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## Sierra Madre Says Happy Birthday America!



Sierra Madre's Annual Fourth Of July Parade brings together the young and old in a genuine old fashioned celebration. Mountain Views News Photographers Dean Lee and Lina Johnson have captured the essence of the event with their cameras. View the entire album at [www.MtnViewsNews.com](http://www.MtnViewsNews.com).



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On a more somber note:

### Bob Mitchell, The King of Silent Movie Organists Passes Away

By Susan Henderson

Not all of the news on July 4th was happy. That day, Bob Mitchell, best known as the silent movie organist of Los Angeles and the House Musician for the Dodgers, died a few months shy of his 97th birthday.

Mitchell was also well known in Sierra



Madre where he played for the Silent Movie festival sponsored by the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society annually.

Born in Los Angeles in 1912, his family moved to Sierra Madre in 1916. They remained in the city for the next ten years. During that time, his father served as Mayor from 1918-1924.

Bob began playing the piano at age 4. At 10, he had his first organ lesson at The Church Of The Ascension in Sierra Madre. At age 12 he began his lifelong love of playing for silent movies in Pasadena at the Strand Theatre. By his mid-teens, he became music director at an Episcopal Church in Montecito. He studied for a year at the Eastman School in Rochester, New York and while in New York, he did radio broadcasts, both singing and playing.

Among his many accomplishments, Bob started the Bob Mitchell Boy's Choir which developed a national reputation and appeared in over 100 movies. Their movie credits included such classics as "Going My Way" and "The Bishop's Wife".

In 1962, Bob also became the first organist at the new Dodger Stadium.

A brilliant, charming and charitable man, Bob was truly one of a kind. For more than 90 years, he shared his talents with others, bringing joy to their hearts and ears.

He is survived by several cousins and his long time caretaker, Vincent Morton.

Services were held on Friday, July 10th at Christ The King Catholic Church, Los Angeles.

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**Thur:** Sunny Hi 90s Lows 70s  
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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

## SUMMER FUN AT SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY

One of the sounds of summer is that dreaded lament, heard in households everywhere—"Mom, I'm bored!" We invite you to let the Sierra Madre Public Library come to your rescue with these kid-pleasing programs.

Preschool Story Hour is held year-round, every Monday morning, from 10:00-11:00 a.m., and every Wednesday evening from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Services Librarian Meegan Tosh provides stories, songs, and craft projects for our youngest patrons.

"Barks & Books" is held at 3:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Children read to gentle and friendly dog visitors, which are accompanied by Pasadena Humane Society volunteer Dorothy Raymond. Ms. Raymond brings several of her specially trained dogs to area libraries for this popular program.

Bring the kids to our special summertime Story Hours, Wednesday afternoons at 3:00 p.m., June 24 - August 12.

Artist and Storyteller Hope White Demetriades will lead Creative Art Story Times for children ages 6-10, Mondays at 3:00 p.m., starting June 22. This activity is limited to the first 20, so bring the kids early to ensure a seat.

The Sierra Madre Public Library is located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre. For more information, please visit the Library's web site, [www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us](http://www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us), or call Youth Services Librarian, Meegan Tosh, at 355-4672.

## ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM AT SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY

Sierra Madre Public Library's popular Adult Summer Reading Program is now in its third year. This year's theme is "Master the Art of Reading," which will showcase fiction and nonfiction works that revolve around the visual arts. This free program will run eight weeks, from June 22 - August 15. Register at the Library or online beginning June 22. To register online, visit the Library website, [www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us](http://www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us), and click on the Summer Reading Program button. Incentives will be given out to registered participants as supplies last. You must be 18 or older to participate.

Participants will fill out a reading log form for each title read and submit it at the Library for a chance to win a weekly prize. Winners will not be eligible for more than one weekly prize. All participants, including the weekly prize winners, will be eligible for the Grand Prize Drawing, which will take place on August 17.

In June, the Library display case will feature an assortment of prize items from the Collaborative Summer Library Program, the organization that provides the theme and promotional materials for our Summer Reading Programs. One lucky reader will win all the prizes on display in the case in one of our weekly prize drawings!

The Adult Summer Reading Program is sponsored by the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library. The Sierra Madre Public Library is located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre. For more information, please visit the Library's web site, [www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us](http://www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us), or call Polly Bonnett at 626-355-7186 x 105.

## NEW! "SPEED READ" BOOKS AT SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY

Do you like to read 'em first and read 'em fast? Then this new feature was made with you in mind! Starting mid-July, the Sierra Madre Public Library will be offering a "Speed Read" shelf of current NY Times and LA Times fiction and non-fiction Best Sellers. To ensure that the maximum number of patrons have quick access to these new and popular titles, Speed Read copies will be available for seven-day checkout only, with no renewals or holds. Overdue fines will be \$1.00 per day per book. Speed Reads will be second copies of titles that will also be acquired for the Library's permanent collection, which will still circulate for three weeks, with one renewal permitted if the books are not on hold. For more information on this, or any of our other programs and services, please call or stop by during the Library's open hours. The Sierra Madre Public Library is located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre. Open Monday through Wednesday from Noon to 9 p.m., Thursday and Friday from Noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (626) 355-7186. [www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us](http://www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us)

## BARGAIN BOOK TABLE SALE AT SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library will have a Bargain Book Table Sale inside the Library, Monday, July 6 through Saturday, July 11, during the Library's public open hours. Pick up a great summer read from these featured subjects: Fiction, Biography, Health, Children's, and Specialty Books. All books are in good condition and will be sold at the bargain price of \$1.00 each. These every-other-month book sales provide funding for Library resources and programs. The Sierra Madre Public Library, located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre, is open Monday through Wednesday from Noon to 9 p.m., Thursday and Friday from Noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For information on all our Library activities and services, please call (626) 355-7186, or visit our website at [www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us](http://www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us).

# HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

5		8	Arts Commission Council Chambers 6:30 pm	9	Summer Fun In the Park Memorial Park 9:30 AM	
12	Concerts in The Park Memorial Park 6:00 PM	14	Summer Fun In the Park Memorial Park 9:30 AM	15	Tree Commission Meeting, Council Chambers 7:00 PM	
19	Concerts in The Park Memorial Park 6:00 PM	20	Community Services Commission Council Chambers 6:30 PM	21	Summer Fun In the Park Memorial Park 9:30 AM	
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## Arcadia Summer Concert Series!

Mark your calendar! The City of Arcadia's FREE summer concert series is approaching fast, so make sure you don't miss out on the fun in the sun! The summer concerts are held on the lawn between City Hall and the Police Department (240 West Huntington Drive). The summer concert series are held on Thursday evenings starting at 6:30-8pm (New time). Bring the kids out to participate in the FREE fun zone, featuring games, crafts, and activities each week. For more information, please call 626.574.5113. Listed below is the line up for this summer.

July 16th—Howlin' Blues Boogie Band--Blues

July 23rd—Rockit Scientist—Tribute to the Baby Boomers

July 30th—Silverados--Country

August 6th—Cold Duck—70's/Top 40. Join us this evening for a special celebration...National Night Out & Arcadia's 106th Birthday! National Night Out promotes crime prevention and awareness through police-community partnerships. Arcadia's Police and Fire Department will be joining us for this very special occasion. Free fingerprinting for the kids, crime prevention materials and other information will be available. Stop by and show your support to Arcadia's finest. But wait...that is not it! Help Arcadia celebrate our 106th birthday by enjoying some birthday cake (while supplies last) sponsored by Arcadia's Historical Society. YUM!

August 13th—Jumpin Joz—Jump/Swing

August 20th—Rubber Soul—Tribute to the Beatles

## Sierra Madre FREE Concert in the Park Series

Join the City of Sierra Madre this summer for the Concerts in the Park Series which begins Sunday July 12, 2009 and occurs every Sunday through August 30, 2009. The eight concert series begin at 6:00pm and run through 8:00pm, except for the August 30th concert which begins at 7:30 pm. All concerts will be held at the Memorial Park Bandshell, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. next to City Hall. Seating is on the green so remember to bring blankets and lawn chairs. Also, alcohol is prohibited. If you have questions about the concerts or would like a concert roster please call the Community and Personnel Services Department at (626) 355-5278.

## The City of Sierra Madre's Summer Fun in the Park

The City of Sierra Madre is offering the Summer Fun in the Park program every Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 am to 10:30 am at the Memorial Park Bandshell, 222 West Sierra Madre Blvd. The program is absolutely free and is for children ages 3 to 10 years. Tuesday activities start July 7 and run through August 25 and emphasize a variety of learning opportunities. Every Thursday starting July 9 through August 27 children are able to get out and get active with a fitness based program offered by Competitive Athlete Training Zone (CATZ). For Thursdays remember to bring sneakers, shorts, a t-shirt, and a water bottle. If you have questions about the program or would like specific program information please call the Community and Personnel Services Department at (626) 355-5278.

## AARP 55 Alive / Mature Driving Class

August 25th & 26th - 9 am to 1 pm both days

This class is designed to help mature drivers recognize their physical limitations and learn how to best compensate for them. Most insurance companies honor the class certificate by discounting insurance rates. Participants are asked to register in advance - 10 students are required - drivers over 70 must take DMV written test.

