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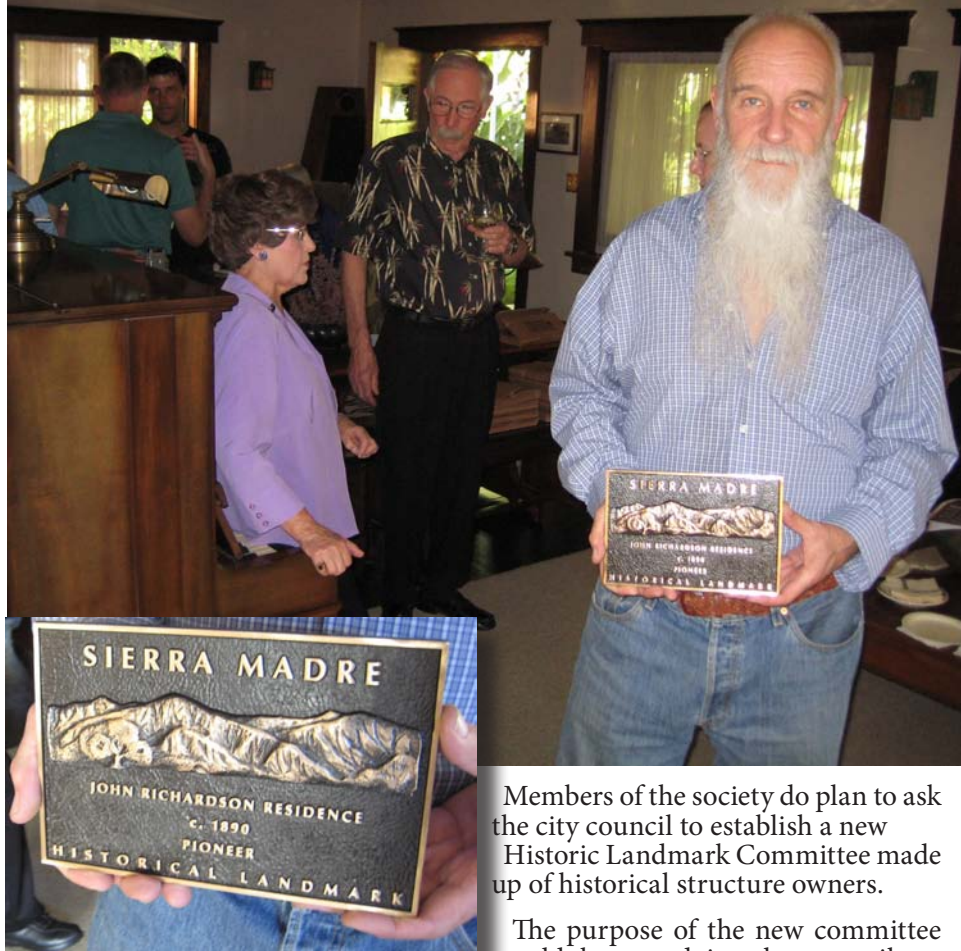
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HISTORY FOR ALL TO SEE

SMHPS Presents Placques For Famous Landmarks



By Dean Lee

The Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society, at their monthly meeting last week, presented 18 bronze placques to owners of historic homes in the city as part of the SMHPS Landmark Plaque Project. Dane Lenton, President, explained that the new placques, which give detailed information on each location, are to replace older ones placed in 1976. Those he said just read, "Historical Home."

The society also prepared three placques for city owned historic properties. They will be presented at a future city council.

Society member Phyllis Chapman said the three placques for the city are to be placed at: Lizzie's Trail Inn, the Richardson House and at the Hart Winery, which is better known as the Senior Center.

Lenton noted that there are 49 historic homes in the city and placques can still be ordered to for those with designated historical homes that want one.

There is a cost associated with each of the placques. Residents participating in the project were asked for funds to supplement what the Society donated. At other times in the city's history, such items were funded by the city via the Cultural Heritage Commission, which has since been disbanded.

Members of the society do plan to ask the city council to establish a new Historic Landmark Committee made up of historical structure owners.

The purpose of the new committee would be to advise the council on how supporting and maintaining landmark structures in the city; assist the council in restoring the Mills Act, and improve the city's current grade of "C" to an "A" from the Los Angeles Conservancy. They also want to help develop penalties for illegal demolition of landmark structures and allow for consistent permits for the restoration of landmark structures.

The Sierra Madre Historical Society founded on April 21, 1931 when Sierra Madre was preparing to celebrate the 50th anniversary, of its founding. The constitution and bylaws were drafted by Anetta Carter, widow of the founder of the town, and she was named honorary president. Harold Carew, book editor of the Pasadena Star-News served as the Society's first president.

The Society is currently preparing for the release of: "Southern California Story: Seeking The Better Life in Sierra Madre", a comprehensive history book about Sierra Madre by award winning author Michele Zack. The book is due out this month. For additional information about the Society and/or the book, go to: www.smhps.org

David vs. Goliath:

Residents Opposed To Alverno's Plans Frustrated and Overwhelmed

With the pending request for a Temporary Use Permit by Alverno High School, the fears of certain Sierra Madre residents have once again surfaced. Many who live in close proximity to the school, are afraid that the extracurricular activities will increase and further disrupt their lives. One such opponent, sat down and spoke with the Mountain Views News, in hopes that the opposition's side of the story would be told. Because this is becoming such an emotionally charged controversy, the identity of the residents that we spoke with will not be revealed.

