipate the process would start in the next few months.

Bruckner affirmed the site was

populated with Oak trees as well as historic buildings.

Member of the tribe said the Oak trees are sacred to them.

Gabrielino-Tongva leader Anthony Morales said there were at least 1,000 Oaks on the property. He said the trees were a source of life for the Tongva providing acorns which was their daily food.

He said they were asking that the project not move forward until the Tongva, the city and the Las Encinas Hospital meet.

Morales is also known as Chief Red Blood.



p.m.  
Jackie Robinson Center ,  
1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave.  
(Spanish interpretation  
will be available)

While for many years water service revenues have remained relatively flat, regular operational and maintenance costs have increased. PWP has had to borrow from reserve funds to continue its normal standard of operation.

To correct this cost-revenue imbalance and

rewriting its General Plan. Some said Tornek's timing could not have been better.

Tyler, who was on the council 12 years said one of the most important issues was one he lost —fighting to save 14 shady Ficus Trees recently cut down along Colorado Boulevard in the Play House District. He was honored for his work with a potted small tree.

Outgoing Councilmember Sid Tyler and wife Betsey Tyler hold a tree given to them.

## Barricaded Robbery Suspect Surrenders To Police

According to police —at 3:25 PM Monday, members of the Police Department's Fugitive Apprehension Unit were attempting to arrest a suspect who was named in a strong armed robbery that took place over the weekend. The suspect ran from the officers and hid inside a nearby home refusing to come out.

The SWAT Team was called, immediate neighbors were evacuated and the Crisis Negotiations Team began conversations with the suspect. After about three hours, at about 6:15 PM, the suspect, identified as Adam Youines, 22 of Pasadena was arrested without further incident. "By cooperating with police commands, we were able to take Mr. Youines into custody without any physical harm to him, our officers or the neighbors," says Chief Melekian. Between then and this afternoon, our patrol officers, detectives and special operations teams did an excellent job at finding out who he was, where he was and bringing him into custody."

Youines has been booked for robbery and is being held on \$50,000.00 bail.

## Bike Week Good For Beginners

*The city of Pasadena encourages beginning bicyclists to build their confidence and skill levels by attending one or more events during Bike Week Pasadena May 11 to 16.*

The annual celebration is sponsored by the city, local business districts and community groups to educate and motivate people to use bicycles for recreation, commuting to work and getting around town.

This year's events include an early evening bike ride with Mayor Bill Bogaard around the Rose Bowl Loop, a documentary film, ladies' night and workshops with such titles as "How to lose up to 3,000 pounds in one day, or the amazing car-lite diet."

Bike Week Pasadena takes place as the city updates its bicycle master plan created in 2000. Since then, 60 lane-miles of bikeways have been identified and more than 500 bike racks added to major streets, retail areas, schools, parks and other sites, along with safety workshops and a bike map.

Organizers are Cyclists Inciting Change Through Live Exchange (CICLE), One Colorado, Pasadena Playhouse District, Paseo Colorado, South Lake Business Association and Shops on Lake Avenue.

For detailed listings visit [www.cicle.org](http://www.cicle.org) or call (323) 478-0060.

## Bike To Work Day

City of Pasadena employees will join thousands of bicyclists throughout Los Angeles County who will ride their bikes to work Thursday, May 14.

The city's Transportation Department will host a Metro "Pit Stop" for bicyclists at Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave., from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. with Pasadena Public Health Department and Pasadena ARTS bus information, refreshments and free giveaways from sponsors.





## Environmentally Speaking, Did You Know? Charcoal Briquettes and Respiratory Problems

By Pat Birdsall

Invented in the year 1920 by Henry Ford, briquette is the most widely used coal variety in the world. Briquette is primarily made of two basic ingredients that include the traditional lump wood charcoal or char and anthracite. Char is derived by burning hardwoods such as maple and hickory and is responsible for providing the distinct wood-smoked flavor in foods. Anthracite produces high temperatures and flames that last long. To be precise, almost 90% of briquette is made of these two ingredients. The remaining portion is comprised of materials such as starch, nitrate and lime. While starch is used as a binding agent, nitrate acts as an accelerant and lime is an ash-whitening agent that lets the barbecuer recognize whether the briquettes are ready to cook on or not.

During recent years, there has been an increased popularity for outdoor charcoal cooking. However, the fact is that the process of cooking using briquettes is environmentally a hazardous and unsafe process. Some of the dangers caused as a result of burning briquettes are listed below.

\*Some of the ingredients present in briquettes such as starch, nitrate and borax release harmful elements when exposed to high temperatures. If inhaled, these chemicals can cause respiratory problems and other related diseases.

\*Burning briquettes can be detrimental to the

health of individuals because burning of charcoal results in the release of harmful hydrocarbons, free radicals and tiny soot particles that can result in the incidence of heart and lung problems.

\*Another problem that is associated with burning briquettes is that it results in the formation of two potentially carcinogenic compounds. These are polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) and heterocyclic amines (HCAs). Both of these compounds are formed when meat is grilled on top of charcoal. These compounds are extremely harmful and increase the risk of pancreatic, colorectal and breast cancers.

\*Apart from polluting the air and the surroundings, burning of briquettes on the grill results in the release of greenhouse gases and indirectly contributes to the global warming phenomenon.

On a personal note, I have Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), and when someone in my immediate neighborhood lights charcoal briquettes I have to close my doors and windows until the nitrates burn off, as the noxious odor aggravates my condition.

Using a pure form of coal that doesn't contain any other materials, and is of good quality is one solution for the barbecue purist. For others, consider using a gas grill. The lungs you save might be your own.

## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rethink

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Your thoughts and comments are welcome...

## Get Ready for Fire Season — Get Defensible Space

**Homes with defensible space have a much greater chance of surviving a wildfire than homes without.**

We at the California Fire Safe Council encourage you to give your house a fighting chance during a potential wildfire by establishing your defensible space.

Defensible space breaks up the continuous path of plants that could carry wildfire to your home. And it gives firefighters a safe zone from which to fight a wildfire. It's worth your effort.

### Defensible Space: You Can Do It

- ☐ Remove all flammable vegetation around all structures. State law requires a minimum of 100 feet of clearance, but check with your insurance agent to see if your carrier requires more. For more information about state law, contact your local fire department.
- ☐ Trim trees so branches are six feet from the ground and 10 feet from your chimney. Remove branches overhanging your roof.
- ☐ Call your utility company for help with trees near power lines. Never trim these yourself.
- ☐ Remove any dead trees.
- ☐ Cut weeds and dead grasses six inches or shorter.
- ☐ Always work early in the morning and make sure your power tools have spark arresters to prevent equipment-caused fires.
- ☐ Ask your local nursery about landscaping with beautiful, fire-resistant plants.
- ☐ Maintain defensible space by cleaning up plant litter and watering properly.



Which house would you rather come home to after a wildfire?



Photo courtesy CFS

Need help? Contact your local Fire Safe Council to learn about their chipping, home consultations and other programs that can help you become fire safe. Find a Council near you by going to [www.firesafecouncil.org](http://www.firesafecouncil.org).

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## Mountain Rescue Team Members at 14,000 Feet Climbing Denali in Alaska PT 2

By Bruce Lamarche

Six mountaineers from the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team and Tacoma Mountain Rescue in Washington arrived at 14,000 feet on Wednesday. They are climbing towards the 20,320 foot summit of Denali Mountain in Alaska. The world-class mountain was previously known as Mt. McKinley is both remote and dangerous. The Team started the ascent on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Susan McCreary, Jon Pedder, and Roger Gray are members of Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team which serves our local area and responds to emergencies statewide. Husband and wife, Fran and Jeff Sharp, along with Berndt Bittlingmaier are members of the Washington State Based, Tacoma Mountain Rescue Team.

Susan McCreary

As of Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> the team had arrived at the 14,000 foot level where they will spend two days resting and shuttling gear to their next camp. Each move to a new camp involves an ascent of about 3,000 feet and multiple trips to drag sleds of food and shelter.

A satellite phone call from the group indicated that most were suffering from a cold but were in good spirits and doing well. All were feeling the effects of the altitude and cold. Intermittent snow fall and winds pushed temperatures well below freezing each day. Temperatures drop significantly as altitude is gained. Being the first team to climb the



Susan McCreary in her Snow Cave

mountain this season, they have the additional difficulty of breaking trail. There is no well-trodden path to follow.

