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5-Day Forecast

Sierra Madre, Ca.

Mon: Sunny Hi 80s Lows 50s
Tues: Sunny H 80s Lows 50s
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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

DUARTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPONSORS BIRD WALK

Ornithologist Kimball Garrett, collections manager of the L.A. County Museum of Natural History, will lead a bird walk on November 1, commencing at the Duarte Historical Museum in Encanto Park, Duarte, at 8 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be served at 7:15 a.m.

The walk will cover the area around the museum and the river trail north of the Puente Largo Bridge. A host of fall migrants may be seen. More than 50 bird species have been sighted on past walks.

The walk, sponsored by the Duarte Historical Society, is free. Binoculars are helpful. Call 636 358-0329 for more information. The museum address is 777 Encanto Parkway. Garrett has co-authored several birding books including Birds of the Los Angeles Region and Peterson's Guide to Warblers.

For more information contact Claudia Heller, President, Duarte Historical Society 626 3580329

OCTOBER

Sierra Madre

	7 SMTV3 Committee Meeting Community Recreation Center, 7:30 am	15 Third Thursday Book Club Meeting SM Public Library 11:00 am	17 Oktoberfest Golf & Tennis Tournament October 17th Rec Center 8:00 am - Noon
	14 Arts Commission Meeting, Council Chambers 6:30 pm		
19 What do Publishers Want? Talk at the Library October 19th 7:00 pm	20 Improve Home Energy Performance How Residents' Houses Can Measure Up The Arc 14403-B East Pacific Ave Baldwin Park 1:00 - 4:00	28 Library Trustees Meeting, City Hall Conference Room 7:00 pm	

Halloween Activities

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Goblins in the Garden - Arboretum

Arboretum members' children invited at no charge. Regular Arboretum admission fees apply for non-members, plus \$10 per child to participate in the event. Registration is not necessary.

Children up to age 10 and their parents are invited to celebrate fall, nature, and of course Halloween. Explore the wonders of the Arboretum gardens. Activities include nature-related crafts, art projects, story-telling, pumpkin decorating, music, face painting, photo opportunities, and lots of tricks and treats! Special surprises for all children dressed in costume.

October 31st, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Haunted Halloween Happening - Arcadia

The City of Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department is excited to announce the sixth annual Haunted Halloween event! On Friday, October 30th, elementary school students can roam the haunted hallways of the Community Center and enjoy activities like the Ewey Gwey Room and Scary Crafts. Come dressed in your best costume to enjoy Trick or Treating, Goblin Games and outdoor activities. This event is free of charge and open to the public. The festivities run from 4:30 - 6:30 pm. For more information please call 626-574-5113.

Arcadia

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		Bouncing Bee Baby Tales Arcadia Public Library 10:15 am		Senior Day Camp Wilderness Park, CA 8:30 - 4:00		Classical Kaleidoscope Concert Series Arcadia Library																					

October

Duarte

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		Free Flu Shots Duarte Senior Center		Annual Community Meeting Fall 2009																							

October

Duarte Farmer's Market Every Saturday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Monrovia

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		Myrtle Ave 200S		Kruse Ave 200E		Oct 10 & 11 Monrovia Arts Festival		MUSD School Board Meeting MUSD District Office 7:30		Planning Commission Meeting Council Chambers Oct. 14, 7:30		MUSD School Board Meeting MUSD District Office 7:30															

October

Monrovia Family Festival Every Friday 5:00-10:00 pm

Senior Stompers Walking Group Every Friday Community Center At 9:00 am

Read Early, Read ALOUD! Celebrate Child Literacy Month in November

The Arcadia Public Library has joined the First 5 L.A.'s Read Early, Read Aloud Literacy campaign to encourage parents and caregivers to visit their local library and sign up for a library card - not just for them, but for their children too!

For each family with a child age five and under who visits the Arcadia Public Library during the month of November and registers for a library card, First 5 L.A. will donate a special Read Early, Read Aloud tote bag, while supplies last, to be given at the time the family signs up.

Reading aloud to your child is one of the best and free gifts you can give. Not only does it provide a chance to spend quality one-on-one time together, it is putting in place one of the fundamental building blocks to raising a reader. With a free Arcadia Public Library card, you can open book after book of fun....all for free!

Creative Arts Group 2009 Art Festival

Creative Arts Group will kick off its 2009 Art Festival with a gala opening and reception Friday, November 6th from 7-9 p.m. The work of more than 85 artists will be on display and for sale in the Jameson Gallery and art center located at 108 N. Baldwin Ave. in Sierra Madre.

Twenty new artists will be added to this year's show which includes fiber arts, blown glass, ceramics, jewelry, metal arts, painting, photography, mosaics, silk painting, papier mache and more. Many artists will be on hand to demonstrate their work and Erika Oller will be autographing her "fragments"-original small watercolor and monotype studies. This is an excellent opportunity to acquire that special piece for yourself, or find one-of-a-kind gifts for the upcoming holiday season.

Join us for refreshments and festivities and meet some of our most talented local artists. The festival continues Saturday, November 7th from 10 am to 6 pm, and Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm. For more information contact Creative Arts Group at (626) 355-8350.

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Holiday Masquerade Saturday November 14 at 2:30 p.m. Arcadia Public Library

Children through age 14 may come dressed in their finest clothes and wear a mask for a disguise to this elegant ball. We will hear stories and songs about some other grand parties and a film and craft will make this a great way to celebrate the holiday season and the end of 2009! No registration required.

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7:00pm

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Arcadia**Only What We Could Carry**

The Santa Anita Assembly Center Exhibit runs November 10 through January 16, 2010 Opening Reception: November 14, 11:00 a.m.

In 1942, thousands of Japanese and Japanese Americans were forced to be interred in camps during World War II. The site that is now the Santa Anita Racetrack was used as a temporary assembly center before these individuals and families were evacuated to more permanent camps, away from the coast of California. This exhibit will present images and stories from and about those who were interred and their experiences in the camps. Also exhibited will be artifacts and narration on this difficult time in American, and California, history.

The Arcadia Historical Museum is located at 380 W. Huntington Drive, immediately behind the Community Center. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is always free.



Dressed in uniform marking service in the first World War, this veteran enters Santa Anita Park assembly center for persons of Japanese ancestry evacuated from the West Coast.

Los Angeles**A STAR (OF THE OPERA) IS BORN!****Metropolitan Opera Western Regional Auditions Finals to take place at USC on Sunday, November 8; 1 p.m.; Bovard Auditorium at USC**

SAN MARINO, Calif. The roster of renowned singers whose early careers included competing in the Metropolitan Opera Western Regional Audition Finals includes sopranos Carol Vaness, Leona Mitchell and Deborah Voigt; mezzo sopranos Michelle De Young, Grace Bumbry and Suzanna Guzman; baritones Thomas Hampson and Richard Paul Fink; and bass-baritones Richard Bernstein and Dean Elzinga. Those wishing to hear the upcoming generation of opera stars are invited to attend the 2009-2010 Western Regional Audition Finals on Sunday, November 8, at Bovard Auditorium on the campus of the University of Southern California (USC) in Los Angeles.

"The purpose of the auditions is to discover exceptionally talented opera singers and assist them in their development," explains Molly Siefert, Western Regional Director. "The program also helps discover new talent for the Met and searches for possible participants in the Lindemann Young Artist Development Program of the Metropolitan Opera Association."

Each year, the Metropolitan Opera National Council holds auditions in 16 regions of the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada, with approximately 25 Regional Winners advancing to New York to compete in the National Semi-Finals on the Met stage. The Western Regional Auditions are presented in collaboration with the Thornton School of Music at USC.

"The really exciting part is when ten singers are selected as National Finalists to compete in the Grand National Finals Concert, accompanied by the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra," says Siefert, who estimates she has shepherded from 25 to 30 singers through the New York Finals experience over the past 20 years she has been involved in the program. "And the excitement for us continues for the remainder of the singers' careers. For instance, each year, approximately 100 former auditioners appear in Metropolitan Opera productions alone."

Since 1992, three Western Regional "National Winners" have been selected to be participants in the Lindemann Young Artist Development Program at the Metropolitan Opera: mezzo soprano Michelle De Young (1992-1995), soprano Sondra Radvanovsky (1995-1998) and soprano Andrea Trebnik (1997-2000).

Judges who will hear the singers participating in the Western Regional Preliminary Auditions on November 7 are soprano Jane Eaglen, a Grammy Award winning soprano who has performed worldwide, from Seattle, Chicago and New York to London, Vienna, Munich and Milan and is particularly renowned for her portrayals of the most demanding roles in operas by Wagner, Puccini and Bellini; Kim Witman, General Director of the Wolf Trap Opera Company; and Brad Woolbright, Artistic Administrator of the Santa Fe Opera. Gayletha Nichols, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Opera National Council, will join the panel for the Finals on November 8.

"This fall will mark the 53rd season the Metropolitan Opera National Council has conducted auditions in the Western Region," says Siefert. "There is a lot of history in that, and also a lot of future!"

Tickets for the Metropolitan Opera Western Regional Audition Finals are available for \$29/person. Call (626) 285-3688 or (818) 240-6464. Bovard Auditorium is located on the campus of the University of Southern California at 3551 Trousdale Pkwy in Los Angeles. For more information about the National Council Auditions Program, visit www.metoperafamily.org/metopera/auditions/national.

Around Monrovia

by Pat Ostrye

HALLOWEEN

Today is Halloween, bringing back memories reaching back to my own childhood. How different "costumes" were then, a sheet with holes for eyes and that was it. We rang doorbells and ran, no treating, just the trick. My dad always had us bobbing for apples and trying to grab an apple on a string by our mouths. Then pumpkin pie.

For my own seven, it was a case of searching through the "closet under the front stairway" where all of the past "stuff" was stashed, to see what each one could figure out. From September 1st to Halloween each one would change his/her mind ten times before the day arrived, and it was always cold, even in Monrovia where it was home base on through their university years. The cold weather usually meant pajamas under most costumes, cancelling out fairies or ballerinas, but always ended with the pumpkin pie.

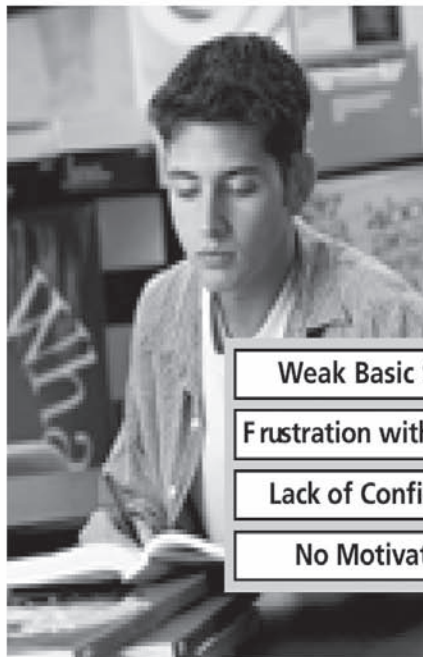
Now with the grandchildren, also big decisions to be made but costumes are made to order in every department store, even the big drug stores. Last year, the two little ones were partially outfitted from a catalog, the 2-year-old with authentic Monark butterfly wings, the other 1-year-old, a very convincing Native American Indian. However, both took a lot of make-up application and head-gear. And what fun to see them walking down Myrtle Ave with their parents as part of the costume parade which will again be taking place this year, as this paper arrives at the stands.

