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RED FLAG WARNING IS NOW IN EFFECT UNTIL 9 PM SUNDAY FOR THE MOUNTAINS AND ADJACENT FOOTHILLS OF LOS ANGELES due to a continued relative low humidity and high temperatures. Temperatures will continue to be hotter and dryer until Monday.

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Party of Three:  
MacGillivray, Watts & Zimmerman  
Question SCAG's Motives, Integrity

At Tuesday's Sierra Madre City Council meeting, Mayor Mary Ann MacGillivray, along with Councilman Don Watts and Councilman Kurt Zimmerman, grilled for over an hour the Executive Director and supporters of the Southern California Association of Governments, (SCAG), on the issue of whether or not the association represents the best interest of Sierra Madre.

The agenda item was whether or not Sierra Madre should renew its membership in SCAG. The cost of the membership is about \$1,000.00 annually. Every city in the San Gabriel Valley, except Temple City is a member of SCAG.

At issue is the infamous Regional Housing Needs Assessment, a state law which mandates that California cities make an effort to provide low and moderate income housing based upon the size of the population.

The law, which was first enacted in 1969, attempts to address primarily urban problems of providing affordable housing to match the area's growing population needs.

Often touted as a law with no real means of enforcement, the state has developed ways in which to force cities to at least develop a 'plan' that could be implemented. (See related story below).

RHNA allocations are under the jurisdiction of the California Housing and Community Development Department which passes the administration of the program to local Metropolitan Planning Organizations by law.

SCAG is the largest MPO in the nation

and has jurisdiction over six counties, Ventura, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, Imperial and San Diego.

As the designated MPO, the SCAG is mandated by the federal government to research and draw up plans for transportation, growth management, hazardous waste management, and air quality. Additional mandates, such as the RHNA, exist at the state level.

As Hasan Ikhrata, Executive Director of SCAG, attempted to explain the association and its' value to Sierra Madre, the response from MacGillivray, Watts and Zimmerman was to attack the organization's mission, question its' associations and accuse the organization of failing to protect the interests of the city.

According to Ikhrata, "SCAG does many things other than the RHNA allocation. RHNA and its hearings, etc., only represent about 3% of what the organization does. SCAG is also responsible for transportation and air quality.

Several other speakers, all elected officials, one from as far away as El Centro, spoke of the value of SCAG and its importance to Sierra Madre.

Nevertheless, MacGillivray accused the organization of turning a deaf ear to Sierra Madre and appeared to be set to recommend that the city not rejoin. At one point, she asked Ikhrata is she could wait six months before paying the invoice.

Ikhrata was told by Councilman Watts that Sierra Madre was simply not going to comply with the RHNA allocation. MacGillivray called the law "dumb" and that SCAG should not administer

dumb laws.

At one point, MacGillivray also pointed out that Sierra Madre also was not happy with SCAG because the Council of Governments (COG) was holding their annual election on the same night as the SM Honors Dinner. Since all of the council members will be at the dinner and could not vote, SCAG/COG had taken away the city's voice. Councilman Buchanan offered to vote and arrive at the dinner later, but MacGillivray insisted that Ikhrata find a way for Sierra Madre to vote.

Ikhrata informed the Mayor that COG was an independent organization that represents 61 cities. While COG works closely with SCAG, it operates independent of SCAG. He also noted that the COG election started at 5:30 and that there should be ample time to get to the dinner.

As it turned out, four of the five Sierra Madre city council members did in fact go to the COG meeting and vote. Absent from the vote, Councilman Kurt Zimmerman.

In a related matter, Mayor Macgillivray removed Joe Mosca and John Buchanan as Sierra Madre's representative/alternate respectively, to SCAG. In their stead, she appoint Don Watts and herself. However, Joe Mosca will remain the COG representative to SCAG, as his appointment is through COG. Any elected official may volunteer and serve on the Council of Governments, so removing Mosca will not change the fact that he is COGS SCAG representative.

Staff/MVNews

Too Close For Comfort  
Car Fire Near Chantry Flat Entrance  
Prompts Quick Response From SMVFD



Photo Courtesy S. Heydorff/SMVFD

On Wednesday, the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department responded quickly to a car thacaught fire on N. Santa Anita Avenue, a few hundred feet from the access road to Chantry Flat. As helicopters headed to the containment lines for the Station Fire flew overhead, SMVFD firefighters quickly doused the flames and prevented the spread of the fire to nearby brush. "It's a good thing that gate was closed", said Chief Heydorff, speculating that the driver may have attempted to enter the area. Chantry Flat, along with Bailey Canyon, and

the Mt. Wilson Trail have all been closed until further notice.

The Station Fire, at press time was 98% contained and had burned 251 square miles. However, extreme triple digit temperatures, low humidity and winds all pose a dangerous threat of reigniting the Station Fire and/or the start of new fires.

A Red Flag Alert, has been issued through Sunday. The Alert, which is issued by the National Weather Service, indicates that the conditions are conducive to the start and spread of wildfires.

Sierra Madre Housing Element:  
A Part Of The General Plan Process

By S. Henderson

On Tuesday, September 29, 2009, the Sierra Madre City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint meeting to discuss the city's Housing Element Update. This document, which is required by the State every five years, is one of the seven components of the City's General Plan. The Housing Element identifies and assesses existing and projected housing needs and provides an analysis of constraints and resources relevant to meeting these needs. The Housing Element also establishes Sierra Madre's goals, policies and programs for addressing its needs during the 2008-2014 period.

One of the challenges facing the Planning Commission and City Council will be educating the public of the need and impact of the plan. In particular, the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, which must be included. It is a topic of great concern to many residents of Sierra Madre.

The RHNA numbers for the

city state that by 2014 Sierra Madre should add, if possible, 138 new housing units. These units are to be broken down as follows:

- 36 Very Low Income Units
- 22 Low Income Units
- 24 Moderate Income Units
- 56 Above Moderate Units

At a public meeting held earlier in the year, Danny Castro, Development Director for Sierra Madre indicated several sites that could be used for housing as defined by HCD/RHNA, however, whether or not any new homes are built is the real question.

According to the guidelines, the requirement is simply that a city incorporate the RHNA numbers into their plans and identify potential sites. For a town like Sierra Madre, there are very few sites available for any type of new home construction. In which case, the state does not demand that you create a space or find a developer. What the State may do, if a city fails to have its' Housing Element certified, can

be as extreme as taking away the city's control over zoning and subsequently development.

As for the types of housing that is included for Sierra Madre, there are 80 units of moderate/above moderate housing that could be used, coupled with federal assistance such as Work Force Housing Grants for Teachers and Firefighters.

Flexibility has been allowed for cities such as Sierra Madre that do not have significant development requirements. The California Government Code states, "An adequate working affordability analysis for the housing element must take into consideration the characteristics of existing and potential housing stock in the community, including an inventory of land suitable for residential development, local sites and sites for housing redevelopment."

The Housing Element will not conflict with existing laws, such as Measure V. Residents are urged to attend Tuesdays meeting and give their input.

Council Adopts Canyon Moratorium

At the behest of the newly formed Canyon Zone Committee, the city council approved a two year moratorium on development in the Sierra Madre Canyon Zone. (See Map Page 3). Staff has been directed to prepare the Ordinance for presentation to the public. There will be two public 'readings' of the proposed ordinance, with the opportunity for public review and input before the Ordinance is adopted. Provisions will be made for certain types of remodeling during the two year period.

Woman's Club Honored



Sierra Madre Woman's Club President Janet Ten Eyck (l.) and Rosemary Moribito (r.) proudly display a Certificate of Recognition from the California Assembly and an Award for the Wistaria Thrift Shop. The club was honored by the Assemblyman Portantino for its' outstanding service to the community. The Wistaria Shop was chosen as one of the best Thrift Shops in the area.

Photo by S. Henderson

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First post 1:00 pm

Wednesday, September 30  
Start the Racing Season Off Right

DON'T MISS OAK TREE OPENING DAY AT SANTA ANITA  
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# Calendar & Arts

## 5-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.



**Mon:** Sunny Hi 100s Lows 70s  
**Tues:** Sunny H 80s Lows 60s  
**Wed:** Sunny Hi 80s Lows 60s  
**Thur:** Sunny Hi 80s Lows 60s  
**Fri:** Sunny Hi 80s Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

## SM Fire Department Open House

The 23rd Annual Fire Prevention Festival and open house presented by the Sierra Madre Fire Department will be held Saturday, October 3, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Fire Station #41 located at 242 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., in Sierra Madre.

There will be a variety of exhibits and displays at the festival to include; emergency medical and fire fighting equipment, Home fire safety information, along with the Sierra Madre Police Department.

There will also be representatives from

Southern California Edison, The Gas Company, Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council, Post Alarm, American Red Cross and Pasadena Humane Society to answer any safety questions you might have.

There will be free hot dogs, popcorn, balloons, coloring books and badges for all of the children who attend. There will also be a coloring contest with prizes and a bounce house. We will also have free smoke detectors for seniors.

*Your Sierra Madre Fire Firefighters look forward to seeing you there!*

## October Best Used Book Sale


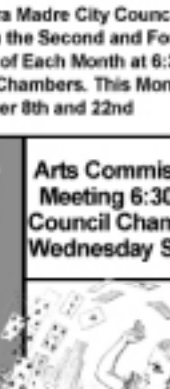


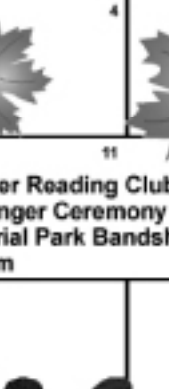


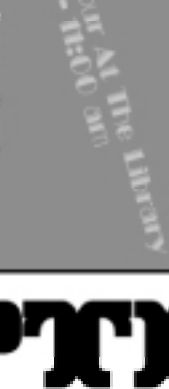



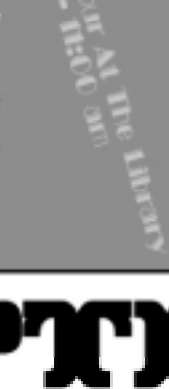



If the looming economy threatens to impact your Christmas gift giving plans relief may come from no further than the Sierra Madre Public Library.

Ready to shop early? Plan to attend the Library's October Best Used Book Sale. It will be held on Friday, October 2nd, 3:00pm to 7:00pm, and Saturday, October 3rd, 10:00am to 2:00pm at the library.

A brilliant array of DVD's will be available including English Mysteries from the BBC and Acorn Media. Our ever popular coffee table books will include such picturesque selections as - The National Air and Space Museum, The Sea - Day by Day, and Lighthouses of the Pacific Coast among others. Art Books, History Books, Books on Antiques and Architecture round out a wonderful collection. Not to forget books for Teens and for the children: Including a 14 Vol. Set - Getting to Know Nature's Children (beautiful photos)

Outside tables will be stocked with new and gently used children's books. A wide assortment of hardback fiction/non fiction for \$1.00 each. And our ever-popular paperbacks will be 25 cents each or 5 for \$1.00.

Come early for the best buys. Shop inside and outside where cheerful volunteers will help you. The Library is located at 440 West Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre. For information contact the library at (626) 355-7186.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	The Sierra Madre City Council Meets on the Second and Fourth Tuesday of Each Month at 6:30 in Council Chambers. This Month: September 8th and 22nd					
Community Services Commission 6:00 pm Council Chambers Monday Sep. 21	Arts Commission Meeting 6:30 pm Council Chambers Wednesday Sep. 9			Third Thursday Book Club Sierra Madre Public Library 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm, Council Chambers	Summer Reading Club Challenger Ceremony Memorial Park Bandshell 7:00 pm	
				Library Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm, City Hall Conference Room		
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>						

## Wistaria Thrift Shop

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Please remember....we have our Month-end Sales the last Thursdays, Fridays and Mondays of the month. We're also open on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month now! Please drop in!