Jeff Sharp was heard saying, "McKinley is absolutely monstrous looking!" Fran Sharp said, "It's like the Grand Canyon with snow everywhere." Features that they are hiking to appear close yet are miles away. The team hopes to summit the mountain somewhere between May 10<sup>th</sup> and the 14<sup>th</sup> depending on weather conditions.

*The Mountain Views News will update this epic journey next week.*

## Sierra Madre Police Blotter

*During the week of Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, to Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 220 calls for service.*

**Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>:**

**7:18 PM** – Arrest, Public Intoxication & Resisting Arrest, 00 block N. Baldwin Ave. An officer responded to a call of an intoxicated man that fell to the ground in front of Casa del Rey restaurant. The officer tried to arrest the man for public intoxication, but the man resisted and threatened the officer, who called for help. Additional officers responded and took the man into custody without further incident. An officer took the to the Pasadena Police jail for booking.

**9:13 PM** – Arrest, Possession of Controlled Substance, No Bail Arrest Warrant for Parole Violations and Resisting Arrest, 00 block E. Bonita Ave. An officer responded to a call of suspicious activity involving a man and a woman. When the officer tried to talk to the man, he threw a plastic baggie containing narcotics to the ground and ran away. Responding officers set up perimeter containment and arrested the man. The man, a parolee and resident of Sierra Madre, was taken to the Pasadena Police jail for booking.

**Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>:**

**9:25 AM** – Grand Theft, Bailey Canyon Park. The victim reported the theft of his camera bag and camera equipment, after he left his equipment in the park. The victim searched the area and found that someone had stolen his camera equipment. The estimated value of the loss is about \$10,000.00.

**11:23 AM** – Counterfeit US Currency, 100 block W. Sierra Madre Blvd. The victim/

store owner reported receiving a counterfeit \$50.00 bill, after the suspect paid for food and received change back. The suspect fled the location before the storeowner was able to verify the authenticity of the currency. The suspect was described as a blonde female white, in her fifties. The suspect was wearing a black, white and tan colored glittery zebra print sweater and dark pants. Total loss was \$50.00.

**Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>:**

**3:52 PM** – Arrest, Public Intoxication, 700 block W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Officers responded to a disturbance call between a husband and wife. Officers found the man intoxicated in an outside public area. The couple had been involved in an argument and the wife alleged that her husband had pushed her. She did not have visible injuries however, officers took a battery report. Officers arrested the man for public intoxication and took him to the Pasadena Police jail for booking.

**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

**10:53 PM** – Prowler, 300 block W. Montecito Ave. Officers responded to a call of a prowler in the backyard of a residence. The victim discovered the suspect peeking into her bedroom window. The suspect then ran northbound through the backyard and out to an adjacent side street towards Highland Avenue. The suspect was described as a male, unknown race, about 5'8" to 5'10" feet tall, medium build. The suspect was wearing a red hooded sweatshirt pulled over his head, dark plaid baggy pajama style pants, socks and no shoes. The Pasadena Police helicopter assisted with an area search for the suspect, but the suspect fled before their arrival.

## Arcadia Police Blotter

**Calls for Service Formal Investigations April 26 to May 2 1,014 141 Total Year to Date for 2009 17,101 2,425**

**For the period of Sunday, April 26, through Saturday, May 2, the Police Department responded to 1,014 calls for service of which 141 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.**

**Sunday, April 26:**

Units were dispatched to Extended Stay, 401 East Santa Clara, around 5:51 a.m. in reference to a battery that just occurred. Investigation revealed that a 59-year-old male Caucasian suspect was picked up by a cab around 9:00 p.m. on April 25, and he was driven around for several hours to run errands. When they returned to the motel, the suspect's credit card was declined so the taxi driver asked for the \$248 fare in cash. The suspect became angry and struck the taxi driver several times with closed fists and then returned to his room. Officers responded to the motel room, contacted the suspect, and were able to obtain the fare for the driver. The victim was not desirous of prosecution and a report was taken to document the incident.

Shortly before 7:00 p.m., loss prevention personnel from the H&M store located at Westfield Mall advised that they had detained a female adult and two female juveniles for theft. The suspects concealed merchandise in their tote bags and left the store without making payment. Private persons' arrests were made, and the Hispanic females, ages 13, 15, and 20, were taken into custody for commercial burglary. The female adult was also found with additional stolen property from another store and a baggie containing a controlled substance; therefore, charges of receiving stolen property and possession of a controlled substance were added.

**Monday, April 27:**

3. Around 8:56 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 400 block of West Palm in reference to a grand theft that occurred between 10:00 a.m. on April 23 and 3:00 p.m. on April 26. Unknown suspect(s) stole a \$2,200 bronze elephant statue from the victim's front yard.

4. A victim came to the station around 6:41 p.m. to file a strong-arm robbery report. He was walking on Camino Real near First when a red vehicle stopped nearby and two male Hispanic suspects, between 18 and 21 years of age, exited and approached him. One suspect grabbed his cell phone from his hand and they forcibly removed his wallet from his pocket. The victim was able to grab his wallet back, but the suspects hit him several times until he was able to run away to safety.

**Tuesday, April 28:**

5. Units were dispatched to the 00 block of Bishop Court around 12:54 p.m. in reference to a theft of gardening equipment from a vehicle. A male passenger exited a silver four-door Infiniti G35 and stole a leaf blower and a hedge trimmer. The total reported loss was about \$1,000. Around 6:45 p.m., officers responded to the 200 block of West Woodruff regarding a residential burglary that occurred around 1:30 p.m. on April 21. While the residents were away on vacation, two male African-American suspects kicked in the secured front door, removed the security keypad, ransacked the house, and took property. The theft was captured on a security monitoring system.

**Wednesday, April 29:**

7. A theft occurred at Albertsons, 298 East Live Oak, around 2:40 p.m. A 63-year-old male Caucasian suspect stole bottles of alcohol from the store. He rode away on his bicycle but fell off a short distance away. He then took the bottles from beneath his jacket and threw them away in the bushes. He was arrested for petty theft at the scene but had to be transported to a hospital due to numerous medical problems. 8. Around 6:19 p.m., units were called to Westfield Mall in reference to a strong-arm robbery that just occurred. Four male Hispanic suspects, ages 15, 18, 20, and 23, circled several victims, and they removed a cell phone from one victim and a wallet from another victim. The suspects also struck/kicked the two male victims several times. All four suspects were subsequently apprehended and arrested for robbery, burglary, and conspiracy.

### AWARDS (cont. from pg. 1)

Cities to divert fifty percent of their solid fills from landfills. By virtue of its membership in LARA, the City is able to pool/average its numbers so that if in some months they don't quite reach the required fifty percent, they won't incur penalties. Another benefit is shared funding to put on educational showcases and joint events, as well as opportunities for City staffers to discuss and consult with other member cities about ways to handle problems, or share success stories for possible implementation. Recognized in the Education category were Sierra Madre Elementary School and Sierra Madre Community Nursery School. SMCNS parent volunteers Lisa Lewis and Christine Lench-Hinkel took the lead with "their continuing effort to create a community of environmental stewards in pre-school children..." Lewis educated parents and other community members on the advantages of composting and coordinated an L.A. County composting workshop at the Nursery School as well as a "Families Helping Families Go Green" workshop moderated by Lench-Hinkel, the owner and founder of Waste Less Living. The duo have educated parents, teachers and the public at

large about the benefits of composting and the need for choosing renewable resources over petroleum based.

The Sierra Madre School Green Team was started in the fall of 2007 by a parent who wanted to help make the recycling program at the school more efficient. This endeavor grew into a wider effort to help Sierra Madre School move toward environmental sustainability. Among many accomplishments, in the fall of 2008, SMS was awarded a district Battle of the Schools environmental recognition certificate from Los Angeles County for our recycling, environmental education and watershed conservation efforts. The middle school environmental elective students created a water conservation gardening project. The San Gabriel Valley Water

District has approved funding to continue this program. The School has also worked with Waste Less Living to make events "zero-waste," started bottle and can recycling programs, held e-waste roundups and more.

This was the second year in a row that SMCNS and SMES were recognized by LARA. Also recognized in the education category were the Duarte and Rosemead school districts.

Five businesses were recognized in the

Manufacturing/Production Category: Halex Corporation, Pregis Corporation, Royal Cabinets and Vertis, Inc., all of Pomona, and Sierra Madre's E. Waldo Ward and Son, which was also recognized for the second straight year. The company currently recycles at a 75% rate. A majority of these recycled materials are glass, plastics and papers which have a substantial effect on diversion efforts. The company, Sierra Madre's oldest existing business, uses several large recycling containers designed to capture comingled recyclables.