Back to the real world, last week's Quota

meeting fell into the spirit of Halloween with beautiful appropriate centerpieces and trick or treat bags of mixed candies. However, the two inspiring speakers for the day were definitely down to earth. The first young lady, Elizabeth Luttrell, is deaf and uses sign language, with her interpreter, Rachel relaying the message. Elizabeth is with GLAD (Greater Los Angeles On Deafness, Inc.) "Of, by, for and with the deaf and hard of hearing community": Services for people who are Hard of Hearing and Late Deafened (HH&LD). Her presentation brought home to everyone that it is a different world and GLAD's mission is to promote equal access to the deaf and hard of hearing community, directed around the promotion of the social, recreational and vocational welfare of deaf and hard of hearing consumers. Elizabeth even conducted a short lesson in sign-reading. Very informative! For information, 323-478-8000 Voice/TTY

The other inspiring speaker was Jennifer Radics with Rosemary's Children's Services, featuring Foster Family and Adoption Programs since 1920. Jennifer pointed out that the organization is committed to helping abused and neglected children, not only to assure that the children are out of harm's way, but also to provide them the educational, medical, emotional and psychological attention they need. Also very informative. For information, 888-546-1066. Postrye@netzero.com

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Sierra Madre

Lunch catered by Lozano's is \$11 - program only is free and begins at 12:45pm

Upcoming Events

November 3rd
Christine Lenches-Hinkel, of Waste Less Living, will conduct a workshop on the three R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. The Workshop will cover the 'how to's' of Zero Waste Management and Composting.

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November 3, 2009

December 2, 2009

January 14, 2010

The meetings are from 9:00 - 11:00am. R.S.V.P. to 626/286-3108 is appreciated.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post #3208 will be holding:**Veterans Day Ceremonies**
Sunday, Nov 8th at 1:30 PM

Veterans' Photo Wall - Memorial Park - Sierra Madre

Guest speaker: Sierra Madre City Councilman Joe Mosca.

All Veterans, families, friends and supporters are welcome!

**WFS' HAUTE HALLOWEEN SPOOKFEST!**

Make plans now to join us at WFS for Halloween fun and festivities! Pick up coloring pages for the kids to create Halloween masterpieces that'll be hung on our Halloween tree. Each artist will be entered into our Haute Halloween drawing and names will be drawn at 2:00 p.m.

Following the drawing, we'll take the kids on a Halloween Procession up and down Lake Avenue and around to the back of the store. You're encouraged to participate, but definitely bring a camera - you won't want to miss out on this perfect Kodak moment! We'll march back into the store for more festivities, fun and Halloween treats!

Saturday, October 31st, 2009

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MTA Board Defines 710 Extension as “Tunnel” Project

To protect the residents of Pasadena, South Pasadena and El Sereno from the devastating consequences of above-ground construction of the 710 gap closure project, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) unanimously approved a motion Oct. 23 by Supervisor Michael Antonovich , Supervisor Gloria Molina and Los Angeles City Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa to ensure that MTA define the project as a “tunnel” project consistent with Measure R ballot language.

The MTA had previously taken out the word “tunnel” from its proposed long range transportation plan and left the definition vague as to whether or not the project would be a tunnel or a surface route that would devastate the communities through which construction would take place.

These communities previously had tried to get state legislation (SB 545, Cedillo) passed this year to mandate that the gap closure project would have to be constructed underground to avoid damaging the communities with a surface alignment. That bill was not signed into law by the Governor despite support from both the Assembly and the Senate.

College Hosts University Night

Approximately 50 college and university representatives will be discussing traditional and accelerated transfer programs and financial aid options at University Night, an evening informational fair on Nov. 4. Informational booths will be set up between 5 and 7 p.m. in the Pasadena City College Quad.

“Most of the schools attending University Day will participate in the evening fair,” said Dina Chase, director of the PCC Outreach, Degree and Transfer Center, “as well as schools that offer accelerated formats and programs designed to meet the needs of working adults.”

For more information, contact the Outreach, Degree and Transfer Center at (626) 585-7287.

Pet of The Week



Asia, a beautiful, four year old Siamese cat is very loving and needs a new home. She can be shy when you first meet her but warms up quickly and loves attention. She has lived with a small dog and would love to be adopted today!

The regular cat adoption fee is \$70 which includes the spay or neuter surgery, microchip, vaccinations, and a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. Currently, you can adopt two cats or kittens for just \$85.

Please call 626-792-7151 and ask about A257840 or come to the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA, 361 S. Raymond Ave , Pasadena CA , 91105 . Our adoption hours are 11-3 Sunday, 9-4 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 9-3 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets updated hourly may be found at www.pasadenahumane.org

U2 Found What They’re Looking For

By Dean Lee

By all accounts, the long anticipated U2 concert Sunday night at the Rose Bowl went off without a hitch. That is considering the sold out show brought out over 96,000 fans, the largest number of the band’s 2009 tour said Rose Bowl General Manager Darryl Dunn.

There were, however, a number of complaints from neighbors about the noise level event organizers said. Most came from the first act, the Black Eyed Peas, which they said had a much deeper base sound. Some also said that speakers were raised above the height of the stadium.

Pasadena Police Chief Bernard Melekian said there were less than 10 arrests involving concert goers.

“I can’t remember if the number was five or seven,” he said. “But, way less than ten.”

Amazingly Melekian added that he heard there have been only 91 arrests total during the entire U2 360 tour to date.

Dunn gave credit to everyone saying the event would “go down in Rose Bowl history.”

“It was the collaborative effort that went into it,” he said. “From the city’s police department, the consultant we had, the band’s promoter. Basically we created the pre event, we called, ‘picnic in the park.’”

He said fans started arriving as early as 7 a.m. The concert started at 7:30 p.m.

Dunn singled out The John Blanchard Co. for providing transportation. He also said they paid to have the Metro open late and added that over



Darryl Dunn (Center) overlooks the U2 stage as its torn down Monday morning.

Photo D. Lee\MVNews

8,000 people took it. The concert ended at 11:15 p.m. he said.

“We ended up actually not even filling our parking lots last night.” He also explained.

Dunn said he did not anticipate the Rose Bowl having another large concert saying there are not enough bands that can produce as big a crowd as U2.

The city council ended their regular Monday night meeting

also praising the event.

Councilmember Chris Holden called it a “wonderful experience.” He also thanked neighbors for putting up with it.

“It was a real plus,” he said. “When you think about how the economy is really hurting so many communities and your city has the opportunity to put on a world class event like that, it was quite a thing to see.”

Famed Boxer Memorialized At Villa Park

By Dean Lee

There was no question that Monday night the city council would approved a proposed memorial honoring boxer Canto Robledo at the Villa-Parke Community Center and most of the 20 minute discussion came from family and friends glorifying his life which read like the script of a major motion picture.

A 10 inch by 16 inch bronze plaque to be hung at the center was approved unanimously.

Joseph Robledo, son of the 1930s world champion boxer explained all the challenges Canto Robledo faced including going blind at the height of his career.

“He was ready to fight in Paris France for the world title when he suffered detached retinas in both eyes,” Joseph Robledo explained. “At the age of 20 he suffered complete total blindness. Canto went into a series of depressions for over 10 years.”

He added, “My mother would tell me stories that she used to feed him on the kitchen table and as the depression sank in he went to the bedroom and finally she used to have to feed him in the closet.”

Robledo said at one point he no longer wanted to live in Pasadena.

Things changed when the



Canto Robledo

family built a small gym in their backyard on Cypress Street he said.

“Through perseverance and tenacity and a way of delivering something he had inside himself, he had something very special he needed to get out to the community of Pasadena.”

Robledo said his father started to train kids in the neighborhood and became good at it. In the yearly 1040s he started the first Pasadena Boys and Girls Club he said.

Canto Robledo went on to become the only blind manger

and licensed boxing trainer in California.

“That was a historic moment.” Robledo said adding that he also worked with the United Way and Pasadena School District putting on boxing shows.

In 1988 he was recognized by the World Boxing Hall of Fame for his humanitarian work Robledo said. He was inducted under the Joe Lewis humanitarian Banner.

Although Canto Robledo died in 1999, he was also inducted into

the California Boxing Hall of Fame in 2005 and is being considered to be reintroduced into the World Boxing Hall of Fame managers and trainers of professional fighters.

Robledo estimated he trained hundreds of kids at his Crown City boxing stables keeping them out of trouble, “all on his own time,” Robledo said.

Councilmember Chris Holden suggested that the family share some of Canto Robledo memorabilia in a display at the park next to the plaque.

JPL’s ‘Green’ Space Flight Building Debuts



JPL Director Charles Elachi and other dignitaries cut the ribbon for JPL's new, environmentally friendly Flight Projects Center, which is NASA's “greenest” building to date.

NASA’s “greenest” building to date—an environmentally friendly Flight Projects Center at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory—is now open for business, following a ribbon cutting ceremony today attended by lawmakers and local dignitaries.

The building houses missions during their design and development phases. It will enable engineers and scientists from various countries to collaborate more closely during these critical mission phases.

“It seems fitting that the new building, where teams will plan future space missions that use new technologies, also has the latest ‘green’ technologies to help JPL do its part to improve our environment here on Earth,” said JPL Director Charles Elachi, who helped cut the ribbon at today’s ceremony.

Also attending the ceremony were U.S. Rep. David Drier; La Canada-Flintridge Mayor Laura Olhasso; staff representing U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff; and Caltech President Jean-Lou Chameau.

The building has received the “LEED Gold Certification” under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating system, set up by the non-profit U.S. Green Building Council. It is the first NASA building to achieve that certification. To qualify, buildings must meet several criteria. For example, they must make efficient use of water, energy and resources, and provide a healthy and comfortable

indoor workspace.

The many “green” features of the new building include: A living roof to keep the building cool in summer months and warm in the winter. Desert plants on the roof and other landscaping require 72 percent less water than a typical Southern California landscape design: Outdoor lighting is used for safety purposes only and is directed toward the ground, reducing the amount of light pollution that escapes to the night sky: Low-flow faucets and toilets reduce water use by 40 percent compared with typical fixtures: Improved wall insulation, efficient chillers and boilers and window shading devices: The paints and other surface materials have low levels of toxic fumes: The heating and cooling system is “smart” -- it knows whether people are in a room and adjusts the temperature and ventilation accordingly: The janitorial staff uses green cleaning products and practices.

More than 75 percent of the waste generated during construction of the new building was diverted from a landfill to a local recycling facility. Wood was acquired from Forest Stewardship Council-certified suppliers, ensuring sustainable harvesting of trees.

More information about the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating system and the U.S. Green Building Council is online at <http://www.usgbc.org>.

Police Substation Opens at Del Mar Gold Line Station

A celebration Wednesday of the newest police substation also marked the opening of the new home for the Park Safety Specialist Unit and the H.O.P.E (Homeless Outreach Psychiatric Evaluation) team. The station is located in the Del Mar Gold Line Archstone apartments. The apartment investment and operations company donated

space to the Pasadena Police Department.

“This is another example of the many partnerships opportunities that help us do our jobs,” Police Chief Bernard Melekian said Monday. “By opening this space and making it available to the Pasadena Police Department, Archstone has enabled us to increase our presence in the neighborhood.”

Nelson Appointed to Measure P Oversight Committee

The Pasadena Area Community College District Board of Trustees announced the appointment of Charles Nelson to serve on the Measure P Citizen’s Oversight Committee, which will report on the progress of PCC renovations and construction funded by voter-approved Measure P Bond funds.

The passage of Measure P in 2002 authorized PCC to issue up to \$150 million in bonds to finance the construction. Bonds will be repaid through local property taxes.

The 12-member committee meets quarterly to ensure that campus projects are developed and funded as specified in Measure P. The committee also publishes a progress report to the community in the fall PCC Campus Report magazine

each year.