**Proceeds Benefit Sierra Madre Woman's Club Charities**

### Health and Wellness Classes for Adults (50 years and older)!

The Arcadia Senior Services Division is offering health and wellness classes for adults (50 years and older) starting Monday, October 5th. The course offerings include yoga, strength training, line dancing, oil painting and computer basics. Registration began on September 22 and ends on Friday, October 2nd. Registration will be held at the Arcadia Community Center located at 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007.

### Monday Dance for Adults (50 years and older)!

Also, Arcadia Senior Services holds a dance for individuals 50+ the first and third Monday of the month from 1:30pm to 3:45pm at the Arcadia Community Center. The fee for each dance is \$3 which includes dancing to a live band and refreshments. The next dance will be held Monday, October 5th. For more information, please contact Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130

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Entry Form  
**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off**  
 October 8, 2009  
 6:00-8:00 p.m.

### Rules for entry

All contestants must provide 4 quarts of homemade, ready to serve chili in a crock pot or other heating tray. Contestants must also provide a serving spoon or ladle, plus condiments specific to your recipe (onions, cheese, etc.). Chili cups, spoons and napkins will be supplied. Contest limited to 25 entries. The deadline for entry is October 7, 2009.

All entries must be delivered to 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd no later than 5:30 p.m. on October 8<sup>th</sup>. No late entries will be accepted. Winners will be announced at 7:30 p.m.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

No admission charge for contestants.

Please return this form to the Chamber office at :  
 37 Auburn Ave. Suite 1  
 Sierra Madre, CA 91024  
 Or for more information, call:  
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**IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!**  
**The Sierra Madre Rose Float Association's**

**Legendary Bingo**  
 Saturday, October 17th

Doors Open at 6:30PM Bingo Starts at 7:30PM

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## Silver Saturday: An Event for Women with Breast Cancer & Survivors

Silver Saturday, a celebration of hope for women with breast cancer and survivors, will be held at the Wellness Community-Foothills on Saturday, October 3 from 8:30 a.m.-12 noon. Co-sponsoring this event, which is now in its 18th year, are womens' service organizations Zonta Club of Pasadena and Soroptimist International of Altadena/Pasadena. Silver Saturday is free to all.

Keynote speakers for the event are breast surgeon Dr. Jenny Shen and nutritionist Kate Oakland.

The Wellness Community-Foothills is located at 200 East Del Mar Boulevard, Suite 200. Space is limited so RSVPs are requested. The Wellness Community Foothills, 626/796-1083.

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## La Canada - Station Fire Aftermath

**Clear Creek Outdoor Education Center Finds a Temporary Home at Descanso Gardens**

Even though most of the flames have been put to rest, and containment is at hand, the effects of the Station Fire are very evident as many communities and businesses are now working to rebuild, reorganize and restore properties and livelihoods.

The fire has also made for some interesting collaborations – one such local alliance involves Descanso Gardens and the Clear Creek Outdoor Education Center located in the Angeles National Forest off Highway 2.

Because the fire forced the closure of Clear Creek's facilities in its aftermath, the science school needed a place to continue to offer their outdoor experiential learning to the thousands of students who participate each year. Founded in 1924, the organization provides several day and overnight programs to students in the LAUSD.

While the Station Fire didn't destroy main buildings on Clear Creek's property, it did damage electrical and phone lines; when the Forest Service closed the area to the public after the fire, Clear Creek organizers needed to quickly find a way to save their programs.

"We all know Descanso Gardens and how beautiful it is and so we contacted the Education Staff to see if we could bring some of our programs to the Gardens," says Ron Kupka, Outdoor Education Program Coordinator for Clear Creek.

Lisa Fuhrer, Manager of Education Programs at Descanso says: "We were happy to help out Clear Creek by offering the use of the Gardens for their day trips. This is one way we can partner with others in the community to further our shared mission of educating children about nature."

About 300 students from about 750 schools participate in the Clear Creek day trip program and they mostly come from the San Fernando Valley and East Los Angeles.

Today, the Descanso/Clear Creek collaboration involves students using the Gardens as an outdoor learning lab to engage in science studies such as photosynthesis, plant communities, weather cycles, animal classifications and more.

As of now, the Clear Creek program will

continue at Descanso through the end of the year. Descanso is not charging Clear Creek for the use of its facilities.

"Our goal is to expose children to scientific lessons in a hands-on manner and we're grateful that we can continue doing it here at Descanso," says Mark Gardina, Outdoor Education Director at Clear Creek.

Gerardo Salazar, Clear Creek Outdoor Education Administer, agrees, adding that the Descanso experience could continue for many students beyond their school visit. "We are encouraging the students to come back to Descanso with their parents and see what they've learned here," he says. "The Gardens is a valuable resource for us educators but parents, too."

Additionally, Salazar says that Clear Creek is also using the opportunity at Descanso to teach children the proper respect for being in a public garden. "We're giving them lessons on how to act and behave, and remind them that this is not a



*The Los Angeles Unified School District began a reforestation program in 1925, after two devastating fires in the Angeles National Forest destroyed thousands of acres. In 1950, the elementary school environmental education program was included. Since that time, Clear Creek has evolved into a center that serves Los Angeles Unified School District students from second- to twelfth-grade, with a variety of programs.*

park," he says. "This garden is special."

The Clear Creek Outdoor Education Center is the Los Angeles Unified School District's residential science school located in the Angeles National Forest. Clear Creek stimulates students by providing experiential learning not available in the classroom. Students develop an appreciation of nature and their place in it as they hike in the forest, look through a telescope, or make friends with a snake.

## Arcadia - Free Fridays at Santa Anita

For the first time in its 41-year history, the Oak Tree Racing Association has announced it will institute a full menu of "Free Fridays" throughout its six-week meeting, which begins Wednesday, Sept. 30.

Friday, Oct. 2 will mark the first of five "Free Fridays" and will get underway with a special first post time of 2 p.m. All fans attending on Fridays will receive free General Admission with the exception of day-one of the Breeders' Cup World Championships on Friday, Nov. 6.

In addition to free General Admission, fans attending on "Free Fridays" will be offered free box seats, while supplies last, along with \$1 dollar beers, sodas, hot dogs, popcorn and coffee.

"This promotion was a resounding success and was extremely popular with our fans at the Santa Anita winter/spring meet and we're very

confident it's going to be a big hit here at Oak Tree," said Oak Tree Director and Executive Vice President Sherwood Chillingworth.

"We also like the idea of two o'clock first post time. We feel this is going to make it easier for people who are getting off work to come out, have a good time and get their weekend off to an enjoyable start," he added.

The first Oak Tree at Santa Anita meeting was first conducted in the fall of 1969. Oak Tree will be hosting the Breeders' Cup World Championships for an unprecedented second consecutive year on Nov. 6 & 7.

First post time on opening day, Sept. 30 is at 1 p.m. For more information on the Breeders' Cup and Oak Tree at Santa Anita, fans are encouraged to go to, or to call (626) 574-7223



Having lived in Monrovia

for 60 years, beginning with my wedding at Immaculate Conception Church in 1945 while still in the Navy during WWII, and now managing to return to what I consider "my old home town", I am never surprised how all organizations, government entities, even hotels jump in to help out in an emergency, even when it isn't a matter of life and death. As president of the senior New Horizon Club in Monrovia, I received an e-mail recently saying that the Monrovia Fire Department needed our meeting room on "next Tuesday"! There is an average of 60 members in attendance each Tuesday, which whittles down finding a place that will set up for that many, especially on short notice. However, in less than an hour, the problem was solved. Kathy Reece, owner of the historic Aztec Hotel on Foothill and Magnolia in Monrovia, said, come ahead, we'll have the coffee and tea set up with round, linen-covered tables, microphone and whatever else is needed. Our lunch caterer, Sally Atkins, changed direction, we packed up our Bingo equipment and voila! A great time was had by all without skipping a beat! Thank you, Kathy and Heather, who was on hand to make sure all bases were covered.

Just two weeks ago, two hundred or so Monrovians gathered with an additional 600 hundred, according to the latest count, to celebrate a colossal welcome to Father Charles Ramirez as he was installed by

Bishop Gabino Zavala as the new pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church in Claremont, after completing the past twelve years as pastor of Immaculate Conception in Monrovia. The Monrovia friends and relatives were fortunate to have received tickets for both the Mass and "Taco Man" reception. The overflow heard the Mass by video presentation in the very large auditorium and the reception was beautifully set up in the parking lot.

Not only does Father Charles have a most interesting background, but Bishop Zavala could have had a past that included stand-up comedy. There was even dancing in the aisles by beautifully costumed young girls, performing in their native vesture, befitting the various segments of the Mass.

Regarding Father Charles' background: After being graduated from Damien High, he studied Journalism at Cal Poly Pomona, then took a job at a small TV station in Palm Springs, before landing a position for Channel 2 in Sacramento as a news reporter. After awhile, reporting so much tragedy day after day, Father decided this wasn't for him. He turned to the Seminary in Camarillo, was ordained in 1987, assigned to Our Lady of the Assumption in 1991 for over five years. Along the way he had occasion to help out in Skid Row and finally decided that taking care of the "poor and needy" was definitely his vocation.

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## Monrovia - Happy Monrovians

A survey of Monrovia residents shows that 95% are either "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with City Services. That's just one of the results of a Citizen Satisfaction Survey conducted by the City of Monrovia in late June and early July. Results of the survey were presented to the City Council Tuesday, Sept. 15.

Other results include:

93% of Monrovians feel safe in their homes and on the streets.

81% feel the community is heading in the right direction and 79% rate the community as an 8 or higher on a scale of 1 to 10.

95% said they are "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with the Fire Department and 87% with the Police Department; 81% are "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with the City Library, while only 3% are "dissatisfied;" 88% are satisfied with infrastructure maintenance, 94% with waste collection and 93% with water service.

32% of residents say that the Monrovia Today newsletter is their primary source of local information, with 28% citing newspapers and 13% relying on word of mouth. KGEM public access cable television accounted for another 9% and the City website for 8%.