Nearly a dozen businesses/organizations were recognized in the Commercial/Non-Profit category. Sharing the spotlight with much larger organizations such as Duarte's City of Hope, Cal Poly Pomona, Beacon Property Management (manages the Rosemead Place Shopping Center), Pomona Fairplex, Pomona Valley Hospital, and Lanterman Development Center (117 buildings on 300 acres), were Rosemead's In-n-Out Burgers and Panda Restaurant Group, Inc., Duarte's We Pack It All, and Sierra Madre's own Mailbox & Postal, Café 322 and the Sierra Madre Environmental Action Council (SMEAC). All three Sierra Madre honorees were recognized for the second year in a row.

SMEAC was cited for its work with educating the public through its newsletter and newspaper

articles, clean-ups at Bailey Canyon that ensure that the green waste collected is not disposed of in landfills, and a nature awareness program for Sierra Madre's third graders.

Café 322 incurs extra expenses each month to recycle plastic, foil, bottles, cans, paper and cardboard, processed at a Materials Recovery Facility. They also recycle their kitchen grease, by recycled paper materials, conserve water by providing it only on request, and donate monthly to a citizen-based advocacy group called Environment California. Mailbox & Postal participates in the Green Earth recycling program designed to help reduce pollution, developed protocols to reduce bubble wrap and "peanuts" used in packaging, and recently implemented a paper shredding program for businesses that has proved so successful that it is currently being expanded to significantly increase the program's capacity. Owner Armen Khouradjan was approached by several of the attendees after the luncheon that wanted to learn more about his programs.

LARA practices what it preaches. The awards given out to the honorees were also recycled. The green, amber and red glass "bowl" awards were all created from stoplights that are no longer in use.



## Dreier Announces Congressional Art Contest Winners



Congressman David Dreier (R-San Dimas) announced the winners of his Congressional Art Contest at a reception held at the Historic Walker House in San Dimas this past weekend. The contest is part of a national art competition for high school students conducted by Members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

The program is designed to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of young American high school students. Each Con-

gressional District hosts their own competition and sends their winner's piece to join the works of other high school artists from across the nation at a year-long public exhibit in the United States Capitol. The runner-up in Congressman Dreier's district will have their artwork displayed in the lobby of the Congressman's San Dimas office.

The winner from Congressman Dreier's district for 2009 is Evelyn Jarrous (Glendora) who attends Glendora High School. Her

oil painting "Spectacles" will be on display in the U.S. Capitol for the next year. Evelyn will also be attending a national reception in Washington, D.C. honoring the winning artists from all over the country in June.

The runner up is Nicole Kwon (La Cañada Flintridge) who attends Crescenta Valley High School. Her acrylic painting "A Study on Surrealism" will hang in Dreier's San Dimas office during the next year.

## SAFYMCA and Monrovia Fire Department Team Up to Offer Junior Firefighters Camp

MONROVIA, CA, May 6, 2009 – It's many a childhood dream to grow up to be a fireman. This summer, the non-profit Santa Anita Family YMCA and the City of Monrovia Fire Department will make it possible for children to experience that dream at a week-long Junior Firefighters Camp.

The SAFYMCA all-day specialty camp is designed for children entering 4th through 6th grade, and will be taught by Monrovia Fire Department firefighters.

"Kids will learn the basics of first aid, search and rescue procedures, fire prevention and suppression, everything a cadet would learn," said SAFYMCA Chief Executive Officer, Damon Colaluca. They'll even learn

how to cook a meal at the firehouse, one of the un-official basic requirements of the job.

The Junior Firefighters Camp will be offered the week of Aug. 3 through Aug. 7. The camp is open to YMCA members and program participants. Financial assistance is available.

The SAFYMCA offers an exciting variety of summer camp experiences for children from kindergarten through eighth grade. All YMCA camps focus on the development of the four core character values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility. Kids who sign up for summer camp before June 1 will get a free camp backpack.



## Local Students Graduate from Azusa Pacific University

AZUSA, CA (05/07/2009)(readMedia) -- The following students graduated from Azusa Pacific University on Sat., May 9. They were joined by more than 1,300 graduates at the spring commencement ceremony.

Monrovia, Calif. resident Maria Donna Clennon with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Monrovia, Calif. resident Dexter C. De Mesa with a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership. Sierra Madre, Calif. resident Kiriaki Kiki Dieguez with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Pasadena, Calif. resident Solly Vick I. Ladia with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Monrovia, Calif. resident Harlan Antione Redmond with a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership. Altadena, Calif. resident Danyelle Louise Rucker with a Bachelor of Arts in Human Development. Monrovia, Calif. resident Kimberly K. Soule with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Pasadena, Calif. resident Jeanne Yeung Klein Clevenger with a Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology Family Psychology. Pasadena, Calif. resident Eva A. Meyers with a Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing. Nursing Education. Pasadena, Calif. resident Joshua L. Aaron with a Master of Arts in Educa-

tion: Teaching. Pasadena, Calif. resident Carly Elizabeth Blackhawk with a Master of Arts in Education: Teaching. Pasadena, Calif. resident KarriAnn Louise Erdmann with a Master of Science in Nursing. Pasadena, Calif. resident Christopher Charles Feierbach with a Master of Divinity. Pasadena, Calif. resident Jessica Erin Granata with a Master of Science in Nursing. Pasadena, Calif. resident Renée Lynette Harms with a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership. Pasadena, Calif. resident Beverly Anne G. Ilagan with a Master of Arts in Human Resource and Organizational Development. Sierra Madre, Calif. resident Faith Lee Kenton with a Master of Music in Conducting. Pasadena, Calif. resident Paul Jaewoo Kim with a Master of Divinity. Monrovia, Calif. resident Joel Brian Lopez with a Master of Music in Performance: Instrumental. Pasadena, Calif. resident Raewyn Mundhenk with a Master of Arts in Education: Special Education. Altadena, Calif. resident Rachel Lorraine Smith with a Master of Arts in Education: Teaching. Pasadena, Calif. resident Kathryn Lee Syed with a Master of Arts in Education: Teaching. Pasadena, Calif. resident Jose Erik Trejo with a Master of Arts in Education:

Special Education. Pasadena, Calif. resident Julie Ysasi-Alvarez with a Master of Arts in Education: Teaching. Sierra Madre, Calif. resident Rachel Ann Hofman with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. Pasadena, Calif. resident Michael J. Howell with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration. Pasadena, Calif. resident Jessica Nicole Kluch with a Bachelor of Arts in Music. Monrovia, Calif. resident Jennifer Rose Orna with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Monrovia, Calif. resident Kelsey Margaret Pentecost with a Bachelor of Music in Performance: Voice. Pasadena, Calif. resident Shawn Phillips, Jr. with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. Monrovia, Calif. resident Brian David Soash II with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Monrovia, Calif. resident Emily Kathryn Stewart with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Pasadena, Calif. resident Jennifer Ann Tcharhouthian with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Pasadena, Calif. resident Ryan Walter Charles Thomas with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing. Monrovia, Calif. resident Angela Marie Willhoite with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration. Pasadena, Calif. resident Nicole Celeste Wood with a Bachelor of Social Work.



## Walking the "Green" Walk

It seems to me that when it comes to "going green," people would rather "talk-the-talk" than "walk the walk." Sure, anyone could walk around sporting a cute recycling bag, but do they actually recycle things themselves? It's easy to follow the trend of sporting environmentally friendly items, but you're only truly helping the environment if you actively incorporate those catchy phrases into your daily life.

Perhaps people would like to actively go green, but they just don't know how. Here are some easy ways to "practice what you preach":

Walk. Did you know that you could save up to \$1,560 a year just by simply walking or biking to work? Not to mention that exercise is essential these days, and who knows, the fresh air might do you good. Walking not only helps your body and mind, but actively lessens your "carbon footprint." If you're not big on walking to work, or it's too far, carpooling is another way to "go green" while bonding with co-workers and saving gas money!

Read Your Own Books. When was the last time you read a book from your bookshelf? You probably haven't read all the books you own. Why go rush to the nearest Barnes & Nobles for a quick read when there are books at home ready to be uncovered? There's already too much paper being used at our rainforests' expense. Besides, if you're desperate for the latest novel from your favorite author, wait for it to come to your local library; patience is a virtue.

RECYCLE! It's the most obvious tip, but the easiest. Nowadays, there are almost as many recycling bins as there are trashcans in public places. Plus, you can collect bottles and cans for money at your local recycling center. It's as if you're getting paid for helping make this world a better place!