Nelson (Area 3, Northwest Pasadena) is serving his first appointment on the committee as a representative for Trustee Dr. Consuelo Rey Castro. Nelson most recently served as the deputy director of public works for the City of Compton for three years. He has also served as transit operations supervisor for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Authority from 2003 to 2006.

Measure P campus projects include a new parking structure, a new Industrial Technologies Building, a new Center for the Arts, the renovation of the student Campus Center building, plus technology and safety upgrades to most of the existing buildings. Committee members serve for two years. Members may be reappointed for a second term. Members may return to the committee after an absence of two years.

For more information about Measure P, call (626) 585-7258 or visit the Measure P website at www.pasadena.edu/bond.



McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog

Police Wednesday held their annual Halloween Child Safety Carnival featuring a costume parade and contest, child fingerprinting as well as goody bags with treats and information for children and parents.

The Pasadena Fire Department also offered these safety tips:

Never leave children unattended.

Wear costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flames.

When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories, purchase only those with labels indicating they are flame resistant.

Provide flashlights with fresh batteries to children and their escorts.

Review with children in advance the principle of “Stop-Drop-Roll” in case their costumes catch on fire.

Take extra efforts to eliminate tripping hazards on your porches and walkways that may prove hazardous to young children rushing from house to house.



Fire Safe Council “Announcements and Observations”

November 2, 2009-7 p.m. Regularly scheduled Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council meeting.

Guest speaker AND OR slides on the Station Fire helicopter use of the dam in Big Santa Anita Canyon. Guest speaker: Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Dam Master Daryl Forrester that some of you met as we monitored the Chantry Flat Gate during the Station Fire.

November 7, 2009-6:30 p.m. Two experts speaking on recovery after wildfire for the plant community we all live with: The Chaparral. Biologist Richard Halsey, founder/director of the California Chaparral Institute and Jon Keley, Professor, UCLA and researcher with the US Geographical Survey in Sequoia National Park. This combined presentation is a chance for you to here them locally. The program will be in Glendale, at a neighborhood school

and due to the recent Station Fire and the affects on the neighborhoods above Glendale, it is expected to be well attended and early arrival is strongly suggested.

On Saturday, November 7, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., the Theodore Payne Foundation and The City of Glendale Public Works Department will present an important and timely lecture that is free to the public -- Southern California Wildfires: Protecting our Homes and the Natural Environment. Richard W. Halsey and Jon E. Keeley, Ph.D., two of the region's most respected experts on fire, local ecology and post-fire regeneration, will present science- and research-based information about wildfires and how to best adapt one's home environment.

Clark Magnet High School Auditorium, 4747 New York Avenue, La Crescenta, CA 91214

First come, first seated!

An Original Halloween Tale:

SKULL MOUNTAIN

In a small city library in Virginia County, there is a book that is hidden amongst the many books of that library, a very old and tired reference book. The book recounts the events that occurred within Virginia County and one event of the mysterious city that is its neighbor, Indian City. Time has succeeded in entombing the book of that earlier age in dust but if you penetrate beneath the cobwebs you will confront a solitary story of a lone Halloween night in Indian City, a night that continues to speak in the chilly calls of haunted voices.

Page Number: Three Hundred and Twenty-Two through Three Hundred and Twenty-Three.
Virginia County Historical Reference Book.
Halloween Night, Indian City.
Eighteen Hundred and Eight-Seven.
Observation: Full Moon

The Indian City land was purchased in the same year as the American Revolution began. A religious man founded the town; a priest and he felt the Indians of the surrounding area deserved to have a respectful burial. It was not a common sympathy at the time. For war was about and these Indians were the supporters of the English in their cause to suppress the Americans. The Indians were skillful fighters and clever to make every tree their hiding place as they became living parts of the forest and fought with the brilliance and murderous skill of the fiercest animal of the new world.

The priest had selected a prominent hill to bury the Indians killed in the battles against the Americans.

The hill later became known as Skull Mountain, as the hill keenly resembled that of a human skull, and from a distance one could clearly see the two empty eyes looming from the side of that hill.

In the end it is said, that several hundred dead were buried upon the heights of Skull Mountain.

The tribesmen that he buried had a strange belief. They believed that upon their death they were offered two choices. In the afterlife they could select an eagle, or a bow with a single arrow. The arrow would allow them a last opportunity to kill a mortal of the living world. Making them a great Chief in the afterlife for they had reached back into the living world and taken a life. If they selected an eagle it meant that they wished to protect the living souls of this world. But the eagles were very difficult to train and shooting an arrow was like breathing for the Indians.

Almost a hundred years after The Revolutionary War began a man took over the town that the priest had founded. He quickly became very envious of the view from Skull Mountain, so he built his house upon its heights and removed every cross that was upon those many graves and used the bruised wood to build his house and the fence that surrounded the yard. The man that committed the atrocious act is long since dead, found one Halloween night with a single arrow extending from his chest. For on the second full moon of the month, that was to fall on that rare occasion of Halloween night, it is said that the spirits of the dead can claim their form once again and deliver an arrow of death from the spirit world. The people that passed below Skull Mountain on those Halloween nights heard the strange sounds of beating drums and the voices of Indians chanting. Only the very clumsy and completely foolish sought the source of the drums and its tribe, often known to be their last curious mistake.

It was at school on Halloween morning in Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven that they decided it. It was a dare as the three brazenly teased the boy, "Jeremiah, you are too frightened, even too much of a chicken to knock on the door of the house on Skull Mountain. You cannot walk up the steps alone and knock on the door of that haunted house when a full moon is in the sky tonight."

Being young and provoked by the three, he was lured rather helplessly to the danger filled dare.

That night the three challengers gathered at Jeremiah's home. He was dressed as a cowboy, Katie wore a white princesses costume, Tom was a red dragon and Cindy wore the costume of a white ghost.

The four started down the road for Skull Mountain as the dark of night began to engulf their town. Skull Mountain was in a different county and it was their first journey away from their home. The shadows shifted strangely and appeared different to the four this night. They moved as a single group and shifted quietly through the troubling darkness. Each step took them away from their home, and they could not know it but they were surrendering the familiar ground that had been their watchful guardian.

After an hours walk it stood before the four children. Five minutes up the pathway and they would be on the same ground as the house. Suddenly though, the three challengers were now stricken with the uneasy spasms of fright that a



night such as this will conjure.

"It is best if we turn back and forget the whole dare, Jeremiah, you have won."

"Oh, no, I will not forget this dare in a thousand full moons. You three are coming to the cemetery with me this very night!"

He now forced them up the path. He could feel the shaking of their petrified hands as the night was heavy in darkness and the moon remained solidly behind thick cauldrons of brooding clouds. They all sought to move devoid of a single noise, lest they break a twig and arouse some angry chieftain from a hundred year slumber. As they approached the top of the hill a black cat stood in their path and shook its tail as an omen before running off and vanishing through a window of the night. The three begged Jeremiah. "Please release us, we do not wish to see the cemetery, have mercy on us, you have won Jeremiah, you have won, it is enough already." It is possible they could have each run but they were too afraid to be alone for even a single moment on this fearful night.

"You have dared me, and I have won nothing yet. I will teach you three a lesson, I fear nothing." Jeremiah surged still forward toward the top of the hill as he dragged the three up the last few yards.

On the final rise at the top of the hill where the home stood, a low, hollow fog shrouded closely to the ground and the four thought they could see the breath of the Indians emanating from their graves.

Even in the blackness of night the gray home and gray fence pronounced a warning amongst a dark night. Now Jeremiah would go alone, as the other three children remained outside the fence with the chatter of their own trembling teeth.

He opened the gate to the yard and the clouds now lifted a veil and a pale light dimmed upon Skull Mountain and it filled the night with the silhouettes of outlined mysteries. To the left of the path before him was a tall broken tree. It was haggard by a bloody battle, which it fought and clearly lost to the gallows of an unforgiving wind. Two of its limbs stretched toward his path and the shadowy figures appeared as ancient arms trying to capture a giant titan or that of a fleeing small boy. He took his first step into the yard as he crept upon the path toward the home. The clouds removed yet another veil from the sky and the moon lit the path before him. The two limbs of the tree suddenly grew perceptible as their shadows strewn their menacing arms across the path he was to take. He saw the bloody, boney and crooked fingers of the broken limbs, as they appeared to move and he halted for a moment to make certain it wasn't so, and their movement ceased as well. He started out again, and so too did the movement of the armed shadows. Each step he took was but a mouse's as he inched frightfully upon the pathway that split the graveyard in two. He was fearful of removing his foot from the ground for the vibration it may cause. He slid past the shadowy arms and came closer to the stairs. He raised his foot barely enough to clear the first stair and cautiously placed it upon the first step, Crrrrrrreeeeaaaakk shattered the silence of the night. Did he now stand upon a legion of dead souls and their graves? Slowly he prepared for the second step and he tried still harder to float up to it but fumbled as he placed his weight upon the board and it made a haunting call that was disturbingly darker than the first step. He waited and listened for a return of an awakening but only the dead of silence and the small whispers of the wind returned its call.

Finally, he placed his trembling foot upon the third and last stair. An owl cried haunting with alarm as his foot shook upon the last step. His bones rang in shivers and his blood froze. He moved a small but imperceptible step toward the door and saw but a single candle flickering upon the windowsill. He went to knock upon the door but as his hand moved forward the owl cried yet again, but now it was louder then before. He summoned the last portion of courage that was his being and painfully laid a fist upon the door. The door swung completely open upon his blow, absent a person on the other side. He could not bear it anymore and cried out.

"Is anyone in there?"
"Hello, is anyone in there?"
"Who is in there?"

Next there began the steady pounding of drums and the unforgiving splinters of old dead wood as someone approached the door. An ancient Indian man appeared in the doorway. He wore a headpiece of feathers (*continued on page 12*).

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, October 18th, to October 24th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 273 calls for service.

Sunday, October 18th

3:33 PM- Arrest, Stolen Vehicle, Foothill Blvd/Michillinda Ave. An officer stopped a motorcyclist for a Vehicle Code violation. While speaking to the driver and passenger, the officer saw that the motorcycle's ignition was punched out. The driver and passenger gave conflicting statements about the ownership of the motorcycle, and could not provide proof of ownership and could not explain why they had the motorcycle. Both the driver and passenger were arrested for suspicion of motorcycle theft. LAPD officers later confirmed with the owner of the motorcycle that it had been stolen hours earlier in Hollywood.

Monday, October 19th

11:41 AM- Residential Burglary, 500 block Santa Anita Ct. Unknown suspects entered the residence while the homeowner was sleeping inside her bedroom. Entry into the residence was made through a rear door that leads into the kitchen. Once inside, the suspects removed a dime slot machine from the dining room and left through the front door. The suspects were described as three male Hispanics, 25-30 years old, last seen driving a grey Toyota Camry westbound on Santa Anita Court.

Tuesday, October 20th

11:59 AM-Commercial Burglary, 50 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. A male suspect entered a liquor store and took two 1.75L bottles of "Grey Goose" vodka. The suspect then ran out of the store without paying for the vodka. The incident was caught on video surveillance camera. Total loss was estimated at \$140.00.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, October 18, through Saturday, October 24, the Police Department responded to 900 calls for service of which 113 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, October 18:

A suspect entered an unlocked vehicle and stole property while it was parked and unoccupied at 400 S. Baldwin Avenue (Westfield Shopping Town). The crime occurred between 3:15 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Items taken were a laptop computer, iPod, a cellular phone, and miscellaneous personal documents.

Shortly after 10:00 p.m., officers stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. Investigation led to the arrest of the driver for an outstanding warrant.

Monday, October 19:

During night time hours a suspect smashed the rear driver's window of a vehicle parked in the 900 block of Panorama Drive. The suspect entered the vehicle and stole a DVD player.

