



PREPARING FOR THE BIG DAY

Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department Assists in Preparing Rose Bowl For The Big Day Story on page 4



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ADOPT A FRIEND TODAY

The Shabby Dog will be hosting a Pet Adoption from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Saturday, June 30th

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The Shabby Dog will be featuring animals from the Homeless To Forever Foundation!

Homeless To Forever Foundation is a non profit animal rescue organization that primarily saves dogs, cats, and critters from local high kill shelters. We rescue animals that are in danger of being killed due to overcrowding and we will oftentimes rescue animals that are injured, ill, and who are seniors. We also work with families who have to rehome their pets or who are dealing with an abandoned animal. Our animals are in foster homes and so we rely heavily on volunteer foster families and on volunteer transporters. All of our animals are fixed, vaccinated, and microchipped.

The adoption process is fairly simple, with an application, home and yard check, contract, and a tax deductible adoption fee. Homeless To Forever Foundation is grateful for any size tax deductible donations that will allow us to continue to save animals in need.

For additional information, go to page 11

"IT'S NOT THAT FUNNY" - Sierra Madre Filmmaker Screens Latest Work at Playhouse

Story by Bill Coburn

On Sunday, June 24th, a special screening of the award winning feature film *Not That Funny* was held at the Sierra Madre Playhouse as a thank you to the town, its residents and its businesses. Mary's Market, The Buccaneer, Sierra Madre Pizza Company, Bean Town Coffee House and Four Seasons Tea Room all provided food and beverage for the enjoyment of the attendees of the special event. "We had the screening in Sierra Madre to thank the businesses that let us film in their spaces," said writer/director Lauralee Farrer, "the Four Seasons, Mary's, Bean Town, the hardware store, Arnold's, oh my gosh that guy was so welcoming and hospitable and easy going... They brought food and kept thanking us for inviting them, as if we were doing them the favor. ..that's the kind of relationship you want to have."

Ms. Farrer is no stranger to Sierra Madre. She has lived on Alegria for eleven years. This is the third film she has made in town, the first two being documentaries that she also produced. Laundry and Tosca about a woman's lifelong journey to become a professional opera singer, and The Fair Trade about a woman who makes a bargain with God seeking a "a life worth living." Ms. Farrer was kind enough to sit down with us for an interview, and we'll be publishing that soon, in a separate article. Much of this film was shot in Sierra Madre, and unlike most productions that are filmed here, which feature a fictional town name, this film claims Sierra Madre as its location, with one of the main characters at one point noting of the female lead, Hayley, that Sierra Madre is where she grew up, and "such memories have unimaginable power."

Hayley is played by Brigid Brannagh, one of the stars of Army Wives on the Lifetime Channel, and formerly of CSI. Tony Hale, of HBO's Veep and formerly on Arrested Development is the male lead, Stefan, a single man who rents

an apartment from Hayley's grandmother Toogey, played by K Callan of TBS' Meet the Browns. Ms. Callan also played Dean Cain's mom in Lois and Clark, the New Adventures of Superman. Toogey (who in the movie lives on Alegria, in the real life home of writer/director Farrer), is a widow facing declining health and mental capacity. Hayley, who has been out in the business world trying to become "herself", returns home for a visit with Toogey, and must confront the reality of her Grandmother's situation, to the chagrin of her overbearing boyfriend O'Neill, played by Timothy V. Murphy (Sons of Anarchy, Criminal Minds). Stefan, who has heard Toogey talk about her granddaughter for years ("I've heard a thousand stories"), is immediately smitten. Until now, Stefan had been, in his words "alone, but not lonely." The rest of the movie revolves around his attempts to woo her, even attempting to be funny because he thinks that's what she wants, and discovering that he's really "Not that Funny". Along the way, all three characters confront truths about themselves that they might prefer not to face, ultimately coming to understand the people that they really are.

But for Sierra Madre residents, the film's locations will undoubtedly be the stars they recognize most. Mary's Market, Bean Town, Arnold's Frontier Hardware and Moe's Automotive all have multiple scenes in the movie, with Mary's Market even being cited as a daily stop for Toogey, as well as the setting of a dinner date for Stefan and Hayley in a pivotal scene. The beautiful patio of Four Seasons Tea Room with strings of lights overhead, is the site of another pivotal scene in the movie featuring Stefan and his good friend Kevork, played by John Kapelos, probably best known for his work in three John Hughes' films, The Breakfast Club, Sixteen Candles and Weird Science. The Buccaneer is also featured a couple of times, along with Sierra Juice, and there are numerous outside shots of Alegria, Baldwin Ave., Kersting



Brandon Lippard, Director of Photography and Lauralee Farrer, Writer/Director of *Not That Funny*, photo courtesy of Boulevard Pictures

Court and Sierra Madre Blvd. One of the scenes featuring Kersting Court is a melancholy reminder that nothing in life is permanent, as the pepper tree that stood for more than a hundred years in Kersting Court has been removed since the film's shooting. Another reminder: Sierra Madre Books and Harlequin Gallery are both seen in the movie, neither of which remains in business any more.

Norah Graham of Sierra Juice is seen as herself in a couple of scenes, as is Moe Marshall of Moe's Automotive (albeit as an employee, not the owner). Nikki Stevens, bartender at the Buccaneer, and Carolyn Dapper of Mary's Market also appears briefly, as does Sierra Madre's adopted favorite dog, Squirrel (yes,

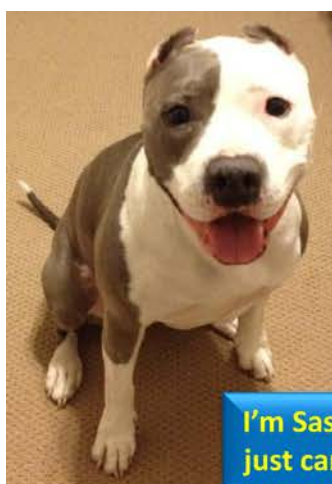
she made the credits), sitting in the lap of Buccaneer patron "LA Times Bob" Woolson.

Not That Funny does not yet have a distribution deal, but hopefully the positive response it is receiving in film festivals will help to change that, with the film having won audience awards in two of the three Festivals in which it has been shown. It won the Audience Award, Best US Film Feature Award at the 2012 Newport Beach Film Festival, and the Audience Favorite Award at the Rainier Independent Film Festival. It is scheduled to be featured at the Fandana Film Festival at Huntington University in Indiana in August, and at the Port Townsend Film Festival in Washington, in September.

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Fri:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
July 10th, 2012 6:30 pm

June 18th	Community Services Commission @ 6pm
June 20th	Tree Advisory Commission @ 7:00pm
June 21	Planning Commission @ 7:00pm
June 21th	Green Advisory Committee @ 7:00pm
June 26th	City Council Meeting @ 6:30pm
June 27th	Library Board of Trustees @ 7:00pm



Sierra Madre Rotary Club

Meets Tuesdays 7-8:30 a.m.
222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
The Hart Park House



As part of our club's lively weekly meetings, dynamic speakers are scheduled on Rotary's service interests, local community topics and general appeal subjects.

Sierra Madre Rotary operates an active high school service group, the Interact Club, participates in Rotary scholarship, music and essay competitions, raises funds for local and Rotary Foundation causes, recognizes exemplary teachers, offers mini grants for worthy projects, hosts the yearly Elvis in the Park concert and donates hundreds of service hours to community events like the Wistaria Festival, Dickens Village and July 4th Parade.

While all Rotary Club memberships are by invitation, visitors are heartily welcomed to meetings. For more information, please visit our website or contact our membership chairperson at RudyHayek@gmail.com.

www.SierraMadreRotary.com

1630 AM

Free on-air publicity for local events

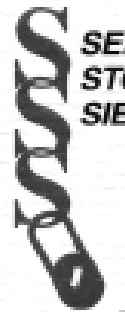
Sierra Madre's new community radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

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

In a nutshell, your event must:

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

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



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St. Rita Parish Blood Drive

Sunday July 8, 2012

8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Held in O'Malley Hall

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2 Complimentary VIP tickets to the Laugh Factory,
2 tickets for a Chivas game (\$10.00 processing fee),
Plus a Save-A-Life T-Shirt!

If you would like to make an appointment contact Marilyn McKernan @ marilyn@st-rita.org or (626) 355-1292

You can also visit WWW.redcrossblood.org and enter the Sponsor Code - *strita* to make your appointment.

Dunk the
Mayor!

(an ex-mayor, the police
chief, the fire chief, and
others!)

Dunk Tank Schedule

Tuesday Evening, July 3rd

5:00TBA	
5:30TBA	
6:00 Adam Matsumoto Recreation Spvrs., Community Services	
6:30 Nikki Stevens	Bartender, Buccaneer
7:00 John Buchanan	Former Mayor, Sierra Madre
7:30 Josh Moran	Mayor, Sierra Madre
8:00TBA	
8:30 Eric LeClair	Team Crossfit Academy

Wednesday Afternoon, July 4th

Noon TBA	
12:30 Rich Snyder	Fire Marshal, SMFD
1:00 Larry Giannone	Chief, SMPD
1:30TBA	
2:00TBA	
2:30 Meredith Keith	4th of July Committee
3:00 Lisa Carlson	4th of July Committee
3:30TBA	

Also confirmed, but not yet scheduled:

John Harabedian, Sierra Madre City Council Member

Steve Tanner, Sierra Madre Little League

Pastor Paul Beck, Sierra Madre Congregational Church

Schedule and participants subject to change without notice

Chamber fundraiser, as part of 4th of July festivities.

SIERRA MADRE FARMERS MARKET

The Farmers Market is open today and every Wednesday from 3:00-8:00 p.m. The location of the market is on Hermosa Avenue, south of Sierra Madre Boulevard to Mariposa Avenue, situated in the downtown area of Sierra Madre. The market has organic, fresh and locally grown produce. The farmers market is a great opportunity to come on down and meet the farmer directly. Dry Dock Fish has fresh and delicious wild caught varieties of fish. Rustic Loaf has your artisanal breads baked fresh that same day and brought to the market. Cutie Pie that has pies made with the fruits of our organic farmers, make sure you pick one or two up for desert. There are so many unique and amazing finds at the farmers market. Come on down to the Sierra Madre Farmers Market and shake the hand that feed you.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor at the Farmers Market, please contact Melissa Farwell from Raw Inspiration at (818) 591-8161 Ext. 806. Raw Inspiration, Inc., is responsible for all management and marketing of the City's Farmers Market.

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LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Sierra Madre Woman's Club is looking for long-term volunteers. They are looking for assistance with their Thrift Shop and volunteers with newspaper editing and fundraising experience. If you are interested in any of the volunteer positions please contact the Woman's Club at 626-355-4379.

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WHEN WE MEET AT 7:45AM. VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!
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AND HAVE SOME FUN!

SIERRA MADRE KIWANIS CLUB
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US:

Tuesday, July 10th 12 Noon
Topic: Autism and What We Can Do To Help
Children, Families and Programs that exist

The program is free and begins at 12:30
Lunch: \$10 per person (begins at noon)

Call 626-355-0728 for meal reservations

VISIT OUR PIZZA BOOTH AT THE BEER
GARDEN ON JULY 3RD!

VOLUNTEER FACILITY ATTENDANT TRAINING

On February 8, 2011 the Sierra Madre City Council adopted the Facility Attendant Policies and Procedures to be implemented by the Community Services Department. Part of that policy incorporated a Volunteer Facility Attendant Program enabling local organizations/nonprofit groups like yours to designate 2 or more persons to serve as Volunteer Facility Attendants rather than pay for a staff Facility Attendant (rate as of July 1st will be \$50 per hour).

The training will take place in two parts: First Aid and CPR/AED training on Monday, June 25th – 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm at the Community Recreation Center, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. (upstairs in the Youth Activity Center) and Facility Procedures on Monday, July 2nd – 7 pm to 8:30 pm in the Sierra Madre Room (611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.). The two part training will cover the opening/closing and monitoring facility procedures for the Sierra Madre Room, YAC & Hart Park House Senior Center, Facility Attendant responsibilities as well as First Aid and CPR/AED training.

Please note, both trainings are required for someone to be considered an official Volunteer Facility Attendant, but if a volunteer can produce a valid First Aid/CPR certification card they will not need to attend the June 25th training. Those volunteers taking the First Aid/CPR/AED training will be asked to pay \$27 for the cost of the certificates; this is an American Red Cross fee. All other portions of the training are provided to the volunteers free of charge. Please have your organization's volunteers complete the attached application and return to the Community Services office, 611 E. Sierra Madre or to City Hall, attention Susan Clifton by June 18th to confirm your participation in the training. If your organization already has one or two Volunteer Facility Attendants, you are welcome to send one or two more this year. If you have any questions regarding this memo or would like more details about the Facility Attendant responsibilities before the July 2nd training, please feel free to contact me at (626) 355-5278 ext. 227.

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Monrovia City Hall
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Monrovia Senior Center

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July 3rd ★ 5:00pm –10:00pm

5:00pm Memorial Park opens for events

- ★ Beer Garden ★ Food Trucks ★ Non-Profit Booths
- *Slamming Sliders *Gourmet Genie
- *Round Burgers *Greasy Wiener
- *Bool BBQ *Da Kine Shave Ice

7:00 -9:30pm ★ Groovy Lemon Pie Concert
8:00pm ★ Bubble Wrap Fireworks

July 4th ★ 7:30 – 9:30am

The Spero Foundation's
2nd Annual Fire Cracker Fun Run

July 4th ★ 10:00am -12:00pm

The Sierra Madre Annual 4th of July Parade

July 4th ★ 12:00pm – 4:30pm

FREE SHUTTLE

to the Community Picnic @ Sierra Vista Park
3 stops on Sierra Madre Blvd.

July 4th ★ 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Community Picnic & Celebration

- ★ SMLL Diner BBQ ★ Non-Profit Booths ★ Games
- ★ Free Swim @ the Pool ★ Beer Garden
- ★ Community Games ★ Gem City Jazz Cats
- ★ Home Run Derby ★ Bounce Houses

1:00pm ★ Community Games

*Subject to change without notice

ASCENSION PARISHIONERS CELEBRATE COMMUNITY WHILE REMEMBERING THE PAST "MASS ON THE GRASS" SUNDAY, JULY 1ST

Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 25 East Laurel Avenue in Sierra Madre will be celebrating its annual start of summer with "Mass on the Grass" on July 1, 2012 at 10:15 a.m.

For over 20 years the community and parishioners have gathered together to celebrate a community who pulled together and restored the Church which was significantly damaged in the Sierra Madre Earthquake with an outdoor celebration as they did in 1991. It was through faith, strength and fellowship with the community that Churchgoers were able to restore the Church's nationally recognized historic structure (designed by English architect Ernest Coxhead in 1889.) The outdoor mass on the Church's beautiful grounds recognizes this accomplishment and celebrates the blessings of nature with family and friends.

"Mass on the Grass" is followed by a picnic on the Church grounds. Everyone is welcome to join us in this celebration. No reservations required.

This event makes for a wonderful family outing to meet new neighbors and check out a wonderful community church. For more information, please call (626) 355-1133 or visit: www.ascension-sierramadre.com.

CONFETTI EGGS IN THE PARK, JULY 3RD AND 4TH!

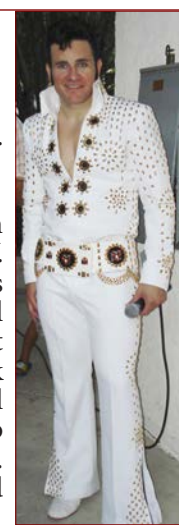


A Fourth of July tradition since 1973, Sierra Madre Civic Club will again offer Confetti filled eggs for sale in Memorial Park on July 3rd and at Sierra Vista Park on July 4th. The popular eggs are always a sell-out so look for the Civic Club booth and get yours early. The eggs sell for \$2.00 per dozen or a carton of 18 for \$3.00. All proceeds from the sale of the eggs go to the Club's Scholarship and Civic Grants program.

HE'LL BE BACK!

Elvis will kick off the 2012 Sierra Madre's Concerts In The Park next Sunday. The event is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Sierra Madre.

Come early to get a spot to watch Harry Shohanian as Elvis who will again appear on July 8, 2012 in the Sierra Madre Memorial Park bandstand, 222 W. Sierra Madre, Bl, Sierra Madre. Rotary of Sierra Madre has sponsored Elvis for the enjoyment of the community for many years. Elvis brings in a special guest for each show. Last year the guest was Rod Stewart. Another great guest in the past was Roy Orbison of the Traveling Wilburys. The In N Out truck will be serving Burgers from 4:45 to 6:45pm on Sunday and the concert will begin at 6 pm and last til 8 pm. Tickets for the In N Out meals run \$8.50 to \$10.50. Go to the Rotary Booth for purchase. Ice cream bars will be sold also. The concert is free. Please come and have fun. Bring your blanket, chairs and wear sun screen.



NATIONAL PARKS EXPERT TO SPEAK AT SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY

If you are one of the many area residents who will travel to one or more of the 397 national parks, monuments, battlefields, and historic sites in the National Park system, then you need to start your trip at the Sierra Madre Public Library.

Christopher K. Jarvi, former Associate Director for Partnerships and Visitor Experience for the National Park Service (NPS), will share little known facts and unique personal stories at 10 A.M. on Saturday, July 14 at the Sierra Madre Public Library.

Blending his experiences with beautiful visuals of the National Parks, Jarvi will take his audience on a behind the scenes tour of our most important natural sites, relating stories of their colorful history and their future challenges. July is National Parks and Recreation Month.

Jarvi has personal ties to Sierra Madre. His mother grew up in a house on the corner of Sierra Place and San Gabriel Court, his grandmother Ethel Davis owned the building in which the Safeway store was located, at about where Windsor Lane intersects Sierra Madre Blvd, and his uncle Loren Krabill ran the Green Frog Market, now known as Howie's Market.

During his tenure with the NPS he had nationwide responsibility for Partnerships and Philanthropy, Interpretation/Education, Media Development, Volunteerism, Tourism, Youth Programs, Technical Assistance, Long Distance Trails, Wild and Scenic Rivers and, the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. Jarvi served as the president of the California Parks and Recreation Society and the president of the National Recreation and Park Association.

The Sierra Madre Public Library is located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre. For more information please call (626) 355-7186, or visit our website: www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us.

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RADIO FISHBOWL TO BROADCAST LIVE AT JULY 4TH PARADE

Village Intersection moderator, Gene Goss and guest co-host Carol Canterbury will be covering the 4th of July parade and broadcasting it live on Radio Fishbowl.

Their booth will be located on the 2nd floor of the Prudential building.

You can listen on your smart phones while they watch the parade by setting their browsers to www.radiofishbowl.com.

Coming Up:
Council Member John Cappocia on Village Intersections at 7:00 PM this Thursday.



**PLEASE:
NO FIREWORKS
IN SIERRA MADRE**



Plastic Bag Ban to Take Effect



By Dean Lee

Plastic carryout bags at supermarkets will become a thing of the past in Pasadena starting Sunday as the city's newly adopted ordinance to discontinue the distribution of plastic carryout bags takes effect. Paper bans will now cost shoppers 10 cents as a way to encourage reusable totes.

The move is part of the Pasadena's Green City Action Plan as a way to reduce landfill waste. The ordinance was adopted unanimously by the city council Nov. 7. The council members said other goals include reducing litter in neighborhoods and reducing plastic bag debris in waterways and storm drains.

According to city officials, the ban will affect larger grocers and foodmarts with gross annual sale of \$2,000,000 or more and stores of at least 10,000 square feet of retail space that have a licensed pharmacy. They also said starting Dec. 31, smaller grocers, food markets, liquor store, convenience stores, farmers markets, drugstores, pharmacies, and vendors at City sponsored events, City facilities, or City properties will also have to comply with the ban.

Enforcement of the ordinance will be complaint driven. Stores that fail to comply with the ordinance will initially be given a written warning notice. A fine not exceeding \$100 will be given for the first violation, \$200 for the second violation, and \$500 for the third violation and subsequent violations.

For more information about this ordinance, please call Planning Division at (626) 744-4009.

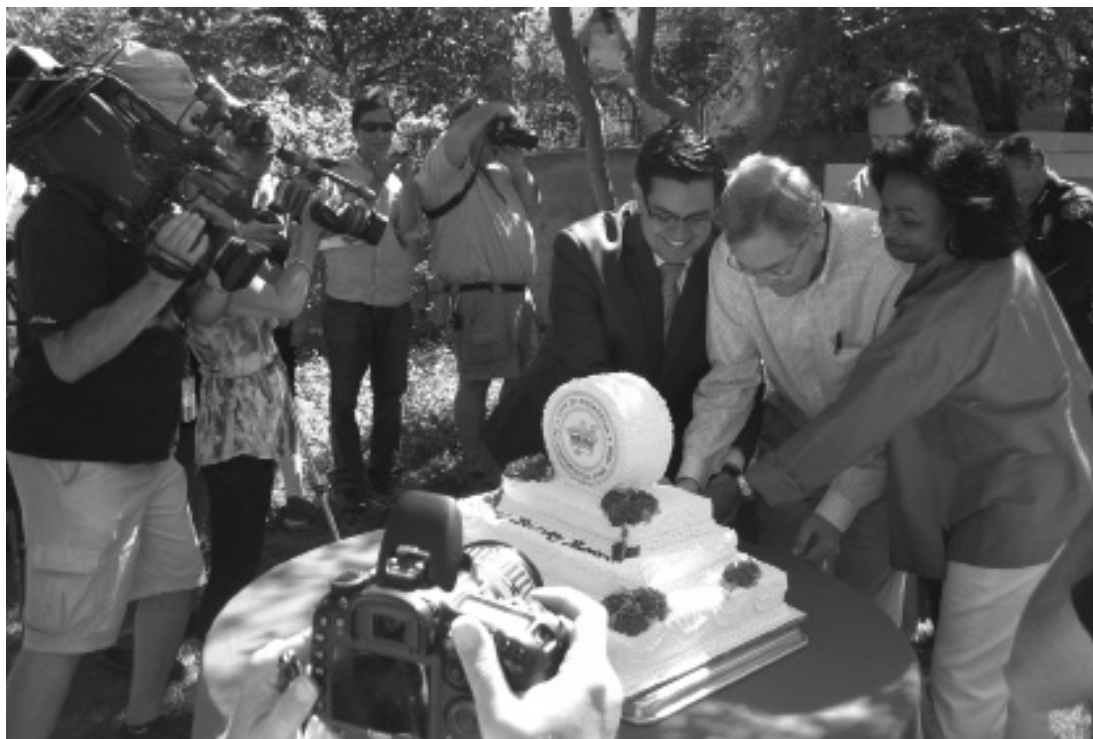
Pet of the Week



Bobby is a calm four-year-old white and brown Pointer/Boxer mix. He's been out on our Mobile Unit to several community events. He gets along with other dogs. He can be shy at first, but he warms up quickly. He has also earned his Blue Ribbon meaning he knows his basic obedience commands!