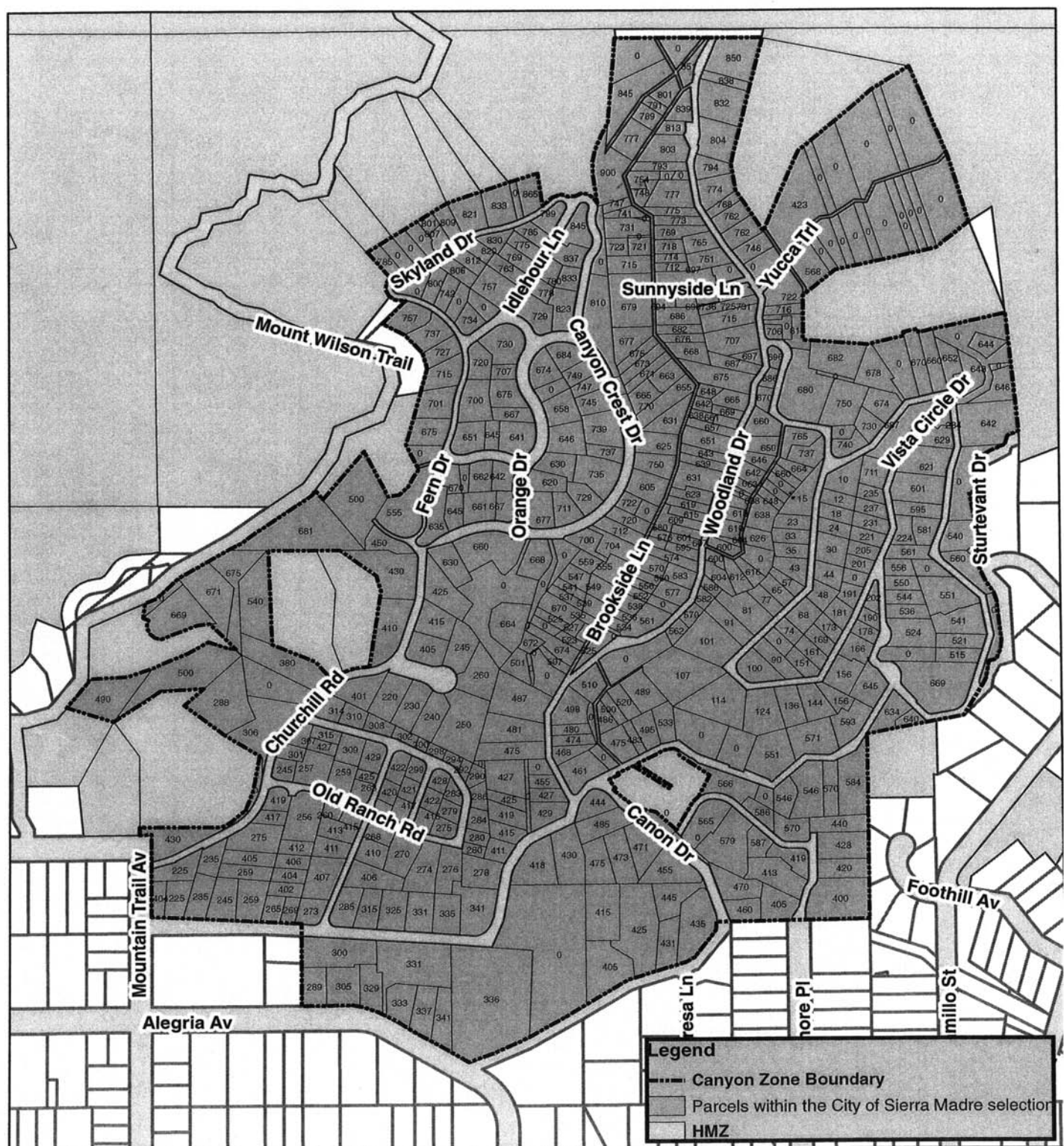
78% rate Old Town as an 8 or higher on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being best; 60% say they visit Old Town at least once a week and 80% say they find Old Town parking "easily accessible."

Topics covered by the survey included levels of satisfaction, City priorities, information sources, home technology, business districts, web use, public access tv viewing, as well as profiles and demographics of the respondents.

Monrovia has done similar surveys approximately five years apart since 1993, the last in 2003. Polling was done by the Rose Institute for State and Local Government of Claremont McKenna College. Three modes of surveying were used: A telephone survey, with 403 participants, that produced answers with a 4.86% margin of error and a 95% confidence level; A mail survey to every postal address in the community that brought in more than 1,000 responses, a return of more than 6%; and Two focus groups, one for adults and one for teens.

The survey questionnaire, reports, frequency tables and cross tabulations of the results are all available for viewing or downloading from the City's website at [www.cityofmonrovia.org](http://www.cityofmonrovia.org). They are also available in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 415 S. Ivy Avenue, and at the Monrovia Public Library.

## City of Sierra Madre Canyon Area (Per Decision Made on July 21, 2009 Canyon Zone Committee Meeting)



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## Gold Line Vote Again Postponed

The MTA Board of Directors voted on a number of light rail issues Thursday although none of which showed positive in moving the Gold Line Foothill Extension forward.

Metro Spokesperson Gayle Anderson said the board put off discussing securing long-term federal funding for Phase II of the Gold Line extension. The project would extend the Gold Line from Pasadena to Claremont.

Anderson said the project will be discussed next month.

The board did approve a long-term federal funding agreement through the U.S. Department of Transportation to construct the Westside Extension and Regional projects.

The Westside Extension, a pet project of Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa known as “the Subway to the Sea,” would extend the Purple Line down Wilshire Blvd to Santa Monica. Some including Supervisor Michael Antonovich consider it to compete for funding with the Gold Line.

The county would get federal rail funding for the long-rang projects through the New Starts program.

Antonovich also showed disappointment following the MTA’s decision to approve a 100-railcar contract with AnsaldoBreda saying, “The MTA’s return to sleaze once again has hung the taxpayers out to dry by selling out to the incompetent highest bidder.”

He added, “Breda has failed to deliver on time in two previous MTA contracts, and the current contract is already three years behind schedule in delivering certified rail cars. This vote also jeopardizes our commitment to operate the future Gold Line Foothill Extension and the Exposition and Crenshaw lines.”

In a letter to the Board of Directors earlier this year Antonovich explained.

“Judging its 2003 contract performance, Breda failed to deliver all 50 LRVs by 2007. We have received only 25 cars, all of which have failed to meet our specifications. These cars do not meet final acceptance standards, are overweight by 6,000 pounds, are not ready to serve on the Blue and Green Lines, and have seats, aisles and doors that are too narrow. The next 25 cars are “promised” by 2010, a full three years late.”

## Pet of The Week



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## City Shows Support for 710 Tunnel

By Dean Lee

Throwing their support behind Senate Bill 545 the city council Monday night voted unanimously to send a letter to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger urging him to sign the mandate that would eliminate any above ground option for the long embattled 710 freeway extension.

According to city staff, “The bill would provide that the 710 freeway between Valley Boulevard in Los Angeles and Del Mar Boulevard in Pasadena can not be constructed as a surface or above-grade highway. In essence, the bill would lessen noise, socioeconomic, relocation, air quality, cultural resource and similar impacts.”

The Cities of South Pasadena and Alhambra have both shown support for the bill. Mayor

Bill Bogaard said that South Pasadena did not support the tunnel option.

“What they say is they support banning the surface project,” Bogaard said. “They support completion for the studies underway to evaluate the tunnel feasibility,

He said they would make a judgment at the end of those studies something Councilmember Steve Haderlein also said he wanted to see Pasadena adopt.

Executive director of Pasadena Heritage Sue Mossman also said that although she supported the bill, the city needed to look at the properties Caltrans would now have in surplus.

“The most curial thing that we could do as a community is to continue the efforts to fight hard and work to try and



recapture those neighborhoods and those houses,” she said.

Mossman said they could all become affordable, midrange and market rate housing restoring them to productive uses.

She added, “And quit letting Caltrans be a landlord, it’s been a disaster for the 32 years that I’ve been with Pasadena Heritage.”

Many in the public spoke against the project altogether above or below ground.

## Rose Parade, Game Will Honor DiSano

By Dean Lee

Although the passing of acting Tournament of Roses President Gary DiSano Sunday was not the first time a president had died before completing his duties, this is however, the fist time he will not be replaced tournament officials said.

Manager of Public Relations, Vanessa Flores, said the Rose Parade and the Rose Bowl football game will now be held in his honor. “The normal procedure in the past would be to replace the president,” she said. “This year we decided not to do that.”

Flores said his wife, Sabina, and three children, Christina, Stephanie and Dominic will ride down the parade in the president’s car in his honor. She also said DiSano chose the theme, “2010: A Cut Above the Rest” for the 121st Tournament of Roses Parade and 96th Rose Bowl Game.

She also said Executive Vice President Jeffrey Throop will assume DiSano’s duties.

“Gary DiSano was an enthusiastic and fun-loving individual,” Throop, said. “He was passionate about the Parade and Game and never let any setbacks inhibit his dedication to the organization.”

## Close Call

A driver lost control of his Mercedes SLR Roadster Wednesday luckily not hitting anyone has the car plowed 100 yards down the sidewalk by PCC during lunchtime.

The driver then crashed into a city light poll almost knocking it over. City workers were called out to evaluate the situation as paramedics checked out the driver. His condition at the time was not known although he was transported to a nearby hospital.

Witnesses told police they saw the car try to avoid another vehicle making a left onto Hill



Gary DiSano  
Courtesy of TOR

Councilmember Steve Madison said this year’s grand marshal will also be picked from a list DiSano provided.

The association released a statement Monday.

“Gary DiSano had been a volunteer member of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association since 1972. The Tournament of Roses was a great love of his life. Through his more than 35 years of service, he served on and chaired various committees, including Community Relations, Formation Area, Football, Float Entries, Special Events and Tournament Entries, among others. He was elected to the Tournament’s Executive Committee in 2002.



Ave. “At first it looked like he was trying to turn into the gas station but at the last minute his tire hit the curb and he came right down the sidewalk,”

one of them said. Witnesses also said the driver looked to be speeding.

The vehicle had a handicap place card in the window.

## Toll-Free Hotline Setup to Help Homeowners

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works is offering free engineering advice for homeowners affected by the fires and concerned about erosion, mud-flows, and related issues. The toll-free hotline (800) 214-4020 will be staffed by qualified individuals from the Department of Public Works.

## Heavy Lifters Compete Saturday

People accustomed to lifting 200 pounds or more will compete for trophies and prizes during the fifth annual bench press competition at Villa Parke Community Center in Pasadena on Saturday, Sept. 26.

Participant weight-in begins at 11 a.m. and the competition starts at 1 p.m. Applications are still available for participants 18 years and older at the center’s front desk. Weightlifters will compete in five weight categories.

## MTA Line 177 to JPL Gets Transformed

Metro significantly modified the route 177, serving both Caltech and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), to better meet the needs of the riders of the line officials said earlier this month.

Several meetings and discussions took place and the ideas and comments provided at those meetings helped Metro staff restructure the route to better serve the needs of the customers using the line they said.

Changes to Line 177 included taking some service out of the mid-day portion of the line that was not being used and adding those hours back into peak hours of operation in both morning and afternoon drive times.

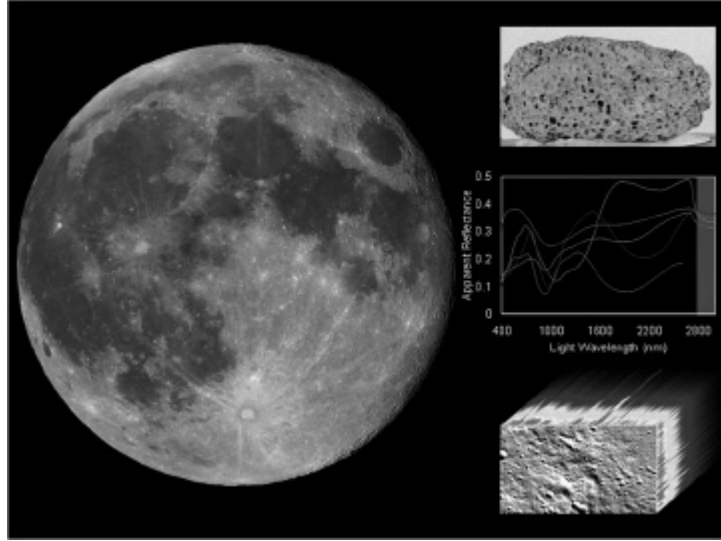
In addition, the service now operates one-way during the peak hours - from the Metro Gold Line Sierra Madre Villa Station to Caltech and JPL

in the morning hours and then from JPL to Caltech to the Metro Gold Line Sierra Madre Villa Station in the afternoon/early evening hours.

In making these changes to the line, Metro is now able to operate the line every 20 minutes between 5:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Service on this line prior to the changes was operating every 30 minutes. Since the service improvement to peak hour operation, JPL conducted a survey asking how their staff felt about the new operating levels and received positive feedback from everyone.