Buy Organic. Organic foods may be a little expensive, but can you put a price on your health and the well-being of our planet? Local farmers need our support and business. By purchasing food from farmers markets, we're reducing the amount of food being brought over here from other countries by planes that exhaust carbon directly into our atmosphere, increasing global warming. Not only do the nasty pesticides pollute our earth, but our bodies as well.

Buy Florescent Light Bulbs. Florescent light bulbs cost about as much as regular bulbs, but last for 5-10 years! Did you know that if every person changed one light bulb to a fluorescent light, it would be the same as eliminating the carbon emissions on 800,000 cars? This is a perfect example of how changing one small thing in your life can lead to an even greater global change.

Hang Your Clothes. If you know you won't need your wet, washed clothes within the day, hang them up to dry. You'll save a ton on your electric bill while having the irreplaceable feeling of relief that you won't be contributing to our planet's destruction.

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## How I See It

By Howard Hays

I agree with Gregory J. Wellborn's observation that high approval ratings early in a presidency are no guarantee of enduring popularity. Just look at George W. Bush - an approval rating close to 90% right after the attacks of 9/11, along with the support of nations throughout the world (yes, there were pro-America demonstrations in Tehran), barely 50% approval at the end of his first term, and unable to make it to 30% in many polls shortly before leaving office - with many of those same nations that once stood beside us wondering how we put up with him for so long.

I don't think Mr. Wellborn gives due credit to poll respondents, though, when he assumes the high marks given President Obama are based merely on his personal likability and "captivating rhetorical gift". Perhaps there's an actual recognition of the president's accomplishments over these past 100 days, such as:

In January: Ordering the closing of Guantanamo Bay prison within a year; declaring the United States will not engage in torture; lifting the ban on federal funding for international organizations that perform or merely provide information on abortions; signing the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, enabling more employees to sue for wage discrimination.

In February: Signing into law the SCHIP bill, twice vetoed by President Bush, assuring health coverage for 11 million children of working families; signing into law the \$787 billion stimulus bill, with massive investments in health, infrastructure, public safety, education, alternative energy development, transportation - and tax cuts for all but the wealthiest 5% of Americans; committing to the withdrawal of all U.S. combat forces from Iraq by August, 2010.

In March: Reversing the Bush ban on federal funding for embryonic stem cell research and declaring that science, not politics, will guide federal scientific research; ordering an overhaul of a government contracting system rife with no-bid contracts and corruption-prone outsourcing; announcing a new strategy for Afghanistan and Pakistan, including deployment of an additional 4,000 military trainers to Afghanistan.

In April: Meeting with Russian President Medvedev and announcing the start of negotiations for a new strategic arms control treaty; reaching agreement with other world leaders at the Group of 20 summit in London to aid developing countries, encourage world trade and apply more stringent regulation of international financial companies; getting a commitment from allies at the NATO summit in Strasbourg to send an additional 5,000 military trainers and police to Afghanistan; removing restrictions on Cuban-American families transferring money and visiting relatives in Cuba; releasing memos from the Bush

administration that authorized torture.

I'm not sure which poll Mr. Wellborn was referring to, but in the AP-GfK Roper poll conducted April 16-20, respondents gave President Obama points for more than just being a nice guy: 58% approved of his handling of the economy, 59% approved on Iraq, 60% on the environment, 60% on energy, 69% on relations with other countries, etc.

Aside from the views expressed in such polls, another assessment of President Obama's first hundred days is coming from the financial community. With unexpected increases in pending home sales and construction spending in March, it was reported at the beginning of May that the S&P 500 index shot up over 34 percent in a rally begun 39 days earlier - its steepest gain in as many days since 1933. The Dow was up almost 29% during the same period. Apparently, many investors don't share Mr. Wellborn's gloomy prognosis for the economy.

Although some like to take positive poll numbers, like President Obama's, and cynically dismiss them as destined to "crash and burn", I prefer a different approach: taking abysmal poll numbers, such as those currently held by Republicans in Congress, and offer encouragement that they could be made to rise again - if only the right steps are taken.

In the AP-GfK poll cited above, 50% of respondents approved of the way Democrats in Congress were handling the economy, while only 29% said the same of Republicans. To help my Republican friends improve on these numbers, I would draw their attention to another significant finding: In dealing with the economy, 53% thought President Obama was doing "the right amount" of cooperating with Republicans in Congress, with 36% feeling it's "not enough". The reverse question brought the reverse answer: Only 25% though Republicans were cooperating with President Obama "the right amount", while 65% felt it was "not enough".

Perhaps those polled were weary of seeing photo-ops of Congressional Republicans gathered behind a microphone announcing their unanimous, knee-jerk opposition to whatever it was the Obama administration was proposing. In such scenes, Republicans resemble nothing more than the chorus in the Marx Brothers classic DUCK SOUP, as Groucho sang, "Whatever It Is, I'm Against It".

I agree with another finding of that same poll, where 7 in 10 felt it would take about a year before we could honestly assess the results of actions taken during President Obama's first hundred days. In the meantime, it would be best for all sides to work together hoping for success and a better future for our country, rather than just prophesying doom and gloom in the hopes of someday being able to say, "I told you so". If polled, I think most readers would agree.

## Investigate and Prosecute Bush Administration Officials for War Crimes



By Hail Hamilton

The stature of the United States as the moral leader of the free world has been seriously—if not permanently—damaged by the actions of the Bush administration's war on terror and its aggression in both Iraq and Afghanistan. Part and parcel to this aggression has been the admission of war crimes by those at the highest levels of the Bush administration, including the president himself.

Condoleezza Rice admitted to Senator Carl Levin, head of the Senate Armed Services Committee, that starting in 2002 she held high-level discussions on torture in the White House. This story received little coverage by the mainstream media because it occurred during the 2008 election season.

President George W. Bush, in a stunning admission to ABC News, stated that he knew about the meetings and approved of them. This occurred in April 2008 and no action was taken by the Congress.

On his way out the door, Vice President Dick Cheney has admitted that he approved of waterboarding and other "enhanced interrogation techniques." Not only does he admit it, but he admits it proudly in an attempt to cement his place in the history of Bush torture policies.

The Bush administration has left behind a legacy of war, death and destruction unparalleled in recent history. It has violated national and international laws, as well as the Geneva Conventions. As Americans, we must hold our own elected officials to the same standards that we hold the rest of the world to.

While Dick Cheney will tell you that waterboarding and other torture techniques have saved American lives, the exact opposite is true. The stories about and pictures of Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo have served to turn more people in these war-torn areas against us. These crimes against humanity, as recently disclosed, were also carried out in the "Black Detention Sites" around the world run by the CIA.

It is time to demand that the Obama administration appoint a Special Prosecutor to conduct

a thorough investigation of Bush administration war crimes that results in an indictment of the guilty parties. Rather than return comfortably to private lives, those complicit in these crimes (and they do not stop here) should take a trip to The Hague.

The government officials and politicians who are suspected of war crimes, and violations of both international law and domestic statutes, include George Bush, Dick Cheney, Alberto Gonzales, David Addington, Tim Flanigan, Lewis Libby, Condoleezza Rice, Donald Rumsfeld, Douglas Feith, Stephen Cambone, John Ashcroft, Michael Chertoff, Michael Dunlavey, Geoffrey Miller, and to a lesser extent, because he sometimes tried to stop the torture in which he was complicit, Colin Powell.

The CIA officials who are guilty of war crimes include Michael Hayden—Former CIA Director—2006-09, John McLaughlin—Former CIA Direct2004—06, George Tenet—CIA chief under both Clinton and Bush, Cofer Black, James Pavitt, Scott Muller and John Rizz—Former CIA Director of Operations, David Becker, and a woman whose name is still classified who, as head of the CIA's Al Qaeda unit, insisted on and for no apparent reason flew abroad to see the waterboarding of a prisoner. (She also was a CIA briefer of George Bush). The lawyers who are guilty of war crimes, as well as those named above, include Jay Bybee, John Yoo, Jim Haynes, Robert Delahunty, Patrick Philbin, Steven Bradbury, Diane Beaver, Mary Walker and to a somewhat lesser extent, because he at least withdrew the professionally incompetent memo of August 1, 2002 authorizing war crimes, Jack Goldsmith.

It is pretty straightforward. These officials were intimately involved in the decision making process to go ahead with what amounts to torture. They also were intimately involved in the decision to invade Iraq in clear violation of the Geneva Convention.