Bobby's adoption fee is \$95, which includes his neuter surgery, a microchip, the first set of vaccinations, as well as a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. New adopters will receive complimentary health and wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals. Ask an adoptions counselor for more information during your visit.

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A307563, or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday – Friday, 9-4 Saturday. Pets may not be available for adoption and cannot be held for potential adopters from phone calls or email. Directions and photos of all pets can be found at www.pasadenahumane.org.



City Celebrates 126th Birthday

Mayor Bill Bogaard, along with, Councilmembers Steve Madison, Terry Tornek, Gene Masuda and Chris Holden help cut the seven large birthday cakes Sunday as hundreds of people filled the grounds of the Pasadena Museum of History Saturday celebrating Pasadena's 126th Birthday.

"This festive celebration was made possible through the generosity and dedication of so many within our community and the Museum," Mayor Bogaard said. "Once again,

Pasadena proves that when it comes to working together—and celebrating together—we're at the top of the list."

The city council members were joined in the cake cutting by City Manager Michael Beck, Police Chief Phillip Sanchez, Fire Chief Calvin Wells, Pasadena Water & Power Dept. General Manager Phyllis Currie and Carlos Illingworth representing Vons Supermarkets.

The day's theme was "Happy Birthday Pasadena: Celebrating Now & Then" and each cake

was decorated with edible art by Vons bakery experts that reproduced historic, vintage pictures from the Museum's archives representing Pasadena neighborhoods, arts, sports, water, technology and transportation history. The main cake was adorned with the City's seal. The celebration at the Pasadena Museum of History, 470 W. Walnut St., also included a classic antique car show, several information and food booths, history displays, and tours of the museum.

Local Veteran Honors at Capitol Event

During a special Veterans Recognition Luncheon in Sacramento today, Pasadena resident and veteran Tracey Cooper-Harris was honored by Assemblymember Anthony Portantino (D-La Cañada Flintridge).

"Tracey is remarkable. Joining the Army after 9/11, she served active duty in Iraq and continues to work to help veterans in need and to fight for civil rights. She has my respect and admiration," commented Portantino.

Cooper-Harris served in the U.S. Army for eight years and

the South Carolina National Guard before being recalled to active duty in Iraq following 9/11. Her Army career has taken her from Walter Reed in Virginia to Germany, South Korea, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan and Camp Bucca, Iraq.

Following her separation from the Army, Sgt. Cooper-Harris moved to Pasadena where she attended Pasadena City College before earning a BS from Cal State Northridge. She currently works at the California Department of Veterans Affairs in Los Angeles where she

continues to advocate on behalf of veterans.

Last year, she went to Washington, D.C. as a member of the Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans of America where she advocated for veterans employment aid, VA benefits and treatment for veterans suffering from catastrophic wounds. Cooper-Harris has been accepted into a graduate program at Clemson University in South Carolina. She will continue her studies into support for returning veterans. She is married to Maggie Cooper-Harris.

Mingle With Majesty; A Cocktail Party with the Queens of Doo Dah

Party with not one, not two, but a garden full of Doo Dah's crowned royalty! The public is cordially invited to a Royal Cocktail Extravaganza in honor of the Museum's upcoming retrospective exhibit on the Doo Dah Parade. Sip signature cocktails featuring Blue Angel Vodka, including the Dirty Doo Dah, the Doo Drop, the Doo Dah Twist and the Doodahpolitan while you enjoy Doodahrific appetizers from Stonefire Grill.

Performances by Snotty Scotty and the oh-so-talented Queens will make this one unforgettable party!. What to wear? Cocktail attire, of course -with a Doo Dah twist!

Tickets: \$30 Members, \$35 Non-Members in advance,



\$40 at the door. Purchase your tickets now by calling 626.577.1660, ext. 10. All proceeds from this event support the installation and exhibition of What a Long Strange Trip It's Been: 35 Years of the Pasadena Doo Dah Parade.

Rose Bowl to Show on ESPN Outlets Through 2026

ESPN has reached a 12-year extension with the Pasadena Tournament of Roses, the Big Ten Conference and the Pac-12 Conference to continue the company's long-standing relationship with the Rose Bowl Game, one of college football's most popular events. The agreement, which begins in January 2015, will include rights to the annual Rose Bowl Game across ESPN's platforms through 2026. Each year, the game will be played January 1 at 5 p.m. ET/2 p.m. PT (or on January 2 in years when January 1 is a Sunday) and will feature the champions from the Big Ten and Pac-12.

The news was announced today by John Skipper, ESPN President, Libby Wright, Chair of the Rose Bowl Management Committee, Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany and Pac-12 Commissioner Larry Scott.

Whatever is determined to be the exact post-season bowl rotation as part of the

future format, ESPN will have the rights to the Rose Bowl Game each year. The previous eight-year Rose Bowl deal has two more seasons remaining (2013 Rose Bowl Game, 2014 Rose Bowl Game and 2014 BCS National Championship) within the current post-season structure. ESPN (or ABC) has televised the Rose Bowl Game since 1989.

ESPN will showcase the Rose Bowl Game on television, ESPN Radio, ESPN Mobile TV and on smartphones, tablets, online and on Xbox LIVE via WatchESPN. Additionally, ESPN has secured rights to distribute the Rose Bowl Game on ESPN 3D and around the world through ESPN International.

"The Rose Bowl Game is one of sport's most meaningful and celebrated events," Skipper said. "Extending our relationship long term with such a prestigious brand will play a significant role in the way fans continue to define ESPN – as the leading destination for college football all year long."

Washington Park Classics Opens to Community

Pasadena City Councilmember Victor Gordo was part of the Grand Opening Ceremonies Thursday for the new Washington Park Classics housing development, 671 E. Washington Blvd.

The eight-unit, single-family townhome project was developed by Trademark Development Company stemming from a collaborative effort between the City, the developer and the surrounding community, Councilmember Gordo said.

"The Washington Park Classics shows how the City and our residents can work together for positive change in Pasadena by transforming a nuisance liquor store site into an affordable, quality housing development that enhances the neighborhood's quality of life," Gordo said.

The Classics are at the northeast corner of Washington Boulevard and El Molino Avenue in Pasadena. The project was developed in partnership with the City's Housing Department utilizing Inclusionary funds to help acquire the site and close the problem store.

Neighbors were encouraged to participate in the planning and design process for the new townhomes, according to Housing Department Director William Huang. The design is craftsman-inspired which is consistent with the architectural resources of the surrounding neighborhood.

The townhomes are a mix of two and three bedroom units ranging in size from 1,300 square feet to 1,600 square feet. At least four of the homes will be marketed and sold as affordable housing for low- and moderate-income first-time homebuyers. The remaining homes will be sold at prevailing market rate prices.

For more information on the Washington Park Classics, go to Washington Park Classics or call (626) 744-8316. For more information about the City of Pasadena go to www.cityofpasadena.net.

Fire Department Prepares for Fourth

By Dean Lee

Although, this year, fire crews sprayed a slightly different type of fire retardant around the Rose Bowl Wednesday in preparation of this year's Americafest on July 4, Sierra Madre Fire Marshal Richard Snyder said the outcome is all the same, safety.

Snyder has for years overseen the yearly spraying of 14,000 gallons of Phos-Chek, a substance of phosphate and fertilizer around the Arroyo Seco which includes the edges of Rose Bowl parking area.

"The other one was fine," he said about the new retardant which is all liquid verses a dry/liquid mix. "This one has a lot less phosphates in it, it's just as effective. This one is a little harder to prepare, you have to be exact. We have certain window [of salt content] where it won't work if it's too low or you'll waste it if it's too high."

The PHOS-CHek LC-95 now qualifies by the USDA Forest

Service he said adding that it is better for the environment. "

The Snyder said because the product is new, the cost is double. He said he was not sure of the exact price.

Fire crews each year also spray Phos-Chek along a dozen or so undisclosed foothill communities. Snyder said they keep the areas secret to prevent arson.

Fire Chief Calvin Wells also reminded event goers that the sale and possession of all fireworks is illegal in Pasadena, violators are subject to arrest, the confiscation and impound of their vehicles, and, if convicted, up to one year in jail and fines up to \$50,000 he said.

Fire Department Spokeswoman Lisa Derderian said there will be checkpoints going into the Rose Bowl area. She said all confiscated fireworks are kept in a safety locker and the dispose of by the State Fire Marshal.

"They will not let us keep any of it," She said. "Not even as samples."



Police Air Operations hosts Disaster Response Drill

The Pasadena Police Departments Air Operations Section hosted Wednesday their 23rd Annual Disaster Response Drill in Lot H of the Rose Bowl. This training exercise drew a handful of helicopter crews from police and fire agencies throughout southern California to the Rose Bowl for a simulated large scale emergency. The event ended at

2pm. Police said that, Although this is a tremendous training opportunity, all attempts were be made to minimize the impact on the surrounding neighborhoods by way of airspace management and flight routes in and out of the area. Questions or concerns, please contact Air Operations Section Lieutenant Mike Ingram at 626-744-4606

Citizen Journalism Meet-up

Learn not just how to blog but how to report the news

The Pasadena Community Network and this newspaper are holding a workshop on Citizen Journalism.

This group is the place where aspiring journalists can learn from trained professionals and support their local community by covering what's really happening in their neighborhoods.

We will put the news in your hands. Learn how to find



the story, the tools needed to capture the story and the means to tell the story using the power of video, audio and print along with online social media. The next meeting is July 3 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Pasadena Community Network - Studio G, 2057 N. Los Robles Ave.

For more info call 626.794.8585 or visit pasadenan.com.

Caltech Scientists Find New Mineral in Meteorite

In 1969, an exploding fireball tore through the sky over Mexico, scattering thousands of pieces of meteorite across the state of Chihuahua. More than 40 years later, the Allende meteorite is still serving the scientific community as a rich source of information about the early stages of our solar system's evolution. Recently, scientists from the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) discovered a new mineral embedded in the space rock—one they believe to be among the oldest minerals formed in the solar system.

Dubbed panguite, the new titanium oxide is named after Pan Gu, the giant from ancient Chinese mythology who established the world by separating yin from yang to create the earth and the sky. The mineral and the mineral name have been approved by the International Mineralogical Association's Commission on New Minerals, Nomenclature and Classification. A paper outlining the discovery and the properties of this new mineral will be published in the July issue of the journal American Mineralogist, and is available online now.

"Panguite is an especially exciting discovery since it is not only a new mineral, but

also a material previously unknown to science," says Chi Ma, a senior scientist and director of the Geological and Planetary Sciences division's Analytical Facility at Caltech and corresponding author on the paper.

The Allende meteorite is the largest carbonaceous chondrite—a diverse class of primitive meteorites—ever found on our planet and is considered by many the best-studied meteorite in history. As a result of an ongoing nanomineralogy investigation of primitive meteorites—which Ma has been leading since 2007—nine new minerals, including panguite, have been found in the Allende meteorite. Some of those new finds include the minerals allendeite, hexamolybdenum, tistarite, and kangite. Nanomineralogy looks at tiny particles of minerals and the minuscule features within those minerals.

"The intensive studies of objects in this meteorite have had a tremendous influence on current thinking about processes, timing, and chemistry in the primitive solar nebula and small planetary bodies," says coauthor George Rossman, the Eleanor and John R. McMillan Professor of Mineralogy at Caltech.

ALTADENA RESIDENTS ORGANIZE AGAINST WALMART

By Dean Lee

A group of Altadena residents packed Webster's Pharmacy Friday night organizing their next moves in an attempt to stop a recently proposed Walmart from opening at Lincoln and Figueroa sometime next year.

Organizers Lori Webster and Steve Lamb told the group of over 50 people that it might be too late to stop Walmart from opening in the neighborhood. Residents suggested everything from boycotting the store or trying to stop them from getting a liquor license. Their suggestion was to try and drive them out of the area once open.

“Probably it’s too late for us to stop this one from

actually opening,” Lamb said. “Honestly, I mean realistically, I’ve done activism for a long, long time and their just basically too far along. The Board of Supervisors is not going to stop them”

Lamb did say that Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich was unaware of the project until recently, “he was not happy about this,” Lamb said. He also said Walmart had \$2 million to \$3 million invested in the property— a now vacant thrift store. Lamb said they built a new parking structure on the property before anyone knew it was Walmart.

Webster suggested they look at encouraging other types of businesses to come into

the area saying that Walmart would bring, low wage jobs and crime into the area. She also said Wal-Mart was known as a threat to small family run businesses such as hers.

According to a flyer circulated by the company, the new Neighborhood Market would be approximately 28,000 square feet and would feature mostly food products although have pet supplies, household supplies and a pharmacy. The flyer also claims the new store would create 60-65 jobs.

Lamb said there was also a rumor the company may be planning a second Altadena store something he suggested they could ultimately stop.



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Sheriff Department Crime Trends

TEMPLE CITY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT– CRIME TRENDS

The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department’s Temple Station is responsible for providing law enforcement services to the cities of Bradbury, Duarte, Rosemead, South El Monte and Temple City, as well as the unincorporated county communities of South San Gabriel, El Monte, Monrovia, Arcadia, Duarte (M.A.D.), East Pasadena, and North San Gabriel. Below you will find a summary of the reported crimes during the month of May for each of the above listed communities.

During this past month, we have experienced an increase in most of our theft related crimes in the majority of our communities. A good number of these thefts are related to crimes of opportunity where victims become complacent. Additionally, although not an epidemic, we must be mindful to watch over our senior citizen family members and neighbors. This segment of the population is susceptible to trickery and day time burglaries. Help educate and advise them that not all persons are honest and will pose as utility or city workers, who asked the victims for access into their residences to inspect water pressure, electrical lines, or other utility service related areas. If contacted by any individual who asks to enter your residence to conduct an inspection, request to see official identification. If you have any doubt as to whether or not the individual is working for a legitimate utility company or agency, please call Temple Station immediately. We also ask that you monitor your neighborhood for suspicious vehicles or persons walking door to door. If you notice something or someone suspicious, again please telephone Temple Station and ask for a patrol unit to respond.

Vehicle thefts are also a main area of concern. Thieves continue to target Hondas, model years 1998 through 2006. Please remember to lock and secure your vehicle, taking all valuables with you. This includes laptop computers and navigational equipment. Remember, prevention and deterrence starts at home.

Temple Sheriff’s Station’s partnership with community members is our strongest asset in the fight against crime. Please remain vigilant, and if you see something or someone suspicious, call Temple Station at (626) 285-7171 or in cases of emergency, dial 911.

TEMPLE STATION MAY 2012

	Bradbury	Duarte	Rosemead	South El Monte	Temple City	Unincorporated Areas SSG/EMC, MAD, EPAS/NSG
Rape	0	1	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	1	0	2	0	2
Assault	0	4	12	5	0	13
Residential Burglary	1	10	7	4	14	12
Commercial Burglary	0	2	5	5	1	4
Grand Theft	0	7	3	2	3	6
GTA	0	3	13	4	3	11
Vehicle Burglary	0	4	16	5	4	10

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2012 Arcadia Beautiful Awards Presented At City Council Meeting

By Joan Schmidt

When the City of Arcadia decides to do something, it is certainly does it right! The June 19th Meeting’s recognition of fifteen Arcadia Beautiful Homes Awards was nothing short of spectacular. Each winner was announced, and their home appeared on the two large screens in the City Chambers. This enabled everyone to see why that home was chosen. The homeowners came up on stage, and were presented with an impressive Certificate of Recognition, a gift of a beautiful candle/light fixture, a plant, and of course a sign to put out on the front lawn.

The first surprise for me was when “917” East Camino Real was announced. I almost jumped out of my seat and said, “That’s MY street!” (Technically I live east in Monrovia, but Camino Real is Camino Real! And for many years, I walked from Myrtle Ave. west to Second Ave.)

I was doubly surprised when I saw the house, and blurted out, “That’s my favorite house!” (All the years I walked, I loved the home’s unique design and the gorgeous flowers and great landscaping, which is done by REX ICEHOURL GARDENING, 626-359-8088.)

I had the great privilege of meeting the homeowners, Dr. Ravi and Dr. Smitra Bhatia, who work at City of Hope. The Bhatia’s have lived their fifteen years, with Dr. Ravi’s dad, their two daughters who are eighteen and twenty-three and their beautiful friendly Golden Retriever. I couldn’t help admiring their family pictures and the beautiful gift from the City.

The second surprise at the City Council Meeting was

the announcement of 410 East Camino Real! How remarkable. A good-sized city like Arcadia has fifteen winners and two are on Camino Real! The homeowners, Johnson and Betty Chen, did attend the meeting. They were absolutely thrilled with the award and were most deserving!

Later, I went to the Chen’s home. They are so proud of their Certificate, now hanging on the front door, besides having the sign out in the yard! Their landscaping is gorgeous and they have so many wonderful flowering plants and trees. There was a tree with fragrant Chinese lilies. Betty showed me how all of the beautiful flowering plants are in pots. When they are no longer in bloom, she and her husband bring them into the backyard and bring out the plants that now have flowers.

This way, there are always flowers in the front yard. I never even thought of that-what a great idea. Betty took me out back and their backyard was just as beautiful as the front. I am sure they had gardeners, but a lot of work with the flowers is done by themselves. Betty and Johnson live with their son and his family, which includes two grandchildren. They have resided in Arcadia for fourteen years. Although Betty retired from the teaching profession after thirty-five years, she teaches



Chinese to her six grandchildren.

The other Arcadia Beautiful Home winners are located at 2530 Lee Ave., 1811 South 7th Ave., 1800 Louise Ave., 1608 Holly Av., 1220 Rodeo Rd., 1055 Panorama Dr., 471 W. Winnie Way, 440 South Old Ranch, 30 W. Orange Grove, 166 W. Las Flores Ave., 170 Sandra Ave., 322 Arbolada Ave., and 333 Fairview Ave. The City of Arcadia certainly should be commended for recognizing fifteen beautiful homes!

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, June 17th, through Saturday, June 23rd, the Police Department responded to 965 calls for service of which 99 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, June 17:

1. Around 1:39 p.m., an officer responded to the 900 block of Balboa Drive regarding a vandalism report. The victim explained he discovered a dent on his vehicle, which had been parked on the street. The officer was not able to determine how the damage occurred and no one saw or heard anything suspicious.
2. At approximately 5:30 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a silver Altima for a broken tail light, in the area of Baldwin Avenue and Naomi Avenue. The officer discovered the driver was never issued a license. The 25-year-old Hispanic male was cited, released in the field, and the vehicle was impounded.

Monday, June 18:

3. At about 12:35 p.m., an officer responded to the area of First Avenue and Genoa Street regarding a report of a hit and run. While traveling on Genoa Street, an unknown male suspect sideswiped a parked vehicle. The suspect attempted to locate the owner inside a nearby store, however left shortly after without leaving a note. The suspect’s vehicle is described as a large white utility or garden truck.
4. Shortly after 6:30 p.m., officers were dispatched to Irwindale Avenue and Gateway Bus Drive regarding a traffic stop conducted by CHP, who discovered the occupants were involved in a battery that took place at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue. An investigation revealed one female suspect punched her girlfriend in the face. Paramedics responded to treat the victim who was bleeding from her head and mouth. An investigation revealed the 23-year-old Black female suspect was on probation for assault, had a suspended license and registration, and was in possession of marijuana for sales. She was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Tuesday, June 19:

5. At approximately 3:10 a.m., a concerned citizen advised nearby officers that he chased a man whom he thought was burglarizing vehicles in the 5000 block of South Santa Anita. Officers conducted an area check while the citizen notified LASO Temple City Station. Within minutes, officers located a suspicious vehicle speeding away from the reported location and conducted a traffic stop. An investigation revealed the driver had a want out of Monrovia and was in possession of burglary tools, stolen property, and drug paraphernalia. The 38-year-old White male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. No burglaries had been reported at the time of the arrest.
6. Around 10:40 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 000 block of Bonita Street in regards to a male arguing and the sound of glass breaking. An intoxicated male adult yelled at his girlfriend and grabbed her arm while she was carrying their five month old daughter. The force caused the girlfriend to inadvertently bump the baby’s head on an unknown object, resulting in a small abrasion. The baby was transported to the Arcadia Methodist Hospital for evaluation. The 31-year-old Asian male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The Department of Children and Family Services was notified and the baby was later released with no injuries.

Wednesday, June 20:

7. At about 6:19 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of South First Avenue regarding a theft report. Two white male adults were observed running from a construction site and fleeing in a white pick-up truck, southbound on First Avenue. The suspects entered the location through an unlocked door and stole two 50-gallon water heaters. They can be identified if seen again.
8. At approximately 4:13 p.m., an officer responded to the 000 block of Arcadia Avenue regarding a burglary report. The victim discovered unknown suspect(s) ransacked her master bedroom and stole jewelry, gift cards, sunglasses, and cash. The victim was positive she locked her front door and believed a suspicious neighbor was responsible. No latent prints were discovered.

Thursday, June 21:

9. Shortly after 2:06 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a blue Toyota Camry for a broken tail light, on Live Oak Avenue at Lenore Avenue. Upon contact with the driver, the officer detected an odor of alcohol emitting from his person. An investigation revealed the driver was under the influence of alcohol and hid an open bottle of whiskey underneath his seat. The 36-year-old White male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
10. Around 6:24 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a bicyclist for traveling on the wrong side of the road, in the area of Woodacre Lane and Foothill Boulevard. An investigation revealed the subject was in possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia, and had two outstanding misdemeanor warrants. The 24-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Friday, June 22:

11. At about 2:00 p.m., an officer was dispatched to JC Penney at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in regards to a theft report. A female juvenile concealed merchandise inside her purse and exited the store without making payment. The 15-year-old Hispanic female was cited and released to her mother.
12. Around 9:15 p.m., officers responded a second time to the 000 block of South Baldwin Avenue regarding an argument between two neighbors. A female subject became upset with her neighbor who called the police on her over a laundry dispute. She decided to enter her neighbor’s house without permission in order to confront her face to face. The 52-year-old Hispanic female was arrested for Trespassing and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Saturday, June 23:

13. Shortly after 7:26 a.m., an officer responded to the 1000 block of Chantry Road in reference to a vandalism report. The victim discovered unknown suspect(s) toilet papered his house and drew a 3’ by 8’ image of a penis on his front lawn with salt. The victim believes students from Arcadia High School are responsible.
14. At about 6:05 p.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a fraud report. The victim discovered unknown suspect(s) opened numerous credit card accounts with his personal information. The victim explained he lost his wallet in 2008 and believes the incident may be related.

Have A Safe & Sober Holiday!