Fee: \$12 AARP Members, \$14 Non-Member

To register, please call (626) 355-7394

## Recognize And Honor The True Treasures of Sierra Madre!

Sierra Madre Honors... a Recognition and Appreciation Dinner will recognize all out-going City Commissioners as well as extraordinary community members, organizations, and employees for their contributions to the community. Please take a moment to view the five awards listed below and nominate any person you feel is eligible for such an honor. Applications may be obtained at City Hall or the City website at [www.cityofsierramadre.com](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com) should you wish to make a nomination. Alternatively, you may submit a one page description of the person/entity and why they should be honored. Nominations must be submitted to the Mayor's Ad-Hoc Committee at City Hall no later than Monday, July 27th at 4:00 pm.

**GEORGE MAURER (LIFETIME SERVICE) AWARD**  
Presented to a person/entity that most strongly represents a commitment to serving and volunteering, which is the true spirit of Sierra Madre

**WISTARIA AWARD**  
In recognition of City/Community partnership, presented to a local business or organization whose major contributions to the City/Community of Sierra Madre have demonstrated a true partnership which assists in and provides services, programs or enhances the general welfare of the community as a whole.

**POLICE CHIEF'S SPECIAL AWARD**  
Presented by the Sierra Madre Chief of Police to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding dedication to duty (employee) or service (community) in resolving a community law enforcement related issue

**PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD**  
Presented by the Mayor to an individual, either an employee or citizen, who took action to protect and maintain the safety of the community by taking lifesaving action

**PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD (EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR)**

Presented by the Mayor upon the recommendation of the City Manager (nominated by other city employees) to an extraordinary city employee who has represented remarkable customer and public service as well as dedication to the citizens of Sierra Madre over the course of a year

If you have questions regarding Sierra Madre Honors... program you may contact the Community & Personnel Services Department at 626 355-5278 or by e-mail at [city@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:city@cityofsierramadre.com)

## Professional Soccer Returns to Pasadena

The City of Pasadena is celebrating the return of world class soccer. Two European champions, Chelsea FC and Inter Milan, are coming to the Rose Bowl on Tuesday, July 21, 2009. The match commemorates three milestones at the Rose Bowl - the 10th anniversary of the FIFA Women's World Cup, the 15th anniversary of the FIFA Men's World Cup and the 25th anniversary of soccer played at the 1984 Summer Olympics.

We have not hosted international soccer of this caliber since our US Women's Team beat China to become the world champions a decade ago. More than 40 World Cup players and six National Team captains will take the field July here in Pasadena. Fans can expect to see legendary first-team players that will include Chelsea's Frank Lampard and Didier Drogba and Inter Milan's Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Javier Zanetti.

We seek your support to ensure this game is a success. Here are a few ways you can help our mission: Promote the game actively to your friends, associates and co-workers; Distribute event posters or fliers supplied by LAFC Chelsea; Become an event sponsor to help bring underprivileged children and their families to the game. Various sponsorship levels are available and include VIP access to the game.

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## SIERRA MADRE CONDUCTS STROKE STUDY

The Sierra Madre Fire Department Paramedic Program is participating in Stroke Research through its participation in the FAST-MAG (Field Administration of Stroke Therapy – Magnesium) study. This study is being conducted by Robert Goldweber, MD at Huntington Memorial Hospital, and Jeffrey L. Saver, MD, Sidney Starkman, MD, Bruce Ovbiagele, MD, David Liebeskind, MD, Doojin Kim, MD, Latisha Ali, MD, and Lucas Restrepo, MD from the departments of Emergency Medicine and Neurology at the University of California, Los Angeles and Nerses Sanossian, MD, from the Department of Neurology at the University of Southern California. This multi-center project involves approximately 69 hospitals in the county of Los Angeles and will enroll 1298 subjects.

The purpose of this study is to determine if magnesium sulfate injected into the vein by paramedics in the field in the first two hours after a stroke improves the outcome of stroke patients and can reduce long term disability in acute stroke patients. The time window for stroke treatment is narrow, and the first two hours from symptom onset may be a crucial time to initiate therapy to protect brain cells. Paramedics working in the field are in a unique position to identify stroke patients, as well as, alert the receiving hospital to prepare for immediate CT scans upon arrival to the hospital. Initiation of treatment in the field can greatly reduce the time from onset of stroke symptoms to initiation of treatment.

If you call the Paramedics in the City of Sierra Madre, depending upon the reason for your call, you may be asked to participate in a research study. Specifically, if you call 911 and the paramedics arrive and believe you may be having a stroke based upon certain field diagnostic criteria – the paramedics will immediately treat you to stabilize your condition and may make the following statement and ask the following question:

*"It looks like you may be having a stroke. You may qualify for a study evaluating an experimental drug for strokes. If you would like more information about the study, we will call the study doctor who will explain the study and consent form as you read it. While on the phone, we will provide usual care and getting you ready for transport to the hospital. Would you like me to call the study doctor?" This may be asked of you if the Paramedic's believe you are having a Stroke!!!*

This study will in no way upset or interfere with the normal field treatment of a person potentially having a stroke. The Sierra Madre Fire Department Paramedics will treat each individual patient based upon signs and symptoms of any problem; they will do this professionally, expeditiously, and ethically. In no way will the Paramedics delay, or not perform standards of care just to enroll a patient in a study. If you choose to participate in this study, we will be treating you just as we normally would treat you if you were having a stroke; however, we will have an additional person of the phone enrolling you in the study. There will be no delay in care or transport.

**What is a stroke?** A stroke occurs when a part of the brain is deprived of oxygen and dies. According to the American Heart Association, stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States (behind heart disease and cancer). Each year, about 600,000 Americans suffer a new or recurrent stroke. Stroke is also the leading cause of serious, long-term disability. Up to 30% of patients are permanently disabled after a stroke. Rates of stroke increase with age – two-thirds of all patients are over 65 years of age. Men have a slightly higher rate stroke than women. Stroke is also more common in African-Americans, people with a family history of stroke, and patients with diabetes.

**What if I don't want to participate in this study?**

## Duarte

### METRO SETS TOUR DATES AND COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE FOR DUARTE RESIDENTS FOR NEXT IMPORTANT STEP TO COMPLETE METRO GOLD LINE FOOTHILL EXTENSION

In response to requests of Duarte City Council members and city residents, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) has scheduled three tours and a community open house. These tours will provide an opportunity to see all three of Metro's operating light rail maintenance yards. A new rail maintenance facility is necessary to complete and operate the Foothill Extension. In May, the Metro Board directed staff to commence activities to conduct a formal environmental analysis. This process will include locating a range of properties that would be suitable to fulfill this function and conduct the formal outreach to obtain public input. The tours and open house are a way to familiarize members of the community with how a light rail system is maintained and how the formal process will proceed in the near future. Included in the tours are the light rail

If for any reason you do not want to participate in this program, you may decline to participate, and no further questions will be asked of you regarding the study. The paramedics will continue to treat and transport you based upon symptoms and protocols.

**What is Magnesium Sulfate?** Magnesium Sulfate is a natural element that has been shown in animal studies to protect brain cells from sudden decreased blood flow. It has been safely used in humans for other purposes for many years. Magnesium Sulfate has been used for pre-eclampsia / eclampsia of pregnancy, and cardiac arrhythmias (torsades de pointe). Magnesium Sulfate is safe to administer when given slowly, it is inexpensive, and has been tested in prior research trials as a neuroprotectant with promising results.

**What happens if you do decide to enroll in this study?** If you decide to enroll in this study based upon the initial findings of the responding paramedics, you will be asked to sign a study enrollment form; as well as, you will speak directly to the enrolling physician. He or she will ask you certain questions as the paramedics continue to prepare you for transport to the hospital: If for some reason you are unable to sign the forms or speak with the enrolling physician, an immediate family member may assist you in making this enrollment decision.

*(Take time out to speak with your family about all of your wishes should you become injured or ill, it is times like these when the decision making process is much easier if this has been discussed ahead of time).*

**I have signed the forms, what happens now?** Once you have signed the forms and spoken to the enrolling physician, or a family member has assisted you in doing so, the paramedics will connect a piggyback intravenous bag to an intravenous bag they will already have placed into your arm, and they will administer either Magnesium Sulfate, or a placebo. The paramedics will not know what they are administering, nor will the enrolling physician. This is a double-blind study, and the results of this study will become known after all of the enrollments have been established. Once you have arrived at the destination hospital, you will be met by the enrolling physician and further treatment will begin to take place.

**The bottom line!** If you are asked to participate in this trial study, it is because the responding Paramedics believe you are having a stroke. Take a moment to read this article and let it all sink in. This is a great opportunity to open up a discussion with your family, and with yourself about potential medical issues of all types that may potentially happen to any of us. What do you want to have happen too you? What do you want have happen to your loved one's? Talk about it now, so you will be prepared if something happens to you or those you love.

The Sierra Madre Fire Department has enrolled two participants in the FAST-MAG study since we started our participation in the program. The Sierra Madre Fire Department Paramedic program believes this to be a very worthwhile study, and believes it is critical to future cures to this often times, very debilitating event. You will be participating in potentially life saving and life changing research should you be enrolled in the FAST-MAG research study. For more information regarding this research and the FAST-MAG program, you can go to [www.fastmag.info](http://www.fastmag.info) for detailed information.

The Sierra Madre Fire Department wishes all of the citizens of this great city good health and happiness.

Submitted by: Greg Christmas, Captain - Paramedic Coordinator

maintenance yards for Metro's Blue, Green and Gold Lines located in Long Beach, Lawndale and Los Angeles. Tours will begin at the Sierra Madre Villa Gold Line station. The tours are scheduled for Saturday, July 18, 9 a.m.-1p.m.; Wednesday, July 22, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and on Tuesday, August 4, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Residents interested in taking a tour should contact Dave Monks, Metro Constituent Program Manager, 213-922-7456 to make a reservation. Additional tours may be added based on community response.