Again, the time has come to appoint a Special Prosecutor to investigate and prosecute all those in the previous administration and those working at the CIA—whatever their position—suspected of war crimes and crimes against humanity as federal law and international treaty require. There is no moving forward until the wrongs of the past are set right and those responsible are held accountable.



## 91024

By Susan Henderson

The beauty and outward tranquility of Sierra Madre intoxicates those who see the town for the first time. The village exudes the appearance of peace and harmony, only a stones throw from the second largest metropolis in the country.

The thought of a sanctuary away from the world, where small town America really exists has caught the attention of people for over a hundred years. Visitors love to come to town, take in the sights and events, and return to the outside world. Residents, however, are faced with the reality of a town that has two faces. One beautiful and one terribly distorted.

When our family moved in, our neighbors on all sides welcomed us with pies, cookies, and gifts. My particular block of neighbors have differing political views that range from the extremes on both sides, to no views at all. However, our political views and personal choices do not interfere with our ability to treat each other with dignity and respect. We are all good neighbors, looking out for one another and we share our love of this community. That truly is the essence of Sierra Madre.

This other face, the face that a few hate mongering, angry people put forth, has brought our town nothing but shame and ridicule. They would have the world believe that Sierra Madre is a city that doesn't understand the electoral process or civility. Their behavior would lead you to believe that Sierra Madre is intolerant and has absolutely no respect for another person's opinions or rights. That is not Sierra Madre, that is the pitiful world that these angry individuals live in. They don't represent Sierra Madre, they represent their personal agendas of fear and intimidation.

*The environment that we are allowing to cultivate is certain to eventually cause serious, unnecessary problems for Sierra Madre. Ignoring the problem is not the answer.*

An example of this bad behavior that taints our town is the action of three members of the city council last month. Our elected officials brought shame to Sierra Madre. Larry Wilson, editor of the *Pasadena Star News* said, "*The council majority's decision is not only petty - it's mean, and it's perverse*" referring to the decision to ignore over 75 years of tradition and skip over Joe Mosca as Mayor. What was most disconcerting is that the voices of most of the speakers – speakers who work hard to make Sierra Madre a better place to live by volunteering and serving the community, was totally ignored by the council in favor of speakers who give the city absolutely nothing.

Mosca was elected by a large percentage of the voting population of Sierra Madre, more than any other sitting member of the council. If voters did not or do not want him to maintain his office, then the remedy is to recall him, something this rabid crowd tried to do and did not succeed. However, for the council to rewrite the rules borders on being illegal and is wrong. The precedent of rotation has been well established in this town for decades. Voters cast their vote expecting that one day every council member would eventually serve as Mayor. It is a ceremonial way of saying thank you for stepping up to the plate and running for office. I can't imagine that anyone cast a vote to have the council take their own political views, personal likes and dislikes, and run amok with them. This city has a council-manager form of government. No council member is more important than any other.

Trying to demonize someone because they are different from you or think differently is childish and wrong. Trying to punish someone for not being a clone of your thought process is childish and wrong. Trying to silence someone for not being your puppet is childish and wrong. And lying about someone in order to have your way is childish and wrong. A wise man once said, "*When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.*" I think the time has come to put those childish acts away and deal with our differences as adults.

The environment that we are allowing to cultivate is certain to eventually cause serious, unnecessary problems for Sierra Madre. Ignoring the problem is not the answer. Those of us who treasure the 'Treasures of Sierra Madre' must realize that letting this become someone else's problem is not the cure. This is our town and we need to start acting like it. We cannot let an angry mob define who and what Sierra Madre is.

P.S. Sunday is Mother's Day and as always I thank my mother, even though she is no longer with us, for giving all that she did, including giving me the wisdom to know how to ignore my enemies and those who set out to destroy me. I thank her for teaching me how to recognize and not follow foolish people. And most of all I thank my mother for teaching me how to be patient. And I might suggest that those who spend entirely too much of their time looking for ways to spread lies or otherwise discredit me should probably wish my mother a Happy Mother's Day too!

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## TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

### Parkway Grill

For the commemoration of my second anniversary with this paper (who said I was afraid of commitment ladies), I have decided to celebrate at one of the most popular and well respected restaurants in Pasadena. The Parkway Grill has been collecting awards and praise for over twenty years. What is the secret to Parkway Grill's lasting success? I believe it is in the star owners, Gregg and Bob Smith, who have strived for unwavering quality since they first placed their restaurant on the map.

It feels like I have been here a hundred times and an immediately sense of the comfort and a second home greet me. I decided to sit in the bar for lunch this day. I wanted to keep on eye on CNBC in hopes that my stock would rise and possibly assist in the digestion of the meal. No help there I must report. At least debtors prisons have been abolished, they have right? Well, enough of my cardboard signs asking for work and losing stock picks. My server was Kevin and he gleefully handed me The Chef's Lunch Spring menu.

It is a two course meal at (\$20), am I at the correct location, a lunch special at Parkway Grill for (\$20)? I know Obama said we were going to have cap and trade, and I must read up on that, as it must involve Parkway Grill. It appears the owners have heard the cries of the Tiny Tim's of the world and are sensitive to the impact of the ever challenging economy, and have responded with an open gesture of pecuniary relief. The newly inspired menu

offers a first course of a salad or soup, I elected the Caesar Salad, and was met with a perfectly parceled set of greens to begin the meal, Caesar Cardina would be honored!!! The Romaine was temptingly delicious and the croutons were mixed with surgical skill. We are off to a runaway start my friends. The second course was a choice of Angel Hair Pasta with shrimp, tiki salad, pizza and my final choice the Kobe Burger, again I'm two for two here. The meat is grilled with a scientific accuracy to a precise medium done and then topped with Maytag blue cheese dressing. A very generous handful of sweet potato fries join the party as well. I have to get bigger thumbs for this one - two well pleased thumbs up. Parkway Grill



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With Bob Eklund

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Photo by Aaron Dominquez

Astronomers at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, along with colleagues in the United States and the United Kingdom, have discovered the most distant object in the universe—a spectacular stellar explosion known as a gamma-ray burst, located about 13 billion light years away.

The burst, dubbed GRB 090423, was detected by NASA's Swift satellite on April 23, 2009, and was then observed with a ground-based telescope by the U.S. and U.K. team within minutes of its discovery. The observations demonstrated that the record-breaking explosion occurred when the universe was only 630 million years old, a mere one-twentieth of its current age.

"I have been chasing gamma-ray bursts for a decade, trying to find such a spectacular event," said Edo Berger, a professor at Harvard University and a leading member of the team that first demonstrated the burst's origin.

"We now have the first direct proof that the young universe was teeming with exploding stars and newly-born black holes only a few hundred million years after the Big Bang," he added.

At 3:55 a.m. EDT on April 23, the Swift satellite detected a ten-second-long gamma-ray burst of modest brightness. The satellite quickly pivoted to bring its Ultraviolet/Optical and X-Ray telescopes to bear on the burst location. Swift saw a fading X-ray afterglow, but nothing in visible light.

"That alone suggested this could be a very distant object," explained Berger. Beyond a certain distance, the expansion of the universe shifts all optical emission into longer infrared wavelengths. While a star's ultraviolet light could be similarly shifted into the visible region, UV-absorbing hydrogen gas grows thicker at earlier times. "If you look far enough away, you can't see visible light from any object," he noted.

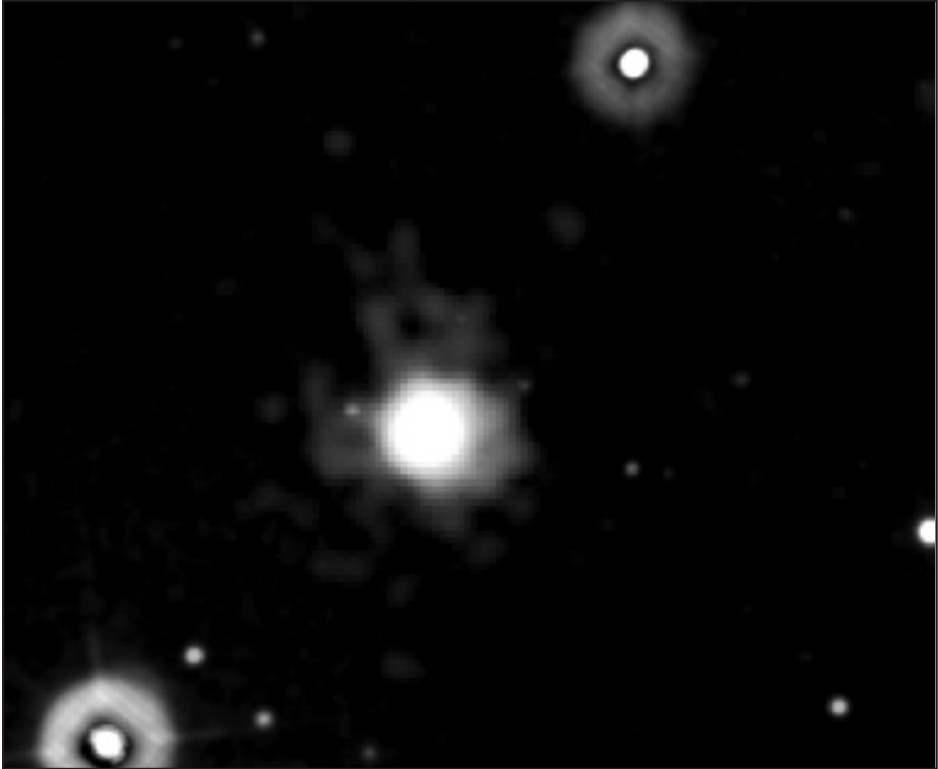
"The burst most likely arose from the explosion of a massive star," said Derek Fox at Penn State University. "We're seeing the demise of a star—and probably the birth of a black hole—in one of the universe's earliest stellar generations."