For complete route and scheduled information on Line 177 or any other Metro Bus or Metro Rail service, visit the Metro web site at [www.metro.net](http://www.metro.net) or call 1-800-C-O-M-M-U-T-E.

## Water Found On The Moon



Mapping the composition of the moon requires an imaging spectrometer instrument that measures the spectral signature for every point in an image. Image credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech

NASA scientists discovered water molecules in the polar regions of the moon the agency announced Thursday.

Instruments aboard three separate spacecraft revealed water molecules in amounts that are greater than predicted, but still relatively small. Hydroxyl, a molecule consisting of one oxygen atom and one hydrogen atom, also was found in the lunar soil. The findings were published in Thursday’s edition of the journal Science.

NASA’s Moon Mineralogy Mapper, or M3, instrument reported the observations. M3 was carried into space on Oct. 22, 2008, aboard the Indian Space Research Organization’s Chandrayaan-1 spacecraft. Data from the Visual and Infrared Mapping Spectrometer, or VIMS, on NASA’s Cassini spacecraft, and the High-Resolution Infrared Imaging Spectrometer on NASA’s Epoxi spacecraft contributed to confirmation of the finding. The spacecraft imaging spectrometers made it possible to map lunar water more effectively than ever before.

The confirmation of

elevated water molecules and hydroxyl at these concentrations in the moon’s polar regions raises new questions about its origin and effect on the mineralogy of the moon. Answers to these questions will be studied and debated for years to come.

“Water ice on the moon has been something of a holy grail for lunar scientists for a very long time,” said Jim Green, director of the Planetary Science Division at NASA Headquarters in Washington. “This surprising finding has come about through the ingenuity, perseverance and international cooperation between NASA and the India Space Research Organization.”

The Jet Propulsion Laboratory manages the M3 instrument, Cassini mission and Epoxi spacecraft for NASA’s Science Mission Directorate in Washington. The Indian Space Research Organization built, launched and operated the Chandrayaan-1 spacecraft.

For additional information and images from the instruments, visit: <http://www.nasa.gov/topics/moonmars>.

## PCC Offers Study in Costa Rica

Pasadena City College will be providing students and the community with an opportunity to study abroad in Costa Rica during the upcoming winter intersession, from Jan. 29 to Feb. 10.

The course will blend together global and local perspectives in order to identify and understand environmental issues in developing countries. By incorporating a variety of scientific principles and case studies and performing various field projects, students will discover the fundamental principles of environmental science.

Field and classroom activities will cover diverse topics, including

water and soil chemistry, habitat degradation and fragmentation, biodiversity estimates, reserve design and management, conservation issues, ethnobiology, ethnochemistry, agriculture, and restoration ecology. Field trips and classroom exercises will be conducted for two weeks at PCC prior to departure and for two weeks in Costa Rica by visiting many different environments and ecosystems.

Those interested in the program are encouraged to attend the informational meeting on Oct. 6, from noon to 1 p.m. in Room U408. For more information, contact Darcy Mack at (626) 585-3245 or Dr. Paul Jarrell at (626) 585-7168.

## Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, September 13th, to Saturday September 19th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 309 calls for service.

Sunday, September 13th:

2:13 AM – DUI, Arrest, 600 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. A motorist was stopped for a traffic violation. During the investigation the driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol. The passenger was also intoxicated and unable to care for himself. The driver and the passenger were arrested, the driver for the DUI and the passenger for drunk in public. They were transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

Tuesday, September 15th:

3:17 AM – Arrest, Suspended/Revoked Driver's License, 200 block South Mountain Trail Ave. A motorist was stopped for a traffic violation. A record check revealed the driver's license was suspended. The driver was issued a citation and released on a written promise to appear.

Wednesday, September 16th:

7:19 PM – Petty Theft, 100 block Suffolk Ave. A bicycle was stolen from the resident's open carport between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm, Saturday, 9/12/2009. The bicycle was described as a red and silver 18 speed Specialized Mountain Bike with

“Hard Rock” on the frame. The bike was valued at \$350.00.

Friday, September 18th:

9:36 AM – Theft of Mail, 200 block Manzanita Ave. A man on a bicycle was seen reaching into the resident's mailbox and removing several pieces of mail. The man was startled by the resident when they opened the front door. The man put the mail in his back pack and fled westbound Manzanita Ave. The man was described as a male white 5'9" – 6'0", 18-21 years with red hair, red and black tank top with matching shorts.

11:04 AM – Theft from Vehicle, 00 block East Mira Monte Ave. A wallet was stolen from an unlocked car. The crime occurred between 7:00 pm Tuesday, 9/15/2009 and 2:00 pm Wednesday, 9/16/2009. The loss consisted of a wallet, cash, driver's license and several credit cards.

11:55 AM – Arrest, Battery, 300 block Santa Anita Court. A family argument escalated to a fight involving three family members. Two were arrested and one sustained an injury requiring her to be transported to the hospital by the Sierra Madre Fire Paramedics. The arrested parties were transported to the Sierra Madre Police Department where they were booked and released on a written promise to appear.

## Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, September 13, through Saturday, September 19, the Police Department responded to 1,041 calls for service of which 127 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, September 13:

Units responded to the 2300 block of South Sixth around 12:19 p.m. in reference to a domestic violence incident. During an argument, a 30-year-old male Caucasian suspect struck his wife in the back. When he was leaving the house, he threw a brick through the window and the brick struck the victim in the leg. The suspect fled in his vehicle, and he was not located during an area search.

A commercial burglary occurred between 7:30 p.m. on September 11 and 12:30 p.m. on September 13 at 630 West Duarte. Unknown suspect(s) pried open the office door and took a karaoke machine, amplifier, and stereo mixer for a total reported loss of about \$3,400.

Monday, September 14:

Shortly after 8:00 p.m., a bicyclist was struck by a motorist at Huntington and Baldwin when he rode out into the intersection from the sidewalk. The man sustained cuts and bruises to his leg and was transported to a hospital for treatment.

Between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., a red 1999 Honda Civic was stolen from the Westfield Mall parking lot.

Tuesday, September 15:

Units responded to Citibank around 10:56 a.m. in reference to a robbery that just occurred. Two male African-American suspects, early to mid 30's, presented a demand note to the teller. Fearing for her safety, the teller gave the suspects money from her cash register. The suspects then fled the location on foot. An area search was conducted, but the suspects were not found.

Shortly after 3:00 p.m., officers were dispatched to Macy's regarding a grand theft. Two male suspects, one Hispanic and one possibly Caucasian, stole 15 purses from display racks for a total reported loss of about \$3,300. The suspects fled the scene in a dark colored Honda driven by another suspect.

Wednesday, September 16:

A victim came to the station around 3:00 p.m. to file a fraud report. Because she was already an identity theft victim, she was scrutinizing over her bank statement when she discovered two unauthorized transactions charged to her credit card in Germany. The transactions totaled over \$5,100.

Loss prevention personnel from Macy's

advised that they had detained an employee for grand theft and embezzlement around 4:42 p.m. The 27-year-old male Hispanic employee was being monitored for suspicious activities, and he was seen making fraudulent returns and giving merchandise to a female customer. Further investigation revealed that the 50-year-old woman was the suspect's mother. A private person's arrest was made, and the employee was taken into custody.

Thursday, September 17:

Units responded to Foothill and First around 7:29 a.m. in regards to a solo traffic collision. In trying to avoid hitting stopped vehicles in front of her, the driver swerved and struck a signal pole in the center median.

Around 4:57 p.m., a victim came to the station to file an embezzlement report. She is the owner of a medical group and she discovered that her bookkeeper had stolen over \$75,000 from her practice. The 24-year-old female Hispanic suspect took cash and checks from daily bank deposits and she also gained access to the victim's checking account in order to pay her own credit card bills and vehicle loan.

Friday, September 18:

Around 2:15 p.m., officers were dispatched to Baby Gap located at Westfield Mall in reference to several thefts that occurred between August 15 and September 18. The manager advised that about \$1,000 in property had been stolen from the store.

Shortly before 11:00 p.m., a traffic stop was conducted at Highland Oaks and Sycamore for an equipment violation. A sole occupant was contacted and a consent search revealed a white crystalline substance resembling methamphetamine, a glass-smoking pipe, and prescription medication without a prescription. The 52-year-old male Caucasian was taken into custody without incident.

Saturday, September 19:

Between 9:00 p.m. on September 18 and 10:00 a.m. on September 19, a grand theft from auto occurred in the 400 block of West Norman. Unknown suspect(s) entered the unlocked vehicle and stole a \$2,000 laptop computer.

A 61-year-old male Hispanic transient was arrested by the railroad tracks and Santa Anita around 9:30 p.m. for attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon, and outstanding misdemeanor warrant. The suspect stabbed a 17-year-old male juvenile in the abdomen in the 00 block of West Huntington for no apparent reason. The juvenile was transported to the hospital for medical treatment.



## Environmentally Speaking, Did You Know?

### Announcing SMEAC's Annual Meeting

SMEAC (the Sierra Madre Environmental Action Council) will hold its annual general meeting on Wednesday, September 30, 6:00 p.m., at the Sierra Madre United Methodist Church, 695 West Sierra Madre Blvd, at the northeast corner of the Blvd and Michillinda Ave.. Members and interested friends are cordially invited. Our guest speaker this year will be Kelly Flores who will talk about the prospects for solar energy with emphasis on its application to residential and small business installations. This is currently a subject of considerable interest.

The evening will begin with hors d'oeuvres and time to socialize to a musical background. Potluck dinner will follow, so come with a favorite dish or its equivalent to share. For inquiries or comment, contact Alison Snow-Wesley at 355-1544. We hope to see you there.

### City of Sierra Madre

### SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION 2008-2014 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

To: City-wide  
From: The City of Sierra Madre  
Subject: 2008-2014 Housing Element Update

The City of Sierra Madre is in the process of preparing an update to the Housing Element in compliance with State law. At this meeting, the key policy issues of the draft Housing Element will be presented to the City Council and Planning Commission, and City Staff will be seeking input and direction for completion of the draft Housing Element.

The Housing Element is one of the seven State-mandated elements of the City's General Plan and must be updated for the established 2008-2014 planning period. The Housing Element identifies and assesses existing and projected housing needs and provides an analysis of constraints and resources relevant to meeting these needs. The Housing Element also establishes Sierra Madre's goals, policies and programs for addressing its needs during the 2008-2014 period.

Following the meeting, a draft Housing Element will be prepared for a 60-day public review and comment period by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). A copy of the draft Element will be provided on the City's website and made available for public review at City Hall and the library. Upon addressing any comments HCD may have on the draft, as well as comments received by the public, the Planning Commission and City Council will conduct public hearings to consider adoption. For further information, you may also contact Danny Castro, Development Services Director, at (626) 355-7138 or dcastro@cityofsierramadre.com.

All interested persons have the right and are encouraged to attend this meeting and express their opinion. You may provide verbal or written testimony at the meeting. You may also submit written comments in advance of the meeting if you are unable to attend.

### SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

### PLACE OF MEETING

City Council and Planning Commission  
2008-2014 Sierra Madre Housing Element Update  
Tuesday, September 29, 2009, 6:30 p.m.