Metro will host an open house for community members regarding the pending study. The community will be updated on the Foothill Gold Line Extension and get a recap of the tours will be given for those who were unable to participate. The open house will be on Tuesday, August 6; from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the City of Duarte Community Center located at 1600 Huntington Dr., in the City of Duarte.



## Around Monrovia

by Pat Ostrye

### Around Monrovia

#### New Superintendent of Schools

The retirement festivities are over and it's back to business at the MUSD offices, welcoming Monrovia's new School Superintendent, Dr. Linda Wagner, to the fold. Dr. Wagner comes to the Monrovia School District from Keppel Union School District in Pearblossom, CA, where she was Superintendent for three years.

Dr. Linda was a bilingual teacher for seven years of her teaching career and received her Doctorate from the University of LaVerne in 1999. Her dissertation topic was "Instructional Leadership in High Poverty Schools" and she holds a bilingual cultural language and academic development certificate in Spanish (BCLAD), in addition to professional clear administration and teaching credentials.

Today I also have more information from Margaret Jenkins, President of the British Home in Sierra Madre, regarding the 100th birthday party, held on June 13th, for Nell Parks, a very special resident of the Home for more than 15 years. Nell is now head of a five-generation family, having had a great-great granddaughter born in May of this year.

The gala event was held in the main dining room at the British Home with over 70 people in attendance. Among the numerous congratulatory letters and commendations from various dignitaries, was a scroll from the office of LA County Supervisor Michael

Antonovich, also flowers from the British Consul-General, Bob Peirce and his wife Sharon. During the event, Past President of the Daughters of the British Empire, Mary Plenty, presented a special poem written for Nell, and all joined in for the singing of the Canadian National Anthem, "O Canada", Nell having been born in Canada.

A word or two about this extraordinary woman, Nell. She really enjoys life to the fullest at the Home, particularly her great social life. She is very well-read, retaining all of her mental faculties, and has written a book about life experiences, particularly, life in Winnipeg, including romance, intrigue and crime, with an element of autobiography!

Another spectacular event at the Home recently was a concert by celebrated harpist, Julia Cunningham. Julia has played for Pope John Paul II, with Pavarotti in Milan, for the Prince of Wales and the Prince of Monaco, and for Oprah Winfred in her home in Montecito, CA. That does sound very celebrated!!

As I write this I am informed of the death of Bob Myers today, (7-6-09), long-time and active Monrovia. My sincere condolences go out to his wife Pat, my good friend, and to their family.

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## Monrovia

### Two Monrovia City Employee Groups Agree to Pay, Benefit Cuts; Third Opting for Furloughs

Two Monrovia City Employee Groups Agree to Pay, Benefit Cuts; Third Opting for Furloughs. Two of Monrovia's three municipal employee associations have agreed to a variety of pay and benefit cuts to help balance the City's 2009-2011 budgets.

Both the Monrovia Municipal Employees Association (MMEA) and the Monrovia Firefighters Association (MFA) have agreed to the cuts. So have the City's managers and mid-managers.

The third employee association, the Monrovia Police Officers Association (MPOA), has said it favors a work furlough program offered by the City in lieu of pay and benefit reductions. The furlough plan would mean Police Department employees would each take 1 1/2 days off without pay over the next year. All shifts would still be fully staffed.

Negotiations with the MPOA are being scheduled,

according to City Manager Scott Ochoa, and an agreement could be reached by the next City Council meeting on July 21.

The cost-cutting was necessitated, Ochoa explained, by national economic conditions that have sent sales taxes plummeting, cutting City revenue and leaving a \$2.6 million gap in the \$60.7 million 2009-2010 budget, with a growing deficit projected the following year and beyond. In late June, the Council adopted its two-year fiscal plan, with balanced budgets in both 2009-2010 and 2010-2011. It was done by factoring in the savings from the pay cuts or possible work furloughs, cutting programs, not filling vacant positions, offering early retirement payouts and laying off employees – all in addition to earlier budget cuts and employee attrition.

In all, the City staff is being reduced by 22 positions on top of the 10 positions eliminated over the past two years in other budget cutbacks.

## Pasadena

### Remember When to Salute the Military, Veterans & the Music of WWII at Pasadena Mason's Dinner

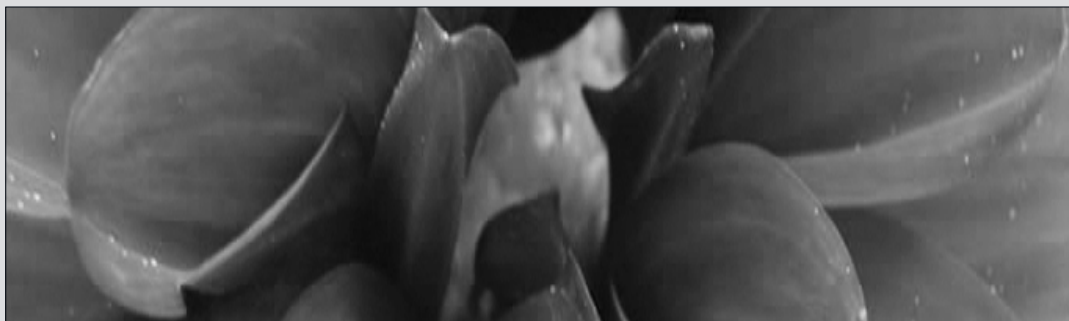
On Tuesday, July 14, the Jazz Vocal Group Remember When will be presenting a special musical program honoring the members of the United States Military at the Pasadena Masonic Lodge's regular monthly family dinner. The program will follow the family dinner at 6:30PM at the Pasadena Masonic Temple, 200 S Euclid Ave (at Cordova Ave) in Pasadena. The dinner cost is \$8.00 per person and the public is welcome to attend. This event was inspired by the current Master of Pasadena Lodge Ron Lewis who is currently active in the United States Navy as a Medical Technician. He is looking forward to a large crowd and the public is welcome to attend.

"The musical program will feature some great music from the World War II days,"

said Steve Hawkins, the leader of Remember When. "During that time, many great songs were released, including BOOGIE WOOGIE BUGLE BOY, and DON'T SIT UNDER THE APPLE TREE, which became big hits for the Andrew Sisters. Our special woman's trio will be performing them in the same style." Remember When started as a hobby in 1999, but has grown a lot since then. "This will be the third time we have performed for Pasadena Masonic Lodge," Hawkins continued. "This is the first time that the lodge has opened the dinner to the general public. Previously, we have only done private parties there." There will be no advance ticket sales, but reservations can be made by calling the Pasadena Masonic Temple: (626) 795-5610. Dinner is only \$ 8.00 per person.

## La Canada

### Evening Bites with Chef Tiana at Descanso Gardens



Cooking class on July 16 will be held at the historic Boddy House. Patina Chef Tiana Driggins is back for another leisurely afternoon of cooking and sampling in the beautiful and historic Boddy House kitchen on Thursday, July 16 from 1-5 p.m.

This time she demonstrates tiny party tastes that are fresh and glamorous yet relatively inexpensive. Seasonal ingredients are featured and a festive time is guaranteed for all.

The cost for the workshop is \$60, \$50 members. To register and for more information, call (818) 949-7980.

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## Firefighters Are Grillin' For A Good Cause



This Saturday Pasadena firefighters will break out their cherished-out custom grill and cook up everything they're famous for, all as a benefit to Ronald McDonald House in Pasadena.

The event will be from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at The Daily Grind Coffee House 100 W. Green Street. As well as food there will also be live music performances and two fire trucks from Fire Station #31.

Complete meals are \$4.99 including side dishes and desserts. Pasadena's Ronald McDonald House provides a community-supported home away from home where parents and families of critically or terminally ill children can stay while the little ones are receiving treatment at Huntington Hospital and other nearby medical facilities.

Pasadena firefighters have supported this Ronald McDonald House for many years through a variety of events and activities.

## Pet of the Week



Charlie, an adorable, year old Chihuahua mix is looking for a new home. He was a little shy when he first arrived at the shelter but is quickly coming out of his shell. Charlie likes other small dogs and could be a great addition to your family!

The regular dog adoption fee is \$120, which includes medical care prior to adoption, spaying or neutering, vaccinations, and a follow-up visit with a participating vet.

Please call 626-792-7151 and ask for A252271 or come to the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA, 361 S. Raymond Ave, Pasadena CA, 91105.

Our adoption hours are 11-3 Sunday, 9-4 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 9-3 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets updated hourly may be found at [www.pasadenahumane.org](http://www.pasadenahumane.org)

## PCC Cuts Winter Intersession

By Dean Lee

In a move that surprised many, the Pasadena City College Board of Trustees voted July 1 to eliminate the 2010 winter intersession at PCC as part of a plan to reduce spending by \$7.7 million.

PCC Public Relations Director Juan Gutierrez said the short six week intersession, January through February averages about 16,000 full time enrolled students. He said by eliminating the intersession they could offer more courses in Fall and Spring. They plan to add 250 sections over the year he said.

Gutierrez said the college had no choice but to cut as they were running on reserve money. "The state has owned us money for months now," he said. "We don't have any more reserve right now." About \$80 million is owed he added.

In a message to the college PCC president Paulette Perfumo said the cut would "right size" course offering allowing them to focus on Fall and Spring semesters. She also took a job at Sacramento.