At about 10:15 p.m., an officer saw a pick up truck driving in a reckless manner in the area of Baldwin and Workman Avenues. The officer attempted a traffic stop and the truck fled. A short pursuit ensued until it terminated when the suspect lost control of his vehicle and struck a fire hydrant, shearing it off. The 23-year-old suspect, from Temple City, was arrested and charged with reckless driving and evading a police officer.

Tuesday, October 20:

Sometime overnight, suspects entered a residence in the 1600 block of Highland Oaks Drive and stole several kitchen appliances from the garage. The home is undergoing a remodel and was vacant at the time. Entry to the home was made through an unsecured garage door.

At about 7:00 p.m., officers responded to the Skate Park at 100 S. Second Avenue reference persons in the park smoking marijuana. Contact with two juveniles led to the issuance of citations for possession of marijuana.

Wednesday, October 21:

Around 9:00 p.m., a male suspect entered the east doors of Macy's Department Store located at 400 S. Baldwin Avenue. The man grabbed twenty-two pair of designer jeans and fled from the store to a waiting pick up truck. The man put the jeans in the bed of the truck and the suspect left the area undetected. Loss is approximately \$1,500.00.

A crime bulletin was sent out to surrounding police departments. At this time, the suspects are still at large.

Wednesday October 21st

12:08 AM - Arrest, Driving on a suspended/revoked driver's license. Baldwin Ave/Hampton Ave. An officer stopped a motorist for a Vehicle Code violation. Further investigation revealed the motorist was driving on a suspended/revoked driver's license. The motorist was arrested for the misdemeanor violation and released in the field on a written promise to appear.

3:15 AM-Vandalism, 100 block East Sierra Madre Blvd. The reporting party called the police department to report that unknown subjects shattered the rear window of his vehicle. No personal belongings were taken from the vehicle and no other damage was reported. There is no suspect information.

Friday, October 23rd

1:02 AM- Vehicle Burglary, Windsor Lane/Sierra Madre Blvd. The reporting party flagged down an officer to report that unknown suspects broke the passenger side window of his vehicle and took a black briefcase, a passport, checkbook, and house keys from inside. The loss is approximately \$120.00. There is no suspect information.

11:25 PM- Arrest, Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Sierra Madre Blvd/Mountain Trail Ave. A man called the police regarding a possible intoxicated driver. The vehicle was pulled over and the driver failed the field sobriety tests. The driver was arrested for misdemeanor DUI and transported to the Sierra Madre Police Department for a breath test. The arrestee was later transported to the Pasadena Police Department Jail for remand.

Shortly before 3:00 p.m., officers responded to a possible embezzlement that occurred at the 99 cent store located in the 100 block of east Duarte Road. Investigation led to the arrest of a 20-year-old male employee for grand theft. The loss is reportedly to be more than \$2,000.00 over a two-year time period.

Thursday, October 22:

Between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. a 1991 Acura Integra was taken from the parking lot of the Westfield Shopping Town. The vehicle was recovered unoccupied two days later by the Los Angeles Police Department.

Around 10:00 p.m., officers responded to the Peck Road Conservation Water Park, 5401 Peck Road on the report of an assault. Upon officers arrival the suspect had already fled. The victim, a homeless person, had been engaged in an argument with another. The argument turned heated and the suspect struck the victim three times with a hatchet causing moderate injury. The victim was treated at Methodist Hospital.

Friday, October 23:

At about 3:00 a.m., a man was walking his dog in the County Park, 405 S. Santa Anita Avenue. Upon return to his truck a suspect was stealing a tool box from the bed of the truck. The victim confronted the suspect and a fight ensued. The suspect overpowered the victim and fled with the tools. The victim suffered minor injury.

Shortly before 2:00 p.m., a 43-year-old female from Los Angeles was arrested at Abercrombie and Fitch at the Westfield Shopping Town for burglary. The woman entered the store with a large "booster bag" and filled it with \$1,150.00 worth of men's cologne. After leaving the store she was apprehended by security officers who notified the police. The woman was also placed on an immigration detainer by the U.S. Department of Immigration Customs and Enforcement.

Saturday, October 24:

A package was stolen from the front porch of a residence in the 400 block of west Longden Avenue. UPS delivered the item and shortly thereafter a suspect ran up to the home and stole it. The theft was captured on surveillance video.

Between 6:10 p.m. 7:45 p.m., a vehicle was burglarized while it was parked in the 600 block of Duarte Road. Suspects made entry to the vehicle by smashing the passenger side rear window. Two iPods were taken.



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Alverno Juniors Star in Ring Ceremony

In an exciting rite of passage, Alverno High School juniors gathered on the school terrace to receive their junior rings. In keeping with the junior class color, the terrace was aglow with pink lights, pink candles, pink flowers, and a pink arch.

"These girls are now upper classwomen," says Ann Gillick, Alverno Head of School. "Junior Ring is one of the most anticipated events of the school year."

The excitement was palpable as young women went forward in front of friends and family to receive the school rings they had so carefully picked out last year. "What a blast," comments Julia Morreale, whose speech was one of the evening's highlights. "Everyone had a great time."

Alverno High School is the independent, Catholic college-prep high school for girls in Sierra Madre. Its college-prep curriculum and emphasis on leadership attracts students from public and private schools throughout the San Gabriel Valley. The school will celebrate the 50th anniversary of preparing young women for the future with a series of events during the 2010-2011 school year.



Local Students to Showcase Talents in Production of CHICAGO

Duarte resident Kelsey Shaw is taking a lead role in an upcoming production of Chicago at Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy in La Canada, Flintridge. Shaw, who is also a member of the Baldwin Park Children's Theatre, will debut as Velma Kelly in the racy revue on Tuesday, November 9 through Saturday, November 14, 2009.

La Canada Flintridge, California - November - Kelsey Shaw (of Duarte), a junior at Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy, will take on the role of Velma Kelly in the school's upcoming production of Chicago, set to run Nov. 9 through Nov. 14. Shaw is no stranger to the stage, having had exciting roles in various productions at the Baldwin Park Performing Arts Center.

What makes this production especially exciting is that it will be performed in the round, creating a "speakeasy" ambience. Students at FSHA come from all over the San Gabriel Valley, and the theatre productions are lucky to pull boys from neighboring schools as well. Other lead characters include Mary Teinen

(Glendale), Georgia Button (Pasadena), and Cole Rainey (South Pasadena) and Aric Ponce (El Monte), who each attend St. Francis in La Canada, as well as Joe Primo (La Crescenta) who attends Crescenta Valley High School. Principal dancers include Mackenzie Lyng (Monrovia), Katie Polley (Glendale), Alyson Jacobsmeyer (Glendale), and Amy Trivers (La Crescenta). Tiara Kamolvattanavith, who has one of the character roles, is a boarder at FSHA. She comes from Thailand.

Some of the student dancers took part in a recent showcase by the newly formed La Canada Shakespeare Festival, designed to drum up support for a permanent resident company and conservatory serving the foothill communities. A conservatory would offer local student performers an opportunity to intern with professional actors in three summer productions.

Chicago is a risky play because of the elaborate dance numbers and difficult musical score. Nevertheless, cast member Joe Primo says, "Singing is my pas-

sion. It's always fun to get an outlet for singing." And Mary Treinen, who plays Roxie Hart, agreed. She has been involved in FSHA productions since she was a freshman. "It's so different being the oldest now. You have to be the experienced one, and help the younger kids get involved." Treinen hopes to attend UCLA, Boston College, or Villanova next year.

Tickets for Chicago are available on www.ticketguys.com starting Oct. 28, 2009. Flowers will be available for sale in the foyer of the Flintridge Sacred Heart Theatre.

Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy is a Catholic, Dominican all-girl's school committed to educating the whole person in an educational setting that allows adolescent girls to flourish into young women who are well-prepared for college and beyond. FSHA offers a rigorous college preparatory curriculum, outstanding visual and performing arts, an excellent athletic program, a dynamic campus ministry and service program, and unique leadership opportunities.

Fall is Here!!!

Fall time is here. Finally. Just when I was convinced summer was going to last forever, a cold gust of wind came and reminded me that although we live in California, we do, in fact, have seasons. Personally, I think fall is the best time of year. It's not freezing cold outside (not that it gets freezing cold here), and it's not scorching hot. Stores begin decorating for Halloween and Thanksgiving, the leaves begin changing colors, everyone trades their flip-flops for sneakers and their short-sleeved shirts for sweaters. The nation's football obsession goes into full swing and Thanksgiving is on everyone's mind. This is all good and well, but I have one flaw in this perfect season: germs spread like wild fire and everyone gets sick.

When I say everyone gets sick, I mean everyone. At school, teachers are seen one day sneezing and the next day their gone, out with a cold for the rest of the week. Kids all over walk around coughing with itchy eyes

and bad cases of the sniffles. Tissues in classrooms are on an all-time low. Even my computer teacher makes everyone wipe down their laptops in hopes of decreasing the spread of germs. What is a person to do?

All you can do is try and protect yourself. Carry hand sanitizer with you when you're somewhere unable to wash your hands. Keep tissues in your pockets for emergencies. Stock up on your vitamins and feed your body proteins to help build up your immune system. And for heaven's sake, stay away from those who are sneezing and coughing and carrying on. If you must sneeze, it's more effective to do so in the inside of your elbow or the confinement of your own jacket (this is only if you don't have a tissue).

Other than that, enjoy fall! It's a wonderful time for weather, family, and the OTC (over the counter) cold medicine companies!

LA Consul General Zhang Yun of the People's Republic of China will visit the dual language immersion classrooms at Burbank Elementary School, as students learn in English and Mandarin Chinese on **Tuesday, November 3 - 10 a.m.**



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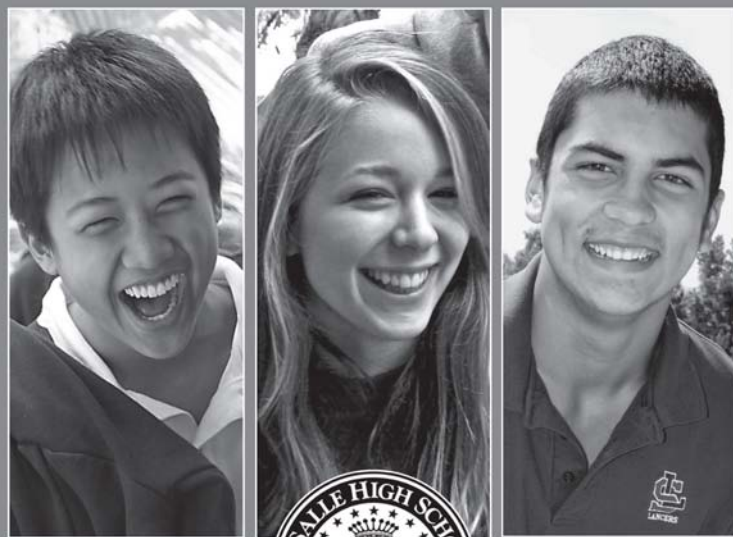
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What we really need is a "bipartisan" health reform bill—one both Democrats and Republicans can support.

The myth that "bipartisan" legislation works better than partisan legislation is widespread, but virtually no real evidence supports it. For every successful program passed with support from both parties, you can find another one that failed. There are also plenty of popular programs that enjoyed the support of only one side. The future popularity of the current healthcare reform will be a function

of whether the program works, not how many Republicans voted for it. More important, Republicans are not going to vote for real healthcare reform, *no matter what the final bill looks like.* They are in the pockets of the health insurance companies. Anyone who thinks otherwise has been ingesting too many free samples from pharmaceutical lobbyists.