YOGA IN THE GARDEN AT THE ARBORETUM –

Thursday mornings and Tuesday evenings

Certified yoga instructor Candyce Columbus will take students on a 10-15 minute warm up stroll through the garden prior to an hour-long rejuvenating traditional Indian Hatha yoga class. Each session will include asanas (yoga poses), pranayama (breathing exercises), vinaysa (yoga flow series), mudras (yoga in the hands), meditation (guided) and relaxation. Students should bring a substantial yoga mat and blanket or towel for extra-padding as needed, and wear comfortable clothes.

Tuesday Evenings: 6:00-7:15pm

June 5, 12, 19, 26 - July 10, 17, 24, 31- August 7, 14, 21, 28

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6:00pm-7:15pm: Please meet PROMPTLY at 5:45pm in front of Main Entrance, outside Membership / During this after-hours dusk time in the Arboretum we will experience this wonderful environment in a whole new way, sharing it only with the peacocks, squirrels and other resident critters. End your day in a relaxing way with a short stroll, multi-level Hatha yoga practice, mudras, self-healers and final relaxation. Be sure to layer your clothing. Bring a blanket or towel, your yoga mat and water to sip.

Thursdays mornings: 9:30-10:45am

June 7, 14, 21, 28 - July 5, 12, 19, 26 - August 2, 9, 16, 23

Sept 6, 13, 20, 27 - October 4, 11, 18, 25 - Nov 1, 8, 15, 29

Dec 6, 13, 20, 27

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Become a part of the Arcadia tradition, gather your family and friends and enjoy the sights and sounds of this year’s concert series. Whether you attend one or all seven, we are sure you will have a great time! As always, admission and parking are free. (Additional parking held at Santa Anita Race Track, Gate 5.) Concerts take place on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8pm on beautiful City Hall West Lawn located at 240 West Huntington Drive. In addition, the City is pleased to announce the addition of da Burger Boss Gourmet Food Truck at all of the 2012 Summer Concert Series! A portion of the proceeds will be given to the Recreation and Community Services Department!

The 1st Marine Division Band will start off the series to a patriotic theme. The band is based out of Camp Pendleton, California and consists of 50 Marine musicians. While the primary mission of the 1st Marine Division Band is to provide musical support for military parades and ceremonies, they remain versatile to accommodate other needs. In addition to the Ceremonial Band and Concert Band, the band forms smaller ensembles such as Big Band, Jazz Combo, Brass Quintet, and Party Band. They perform at over 300 commitments a year, with highlights including the State Funeral of President Ford, the Tournament of Roses Parades, Disneyland’s Independence Day Concerts, and annual concerts at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. In 2007, the 1st Marine Division Band was awarded the “Colonel George S. Howard Citation of Musical Excellence for Military Concert Bands” administered by the John Philip Sousa Foundation.

For additional information, contact the Recreation and Community Services Department at 626.574.5113.

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MONROVIAN CHRIS SHEVLIN RECEIVES CITRUS COLLEGE ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

By Joan Schmidt

Special congratulations are due for Monrovia Christopher Shevlin, husband of Monrovia City Council Member, Becky Shevlin. On Saturday, June 16th, Shevlin returned to Citrus College to be honored as an Alumni Achievement Award recipient at the College's 96th commencement ceremony along with Bobby Pedroza and Cynthia Cervantes. Christopher Shevlin was a standout athlete and was supposed to play basketball while attending Citrus College. Fate intervened; Chris had a hand injury which compelled him to sit out a season. Because he had such a great knowledge of the game, one of his coaches suggested that he referee. His hand injury was a blessing in disguise-it led to a 15-year career as a high school and college coach. During that period, he spent many years officiating Division I college games and served as an NCAA official for five years. There were many memorable events in his past, but "most exciting was meeting great players such as Larry Bird and Michael Jordan, members of the 1992 U.S. Olympic Dream team.

Chris and his wife Becky are no strangers to Monrovia residents or to community service and helping others. Back in April, they received the Mary Wilcox Youth Advocacy Award at the Boys and Girls Club of the Foothills "For the Love of Youth Dinner and Auction." This fundraiser raises funds for their afterschool care for youth from Monrovia, Arcadia and Duarte. With special concerns for disadvantaged circumstances, the Club's mission is to enable ALL young people to reach their full potential as respectable, caring and productive citizens.

Just this past weekend, there was a special *Cleanup Day* in Monrovia. Pictures were posted on Facebook of Monrovia's Mayor Mary Ann Lutz, Chris and Becky Shevlin, and Terrence Williams from the Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte Town Council participating as well as many others especially from the Monrovia Kiwanis and Rotary Club. Mayor Lutz posted a "Thank You" to Becky Shevlin, the Monrovia Kiwanis and the Rotary Clubs for sponsoring the clean-up. They cleaned Old Town and the Recreation Park!

I have also seen photos of the Shevlins with Ulisses Gutierrez, Community Outreach Coordinator at the YMCA. Ulisses is a champion of youth and is involved with special programs to help them develop into productive citizens. Any time there is any kind of a special program to help youth, you will find the Shevlins offering a helping hand. Congratulations, Chris on this much-deserved achievement award, and a special *Thank you* to you and Becky for your hard work, service and commitment to our community.



Ulisses Gutierrez, Community Outreach Coordinator at the YMCA, and Chris & Becky Shevlin at Mike Antonovich's Veteran's Fair.

MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

Highlighted Activity for the Weekdays of June 25-27, 2012

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 505 service events, resulting in 65 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemap-ping.com/map/ca/monrovia> for crime mapping. For Police Department news and information, visit our website at <http://www.ci.monrovia.ca.us/city-government/departments/police-department-homepage> and follow us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/#!/MonroviaPolice> for police notifications.

Injury Traffic Collision

June 25 at 8:36 a.m., dispatch received a call reporting two vehicles involved in a traffic collision with injuries. Investigation revealed that a driver of a vehicle headed southbound on Mountain failed to yield to an oncoming vehicle when turning east onto Lemon. Both drivers received minor visible injuries, and one of the drivers was transported to a hospital due to complaint of back and neck pain. Both vehicles sustained moderate damage. Investigation continuing.

Theft From a Vehicle

June 25 at 7:53 p.m., a theft from a vehicle was reported in the 600 block of Parkrose. The theft occurred sometime between 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The vehicle was ransacked and a flashlight and some miscellaneous change were stolen. Investigation continuing.

Barricaded Suspect / Ex-Felon With a Firearm - Suspect Arrested

June 26 at 1:19 p.m., officers responded to the report of a suicidal subject in the 800 block of West Duarte Road. A friend of the subject called and reported the man had been drinking heavily and had stated he was going to commit suicide. He also threatened to shoot police and refused to exit the house. The Foothill Special Enforcement Team was activated to handle the barricade situation. Duarte Road was shut down and residents were evacuated.

During the investigation, it was learned that the suspect had several firearms in his residence. It was also learned that he is a convicted felon. Detectives obtained a warrant for the suspect's arrest. He continued to refuse to cooperate. Distraction devices were deployed and tear gas was utilized. The suspect surrendered at approximately 1:00 a.m. The Red Cross responded to provide aid to the residents who had been evacuated.

Vehicle Burglary

June 26 at 10:05 p.m., a window-smash vehicle burglary was reported in the 600 block of West Huntington. The burglary occurred in a business parking lot sometime between 4:30 and 10:05 p.m. An iPod was stolen from the vehicle. Investigation continuing.

Detective Bureau Case Follow-up

Sexual Assault Case - Suspect Sentenced

In February 2011, a sexual assault occurred at a residence on Alta Vista involving a relative that committed sexual assault against a family member. The suspect entered the apartment of his niece and sexually assaulted her while she was asleep on the living room floor with a female friend. The suspect had been drinking and fled before police arrived at the location. The case was assigned to detectives.

Detectives filed the case with the District Attorney's Office and coordinated efforts with State Parole Agents to have the suspect tracked down. The suspect was located and arrested, and multiple charges were filed against the suspect by the District Attorney's Office. The case went to trial the week of June 18, 2012, and the suspect was found guilty of two serious felony counts of sexual assault. He was sentenced to 50 years to life.

Barricaded Suicidal Subject - Suspect Arrested

On June 26, patrol officers and detectives responded to the 800 block of West Duarte Road regarding a barricaded suicidal subject - See above June 26 incident for details. Detectives worked collaboratively with patrol officers to obtain an arrest warrant for the subject. After a lengthy standoff with police, he eventually exited his home and was taken into custody. The suspect was booked and charges will be sought against him.

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Library Park Bandshell

Date	Band	Sponsors
July 8	Upstream (Calypso)	• Sierra Autocars, Inc.
July 15	Brian Lynn Jones (Country)	• New York Life Agents: Douglas Heat and Katherine Lee • General Heating & Air Conditioning Inc.
July 22	The Delgado Brothers (Roots Rock Latino Blues)	• The Residents of Alta Vista Avenue
July 29	The Answer (Classic Rock)	• Gentile, McCloskey & Co. • Jennifer Stone, Imprintability • Diane Balsamo, PNC Mortgage • Donna Baker & Jodi Breneman of Podley Properties
August 5	Wonderelles (50's)	
August 12	Jumpin Jaz Band (Jazz/Swing)	• Century 21 - Adams & Barnes • Bowden Development
August 19	Mariachi Divas (Mariachi)	• Turner & Stevens Live Oak Memorial Park and Mortuary Established in 1887
August 26	The Basics (Top 40)	• Monrovia Historic Preservation Group • Athens Services • Douglass & Zook Chapel of Remembrance Funeral Home FD 221

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DUARTE APPROVES LEAN BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013

Following a fifth consecutive year of budget cuts in program, services and personnel expenses, the Duarte City Council has approved a \$12 million General Fund budget with over \$50,000 in projected deficit spending for Fiscal Year 2012/2013. It is projected that the General Fund will end the fiscal year with a reserve of \$12.5 million, or possibly drop to below \$5 million; 42% of the General Fund operating budget if the State decides to retroactively invalidate City/Redevelopment Agency debt repayments.

Total General Fund expenditures are projected to be \$12 million, an increase of \$601,500 more than the 2011/2012 budget. This increase in General Fund expenses represents expenses that were previously funded with a portion of Redevelopment Funds that were seized by the State upon closure of the City's long standing Redevelopment Agency effective February 1st. General Fund revenues are expected to increase to \$11.98 million with an increase of \$414,200 over the 2011/2012 budget. Total revenues and other resources received by the City and the Housing authority are estimated to be \$16.1 million.

According to sales tax projections, revenues are expected to increase \$120,000 or 2.7% over the mid year estimated actual. This is slower growth than last year, which grew by 4% and continues to remain \$1 million below annual sales tax revenues from six years ago.

Over the past five years the City has made more than \$2 million in cuts that have resulted in reduced services and programs for the community. Eight full time staff positions remain vacant due to budget limitations, representing a \$791,000 annual savings, but further impacting services to the community. Full and three-quarter time staffing for 2012/2013 is at 41.25, a 20% reduction since 2008/2009.

There also continues to be an imbalance in the Citywide Landscape and Lighting District, as costs to operate and maintain continue to rise, but revenues do not adjust accordingly. Despite implementing cost-saving measures including longer periods between mowing, watering and tree trimming, the District will still require a subsidy from the City's General Fund of \$227,000.

"While every attempt has been made to achieve a balanced budget and preserve a healthy reserve, this has not come without significant impacts to residents of Duarte," said Darrell George, City Manager. "As difficult as this budget was to put together, Duarte will still be able to offer many long standing programs and services; unfortunately, many at reduced levels. We will continue to monitor the State budget situation and economic trends and forecast their impact on Duarte resources so that we continue to remain ahead of the curve and retain our reserve," said George.

Duarte is working to plug some of the gaps by re-inventing programs, utilizing community partnerships, and looking at ways to increase revenues. For example, the City Council will soon consider final approval to exchange CDBG funds for General Funds, which would net approximately \$41,000 in General Fund revenue and another \$20,000 that could be set aside for low income youth programming previously funded utilizing a portion of CDBG funds. The Council is also considering increasing annual and temporary parking fees and a future public hearing. With the adoption of the budget, Council approved staff marketing and renting out City facilities including the Teen Center, gazebos in Encanto and Royal Oaks parks, Otis Gordon Park for soccer, in addition to selling a City Picnic executive sponsorship to generate approximately \$103,000 in additional General Fund revenues.

As an example of the outstanding partnership between the City and the Duarte Unified School District, the District has offered to host the Junior Olympic track meet which the City has traditionally funded. This results in a \$5,800 savings to the General Fund while retaining this outstanding youth program for the community. D.U.S.D. will also pay the entire cost of a Sheriff's Special Assignment Deputy School Resource Officer, a cost of \$162,300 previously shared by the City.

Due to the magnitude of cuts and the City's desire to restore many, if not all, of these programs and services, the City Council retained Willdan Financial Services to conduct a survey and analysis of Duarte voters' willingness to support one of several new revenue options being considered to be placed on the November 2012 ballot. The telephone surveys recently concluded and are now being analyzed to determine if a Utility Tax, 1/2 % supplemental sales tax, or public safety parcel tax would be acceptable to voters in order to restore vital City services.

Happy July 4th

HOLLYWOOD CALLS....Sierra Madre Student Cast in Amazing Spiderman

10-year old Sierra Madre resident Miles Elliot is learning about show business the hard way.

Miles has joined an exclusive club whose members include Kevin Coster, Martin Sheen, and Gary Oldman, to name just a few.

As a young actor, Miles is accustomed to lots of work for often little reward. He understands that it's part of being a professional actor and he loves it. For The Amazing Spiderman, Miles auditioned for "Untitled Teen Action Film." He went to countless auditions and callbacks, and one day got the call that he had been cast as Billy Connors in The Amazing Spiderman! He studied and prepared for his all his scenes, went to costume fittings, filmed at three different locations mostly with his on-screen dad, Rhys Ifans (The Lizard) and has waited for over a year for the film to come out... only to learn last week from director Mark Webb that his storyline had been cut from the film.



Miles Elliot with Rhys Ifans (Dr. Curt Connors, aka The Lizard) at the Amazing SpiderMan premiere. Photo courtesy Ogron Family

The young actor who's also appeared in Austin & Ally, The Mentalist and Gray's Anatomy, was very disappointed at first, but after Webb and his costars were complimentary about Miles' work, he realized that it's just part of an actor's life. Now, like a grizzled veteran, Miles he can count himself among actors who've suffered "the cut."

Miles goes to Sierra Madre K-8, he's about to enter the Middle School. His parents are Larry and Tina Ogron.



Meaghan Allen is off to Wellesley College. We thank her for all of her hard work. Her writings were very insightful. Meaghan is the second teen writer to complete their High School education while writing a column and then journeying off to college. Good Luck Meaghan Susan Henderson, Mountain Views News

NEW SCHOOL TB SCREENING POLICY EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

PASADENA, Calif.—Effective July 1, 2012, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is replacing the current universal testing policy with a universal screening targeted testing policy for new students entering Kindergarten through the 12th Grade for the first time.

The new policy recommends only testing students who are at elevated risk for tuberculosis (TB). The revised County health policy aligns with the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Health providers, as part of their routine health assessment, will screen students and test them for TB only if a risk factor is present.

For more information, contact the Public Health Nursing Unit in the Pasadena Public Health Department at lesaenz@cityofpasadena.net or (626) 744-6012.

For more information about the City of Pasadena, go online to www.cityofpasadena.net.

GOODBYE - Part 2

"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on." Robert Frost

Alas, the end has come as all things that are good must come to an end. This opportunity to write and be heard, whether by many or simply a few, has been a great honor and pleasure to me, and I hope to you, the reader, as well. This journey for me now closes, short and bittersweet. I wish you all the best of luck and wishes, have a happy summer. Farewell!

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When the British Army came to Philadelphia in September 1777, Patriots took the bell from the State House and hid it. The bell was put back in a rebuilt steeple in 1785.

Today, the Liberty Bell no longer chimes, but the ideas it stands for still ring true for every American. It is kept in a glass house in front of Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

Can you find these symbols that are as American as our Liberty Bell? (Note: circle only the parts in bold print.)

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Happy4th of July, Now.....

Let’s eat some Hot Dogs....errr, Pastrami If there is nothing more American than a Hot Dog, why am I writing about Pastrami? Read on, my loyal readers. My late Pappy always told me, “Son, never debate sex, politics or religion.” I am adding one additional item to his list, a Sandwich/Dip. You probably couldn’t go more than a couple blocks in most cities without coming across an American Sandwich Shop. The sandwich may be the most versatile food item ever created. I eat them for lunch, dinner and, sometimes, even for breakfast. We are lucky, for in the San Gabriel area we have a number of All-Stars sandwich shops to choose from. There is Tops on Walnut, Connel’s Grinders on E. Washington, and The Hat, which has several locations. The Hat has been around since 1951, and I am glad to say, it is a family-run business. They are actively involved in the community, and a fully demonstrated fact when Ron “Corky” Conzonire held the position of President of the Tournament of Roses, from 2008-2009.

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
thechefknows@yahoo.com

The Pastrami Sandwich or “Dip” as the menu proffers, is the Hat’s signature dish. Sure, they have burgers, hot dogs and salads, but the menu item that keeps them coming back is the “Pastrami Dip.” It is a World Famous plunge of sandwich into ‘au jus’. I am planning on a trip to South America next month and I am going to ask everyone I meet, about LA-based World Famous Dishes. I’m just kidding... a little. But, I do develop a chuckle in that self-anointed phrase. The World Famous Pastrami Sandwich is reasonably priced. The meat is thinly sliced and piled generously high. The bread is light and fluffy (maybe a little too light and fluffy in my opinion). Next visit I will try it on regular sandwich bread. My sources inform me that The Hat goes through 14 tons of Pastrami per week. By my calculations, that is a lot of sandwiches. My dining companion “Mike” had the Hot Dog and a huge portion of fries. He is on a diet it appears. The prices are right at The Hat, everything is under (\$10). If you haven’t checked it out, you will love the Dip. For the location near you, they have a slick web site www.thehat.com.

The Club House at The Santa Anita Race Track serves a corned beef sandwich that should be renowned as a Southern California Legend. The tasty sandwich is reason enough to go to the track, although, I often spend considerably more money on some turtles that enter through the starting gate before enjoying their leisurely stroll around the track while they view the mountains. I can give you an inside tip, this corned beef sandwich is a guaranteed winner every day.

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1c Fresh lemon juice
12 tsp Italian Salad dressing
1/2 c Chopped onions
1 Pepper
1 ts Crushed thyme
4 Rock Cornish Hens, giblets removed

DIRECTIONS:

Blend garlic, seasoned salt, oil, lemon juice, dressing, onions, pepper, and thyme. Marinate the birds overnight in the refrigerator.

Cut the birds lengthwise.

Cook on outside grill, bone side down 10 minutes, flesh side down 5 minutes, alternating 10 minutes and 5 minutes in this manner for about an hour and basting with marinade frequently (at least every 5 minutes) while barbecuing.

Serves 8.

If you can't get outside to barbecue, just use the oven method:
Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Place skin side up in a shallow pan, baste with marinade, cover with foil and roast for 30 minutes.

Remove foil and brush with marinade again. Roast again uncovered for 20-30 minutes (brush with marinade again after about 10 minutes).

Test for doneness: drumsticks should be soft and juices should not be tinged with pink when you pierce the thickest part of the thigh with a fork.

Wine tasting Saturdays

A special Saturday evening wine tasting at The Bottle Shop's newly opened Wine Tasting Room across the street from the Playhouse at 58 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard. For those theatre patrons who show their confirmation of attendance at that evening's performance, owner Bill Sullivan will provide a complimentary tasting of several wines of women winemakers and owners.

The first tasting was on Saturday, May 26 will feature wines of Simi Winery where Susan Lueker is Director of Winemaking.

Every following Saturday through July 7, wines developed by women will be presented for our patrons' sampling. We will post the featured wineries every week on our Sierra Madre Playhouse Facebook page and the production web-site <http://www.womaninmind.com>. You may also purchase a glass of wine and linger in this newly created wine tasting room that is but one of the several pre-show amenities that makes for a leisurely evening of theatre in our lovely town of Sierra Madre.

A True July 4th Tradition

Old-Fashioned Homemade Ice Cream

- 6 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 13-ounce can evaporated milk (1-1/2 cups plus 2 tablespoons)
- 1 gallon whole milk
- chipped ice
- rock salt

In a large mixing bowl, beat eggs. Add sugar gradually, stirring constantly. Add salt, vanilla and canned milk. Add about a pint of the fresh milk and mix.

Pour mixture into ice cream freezer can. Add enough of the remainder of the milk to fill can to the middle of the top board of dasher. (If the freezer can has a "fill" line on it, fill no higher than that line.)

Assemble the ice cream freezer. Add alternating layers of chipped ice and rock salt to barrel around freezer can. Crank freezer until ice cream begins to freeze (cranking will become harder as ice cream freezes), adding more ice and salt, as needed. When handle becomes difficult-to-impossible to turn, remove turning mechanism, and carefully remove top from freezer can; remove dasher. Replace top. Cover can with more ice and salt. Cover ice with an old towel, allowing ice cream to "cure" for at least 1 hour. If yours is an electric freezer, follow manufacturer's directions, but the curing step is essential.



Makes about 5 quarts of ice cream

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Looking Up with Bob Eklund

PLANETRISE: ALIEN WORLD LOOMS LARGE IN ITS NEIGHBOR’S SKY



Few nighttime sights offer more drama than the full Moon rising over the horizon. Now imagine that instead of the Moon, a gas giant planet spanning three times more sky loomed over the molten landscape of a lava world. This alien vista exists in the newly discovered two-planet system of Kepler-36.

“These two worlds are having close encounters,” said Josh Carter, a Hubble Fellow at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics (CfA).

“They are the closest to each other of any planetary system we’ve found,” added co-author Eric Agol of the University of Washington.

Carter, Agol and their colleagues reported their discovery in the June 21 Science Express.

They spotted the planets in data from NASA’s Kepler spacecraft, which can detect a planet when it passes in front of—and briefly reduces the light coming from—its parent star.

The newfound system contains two planets circling a subgiant star much like the Sun, except several billion years older. The inner world, Kepler-36b, is a rocky planet 1.5 times the size of Earth and weighing 4.5 times as much. It orbits about every 14 days at an average distance of less than 11 million miles.

The outer world, Kepler-36c, is a gaseous planet 3.7 times the size of Earth and weighing 8 times as much. This “hot Neptune” orbits once each 16 days at a distance of 12 million miles.

The two planets experience a conjunction every 97 days on average. At that time, they are separated by less than 5 Earth-Moon distances. Since Kepler-36c is much larger than the Moon, it presents a spectacular view in its neighbor’s sky. Such close approaches stir up tremendous gravitational tides that squeeze and stretch both planets.