Within three hours of the burst, Nial Tanvir at the University of Leicester, U.K., and his colleagues detected an infrared source at the Swift position using the United Kingdom Infrared Telescope on Mauna Kea, Hawaii. "Burst afterglows provide us with the most information about the exploded star and its environs," Tanvir said. "But because afterglows fade out so fast, we must target them quickly."

At the same time, Berger and Fox led an effort to obtain infrared images of the afterglow using the Gemini North Telescope on Mauna Kea. The source appeared in longer-wavelength images, but was absent in an image taken at the shortest wavelength (1 micron). This "drop out" corresponded to a distance of about 13 billion light-years.

As word spread about the record distance, additional telescopes around the world slewed toward GRB 090423 to observe the afterglow before it faded away. By dissecting the infrared light of the afterglow into a spectrum, astronomers confirmed the burst's redshift to be 8.2—the highest ever measured. This corresponds to a distance of 13.035 billion light-years.

The previous record holder was a burst seen in



September 2008. It showed a redshift of 6.7, which places it 190 million light-years closer to us than GRB 090423.

"This new gamma-ray burst smashed all the distance records," noted Berger. "It easily surpassed the most distant galaxies and quasars. In fact, it showed that we can use these spectacular events to pinpoint the first generation of stars and galaxies."

Gamma-ray bursts are the universe's most

luminous explosions. Most occur when massive stars run out of nuclear fuel. As their cores collapse into a black hole or neutron star, gas jets—driven by processes not fully understood—punch through the star and blast into space. There, they strike gas previously shed by the star and heat it, which generates short-lived afterglows in other wavelengths.

If you'd like to learn more, you can contact Bob at: b eklund@MtnViewsNews.com

This and That  
Survival Tips in a Busy World  
By La Quetta M. Shamblee

Re-entering mom is hired on her first attempt  
"Killer Resume" Gets Her The Job



On Thursday, April 9, Career Counselor Mayra Basteris received the following phone message: "This is Kristen Tastin. You probably don't remember me, but you helped me back in November. I had been out of work for about 13 years, had a lot of church experience and PTA and you helped me with a "killer" resume. "I just wanted to thank you from the bottom of my heart. I got a job at my first try out! I took some classes at Monrovia Adult School and then when I felt ready, I applied and GOT IT and I really believe it's due to your KILLER RESUME! I referred some people from Monrovia Adult School and they'll be giving you a call because of your great resume. Again, thank you very much FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART."

This type of call is particularly encouraging during these difficult times, because it offers a bit of hope to so many others. Kristen, a recently divorced mom, had been out of the workforce for more than 13 years, as she stated in the call. Not working, raising children and now divorced, she faced the job search with much trepidation. Previously she had held several executive level positions in the financial arena, but returning to the marketplace in such a competitive environment and after such a long time was unnerving.

Over the course of several months, Mayra worked with Kristen on resume counseling

while Kristen increased her skill level. Mayra redirected her to take classes and encouraged her to stay competitive, while offering continued guidance. Kristen even enrolled in Women At Work's Quickbooks class. Kristen ended up finding a job listing in a local church newsletter/newspaper, applied, interviewed and was offered the Bookkeeping position.

Mayra explained how she helped Kristen. "I didn't write the resume for her, but guided her in improving it a little bit by helping her highlight her accomplishments, reword her bullet point statements, and reformat it on MS Word, including tips on how to shorten her resume." Mayra summarized "This was her first attempt at applying for a job after having met with me for the resume sessions. It proves how important a great resume can be. It often is the key that unlocks that door!"



Stuart Tolchin On..LIFE  
The Clean Room

On Sunday my family and I made our annual Pilgrimage to the Jet Propulsion Lab Open-house.

The day's itinerary always includes one of my favorite activities--standing in a long waiting line surrounded by smart and interesting people. Sunday was no exception and I engaged in many interesting and enlightening conversations. My favorite moment of the day occurred shortly after we were all ushered into the "Clean Room". This is a room wherein the actual assemblage of instruments and appliances takes place. In a very casual comment the narrating guide explained that the rockets and rovers and heat shields we were observing would actually be on Mars in a few months. As the entire mission is designed for the purpose of learning about what is present upon Mars, it is of crucial importance that the assembling room be as clean as possible so that bacteria or any other material not be inadvertently transported to Mars. If material from our planet was unknowingly carried onto Mars, and then subsequently discovered by our own scientific equipment, then mistaken conclusions would follow. For example, bacteria or any other life form found on Mars, that was thought to be native to that planet would be a startling and spectacular scientific discovery. If it was later learned that these life forms originated on Earth and were stowaways on the interplanetary voyage, it would be a humiliating scientific catastrophe. Worse yet, we would all suffer through another long period of delusion and misinformation.

As the narrator described the necessity for the existence of the clean room, my mind immediately went off on its own tangent. I wondered, as I have wondered many times before:

What really is out there? Each morning and evening I walk my dog around the canyon and become irritated that his senses operate so much more effectively than mine do. Isn't it unfair that we must operate in the world with such limited sensory acuity - how are we supposed to know anything?

I know that as a practicing atheist and devout Darwinist I do not actually support the assertion that there is any kind of "supposed to be". Yes, I know it is all random and there probably is no overall meaning or plan or anything but natural selection, adaptation through survival of the fittest and mutation and all that. Nevertheless, this explanation seems incomplete. Something is missing. Even though I don't believe in God, I want to know what God knows. I guess what I am attempting to say is: just as I am limited by my barely functioning senses, I am similarly limited by my barely functioning mind. I experience the idea of God because this is an expression of the way my mind works. It personifies and anthropomorphizes everything because that's the easiest way to understand anything.

The idea of God, or gods, probably started as a metaphor and over time hardened into the picture of some old guy with a beard looking down on us, rooting for one team or another. Okay, that may well be nonsense; but the experience that there is something going on behind all our senses and all our language exists - it's out there, but we keep getting in our own way and blocking the view.

I want a Clean Room with me out of the picture so that I can get some sense of what really is out there; and, get this, I firmly believe that no matter your religious or scientific outlook you want to know the same thing.

On Line Lonelier: DoesMore "Friends" Mean Less Friends?

with P.J. Carpenter

One of the main measurements of online popularity for users of social networking sites is the number of regular visitors to a users personal homepage. These visitors are called "friends"and the more popular the page or the person the more "friends" it has. In a recent,highly publicized race to be the first to reach 1 million friends Ashton Kutcher edged out CNN for the honor. Oprah soon joined the fray and as of today she now has over 900,000 followers on the Twitter service. One apparently popular MySpace user has over 50,000 "friends". But both anecdotal evidence and actual statistical evidence show that these high virtual friend counts very rarely (if ever) translate into actual friend counts. It might well be impossible for an average person to have more than a few dozen real friends with which whom they have regular meaningful contact. A few years ago an informal survey returned with a finding stating that people who spent a great deal of time on the Internet were in fact a lot lonelier than people who didn't spend quite as much time on the Internet. This is surprising considering the fact that most people consider email, texting and friending

a great way to stay in contact with old friends and social networking sites a great way to make connections with new friends. The current state of technology allows people to make more connections with more people than ever before and at speeds that would've been considered impossible a mere 10 years ago. We now have at least one entire generation that at least seems to know the Internet and its associated technologies as their primary form of communication. In this vein it's hard not to wonder if you see two teens sitting together at a park bench texting away if their texting each other or wonder why they're not speaking to the friends they're with right now. This phenomenon is hardly limited to the young. A report published this week stated that although MySpace users between 18-34 dominate the site, the fastest growing segment for both MySpace and Facebook is the 35+ demographic. This segment grew by more than 23% for Facebook since January 2009. Despite the huge numbers of "friends" available online I strongly suspect that most people would be far less lonely with just one real friend.