Whatever we do, we shouldn't ruin "the best healthcare system in the world." Conservatives who make this argument believe that our system is the best precisely because of its inequality. Systems like those of our European friends, in which everyone has access to high-quality care at a reasonable price, just don't sit right with Republicans. If a captain of industry can't buy better health care than the guy who cuts his lawn can,

then the world just isn't functioning as it should. Forget the 47 million uninsured, highest per-capita health costs in the world, millions of people pushed into bankruptcy by medical bills, and worse health outcomes than most of the industrialized world.

If we can find an anecdote about a Canadian or Brit who had an unhappy medical experience, that means we shouldn't reform our own system.

This argument is everywhere, particularly on talk radio and Fox News. While there is a case to be made both for and against a completely socialized system like they have in England -- where the hospitals are owned by the government, and all the doctors and nurses are government employees -- or a national insurance scheme like they have in Canada, nothing remotely

like that is being debated here. This argument is like saying that you shouldn't buy a Honda because Volkswagens don't get good gas mileage.

If this health reform passes, some bureaucrat might be able to dictate what care you can get, standing between you and your doctor. This may well be the most widespread and pernicious of all the dumb arguments against health care reform. It certainly has some intuitive appeal, as long as you don't think about it for more than three or four seconds. Who wants some snotty bureaucrat telling my doctor what to do? That would be awful! Much better is to have your care controlled by a team of insurance-company bureaucrats, whose bonuses and promotions depend on denying your claims and limiting your care. That is, if you have a

plan in the first case, what with their denial of your pre-existing conditions and their attempts to kick you off your policy if you actually get sick.

Reform is all well and good, but we need to make sure it doesn't increase the deficit. This is the argument made most notably by the "Blue Dog" conservative Democrats. They claim their only concern is deficits and fiscal responsibility. Were that the case, they would be pushing not just for a public option to be part of the bill but for it to be open to every American citizen or company that wants it, because that would save the most money. But of course, they aren't, because the public option is "big government," and they don't like that. What they really oppose is progressive legislation that provides benefits to regular Americans.

Reform might make me lose my current health coverage. Here is a list of some things that could make you completely lose your current health coverage: losing your job; leaving your job for a different one; benefits cut because of poor earnings for your employer; trying to start your own small business; getting a serious illness.

You want to meet people who have absolutely no need to worry about losing their coverage? Talk to a senior on Medicare, or a veteran who gets his care from the V.A. Those rotten government programs don't kick people off. Rep. Alan Grayson (D-Florida) hit the nail on the head. The Republican healthcare plan has two provisions—1. **Don't get sick; and 2. If you do get sick, die quickly.**

STUART Tolchin On...LIFE

CAN WE ALL BE ABOVE AVERAGE?



Do you ever listen to Garrison Keillor's Prairie Home Companion on National Public Radio? I always get a kick out of his description of his imaginary hometown where "all the women are good looking and all the children are above-average". Well that's the way we want it to be.

Unfortunately, a look at the world tells us this wish is not to be. Some people are simply born with more talents and abilities than others. In my experience this was first noticeable in sports. We had races and some kids were just faster than others. They didn't try harder or train harder—they had no clearer idea about what they were doing—they were just faster. I was reminded of this early experience as I read a New York Times column by Thomas Friedman entitled The New Untouchables. The article bemoans the present state of American Education which has left many American Professionals not only lacking a job but also without the skills to compete globally. He declares that the days of just showing up and having work handed to you are over. Only those who have the ability to imagine new services, new opportunities and new ways to recruit work will be retained in their professional positions. They are the new Untouchables.

Well, how wonderful for them! What about the rest of us? Contrary to what Mr. Keillor tells us, all of us are not all above average. In fact, by definition, the majority of us are average or below average in ability. Not only that; some of us grow up in circumstances that make it pretty tough to develop the skills, and habits that contribute to success in the workplace. Furthermore, let's face it—some groups

are better than others at doing certain things and the competition isn't very fair in the first place. Additionally, I think, different groups learn in different ways and the present methods of teaching are mainly successful in teaching to members of the majority culture who formulated these methods in the first place.

I worry about all the rest of us. Maybe, if the truth be known, it is really not necessary for most people to actually leave their home and work. Technology has progressed so far that with just a small percentage of the population actually producing anything it is possible to provide the entire population with adequate food, shelter, diversion, medical services, and whatever else people require. Most of the jobs we now have, although stressful and time-consuming, are ultimately purposeless.

We push papers around, gossip, endlessly talk on the phone any try and hold each other accountable to some standard or other. Whatever it is, some of us do it better than others but few of us possess the creativity to imagine new services and opportunities as discussed by Mr. Friedman. Are we superfluous and ultimately redundant? (The British use that word to describe being on the dole.). The old, the disabled, the spouses and children of the wealthy receive regular payments just for existing. Disturbing, isn't it? Maybe, though that's the future. The talented tenth or whatever percentage they are may just have to take care of the rest of us or kill us or stop us from reproducing. .

For me the real question right now is what to do with our lives once we realize that we are not world beaters. For a number of years I

played golf every Friday morning with the Cal Tech baseball coach and two or three of his students. In a limited way I got to know these students and received a glimpse of how hard it is to one day realize that even though you were your high school valedictorian you are not the smartest person in the world. For most of us this realization took place long before college; but whenever this truth emerges it can be devastating. Okay, once more, what should we non-geniuses do with our lives? I think it probably is enough that we learn to be nice to one another. We should focus on keeping our marriages and significant relationships harmonious. We should raise our children lovingly learning to be supportive rather than controlling. We should focus on accepting ourselves rather than considering ourselves as failures because we have not met some unrealistic and irrelevant goal. Really, it's better to be fat than to loathe your body and yourself.

Maybe, this isn't much of a revolutionary message. Nevertheless, I think it is of the utmost importance to the world that we "average people" (which includes most of us) remember that it is COMPASSION that steers the ship of humanity. You know the golden rule and stuff like that. If we can be aware and remember to love and respect our neighbors and ourselves that's about the best we can do and it really is the road to survival and salvation. Now let us try and think nice thoughts about Dick Cheney. I never said this was going to be easy!!

CALIFORNIA'S CAN OF WORMS A Public Forum Thursday, Nov. 5

How to repair a broken California will be the topic of Pulitzer-prize-winning journalist and L.A. Times columnist, Michael Hiltzik, Thursday, Nov. 5, at a free public forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters Pasadena Area at The Women's City Club, 160 N. Oakland Ave., Pasadena.

Registration is at 9:30 a.m. Beginning at 10 a.m., a panel of knowledgeable members of the League and Common Cause will discuss the can of worms that constitutional reform will open.

The speakers will discuss two proposed ballot initiatives that would completely revise the patchwork California constitution and questions related to the state's health.

Is California governable? Is the legislature paralyzed by a constitution built on initiatives? What are the legal obstacles to revising the constitution?

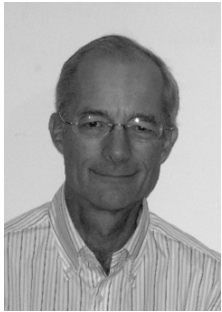
Sharon Mullenix, former president of LWVPA, will moderate. Local League panelists Ann Ansman, Carole and Jim Bradley will be joined by Xandra Kayden, director of action and advocacy for the California League, and Kathy Feng, chief executive officer of California Common Cause. Hiltzik will be the luncheon speaker.

Lunch is \$20, including tax, tip and parking. Reservations and further information are available by calling 626-798-0965.



HAVE FUN BUT BE CAREFUL. THERE ARE SOME SICK EVIL PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO MIGHT BE HANDING OUT TREATS LACED WITH TRANS-FATS AND SUGAR.

HOWARD Hays As I See It



I noticed an interesting juxtaposition of opinion columns in last week's Mountain Views News; Rich Johnson critiqued the use of hyperbole - and then there was Greg Welborn. Perhaps dismayed the "death panels" charge in last summer's health care debate was so readily exposed as the industry-generated scare-tactic it was, Greg has now cranked it up a notch by linking those of us on the "left" with "100 million deaths . . . torture, imprisonment and mass starvation." (Torture, to my knowledge, is primarily identified with the previous administration - and is still being promoted by the former vice president.)

I don't see the apocalyptic "culture war" or "titanic clash" that so alarms Greg, but rather a healthy exchange of ideas, which I welcome. The proximate cause of Greg's current agitation, his conviction we're headed towards "death and destruction", apparently lies in questions surrounding a handful of President Obama's appointees. These questions are probably of no concern to those outside the approximate 1% of Americans who bother tuning in to Fox News, but I'll address them hoping to put Greg's mind at ease.

First, there's White House Communications Director Anita Dunn, who Greg learned identified Mao Zedong as a "favorite political philosopher" (along with Mother Theresa): "I was reminded of the words of Chairman Mao, who said it's always darkest before it's totally black." That was Sen. John McCain (R - Az) quoting Mao, not Ms. Dunn. "War is politics with blood; politics is war without blood." Newt Gingrich offered that bit of Chairman Mao philosophy to his profile in Roll Call. "I must say, I've quoted Mao", confessed Ann Coulter on The O'Reilly Factor. Apparently, Ms. Dunn has company.

Next is Cass Sunstein; magna cum laude graduate from Harvard Law School, clerk for Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, now Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs. Greg seems confused by a suggestion that "humans . . . represent animals in court". Sunstein proposed that if someone witnessed the brutal beating of a dog, for instance, the witness perhaps should be able to bring charges (it being unlikely the dog would do so on its own). Greg labels "Orwellian" the concept of "libertarian paternalism" advocated by Sunstein. What it boils down to is encouraging choices that are most beneficial; such as having your driver's license issued with that pink organ-donor sticker already attached to the back unless you request that it not be, rather than the other way around. If Sunstein did advocate "banning hunting and the eating of meat", it apparently escaped the notice of the Wall Street Journal, which editorialized, "Mr. Sunstein brings important qualifications. . . . and Mr. Obama has made a savvy choice in putting him there."

Van Jones, whom Greg links with an "assault on our political and economic freedoms", is a Yale Law School graduate named an "Environmental Hero" by Time magazine and one of the "12 Most Creative Minds of 2008" by the business magazine Fast Company. Like our president, despite academic credentials warranting a six-figure salary at a blue chip law firm, after graduation he instead chose community service - which in his case included developing a process to better monitor reports of police brutality. Yes, he signed a petition suggesting that when a president receives an intelligence report during his vacation titled, "Bin Laden Determined to

Strike in US", then simply resumes his vacation, perhaps it bears looking into. What really got Jones in trouble was when an organization he founded (and left two years ago) called for an advertising boycott against the Glenn Beck show on Fox, in response to Beck's charge that President Obama is a racist. The attacks continued, and Jones resigned from his post as Special Advisor for Green Jobs.

Greg charges John Holdren (PhD from Stanford, professor at Harvard and UC Berkeley) with having "championed . . . mandatory sterilizations and forced abortions". Writing on population control over thirty years ago with Paul Ehrlich, Holdren identified the whole gamut of approaches from utter neglect to the most intrusive. Glenn Beck took the most extreme measures on the scale and claimed it was something Holdren actually advocated. Few



GREG Welborn

Unintended Disasters

Obama administration officials seem to be waiting in line to sound off on the billions of dollars that are scheduled to be paid to various executives in the finance and automotive industries. Just recently, Ken Feinberg, the Pay Czar, decided that he had had enough and ordered some of the payments to be stopped. The not-so-subtle implication is that corporate America is doing something wrong. The truth is that they are doing exactly what they were directed to do by a previous Democratic administration and Congress. What the administration is railing against is nothing more than the most recent demonstration of the

back on the salary and load up on stock options, and Congressmen today express their shock and amazement to find a plethora of stock options in the executive suite.