Researchers are struggling to understand how these two very different worlds ended up in such close orbits. Within

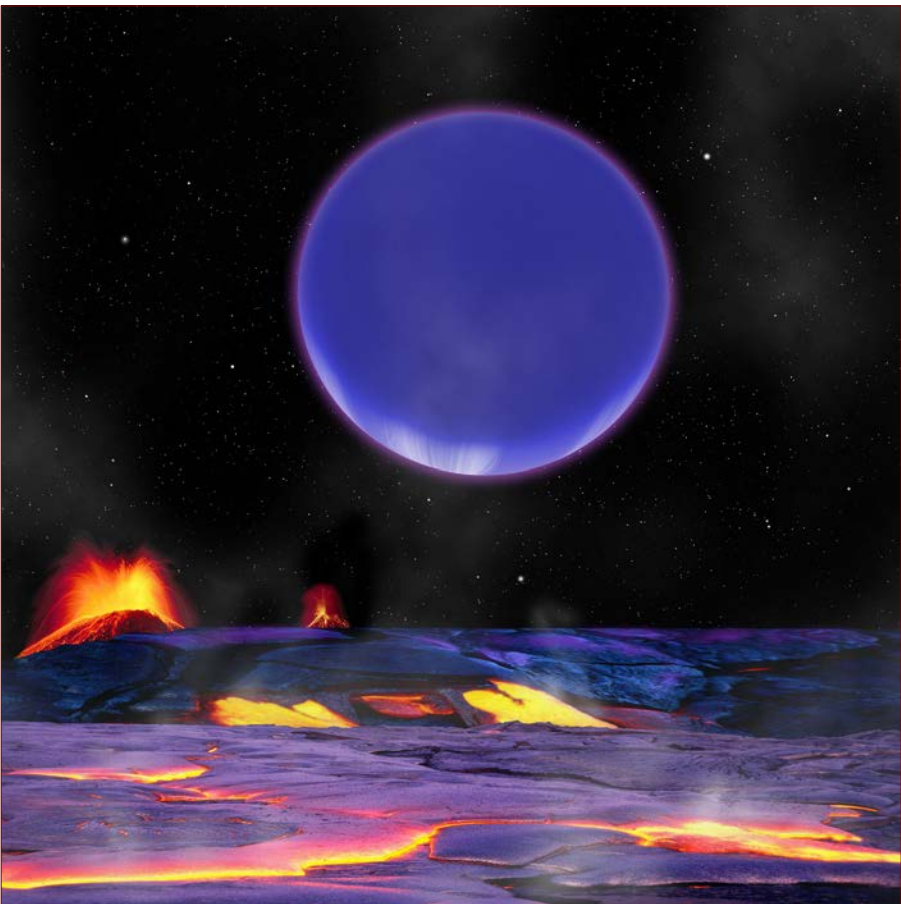


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our solar system, rocky planets reside close to the Sun while the gas giants remain distant.

Although Kepler-36 is the first planetary system found

to experience such close encounters, it undoubtedly won’t be the last.

“We’re wondering how many more like this are out there,” said Agol.

I’VE BEEN REFLECTING ON LAST WEEK’S COLUMN, where we noted that NASA’s Voyagers are “the two most distant active representatives of humanity.” That may be true, in a strictly “material” sense, but in a more ethereal sense, humanity has been actively sending out information about itself for at least 100 years now. I’m referring, of course, to radio waves.

Since about the time that the sinking Titanic radioed its SOS in 1912, radio (and later, TV) has been powerful enough to leak its messages outward toward the stars. Everything from the Titanic’s call for help to “I Love Lucy” to last night’s news report has been traveling at the speed of light in all directions, reaching by now all the stars within a radius of 100 light-years from Earth.

Just to mention the most familiar stars (out of hundreds within that radius), the “news” of our existence got to the nearest star, Alpha Centauri, by 1916; passed the brightest star, Sirius, by 1921; and won’t reach the North Star, Polaris, until the year 2446. Radio-frequency energy travels at the same speed as light—186,000 miles per second. I guess that’s pretty fast or pretty slow, depending on how you look at it.

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On Line

By PJ Carpenter

JUST ONE OF THE GUYS NOW



It seems that a well-known computer manufacturer’s boast about their products immunity to the malware and virus woes suffered by Windows machines are coming to a close. Apple marketing watchers have noted a not-so-subtle change in messaging regarding their beloved company’s claims about the once legendary attribute of their favored machines being “virus-free” in reference to a supposed technical superiority Macs held over their “Wintel” rivals.

The outright claim that Apple’s OS X software “doesn’t get PC viruses” has been replaced with the slightly humbler slogan “It’s built to be safe” and the boast that users could “Safeguard your data. By doing nothing” has also been replaced with the more modest “Safety. Built right in”.

These changes come several months after it was reported that upwards of 600,000 Macs were infected with a malicious Trojan named “Flashback”. The security breach served as a wakeup call for many Mac owners who previously believed that their systems were immune from such attacks. Industry analysts have posited that Apple has clearly decided that pointing out the size of the Wintel malware problem would prove to be a less-than-effective marketing strategy unless Apple was willing to be open to the fact that Mac malware also exists.

Apple’s next OS release, slated for July of this year, is said to include a software program named “GateKeeper” that will restrict the kinds of software users can download to their machines. While such new features seem eerily reminiscent of features available in many releases of Windows OS’s, the reality of today’s Internet makes this transition almost mandatory. Apple’s rising market share means that it’s also presenting a larger attack surface to the bad guys of the world. And while the Mac OS X software is, in fact, one of the more secure operating systems in the marketplace today, the weak spot in the armor may be third-party software running on the system.

In the case of the “Flashback” Trojan the attack vector wasn’t the OS itself but an unpatched version of the Java machine running on the affected machines. Macs also run versions of popular Microsoft software packages such as Microsoft Office, which may also contain unpatched vulnerabilities that can be exploited by malicious users. As the Mac market share continues to grow, the company will have to take the necessary steps to ensure that its products remain as safe as possible. This will more than likely be the creating of its own defense strategy as well as taking notes on the best of what’s out there now.

However it chooses to accomplish this task, it is quite clear that Apple users will no longer be in a class all of their own. You’re “just one of the guys now”

KATIE TseThis and That



LUCKIEST MAN IN THE WORLD

I have a few guilty pleasures. Ice cream is one, and “MailOnline.com” is another. I could digress on these, but that would double the length of this article. Regarding MailOnline.com, I’ll just say that it’s a large collection of tabloids from “Daily Mail,” of the U.K. It’s tacky to look at such things, I know. But it’s also highly addictive. Most articles focus on fashion or social faux pas committed by American celebrities. Occasionally there’ll be a creepy account of someone eating their spouse and freezing their dismembered children. But typically it’s fluffy stuff like “Snooki from ‘Jersey Shore,’ went on a Ferris wheel this weekend!” And, since it is produced in the U.K., the headline story nearly always features the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

The royal wedding last year was spectacular. Not quite as spectacular as that of Charles and Diana; nor could it compete with Matthew McConaughey’s recent shindig. But the global economy’s tanked, so if the new royals want to be a bit more green, more solar power to them! Despite their relatively tame nuptials, even a year later, the press still can’t get enough of the royal couple. Or, should I say, of Kate!

Yes that’s right; if you haven’t noticed, Duchess Kate singularly continues to captivate the media. I’m by no means criticizing; I eat the stuff up, too! I’m sure many people have benefited from Kate’s rise to fame, (e.g., her family, hairdresser, and favorite charities). But I think no one is as personally relieved in the wake of Princess Kate’s popularity as Prince William.

I’m roughly William’s age, and recall the many magazines that came out “pre-Kate” touting William’s good looks, etc. At the time I thought, “Poor bloke; he’s got no privacy being royalty. And he’s got to worry about his appearance on top of it!”

I, for one, hate dressing up. I suppose I should be ashamed to say it, but I’m not one of those girly girls who have to do their hair and makeup before going out. My ideal wardrobe is a tank top, shorts, and flip flops. My wedding day was doubtless the most made up I’ll ever be in this life. The most cosmetics you’ll see me wearing are eyeliner and powder, if you’re lucky. My dressing time on a work day is 10 minutes, max. I used to feel sorry for the royal boys, with all the primping and prepping they must do. However, I don’t pity William anymore.

If ever there was someone who could get away with dressing like a total slob, it’s William. He’s not a slob, but no one cares either way, seeing as everyone’s captivated by the lady by his side. “Is Kate expecting? She seems to be concealing a pregnant bump behind her latest Gucci clutch.” “Kate’s worn the same nude pumps three times in as many months; is the crown really that hard up?”

I used to think William’s growing bald spot would become a point of concern. It seemed to be a big, hairless white elephant in Buckingham. I wondered if he’d get hair plugs or undergo some transplant therapy. All that evaporated when he got engaged to Kate. Suddenly no one cared if William sprouted a third eye ball. With the amount of attention Kate garners, William could show up in an ape suit or Adam-naked, and no one would notice.

And for that reason, I consider him the luckiest man in the world. Not only is he financially set for life and has a beautiful wife, but his lovely bride ensures that he’ll never have to worry about his public or private appearance again. To quote an old song, “Nice work if you can get it. And if you get it, won’t you tell me how!”



PETS & THE 4th of July Holiday

The most memorable Fourth of July celebrations often involve water, sun, noise, food, and lots of family fun. While the family dog loves a party just like we do, our Fourth of July celebrations are rife with dangers for our four-legged friends. Abandoned alcoholic beverages, stray paper plates decorated with delicious bits of tasty treats, loose packs of matches, lighter fluid at eye level, and mysterious squishy tubes of sunscreen are all temptations for the curious canine.



Sierra Madre resident, Charlee isn’t looking forward to July 4th! Under the bed she will be!

For a trouble-free time, a little planning ahead will hopefully stave off the worst kind of endings, such as chasing down Rover through your best friend’s neighborhood, screaming in panic, clutching a towel around last year’s bikini. Here are some suggestions for a safe and fun holiday with your four-pawed friends.

- For parties at home, keep your dog away from items like glow sticks and citronella candles, and busy with some special or favorite toys.
- Keep your pooch away from forgotten plates of food and drinks. Alcohol, grapes and raisins, macadamia nuts, chocolate, and onions are especially dangerous.
- For Fourth of July outings, plan ahead and bring a fresh supply of water and a doggie bowl.
- Never leave your dog in a hot car.
- Unfortunately, due to open gates and doors and loud, startling noises from fireworks, intakes at animal shelters spike during the Fourth of July weekend. Whether you are at home or away, make sure your pet is microchipped and wears an ID tag with a current phone number at all times.
- If your dog is fearful of fireworks, speak with your vet for a recommendation for a mild sedative. Trembling, pacing, and heavy panting are all signs your dog is stressed.
- Keeping your dog inside with soothing music playing during fireworks can help him feel safe and secure.

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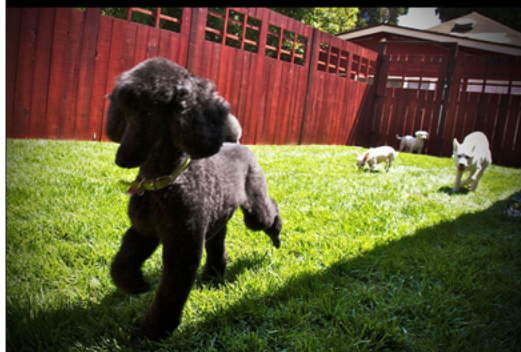
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COMMUNICATING WITH THE CANINE

I've often wondered what my dog, Tater, is thinking when she behaves in a certain way or responds in a particular manner. For example, when she suddenly awakes from a deep sleep, furrows her baggy brow, drawing her floppy ears to the front of her long face, and proceeds to stand and stare at me with nothing having incited her. Or, when she suddenly begins to paw at me while I am working at my computer to get my attention, for no apparent reason. When this happens, I am typically tempted to apply human thought patterns to her behavior in an attempt to make sense of it, but is that really appropriate? There are various schools of thought among animal lovers and pet professionals as to what is going on inside the mind of a canine, and like most things that matter in life, the quest to know best about a dog's thoughts requires time and effort to research and discern before forming opinions. That's why I decided to look further into the art of animal communication.

I don't claim to be a dog psychic, a clairvoyant, or an expert of any kind when it comes to understanding and communicating with animals, other than the fact that I love them with all my heart, and I make it my mission to have the best relationship I possibly can with them. However, I've always felt that animals are capable of deep thoughts and feelings and, in fact, there are times when I'm sure my dogs are having deeper thoughts than I am, so applying the precepts of human cognition would be somewhat of an insult to them. I took Tater to a 6-week behavioral training course at the Pasadena Human Society when she was 2 years old, and the trainer told me Tater is a very sensitive being who could get her feelings hurt by nothing more than a stern look from across the room. To me, this was good news because it meant it would take very little to get Tater's attention and solicit a positive response. Just the fact that she could be that aware seemed remarkable to me. That's when I realized how we humans really do communicate with our pets without realizing it, but we often forget to concentrate long enough or lend sufficient attention in order to know what our pets are trying to say back.

My first introduction to animal communication was through a "Dog Planet" television program featuring Victoria Stilwell, about 5 years ago, and I must admit at first I was quite skeptical. In fact, I even had a good gut laugh during the show when Victoria told the pet owner what the dog was thinking and how the owner could make changes to solicit a more positive response from the dog.

Well, that was then and this is now! In recent years, I've spent numerous hours with lots of animals by virtue of my dog walking and pet sitting business, and that coupled with previous experiences as a youth owning horses, dogs, cats, chickens and rabbits has convinced me that if we humans would just take the time to listen to the animals, we can form much more meaningful relationships with them. When I finally got past my pessimism, it became second nature for me to try to accurately interpret animal behavior, which has allowed me to work more effectively with them for the desired results. So finally, at this point, I feel like I am on the right path of communicating with my beloved four-footed furry friends.

Last week I invited Cindy Wood, a highly-respected and well-renowned animal communicator, to spend a little time with me and my two dogs in hopes of helping facilitate a better dynamic in our home. Cindy has been practicing the craft & skills of understanding animals through the interpretation of mental pictures for over 30 years, and she came highly recommended by one of my clients. It was the first time I had ever called on a professional animal communicator, and I could hardly wait for her to arrive. Let me just say that I was astounded at what she told me my two dogs were thinking! Cindy shared a list of things that Tater and Molly were picturing in their minds, that she could not have possibly known about otherwise. Suffice it to say that I had chill bumps throughout the entire consultation. Among the many mental pictures my dogs shared with Cindy during our visit, most remarkable was when Molly thanked me for moving her crate near the computer where I work during the day, so she could be closer and part of what's going on in the household. The thing of it is, Cindy had no idea that Molly's crate had previously been placed on the porch. This confirmed without a doubt that what Cindy said had come strictly from Molly's thoughts, not from information I had shared with Cindy prior to our visit.

Another thing Molly shared with Cindy through mental pictures is that she misses playing a game Molly calls "The Ups". That's when the chill bumps really set in, and my tears began to flow because I knew what Molly was thinking about. I adopted Molly after her original owner Fred passed away a few weeks ago. The stairs at Fred's house, Molly's original home are very steep, and when Molly was recovering from distemper, Fred used to play a game to encourage her to go up and down the stairs as a means of therapy to help her get stronger and overcome the neurosis resulting from the disease. It was clear that Cindy was interpreting Molly's unique thoughts and memories about her time with her deceased dad, and simply put, it blew my mind!

There were several other amazing things that Cindy shared based on the thoughts my two dogs had during our visit. One of the tidbits that Tater shared through Cindy was that she wanted me know to know she acts out at times to distract me from my sadness over Fred's death. This made total sense to me. When I have to stop and correct Tater for doing something I don't want her to do, it automatically takes me out of the darkness I feel from missing my friend, Fred. Cindy said it was clear to her that Tater considers it her job to distract me from the sadness. To me, that was the sweetest thing my precious pup could possibly want to say or do! It brought it all together for me, as far as figuring out why I often have such tender feelings toward Tater, in spite of her occasional less-desirable behavior. If I tried to apply my human thought patterns to this scenario, I would be foolish and frustrated, and I'd be doing Tater a great disservice.

Both Tater and Molly seemed comforted by the experience of having Cindy visit us and interpret what they had been trying to tell me for so long. It was an experience of a lifetime that I will treasure forever. And, I know I will be calling on Cindy in the future as needed, to help the 3 of us understand each other better. Also, it inspired me to nurture my own ability to understand what my canine companions are thinking and to appropriately reciprocate my canines' gentle kindness.

15TH ANNUAL BASSET HOUND RESCUE PROVIDES A "DOGGONE" GOOD TIME WHILE RAISING FUNDS FOR THEIR SPECIAL CAUSE

By Joan Schmidt

There are many different sports competitions/games and many different participants: human, feline, canine, equestrian and so on. Saturday, I had the pleasure of attending the 15th Annual Basset Hound Rescue of Southern California, and never saw so many Basset Hounds of various sizes and colors. I could have easily brought one home, but we already have three cats and a German Shepherd, so we are fine!

The different competitions were a delight to watch. In the morning we were entertained by the Basset Boxer Relay races in teams of Basset Hounds with owners, a Tail Wag Off, Kissing Contests and Treat Toss. Following these events were the introductions of the exhibitors, BHRSC (Basset Hounds of Southern California), Rescue Hounds and the volunteers. After a lunch break, competitions included Synchronized Swimming, Drooling Contest, The Jordan Schrufer Hound Howl Off, and a Basset Hound Costume Contest!

During the morning and afternoon sessions, there were raffles and quite a few great prizes were given out, such as restaurant gift cards, a "movie night" basket, and a "pet goodie basket with gift card and toys" - just to mention a few.

We enjoyed watching the "swim" and "drooling contests", then walked around and admired so many beautiful pets! It was fun talking to the different owners. One woman called the event, "A Giant Petting Zoo", after I sadly mentioned my little grandkids were out of town and couldn't attend.

Some winners included Minnie Mouse and Bandit for their costumes. Among my favorites were a Lady Bug, Butterfly, Dogosaur and Hula Dancer! Caesar took the "Drooling" trophy and Dolly was the Champion Swimmer.

We ran into old friends from Alta Loma, Bettie and John Weldon and daughter, Holly. They had two of their Basset Hounds with them. What a great time we had and what a wonderful, fun-filled way to raise funds for such a great organization, the Basset Hound Rescue of Southern California! (If you would like to make a donation to help this great cause or for more info on this great group and the service they provide, please go to www.BHRSC.ORG.)



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PET OF THE WEEK: ASHLEY Animal ID #A4441567

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To meet Ashley in person, please see her at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378 or 626-962-3577). She is currently available now. For any inquiries about Ashley, please reference her animal ID number: A4441567. The shelter is open seven days a week, 12 pm-7 pm Monday-Thursday and 10am-5pm Friday-Sunday. This is a high-intake shelter with a great need for adoptions. For more information about Ashley or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at samanthasayon@gmail.com or 661-309-2674. To learn more about United Hope for Animals' partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter through its Shelter Support Program, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.



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Savvy Senior How to Search for Forgotten Money your Loved Ones Left Behind

Dear Savvy Senior,

I've heard that there are resources available that can help people look for lost or forgotten money left behind by their deceased relatives. When my mother and father passed away their financial affairs were in such a mess, I'm wondering if there was anything I overlooked. What can you tell me?

Searching Son

Dear Searching,

Lost or forgotten money is actually quite common in the U.S. In fact, according National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators, nearly \$33 billion in unclaimed assets is sitting in state treasuries and other agencies just waiting to be found.

These unclaimed assets are from some 117 million accounts that are inactive or whose owners or their heirs cannot be located. Unclaimed assets can include things like lost or forgotten investments or bank accounts, Social Security payments, utility deposits, tax refunds, life insurance proceeds, stocks, un-cashed dividends and more.

This typically happens because of a change of address (the owner moved), a name change (the owner got married or divorced), or the owner dies and the estate was unaware of the money or the heirs could not be located. By law, companies and financial institutions that can't find the owner or their next of kin within two to five years must turn the property over to the state where it's held indefinitely.

Where to Search

It's very possible that your deceased parents, or you, have some unclaimed assets out there and you don't even know it. To start your quest, go to missingmoney.com or unclaimed.org, both of which contain records from most state unclaimed property programs.

Check every state in which you or your parents have lived, worked or conducted business. Also search using maiden names and any previous names, as well as middle names and middle initials. Every state can tell you immediately if your parents or you have some unclaimed property, as well as how to go about collecting it. If you don't have a computer, you can call the state treasurer's office for assistance.

Look Here Too

Beyond state treasuries, here are some other agencies you should check for lost loot, along with a few resources that can help you search.

IRS: Each year thousands of refund checks totaling millions of dollars



THE GOOD LIFE SENIOR HAPPENINGS

JUNE ACTIVITIES

Senior Programs have returned to the Hart Park House Senior Center, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Memorial Park - Come by and see the changes!!

Mondays: City Hall & Lunch Café
12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café: Come enjoy a hot meal with others. Donation for seniors (60+) of \$2.00; visitors \$3.75. Call 355-0256 to make your daily reservation.

Tuesdays:
FREE blood pressure checks by Methodist Hospital Nurse; 11 am to 12 noon.
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm: BINGO; cards are only 25 cents each so stop by & play
5:15 pm to 6:45 pm: Yoga; \$6.00 - 50 & over. Please call 355-5278 for more information

Wednesdays:
11 - 11:45 am: Balance Class with Teryl. FREE class designed to improve balance & refresh the joints
12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256
2nd Wednesday of the month: FREE Legal Consultations: 10-11:30 am. Appointments call 355-7394
Wii Wednesday - 1:00 pm or call the senior desk at 355-7394 to arrange another time & day to learn how to play. No previous experience or skills required and it is great exercise.

Thursdays:
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Fridays: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256
1:00 pm to 1:45 pm: Strength Training with Lisa Brandley. FREE class of stretching with light hand weights while you sit.

Saturdays: 11:30 am: Senior Club brown bag lunch and BINGO at 12:30 pm.

2012 EXCURSIONS

Friday, July 13th - Laguna Beach Pageant of the Masters. This annual trip will be leaving Sierra Madre at 4:30 pm and return around 11:30 pm. Tickets are limited to the first 40 registered participants and the cost per person is \$55.

Registration can be done either in person or online at www.cityofsierramadre.com/onlineregistration



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THE JOY OF YOGA
LOOKING UP



By Rene Quenell, Founder/Owner
Yoga Madre - Sierra Madre

A friend of mine came back from vacation and was meeting me for lunch. "So how was your trip," I asked, "what did you do?" "Excellent!" she replied. "I spent the whole trip looking up". Then she added: "cities look so much different when you look up. It's amazing what you can discover. I was looking at all these places I already knew, but from another perspective, and it was breathtaking."

This got me thinking that we should occasionally extend this point of view to our lives. Trying to see our own existence from a different vantage point, and in the process getting a sight of the beauty of it and its many facets.

We trace a path for our lives. We have an overall direction, goals set along the road, and we follow that road, looking ahead, hopefully on track. That's good. That's how it's supposed to be. But sometimes we need to catch a glimpse of what's above in order to clearly see what's ahead. Because our daily life becomes all too familiar. We get bored with it. We may even feel we've lost our grip on it. We sigh and think "I wish there was something more..."