"Our campus groups made every effort to keep the cuts



away from the classrooms and our students, but the magnitude of these draconian cuts from Sacramento made this impossible," she said.

Gutierrez said they plan to bring bank the intersession whenever the funds become available although he said that did not look likely through 2011.

Part time instructor Scott Carter said his main concern was the impact on students even though he only teaches during the winter and

summer intersession, cutting his salary in half.

"Sure it impacts me, I will lose money," he said. "But that's a selfish consideration because I don't know a teacher here who is teaching to get rich."

Carter teaches a live radio workshop that runs Lancer Radio 88.9 FM.

"When people are doing a class like this you have to keep your skill level up," he said comparing radio to music." He said taking off

six to eight weeks breaks concentration. It also takes the station off air.

Carter said he hopes they reschedule the class to be taught during Fall.

Gutierrez said the trustees also voted to freeze hiring, offer early retirement to staff, reduce conference/travel and reduce the use of consultants.

He said they expect 32,000 students to enroll for the upcoming fall semester.

## Workshops for Teens at the Library



### Oriental Fusion

Reiyukai America will lead a four day art class for teens, July 27 through 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the San Rafael Branch Library, 1240 Nithsdale Rd. Students will make a different art project each day based on Japanese handcrafts using recycled materials.

Class size is limited to 15 students. Registration is required. To register, call (626) 744-7270.

### U Design It

Instructors from the Pasadena Armory Center for the Arts will teach a five day t-shirt design camp for teens from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Lamanda Park Branch Library, 140 S. Altadena Dr., July 27 through 30.

Students will create their own unique t-shirt designs then learn how to screen print those designs onto t-shirts for them to keep. The class size for this workshop is limited to 10, and registration is required.

To register for the workshop, call (626) 744-7266.

## Local Singer Heals the World at Jackson Memorial

By Dean Lee

The internet was abuzz Wednesday as many questioned who the unknown singer was that sang lead vocal to Michael Jackson's "Heal the World," during Jackson's own memorial service at the Staples Center. Jackson died June 25.

The vocalist was local Pasadena resident Judith Hill according to reports. Hill sang as Jackson family members held hands. The stage was filled with children and at one point she gave the microphone to them to sing.

A number of blogs say Hill was to be a back up singer for Jackson's now defunct "This Is It!" concerts in London this summer.

Reports also said that performers of "We Are the World" and "Heal the World," including Hill, were not identified to the



Pasadena resident Judith Hill press.

A number of Hill's friends, on her MySpace page, congratulated her on the performance.

"You killed it today on Michael Jackson's memorial," one friend said. "I'm proud of you."

The Bio on her own website says "she was

born in Los Angeles and raised in a family of musicians. Her mother is an immigrant from Japan who met her father in a funk band in the 1970s."

Powerpresskits.com lists Hill as an accomplished singer, composer, songwriter and producer. She is 25 and according

to the site has performed with such music greats as, Smokey Robinson and Lionel Richie among others. She also toured Europe with the French pop star, Michel Polnareff. She has also sung in many movies and TV shows including Dreamgirls and The Golden Globe Awards. Hill is working on, this year, releasing her first solo album.

She was also not the only person from Pasadena to be part of the ceremony.

According to a number of local reports, Pastor Lucious Smith of the Friendship Baptist Church was also from Pasadena. He gave the opening and closing prayer.

He spoke about Jackson's life and talent. The service began with Smokey Robinson reading comments from Nelson Mandela. Diana Ross and others close the Jackson.

## New Time Limits For Meters



Customers parking adjacent to Pasadena City Hall have twice as long to complete their errands now that longer time limits have been established for parking meters.

The time limit has been extended from 30 to 60 minutes, allowing customers more time as they turn on utilities, pay for business licenses, register dogs, purchase long-term overnight parking passes, or, as sometimes happens, pay for parking tickets.

Meter rates remain 25¢ for every 12 minutes, or \$1.25 an hour.

The new time limit affects parking meters in the civic center area along Garfield Avenue, Thurgood Marshall Way, Ramona Street and

Holly Street, and are in effect from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. Parking is free in those spaces evenings and Sundays.

The parking spaces closest to City Hall are best for short-term use and not for city business that routinely takes an hour or longer, such as meetings and hearings. Privately owned parking lots with longer time limits are available within a block of City Hall.

Hours of operation for parking meters surrounding Paseo Colorado have been extended along Colorado Boulevard and Green Street between Marengo Avenue and Los Robles Avenue. The one-hour meters will require payment from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, including Sundays.

"This change will help speed up the turnover of spaces evenings and Sundays, giving visitors better access to convenient, short-term parking," said Bill Bortfeld, the city's parking manager.

Parking for more than one hour will still be available in the Paseo Colorado parking structure, including limited free parking with validation.

For more information visit [www.cityofpasadena.net/parking](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/parking) or call (626) 744-7665.

## Pasadena Pops Presents Cabaret Star Karen Akers



The magic of the Moulin Rouge, the brilliance of the Eiffel Tower, the city that makes everyone fall in love! Join Rachael Worby and the Pasadena POPS as we celebrate an evening devoted to Paris with cabaret star Karen Akers performing the legendary songs of Edith Piaf; Gershwin's American in Paris, Porter's famed I Love Paris, and French composer Saint Saëns's witty Carnival of the Animals with thrilling hip hop poet Steve Connell and pianists Yangyue Fang and Hunter Noack on Friday and Saturday, July 17 & 18 at Descanso Gardens at 7:30 p.m.

Bring your family and friends to picnic under the night sky and let the Pasadena POPS serenade you with a symphony concert devoted to Paris! Considered one of Gershwin's best known works, American in Paris

evokes the sights and energy of Paris in the 20's - a dizzying whirlwind of color and rhapsodic journey portraying the experiences of a visitor in Paris. Explore Paris by day - the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, the bustling city streets complete with taxi horns, then settle into Paris by night as the Orchestra bring out the "blues" and evokes the revelry of a Parisian jazz club. Gershwin's American in Paris also served as the musical backdrop to the 1951 musical starring Gene Kelly - it is as popular today as ever.

A special highlight of the concert will include a riveting tribute to the passion of Edith Piaf through the songs that made her a legend - La Vie En Rose, Padam, Padam, Chanson, and more beloved favorites performed by special guest vocalist Karen Akers.

## Dogs Will Be Allowed At Concert Series



Just minutes before press time the Friends of the Levitt Pavilion sent out a memo retracting a statement that the city of Pasadena will begin banning dogs from the Levitt Pavilion summer concert series at Memorial Park.

They now say "The city will allow dogs at the park, but they must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet. The statement goes on to also say, "The Friends of the Levitt Pavilion encourages everyone to be mindful that if they have a dog who is spooked by large crowds or music, it might be better for the well-being of their dog to leave them at home."

The first notice also cautioned those bringing high back chairs to the summer concerts.

"The Levitt Pavilion would like to encourage concert attendees with high-back chairs to please be courteous of others and sit on the sides and back end of the lawn to avoid blocking the view of others"

From The Desk Of SM Fire Marshal Rich Snyder:

## HAVING FUN AND SAVING WATER!



Sierra Madre Fire Department did its part to save water during the this years Fourth of July parade after requests were made to cut back on the water usage because of the conservation efforts that are being made State wide. "It was a balancing act." Said Stephen Heydorff, Sierra Madre's Fire Chief. "The City publicized a "Water Zone" East of Canon and people expected us to shoot water. On the other hand, we were getting request to cut back on water or not to do it at all" The fire department was able to comply with both sides. According to Fire Marshal Rich Snyder, in the past, the big water truck would use 2500 gallons of water during the parade, this year he reported that only 250 gallons were used thanks to a special nozzle that limits the amount of water being discharged. The fire engines saved water as well by using much smaller hose lines that discharge 15 to 20 gallons per minute compared to 150 gallons from fire hoses. The total water used by the fire department during this year's parade was less than 800 gallons. To put that in prospective, the average daily water use in Sierra Madre for the 11,000 residents is 2.75 million gallons in every 24 hours. Photo by Lina Johnson

## Rattlesnake Season Is Here

Rattlesnake season is HERE and anyone living or walking in the hilly areas should be EXTRA careful of these poisonous snakes. Rattlesnakes are easily identified by their broad, triangular heads, narrow necks, relatively heavy bodies and multiple bands of rattles on their tails. Like all cold-blooded animals, rattlesnakes prefer cool and shady places. They are most likely to hunt for food, such as rodents and other small animals, during the morning and evening hours. Characteristically, rattlesnakes would rather slither off than fight larger animals or humans. However, rattlesnakes will attack when frightened by noise, vibrations, or sudden movements toward them. Also, be careful with outdoor pets. If they do happen to get bitten, keep the animal as calm as possible and take it immediately to your veterinarian for treatment. To protect both your family and pets from rattlesnakes, the Arcadia Fire Department recommends:

- Clean your yard of piles of wood, grass and trash; these are places they like to nest.
- Rattlesnakes love small rodents such as rats and mice.

- Bury all ground openings such as gopher holes. Rattlesnakes sometimes use these as burrows or homes.
  - Keep grasses and ground covers short. Not only will it discourage snakes, but it also reduces fire danger.
  - Seal openings in and under buildings. This prevents snakes from seeking cool spots under your house.
  - If you live next to a canyon or uninhabited area, clear grass and light fuels and thin out bushes for a distance of 100 feet from your home. This also helps reduce fire danger.
  - If you see a rattlesnake:
    - Don't approach it! Do not make sudden moves toward it.
    - Keep pets and small children away.
- Remember, the snake is most likely just passing through. Be alert. If you are bitten, call 911 and stay calm. Either sit calmly until help arrives or go to your nearest emergency medical care.