What makes this all so much more important than a simple history lesson is that the current President and the current Congress are trying to repeat the very same mistake. This time around the target is the health insurance market. The current healthcare reform bill includes a mandate that insurance companies would be required to accept all applicants, including those who are already sick, and to charge everyone the same rate. So if I get this right, I can delay buying insurance (and save the money for some other fun use, like vacations) and then wait until I'm sick to buy it knowing that the insurance companies can't charge me more for my irresponsibility. Why would I, or any other smart shopper, purchase insurance until it was absolutely necessary? The answer is that we won't, and that will drive up the cost of insurance coverage because there won't be enough premiums paid by healthy people to cover the mandated costs for care of those who are sick. It is a recipe for a disaster.

This disaster promises to make executive compensation look like a parking ticket. A recent analysis of Obamacare, conducted by Wellpoint, looked at the affects of the proposed insurance rules and restrictions in 14 states, thus taking into consideration a wide array of economic and demographic levels. This is a fairly detailed analysis of health insurance in the big cities, small towns, urban and rural areas of our country. What they found is truly alarming. Take Ohio, for example. A single 25 year old there will see his insurance premiums rise by 50%; A 40 year old husband and wife with 2 kids will see a 122% increase in premium costs. Those in Indianapolis will see a 94% increase, St. Louis a 91% increase and Milwaukee a 53% increase. The average across the board for a family of 4 will be a 122% increase.

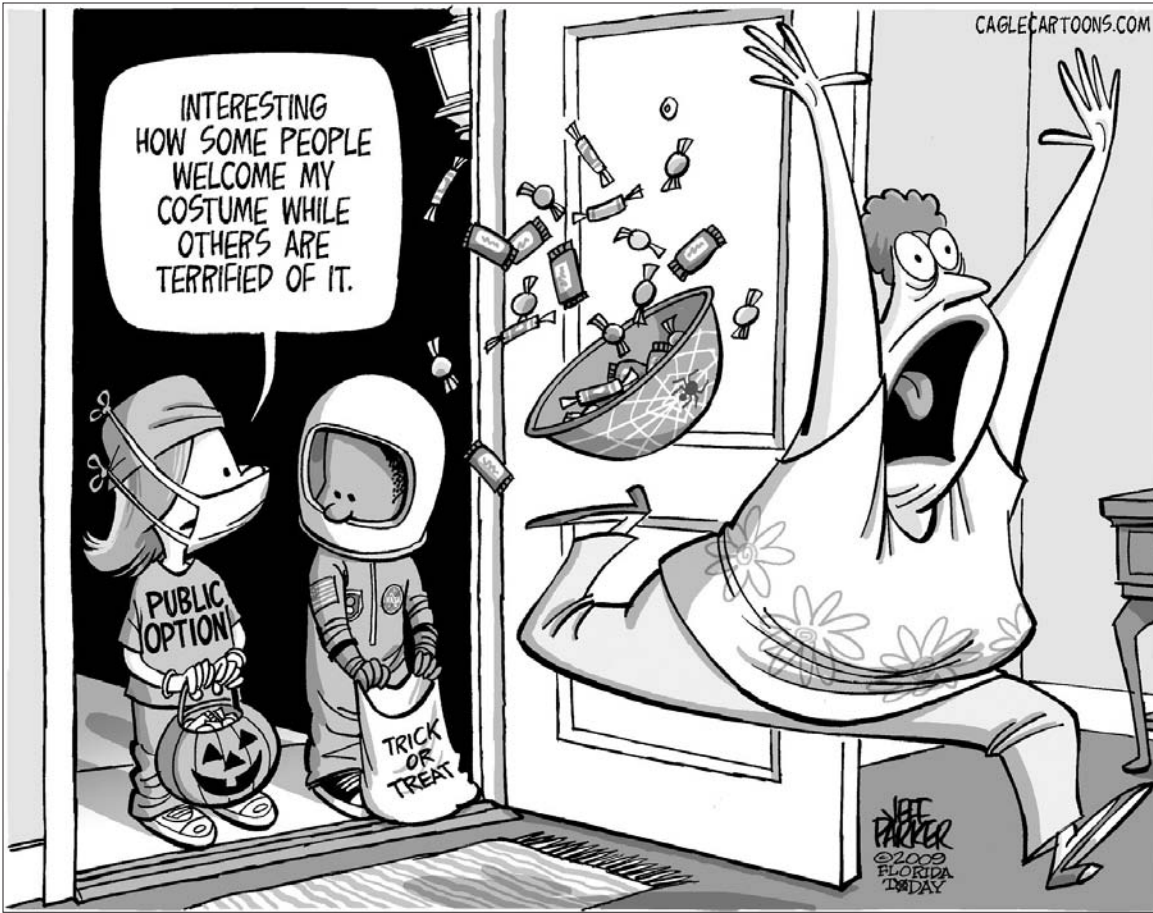
Please don't tell me that consumers - when faced with such cost increases and no penalty for going without insurance - will actually embrace this plan and buy the health insurance they need. They won't! More people

will go uninsured, and insurance companies will see reduced revenues. As the medical bills come due - we all will get sick eventually - there just won't be enough in reserves for insurance companies to cover the costs. The government (I mean the taxpayers) will eventually have to bail out the healthcare industry as it has the finance and auto industries, only the bill is going to be astronomical.

Add to all this the current massive \$1.4 trillion 2009 budget deficit and the 12% planned increase in government discretionary spending for 2010 (not including health reform costs), and you have a larger-than-astronomical problem. Add in the mandated Medicare and Medicaid program costs which exploded by 9% and 24%, respectively, and you have just bankrupted the country.

We cannot afford all this. There is simply no way that this level of spending can be supported by tax revenues, even if every millionaire or billionaire was stripped of their wealth. There just aren't enough dollars to do it. If we don't put a stop to government profligacy and interference, we will give new meaning to the term unintended disasters.

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bought into the smear; and the U.S. Senate voted unanimously to confirm Holdren as Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Most of Greg's charges are ludicrous on their face. The one that Asst. Deputy Secretary of Education Kevin Jennings "seeks to normalize . . . statutory rape", though, borders on defamation. In a 1994 book, Jennings wrote about how he counseled a 16 year-old student having serious emotional problems coming to terms with his sexual identity. The Washington Times, Rush Limbaugh and others dropped the boy's age to 15 from 16 (the age of consent in Massachusetts) and turned a story of helping a young man accept who he was into one of condoning criminal perversion.

The tone and content of Greg's column were familiar, especially so when I came to the words "fellow travelers". This expression hasn't been used much in the past fifty years; not since the time when another popular president was also threatening entrenched interests, as Dwight Eisenhower warned against the "military-industrial complex". Led by J. Parnell Thomas in the House and Joseph McCarthy in the Senate, reckless and unsubstantiated charges were thrown out to attack and smear dedicated public servants accused of being conspirators intent on destroying the foundations of our country. As I see it, it's as important to call out such tactics for what they are today as it is to condemn those events of a half-century ago. And I hope I've helped allay some of Greg's concerns.

law of unintended consequences.

Let me take you back a few years to President Clinton's first term in office and his Democratic controlled Congress in 1992. Executive compensation had come under some fire because it was somehow misaligned with the interests of shareholders. Congress passed and Clinton signed the Budget Reconciliation Act, which included a provision limiting the tax deductibility of compensation paid unless it was in a form that Congress found acceptable. In short, high salaries were deemed to be bad, but stock options were deemed to be good - in fact very good. Hopefully, all of you see the irony in all this. Today, stock options have been castigated as a corrupting influence in executive offices by which unaccountable CEOs, COOs, CFOs and all sorts of other "O"s have enriched themselves at the stockholders' expense. Back in 1992, the Democrats thought they were wonderful and would solve the problems of their day. The result is typical of what happens when government interferes in the workings of the free market. When politicians, acting in their own self interest, which means getting re-elected, decide to tamper with markets, contracts or prices, they rarely implement something that doesn't end up causing more problems than the "problem" they intended to fix. Remember that executives - just like the rest of us - react to incentives and penalties. If you tell someone that they get paid more by doing A and get penalized if they do B, we shouldn't be surprised if they do more A and less B. So, Congress tells executives to pull

City of Sierra Madre Public Hearing Notice

To: Property Owners within a 300-foot radius
From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: PARCEL MAP 09-02
Applicant: David Brook

Project Location: 2219-2225 Santa Anita Avenue, in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider a request for a lot split for the property at 2219-2225 Santa Anita Avenue. The applicant is proposing to split the existing 43,795- square-foot parcel into two (2) parcels measuring 15,500 square feet and 28,295 square feet.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council meeting
Tuesday, November 10, 2009
(Hearing begins at 6:30 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council Chambers
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA

All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto. **ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** The project qualifies for Class 15 Categorical Exemption (Minor Land Division), pursuant to Section 15315 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). **APPEAL:** If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the City Council in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Development Services Department at (626) 355-7135.

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OF REGISTRANT
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TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

Sign of the Times - Commentary

A few weeks ago I gave a report on restaurant closings and openings. John from Arcadia e-mailed me that I was deriving joy from the failures of these restaurants. That is the farthest thing from the truth. This is not the Coliseum and the gladiators our puppets of amusement. I reported the closures to let the public know that their favorite restaurant may no longer be there. I feel that is a newsworthy item when a restaurant closes and another one opens.

In my Dad's hey day on KABC Radio, there would be a caller once a week saying, "Elmer you know so much about restaurants, you should open one." His response was always, "I'm not that crazy." The restaurant business is crazy in a sense; you could say it is a Vegas gamble. The odds are stacked against you but still that does not stop the optimist or the player that thinks they have some special insight. Similar to Vegas, luck plays into the equation as well; did you get the right chef, is the menu balanced, is the place clean the day the inspector shows up, will people see the restaurant as trendy, will it stay trendy? There is no formula for any of that, much like love, you work hard to find it but in the end it either exists or it does not.

When I first moved to Pasadena in the 70's there were just a handful of restaurants. My memory is of the Steak and Steer on North Lake Ave, The Chronicle and The Saw Mill on South Lake. There was Antonio's on Rosemead where Robin's BBQ, where its smoke still fills the sky. Mijare's Mexican Restaurant on South Pasadena Ave., Burger Continental was there, plus a handful of others. When I moved here you wouldn't even step foot in Old Pasadena, it wasn't what it is today, glitzy and fashionable, and there were no restaurants of mention.

What has happened to these restaurants throughout our city these past few months? Mojitos on North Raymond just closed and there are many restaurants that are hoping that they can make it through the holidays.

An educated and obvious guess is that it's the economy. Unemployment rates are high and times are tough even for the affluent. But I know it is more than just that, I think there are just too many restaurants in the area.

Economics tells us that the proverbial pie only can be divided so far. The population of Pasadena hasn't grown that much since the 70's. Granted there are more people working in the area. So why does a restaurant like Twin Palms close? Many reasons, but maybe the restaurant lost its appeal, it happens, the experience can become routine over time. I spoke to Councilman Victor Gordo about the dining scene in Pasadena. He told me that Pasadena is a destination and that the focus has always been for outside residents to visit and make it a day! I say, Horse Feathers. Beside the occasional U2 concert at the Rose Bowl or a football game, Pasadena shares the same pie with numerous southland cities.. Pasadena Restaurants need the area residents

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to support them. Maybe the City can offer an incentive, such as a Pasadena Residence Pass to park and dine. Let's not speak about fairytales and be creative to incentivize the local populace to dine here be offering with affordable parking during an obvious recession.

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Looking Up

with Bob Eklund



A Science Lab 4,850 Feet Straight Down Laboratory in Abandoned Gold Mine Will Look for Dark Matter

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has authorized more than \$29 million for the University of California, Berkeley, to create a preliminary plan for turning a former gold mine in South Dakota into the world's deepest laboratory.