Well it's already there. Look up and get some inspiration. Look at your life's overall pattern, and see that it makes an awesome picture ; appreciate its beauty and its uniqueness, from the shiny, bright spots down to the dimmed, darker areas. And if you're thinking "yeah, sure, that's nice but... just exactly how do I do that?", I have a suggestion. Come to yoga. Learn from it. From your mat, you'll see yourself, and those around you, in a new light.

From downward dog or half moon or tree pose - just to name a few - can you see how your immediate world looks different now? Yet it's the same world, just seen from a fresh viewpoint. Sometimes this is all we need: a fresh look on something, be it yourself, your life or the world around you. Try it. It's not just different, it is also uplifting and exhilarating. And definitely not boring...

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HYPNOSIS: An Amazing Tool

By Carole Weeks, Certified Master Hypnotist
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Hypnosis is a natural state. We all have a tendency to go in and out of this state regularly. For example, the last thirty minutes before going to sleep at night is akin to hypnosis. Or when you are watching an especially engaging movie or reading an interesting book, you are in hypnosis, and you lose sense of time. Hypnotherapy is a means to access this state to change your life in the direction you choose.

Each of us creates a life script as we grow up. This life script can be adjusted under hypnosis. In addition, behavior change and elimination of negative habits are goals of hypnosis. The client is in control of the change process, and the hypnotherapist functions as a facilitator suggesting to the client under hypnosis what the client has said they want to change in their life. While out of hypnosis, the behavior issue is explained to the client. A strategy for change is created, and the hypnotherapist helps the client to become receptive to the new strategy while in hypnosis.

Some people wonder if they can be hypnotized. After the session, people even ask if they have been hypnotized. All of us are suggestible to hypnosis but there is a range of suggestibility. Modern research shows that the ability to be hypnotized is correlated with concentration, focus, and relaxation. In certain cases, hypnotherapy is used in conjunction with traditional medical care as an adjunct tool to support healing or behavior change. Some of the most common areas of treatment include: weight loss, smoking cessation, pain management, insomnia, and fears/phobias. There is no end to concerns that can be addressed by the use of hypnosis. The typical client is someone who wants to change or improve something in their life.

In today's world, clients come into the office overloaded with the cares and stresses of their lives. The difference in demeanor and emotions in a client at the end of a hypnotherapy session never ceases to amaze me. Everyone is relaxed and stress free after the session. Some also appear happier, ready to take on the world. I highly recommend hypnotherapy to anyone wanting to improve their life experience or to those with goals to reach when will power is not enough.

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BUILDING YOUR BUSINESS WITH CREATIVE CROSS PROMOTIONS

Collaborating with other business that compete for customers may seem like a strange, counterproductive idea, but it may be one of the most strategic and profitable moves that the owner of a small business can make. Joining with the competition for collaborative marketing activities can be a win-win for all of the businesses involved. By joining forces, the limited resources of small businesses can be combined to create a broader and more sustained marketing impact than would ever be possible doing it solo.

Large retail chains and big businesses understand the power of joining forces. Auto malls, regional shopping centers and auto repair shops are a few examples. Cerritos Auto Square is among the first and the world's largest "auto mall" of its kind. The cluster of competing businesses visible alongside the 210 Foothill Freeway as it runs through Arcadia, Monrovia and Duarte, provide other examples, including auto dealerships in Monrovia and Duarte along the 10th side of the freeway. Along the same stretch, nine major hotels within walking distance of the Huntington Drive exit (Courtyard Marriot, Doubletree, Embassy Suites, Extended Stay America, Hampton Inn, Hilton Garden Inn, Oak Tree Inn, Residence Inn, Springhill Suites) - and this doesn't include at least six other smaller hotel properties located on Huntington Drive within 1-3 miles of that same off ramp. The plentiful choice of major restaurant chains and independent eateries creates an extensive "restaurant row" along this same corridor.

This business model of similar businesses choosing locations in close proximity to the competition has become a part of the American landscape. Why? Because it works. By attracting a greater number of potential customers, all the businesses in the vicinity benefit from the increased exposure. The majority of individuals who will come to patronize the competition also have the potential to come back and patronize similar businesses in the same area.

Obviously small businesses are unlikely to have the financial means to relocate to these types of environments. However, small businesses can create the same effect by adapting a creative approach to this concept. Consider "1-800-DENTIST" or "1-800-THELAW2." These are nothing more than referral services for a directory of professionals and companies that have undergone an eligibility screening process and pay a fee to be listed. Likewise, magazine-style books filled with discount coupons for local businesses that get mailed to residents within a certain geographic area are another example. When cities and organizations sponsor art walks, festivals and other community events that attract large number of people, it is a variation of the same business model. Events serve to attract new customers who may become exposed to local businesses and products for the first time.

Business owners can take the initiative to approach neighboring businesses to discuss the most obvious opportunities for joint-promotions (i.e. clothing boutique partnering with a salon to offer a discount package that benefits both businesses; a restaurant partnering with local theatres to offer a discount or free desert by presenting a ticket stub). By the same token, cities that are designed with a "downtown shopping area" or clusters of businesses that create mini "shopping districts" are sitting on potential gold mines of opportunity to develop create collaborative marketing campaigns with their business neighbors. The opportunities are numerous, but it will take someone to ignite the effort. That someone may be a sole proprietor who understands the value of this approach, or leaders of local business associations, Chambers of Commerce or trade associations that can play a role in educating and mobilizing the local business community to design marketing campaigns that can attract new customers.



OMG! OH MY GOSH DID YOU KNOW.....

WOMEN AT WORK HAS SEVERAL QUICKBOOKS WORKSHOPS.....
and I am happy to say that I am one of their Trainers.

Women At Work is celebrating 33 years as a career and job resource center with the mission to help clients reach their full employment and earnings potential in a supportive environment. The nonprofit association recently celebrated the conclusion of the first year of their new Training At Work division with an open house and ribbon cutting on Wednesday evening June 27th.

Training At Work customizes and designs training programs based on business needs in order to provide staff training and development that leads to organizational success. Wednesday evening during their open house a simulated training session was provided in order to demonstrate the eight-station, mobile computer lab that Training At Work will be happy to bring to your organization. This event was an exciting culmination of four separate but interrelated objectives of Women At Work as an organization; Training At Work as a program; Patricia E. Richardson, MBA, as a professional trainer; and a Women At Work client who participated in the demonstration along with other volunteers.

The mobile provides flexibility, allowing the trainer to customize workshops quickly. For example, at the last minute (1:00pm on the afternoon of the open house) the demonstration the trainer was asked to change the structure of the demonstration. In order to meet this requirement, the demonstration application was changed from Microsoft Publisher to Microsoft PowerPoint. As the volunteer participants in the simulated training session began to arrive they were informed that they would have the opportunity to participate in a PowerPoint training demonstration. The first volunteer to arrive exclaimed that this was a wonderful opportunity because she had a job interview on the upcoming Friday and she would need to demonstrate her PowerPoint presentation skills.

An hour and a half later, this volunteer effusively confirmed that Women At Work had fulfilled an immediate job-related need, by giving her the confidence and training to prepare her for Friday's interview. The Training At Work division fulfilled its mission by providing a training program for the community that allow flexibility to meet the needs of clients; and the Trainer fulfilled her mission of helping individuals to learn and acquire new skills to be successful.

For professional training services that can be customized to meet your needs, contact Patty Richardson at patti@qbworkshop.com.



5 WAYS TO GROW YOUR EMAIL LIST

If you market your business through email, it's important to use an email service provider like Constant Contact because they follow the Can-Spam Act - a law that sets the rules for commercial email. Email service providers have systems built in their tools that comply with the law.

Email service providers require you to build your list of emails with permission. In email marketing your reputation is on the line. You don't want to be seen as a spammer.

Here are 5 ways to help you build a quality, **permission** based email list:

1. **ASK!** When you are in front of a live audience or exchanging business cards at a networking event, ask for permission to add them to your e-mail list.
2. **Include a sign up form on your web site.** We recommend that you position your sign up form on the top right of every page of your web site. People might be able to find your web site, click around a bit but once they click away, you've lost them. Your web site should allow people to stay connected with you by signing up to receive email updates, special promotions, reminders, offers etc.
3. **Include the sign up form on your Facebook Page.** If you use Constant Contact, they have a sign up application you can put on your Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ctctjmml. In 2011, Constant Contact reported that over 1 million people signed up for their customer's email lists through Facebook.
4. **Have a sign up form or guest book** at your front desk or at a trade show booth. Make sure you let them know what they are signing up for and how often you will send your emails
5. **Print a QR Code on your business card and other print collateral.** People can scan your QR code with their smart phone and it will take them directly to a sign up page where they can enter their email and join your list. In Constant Contact go to "Contacts," then go to "Grow my Contact List" and look for "Scan a QR code." This will automatically generate a QR code for you that you can start to use.

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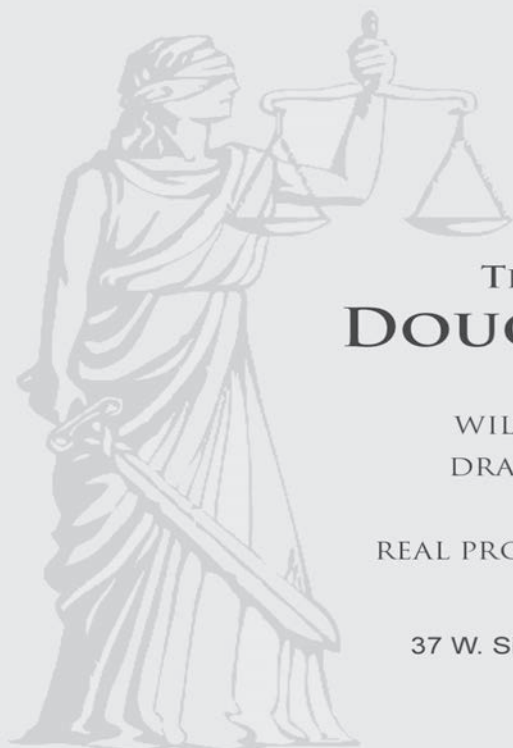
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The Baseball Reliquary presents "Baseball by the Books," an exhibition spotlighting some of the classic baseball books, both fiction and non-fiction, published since World War II, from July 3-July 30, 2012, at the Pasadena Central Library, 285 E. Walnut Street, Pasadena, California. The displays will be in the Humanities and Business Wings, and in the Centennial Room. The exhibition will include first edition copies of many books which have made a significant contribution to the field of baseball literature and which are indispensable to any baseball library. Also on view will be photographs, illustrations, artifacts, and documents related to the featured books.

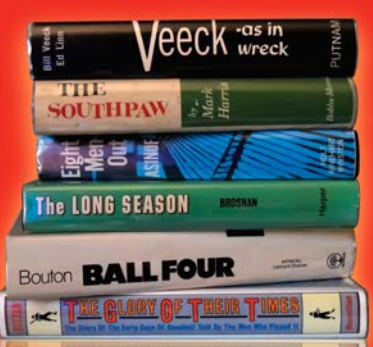
Among the highlights of the exhibition are a series of short, original essays written by authors and historians, including Marty Appel (on *The Glory of Their Times* by Lawrence Ritter), Jean Hastings Ardell (on *A Day in the Bleachers* by Arnold Hano), Ron Kaplan (on *The Tao of Baseball* by Go), Bruce Markusen (on *Ball Four* by Jim Bouton), Andy McCue (on *The Southpaw* by Mark Harris), and Mike Shannon (on *The Long Season* by Jim Brosnan). Other books highlighted include *Veeck - as in Wreck* by Bill Veeck (which was published fifty years ago next month); *Eight Men Out* by Eliot Asinof; *The Dickson Baseball Dictionary* by Paul Dickson; *The Great American Baseball Card Flipping, Trading and Bubble Gum Book* by Brendan C. Boyd and Fred C. Harris; *The Boys of Summer* by Roger Kahn; and *Baseball's Golden Age: The Photographs of Charles M. Conlon* and *The Big Show: Charles M. Conlon's Golden Age Baseball Photographs* by Neal and Constance McCabe. Also featured are illustrations by Mark Ulriksen for the Arion Press edition of Arnold Hano's *A Day in the Bleachers*, and a selection of Scott Hannig's original art for Mike Shannon's graphic novel, *Hutch: Baseball's Fred Hutchinson and a Legacy of Courage*, a biography of the major league pitcher and manager, one of baseball's most beloved figures, who was stricken by fatal lung cancer at the height of his managerial career.

Library hours for the exhibition are Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 1:00-5:00 p.m. For further information, contact the Baseball Reliquary by phone at (626) 791-7647 or by e-mail at terymar@earthlink.net. For directions, phone the Pasadena Central Library at (626) 744-4066 during library hours.

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I think you are starting to get it. Let's do our homework first before we pull out a 3 wood and try and advance the ball 235 yards down the fairway over a lake, on to the green and have it stop next to the hole.

Now with this thinking it eliminates the second problem which is the miracle shot. If you want to learn how to play out of deep rough, watch a couple of the Open Championships this summer and you won't believe how many times the players take out their wedges and pitch the ball back in play.

Now that I have you checking the lie and working from the ball to the hole, let's spend



some time on the technique of advancing the ball from deep rough.

The Secret

The main reason you struggle is because the hosel of the golf club (the part that connects the shaft with the head) gets hung up in the grass. If you, I or Jack Nicklaus swings the golf club on the same arc the length of the grass grabs the hosel and turns the toe before impact.

Sometimes you can make a great swing only to look up and see the golf ball 10 yards in front of you. You have to have a completely different swing so the hosel does not come in contact with the tall grass.

When you address the golf ball you have to make sure that you swing the golf club UP and DOWN not around. The best way to do this is to place 70% of your weight on your left foot at address. Now this is the secret once again, swing the arms up and down and make sure you do this without shifting any weight to the right foot.

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HAIL Hamilton My Turn HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!



As a kid growing up in Pasadena at the dawn of the Space Age, in the height of the Cold War with the threat thermal nuclear annihilation hanging over our heads, the Fourth of July had a special meaning. It was not only Independence Day with all the patriotic parades, barbecues and pie eating contests. The Fourth of July was America's birthday and we gave thanks for living in a free country, since so much of world at the time was ruled by dictators of one sort or another or under the iron fist of communism.

Our parents took pride making us understand the meaning of those indelible words inked so many years ago on the Fourth of July in Philadelphia at Independence Hall: "...We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness..."

These were radical words, authored by Thomas Jefferson, announcing the birth of the "United State of America" and justifying its independence with these words: "That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and institute new Government..." On July 4, 1776, 56 men met secretly in the Assembly Room of the Pennsylvania Provincial State House—now called Independence Hall—and signed the Declaration of Independence. We can only imagine the thoughts going through their minds.

Signing the Declaration was like signing their death warrant. The Founding Fathers all knew the penalty if they failed in their endeavor for independence—they would all be hung as traitors to the Crown of England. No wonder the Declaration of Independence ends with the solemn promise: "... And for the support of this Declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor."

So this Fourth of July take a moment to reflect upon our 236 year history as a free nation. Take a moment to give thanks to the Founding Fathers who gave birth to our nation. America is still a work in progress with much left to be done to fully realize the ideals set forth so eloquently in the Declaration of Independence. But the hard work was done by the brave revolutionaries who, against all odds, won our independence and gave us this free nation. Take a moment this Independence Day and

ask yourself what have you done lately to help realize the ideals of the Declaration? What have you done to make America a better place to live, work and raise a family?

I remember as a kid watching President Kennedy on television give his Inaugural Address on January 20, 1961. I remember his youth, his vigor and his idealism as he spoke on that cold day. I can still hear his clarion call to all the world: "Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and success of liberty."

Most of all, I remember the patriotic challenge President Kennedy set for our generation: "... **And so my fellow Americans: Ask not what your country can do for you--ask what you can do for your country.**"

Now, more than 50 years later, I am saddened to see that my generation--the baby-boomers who came of age in the 60s, the same idealistic boomers who fought the good fight against the injustices of institutionalized racism and rampant militarism--has today lost its moral compass and turned away from the "revolution" whose goal was to change the world for the better. If anything the world has gotten much worse.

Have we been so thoroughly seduced by the false God of greed, or is it some other flaw more fundamental in our American character? I don't have the answer--I wish with all my heart I did. I do know this much however. Our nation has reached a point of no return in its development as a democracy. The lack of bold executive leadership together with a do-nothing legislature is doomed to failure. The blame game cannot continue. If the United States is to survive and prosper in the 21st century a radical new paradigm shift must be recognized and embraced.

I wish I could describe what this paradigm shift will look like, but I do know this much--it cannot be more of the same rotten politics we have today. We are about to hold our first billion dollar presidential election, but what will all that money buy us? Will "government of the people, by the people, for the people" still be with us as the Founders intended? Or will it be another experiment consigned to the junk heap of history?

Perhaps this Fourth of July we would all be better off spending a moment trying to imagine what our nation will be like a year from now when we again celebrate its birthday.

RICH Johnson



Day 185 each year is July 4th (except for leap years when it is Day 186). And you probably knew this, but the aphelion occurs around this date. What's the aphelion? The point when the Earth is farthest from the sun.

Some interesting facts about the Fourth of July. They estimate 150 million hot dogs will be consumed on July 4th. That's about one hot dog per every two Americans. John Hancock was the only person to sign the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The others must have been on vacation. By the way, John Hancock said upon signing, "There, I guess King George will be able to read that." Alice's Adventures in Wonderland was published on July 4th in 1865. When the United States became a country there were 2.5 million people here. Now there are 300+ million. To me and Barry Schwam, the most significant event to take place on July 4th was the premier of "The Soupy Sales Show" on ABC in 1955.

Famous people were born on July 4th and other famous people died. Among the ones who were born: Stephen Foster (American songwriter 1826), Calvin Coolidge (1872), Louis B. Mayer (1882), Mitch Miller (1910), Ann Landers & Abigail Van Buren (twins 1918), Gina Lollobrigida and Neil Simon (not twins 1927), Geraldo Rivera (1943), Pam Shriver (1962)

People who died on July 4th include: John Adams and Thomas Jefferson (who hated each other, 1826), James Monroe (president 1831), Tsar Nicholas II (1918), Marie Curie (1934), Eva Gabor (1995), Barry White (2003), Jesse Helms (2008).

DAY 185

I'm told on this day in 1886 the French officially offered us the Statute of Liberty. I don't know if it included delivery or if we had to pick it up. I think they delivered it via UPS.

Dorothy Levitt was reported to be, on July 4th, 1903, the first woman in the world to compete in a 'motor race.' She also taught Queen Alexandra of Denmark how to drive. Lou Gehrig, the baseball legend who contracted Amotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (which is now known as Lou Gherig's Disease) gave his "Luckiest man on the face of the earth" speech at Yankee stadium in 1939. He died two years later at age 37.

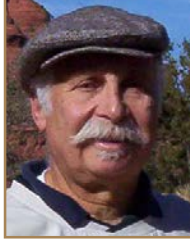
Think about this as we approach July 4th. Every 4 or 8 years we witness the peaceful transition of power in the most powerful country in the history of mankind. The election of 1800 may well have been the most important election in our history. It was the first time power transferred from one group to another without war or great bloodshed.

No one really knew what would happen. The Federalists, under Washington and Adams favored a strong central government. The Anti-Federalists under Thomas Jefferson's Democratic-Republican party favored strong state government. No love lost between these groups. But the reigns of government passed peacefully from John Adams to Thomas Jefferson (who you read above died within hours of each other on July 4, 1826).

I'll leave you with this. Someone once asked Nancy Reagan what was, in her mind, her husband's greatest contribution. She answered, "He made people feel proud to be Americans again." I agree.

Happy Independence Day San Gabriel Valley.

STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE A DAY AT THE ZOO



You would think I would find it discouraging when I realize that there are many, many people who are smarter than I am but, really, I find the experience exhilarating. I think one of my favorite experiences is hearing smart people talk about stuff that they really know about. The problem is that in order to really appreciate the experience, it is necessary to personally possess a backlog of relevant information. Usually this presents a problem because most of us, including me, just don't know enough to appreciate what the gifted experts are saying.

All my life I have wanted to acquire more information. I read two or three books a week and underline them as if I was studying for a final. Today I was having breakfast at my favorite chicken and waffles place when I noticed three women looking at me and laughing. I stood up and walked over and asked, "Why are you laughing at me?" One of the ladies said that it was peculiar to see someone as old as me studying so hard. "What test are you studying for? Do you want to become a doctor? You're probably too old to ever get a job." Really, they weren't as nasty as this sounds. They just thought it was funny. Maybe they know something that I don't know. I'm beginning to understand that wisdom doesn't come from reading books but it must come from somewhere. Where?

I just heard something on the news about people at the zoo observing an adult male chimp killing a baby chimp for no apparent reason. There were other chimps in the cage but they could not stop the killing. The human beings watching are powerless to do much of anything. After the baby died the mother chimp held the baby in her arms and seemed to be mourning. Zoo officials are allowing the mother to hold on the dead baby so that she can properly grieve. At least that's the way it was explained on the News. Really it seemed that the zoo officials were at a loss to explain what had happened and were in the process of pretending they knew what should be done.

In a way that's how I feel right now. There is all this crazy killing that's going on in the world and pundits on news programs pretend that they understand what's going on and what should be done but, really, I don't think anybody really knows; or, if anyone does know, I don't know enough to recognize that wisdom. I want to hear the smart people, the wise ones, talk about what should be done, but how do I recognize those people? Worse yet; maybe those people do not exist.

Maybe this is the real test that we all must face. The real test of life may be the conflict between man's need to understand and the absolute impossibility of understanding. As the late Kurt Vonnegut wrote:

Tiger got to hunt,
Bird got to fly;
Man got to sit and wonder
Why, why, why?
Tiger got to sleep,
Bird got to land.
Man got to tell himself he understand.

Does my chimpanzee analogy make any sense? Have we created cages around ourselves and moved so far away from our natural environment that we are at a loss to understand our own behavior? Have we closed our minds and our senses to any real understanding of how we can live together peacefully and harmoniously? Ever day the news tells us more and more about shootings and wars and calamitous natural disasters. Of course the news fails to inform us of the real truth - that people are starving all over the world; people are dying and suffering from diseases that could be easily prevented. Furthermore, ecologically modern man is destroying the planet and perhaps our entire specie is on the way to extinction. I actually read this prediction in a magazine which predicted that in the not too distant future there would probably be a new dominant species.

Well, Kurt Vonnegut might simply summarize all this angst as unnecessary and re-utter those resignedly simple words: "So it Goes." It's tough for me to accept. I've grown attached to our little planet and our much maligned specie. I wish we could all try a little harder and I guess I'm still looking for a leader who will tell us how to try. Instead, in this horribly disappointing election year, all that is presented is meaningless political posturing. Well, the Olympics are coming and millions and billions will be spent on the global presentation of sporting events, while the rest of the world's problems continue to be largely overlooked. Can't somebody do something? Or must we simply stand by and watch the death in the cage?