For more information contact your local fire department. *Courtesy of Arcadia Fire Dept.*

## Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, to Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup>, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 251 calls for service.

### Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>:

**12:57 PM** - Grand Theft, 200 block S. Mountain Trail Ave. The owner of silver 2001 Honda parked his car in the street. When the owner returned to his car, he discovered that someone opened the trunk of his car and stole several stereo components. The incident occurred between 10:00 pm, Sunday, 6/28/09 and 2:00 am, Monday, 6/29/09. The audio equipment includes: two Alpine 10" subwoofers, one dual 10" subwoofer and a RMS mono amplifier. The loss is valued at \$1,328.00.

### Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>:

**12:03 AM** - Arrest, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Michillinda Ave and Colorado Blvd., Pasadena. A motorist was stopped for a traffic violation. During the investigation the driver was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana. The driver was arrested, booked and later released on a written promise to appear.

**4:37 PM** - Arrest, Soliciting Without A City Business License, 400 block of W. Orange Grove Ave. An alert resident reported a solicitor was attempting to sell home window replacements, without a Sierra Madre business license. Officers responded and found the solicitor in the area. Further investigation confirmed the solicitor did not have a city business license. The solicitor was issued a citation and released in the field.

### Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>:

**2:41 PM** - Criminal Threats, 00 block W. Grandview Ave. A suspect made several threatening telephone calls and also sent threatening text messages. The victim, fearful that the suspect would carry out the threats, reported the incident to police. This case is currently under investigation.

### Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>:

**12:24 PM** - Auto Burglary, 400 block Santa Anita Court. The owner of a silver 2009 BMW discovered the passenger side window smashed, and an Apple Ipod and an Apple laptop computer were stolen from the front passenger compartment. The incident occurred between 9:30 pm, on Thursday, 7/2/09, and 12:24 pm, on Friday, 7/3/09, as the BMW was parked in the driveway of the home. The total loss is valued at \$3,700.00.

### Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>:

**1:55 PM** - Arrest, Soliciting Without A City Business License, Memorial Park. Officers responded to Memorial Park regarding a report of two people selling ice cream during the July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities in the park. Officers cited two solicitors for operating a business without a City license.

**3:34 PM** - Arrest, Restraining Order Violation, Memorial Park. Officers working a special detail at Memorial Park observed a local transient walking through the park. The man had just been released from jail and has an active stay-away restraining order, which restricts him from being within 100 yards of the park. Officers detained and arrested the man, and later transported him to Pasadena police jail for remand.



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## A Weekly Spotlight on Sierra Madre Volunteers

### Patricia Hall Hall of Volunteers

Patricia Hall came to Sierra Madre in 1998 on a whirlwind of positive energy, touching many organizations with her enthusiasm and professionalism.

A list of Sierra Madre nonprofit groups she's been associated with is extensive: president of Chamber of Commerce, Friends of the Sierra Madre Library and of Southern California Lyric Theater; chair of Friends of the Library Wine Tasting, plus member of Board of Trustees of Sierra Madre Library. And that's just in Sierra Madre. She brought her fundraising expertise and her organizational talents to all of those groups.

Before moving to this foothill town, Patricia was president of the Alhambra and San Marino Soroptimists, on the board of the San Gabriel Valley Red Cross, on the board of Pasadena Pops and the Pasadena Symphony Juniors, as well as the Green House Benefits Children's Hospital. She taught religion to second, third and fourth graders at Catholic churches in Arcadia and Alhambra.

Patricia volunteered in service clubs during her high school years. Then her volunteerism went to Children's and Alhambra Hospitals before she became a member of the Alhambra Hospital Board. She was appointed to the State Committee of Volunteer Services of the California Hospital Association.

Patricia began a fundraising career at about this time of her life after having been "in accounting

at the gas company and at IBM in human resources." Her career took off into workshops and campaigns. Then she needed a speaker for an event in Santa Clara for the California Hospital Association and someone suggested Frank Hall. "He did an excellent job," Patricia said.

When the association asked her to schedule a two-day session for the Foundation boards of the Southern California area, she called Frank to head it. "He obtained great speakers and the session was a huge success, thanks to him."

Frank and Patricia started going out and were married in 1997.

Frank is senior vice president of Resource Development, overseeing the fundraising program for 15 hospitals in the St. Joseph Health System.

While traveling the Valley to do a study for Methodist Hospital in Arcadia, Patricia discovered Sierra Madre. She and Frank had been hoping to buy a home in the San Rafael area of Pasadena, but a glimpse of Sierra Madre changed their minds. They purchased a home and have been here since.

Why does Patricia enjoy volunteering? "You get so much more out of it than you put in."

She started traveling instead of finishing her course work at UCLA and was quickly smitten. She has been in every part of the world except China and India. In fact, this New York native calls traveling her passion.

Patricia Hall is truly one of our most enthusiastic volunteers. She's in the Volunteer Hall of Fame.



## Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, June 28, through Saturday, July 4, the Police Department responded to 943 calls for service of which 142 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

### Sunday, June 28:

Around 2:35 a.m., a car with two flat tires was seen at Lynrose and Tyler and a traffic stop was initiated. The female driver indicated that she had hit a curb earlier, and officers detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage on her breath and person. A field sobriety test was conducted, and it was determined that the 35-year-old Hispanic was operating the vehicle while under the influence and was taken into custody.

Units responded to the 800 block of Fairview around 11:00 a.m. in reference to a deceased person. A 59-year-old woman appeared to have committed suicide by overdosing on prescription medication, and a note was found at the residence.

### Monday, June 29:

Between 5:30 p.m. on June 28 and 7:12 p.m. on June 29, an auto burglary occurred at 160 El Dorado. Unknown suspect(s) broke a car window in order to retrieve a purse.

A residential burglary occurred between 6:40 a.m. on June 22 and 8:15 p.m. on June 29 in the 2500 block of Florence. Unknown suspect(s) pried open a rear sliding glass door to make entry. Once inside, the suspect(s) ransacked rooms and fled with an unknown amount of property.

### Tuesday, June 30:

Units responded to a business in the 12300 block of Lower Azusa in reference to a commercial burglary. Unknown suspect(s) entered the building by removing a window pane by unknown means. The suspect(s) then ransacked an office and stole computer equipment.

Between 7:00 a.m. and 9:20 p.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 700 block of Arcadia. Unknown suspect(s) broke a rear door of the residence, ransacked rooms, and stole a large amount of jewelry, cash, and traveler's checks.

### Wednesday, July 1:

Around 12:25 p.m., a victim came to the station to file a fraud report. The victim checked his bank account online and discovered an unauthorized \$900 transaction to JC Penney. It appeared that unknown suspect(s) had obtained the victim's personal information and created a fake check in order to make payment.

A traffic stop was conducted in the 00 block of East Colorado around 2:40 p.m. for code

violations. A 35-year-old male Hispanic driver was contacted and investigation revealed that he had a suspended driver's license and 3 outstanding misdemeanor warrants. The man was arrested and a handgun was later discovered inside his vehicle. The driver admitted to stealing the handgun, and he was charged with grand theft, carry concealed weapon in vehicle, suspended driver's license, and outstanding warrants.

### Thursday, July 2:

Around 2:15 a.m., officers were dispatched to Lounge 1020, located at 1020 South Baldwin, regarding an assault with a deadly weapon. The victim advised that he was involved in an argument with a male African-American bouncer, and the bouncer later struck him in the head with a metal object. The suspect fled the scene right after the attack.

A 33-year-old male Asian was arrested for battery on a cohabitant in the 2800 block of Winthrop around 9:53 p.m. During an argument, the husband struck his wife in the face.

### Friday, July 3:

Shortly after 8:30 a.m., units were called to the 200 block of West Norman in reference to a fraud report. The victim advised that on July 1, a bank employee called and advised that a female African-American in Nevada was trying to cash a \$6,500 check from his account. He was able to put a stop payment on the check so the suspect did not receive any cash. Later in the day, the victim went to his bank and discovered that several checks, totaling \$17,800, were cashed without his permission.

Around 9:48 a.m., while on routine patrol, officers located a vehicle with a warrant attached to the license plate. A traffic stop was conducted at Huntington and Cortez and a 66-year-old male Caucasian was arrested for unlicensed driver, no proof of insurance, and a \$30,000 outstanding misdemeanor warrant.

### Saturday, July 4:

Units were dispatched to the racetrack around 6:29 p.m. in reference to an assault with a deadly weapon. Investigation revealed that a male suspect threatened a co-worker and a security guard with a pitchfork. A private person's arrest was made, and a 25-year-old Hispanic was taken into custody without incident.

Between 8:00 p.m. and 11:32 p.m., a 2004 Chevy Classic 1P was stolen from the 1100 block of Sunset. The following day, the victim's step-brother, an 18-year-old African-American, was arrested in San Gabriel for vehicle theft, and the car was subsequently recovered.

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## Pasadena Model United Nations Solution: Success!

"We are learning about the world, how to make things better or worse," said Sudanese student ambassador Rocky Easeley from Blair IB Magnet School. Students from Marshall Fundamental School, Pasadena High School and Blair IB Magnet School participated in a Model United Nations conference focused on water related issues in the Middle East held at Pasadena City College. The Model UN allows for an interactive, interdisciplinary simulation, which places students in roles of official United Nations delegates and culminates in development of global conference solution to world issues facing the UN.