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# The Senior

By Bruce Lamarche

## Spot

### Mother's Day-Thank You

I would like to take this time to thank mothers everywhere for doing one of the hardest jobs on earth. No matter how we may think of a mother's performance, this is a job that few men can accomplish. We often take for granted the sacrifice of self that occurs from pregnancy to the launching of a child from home into the world . . . and beyond.

We men are allowed to pursue our goals and aspirations and even change them along the way as we shift careers and interests. Mothers have no choice. Whether they are working moms or stay-at-home "domestic engineers", the job of being a mother never ends. The working mother comes home from work after a long day and meets her spouse who may ask, "So what's for dinner?" An innocent question to be sure, but one that denotes the continuation of her work day.

The stay-at-home mom often seems to work all the hours she is awake. A sense of alertness about the health and safety of her children is non-stop. There is a constant awareness as she moves through her day at home and taking her children to the grocery store. I would say that few men could master that same sense of constancy and alertness that mother's exhibit.

Of course, one of those in her area of alertness is often her husband. I've often wondered if the fact that women are more intuitive and perceptive is as much a curse as a blessing. It makes it hard for

her to "unplug" from the need of others. My wife knows what I'm thinking, often before I do. She can finish my sentences, but more that, she can sense when I'm off and what I need to get through the day. Sometimes, it's a word of encouragement at just the right time. Sometimes, it's the fixing of my favorite meal, complete with candles. This is mothering at its best. I certainly need her help and support.

Then there is the "mothering" done with grown children and grandkids. While they are grown or live out of the home, it seems that we all have a special place in our hearts for Mom. She's the one whose approval I still want. Interesting . . . since I'm a senior and she's eighty-two! My wife on the other hand, is actively mothering our grandchild . . . and the beat goes on.

So, to all the women who have mothered children, I dedicate this article and wish you all the appreciation your family can give. To families everywhere, make an effort to make Mom special every day of the year, not just on Mother's Day.

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# SENIOR HAPPENINGS...


By Pat Birdsall

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**Recipes of the Week: Baked eggs in tomato-parmesan sauce**



Ingredients:  
\* 1 Tbs olive oil  
\* 4 garlic cloves, thinly sliced  
\* 1 tsp crushed dried rosemary  
\* 2 cans (15 ounces each) diced tomatoes in juice  
\* 1 can (15 ounces) crushed tomatoes  
\* ¼ cup grated Parmesan  
\* coarse salt and ground pepper  
\* 8 large eggs

Directions: 1- Preheat oven to 350. Set four 12-ounce ovenproof bowls or ramekins on a large rimmed baking sheet.  
2- In a large saucepan, heat oil over medium. Add garlic and rosemary; cook, stirring, until garlic is golden, about 2 minutes. Add diced tomatoes (with juice), crushed tomatoes, and 2 tablespoons Parmesan; bring to a boil. Reduce to a simmer, and cook, stirring occasionally, until slightly thickened. 2 to 4 minutes. Season tomato sauce with salt and pepper.  
3- Divide tomato sauce among bowls, reserving 1 cup. Crack 2 eggs into each bowl. Dividing evenly, top with reserved sauce and 2 tablespoons of Parmesan. Bake until eggs whites are just opaque (yolks should still be soft), 24 to 28 minutes, rotating sheet halfway through. [www.everydayfoodmag.com](http://www.everydayfoodmag.com)

\*Last week recipe # 3 was labeled Queso Blanco Dip. It should have read "Wagon Wheels."



## Happy Birthday!

May Birthdays: 5/6 Juanita Loera, 5/17 JoAnn Serrato-Chi, and 5/20 Barbara Soulanille

### For Your Funny Bone

Dan was a single guy living at home with his father and working in the family business. When he found out he was going to inherit a fortune when his sickly father died, he decided he needed a wife to share it with. One evening at an investment meeting he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. Her natural beauty took his breath away. "I may look like just an ordinary man," he said to her, "but in just a few years, my father will die and I'll inherit \$200 million." Impressed, the woman obtained his business card and three days later, she became his stepmother.

**Quote:** *Sweater, n: garment worn by child when its mother is feeling chilly.*  
~ Ambrose Bierce ~

**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

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Call 355-5278 for more information.

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**Thursday:** Game Day- 1:00PM- 3:30PM- Poker, UNO, Scrabble, Cribbage, Chess, Checkers, Backgammon, Pinochle... you name it.

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**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

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**Monthly Excursions: Thursday, May 28-** Nethercutt Collection & Museum in Sylmar- 8:45 am to 2:30 pm \$18.00 per person (includes lunch) 5 floors of treasures that range from classic and vintage automobiles to antique furniture. For more information about the museum, please visit their website at [www.nethercuttcollection.org](http://www.nethercuttcollection.org) To register, call 626.355.7394.

**Free Blood Pressure Clinic-** Second Tuesday of each month 11:00 AM- Noon  
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**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.


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By Chris Bertrand

A Decade Long Labor of Love Comes on the Market



Chris Bertrand

he worked with architect, Eric Anderson, to create building plans for this extraordinary 2532 square foot (ap.), three bedroom and three bath home. Slowly but surely the home was lovingly completed over nearly ten years, in the European construction style that today's economy might consider adopting. That is, working bit by bit, year by year on finishing the inside amenities, waiting to start the next project until the money was set aside in the bank. Both Architectural Digest and Work Bench magazines have bestowed favorable interest, awards and mention for the home, particularly the built-in office space. Beautiful work space is

artfully incorporated into the main living area. Work stations look out to the lush private yard with a peaceful, gurgling pond and peak foothill views, allowing work and family life to flow back and forth seamlessly. Extensive cabinetry, some with leaded glass doors, provides ample storage and room to tuck away the day's work product, if needed. The construction of the floating, curved staircase initially presented a conundrum for the Rosenows. Eventually, Samuel found an Italian artisan familiar with building the custom style design he desired, who taught a class to interested aspiring artisans who helped him build the Rosenow's staircase. The main floor abounds with walls of Oatmill stone, similar to the thin horizontal cuts of Lannon stone, so popular in the Chicago of my youth. Arches and rounds repeat, softening the angles of the rooms. The rounded stairs into and out of the great room define the space while the profiles of the stairs become a form of art. Box niches, called pontiagi in Argentina, are cut into two walls. They bridge the rooms, provide light and shadow play between the rooms, and provide display or storage possibilities. A bit of whimsy brought part of the Star Trek

set of the flight deck here as part of the reflective, dropped ceiling above the kitchen's center island. The final construction project took place last year, with the completion of the breakfast sunroom, which juts into the garden with its rounded glass ceiling and wall, bringing the verdant green inside for mealtime. Many of the features were carefully designed to combine the home's intrinsic beauty with livability, vignette views, practicality, their own family's lifestyle plus Hilda's Argentine heritage and the many places around the world that Samuel has called home. Ten inch walls provide an amazing level of quiet inside the home, and greatly reduces heat or air conditioning needs. A daughter who loved to read got a reading nook with the best mountain views in the house. Cabinets were configured with special purposes in mind, such as gift wrapping. Arched windows in the master bedroom and bath perfectly frame the magnificent conifer in the front yard. Even the attic storage area is carefully planned. Since everything else in the home seems so carefully planned, I kiddingly asked whether the warm, honey hue flooring color came before or

as a result of their pet choice, a Golden Chow. The dog seems almost to disappear into the floor; in fact, his presence blended so well with the surroundings, it was missed in two photo shoots including mine. The home is ideally located, just two blocks from the village center of Sierra Madre. Just close enough for an evening stroll for ice cream. Just far enough away to be "away" from downtown. Four public and private schools are also located within three blocks, so a family with young children might not even have to activate that dreaded So Cal ritual called carpooling. The Rosenows have a new home project in the development stage in the foothills of Monrovia. Of course, it's already been planned out in Samuel's head. Now the plans have been drawn for the next decade's project to make that picture in his head a beautiful new home. 37 W. Highland Avenue, Sierra Madre, will come on the market, Sunday May 17 at \$895,000. The offering begins with an open house 2-5 p.m. that day, by listing agents Michael Paris and Michelle Chen of Coldwell Banker. For more information about the property, visit their website at [www.MikeParisHomes.com](http://www.MikeParisHomes.com) or call 626-840-7007.