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

VOTE FOR ME, I CREATE LOTS OF JOBS

I have always thought about what it would be like to be wealthy. Unless I win the lottery somewhere, of which I never play, the opportunity for me to become wealthy is absolutely remote. I have a better chance of being elected President of the United States than to become wealthy.

I once thought being a bank robber would be the pathway to riches and fame. After some thought, I decided I would not make a very good bank robber. I hate wearing masks. Years ago, I had the opportunity to choose between intelligence and good looks and as anybody can see who has looked at me, I chose the latter. If I were a bank robber, I would have to hide my most valuable asset. What kind of nonsense would that be?

Another avenue to riches and fame, at least in my thinking, was to become one of those preachers on TV. Those old boys on TV must be wealthy; after all, all they talk about is money, money, money. Listening to some of them, you would think you were listening to a religious Donald Trump.

A television preacher rakes in quite a bit of money but then I thought about what's involved and I have ruled myself out. I cannot week after week talk about nothing but money, money, money. From my perspective, there is more to life than money. When you listen to most of these TV preachers all they can talk about is money. Specifically, sending them my money.

I would feel terrible getting on television and begging people to send me money and then promising God will bless them. I have been a Christian, after all, for over 50 years and I know that is not what the Bible says. To be a successful television preacher I would have to stretch the truth and at my age, I am not up for that kind of exercise.

My thoughts then turned to politics. If only I could be elected as a senator, governor or even president of the United States, I would be on my way to riches and fame. I hear these politicians on TV and all they do is talk, talk, talk. They talk so much my ears are thumping and they never get around to saying anything. I do not know any group of people who can talk so much for so long and say so little. I see that they spent money as if it is not theirs. Wait a minute! It is not theirs. In fact, a slice of that is my money.

I do not want to be a bank robber, nor do I want to be a TV preacher robbing people of money, and especially I do not want to be a politician who spends everybody's money but theirs.

I was deeply thinking about this the other night and concluded none of these areas are worth my pursuing. It looks as

though I will end my days as poor as I started them.

While watching TV there was some politician talking about if he was elected he would create so many jobs for people. I nodded, almost asleep, when the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage startled me with a comment. Occasionally she does something like this and usually, I am never prepared for it. Such was the case here.

"You know," she said rather gravely, "you should run for some political office. You'd make a good politician."

Well, this puts a different light on things. Maybe my better half has come up with a better idea. For all the years I have known her, she has never been wrong, much to my chagrin at times. Maybe she is seeing something in me I have overlooked all these years. She actually said, "You'd make a good politician."

Well the smile on my face hit the walls on both sides of the room we were sitting in.

It was then that I did something to ruin the whole aura of the evening. I said something. I have been a husband long enough to realize that when a husband opens his mouth nothing good will ever come out of it.

"So," I said rather arrogantly, "you think I would make a good politician."

So far, so good. If I only had stopped here, it would not have been so bad. But no, I had to push the envelope further.

"Why do you think I would make a good politician?"

There is one thing you need to understand about my wife. She will always tell the truth no matter whom it hurts, even if it is me.

"All these politicians are promising they are going to create jobs. Not one of them makes good on their promise. But you," and she paused here a little too dramatically for my liking, "have them all beat on this issue. Nobody creates more jobs around this house than you do. If you could take that skill to Washington DC you could put the entire country to work."

Jesus said a lot about work. In one place He said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4 KJV).

Some people work for riches. Some people work for recognition and honor. Jesus worked for his Father in heaven. An example we should follow.

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HOWARD Hays As I See It



"God offers to every mind its choice between truth and repose."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

In my column last week, I cited examples to show that many on the right, in particular those identifying themselves as "Republican", prefer the repose of their own accepted dogma to an unsettling truth. I mentioned assumptions held such as climate change being merely a rationale for imposing global control, religious texts on creation being fact while science is supposition, and there still being uncertainty as to where President Obama was born.

I've since come across more examples. According to a Gallup Poll released last week, while 52% of Democrats identify President Obama as being Protestant or Christian, only 24% of Republicans do – with nearly one in five believing he's a Muslim.

A couple months ago, a poll out of Dartmouth University showed that 71% of Republicans believe terrorists attack America because "they hate American values", compared to 40% of Democrats, while only 21% believe it's because "they hate America's foreign policies" – which is the correct answer, according to Osama bin Laden.

According to the Dartmouth survey, 63% of Republicans continue believing Saddam Hussein had "weapons of mass destruction" at the time we invaded Iraq in 2003, compared to 15% of Democrats and 27% of Independents.

In that same survey, 56% of Republicans agree with the statement, "I have always believed President Obama was born in another country", a position held by 5% of Democrats and 25% of Independents.

Those shown to be the least informed purport to be the most engaged, with 84% of Republicans claiming to "Follow what's going on in government and public affairs" most or all of the time – vs. 75% of the population as a whole. This might be related to the survey result from Farleigh Dickinson University cited last week showing that those who rely on Fox News are less informed than those who watch no news at all.

It brought to mind an observation made by Franklin D. Roosevelt, that "Repetition does not transform a lie into a truth." It also gives new meaning to the title of Greg Welborn's column last week, "Two Different Visions for America" – one of which appears to be unconcerned with the historical record.

In comparing Presidents Reagan and Obama, Greg states, "both new presidents came into office with a troubled, if not collapsing, economy." Reagan inherited from President Carter an economy creating nearly 190,000 private sector jobs a month. When President Obama took office, we were losing 750,000 jobs monthly. As I wrote here last August, "At this point in their presidencies, the unemployment rate grew more under Reagan. The size of the federal government grew more under Reagan. The budget deficit in relation to GDP grew more under Reagan. Our economy grew more under Obama."

Greg states, "President Reagan passed the largest tax reduction in this country's history". It was, up to that time, but now it might rank no higher than third. The size of Reagan's initial tax reduction (which was reduced by half by

his subsequent tax increases) was smaller than President Bush's tax cut in 2001. But the biggest tax cut of all, \$282 billion over two years, was signed into law by President Obama under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Reagan did lower marginal tax rates on upper income earners, but also stuck it to those who could least afford it. For the first time, unemployment benefits and Social Security payments were taxed as income. The Alternative Minimum Tax, previously a means to ensure those with the highest incomes paid their fair share, through the Tax Reform Act of 1986 was imposed on middle-class families, as well.

Federal spending rose by 60% (\$746 billion to \$1.14 trillion) during the Reagan years, while revenues increased by 53%. To make up the difference, we borrowed. Our national debt tripled under Reagan (\$712 billion to over \$2 trillion), and the United States was transformed from the world's largest creditor nation to its largest debtor.

Greg lauds Reagan for having "deregulated a host of industries". There was deregulation of the airline and trucking industries, as well as regulatory reform in railroads, banking, telephones and natural gas – but this happened under President Jimmy Carter. William Niskanen, a member of Reagan's Council of Economic Advisors and later chairman of the Cato Institute, complained that Reagan "failed to sustain the momentum for deregulation initiated in the 1970s."

As much as I may criticize, though, I will readily defend Ronald Reagan against accusations levied by Greg that he's somehow a "precursor" to the "tea party". I can't imagine the former president ever associating himself with those seeking the "repose" of paranoid ignorance, or displaying pictures of our president juxtaposed with a swastika. Nor can I imagine any teabagger associating with a former Democratic campaigner, union leader and member of the "Hollywood elite" who saw political opponents as fellow Americans, not enemies of the state.

In matters such as the Affordable Care Act, rather than just parroting lobbyist-supplied talking points, I think Ronald Reagan would want to know what's actually in it, and how provisions such as an "individual mandate" comport with historic precedent.

He might have learned of an earlier federal law which compelled employers in the maritime industry to provide seamen with medical insurance. Later, since the original law covered only drugs and physician services, another law was passed with a "mandate" that covered employees purchase hospitalization insurance for themselves.

These mandates were exercised under the Commerce Clause, and there's no record of them ever being challenged on constitutional grounds.

The original law was passed in 1790 by a Congress that included twenty original Framers of our Constitution, and signed by President George Washington. The subsequent "individual mandate" was signed into law by another Framer, President John Adams.

This might not give repose to those seeking to demonize the Affordable Care Act, but it's the truth.

Happy Fourth of July!

SUPREME FOOLISHNESS OR WISDOM?

The United States Supreme Court's decision on Obamacare will no doubt be seen as a landmark decision and certainly as one of its most important decisions in the modern era. That the decision was split was not unexpected. The fact that the deciding vote was not from Justice Kennedy, who often plays the swing vote, but from Chief Justice Roberts, who is conservative in his judicial leanings, is the first of two surprises in this ruling. The other surprise is the justification found by Chief Justice Roberts to uphold the mandate that all Americans buy health insurance. How he ultimately decided this issue will reverberate well beyond our lifetimes, may determine the future of our great experiment in limited government, and ultimately will prove Roberts to be one of the wisest or most foolish of jurists in our country's history.

Roberts clearly and unequivocally found that the Commerce clause did not justify the imposition of an individual mandate. We shouldn't ignore the significance of that finding. The Constitution was found to prevent the federal government from forcing Americans to buy something simply because they are alive. That is a bulwark of our freedom – freedom from an intrusive and overbearing central government. The next finding, however, was that the constitution does allow the federal government broad powers to impose a tax on its citizens, even if that tax is for not doing something.

As I understand this ruling (and I am not a constitutional scholar by any imagination), the federal government cannot command me to buy something and then put me in jail if I fail to do it. That is a victory for individual freedom. But the government does have the right to impose a tax on me if I do something it doesn't like – in this case not buying insurance. So, my freedom is preserved in a technical sense, but I could be bankrupted if the tax was significant enough, so I may choose to do what I would not otherwise do.

My problem with this is that it feels very much like a distinction without a difference. At the end of the day, it would seem that the government can effectively make me do something so long as it concocts the penalty as a tax. As I have written previously, if the government can make Americans buy health insurance, what is to stop them from making us buy foods it deems healthy, or contribute an amount it deems appropriate in a 401K, or to have an abortion when we don't want one?

That latter example may seem outlandish, but it really isn't. China still forces women to have abortions if the government feels a family has too many children already. Population control is seen as a worthy public benefit. There is really nothing to stop the U.S. government from affectively doing the same thing. The government does not have the right under today's ruling to physically force a woman to have an abortion, or to throw her in jail for not doing so, but apparently the government could impose a significant enough tax on the third, or fourth

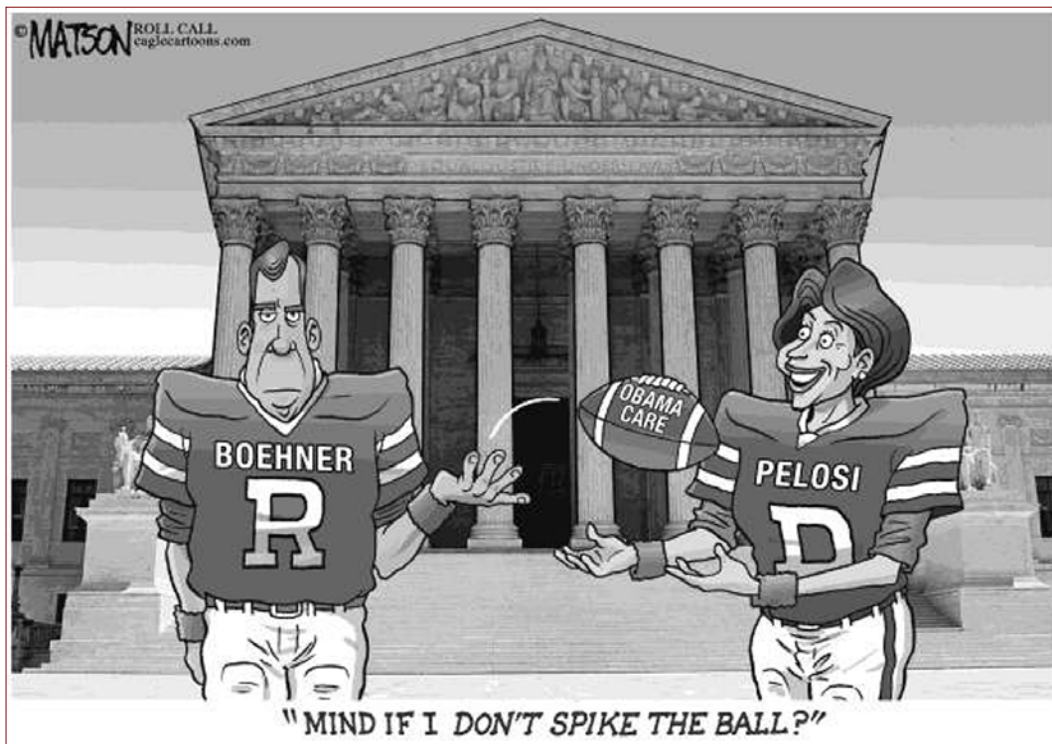
birth that most families would have no option short of bankruptcy to having the abortion. We should all get used to the term "mandatorily voluntary".

One of the great dishonesties here is that the Obama administration was forced to directly contradict its promise to the American people in order to preserve this law. A quick Google search generates at least a dozen or so instances where Obama, Reid or Pelosi promised without reservation that Obamacare did not impose a tax. In their arguments to the Supreme Court, however, the administration's attorney argued that the individual mandate was constitutional specifically because it was a tax, and thus fell under the well established right of the federal government to tax. While it may not be the Supreme Court's job to rule on the honesty of politicians, it is the job of the voters to essentially rule on that honesty as we cast our ballots each election. Honesty is one of the requisites for integrity and honor. It brings me no joy to conclude that our current president seems to be pathological in his willingness to lie, and for no other reason than this he does not deserve a second term. There is no integrity or honor in this man. If he is re-elected, we will have no right to expect any future leader to be ethical or honest, and we will most certainly reap what we have sown.

Lastly, this Supreme Court ruling exposes what has always been the Achilles heel of our system. Five jurists (a majority on the Supreme Court) out of a nation of 300 million people have the right to decide the meaning of a word. It has always been assumed that they would defer to the commonly accepted definitions of words used in their day, but that assumption is no longer valid. Accordingly, the presumed check and balance to their power is also no longer valid. If 5 jurists can decide that an unconstitutional "penalty" is really a constitutional "tax", even when the law's author has claimed it is not a tax, then those same jurists can define almost any word to mean what they want it to mean. There will be no anchor to what they can force us to do.

Thursday, June 28th, 2012, was not a good day for America. The individual mandate changes the relationship of the federal government to the individual in a very fundamental way. The mandate was upheld by one man who decided the issue on very narrow grounds by reading into the law what its authors said did not exist. Only history will tell us whether foolishness or wisdom won the day.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Re: Downtown Marketing

I am delighted to see the interest of the Council in attracting and retaining businesses in Sierra Madre.

I think the most powerful tool you can provide (in addition to what is being done) is testimonials from the owners of the Kensington Assisted Living Facility Project, Taylor's Market, Fresh & Easy and possibly others to the effect that the City moved promptly to help them in every way including expediting their projects, approving their projects in an affirmative and welcoming spirit, making reasonable changes to previous rules if necessary to accommodate them, avoiding nitpicking applications of rules, being forthcoming with suggestions to avoid possible obstacles, and avoiding excessive hearings and other "back to the drawing board" practices that cause delay and drain investment money that should be invested in wages and inventory by diverting it into expenses of "process".

If we cannot do this, neighboring cities will feast on our wasted opportunities.

Eric Olson, Sierra Madre



WHAT MAKES AMERICA GREAT

By Bryan Golden

In less than 200 years, America grew from a handful of colonies to become the greatest nation in history. In a few hundred years, we surpassed nations that were many times older. What makes America great?

The two main elements that make America great are our people and our freedoms. Our people have a can do, nothing is impossible, spirit. Starting with the American Revolution, we have always conquered adversity, often in the face of overwhelming odds.

We have more rights and freedoms than anywhere else in the world. Our freedoms are considered inalienable rights, not privileges granted by government. Our freedoms are the envy of the world. Every item in the bill of rights is a precious jewel, designed to ensure the immortality of our liberty.

Our founders came from societies where government controlled its citizens. They had a solid understanding of the consequences of unchecked power. Our constitution was crafted specifically to limit the scope of government to prevent its infringing on individual liberties. Our constitution is a brilliant document, filled with foresight and understanding, that has withstood the test of time. The principles embedded in the constitution are the foundation of our greatness.

In America, each citizen can control his or her destiny without fear of interference by government or others. Our government was formed to serve the people rather than vice versa. Our government was designed to play a minimal role in people's lives.

Our doors have always been open to people from anywhere in the world who want to come here legally to work hard, contribute, and assimilate into our society. America's reputation as a melting pot is derived from the fact that people from every walk of life can work together to create an unstoppable force for good.

In America anything is possible. America is great because it offers its people unlimited opportunity to succeed by bringing their dreams to reality. In America, success requires hard work, determination, and persistence, not permission. We are constitutionally protected to prevent government from confiscating the results of our labor.

America is an engine for unprecedented productivity. Our economic system has been responsible for civilization transforming innovations and discoveries. No other country has even come close and many other systems have failed miserably.

America has a big heart. Whether in this country or elsewhere, we help those who can not help themselves. Americans are first on the scene in the wake of natural or civic disasters. We are there with food, supplies, medical aid, and money. Our brave soldiers travel the globe defending those who can't defend themselves.

In America there are no problems that we can't solve. Any obstacles we may face do not taint our greatness. It is our greatness that enables us to overcome adversity and become even stronger in the process. Everyday, be thankful that you live in America and benefit from its greatness. Don't take for granted that which people in other countries can only dream about. Be proud to be an American.

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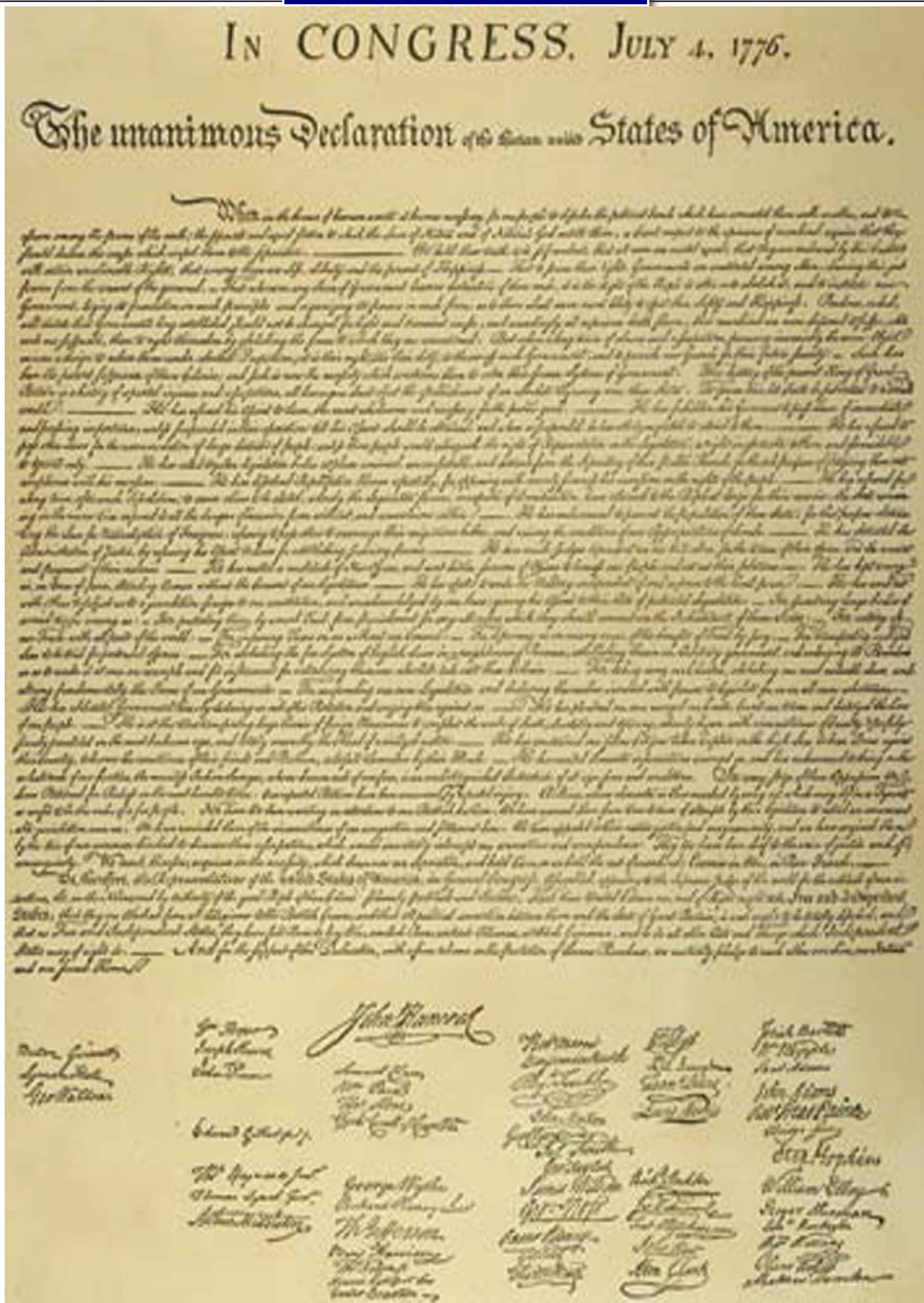
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A Word From Our Publisher & Editor:

SUSAN HENDERSON



Often before writing an article on a holiday, I will look over other columns to see what was on my mind at the time. I knew what I wanted to say today, but I followed my habits and looked at the last six July 4th columns I had written. One of them, written just last year, really was disconcerting. It starts out, “Well, it’s America’s Birthday and hopefully we are getting wiser as we get older right? I don’t think so. Right now this country is in a mess.”

Those words still hold true today and that is not good. Then, and now, I was not speaking of the economy which is actually better than it was last year, but rather speaking of our “inability to stop acting so sophomorically when it comes to everything else in our society”.

Every day we seem to become less civilized in our dealings with each other, especially when it comes to ideological differences.

I have watched with great dismay the level of respect that we have for those who think differently than we do deteriorate rapidly. However, isn’t that supposed to be one of the premises that we will be celebrating on ‘Independence Day’?

Somehow along the way, we have decided that our freedom also gave us the right to be mean spirited, vile and reckless. We have elected officials who stand before the media and disrespect the President of The United States, in a manner that has never been done before.

We have talking heads (the Beavis kind), that demonize everyone that has a thought that is different from theirs. And we are getting ready for an election, fueled with money from God knows who, that will spend little time on discussing the differences between the candidates and their approach to governing. Instead we will hear the non-stop personal attacks intended to distract us.