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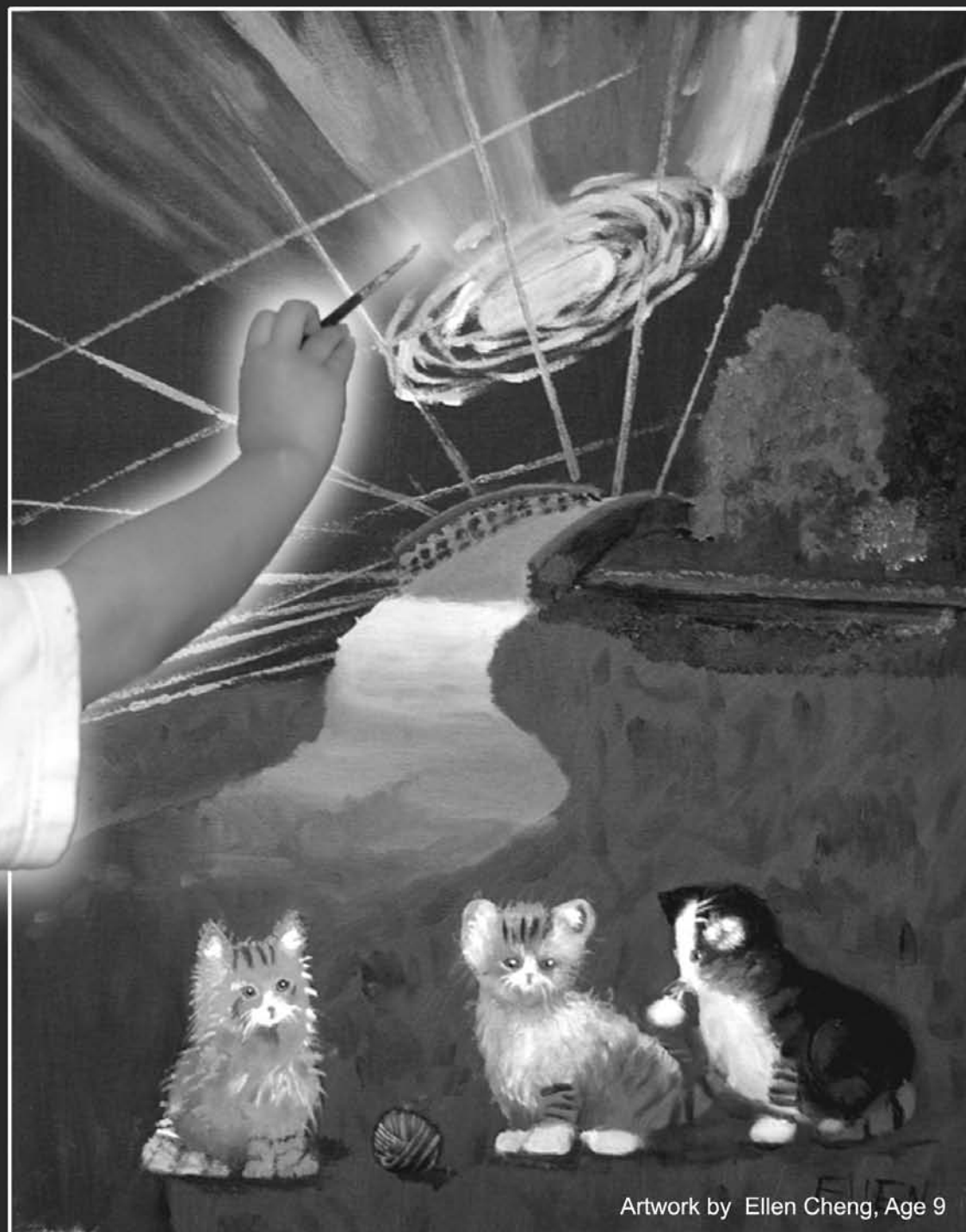
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**Trish is Back!** *Trish Collins, the Mountain Views News Teen Correspondent has returned from summer vacation. A High School Junior, she has been a weekly contributor since 2007. Her columns will make teens and adults alike, put on their thinking caps.*

# Trish's Truth

By Trisha Collins

This summer I traveled up and down the East Coast. I covered it all, from New York to South Carolina. And somehow, everywhere I went, the locals could tell I wasn't from there. After a brief conversation, the infamous would arise: "So, where are you from?" At first, I thought it was my speech (I was quickly informed the we, indeed, have an accent), until while walking down a beach in Virginia, a woman randomly asked my cousin and I what part of the West Coast we lived on. I could not figure out what set me apart from the natives. California culture couldn't be that different, could it?

It could. Upon returning home, I realized that the west coast is worlds different from the east coast. And it's not just the difference in landscaping. The east coast is also culturally different.

Here, its common occurrence to walk down the street and not say anything to the person you passed. While walking around a neighborhood in New Jersey, I found that it's just plain common courtesy to acknowledge people you are surrounded by. The entire walk I received countless "hi's" and "how are you's" from strangers. I actually held brief, but good, conversations about the weather with people I had known for not even 5 minutes. There

was a friendliness in the air that I had not experienced in California. It was, indeed, unfamiliar, but extremely pleasant and refreshing.

I also noticed that in some states, such as Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina, there was a slower pace of living. People took time to get to know their neighbors. Many evenings I took walks, observing neighbors garden together, hosting neighborhood barbeques and more. It was almost as if every state I visited held some sort of family-oriented atmosphere. I debated ever returning to California, which was looking less and less appealing.

Until I realized something. Why can't we have that "air of friendliness", too? It's our job to create that within our own communities. When you are on your daily walk, say hello to the person coming your way. What do you have to lose? Besides, that person could have the world in common with you; a good friend could be literally just around the corner. If you've been living in your neighborhood for a while, you should try and make an effort in getting to know them. You do share the same space! Why not enjoy the company of those around you? In my opinion, I think we could all benefit from taking a page out of the "east coast's" book.

## ROTARY HONORS SIERRA MADRE SCHOOL TEACHERS



The Rotary Club of Sierra Madre opened up the school year with a luncheon for the Sierra Madre School teachers on September 14, 2009.

Rotary hosts this event in recognition of the educators who help produce outstanding citizens, support the children, and help to make Sierra Madre the wonderful community that it is. At this year's event, Rotarians served a group of about 50 teachers a homemade lunch co-chaired by Carmen Thilbault and Karen Swisher. In addition, Dr. Hanne Rechtschaffen, daughter Sofia, and Peggy Beauregard baked homemade rolls and zucchini bread. Rotary supports the local educators and children in many different ways including the use of mini grants that can be applied for. The purpose of these grants is to encourage and foster the ideal of community service by providing the financial support for programs of individuals, schools, or non-profit organizations that directly benefit the community. For more information about the Rotary Club of Sierra Madre or the mini grant application process, please go to their website at [www.sierramadrerotary.com](http://www.sierramadrerotary.com).

## Skate Boarders Invited to Compete in SAFYMCA Skate Spectacular at Monrovia Skate Park, Oct. 3

MONROVIA, CA, September 21, 2009 – Local skate boarders are invited to show off their best tricks in competition at the Santa Anita Family YMCA Skate Spectacular event at Monrovia Skate Park, Saturday, Oct. 3 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. The Monrovia Skate Park is located at 843 E. Olive Ave. in Monrovia.

The Skate Spectacular will feature Vertical Speed, High Ollie, and 50/50 Grinder challenge competitions from 12:20 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Prize Packs will be awarded to the fastest time in the Vertical Speed competition, single highest Ollie, and longest Grind. There will also be a skate competition for multiple age divisions and open division from 3:25 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Prize packages will be awarded to the top scores of each division.

Pre-registration is required, anytime up until competition day at the SAFYMCA, or from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the event. Registration is \$10. Registration fee includes entry in one challenge competition and participation in skate competition. Additional challenge entries are \$5 each. Financial assistance is available.

All skate park rules will be applicable. Competitors will be required to wear elbow, knee, and helmet safety equipment. Lending their sponsorship support to the Skate Spectacular event are Stix Ride Shop, Monrovia; Advantis Rideshop, Arcadia; Boarders; Immortal; Target; Wendy's, and Monrovia Weekly.

In between the challenge and open skate competitions, from 2:45 p.m. to 3:25 p.m., the band Zenonic will perform in concert. Entertainment will also be provided by DJ Roy Mix. For more information, call the SAFYMCA at (626) 359-9244, or visit the website at [www.safymca.org](http://www.safymca.org). The SAFYMCA is located at 501 S. Mountain Ave. in Monrovia.

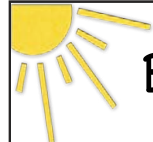
### From Arcadia Public Library

## Character Counts & Manners Will Lead You There

Children in third grade through eighth grade are invited to a special program at the Arcadia Public Library Saturday, October 10 at 2:30 p.m. This program will focus on the importance of good manners and how good manners build character on a daily basis. No registration required.

## Book to Movie Club for Sixth through Eight Graders

Join the Middle School Book Club in the Library Auditorium at 3:30 p.m. to discuss books and watch movie flicks. Each month we enjoy snacks, create themed crafts, and have fun! October 9 read and discuss the book Coraline. November 6, see the movie!



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## Budding Botanist Classes for Kids at Descanso Gardens

Aided by their natural curiosity, kids ages 5-8 can dig deeper into the world of botany in an upcoming three session class series at Descanso Gardens taking place Oct. 3, Oct. 10 and Oct. 17.

Taking place from 10-10:45 a.m., Budding Botanists will offer kids the opportunity to engage in the scientific process of inquiry and observation as they use microscopes and other lab tools.

Each class involves a guided science experiment followed with admission to the Gardens for families to take a self-guided tour.

Cost is \$65, \$55 for members, \$50 for each additional child (siblings only).

For more information, call (818) 949-7980 or visit [www.descansogardens.org](http://www.descansogardens.org).

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## HOWARD Hays



## As I See It

### Civil Discussions

On last Sunday's talk shows, President Obama expressed his hope that we engage in a "civil discussion" on the issues. (I expected him to add, "... like they do in the Opinion pages of the Mountain Views News".) I'll have to admit, though, there are instances where I won't bother having that "civil discussion". I don't feel compelled to answer Glenn Beck's charge that Obama harbors "hatred" toward "white people and white culture" (whatever that means). I won't discuss high school science curricula with one who believes cavemen romped with dinosaurs. I won't "debate" the reality of the Holocaust. I can't accept a "civil discussion" on the pros and cons of torture. I applaud Rep. Barney Frank (D - Mass.), who responded to a town hall attendee's characterization of health care initiatives as "Nazi policy" with a question of his own: "On what planet do you spend most of your time?" (He continued: "As you stand there with a picture of the president defaced to look like Hitler ... trying to have a conversation with you would be like trying to argue with a dining room table.") Sometimes it depends on the motivation behind the opinion. Some views on health care are based on sincere convictions on how to make the system better for all.