The United Nations Association Pasadena Foothills Chapter and the award winning Pasadena City College Model UN team cosponsored this event, which brought together over 135 PUSD students in a conference forum which entailed debates, consensus building

and award recognition for outstanding participants. The UNA Pasadena Foothills is a national organization (501c 3 nonprofit) engaging US citizens in issues of global concern for over 60 years. As one of the top Model UN teams in the nation, the PCC Model UN team helped mediate and proctor the caucuses using their grand expertise.

Coached by mentors from United Nations Association and their history teachers, the high school students were assigned to take on the role of ambassadors of a country to solve the water crisis within one of the following three regions: the Tigris and Euphrates, Jordan River Basin, and the Nile.

With a political, economic and domestic side to consider, students were able to develop an international perspective and an appreciation of the concept of global interdependence. Communication, critical thinking and

conflict resolution are just some of the skills the students acquire through the Model UN.

At the closing ceremonies, each committee recognized a country for their hard work. Top research papers submitted by the students were granted scholarships from the You Think Well organization for enrollment to their summer program that focuses on the issue of water scarcity at hand. The Pasadena Mayor, Bill Bogaard, attended the event to celebrate the students' participation in this important leadership building experience.

With smiles on their faces and eagerness to help change the world, when asked if they would want to do this again next year, a cheering applause was their response. In the end, there is no doubt that these students learned not only from their research but also from each other.

## News from the University of Illinois at Chicago:

### UIC Announces Spring Graduates

CHICAGO (07/07/2009) (readMedia)-- Xi Yu, a resident of Monrovia, received a Bachelor of Science from the University of Illinois at Chicago at the May Commencement.

UIC ranks among the nation's top 50 universities in federal research funding and is Chicago's largest university with 25,000 students, 12,000 faculty and staff, 15 colleges and the state's major public medical center. A hallmark of the campus is the Great Cities Commitment, through which UIC faculty, students and staff engage with community, corporate, foundation and government partners in hundreds of programs to improve the quality of life in metropolitan areas around the world.

## A Heads-Up on Headfirst Dives

How low will you go?



You'd better know the answer if you're diving headfirst into water. Not knowing the depth of the lake, river or even backyard pool can lead to disaster in an instant – the kind of disaster that changes lives forever.

Dr. Greg Rebella, assistant professor of emergency medicine at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, saw this for himself several years before he started his medical career when a diving injury left his close friend a quadriplegic at age 19.

"The real tragedy is the personal loss of the ability to function independently," he says. "Spinal cord injuries from diving accidents can be devastating on many levels and nearly 100 percent avoidable by exercising good judgment."

According to the National Spinal Cord Injury Statistical Database, most diving injuries involve males in their twenties. Other key statistics show: Most diving injuries occurred in private residential pools; Three-fourths of the individuals said they were not familiar with the depth of the water before diving; Seventy percent of the injuries happened after a headfirst dive and 94 percent occurred when there was no lifeguard or supervision available.

Rebella says people who want to dive into a body of water or swimming pool should know the depth of the water first, and to be safe, jump in feet first.

"You are asking for trouble if you dive headfirst

into any body of water where you don't know the depth," he says. "When you jump in feet first, you have the ability to decrease acceleration by landing on your legs. When you dive headfirst, everything is going down on the top of the head or flexing the neck."

Rebella says the National Federation of State High School Associations has joined in the effort to reduce head injuries from dives by making it illegal for competitive swimmers to jump into water less than three and a half feet during all high school swimming and diving meets.

"This is pretty wide-reaching when you consider the number of high school kids involved in swimming," he says. "It's just a matter of using common sense to keep high school athletes safe."

Lynne Sears, trauma program coordinator at the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, says alcohol provides an added danger.

"Consumption of alcohol takes away your ability to think clearly," she says. "If you don't know the area well, you may end up hitting your head on a big boulder, losing consciousness and drowning."

Rebella says it's important for parents to educate young children about water safety, and see to it the area has adequate supervision.

"Parents can help prevent serious injuries by teaching their kids how to play safely in the water and do the right thing," he says. "It's also the parents' responsibility to know the depth of the pool, instruct their children not to dive headfirst, and find out if someone will be there to watch over their children. They have to reinforce the need for water safety, especially when their kids are young."

Other injuries caused by ill-advised headfirst dives into shallow waters include serious lacerations, bruises and broken teeth.

"I've had kids come in with chin and forehead lacerations after playing at a water park," says Rebella. "Your child is risking injury any time he or she jumps into an area not known to be deep. I would say those patients were lucky because they could have sustained more serious injuries."

## Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department Sports Camp

Sports Camp features a variety of fun sports activities for youth and is held at Arcadia High School, 180 Campus Drive. Week I (July 27-31) is the Pee Wee Sports Camp, which is available for youth entering grades 1-4. Week II (August 3-7) and III (August 10-14) are the Traditional Sports Camp, which are available for youth entering grades 5-9. The cost is \$110 per session and includes daily round-trip transportation, a daily beverage, camp-t-shirt, weekly cookout and team awards. Each week there are two excursions (Tuesday

and Thursday). Campers will swim in the afternoon on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Each counselor participates in the organized activities with their group. Some of the sports activities include swimming, flag football, basketball, softball, soccer, volleyball, and other fun group games. Participants will learn fundamentals and engage in team sports activities. Children of all athletic skills and abilities are welcome. For more information please call the Recreation Office at 626.574.5113.

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## Schools Getting Dirty To Save The Environment

High Point Academy, a private independent school in Pasadena, CA, sees the value of dirt in educating its students on the environment. With the help of Waste Less Living, Inc. a local environmental consulting company specializing in zero waste event planning and composting services, the school is taking its 'green' initiative far beyond just recycling. They have contracted Waste Less Living, Inc. to conduct a Solid Waste Audit and to assess ways in which it can improve, if not, transform how it manages its solid waste all in the interest of doing what is prudent and responsible for taking care of the planet. The parents and staff of the school came to learn of Waste Less Living's services at an informational meeting held at the St. Mark's School in Altadena where a pilot food-scrap composting program was being conducted as part of their hot lunch program. With the assistance of Waste Less Living,

Inc., High Point Academy plans to initiate its own campus-wide composting program that will formally begin in the Fall of 2009.

The success of the program relies heavily on education and participation, which is why the students are being targeted as key players. Students K-8, faculty/staff and parents will receive education from Waste Less Living, Inc. on the merits of composting as well as on the environmental impacts of waste generation. They will also receive specialized training to be able to identify the different waste materials as a way of empowering the students to become part of the solution and, in turn, life-long stewards of the environment.

Waste Less Living's primary goal is to heighten people's awareness about solid waste and the environmental impacts associated with its management and disposal. The company is solution driven in that it offers a practical, economical and convenient way to do the right thing without

compromising one's standard of living. Its mission is to improve the health and quality of our environment through sustainable lifestyle habits beginning with the practice of reducing waste.

Two sustainability workshops are planned within the next few weeks at High Point Academy from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the end of July and mid August. Christine Lenches-Hinkel, CEO and founder of Waste Less Living, Inc. will introduce the composting program and explain how schools can move beyond just recycling in optimizing their efforts at being "green." The focus will be on reducing waste up front and diverting waste from landfills. There will be an opportunity to answer some fundamental questions on its implementation and cost. For more details or to sign up for the workshops, contact: Christine Lenches-Hinkel 626.786.5947 Email: [wastelessliving@gmail.com](mailto:wastelessliving@gmail.com)

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## Olga Maria (Gallegos) Duarte

November 8, 1919 - July 1, 2009

Our beloved grandmother passed away at age 89 in Temple City. Survived by daughters Raquel Duarte, Patricia Duarte; son Victor Duarte; sister Adelina Figueroa; 7 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren. Born in Juarez, Mexico, Olga emigrated to the US as a child. She was proud of her work as an OB nurse technician at St. Vincent's Hospital in Los Angeles where she assisted in the delivery of two of her granddaughters. She was a devout Catholic and a talented oil-painter. She kept well fit by walking everywhere she went. She helped raise her youngest grandson. In 2008 she lived in the senior homes on Esperanza where she enjoyed making friends, playing bingo and watching "Dancing with the Stars." She called it a "dream come true" when she took a cruise to Mexico with her family in the summer of 2008. She loved listening to the calypso music on deck and made everyone laugh constantly. Mass 11am (Rosary 10:30am) St. Rita Church, Sierra Madre Saturday, July 11; Interment Sierra Madre Pioneer Cemetery. Reception to follow at the home of Thomas & Patricia (Duarte) Pocock 355 E. Grandview Ave.



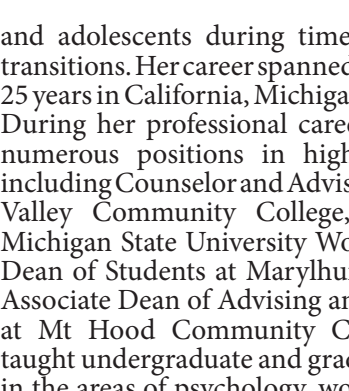
loving humorous tunes in his repertoire as well. The essence of Joe Paquin was reflected in his loving spirit, kindness, generosity, and laughter which punctuates his legacy. He gained the admiration and respect of his friends and many fans that he so richly deserved. Joe's passing leaves a void in the hearts of many who had the pleasure of knowing him. He is survived by his son Luke, his wife Nancie (Mooradian) whose family still resides in Sierra Madre, as well as countless friends, peace activists and lovers of music.