What exactly have we learned in 236 years? Not very much. A little research will let you know that the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence did not agree on every aspect of how to establish this nation. BUT, they did have a common goal of trying to make this a better place. And because of that common goal, they worked through their differences and came up

236 YEARS LATER AND.....

with a foundation that still serves the country pretty well today.

We cannot sit back and point fingers when we see others acting out. When we do, we are just as guilty. Some ministers will tell you that there is no ‘big or little’ sin and that the sin of omission is just as great as the sin of commission. Therefore, we all have a duty to discourage bad behavior.

Our society is rapidly becoming very McCarthy like. Remember him? Although he was on a specific witch hunt, ‘today the term is used more generally in reference to demagogic, reckless, and unsubstantiated accusations, as well as public attacks on the character and/or patriotism of political opponents’.

We saw what that kind of behavior did in the 50’s. And we saw or learned what such behavior did in Europe prior to that. So why in the world are we tolerating the rapid proliferation of trash, burn and destroy politics at every level just because one is different or thinks differently?

I have been blessed to have friends from every walk of life. Right here in Sierra Madre I have good friends who are at the opposite spectrum politically. They range from the extreme right, tea partiers, atheists, extreme leftists and more. But we have the utmost respect for each other and can accept the fact that we are different.

I started this piece out noting that it was 236 years later and....well, sadly, it’s 236 years later and we still haven’t learn that we can make this country a better place if we learn to work together.

So, think about that on Wednesday and think about what you can do to change the discourse, even if its’ only one person.

During the last Sierra Madre council race, I interviewed one of the candidates and asked why, when given to opportunity to publicly, and peacefully, stop an unnecessary attack on himself, he failed to address the issue. It would have been a perfect opportunity to set a good example to others. His answer was, “Well, I guess I just didn’t think about it”. And therein lies one of the problems that we are letting destroy this country. As individuals, when given the opportunity to change the tone of the discourse, we just don’t think about it. That’s a problem that will destroy the country faster that a falling stock market.

Yes, we are 236 years old, but we are acting as though we haven’t learned a thing from the past.

Have a happy holiday.

THE DECLARATION

The Declaration of Independence: A TRANSCRIPTION

IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.-Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good. He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them. He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only. He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people. He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures. He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our Brittish brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

The 56 signatures on the Declaration appear in the positions indicated:

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John Penn
South Carolina:
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Sierra Madre 4th of July Activities

★ Pre-Parade Party & Picnic

Tuesday, July 3, 2012 ★ Memorial Park 5pm - 10pm

Join us for Music from the local band Groovy Lemon Pie, Food Trucks, Pre-Ordered Box Picnics from The Only Place in Town, Fun, Non-Profit Booths, Bubble Wrap Fireworks The Chamber of Commerce Dunk Tank & the Annual Friends of the SMLL Beer Garden

★ Spero Foundation's Firecracker Fun Run

Wednesday, July 4, 2012 ★ Kersting Court 8am - 9:30am (rcheck-in is from 7am-7:45am)

The Firecracker Fun Run is a 5K for the entire family to enjoy, The run begins and ends at Kersting Court
Register online at www.cityofsierramadre.com/onlineregistration
keyword: fun run

★ Sierra Madre 4th of July Parade

Wednesday, July 4, 2012 ★ Sierra Madre Blvd 10am - 12pm
From Sunnyside Avenue to Sierra Vista Park, the traditional hometown parade with community members, organizations, classic cars, a marching band, kids on their decorated bikes, and so much more

★ Community Picnic & Celebration

Wednesday, July 4, 2012 ★ Sierra Vista Park 12pm - 4pm

Free Admission to the Sierra Madre Pool, Music from the Gem City Jazz Cats, SMLL Diner BBQ, Snow Cones, Fun, Games, Beer Garden, Home Run Derby Pre-Ordered Box Picnics from The Only Place in Town the Chamber of Commerce Dunk Tank and Festivities

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George Washington's Party Home is for sale! No, it's not an April Fools joke or a joke. It's a bona fide opportunity if you have a ton of money and a desire to live in Virginia!

In the 1700's it was his party home, but today, it is a beautiful home in the historic Old Town of Alexandria - a lovingly restored four bedroom colonial for sale at \$4.2 million. But way back in the late 1700s, it was called Spring Gardens Tavern. It was one of George Washington's favorite bars and, according to locals, it was where President Washington spent his last 4th of July, watching parades of the militia and enjoying the company of his friends. George Washington Party Home!

Our first President has always seemed to be a bit sedate, but he did go to clubs. In the late 1700s, a club was where a group of friends would meet at a local tavern, drink their spirits or punch, then “clubbed” the total cost and split it between them equally. This historic, colonial-style home was originally a tavern in Alexandria, Virginia where George would have a few drinks on his way back to Mt. Vernon from Washington D.C. The President kept detailed records of his “club” spending in a ledger where he wrote down the name of the tavern, what he had to drink and the names of friends with whom he shared the tavern.

Locals say that this home was originally built in 1780 as Spring Gardens Tavern,



and it is located on the likely route from Washington D.C. to Mt. Vernon. Legend has it that George spent his last July 4th here where he watched the local militia parade. Today, it is a beautiful red brick home with green shutters, a white picket fence, gleaming wood floors and lots of white woodwork, molding and cabinets in the historic Old Town neighborhood of Alexandria. It is the type of place where you can feel the past - even while checking your iPhone messages.

The home is 4,296 square feet with 4 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms plus new guest and game rooms that is connected by an enclosed, elevated walkway. Original elements of the home are evident such as parts of the original brick walls and the exposed beams in the kitchen. The house has been brought completely up-to-date with detailed renovation and today's technology.

The home's gardens are extensive and the property is a bit over a half acre, which is hard to find in Old Town. There is a pool, a small pond, extensive landscaping and lots of brick and flagstone paths. We don't know if George ever slept here, but it is fun to think that he was here on his final 4th of July with good friends. Asking price is \$4.2 million.

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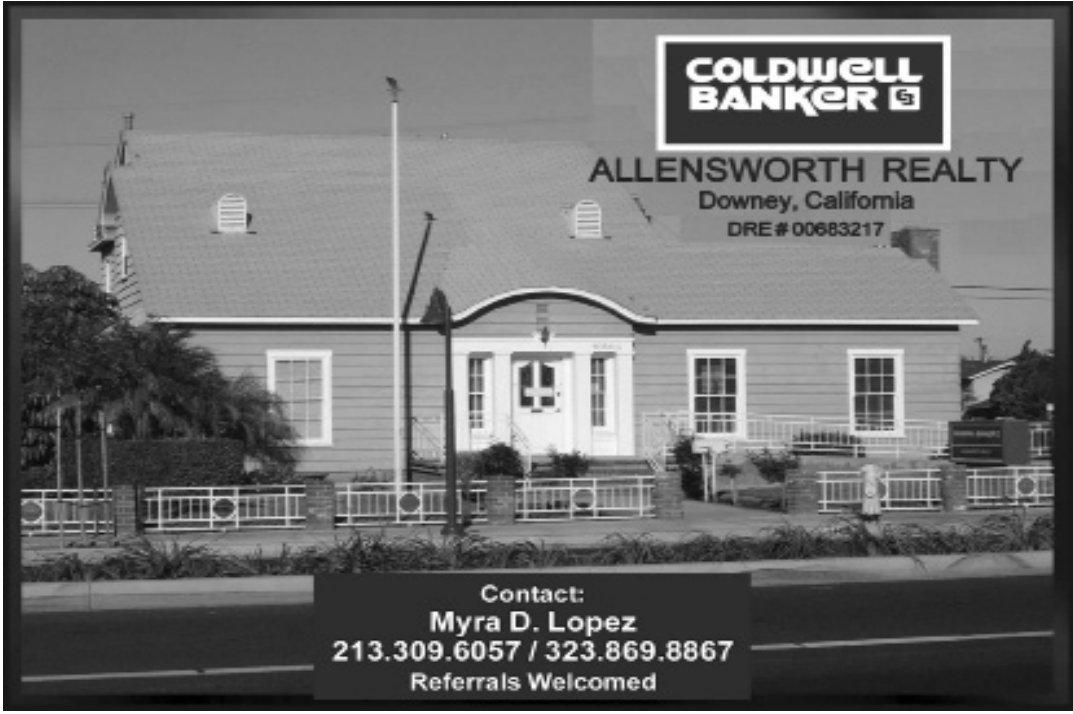


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HISTORIC 1888 WINERY EVOLVED INTO FRESH NEW GENERATION OF LOS GATOS WINES

Testarossa Winery Blends an Exquisite Meritage of History and Cutting Edge Winemaking

When Jesuit missionaries journeyed to Northern California from their native Italy in the 1800's, they brought winemaking skills to Los Gatos, along with their educational missions in establishing schools. Turns out the Jesuits, known worldwide for their high quality schools, elementary through postgraduate, found that their wines went a long way toward funding the operating costs of their Los Gatos Novitiate (a school for men studying to be clergy) and Santa Clara College here in the foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains at the southern tip of the San Francisco Bay Area. The college went on to become Santa Clara University, now located adjacent to the San Jose airport, about ten miles away.

Hailing from Turin, the Jesuits brought their Northern Italian grapes with them, when they established their Novitiate Winery here in 1888, beginning with sacramental wine for churches. At its peak in the 1950's, Novitiate "produced around 100,000 cases a year, according to www.SCMwine.wikispaces.com, "and was best known for its famous fortified Black Muscat dessert wine (similar to a tawny port), which was a perennial gold medal winner at the annual California State Fair."

"The ecclesiastical connection ensured that the winery survived prohibition," the web entry continued. As regular sources of wine dried up, "The demand for Church altar wine production skyrocketed and the winery and adjoining vineyards more than doubled in size - and may also explain how it avoided being destroyed by the 1906 earthquake and a devastating fire in Los Gatos in 1934." It is said that about a hundred novices and college students worked the winery at its height of production. Change begat change at Novitiate Winery. In the 1960's, the eighty year old vines required replanting, a huge and expensive process, at a time when the wine industry and tastes moved toward drier varietals, rather than the sweeter wines produced here.



The seminary population at Los Gatos was also in decline, and the remaining seminarians or novices were moved to another novitiate in Santa Barbara in 1986. The Novitiate Winery brand ceased production that same year, just two years short of a centennial. Those that keep track of such details indicate the Novitiate site is the 4th oldest continually producing winery site in California. After the Jesuits closed up shop, Saratoga vintner, M. Marion and Company took over the vineyard for a couple of years, followed in 1989 by sparkling winemaker, Mirassou, who continued there for a few years. The Mirassou family, who claim to be the oldest winemaking family in the United States, eventually sold their brand but not their vineyards to winemaking giant, Gallo. Rob and Diana Jensen began their own winemaking venture, Testarossa Winery, with their first 25 cases made in their Silicon Valley garage in 1993. As Electrical Engineering graduates from Santa Clara University, and married by one of the Jesuits, the Jensens continued and built on a bond with both the university and the Jesuits' history and heritage when they took over the old winery.

The Testarossa story is truly a meritage of kindred spirits, overlapping "small world" stories, a love of wine, and just plain, blind faith. "Rob and I met at Santa Clara University, right here in Silicon Valley," recalls Diana Jensen. They were homegrown Silicon Valley Electrical Engineering professionals, he in the software industry, and she in semiconductors.

"Food and wine were our hobbies. We would visit local wineries, and became collectors. We got to know the Cinnabar Winery winemaker, eventually helping out there at events and in the cellars," she said. We made a barrel of our first wine, a Cabernet, in our garage," she remembered.

Right after they had their first child in 1993, the Cinnabar winemaker approached them about taking over a local unkempt vineyard. "We were both working, and just had a baby, so I was not at all excited initially, but my husband kept saying, 'We'll figure it out. It will all be fine' and it certainly was! Here we are eighteen years later!"

Without enough funds or manpower to run it, they sold "Future Futures" as a promise of future wine, and an opportunity to help grow and maintain the grapes. 29 of the first 30 people they contacted invested \$100 each. The Jensens were committed. Along the way, the Investors/ Wine Growers pulled out insidious poison oak, learned to prune, harvest and make the wine.

The winery's first efforts netted an amazing 91 points from Wine Spectator. They were on their way. The business slowly matured, and is now under the talented, watchful eye of Bill Brosseau, Director of Winemaking since 2003.

The vintage stone buildings at Testarossa, some dating back 140+ years, offer a glance back to the history of the region. The historic entry to the current to Testarossa's tasting room today includes many photos and historic information about the Novitiate history. "The original 19th century three floor, gravity-flow winery is still in use today to make Testarossa wines," according to the Jensens. According to www.Snooth.com, a wine lovers website which compares and reviews over 4 million wines, Testarossa, "produces over 15,000 cases annually and earned hundreds of 90+ point scores from all the top wine publications." Over half of their production is sold directly at the winery, according to Diana Jensen.

Winemaking Director, Bill Brosseau, gained his early viticulture experience from managing his family's Brosseau Vineyard. Testarossa's enologist since 2000, the youthful but experienced and highly successful Brosseau, who calls himself a "liquid architect" was formerly Lab Director at Napa's Pine Ridge Winery, and also worked in the Chalone Vineyard cellars.

The Jensens and Brosseau have combined their winemaking passion, technology and scientific training with research and cutting edge experiments geared toward delivering high quality, complex wines. They have developed a wine analysis and winemaking culture avidly experimenting with the ultra-microclimate features of grapes grown, for instance, in the same field row, but at the top versus the bottom of a hill, or with full versus reduced irrigation.

The result, according to one visitor, also an electrical engineer, is a "magical blend of technology and passionate, refined winemaking. Their engineering degrees and early careers in high tech gave them the background and experience to work with highly trained skilled and detailed, deeply technical people, whether it be semiconductors or Pinot Noir."

"They have that wonderful ability to translate that esoteric technology into brilliant wines and a passionate cult following," he continued, "plus a rare talent of an information-rich, yet never pretentious, communication style with their avid, wine drinking consumers."

Located about twenty minutes from the San Jose airport, the Testarossa Winery is a vibrant and busy place seven days a week from 11-5, with a parking lot full of not only cars and motorcycles, but bicycles from the ardent cycling community of tourists as well as locals.

Los Gatos is ideally situated at the gateway to "The Hill", as locals refer to the Highway 17 entrance to the Santa Cruz Mountains. These mountains are home to the nearly one hundred wineries of its mountain appellation.

Tempered by mountain elevations and the cooling effects of the Pacific on one side and San Francisco Bay on the other, it has been called "the finest winegrowing area in the western hemisphere" by expert Charles Sullivan.

An extended growing season allows slower grape maturation and time to develop their critically renowned, award-winning complexity. Pinot and Chardonnay on the west side, and Zin, Cab and Merlot on the east face, so oenophiles can taste a wide gamut of favorites within a limited distance. Testarossa currently offers 94 point rated, 2009 Chardonnay among other noteworthy Chardonnay, Pinot, and Syrah wines.

Testarossa Winery is located at 300-A College Avenue, Los Gatos, about a half mile up from the town's vibrant culinary Mecca of over 170 bistros. A great boutique hotel, Hotel Los Gatos and Spa (www.HotelLosGatos.com) also located in downtown Los Gatos, is a wonderful base camp for wine tasting adventures in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Reference data for this article was obtained from Testarossa Winery and Santa Cruz Mountain Winegrowers Association. For more information about Testarossa and Novitiate Winery, visit www.Testarossa.com and www.scmwa.com or call 408-335-1700.



Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou Realtor®

BENEFITS ON BOTH SIDES

There are new rules regarding short sales meant to improve the experience for both sellers and buyers, but the legalities and legwork can overwhelm even the most savvy. Of course, that's where the real estate agent shines, handling the paperwork and the phone calls, leaving you to focus on your move.

Keep in mind that if you're expecting to buy a home on short sale, you can get a great deal, but don't expect miracles from a bank that has agreed to accept a price lower than what the sellers owe on their mortgage. These short sales often generate multiple offers, and if a home has been approved to sell for \$200,000, don't expect to waltz in and offer \$125,000.

The real advantage of a short sale deal is that the home will likely be in much better physical condition than its foreclosure counterpart. Often, a foreclosed home will have been abandoned for months, and perhaps trashed before being vacated. A short sale property in better condition is in and of itself a benefit with real value that offsets any lower price you could offer on a foreclosure.

And for sellers, a short sale preserves your dignity, reduces some of the stress, and won't damage your credit history as much as a foreclosure. Whether selling or buying, consult an agent for the best results.

Luther has been licensed and practicing real estate since 1992. He specializes in residential and income property in the Greater San Gabriel Valley. Luther Tsinoglou has again been named a top producing sales agent with Podley Properties for 2011, making the top 10% at the company overall. Luther can be reached at his direct line (626) 695-8650 or at luther@tsinoglou.com

ATTRACT BIRDS & BUTTERFLIES NO MATTER WHAT SIZE YOUR LANDSCAPE

By gardening expert, & author Melinda Myers

Add a little extra color and motion to your summer garden with containers designed to attract birds and butterflies. Many garden centers continue to sell annuals throughout the summer and many of these mid-season annuals are a bit bigger, providing instant impact.

It's easier than you think to attract birds and butterflies and the good news is you don't need a lot of space to do it. Container gardens give you the ability to attract wildlife to your backyard, patio, deck or even balcony. Simply follow these four steps and your garden will be filled with color, motion and a season of wildlife.

- 1- Provide food for birds and butterflies. Include plants with flat daisy-like flowers like pentas, zinnias, and cosmos to attract butterflies. For hummingbirds, include some plants with tubular flowers including nicotiana, cuphea, salvia, and fuchsia. And don't forget about the hungry caterpillars that will soon turn into beautiful butterflies. Parsley, bronze fennel, and licorice vines are a few favorites that make great additions to container gardens. You can even create containers that will attract seed-eating birds. Purple Majesty millet, coneflower, coreopsis, and Rudbeckias will keep many of the birds returning to your landscape.

- 2- Include water for both the birds and butterflies. It's a key ingredient and a decorative small shallow container filled with water can be included in a large container. Or include a free-standing birdbath within

your container collection. I used a bronzed leaf birdbath in just this way. It created a great vertical accent, added interest to a blank wall and provided a water supply for the birds.

- 3- Give them a place to live and raise their young. Add a few evergreens, ornamental grasses, and perennials to your container garden. Use weather resistant containers that can tolerate the extreme heat and cold in your garden. Then fill with plants that are at least one zone hardier. Or add a few birdhouses. These can be included in the container or mounted on a fence, post, or nearby tree.

- 4- Skip the pesticides, please. Nature, including the birds you invite into your landscape, will devour many garden pests. Plus, the chemicals designed to kill the bad guys can also kill the good bugs and wildlife you are trying to attract. And, if pests get out of hand, use more eco-friendly products like soaps, Neem, and horticulture oil as a control mechanism. And, as always, read and follow label directions carefully.

And to conserve time and energy, try using one of the self-watering containers or hanging baskets that are on the market. This helps to make it both easy and convenient when time constraints and vacations get in the way of providing ideal care. I recently tried using one of the Gardener's Supply Easy Roller self-watering containers. I filled one with wildlife-friendly petunias along with papyrus and golden moneywort. After a five-day trip during hot dry weather I returned to find my container garden in great shape and hummingbirds visiting the flowers.



So gather your family and get started planting your wildlife container garden today. Nationally known gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including Can't Miss Small Space Gardening. She hosts the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment segments which air on over 115 TV and radio stations throughout the U.S. and Canada. She is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and writes the twice monthly "Gardeners'

Questions" newspaper column. Melinda also has a column in Gardening How-to magazine. Melinda hosted "The Plant Doctor" radio program for over 20 years as well as seven seasons of Great Lakes Gardener on PBS. She has written articles for Better Homes and Gardens and Fine Gardening and was a columnist and contributing editor for Backyard Living magazine. Melinda has a master's degree in horticulture, is a certified arborist and was a horticulture instructor with tenure. Her web site is www.melindamyers.com

Have A Safe & Sober Holiday!

Jeff's Pics

The Book Report

By Jeff Brown

DECLARATION: THE NINE TUMULTUOUS WEEKS WHEN AMERICA BECAME INDEPENDENT, MAY 1-JULY 4, 1776 by William Hogeland

This is the rambunctious story of how America came to declare independence in Philadelphia in 1776. As late as that May, the Continental Congress had no plans to break away from England. Troops under General George Washington had been fighting the British for nearly a year, yet in Philadelphia a mighty bloc known as "reconciliationists," led by the influential Pennsylvanian John Dickinson, strove to keep America part of the British Empire. But a cadre of activists, led by the mysterious Samuel Adams of Massachusetts and assisted by his nervous cousin John, plotted to bring about American independence. Their audacious secret plan proposed overturning the reconciliationist government of Pennsylvania and replacing it with pro-independence leaders. Remarkably, the adventure succeeded. The Adams coalition set in motion a startling chain of events in the Philadelphia streets, in the Continental Congress, and throughout the country that culminated in the Declaration of Independence on July 4. In Declaration William Hogeland brings to vibrant life both the day-to-day excitement and the profound importance of those nine fast-paced weeks essential to the American founding yet little known today. He depicts the strange-bedfellow alliance the Adamses formed with scruffy Philadelphia outsiders and elegant Virginia planters to demand liberty. He paints intimate portraits of key figures: John Dickinson, a patriot who found himself outmaneuvered on the losing side of history; Benjamin Franklin, the most famous man in America, engaged in and perplexed by his city's upheavals; Samuel Adams, implacable in changing the direction of Congress; his cousin John, anxious about the democratic aspirations of their rabble-rousing Philadelphia allies; and those democratic radical organizers themselves, essential to bringing about independence, all but forgotten until now. As the patriots' adventure gathers toward the world-changing climax of the Declaration, conflicts and ironies arise, with trenchant relevance

THE JEFFERSON LIES: EXPOSING THE MYTHS YOU'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED ABOUT THOMAS JEFFERSON by David Barton and Glenn Beck

America, in so many ways, has forgotten. Its roots, its purpose, its identity, all have become shrouded behind a veil of political correctness bent on twisting the nation's founding, and its founders, to fit within a misshapen modern world. The time has come to remember again. In The Jefferson Lies, prominent historian David Barton sets out to correct the distorted image of a once-beloved founding father, Thomas Jefferson. To do so, Barton tackles seven myths head-on, including: Did Thomas Jefferson really have a child by his young slave girl, Sally Hemings? Did he write his own Bible, excluding the parts of Christianity with which he disagreed? Was he a racist who opposed civil rights and equality for black Americans? Did he, in his pursuit of separation of church and state, advocate the secularizing public life? Through Jefferson's own words and the eyewitness testimony of contemporaries, Barton repaints a portrait of the man from Monticello as a visionary, an innovator, a man who revered Jesus, a classical Renaissance man, and a man whose pioneering stand for liberty and God-given inalienable rights fostered a better world for this nation and its posterity. For America, the time to remember these truths again is now.