Others see an opportunity to embarrass the president with a defeat and maintain the flow of industry cash to their campaign accounts. I have little patience for those who employ lofty patriotic rhetoric to justify policies whose only purpose is to enhance corporate profit. There might be a "civil discussion" to be had on the problem of health insurance enrollees deliberately providing false information on applications to defraud the carrier (if indeed there is such a problem). It's another thing trying to justify poring over an application, searching for any trivial and inadvertent omission, in order to deny coverage at the time it's needed most. It was in researching the subject of denial of coverage that I came across a practice which, were I were to confront those behind it, would lead not to a "civil discussion" but to an expression of contempt beyond that which Rep. Frank offered his heckler. In some states, domestic violence is considered a "pre-existing condition". (Pause for a moment to let that sink in.) The rationale is simple; spousal abuse is rarely a one-time occurrence, but is usually repeated on an escalating scale. One who has been a victim stands a good chance of being injured again more severely, and becoming an increasingly costly burden for the insurance company. This cuts into profits, so it's used as yet another excuse to deny or cancel coverage. Fifteen years ago, then-Rep. (now Sen.) Charles Schumer (D-NY) surveyed sixteen

of the largest insurance companies and found that half wouldn't write policies (health, life or disability) for women who'd been victims of abuse. A 1995 report in the Boston Globe identified Nationwide, Allstate, State Farm, Aetna, Metropolitan Life, The Equitable Companies, First Colony Life, The Prudential and Principal Financial Group as having denied or cancelled coverage to victims (Aetna denied having done so). Nine states (Idaho, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Wyoming) and the District of Columbia allow carriers to treat domestic abuse as a pre-existing condition. Insurance companies, though, didn't seem to care whether it was permitted or not. In 2006, Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) introduced an amendment to a health bill in committee that would compel carriers to abide by states' bans on classifying domestic abuse as a pre-existing condition. The ten Republicans on the committee (most still fighting against health care reform) were united in their opposition, and the amendment failed. Though a rationale for the opposition is hard to find, Sen. Mike Enzi (R - WY) helpfully explained to Congressional Quarterly that if a woman is uninsured, it doesn't matter, anyway. Many have argued that, in order to increase competition and reduce rates, consumers should be allowed to buy policies "across state lines". No matter how offensive the idea of domestic abuse classified as a pre-existing condition might be to a state's legislature, regulators and citizenry, policies which do so would have to be accepted in that state's marketplace, regardless. (Insurance companies would

then no doubt jack up premiums on less-restrictive policies.) One type of consumer who could take real comfort in this is the wife-beater. The victim would be well aware that were she to report, let alone seek treatment for, abuse, it could mean cancellation of her health coverage. Experts advise the most important step to take upon abusive behavior is to move out of the situation, and also that the biggest impediment to doing so is a feeling of financial dependence upon the abuser. The common fear many have of losing health coverage upon leaving a job is magnified in those victims who realize that leaving their domestic situation, even an increasingly dangerous one, would likely mean losing current coverage and being barred from obtaining coverage in the future. Another concern regards doctors in states where they are required, by law, to report signs of abuse to the authorities. Doctors are torn between not reporting the abuse, thus breaking the law, or risking their patient's health coverage. Somewhere, at some time, some people in a high-rise office came up with the idea of using domestic violence as another excuse for kicking people off insurance rolls; after months and years of collecting premiums from them, at the very time coverage is most desperately needed. They may have had passing qualms about re-victimizing the victims, but in the end that wasn't as important as returning increased profit to Wall Street investors. I don't think I could engage such people in a "civil discussion" on this practice. I would, however, especially in front of a group of victims of domestic violence, like to hear them try to defend it.

## HAIL Hamilton



## Debunking Conservative Claim of Liberal Bias in the Media

The conservative critique - which characterizes the news media based largely on studies of reporters' personal politics - also fails to acknowledge the vast scope and diversity of the American media. It suggests a monolithic media that is uniformly committed to undermining conservatives and edifying liberals. But the American news media is neither as politically charged as the conservative critique suggests, nor as uniform in purpose or approach.

I'm always amused by the reaction of my foreign friends visiting this country when I tell them that many Americans consider their press to be politically biased. In most countries of the world the press is openly political and often strongly linked to political parties or movements. By contrast, the American news media - from newspapers to news magazines to broadcast news to the wire services - are the best and the blandest, for their relatively prosaic approach to politics. By any international standard, the American media are tame - almost balanced to a fault - but not tainted.

As for the supposed uniformity of voices in the American media, even a cursory examination would indicate otherwise. I checked the Web and this is what I found:

Among the Big Five national newspapers and in this group, I would include the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, the Wall Street Journal, the Washington Post and USA Today - left-of-center, centrist and right-leaning voices all appear regularly, and none of these major papers could be accused of offering daily support to Barak Obama or to any of his predecessors, George W. Bush or Bill Clinton. The major news magazines like Time, Newsweek, and US World Report also have left, center and right editorial perspectives. The highly scrutinized television network newscasts are dealt liberal by conservative critics and slavishly establishment-oriented by those on the left. Talk radio's most vocal and listened-to programs are conservative. Rush Limbaugh

tirades on Presidents Clinton and Obama has made him the most listened to talk show radio host, and elevated him to the be the "unofficial spokesman" for Republican Party. Cable's growing news and public affairs offerings are varied with something of a tilt toward conservatives in some high-profile programs and combative pro-and-con formats in others. Fox News' Bill O'Reilly "O'Reilly Factor" has the highest rating on Cable. He is now a conservative icon of Talk TV, followed by a small army of other conservative commentators like Sean Hannity, Glenn Beck, Ann Coulter, Michelle Malkin, and Alan Keyes.

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The most successful opinion magazines today are on the right with liberals like The Nation's Victor Navasky lamenting that "there is no left left in America."

And go to the op-ed pages of America's newspapers. Conservative columnists dominate and apparently have the highest readership, for example the Wall Street Journal. Some editorial page editors even regard left-of-center columnists as an endangered species (note, for example, the Washington Post's recent dropping of its liberal stalwart Coleman McCarthy due to declining reader interest).

So, not only are the number of liberal voices in the media dwindling, their influence is actually being eclipsed by their conservative counterparts. And, it should be emphasized, the presence and influence of conservative opinion leaders has always been felt in the American media.

In a lengthy examination of the most influential voices in U.S. media From Lippmann to Letterman: from the 1930s to 2009, media expert Frank Mankiewicz found abundant conservative opinion leaders in each of the decades studied. What's more, the only person to appear on the list in each of those seven decades was the recently deceased conservative commentator Paul Harvey.



## GREG Welborn Reckless Naivety Courting Disaster

President Obama's speech this week to the United Nations will go down in history as one of the worst examples of appeasement in this century - and we're only 9 years into this one - long remembered as the most egregious display of weakness by a sitting U.S. president to a packed house of his country's most recalcitrant enemies. It was nothing short of reckless naivety courting disaster on a world stage, and there are plenty of characters who, I am deathly afraid, will be all too happy to take him up on the offer.

Ignoring the opportunity to raise up the American experience for emulation (Reagan's "shining city on a hill") he instead excoriated the United States for all sins imaginable. No American president has ever expressed such open hostility toward his own country and its place in the world as President Obama did with comments like "no world order that elevates one nation or group of people over another will succeed". The reality that has evaded his highly educated intellect is that across the ages there has always been a predominant balance of power, and simply put it should always be the goal of the good guys to make sure that the balance of power is tilted in favor of the good guys. There are a lot of rogue nations and bad apples out there. Some of them have the potential to be pretty powerful and to do a lot of damage. Do we really want the balance of power tipped in favor of Communist China, Mafia-owned Russia or Islamofascist Iran? Obama's speech pointedly referred to the terrible environmental damage we purportedly inflicted in the previous century and to our more recent alleged high-handedness toward the U.N. and our supposed dalliance with torture and other war crimes. Where he gave us any credit, the focus was solely on the last 9 months -

which just happen to correspond with his presidency - in which we "re-engaged the United Nations", "paid our bills" and "joined the Human Rights Council".

If we want to really score the American experience over the ages, why don't we take a look at our development of 95% of the world's medical advancements, our creation of drought resistant seeds which feed the poor, our technological advancements which eased the suffering of millions throughout the world, our industrialization which made the great middle class possible, or our national sacrifice of blood and treasure to free Europe twice, defeat communism, defend the Muslims in the former Yugoslavia, liberate Kuwait and fight against Islamic terror?

President Obama is clearly uncomfortable with America's place as a super-power and its unique leadership role. He is hopelessly naïve in his belief that the world would be a better place if only we shared the power and prestige we've fought hard to rightfully earn which we, by and large, wield for the great benefit of all mankind. No other country has ever done as much to feed, free and protect as many inhabitants of this planet as has the United States.

Again, it bears repeating. Someone has to lead the world. It's better if we do it. Obama's core philosophical weakness is his belief that "the interests of nations and peoples are shared". I can't think of anything more at odds with reality. Hamas wants Israel wiped off the planet; Israel wants to exist. Russia wants its former colonies back; Eastern Europe would like to retain its new-found freedom. China wants to dominate Asia; Japan and South Korea enjoy their independence. Iran wants a nuclear bomb; Israel wants to make sure that never happens - and for good reason. I could go on. The point is that just as there are good and bad people, there are good and bad nations. Some want to dominate and control the lives and geography of their neighbors. History is replete with examples of the lengths these

despots will go to conquer, control and subjugate their neighbors. Cities have police departments to keep the peace, enforce the laws and protect the innocent. The world needs someone to maintain a just order, protect freedom and nurture nascent democracies. Like it or not, that's us right now, and I can't think of a more qualified nation or people for the task. We can't share the interests of Putin, Ahmadinejad, Kim Jong-il, Hugo Chavez or a host of other dictators. What they want is absolutely incompatible with what we want, and we need to resist their intentions with every foreign policy tool we have.

President Obama didn't use those tools very well at the U.N. or over the course of the last 9 months of his presidency. Instead of containing these rogues, he has promised to unilaterally reduce our nuclear armaments, remove American missile protection from Europe, throw Israel under the bus and compromise its security, waffle on our battle with the Taliban in Afghanistan, weaken democracy in Central America and grant Iran yet more time to build a bomb simply because the Mad Mullahs are willing to talk. It's been a busy 9 months. In 1943, Walter Lippmann commented that the pacifist movement of his time had been "tragically successful in disarming the nations that believed in disarmament". To clarify that reference a bit, remember the nations that didn't believe in disarmament continued to build up their belligerent capabilities at a frightful pace. The result was a world at war and a tremendous loss of life and limb. President Obama's reckless naivety is courting a similar disaster.

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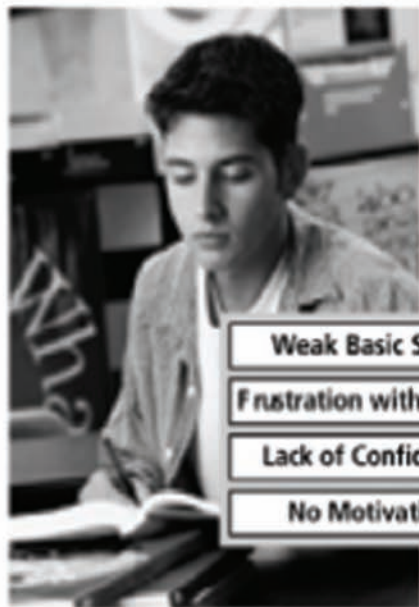
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The counter Restaurant has just opened on Shopper's Ln. Next To Green St. I'll check it out for next weeks column.

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Looking Up

With Bob Eklund

Looking for Life as We Don't Know It

Scientists at a new interdisciplinary research group in Austria are seeking to learn how life might evolve with “exotic” biochemistry and solvents, such as sulfuric acid instead of water. Their research was presented at the European Planetary Science Congress in Potsdam by Johannes Leitner on Sept. 18.

The University of Vienna established a research group for Alternative Solvents as a Basis for Life-Supporting Zones in (Exo-)Planetary Systems in May of this year.

Traditionally, planets that might sustain life are looked for in the “habitable zone,” the region around a star in which Earth-like planets with carbon dioxide, water vapor and nitrogen atmospheres could maintain liquid water on their surfaces. Consequently, scientists have been looking for biomarkers produced by extraterrestrial life with metabolisms resembling those we know on Earth, where water is used as a solvent and the building-blocks of life—amino acids—are based on carbon and oxygen. However, these may not be the only conditions under which life could evolve.

“It is time to make a radical change in our present geocentric mindset for life as we know it on Earth,” said Leitner. “Even though this is the only kind of life we know, it cannot be ruled out that life forms have evolved somewhere that neither rely on water nor on a carbon- and oxygen-based metabolism.”