The NSF grant is for a preliminary design of the Deep Underground Science and Engineering Laboratory (DUSEL), a facility at the former Homestake gold mine in Lead, S.D. The laboratory would consist of underground labs and above-ground buildings to host physics, engineering, geoscience and biology experiments that can only be conducted under thousands of feet of rock—as deep as 8,000 feet.

The rock will shield physics experiments from cosmic ray particles that would swamp detectors looking for rare events, while the mine's 600 kilometers of tunnels will allow access to microbes and geological areas not otherwise possible.

"NSF has put forward nearly \$30 million and, in addition, provided \$21 million more to explore 16 possible experiments, so they are embracing DUSEL very firmly," said Kevin Lesko, UC Berkeley adjunct professor of physics and principal investigator for the project.

Of the \$29.1 million, nearly \$13 million will be directed to the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology for major design contracts being managed there for the project and \$370,000 to Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. The preliminary design for the underground laboratory would be part of a proposal submitted to the board in the spring of 2011 in anticipation of funds to start construction in fiscal year 2013. Construction is already underway at the mine after the June

dedication of the Sanford Underground Science and Engineering Laboratory, which is supported by \$70 million from South Dakota banker and philanthropist T. Denny Sanford. In all, more than \$120 million of non-NSF funding has been committed to rehabilitating the shafts and pumping and treating water from flooded depths to prepare the site for DUSEL.

The Sanford Lab, located at a depth of 4,850 feet, will house the first experiments: the Large Underground Xenon (LUX) experiment, which will look for dark matter; and the Majorana Demonstrator, which will search for neutrinoless double beta decay. If the NSF approves construction funds, DUSEL is expected to absorb and maintain the Sanford Lab as additional research space is prepared at the 4,850-foot and 7,400-foot levels.

"We are pursuing some of the most exciting aspects of several different disciplines simultaneously—not just experiments on dark matter, but experiments on neutrinos and in the areas of nuclear astrophysics and geomicrobiology, all in one facility," Lesko said. "We will exploit the synergies between those different disciplines."

The users include not only the 16 collaborations chosen by the NSF to develop conceptual designs, but more than a



dozen other collaborations. In addition to the physics and astrophysics experiments, these include studies of the fracture network in rock and searches for exotic forms of life at the extreme temperatures and pressures underground.

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MEET A PILLAR OF THE WILDERNESS COMMUNITY: JANICE COONEY OF THE WILDERNESS WORKSHOP Sierra Madre Search & Rescue: Take Notice!

by Christopher Nyerges

[Nyerges is the author of "Self-Sufficient Home," "How to Survive Anywhere," and other books. He is the editor of Wilderness Way magazine, and a teacher and frequent lecturer of outdoor skills. He can be reached at Box 41834, Eagle Rock, CA 90041, or www.ChristopherNyerges.com.]

I started hiking in the Angeles National Forest at around age 10 and loved it, and have considered the hills above Sierra Madre and Altadena my "big backyard" ever since. Along with hiking and backpacking comes gear—boots, sleeping bags, tents, packs of all sizes.

Approximately 15 years ago, I got tired of all the rips and tears in my camping equipment. I wanted them fixed. I didn't want to go out and buy new. So who do you call? I called around to backpacking stores, and all trails led back to the Wilderness Workshop. And lo and behold, the Wilderness Workshop – the place that everyone was telling me was the place to get my gear fixed – was just around the corner from my Highland Park home on Figueroa.

So I walked on down to the Wilderness Workshop with pack in hand, rang the clanging bell, and pulled aside the gate to enter the yard and shop. I was met with the two beautiful pit bulls, and got to admire some mosaic sculpture as I walked to the door.

As I entered, I saw that here was someone seriously into the business of repairing outdoor gear. Stacked on shelves around every wall were sleeping bags, tarps, tents, and packs. There were sewing machines on large work tables; at one, a worker sat fixing someone's sleeping bag.

Also busy at another sewing machine was the proprietor of Wilderness Workshop, Janice Cooney. She stopped what she was doing, came over and examined my pack and told me it needed a new zipper, and some stitching, and to come back in a week.

Over the years, I came back to the Wilderness Workshop again and again to have my many packs, tents, and sleeping bags repaired and laundered, and to occasionally buy items that had been abandoned.

More recently, Cooney moved her base of operations to the nearby Eagle Rock area. I paid a visit and chatted with her over a cup of coffee. I wanted to know how she got into this interesting line of work.

GETTING STARTED

Cooney explained that in early 1982, she had been pursuing a degree in athletic training at Cal State Northridge (this, after deciding to leave medical school at UCLA). However, that area of study didn't feel quite right to her.

Around that time, a friend introduced her to a man who was starting an outdoor

gear repair business in Culver City, and began by

placing ads in the Sierra Club newsletter and by distributing cards and brochures to local backpacking and mountaineering shops. Eventually, the Workshop began to offer pick-up and delivery service to many of these same locations. In this way, Cooney built up her business and expanded with hardly any advertising.



Cooney decided to invest in the venture, both financially and with her time.

"I've always been manually dextrous and creative," she explains, "so I was able to pick up the sewing end of things easily enough." Though she soon left that partnership, Cooney realized that she enjoyed doing repair work, so she ramped down her college efforts and starting working out of her Venice apartment. (Cooney later earned a Bachelor's degree in physical education from Cal State Northridge).

"At first, this was tough. This was in early 1983, and it was excruciating to try to run a business out of my small living room," she explains. "I had stuff all over my place!"

At about this time, Cooney began dating a man who introduced her to technical rock climbing. Coming from a strong athletic background, she quickly became adept at it. Cooney feels that becoming acquainted with climbing gear made her an even better seamstress. "Since I was literally hanging

design work.

Cooney also enjoys taking on the occasional unusual job. She has reupholstered WWII planes, fabricated movie props, and built models of items enroute to patent attorneys.

"See that flag in the classroom scene of North Fork," asks Cooney. "I made that."

Over the years, Workshop clients have included U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Geological Survey, CalTech, L.A. Fire Department, LAPD, REI, A16, Sport Chalet, and others.

Janice Cooney is a no-nonsense proprietor who obviously loves her work. She is also a freelance artist specializing in mosaic sculpture, and I have always enjoyed her various art pieces that adorn her shop and yard.

She can be reached at (323) 256-0723, or view their fledgling website at www.Wildernessworkshop.net.

And by the way, Janice still has two beautiful pit bulls.



On Line
By PJ Carpenter

Done Deal: A Very Bad Idea, Part 2

12-0. Unanimous. That was the vote today from the Los Angeles City Council on the matter of replacing the city's email system with one that would run on Google's servers. This would be the first step in the adoption of a total Cloud Computing model for all of the city's business computing needs. By adopting this new computing strategy, the city of Los Angeles hopes to save millions in computing, maintenance and operation costs associated with running its own email and office computing infrastructure. The actual cost will be slightly higher during the initial phase of the migration and the savings would be ultimately realized over the course of its contractual services relationship with Google. The city will also be using the GoogleDocs suite of office computing applications for its day-to-day operations as well rather than continuing to pay costs associated with the procurement, installation and maintenance of software on its local servers and workstations. In order to facilitate this change, Google has been working on the development of a "Government Cloud" that would consist of a separate collection of servers and services that would be restricted to use by participating municipalities for the hosting and servicing of their official data and associated functions. Access to those resources would only be granted to parties with the proper clearance and the city would be reimbursed for any security breaches incurred. This deal represents a win-win for both Google and the City of Los Angeles in two ways. The city would be able to save money that it would normally have budgeted for the operation of its own computing infrastructure and transfer these costs to different budget categories. This is an important issue from a business point of view and anything that makes the books look better is important for the cash-strapped city. For Google, this represents a huge selling point for its 'Government Cloud Computing' initiative. Los Angeles will surely be held up to prospective cloud adopters as a shining example of the validity of the computing model. The silver that Google will receive from the city for services rendered pales in comparison to the gold that this coup represents for the search engine giant. As far as markets go they don't get much bigger or higher in profile than Los Angeles. Pure Gold. Even more so if the project is successful.

Despite all the corporate high-fiving that is undoubtedly going on somewhere over the successful completion of the deal, one of the parties that will be affected by this new state of affairs has been conspicuously omitted from these proceedings: the citizens of Los Angeles.

Unlike the usual business deal between two private parties, one of the participants in this deal is not actually a private party at all. They are a public service organization and they are in the "business" of ensuring that the issues, concerns and data of the citizens under its purview are handled in a manner befitting the trust and confidence placed in them by the public they serve. The data that they handle on a daily basis is the personal information of the public they serve and should never be farmed out to a third-party for any reason. This deal represents the very worst of the modern trend toward privatization of public services that sooner or later results in the public not receiving the services that it is entitled to from those hired to provide those services.

In all likelihood this arrangement was a done deal when it was first announced in April of this year and there probably wasn't much that could've been done to change that fact. Too bad no one asked the people of Los Angeles how they might have felt about it.



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SENIOR HAPPENINGS



The Senior
By Bruce Lamarche

**Ready to Stop Working
... but can't?**



Many seniors are working well into their 70's. Some certainly are enjoying a good career and are feeling good about working. What about seniors who are working because they have no meaningful retirement, no pension sufficient to live on, and feel like they must work until they drop? These thoughts are a reality for many seniors. It's easy to place blame on poor planning but we all know that life is full of choices and it's so hard to know what to do.

So, what options do we have to cut expenses and improve income? Make a list of what might apply to help with this situation. Consider the following which might improve your budget situation:

1. Contact Social Security and make sure you are getting your maximum entitlement.

2. Contact Medicare and Medicaid and see what benefits you qualify for. Make sure you take the time to understand these benefits. Insist on clarity.

3. Check with your City or County for senior benefits available to you. Many cities have programs to repair or paint homes at no cost to seniors.

4. Call all your utility companies! The Gas Company will weather strip your home for better efficiency at no cost. The gas, electric, and phone companies have senior discount programs that will substantially reduce your bills for these services. Get the information. This can make large difference in expenses.

5. If you are in financial distress and barely making it, call your mortgage company about a modification of your contract to help keep you up to date on your payments. This is not a refinance but a modification of the original terms and it won't affect your credit in many cases.

6. Consider using community senior transportation like Dial-A-Ride to save money.

7. Share your budget concerns with family. Talk about it openly. Many seniors have been providers for their family so long that it is hard to switch roles and accept help from family members. We do not want to burden family with our problems, yet we do not hesitate to offer to help when they need it. Do not deny your own family the opportunity to pitch in and help. Often that help is in the form of ideas and clarity in viewing your situation. Yes, sometimes "we can't see the forest for the trees!" The saying, "Share a problem-Solve a problem" applies here.

8. If you are a homeowner, call a H.U.D approved mortgage professional to see if you are eligible for a Reverse Mortgage. Choose a lender that specializes in this type of financing. Remember, this is a form of refinance that is government regulated and insured. It eliminates monthly payments due and can provide needed income from your equity. Get the facts and share them with family to make an informed decision.

Sometimes we delay making decisions about quitting work with the excuse, "but what would I do?" Think back on the things that you have been passionate about in years past. What would you have done if you had the time? Do your homework and chase the dream. With a cut in expenses and a job you love (even with less pay) life can be great. So, start today and make a list. It's your life, so take charge & choose to act and make some changes.

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 He can be reached at (626) 335-4292.