A celebration of Joe's life will be forthcoming. Donations can be made in Joe's honor to Veterans for Peace.

## Karen L. Karelius

Sept. 4, 1948 - July 7, 2009

Karen L. Karelius was born on Sept. 4, 1948 at Altadena, California and died peacefully at home on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 after a very short and valiant battle with metastatic cancer. Karen was a licensed professional counselor in private practice working with adults and adolescents during times of personal transitions. Her career spanned for more than 25 years in California, Michigan and Oregon. During her professional career Karen held numerous positions in higher education including Counselor and Advisor at Antelope Valley Community College, Director of Michigan State University Women's Center, Dean of Students at Marylhurst University, Associate Dean of Advising and Counseling at Mt Hood Community College. Karen taught undergraduate and graduate students in the areas of psychology, women's studies, management, career and life planning and literature and philosophy at many local colleges and universities as well as out of state colleges and universities. One of Karen's favorite poets was T.S. Eliot and one of her favorite musicians was STING. Karen held a B.A. in English from Scripps College in Claremont California, a M.A. in English from UCLA in Los Angeles, California, a M.A. in Counseling from California State University Northridge in Northridge, California and a Ph.D. from Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan in Psychology and Higher Education Administration. Karen founded The Karelius Group in 1995 as a resource in psychotherapy, counseling, consulting and coaching serving individuals, couples and organizations. Karen is survived by her husband Randy Ross of 28 years, one sister, uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews and many cousins. Services will be private with interment to follow. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Karen's name may be made to Legacy Hospice McMinnville, Oregon or the John F. Kennedy Library and Foundation, Boston, Mass.



## Joseph C. Paquin

January 22 1948 - June 30 2009

Joseph Paquin, 61, of Fillmore, CA. - Acclaimed recording artist, singer, songwriter, guitar-playin' man, died after a long brave battle with cancer. He left this world filled with peace, free from pain, surrounded by loved ones. Joe was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and grew up in Gary, Indiana. Later in life he lived in Bellingham, Washington, where his musical career took root. He was a founding member of the Cajun rock band, The Sundogs, and enjoyed touring the length and breadth of America and Europe with them. After relocating to the San Francisco Bay Area, he met, fell in love with and married his sweetheart, Nancie. Together they made their way down to Fillmore where Joe continued his musical career as a solo artist. Dubbing his special brand of music "Hippie Billy" he recorded the album "Only Human", a follow up to his previously released "The Duct Tapes", both proving successful in the Americana radio charts. Sierra Madreans were lucky to enjoy hearing Joe play at Beantown with local residents like Jean Sudbury on fiddle joining in. Having served his country as a Marine in Vietnam, Joe, being at heart a peace loving man, then became active in the Veterans for Peace program. He sang about praying for peace in serious songs, but had lots of fun-



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## TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

### Wahooooooooo

I think I may be building a niche here, last week we wrote about the exceptional faire of Bristol Farms which is offering with their Pasta Dinner. This week we go deep sea fishing and try to catch the big one with Wahoo' Fish Tacos. Do they or don't they make the best tacos in the world? There are a lot of competitors going after that honor: Rubio's, Baja Fresh, and the new kid on the block Chipolte. But fear not beach lovers, you will be in the barrel of a smooth pipeline when you dine here.

The story of Wahoo's I am told, begins in 1988 when the three brothers Wing, Ed and Mongo combined their love of surfing and passion for food to create a Hawaiian/Mexican themed restaurant. These brothers would often travel to Mexico where they would uncover the foreign delight of Fish Taco. Honestly, I have been here a dozen times and really enjoyed the Fish Tacos, but The Carnitas is the "King of Cuisines," numero uno choice here. The restaurant is so much more than fish tacos.

The restaurant interior is a surf shop/shack that forms a perfect wave and cool restaurant. Stickers litter the interior and a hip vibe swells in a mellow flow with music crashing like waves upon the ear. The service is better than one might think for a restaurant that you order in a line from. At least three times someone came by and ask how our food was. I like that attention!!!

Ok, I think you have idea of what the restaurant looks and feels like, and oh yeah, there is always a beer of the month.. This

months flavor is Karl Strauss. What to order, my Friend and #1 Real Estate Agent Paul K. ordered the Fish Tacos (\$5.99) and come with rice and spicy Cajun white beans, Paul said, "Dude these are way thumbs up!" Okay, good enough for me. I ordered the Banzai Carnitas Burrito for (\$5.70), I liked it as well!!! Lunch time was full of both young and middle aged local business people and could tell that these were locals that have ridden this wave before. For those you are vegetarians, fear not!!! Banzai Veggies can me made in a burrito or tacos, these are pan-grilled. All other fillings, chicken carne asada are flamed grilled and my Carnitas were wonderfully braised pork.

Wahoo's makes their very own Maui Onion Rings for (\$2.85). Hey times are tough and Wahoo's delivers for under (\$10). About the same price for some good wax for the board. Drop in to their web site for the location and menu. Wahoos.com.

Join me this Friday afternoon July 17<sup>th</sup> at the Pavilions in Arcadia at 4 PM for my Educational Class on how to make the perfect Mojito.

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## Looking Up With Bob Eklund

# Coollest Spacecraft Ever in Orbit Around L2

Last week, the detectors of Spacecraft Planck's High Frequency Instrument reached their amazingly low operational temperature of -273.05°C, making them the coldest known objects in space. This recently launched spacecraft has also just entered its final orbit around the second "Lagrange point" of the Sun-Earth system, called L2. (A Lagrange point is a stable position in the Earth-Sun gravitational field, where a satellite can orbit the Sun with exactly the same angular velocity as the Earth—thus remaining in a constant position with respect to the Earth.)

The Planck spacecraft is equipped with a passive cooling system that brings its temperature down to about -230°C by radiating heat into space. Three active coolers take over from there, and bring the temperature down further to an amazing low of -273.05°C, only 0.1°C above absolute zero—the the coldest temperature theoretically possible in our Universe. Such low temperatures are necessary for Planck's detectors to study the Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)—the first "light" released by the universe only 380,000 years after the Big Bang—by measuring its temperature across the sky.

The detectors will look for variations in the temperature of the CMB that are about a million times smaller than one degree—comparable to measuring from Earth the heat produced by a rabbit sitting on the Moon. That is why the detectors must be cooled to temperatures close to absolute zero, or -273.15°C. (Details on the different stages of the cool-down process are available via the "Planck in depth" link on the Web page referenced at the end of this column.)

Once commanded, the burn needed to place the spacecraft in final orbit was auto-controlled by Planck, with the thrusters operating for between 12 and 24 hours. The maneuver directed the satellite into its final operational orbit around the

second Lagrange point of the Sun-Earth system, L2. The thruster burn was planned to deliberately underperform by a small margin, necessitating a small "touch up" maneuver in the coming days to bring the satellite fully onto its planned trajectory.

"While this maneuver itself is routine, it represents the final major step in the long voyage to L2, and everyone here is quite happy to see Planck getting into its operational orbit," said Chris Watson, Spacecraft Operations Manager, speaking in the mission's Dedicated Control Room at ESA's European Space Operations Centre, Darmstadt, Germany.

The maneuver was planned to change the satellite's speed by 211.6 km/hour, ending with a final speed of 1010 km/hour with respect to the ground. Together with Earth and the virtual point L2, Planck will then be orbiting the Sun at a speed of 106,254 km/hour (29.5 km/second). At the start of the final positioning maneuver, Planck was located 1.43 million km from Earth.

All commissioning activities are on schedule, and this phase of the mission is practically complete. Over the next few weeks, the operation of the on-board instruments will be fine-tuned for best performance. Planck will begin to survey the sky in mid-August

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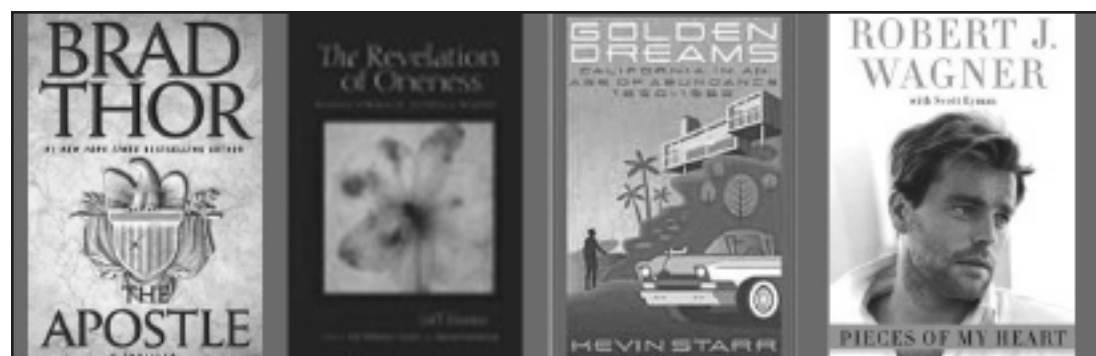


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## Jeff's Pics The Book Report

Books for your consideration



### The Apostle: A Scot Harvath Thriller by Brad Thor (2009)

Master of suspense and #1 New York Times bestselling author Brad Thor returns with this very riveting international thriller. Every politician has a secret. And when the daughter of a politically connected family is kidnapped abroad, America's new president will agree to anything, even a deadly and ill-advised rescue plan, in order to keep his secret hidden.