One requirement for a life-supporting

solvent is that it remain liquid over a large temperature range. Water is liquid between 0 degrees C and 100 degrees C, but other solvents exist which are liquid over a range of more than 200 degrees C. Such a solvent would allow an ocean on a planet closer to the central star. The reverse scenario is also possible: a liquid ocean of ammonia could exist much further from a star. We know, for example, that sulfuric acid exists within the cloud layers of Venus, which has an extremely hot surface temperature. At the other extreme, another possible habitat would be the lakes of liquid methane/ethane covering parts of Saturn’s frigid moon Titan.

The discussion on potential life and the best strategies for its detection is ongoing and is not limited to exoplanets and habitable zones. The newly established research group at the University of Vienna, together with international collaborators, will investigate the properties of a range of solvents other than water—including their abundance in space, their thermal and biochemical characteristics, and their ability to support the origin and evolution of life-supporting metabolisms.

“At this early stage of our research, we are studying the relationship between solvents and different types of metabolisms,” said Leitner. “We know, for instance, that a carbon-oxygen based metabolism simply won’t work in an ammonia or sulfuric acid solvent. If

life exists in the atmosphere of Venus, it probably won’t work in the same way as life on Earth.”

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Would lovers still rendezvous  
At the twilight hour?

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Strategies For Health-Care Reform: Care and Feeding of Grassroots

Peter Dreier, noted Occidental professor and authority on public policy, will address the issues of health-care reform and effective advocacy strategies Oct.1 at a supper forum open to the public and sponsored by the League of Women Voters Pasadena Area at the Women’s City Club, 160 N. Oakland Ave., Pasadena.

Registration is at 5:30 p.m., supper at 6 p.m. and the program at 6:45. The cost of supper, including tax, tip and parking, is \$22. Attendance at the forum only is free. For supper reservations and information call 626-798-0965.

Dreier will address several questions: Do we

have a clear vision about healthcare reform and what it really will mean? Who’s for it? Who’s against it? Are proponents backing an entire bill or only a portion? How can advocates mobilize and energize to demonstrate the power of the vote against the power of the purse?

“We need to take a hard look at our advocacy campaign and improve it as quickly as possible,” says Irma Strantz, director of action and advocacy for The League of Women Voters Pasadena Area. The League believes adequate affordable health care is a basic human right.

On Line  
By PJ Carpenter  
Net Neutrality:  
A Primer

It was reported earlier this week that the FCC is in the process of defining its version of Net Neutrality rules that would ensure fair access to the Internet regardless of the size of the service requester. At issue is the Internet Service Providers’ desire to control the flow of traffic that traverses their networks in order to provide different levels of service to different customers based upon the amount and types of traffic that they would like to process. In the best possible scenario for ISP’s, access and bandwidth would be provided to customers based upon their ability to pay for premium access. Under this plan, large content providers with considerable resources would be guaranteed premium access for their products and services, while all others would be given reduced priority. Protocols and application services deemed undesirable would be throttled even further and in some cases blocked altogether. Modern consumer technology, with its ever-increasing use of bandwidth-hungry applications, is the driving force for this current need for further regulation in this area. Popular,content-rich web services such as You Tube, Napster, the iPhone and other bandwidth-needy applications and devices currently threaten to push the limits as to what the amount if data that ISP’s can currently handle efficiently.

The concept of Net Neutrality centers on the basic concept of data non-discrimination and all data on the network is treated the same. Currently data is allowed to traverse the networks that comprise the Internet free from from any sort of filtering or prioritization based upon a standard defined by other than the sender or intended recipient. Except for periods of extreme network congestion, hardware/software failure or some other major unforeseen cause, the major telecommunications companies maintain

a hands-off approach to the types of network traffic they handle on a daily basis. From their perspective, some types of network traffic are inherently easier to manage than others and it is these more troublesome types of traffic that they seek to rein in. Protocols used exclusively for file- or move-sharing like Bit-torrent unduly tax their networks and under a tiered pay system, senders of these types of traffic would be required to pay adjusted rates for the same level of bandwidth that they currently utilize. Large content providers would also be required to pay rates proportional to the amount of traffic to and from their sites. With all the premium bandwidth slots taken up by the larger players, newcomers or smaller entities doing business on the net would be given lower priority slots of bandwidth, putting them at a further disadvantage when it comes to competing with more established competitors. This arrangement would make an already un-level playing field even more so from the standpoint of the little guy. ISP’s maintain that they are entitled to recoup the cost of their continued and considerable investment in the infrastructure support and maintenance of the networks that make the Internet possible. The rapid expansion in the demand for their services has put the service providers on a par with other public utilities such as electricity or water supplied to a large metropolitan area. Whatever solution is reached must ensure that the companies that provide these vital services are not unfairly enriched at the expense of those who have come to depend on their service simply because there is no viable substitute. The new arrangement must also ensure that the companies that have invested their considerable resources in the development and upkeep of the Internet that we now enjoy are not unfairly burdened by bearing the expense of these endeavors alone.



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*Belonged to St. Rita's for a long time, but don't feel you've connected yet?*

Let us welcome you to St. Rita's!

Join us Sunday afternoon, October 11, at 3 p.m. for a casual wine and cheese gathering at the home of Dick and Chris Bertrand. Please bring a bottle of wine or your favorite beverage, a cheese and crackers plate, or an appetizer to share.

Representatives of various St. Rita organizations will join our pastor, Father Krekelberg, to welcome you to our wonderful parish community! At 5 p.m., following the gathering, we will tour the St. Rita's campus and facilities, with those who are interested.

**RSVP to Chris Bertrand at 626-355-1621 or to PR@St-Rita.org .**



## The Senior Spot

By Bruce Lamarche

### Tips to Avoid Financial Fraud

Seniors are among the most vulnerable group for perpetrators of fraud. The reasons for this are many. Some seniors are simply trusting souls who believe the best in all people. Others have not kept current with current marketing trends or technology. Regardless of the reason, we seniors need to keep our old fashioned common sense tuned up and ready for action. This does not mean adopting a negative attitude toward proposals for services or business. Most people are good and honest. Yet . . . let's be smart and stick to basics.

The following are some general ideas to keep in mind when you are asked to grab the check book or "just sign here, it's a standard contract". Stop and give them your best smile AND put on your business hat. These ideas apply to a tree trimmer ringing your doorbell, a roofer, or any purchase or investment.

1. Take Your Time – Don't be pressured into making quick decisions. Something that has to be done right now or it will go away is a huge warning sign. There is wisdom in "sleeping on it".

2. Be Suspicious – Remember if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

The chances of you, as an individual, striking it rich on that one golden opportunity is really quite small. You can still give 'em your best smile and friendliness and be smart.

3. Ask Questions – Ask an advisor to be specific about inherent risks of investments. Is the transaction clear to you in all aspects? Who insures it? Can I go on the internet for additional information? Is the information is given clear and logical? Are there any areas you don't understand? There is no shame in saying, "I don't understand, explain that to me in simple terms." Then ask to see it in writing. If it's not written, it potentially doesn't exist.

4. Involve Others – Discuss your proposal and options with trusted and knowledgeable friends and family members . . . then sleep on it.

5. Research Financial Professionals – Check on listed credentials and licenses. Go on the internet and verify these items. Most license agencies not only list the current sta-

tus but show a history of any complaints registered. If you are not computer savvy, go to your local library and ask a librarian to do it for you. They will be happy to help.

6. Beware of Strangers – When strangers call, find out how they obtained your information. Never agree to a financial transaction on the first phone call. Get information on their company location & contact phone numbers. If they will not give that to you or insist that they call you back, tell them you are not interested and not to call again.

7. Understand the Investment – Never assume that investments are guaranteed. Who insures the transaction? Is it the government (like FDIC)?

8. Ask for local references and call them! Listen carefully to what they say and ask questions.

9. Monitor Account Statements – Check the financial statements of all your accounts. If you don't understand something, call your rep or customer service and make it clear.

10. DO NOT IGNORE YOUR INSTINCTS! - We have a wonderful ability to process information in our subconscious brain. We end up calling it instinct, a gut feeling, or that wonderful "female intuition". These processes are not mystical but have a legitimate place in the science of thought processing. Subliminal perception allows us to gather subtle clues and integrate them into a feeling. Your brain will process information and give you a conclusion in the form of "I feel good about this" or "I'm not sure why, but I have a bad feeling about this." Do not ignore this! How many times in life have we regretted going against our instincts? Believe the best in all people, but be smart and ask questions.

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

## SENIOR HAPPENINGS

### FYI: HEALTH ALERT!

#### Flu Shots Are The Best Way To Prevent Seasonal Influenza

With the start of seasonal influenza season, healthcare officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are reminding Americans that the single most effective way to prevent the flu is to get a flu shot. In particular, high-risk individuals are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated. Here's why - On average, every year, influenza:

- Infects 60 million people
- Hospitalizes 200,000 people
- Kills more Americans than breast cancer
- Kills two to three times more Americans than HIV/AIDS
- Kills the equivalent of a major league stadium full of people

It's important to receive a seasonal influenza vaccine every year because there is a new vaccine produced each year to protect against the most current strains of influenza virus circulating.

Whether you are seeking the flu vaccination for an elderly parent, a child, or yourself, there is an online resource where you can sign up to receive e-mail notifications reminding you to get your flu shot. Reminders can be scheduled at [www.findaflushot.com/reminder.php](http://www.findaflushot.com/reminder.php).

In addition to the flu shot reminder, [www.findaflushot.com/clinic](http://www.findaflushot.com/clinic) provides an online flu clinic locator. Visitors can find flu clinics by entering their ZIP code and, within seconds, a list of flu clinics is displayed with dates, times, and locations for vaccinations.

If you're at high risk for complications from the flu the site, sponsored by Maxim Health Systems, can be a valuable flu resource. To learn more, call (866) 534-7330 or visit [www.findaflushot.com/clinic](http://www.findaflushot.com/clinic).

### Recipe of the Month: Raspberry Vinegar Chicken Breasts



#### INGREDIENTS:

2 skinless, boneless chicken breasts  
2 tablespoons butter  
1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
3 tablespoons shallots, minced  
1/3 cup chicken stock  
1/4 cup raspberry vinegar  
1/3 cup heavy whipping cream  
salt and pepper to taste

#### Directions

In a large saucepan, heat the butter or margarine and oil over medium heat. Add the chicken and brown lightly on each side. Once the chicken breasts are cooked (the juices should run clear) remove them from the pan and set aside. Add the shallots and the chicken stock to the pan. Simmer for 3 minutes. Add the raspberry vinegar. Bring all to a boil and simmer, stirring, until the mixture thickens. Stir in the cream and return the chicken to the pan. Heat for 1 minute to warm the chicken, turning the chicken pieces to coat with the sauce. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

### For Your Funny Bone

Did you hear about the 83 year old woman who talked herself out of a speeding ticket by telling the young officer that she had to get there before she forgot where she was going?



### September Birthdays

Edwina Garcia, Yvonne Osti

#### Quote:

*We are here on Earth to do good to others. What the others are here for, I don't know.*

-W. H. Auden

### Helpful Hints (An Update from Heloise)

#### Ballpoint-Ink Stain

THEN: Hairspray  
NOW: Rubbing alcohol

Ink formulations, fabrics, and hairspray ingredients have changed today. To get rid of the ballpoint ink from clothing you launder, place the garment on a towel stain-side down. Lightly dampen a cloth with rubbing alcohol and gently dab (do not rub) the stain.

### Pasadena Highlands Sponsors Bingo Prize

Pasadena Highlands, an independent and assisted living community, is proud to provide a special gift basket on the first Tuesday of each month. Bingo takes place every Tuesday at 1:30 pm in the Hart Park House / Senior Center in Memorial Park. The game begins at 1:30 pm but those wishing to play must arrive 10 minutes before to secure your Bingo cards.