Baby, It's Warm Outside! By Stella Binns

We are all concerned about our watering habits this time of year, and so we should be (and realizing that summer is just around the corner with even higher water demands can cause us to worry before it even arrives), but as with all things in life, worrying is not the solution – action is! According to the Water District of Southern California 70% of our household water usage is for outdoor landscaping and pools. That statistic is staggering! With very little effort on our part we can make an astounding impact on our water usage, without feeling deprived or that we have to sacrifice our beloved plants. Most homeowners, unbeknownst to them, usually overwater! So, this is our starting point. Before the days over go and look at your sprinkler system and determine how much water is being used and when. Before we actually start a landscape project we check the watering schedule of the client (mainly to see if they have a pattern of overwatering) and help them to water correctly, saving them water and MONEY! If you feel insecure about understanding how the system is set up, ask your gardener. Many gardeners are familiar

with the sprinkler boxes and can help you understand how many minutes and how many days you have your system on. If he is unable to help, talk to your neighbor, you can help each other to save water and money while having a nice neighborly chat! When you water is very important. You should water early in the morning when it is cooler and this allows the plants to "sit" in the moisture (which allows the water to really reach the roots of the plants) before the heat kicks in. Watering at 11:00 in the morning is not advisable, it's far too late – once summer comes around the soil is already warm so the water has less of an impact on your plants and usually evaporates before it even hits the target! You don't need to be watering everyday. Obviously, if your garden has a great deal of sun to contend with, you will require more water than a shade (or filtered light) garden, but watering everyday is not necessary. Always mulch – it is a great way to retain moisture in the soil and keep weeds down at the same time. These are such minor changes, but very, very effective if we all "dig-in."

*Margit Holakoui*

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Mid Century Classic \$1,395,000 This great deal has 3257 sq.ft. and features five bedrooms, dining room, family room, built-ins, central air & heat, 2 fireplaces, granite counter tops, 3 baths, beautiful pool & spa, Zen like garden plus guest quarters with bath. Situated on 15,580 sq.ft. corner lot. Detached double garage. This is truly a must see! (G2440)

**PASADENA**  
Four on a Lot \$899,000 Four units each with 2 bedrooms and 1 bath. For investment or Live in one unit and rent the other three. 3213 sq.ft. building, two levels, one building, corner lot, laundry room, carport parking. (H471)

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## Mothers: An Eclectic Selection

By Pat Birdsall

**Wilma Mankiller, 1945-**  
Cherokee chief and social activist. Born on November 18, 1945, in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. A descendant of Native Americans who were forced to leave their homelands in the 1830's. Wilma Mankiller became a leading advocate for the Cherokee people and the first woman to serve as their principal chief. She has received numerous honors for her leadership and social activism, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1998. She is the mother of two daughters.

**Sandra Day O'Connor, 1930-**  
Born in El Paso, Texas and eventually settling in Arizona. She served that state as an assistant attorney general, state senator, and finally as a superior court judge. Governor Bruce Babbitt raised her to the Arizona Court of Appeals in 1979, and in 1981 President Ronald Reagan nominated her for the Supreme Court. She was confirmed by the Senate 99-0 and sworn in on 25 September 1981, becoming the first female justice in the court's history. She retired in 2005. Mother of three sons.

**Marie Curie, 1867-1934**  
Marie Skłodowska Curie was a physicist and chemist of Polish upbringing and, subsequently, French citizenship. She was a pioneer in the field of radioactivity, the first person honored with two Nobel Prizes, and the first female professor at the University of Paris. Her achievements include the creation of a theory of radioactivity (a term coined by her), techniques for isolating radioactive isotopes, and the discovery of two new elements, polonium and radium. It was also under her personal direction that the world's first studies were conducted into the treatment of neoplasms ("cancers"), using radioactive isotopes. Mother of two daughters.

**Clara McBride Hale, 1905-1992**  
Born on April 1, 1905, in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. Widowed in Harlem, at only 27 years of age, Clara Hale started babysitting in order to get the resources to support her two children. Babysitting turned into becoming a licensed foster mother who could never say no to a child that no one wanted. She spent the next 52 years of her life bringing hope and assistance to the less fortunate of Harlem. Her greatest endeavor was the found-

ing of Hale House, a home for drug-addicted and AIDS infected children. There were as many as 100 children there a week. Clara was a loving, generous mother to over 800 children in her lifetime. After her death in 1992, Hale's work was continued by her daughter Lorraine. Although Lorraine left Hale House in 2001, the house continues to operate. One daughter, two sons (one adopted).

**Jane Goodall, 1934-**  
Born in London, England. Goodall's interest in animals prompted notable anthropologist Louis Leakey to hire her as his assistant and secretary. Leakey had been looking for someone to go to Tanzania and study the wild chimpanzees there because not much was known about them at that time. He thought the information might also give clues about human evolution. Jane began her studies in Tanzania in the summer of 1960. In her first year, Jane discovered not only did chimpanzees not adhere to a strictly vegetarian diet, but they made tools! These important discoveries prompted National Geographic to sponsor Jane's work. Her work today is to save the chimpanzee. She travels 300 days a year spreading the word about the importance of conserving the forests and animal populations. She is mother to son "Grub."

**Kate "Ma" Barker, 1873-1935**  
Born in Ash Grove, Missouri, and named Arizona Donnie Clark. In 1892, she married George Elias Barker. They had four boys named Herman, Lloyd, Arthur, and Fred. George departed after the birth of their last son, Fred. Since she was trying to raise the boys on her own, they had inadequate supervision and became juvenile delinquents.

Though her children were undoubtedly criminals and their Barker-Karpis Gang committed a spree of robberies, kidnappings and other crimes between 1931 and 1935, the popular image of her as the gang's leader and its criminal mastermind would appear to be fictitious. She was shot dead on January 16, 1935, in a raid on a rented cottage in Oklawaha, Florida. It was Fred, also killed in the raid, who had been the bureau's main target. The myth was encouraged by J. Edgar Hoover and his fledgling FBI to justify the killing of an "old" lady. Mother of four boys.



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## Wonderful Women of Sierra Madre

On Thursday, May 7, THE Magazine honored "50 Fabulous Women over Fifty." When 2000 invitations for nominations were sent out last month, over 200 women from business, philanthropy, etc. were nominated. Of those 200, 50 were chosen to be specially honored at a reception at the Pasadena Museum of California Art. Five of those honored have Sierra Madre ties. They include Sindee Riboli of Sharp Seating, Chief Marilyn Diaz of the Sierra Madre Police Department, Carmen Thibault of Sotheby's International

and President of Sierra Madre Rotary, Sonja Yates, Director of San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity, and Karen Keegan owner of Savor the Flavor. Angel Throop, owner of Angels Everywhere (shown on the far right), and Susan Henderson, Publisher of Mountain Views News (not pictured), were also nominated. MV News Columnist Laquetta Shamblee of Monrovia was among the top 50, too. All are extraordinary volunteers for local organizations. Steve Tobia, Publisher of THE Magazine, is pictured center.



## WESTFIELD SANTA ANITA CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING OF THE PROMENADE

Photos By Chris Bertrand

The Promenade at Westfield Santa Anita was officially opened for business at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday. To celebrate this occasion, Westfield is hosting a fun-filled Grand Opening weekend May 7th - 10th featuring live performances by The California Philharmonic, appearances by the Radio Disney Street Team with Special Artist Savannah, live fashion shows and tastings from several of the Westfield Santa Anita restaurants. Grand Opening weekend will also offer several prize giveaways, including a \$5,000 cash prize and special gifts for moms on Mother's Day. There are 30 new stores and restaurants in-

cluding: Abercrombie, Advance Cutlery, Banana Republic, Bare Escentuals, Blu Salon and Aveda Stor, Borders, Bose, Clarks, Chico's, Coach, Coldwater Creek, Foreign Exchange, Gap, J. Jill, Jos. A Bank, Manna BBQ, Red Dragonfly, Ruby Tuesday, Soma by Chico's, Talbots, Teavana, Tous, Tonalita, V Generation and Williams-Sonoma. Sunday, May 10th, mothers will be treated to a Mother's Day free herb garden gift, while supplies last.



## The Ultimate Mother's Day Treat - A Day Of Shopping & Dining Out