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SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

Review By Sean Kayden

THE SUMMER PLAYLIST YOU NEED TO HEAR

Teepee – "Time Meant Nothing" – I discovered this new dream-inspired tune the other day. It begins with a certain kind of fuzziness shrouded by echoes in the distance. Frontman Eric S. Laurent has created a song that transcends the parallels of reality and reverie. "Time Meant Nothing" is alleviating, fragile, and pure catharsis. This may not be the ideal summer jam, but it'll mollify your body during the long summer nights. This single will be officially released on July 19 via the Revera Corporation.

Lemonade – "Ice Water" – This sexy, utterly addictive, heavily doused in synths track is their premiere summer song. "Ice Water" comes straight off Lemonade's recently released debut LP, "Diver." 80s inspired vocals, highly effective dance beats, and just pure awesome all the way though, "Ice Water" will cool you off no matter the conditions. If this get-down-and-dirty indie cut isn't playing at the clubs, there's something seriously awry with the current state of electronic-pop.

Echo Lake – "Last Song Of The Year" – Best described as Best Coast meets Beach House, Echo Lake is music for the nostalgic kind. The intoxicating vocals of Linda Jarvis separate Echo Lake from the overcrowded pack of shoegazer enthusiasts. This daydream number, which is off their debut full-length record "Wild Peace," is enchanting, sublime, and sweet. There's beauty to be found throughout the track, but it really shifts into another element when the guitar solo

comes in. Tranquil as a forest, "Last Song Of The Year" may be the last song you hear as your adventurous day settles into a peaceful night. If isn't, then it really should be.

The Antlers – "Drift Dive" – The Antlers' "Burst Apart" was one of my favorite albums of 2011. Over a year later, we are bestowed with the beauty that is "Drift Dive," the first single off their forthcoming EP record. The Antlers are very meticulous musicians. Their music unravels slowly, but effectively. They may not always be perfect in their execution, but when they are, there's truly nothing quite like it. "Drift Dive" is second-to-none and puts The Antlers right back where they left things during their previous outing. The song naturally percolates inside your body and permits you to transcend the limits of your own domain. Allow yourself to drift away from the outer distractions, even for just a little while, with "Drift Dive" being your navigational device.

DIIV – "Follow" – DIIV is the solo project from Zachary Cole Smith, a member of the chillwave outfit, Beach Fossils. On June 26, the band dropped their debut record called, "Oshin." The dream-pop sensory experiment is unusually original and comforting. The song, "Follow," that's powered by just vocals, bass, guitar, and drums flows in such a deeply rhythmic flow. DIIV isn't the band to connect with on a lyrical forefront, but their sonorous style will direct you to a superlative destination.

THE WATERCOLORS OF JACK ANGUS by Christopher Nyerges

Another resident artist at Bean Town

It was Sunday night as I was walking up Baldwin Avenue. I picked up a copy of the Mountain Views News, and headed up to Bean Town. I wanted to drink my coffee, read whatever is on the mind of my favorite columnist Stuart Tolchin, and perhaps chat with Sierra Madre's famous resident artist Steve Hardy. Some of you might recall a profile I wrote of Mr. Hardy some time ago where he shared his love of art, and what motivates him.

I entered Bean Town, and I saw a table with water colors and a nearly-finished drawing. OK, I thought, Steve is here somewhere. I looked to the corner, and to my surprise, there was Steve but his watercolors and sketch pad were there too. Does Steve have a clone, I wondered?

I went over to say hello, and Steve introduced me to 18-year-old Jack Angus, the artist whose gear I first encountered when I entered Bean Town.

Angus told me that Hardy was his influence in working with water colors.

"I met Steve here at Bean Town maybe three years ago," said Angus. "There was no where to sit except at the counter, where I could watch Steve Hardy work his watercolors. I liked the way that Steve did his abstracts, and he made it look so natural. It was a lot more pleasing than anything I'd previously seen."

Angus then began doing his own style of water colors and he found that he really enjoys it.

"I like the way that Steve carves into his paint," explained Angus. "I like that idea and I now carve into my painting as I try for 3D effects."

Angus is a Sierra Madre resident who has been doing artwork off and on since childhood. He's done mostly portrait sketches in pencil, as well as landscapes. Angus showed me a photo of one of his favorite pencil sketches, "A Man With a Patch," though most of his early sketches have been lost or given away.



"I've always found it fun to draw," say Angus, "and it has been a habit since childhood. But since I met Steve Hardy, I now really like doing watercolors."

I asked Angus to tell me what motivates him to draw and to decide the subject matter of his art.

"I just do it, and try not to think about it," he responded. "I enjoy the technique of it. I don't know how the work is going to turn out, and it really portrays the inner workings of my mind on paper."

Angus is a self-taught artist, and he explains that art classes can be good for the skills but not for developing your own individual skills and style. "An art class can explain to you what to do, but your creativity has to come from within."

Though he draws for personal enjoyment, he does say that he would enjoy being able to support himself with his art "as long as I could continue to do my art my own way."

Want to talk to Jack Angus, or Steve Hardy? They can often be found in the evening at Bean Town on Baldwin, "the nexus of Sierra Madre," according to Steve Hardy.



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Thomas Wolfe wrote a book titled *'You Can't Go Home Again'* but throughout the years there have been different variations of that familiar title. Ah but this man lived in an era that didn't include airbuses now did he?

It has been some 40 years that I departed Greek Soil. I recently returned to Greece and am excited to share my experience with you.

If it is history that you seek, there is plenty of that to enjoy, if you are looking for relaxation then this your spot, how about superior cuisine? I will attest that the worst meal of the trip wasn't really all that bad. Yes, Greece has something for everyone.

Getting There: It's a long flight, with choices of airlines and layovers in Toronto, Washington and New York. We traveled on Air Canada and had a layover in Toronto. As a beer drinker, a few Molson's at the airport restaurant helped make the time go by fast. One warning though, if you are using dollars they will give you back Canadian currency, so my suggestion is to use your credit card. Unless you want to have a couple of dollars as a keepsake. Once you make it to Athens, you'll have the choice of a taxi, renting a car, or if you are on a tour like we were then someone will greet you at the terminal. My suggestion is that if this is your first trip a taxi or hotel shuttle would be prudent. However, if you are on the islands, renting a car is safe and easy.

Where to stay: In Athens there is a list of five star, four star and three star hotels. We stayed at the Metropolitan just outside of Athens, and while the hotel was clean and a great view of the port, I wouldn't say it was five star. But I liked that it had a view and was away from downtown Athens that is congested and a bit dirty with graffiti and scooters everywhere. Once in Santorini and Mykonos, the accommodations are very nice, in fact while our hotel in Santorini El Greco, wasn't on the beach it reminded me of staying in a storybook village: very upscale and with four different pools. In Mykonos there are many small/boutique hotels very close to the beach, while our accommodations were close to being cramped, I will call it cozy.

To tour or not: If you have traveled to Athens or any other surrounding Islands before, I don't see any need to sign up for a tour. We did and I am glad we did, but it was the consensus of our group that if any of us were to return, that you could easily do it on your own. We agreed that once if you have seen the ruins and the stadium, that none of us would spend much time in Athens.

Getting Around: Big difference in getting around in Athens and getting around in Greece. First of all it's much hotter in Athens then it is in the islands, and as I mention in when to go July and August have is severe heat. My mother to this day reminds me of the 100+ day in July when I was born on a US Army base. The buses in Athens are usually filled with locals and would opt for taking a taxi or even the tram. On the Islands I do recommend the buses, many of them are new, air-conditioned and dependable, a bus ride is about \$1.40 euro. On the islands you can rent a scooter by the day, it looks fun, but I was warned that many a kid has seen the hospital by crashing into the wall on a narrow road. Getting from island to island is done by Ferry, a boat that costs about \$45 euro. There are airplanes that do fly from the Athens Airport to Santorini/Mykonos, and when I return I will take advantage of them, but for your first visit it adds to the fun of the trip. Bring a book or a crossword puzzle. If you aren't on a guided tour tickets can easily be purchased at the port.

When to go: Athens is hot, I mean temperature hot, in fact many workers and vendors take off August to visit friends and families elsewhere. If you are there to relax and get a tan, then by all means July would be OK, however just visiting the Acropolis in June we were overheated and water was our best friend, I couldn't imagine a July tour of Athens. My suggestion is early June or late September.

Dollar v. Euro: Those looking for bargains, we found that even though Greece is in a financial crisis, they haven't put out the distress flag yet, when shopping you can always ask for the best price. I was warned that dinners can easily run \$60 euro, while I did see that price tag, it was very few and in between. I did notice that the restaurants closest to the water were pricier. A tip is to go to supermarkets, not the markets and buy beer, water and fruit and have it in your hotel refrigerator. The fruit there is some of the best I've had. The beer and sodas at the hotel can be twice or three times as much as getting them at the market or a Kiosk.

Dining in Greece: Originally I was going to give a few reviews of the restaurants that I visited, and after collecting business cards of places that I dined, I came up with this conclusion, where ever you go, you really can't go wrong. You want affordable dining? They have it. Want to dine on or near the beach? Yes, fish and chicken are the most popular items that we came across both in Athens and in Santorini and Mykonos. The items on the menus at each restaurant are very similar. You won't find too many steaks or burgers, yes, they are available but there are no beef cattle being raised in Greece. We enjoyed the Greek Salad and the Rocket Salad pretty much with every meal. You'll find that the Greek Salad has no lettuce, and is made up of cucumbers, olives, tomatoes and Feta Cheese. Something I found odd, the extra charges on the bill, first when they ask if you want bread, we always say yes, there is an additional charge of 2 to 3 euro. Plus sit down restaurants have a cover charge, no not the night club admission, this is a sitting charge, this charge gives you the privilege of sitting at your table for as long as you want, I think this was initiated more for the locals that like to sit for hours and conversing over cigarettes and espresso. Note..

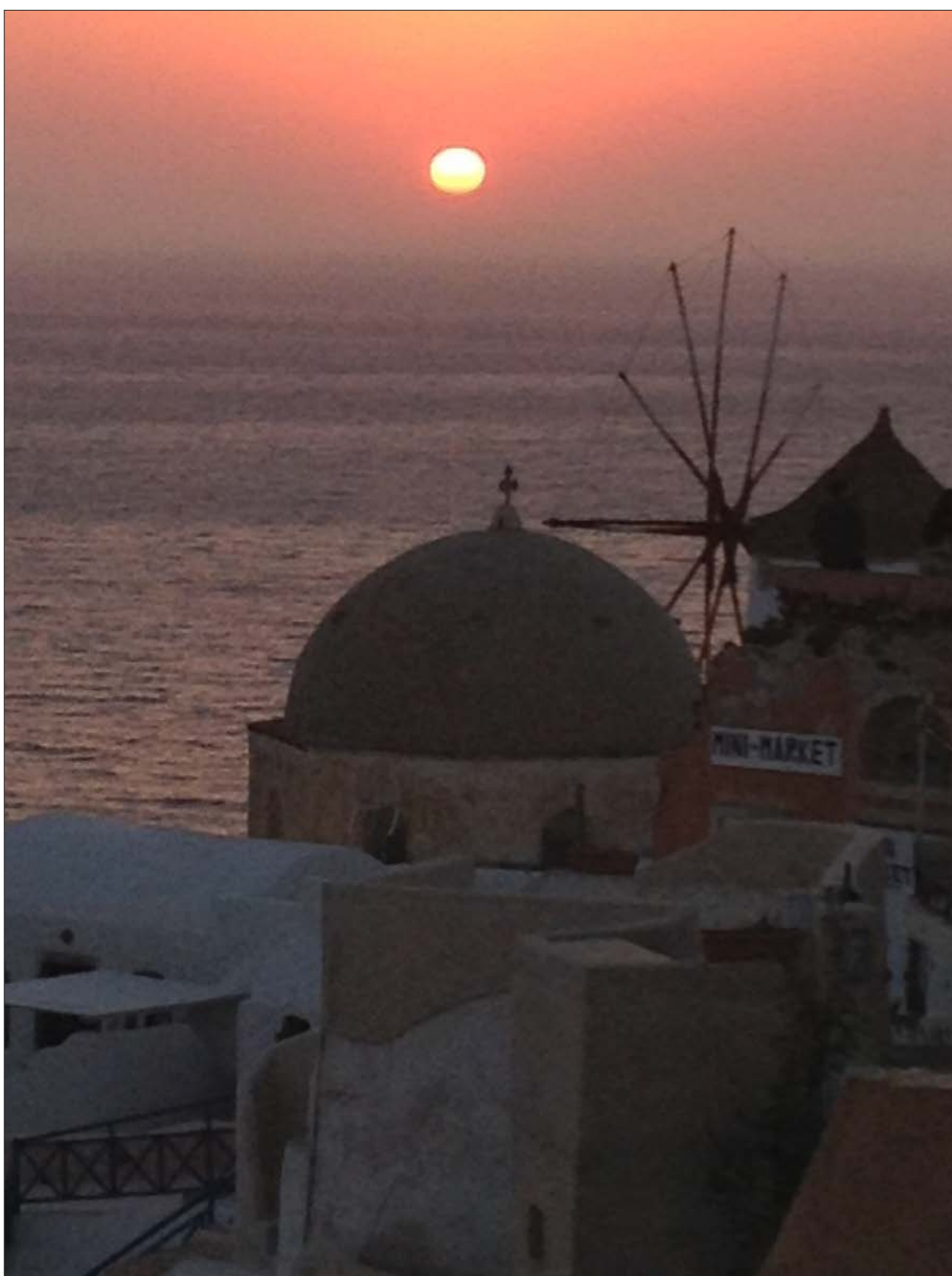
everyone smokes, even while they are working. One spot that did stand out in Athens, near our hotel was Restaurant Kalypso. The food was above average and the waiter even assisted us with our Greek language lessons. We returned there while waiting for our flight home.

Tipping: This isn't as big of a deal that it is in the states. Workers are working for what is called a "living wage", don't ask me to explain a living wage, I am restaurant reviewer not workers rights lawyer, however you won't get the typical service that you'd expect from the waiters, it's not bad, it's "are you ready to order" your food is brought and you might not see your server again, at least until you flag them down/ and I did a lot of flagging down. My suggestion is 10 to 12 % tip. Taxi Cab drivers same thing, a couple of euro are sufficient. As with any trip leaving the chambermaid and if you are on a tour, a tip is suggested.

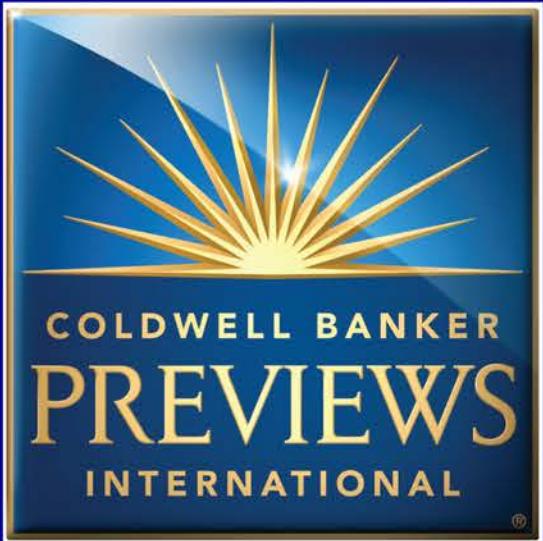
Sightseeing: The first day is full of sight seeing, visit the Acropolis, Zeus Statue, Temple of Poseidon, and the Stadium, an afternoon at the beach in Athens is also a pleasant way to end your day in Athens, a day in Athens? Yes, ! I found Athens to be hot, congested and plain dirty. If you want to see the ruins, I took a boat trip to the Island of Delos. There is a small admission charge once you get there, but you will get a sense of the history of Greece. One of the highlights of the trip was our seven-mile hike on The Santorini; we started at Fira and ended our walk in OIA, beautiful walk looking the cliffs and sights of the Volcano's and the Aegean Sea. Two other musts while we are on Mykonos we took a small boat along the shore and you have your choice of five beaches, a beach for everyone, a party beach, a topless beach, we opted for Elia, plenty of sand and chairs to enjoy a relaxing day sun bathing. Santoroni has been voted top ten sunsets in the entire world. We took the Sunset Cruise that was quite relaxing and is a must; another bonus is the boat stop briefly at one of the volcanic hot springs, hot? No, but quite warm.

Is Greece Safe? : Yes!! On our first day on our vacation we stayed just a few miles from downtown, it wasn't till we went to downtown did we see any police presence, you are more likely to be hit by a scooter then witness any crime that goes for the Islands of Santorini and Mykonos as well.. In fact on the Islands we noticed no police at all, I mean none. I was surprised by the text messages and facebook postings asking me if I was OK? Just like Los Angeles, some areas are better then others, if you are looking for a demonstration I am sure if you wait long enough you can find one.

Opal!!! Pack your bags save your money and head to the Islands of Greece. The locals are waiting for you with open arms and a glass of Ouzo.



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Keyword: Fun Run

Check-in time is from 7:00am to 7:45am. The race concludes at 9:00am. The Firecracker Fun Run begins and ends in the center of Sierra Madre in Kersting Court, at the corner of Sierra Madre Blvd. and Baldwin Ave. Runners begin in Kersting Court, run East on Sierra Madre Blvd. down to Sierra Vista Park, where they turn around and run west back up Sierra Madre to Sunnyside. Participants will turn around again at Sunnyside and travel the parade route on Sierra Madre Blvd. back to Kersting Court.

Before June 26:
\$20 per person
\$10 per child under 10
\$15 per person for a family of 4 or more

After June 26:
(t-shirt may not be available)
\$25 per person



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Fireworks Safety

Fireworks during the Fourth of July are as American as apple-pie, but did you know that more than twice the number of fires are reported on that day than on any other day of the year in the United States? Two out of five of these fires are caused by fireworks. The good news is you can enjoy your holiday and the fireworks, with just a few simple safety tips:

PROCEED WITH CAUTION!

- Leave fireworks to the professionals. Do not use consumer fireworks.
- The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals.
- After the firework display, children should never pick up fireworks that may be left over, they may still be active.


CONSUMER FIREWORKS include sparklers and firecrackers. The tip of a sparkler burns at a temperature of more than **1,200 degrees Fahrenheit**, which is hot enough to cause third-degree burns.



FACTS

- Each July Fourth, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using consumer fireworks.
- The risk of fireworks injury is highest for children ages 5-14.
- More than 80% of emergency room fireworks injuries involve fireworks consumers are permitted to use.

Your Source for SAFETY Information
NFPA NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169
www.nfpa.org/education



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SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2012 at 7:30 PM

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
3700 E. SIERRA MADRE BLVD, PASADENA

Program
Fingal's Cave by Mendelssohn
Concertino for Clarinet by von Weber
1st movement of Concerto in G minor for violin by Bruch
1st movement of Cello Concerto #1 by Saint-Saens
1st movement of Concerto in A minor for piano by Grieg

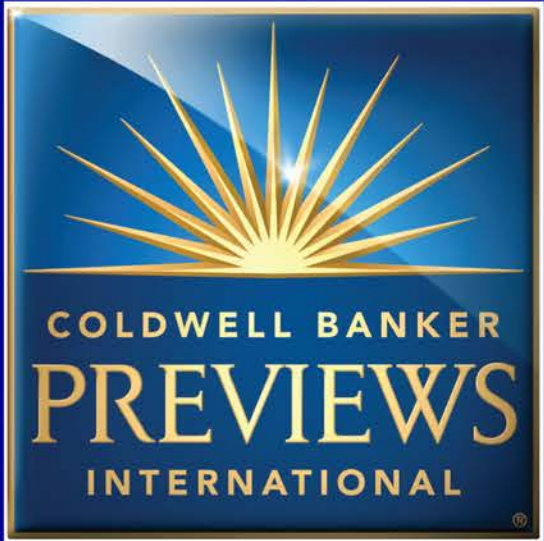
admission free

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Arcadia

Sun 2-4	\$848,000	3 br, 2 ba	1706 La Ramada Ave.
Sun 2-4	\$622,000	3 br, 2.5 ba	319 California St. #C
Sat/Sun 1-5	\$620,000	3 br, 2.5 ba	21 Alta St.
Sat/Sun 1-5	\$3,388,000	5 br, 7 ba	502 W. Woodruff Ave.
Sun 2-4	\$1,688,000	3 br, 2.5 ba	1130 W. Orange Grove Ave.

Covina

Sun 2-5	499,500	4 br, 3 ba	662 E. Hollenbeck Ave.
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Duarte

Sat/Sun 1-4	\$338,000	4 br, 3 ba	2620 Huntington Dr. #C
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Glendora

Sun 2-4	\$449,900	3 br, 3 ba	1201 Valebrook Pl.
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Monrovia

Sun 2-4	\$729,000	3 br, 3 ba	356 E. Hillcrest Blvd.
Sun 2-4	\$538,000	3 br, 2.5 ba	123 Peppertree Ln.
Sun 2-4	\$1,199,000	3 br, 3 ba	746 Mountain View

Pasadena

Sun 2-4	\$925,000	5 br, 3 ba	1295 E. Orange Grove Ave.
Sun 2-4	\$1,175,000	3 br, 2 ba	345 Redwood Dr.

Sunset Beach

Sun 1-4	\$1,248,000	3 br, 4 ba	16843 Broadway #4
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Janie Steckenrider

345 Redwood Drive Pasadena



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\$1,175,000

This dramatic contemporary home in the San Rafael Hills with 3,331 sf was built in 1989 and has spectacular views from nearly every room. The open floor plan is highlighted by a living room with high beam ceilings, a dining room surrounded by walls of glass, 3 bedroom suites with walk-in closets and a den with a fireplace. There is an elevator, large laundry room, attached garage, many balconies and a level entry into the house. A sparkling pool and spa complete the tranquil rear yard.

246 Angelo Place, Arcadia



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Located in the Highland Oaks Area, this wonderful mid-century modern 3,200 sf one-level home has 4 bedrooms and 3 baths. The spacious living room and dining room have walls of glass to capture the incredible view of the city lights. A family room adjoins the large kitchen and both open to a covered patio. The master bedroom boasts its own lovely garden for a private retreat. Other features include a laundry room, attached garage, office area, fireplace and abundant storage. This is a home not to be missed!



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- Kitchen, Large pantry, Island
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- 3-Car Garage
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- Koi Pond/Waterfall
- Large Patio Deck (Eon Brand)
- Solar Panels (2011)
- House: 4,909 (Assessor)
- Lot Size: 32,630 Sq. Ft. (Assessor)

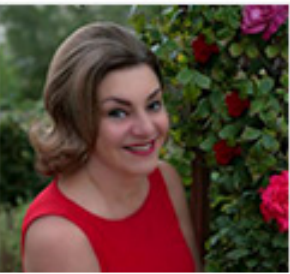
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