Join us on the first Tuesday of each month for your chance to win this special prize and learn more about the Pasadena Highlands.

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

**Lunch Program:** Monday-Friday at the Intervale Café -12:00 Noon-Call (626) 355-0256 to make your daily reservation. Suggested donation \$2.00 for seniors (60+) and \$3.75 for visitors.

**Monday:** Free strength Training Class with volunteer Lisa Brandley 1:00-1:45

**Tuesday:** Bingo- 1:30PM- 3:30 PM .25c per card  
Yoga- 5:30 PM- 7:00PM Instructor Andrea Walsh- \$6.50 for seniors (50 and over.) Call 355-5278 for more information

3rd Tuesday of each month-Free financial consulting: 10-12 noon. Call 355-7394 for an appointment.

**Wednesday:** Wii Wednesday Virtual Reality games (bowling, tennis, boxing,etc.)

2nd Wednesday of the month: FREE Legal Consultations 10-11:30 am. Appointments necessary. Call 355-7394.

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

Yoga- 5:00 PM- 6:30 PM \$6.50 for seniors (50 and over) Call 355-5278 for more information

**Friday:** Ping-Pong 1:30 PM

**NEW at the Hart Park House Join us after lunch on Fridays for an old fashion sing-a-long. Song books are passed out at 12:30 pm and the live piano music will lead you on a 30 minute journey down memory lane. All are welcome!**

**Saturday:** Senior Club for those 55 and older- Brown bag lunch at 11:30AM Meeting at Noon- Bingo at 12:30 PM- only .25c per card



### Senior Opportunities and Excursions

#### Monthly Excursions:

**September 16th** - Take me to the Fair - \$6.00 per person

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Registration price is for transportation & driver's tip only and once you arrive at the Fair the Senior Day admission is \$6.00 (additional money for food & shopping is recommended). (transportation space is limited)

**Saturday, October 24th** - Big Bear Oktoberfest - 9 am to 6:30 pm Cost is \$34.00 per person and includes a full German meal with beverage, transportation & driver's tip.

**Thursday, December 17th** - Christmas Show - 10:30 am to 4 pm Candlelight Pavilion Theatre in Claremont \$51.00 for lunch, show, transport & tip.

To register for future excursions, please call (626) 355-7394. \*Payment is required to reserve space\*

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

**Senior Stretch and Balance-** A free class designed by volunteer instructors Teryl Willis, for seniors to refresh the joints, soothe the spine, and improve balance. Come and join in some simple and gentle exercises, a little light yoga, and a bit of easy tai chi. On Wednesdays at 11:00 am.

**Free Lawn Bowling Lessons:** The Santa Anita Bowling Green Club will have beginning lawn bowling lessons each Saturday morning starting at 10:00 AM. Located just north of the golf course at 405 S. Santa Anita Ave. Call Gene at 626.351-5327.

#### Meals-on-Wheels:

Meals are delivered to homebound seniors by volunteer drivers through the YWCA Intervale Lunch Program M-F (with frozen meals for the weekend.) \$2.00 suggested donation per day. Call Susan Garcia at (626) 858-8382 for more information.



**MEALS-ON-WHEELS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO DELIVER MEALS TO OUR HOMEBOUND NEIGHBORS \*\*ONCE A MONTH OR WEEKLY\*\* Please contact Darlene Traxler at 626.355.0256.**

### ARTHRITIS, OSTEOARTHRITIS, OSTEOPOROSIS HOW ARE THEY DIFFERENT

The City of Arcadia, Senior Services Department is having a health lecture on *Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive at 1:30pm.* This is a free lecture given by the Arcadia Senior Services Department in partnership with the rehabilitation professionals at Casa Colina. Barry Shafer, PT, ATV and director of the new Casa Colina Azusa Center will be the guest speaker.

Mr. Shafer obtained his Bachelor of Science and Masters' of Physical Therapy from the University of Southern California and will discuss the differences between Arthritis, Osteoporosis and Osteoarthritis. Mr. Shafer will also perform exercises that you can perform at home to manage the disease and prevent pain. The presentation is free but reservations are required as space is limited. To reserve your space please call Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130 before September 17th . This event is for individuals 50 years of age and older.

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## One Of A Kind:

*Featuring unique homes & gardens and the people who create them*

Story By Chris Bertrand

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## Stunning Yet Soothing: A Patrick Killen Designed Contemporary

If you amble down this tiny, quiet lane off Grove Street in Sierra Madre, you'll pass a grove of towering bamboo. Look closely through the gently crisscrossed limbs of bamboo and you'll begin to see the outline of this wood and glass masterpiece by well-known Hermosa Beach architect, Patrick Killen ([www.Studio9One2.com](http://www.Studio9One2.com)).

Killen's work has been recognized extensively in dozens of publications for his sleek, angular homes filled with natural light. Designed in 1990 as a wood and glass retreat, almost every inside room of this home offers views akin to a landscape or still life painting. The home has been aptly described as one, "Where every window frames a picture, and light is an architectural element."

The underlying homesite itself is uniquely shielded from any significant traffic by its secluded location. You can almost hear yourself exhaling slowly when you pass the bamboo stand. Even the long paver and grass driveway gracefully eases the transition from busy life on the outside to this verdant refuge.

A subtle, sophisticated color palette provides interesting definition and personality to the rooms, while carefully complementing both the views and the interior accoutrements. The extensive parquet floors, recently refinished, unify the elements and provide a perfect foundation to the strong lines and angles of the windows and walls. The stair railings create a line drawing artwork, mimicking the checkerboard of the parquet flooring.

Many windows crest at the roof line, and in some cases the exterior overhang is artfully interspersed with "windows" in the roof line. The resulting sun and shadow lines interplay beautifully on the interior surfaces as the day progresses and the light source moves.

An interior atrium, recently re-landscaped, can be viewed from all the public spaces, and

provides a fresh private respite at any time of day.

The kitchen boasts sleek, slab granite counters and exotic teak cabinetry with hidden hinges and pulls. Open to the casual dining family rooms, the kitchen is close enough for the cook to feel like part of the day's activity. The angles of the room then allow all three space to be removed enough to be separate.

The flexible main floor bedroom can also be easily configured as a home office, guest or in-law quarters. A nearby separate entrance allows for private ingress.

Upstairs, the master suite seems perched in the treetops, surrounded by the lacy leaves of the bamboo. The bed location is perfectly situated to enjoy the fireplace as well as views out to the private deck, the bamboo and starlight. The master bath gleams extra light from vaulted clerestory "windows" into the bedroom, also providing interesting architectural lines.

Outside, several separate yard spaces create numerous outdoor rooms for different types of relaxation or rejuvenation. A lap pool wide enough for two is hidden away, so private you might not even find it without searching. Two flagstone patios are joined at an angle so they can provide separate usage space or be combined for a party. Of course, there's the large and long bamboo grove. Not only does it provide cooling shade without deep darkness, the soft rustle in even the lightest breeze provides its own salve to the day's travails.

349 Grove Street, Sierra Madre, is offered at \$1,268,000 by Tracy Alderson of Sotheby's International Realty. It includes approximately 3600 square feet with four bedrooms, 3.5 baths and a three car attached garage on a level, third acre lot. The property will be open on Sunday, September 27, from 2-4 p.m. For more information, view [www.349Grove.com](http://www.349Grove.com) or contact the agent at 626-396-6805.



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## Oak Tree Celebrates 30 Years

### Live Racing returns to Arcadia!

By Rick Alfred

The thrills and chills of live racing returns with a bang to Arcadia on Wednesday, September 30th. Oak Tree at Santa Anita's opening week brings you a variety of events and giveaways.

On opening day, Oak Tree will be giving away a beer stein with paid admission. (Insider Trading: To get further discounts, join the Thoroughbreds Club! Current cardholders have already received a free admission package in the mail. For more info, go to oaktreeracing.com.) Also on Opening Day attendees will receive \$2 passes for a festive Cal Cup Day on Saturday.

Festivities continue on Thursday at Oak Tree where senior citizens 62 and over get in free. Friday, October 2nd marks the Oak Tree debut of "Free Fridays". General admission is free, along with \$1 beers, hot dogs, popcorn, soda and coffee. Also, if you come early on Friday, you might be able to get a box seat with your own satellite monitor. From prior experience, Free Fridays at Sirona's Bar has been a great avenue for

introducing first timers to Santa Anita Park. Don't forget to plan ahead though. They stop serving \$1 beers at 5pm!

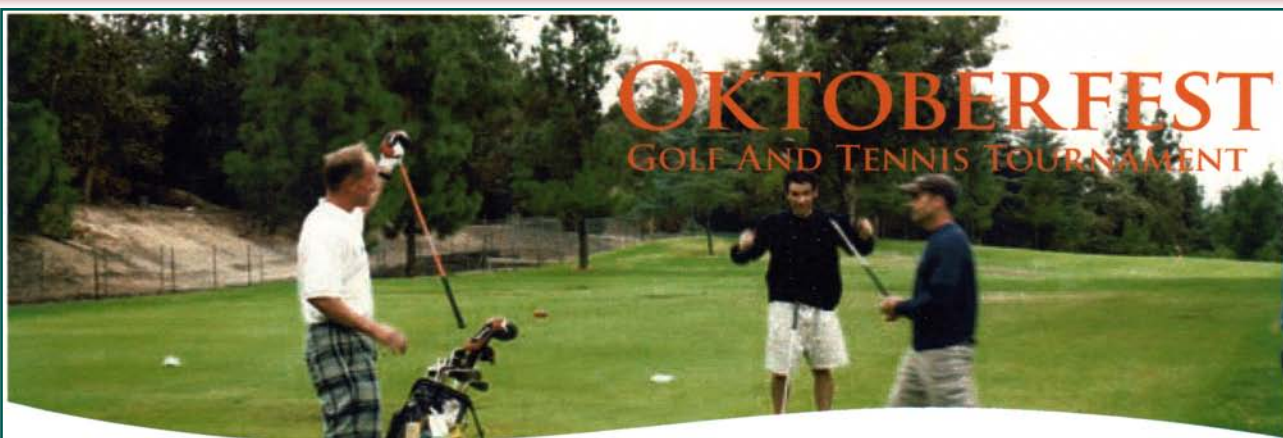
The week is not over yet! Saturday at Oak Tree is California Cup Day. All in attendance will receive a free Cal Cup t-shirt. California's finest thoroughbreds will be competing in ten stakes races for over 1 million in purses. Come early! The first race is at 12 noon. Until next week, see you at the races!

Santa Anita Park: Gates open at 10:30am. General Admission \$5, Clubhouse \$8.50, Turf Club \$20. Parking \$4

First Post Wed., Thurs. 1pm, First Post Friday 2pm. Weekends first post 12:30pm.



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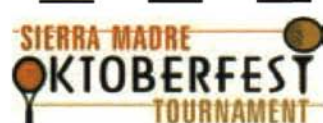
Tennis & Lunch - \$45

Lunch Only - \$25

Golf Tournament will be played as foursome scramble at Eaton Canyon. Sing up with a team or we can place you on one. Tennis is round robin doubles with rotating partners in coed divisions. Scoring will be on the honor system.

Reception, silent auction, raffle, lunch, and awards take place at the Community Recreation Center located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. beginning at 12:00 pm. Tax-deductible opportunities exist with this event! If you have an item you would like to donate to the silent auction or raffle, or if you would like to sponsor a Tee Sign at \$100 (includes a round of golf), please email [city@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:city@cityofsierramadre.com)

Please return registration forms to the Community Recreation Center or City Hall no later than Thursday, October 8, 2009. For additional information call 626-355-5278



### Registration Form



Check One: ☐ Golf & Lunch \$65 ☐ Golf Tee Sponsor \$100  
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