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that fell to the floor like long wings. Behind him, off in the distance, through the backdoor was another Indian. He was rushing toward the front door at a full run. He whooped as he ran and he held a bow and a single arrow of death and he was painted in bright red of war paint. Jeremiah leapt from the porch, burst through the gate and pushed it completely off of its hinges. The other three were well down the hill as they ran when he stepped upon the first stair. Jeremiah lumbered upon uneven ground as he wildly raced in frantic fright down the turning hill. Behind him the whoop grew still louder closing upon him with every step as the strange drums began to play faster. His feet were tired and he floundered in the darkness, and the drums beat still louder, the Indian closed on him with each step, he was next to him now, he could hear him in his ear. He could feel his breath upon his shoulder. He turned as he ran with frenzy and looked over his shoulder and saw the painted Indian raise his bow. He rushed on farther and stumbled to the ground and rolled as giant tumbleweed amid the wind. He saw the arrow leave the bow and in an instant he felt it strike him, it had hit him.

He got up and ran, and ran and ran, he ran until the drums ceased. He kept running through the night he passed the three other children, but still he kept running, he ran through his home, he tossed open the door to his room and quickly locked the door and hid beneath his bed.

The following day after school as Jeremiah walked home, he

heard a strange noise, a tapping. The Indian man at had been at the door appeared to him. He had the same eagle's feathers flowing to the ground. "You have something for me Jeremiah."

"What do I have of yours, I have nothing of yours, I took nothing from you?"

The Indian asked him to lift his shirt.

Jeremiah did so and a silver cross was upon his neck.

"Yes, I have come for you. You were on Skull Mountain last night and you have something for me."

Jeremiah ran to his home, locked his door and hid beneath his bed.

Each day he would see the same Indian on his way home from school and each day he ran home. It did not matter which route he took home the Indian was always on his path. Finally, he began to see the Indian in his dreams at night. It was always the same statement.

"You have something for me."

He could not take it anymore, so on this day when the Indian spoke to him on his way home, he pleaded to him to leave him alone.

"I cannot leave you alone until you return to the hill and knock on the door of the house."

Jeremiah would do anything to rid the Indian of his life. He did not care any longer; he would gladly die upon that hill to rid his life of this Indian. That day he returned to the hill and knocked on the door of Skull Mountain. An Indian man opened the door but he was younger than the other Indian in his dream and he also had a head of feathers but they only flowed halfway to the ground.

"I am sorry to bother you but

I was here on Halloween night and I saw an Indian here that night, whose feathers flowed like wings to the floor and another Indian painted in red with a bow and arrow. I now see the Indian with feathers each day as I walk home and he also lives amongst my dreams at night"

"What did the Indian man ask you to do?"

"On the first meeting he asked me to raise my shirt," and Jeremiah did it again to display his cross.

"What happened to you here on Halloween night?"

"I came to this door and there was an Indian that wore feathers like wings to the ground. I also saw another Indian behind him and he chased me with a bow and he shot it at me but there was no blood and I was not hurt."

"The Indian that you saw that night was my grandfather and the man that tried to kill you was his brother. They fought on different sides of the Revolutionary War, but only my grandfather loved peace. The cross that you wear is the same type that was worn by the priest that buried the dead here. The priest did much good and saved my grandfather's life. My grandfather must have recognized the symbol that you too had pledged to do works of good. Did you have anything with you that night?"

"I carried this leather bag."

"Let me see it," the Indian spoke. He searched the bag and saw a hole in the bottom portion of the bag. He reached his hand down into the bottom of the bag and pulled something from it. It was an arrowhead with the claw of an eagle firmly grasping it. "Your life is owed to this eagle as

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Recipe of the Week: Pumpkin Soup

Ingredients

6 cups chicken stock
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
4 cups pumpkin puree
1 teaspoon chopped fresh parsley
1 cup chopped onion
1/2 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme
1 clove garlic, minced
1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
5 whole black peppercorns

Directions

Heat stock, salt, pumpkin, onion, thyme, garlic, and peppercorns. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low, and simmer for 30 minutes uncovered.

Puree the soup in small batches (1 cup at a time) using a food processor or blender.

Return to pan, and bring to a boil again. Reduce heat to low, and simmer for another 30 minutes, uncovered. Stir in heavy cream. Pour into soup bowls and garnish with fresh parsley.

For Your Funny Bone

A woman's printer type began to grow faint so she called a local repair shop, where a friendly man informed her that the printer probably needed only to be cleaned. Because the store charged \$50 for such cleanings, he told her that she might be better off reading the printer's manual and trying the job herself.

Pleasantly surprised by his candor, she asked, "Does your boss know that you discourage business?"

"Actually it's my boss's idea," the employee replied sheepishly. "We usually make more money on repairs if we let people try to fix things themselves first."

Helpful Hints

Taking Good Care of Wood Furniture

Shoe polish and felt tip pens work well in hiding small scratches in furniture. Shoe polish applicator bottles work well for furniture touch-ups, when filled with stain.



October Birthdays

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-Ralph Waldo Emerson

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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:

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

is mine so many years ago."

The Indian now removed a chain from around his neck that held an eagle's claw.

"These can only be returned back to the spirit world with two claws."

The Indian began to sing and he placed one claw on one side of the walkway and one on the other side.

Next, a large winged eagle

descended from the clouds and placed its legs within each claw and rose up and flew directly at the tree and disappeared.

Today the house has long since vanished from existence on Skull Mountain but one can still discern the eyes on the side of that hill. Neither an eagle nor that of a warring Indian has been seen in this territory in nearly a century. But for those

that are brave enough to roam upon the heights of the Skull Mountain after a full moon on Halloween night, one can still find the new trophies of lost arrowheads or the fresh fallen feathers of an eagle upon the twisting road.

THE END

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SIERRA MADRE WOMEN'S CLUB INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO PRAYER

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

This All Faith Prayer Breakfast will be held at the SMWC's Essick House located at 550 W. Sierra Madre, Sierra Madre.

The event begins very promptly at 8:00 am. Guests are encouraged to arrive at 7:45. There is no charge for this sit down breakfast. Reservations needed - Call: 626-355-4908.



Chris Bertrand

One Of A Kind:

Featuring unique homes & gardens and the people who create them

Story By Chris Bertrand

Photos by Chris Bertrand

Harwell Hamilton Harris Design in Sierra Madre

Back in 1983, when the Lyles first walked through the doors of the home on Hermosa, the couple knew it was something special. Soon the home was theirs. Professor John Lyle, on the landscape architecture faculty at Cal Poly Pomona, got wind that Harwell Hamilton Harris, the architect of their beloved new home, was to receive the prestigious Neutra architectural award soon after. The Lyles hadn't even moved in yet, but they welcomed Harris to their new abode, eager to hear firsthand the thought processes and inspiration behind the architect's 1948 design.

When they reached the top level of the home, the architect was clearly dismayed. Previous owners had moved a large bookcase from its original location at the center of the room to an outside wall. Harris said it "ruined the surprise" of the view. The Lyles agreed, and returned the bookcase to its intended location.

The result? As one ascends the stairs to the landing, you pause. When turning the corner, "Oh, Wow!" just naturally pops out, as Harris intended when he oriented the main living area on the top level amidst panoramic tree-top views of the Los Angeles basin.

This is the only home Harris created here in Sierra Madre. It's been on tours sponsored by the architect's devotees as well as contemporary design aficionados. Harris intended that "oh wow" room to be the winter living room of the home.

His vision was to give the room the feeling of the deck of a large ship, keeping the ceilings light, the wrap-around windows huge, and the area below the windows dark. The dark lower area, beginning at thigh level, minimizes the impact of the built-in storage and furniture, keeping the eye on the view.

A single exposed beam at the peak of the ceiling travels the entire east-to-west traverse of the home, providing a unifying element, a "glue" bonding the home together. As the beam transitions from inside to outside, a series of repeated cross-beams provide partial shade from the sun's strongest rays. The slatted light plays a delightful moving pattern across the room as the light of day ascends and descends.

Just below the winter living room is the outdoor, summer living room. Interestingly, the

summer living room sports a fireplace, to extend the outdoor room's usability season. The kitchen and dining room are on this entry level, too. The only significant modifications the Lyles made were to open the kitchen wall with a drop down divider that creates a serving counter, to offer the option of including the cook in the family activities.

The stunning walls of glass in the dining room blur the transition from inside to the covered summer living room, and to the outside seating area at this deck level. A dramatic art piece suspended from the ceiling is actually two functional leaves to the dining room table, two "commas" surrounding an intricate contemporary light fixture.

Harris' design consistently utilized three foot modules throughout the home, particularly using this measurement or a multiple of three feet, for the width of the windows. This element contributed to the home's Japanese feel. A stand of bamboo, between the front door and the summer living room, adds to the Asian influence.

Both the bamboo and the anchor redwood tree in the front yard are original installations, as seen in a black and white 1949 photo of the home featured in the 1991 edition of the University of California Press publication, named for the architect, by Lisa Germany. When privacy took priority over view, Harris incorporated clerestory windows, so even a bedroom never loses the anchor of its hillside panorama.

The floorplan provides excellent privacy for guests, with a lower level suite under the summer living room. The guest suite is naturally cooled on this lowest level, and opens to a private patio, and the soothing gurgling water sounds of the lily pond in the lower garden. The other bedrooms are on the top level of the home.

It's a home that doesn't beat you over the head with its design. Rather it likes to surprise you, bit by bit. Exactly what captivated the Lyles over two decades ago.

Part 2 next week: The property's studio and guesthouse, designed by John Lyle.

Know of a home, garden or contractor that might be of interest to our readers? Contact Chris at C.Bertrand@MtnViewsNews.com



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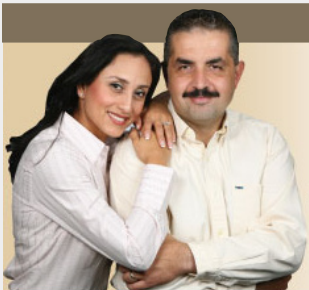
BY LUTHER TSINOGLOU

Are you looking for some good reasons to take the plunge into home ownership? Certainly, there are many, but here are a few to chew on before you call an agent and begin your search.

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An All Hallows Eve Poem

by Deanne Davis

All Hallows Eve.... is coming,
A deadly.... dreadly night....
When ghouls and ghosts and creepies,
And other awful blights,
Are free to roam and wander,
Anywhere they might.
They generate, originate
Awful things this night....

Creating scary terror everywhere they can,
And scream inducing, faint-producing,
hair-raising, bone-melting, Quivery, shivery....
What's right there behind me.... fright!

They creep out of their crypts and graves,
These creatures of the night.
They haunt the roads and byways,
Run rampant through the park.
They hide between the bushes,
And everywhere it's dark.

All Hallows Eve.... is coming,
A deadly.... dreadly night....
When ghouls and ghosts and creepies,
And other awful blights,
Are free to roam and wander,
Anywhere they might.

Up and down the streets of town,
They race in search of plunder,
These ghouls and ghosts and monsters,
About three feet tall or under!

They shriek for treats and threaten tricks,
But are satisfied with candy.
These creatures rule the darkness,
As long as Mom and Dad are handy.

All Hallows Eve.... is coming,
A deadly.... dreadly night....
With ghouls and ghosts and monsters,
And other awful sights,
Dancing through the shadows,
Into circles of street lights.

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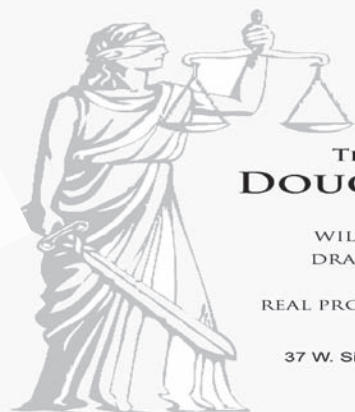
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