A new administration and a new approach to dealing with America's enemies have left covert counterterrorism operative Scot Harvath without a job. But when American doctor Julia Gallo is kidnapped in Afghanistan, the terms of her ransom leave the president with only one course of action. In a dangerous assignment that the United States government will deny any knowledge of, Scot Harvath must secretly infiltrate Kabul's notorious Policharki Prison and free the man the kidnappers demand as ransom, Al-Qaeda mastermind, Mustafa Khan. Brad Thor, has served as a member of the Department of Homeland Security's Analytic Red Cell Program

### The Revelation of Oneness: Dialogues on Nonduality and Spiritual Awakening by Jeff Foster (2008)

The dialogues contained in The Revelation of Oneness point to the possibility that the spiritual search, and indeed all the seeking of the mind, can come to an end once and for all. And in the absence of that search, there can be a clear seeing that all there is, is Oneness. And in the clarity of Oneness, life loses its heaviness, and what is is always enough. Some people have called this "spiritual awakening"; however, it's not something complicated, and it's not reserved for the lucky few. It's an awakening as simple and obvious as the sound of the rain splashing up on the roof. It's a bit like having a dream, and getting lost in it, and then waking up, and opening your eyes, and looking around and realizing that yes, of course, it was just a dream.

### Golden Dreams: California in an Age of Abundance, 1950-1963 (Americans and the California Dream) (2009) by Kevin Starr

This book concludes Starr's amazing seven volume history of California. Starr covers demography, water, the state's major cities, freeways, politics, culture, and race relations. He hangs his story on sketches of many of California's often larger than life individuals. Starr illuminates the dominant economic, social, and cultural forces in California in these pivotal years. Starr examines such issues as the overnight creation of the postwar California suburb, the rise of Los Angeles as Super City, the reluctant emergence of San Diego as one of the largest cities in the nation. He also explores the Silent Generation and the emergent Boomer youth cult, the Beats and the Hollywood "Rat Pack," the influence of Zen Buddhism and other Asian traditions in art and design, the rise of the University of California and the emergence of California itself as a utopia of higher education, the cooling of West Coast jazz, outdoor life and the beginnings of the environmental movement. He shows how California became the most populous state in the Union, and how it evolved into the global commonwealth it is today. Kevin Starr is University Professor and Professor of History, University of Southern California, and State Librarian of California Emeritus. His Americans and the California Dream series has earned him the National Medal for the Humanities.

### Pieces of My Heart by Robert Wagner (2008)

In the memoir, Wagner recounts his fifty plus years in show business. He writes about his acting roles, legendary romances, show business, and the cultural changes he has experienced over a lifetime spent in front of the camera. This is an candid and very interesting autobiography!

## On Line Room For One

with P.J. Carpenter

There is an inherent risk of failing on multiple fronts when attempting to do all things to all people. Sometimes these mis-guided attempts aren't intentional at all but seem to come about of their own accord due to an unforeseen turn of events and circumstances. Sometimes things just turn out that way.

Social Networking giant Facebook may be feeling the reality of this phenomena due to a change in one of its larger age demographics. According to webtrendstrackerStrategyLabs, the 55+ age demographic is just about to overtake High School-aged users and younger as regular users of the popular service.

This is hardly earth-shaking news for the ever-popular Facebook but it does underscore an important fact of life on and in the Internet: People Age. Young teens become high schoolers who then become college students who then become Twenty-somethings who then become.... You get the picture.

A very similar pattern of becoming can often be seen in an Internet entity that's been fortunate enough to enjoy some measure of success and longevity and has found a supportive audience during its formative

years. A young company starts out with a cool product or service that has the potential to be the next cool thing and is quickly adopted by the techie elite as yet another tool to add to their collective techie tool belts.

Some time passes and word-of-mouth and advances in consumer technology gives the young company a bigger platform on which to showcase their product or service. This increased presence sometimes translates into clout and cash which then enables the young company to fine tune their product or service for use by a much wider audience than their original fan base. The product or service is adopted by the community at large and as the user base grows, the original early adopters move on to find the next cool thing and are replaced by the 'new' early adopters of the product or service. Add some positive press and a proven track record of performance and the young company with the cool product or service could well find itself having to deal with the oft-times most difficult problem of all to handle - Success.

And with success often comes the neurotic drive to be all things to all people, even if no such need to be so actually exists.

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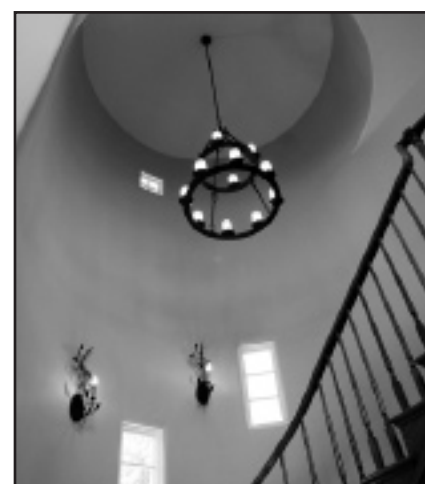
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Chris Bertrand

## One Of A Kind: *Featuring unique homes & gardens and the people who create them*

By Chris Bertrand

Altadena Drive, in the community of the same name, is a magnificent, tree shaded avenue. Stately mansions set far back from the street, some fronted by intricate wrought iron gates, offer peeks of century

old splendor for a couple of miles. They bring the reminiscence of a time gone by.

Located between Sierra Madre and Pasadena, Altadena was developed as a suburb of Pasadena in 1887. In fact, according to Wikipedia, the name Altadena derives from the Spanish word, alta, meaning high or above, and dena, as in Pasadena, inferring it's located "above Pasadena" or named, "Upper Pasadena."

In over a century, residents have several times refused incorporation or annexation to neighboring Pasadena, and it remains today an unincorporated area of LA County.

Along this shade dappled drive, a much more recently built Spanish Revival, with Mediterranean and Colonial influences, blends seamlessly into this elegant neighborhood. This 4012 square foot home, built in 1989, was designed by well known local architects, Robert G. Tyler, AIA (www.tgarch.net) and Ai Buangsuwon, AIA. It was just listed for sale.

I've driven this route many times over the past few years, never realizing this was not a vintage home. Mostly hidden from view by the tall hedges that typically grace this road, a generous circular drive leads to a custom, arched front door, and ample guest parking is available on the west side of the home.

The arch of the front door is repeated as an architectural element throughout the home in three fabulous arched French doors in the living room. Both afford the front presence of the home a gracious personality. The arches element is reinforced in the curved staircase and the round turret.

Balconies beautifully punctuate the second floor exteriors with detailed wrought iron balustrades. As lovely as they are functional, they afford great cross-ventilation for comfortable summertime sleeping.

Heavy beamed ceilings in the living room and the exposed beam foyer overlook and reinforce the architectural style on the inside. Traditional, dark hardwood flooring ties the main floor together conceptually.

Some homes of this architectural genre

## Spanish Revival in Altadena's Estate Area

can be heavy handed and even stifling, but not this one. This home is graced with natural light all day long with privacy preserving clerestory and stair case cutout windows and the many French doors. Even the master closet has a window, a quickly disappearing feature in homes these days!

The deep red of the dramatic dining room basks in a thin veil of leafy green from the landscape planted just outside, artfully shaded from the summer sun by the protruding balcony above.

The south facing loggia opens to the backyard, for a shaded and sheltered outdoor seating or play area, which also shields the interior of the home from the sun. It provides a charming transition from indoor to outdoor living, trained with bougainvillea, exploding in deep fuchsia.

The entire main floor is oriented to the concept of indoor to outdoor living, with so many French doors opening to the yards. The backyard is a delight for all. For those who care to veg out, there's the loggia already mentioned... a great place for a book and a cool drink. A gas fireplace in the Spanish style is perfect for cozying up on chilly evenings, after a dip in the adjacent spa.

Lots of barbecuing and partying can take place, centered on the outdoor kitchen. The current owners added this feature to complement their entertaining style, with a built-in barbecue, refrigerator and beer dispenser and generous counter space and bar seating space, outdoor speakers and even connections for plasma television. All shaded by a retractable awning.

A sport court area hidden behind bushes between the kitchen and the street provides space for the active youngsters or adults for batting or soccer practice, or even, perhaps a huge dog run.

The bedroom arrangement allows for separate, main floor sleeping and bath quarters for guests, in-laws or a nanny, plus three spacious bedrooms upstairs. The master suite, with a corner, Spanish style fireplace and a charming balcony overlooking the yard, offers a soothing refuge in a soft green palette.

The home's location is convenient to freeways, downtown Pasadena and the Gold Line, while retaining that suburban feeling the surrounding estates found so appealing a century ago. Many locals belong to the private Altadena Town and Country Club (www.AltaClub.com) just a few blocks away. The 99 year old club offers fine dining, social activities, summer youth programs, all levels of tennis and a year round heated pool, with several membership levels. An adjacent 9-hole golf course is run by LA County, and is open to the public.

1340 E. Altadena Drive was just listed at \$1,480,000 by Cheryl Daly Allen and Irene Daly of Dilbeck Real Estate. It offers 4012 square feet (per assessor) of living space with four bedrooms, three and one half baths plus a three car garage. For more information, visit www.DalyDouble.com or call 626 688-4225.

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Andy Bencosme, managing broker thanked all who helped blow up the balloons and hand out the popcorn. As usual, a good time was had by all and everyone is looking forward to participating next year.

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