Alverno High School is bordered on three sides by Sierra Madre residences. Some residents on Highland, Wilson and Grand View feel the presence of the school in a very real manner. Others are oblivious to the activities of the school. This account is a synopsis of an interview with a member of the group of residents who feel that the school's extra activities have had a negative impact on the quality of their lives. They are a loosely organized group who are very opposed to the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit for the purpose of Alverno renting the property out for movie shoots and social events. They have expressed their concerns to city officials and, at the last meeting of the Sierra Madre City Council on this matter, they were directed to attempt working out an agreement with the school. The matter is not scheduled to go

back on the council agenda until after the attempted 'resolution' takes place.

What concerns those opposed to the TUP and the proposed Master Plan, is that the "superficial effort to go and talk to Alverno and work it out is just a stall tactic". One resident revealed a list of occasions when neighbors had attempted to deal directly with Alverno management, Alverno security and even the Sierra Madre Police Department and got nowhere.

There is also the feeling that the last council meeting, which took more than two hours to get to the Alverno TUP on the agenda, was deliberately staged so that there would not be enough time for the most vocal critics to speak. Some of them have school aged children and could not stay.

The concerns expressed have been ongoing for several years however, with the school's efforts to secure a TUP and finalize their Master Plan, the fear is that the amount of noise, public intoxication and traffic congestion will increase. Opponents also feel that Alverno's influence with the city will continue to drown out their voices.

A spread sheet of assembled data on the frequency of use of the Villa was provided, and, based upon the information submitted, it appears that the frequency of use has actually decreased. In 2008 there were 9 weekends when the school did

not have any outside weekend events. In 2009, however, there have been 11 weekends to date where there have been no events.

"But that's a lot. If they would just acknowledge that there is a problem and focus on being a school, we would be fine", said one resident who has "put up" with the school since 1992.

One suggestion that may be taken to school officials is that all events end in the early evening. This would eliminate not only the noise of the party, but also, the noise from the clean up, rental trucks, dumpsters, etc.

When asked to respond to the schools presentation which indicated the need for outside activities in order to sustain the school and facility, those in opposition don't buy that argument. Those who we spoke with felt that as a private school not publicly funded, Alverno had other resources in which to draw on.

Neighbors who support the school contend that in every instance those who are in opposition knew the school was in operation at the time they moved to Sierra Madre.

To that, the interviewee replied, "That is very true and my expectation was to hear the sounds associated with children and a learning environment. Not with movie lights, parties and trucks. Sierra Madre is supposed to be a quiet place to live."

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SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009 AT 6:30 p.m.

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approved advisory measure that specified the voters' preference that the increased UUT revenues be used for Public Safety Services. The Committee deferred issuing its final report until the City's audit report is completed. The next meeting is scheduled for January, the 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Canyon Zone Committee – *Advisory to the Planning Commission and City Council*

The Canyon Zone Committee is developing new zoning standards that would pertain to the Canyon area, thereby replacing the current R-1 zoning standards that currently apply. A construction moratorium is currently in place while the new zoning standards are being developed, due to concerns that development in the Canyon might not be complementary with the unique residential character and rustic setting of the Canyon. Issues such as building massing, lot coverage, building floor area, height, setbacks, and parking are being addressed. The Canyon Zone Committee is currently working on drafting the proposed new standards, and meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers. In addition, a Community Input meeting is planned for January 2009.

General Plan Update Committee – *Advisory to the Planning Commission and City Council*

This Committee's role is to update the City's 1996 General Plan. The General Plan is a long-range planning document. It provides the City with a framework for action and the direction in which to focus that action. The General Plan is a visionary document and a road map for the next 10 to 20 years; it sets the policy agenda for land-use development, transportation, energy conservation, parks, public services, and shapes future budget decisions and allocation of City services. As possible tasks, the Committee will be asked to develop an overall vision for the future of Sierra Madre, priorities for development within the community, and other land use goals, policies, and objectives. The first meeting will be held on November 17, at 5:30 p.m. The regular meeting date will be determined in the near future, but is anticipated to occur on the first Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

In addition to the committee above, the City has a number of standing Commissions that are also busy tackling important community projects.

Planning Commission – *Advisory to the City Council*

This Commission is responsible for reviewing project applications regarding land use and zoning matters, i.e., variances, development plans, conditional use permits, historically significant homes and landmarks, and associated environmental documents such as environmental impact reports (EIRs), for their compliance with local zoning code and the City's General Plan. The Commission recently revised and updated the commercial zone, identifying the allowable uses and permit requirements for the downtown area. The Commission is currently updating the R-1 (single-family residential) zone, identifying current development standards that have been proven to be problematic or unclear, and amending such standards with the goals of improving the quality of life for Sierra Madre residents. The Planning Commission regularly meets every 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Senior Community Commission – *Advisory to the City Council*

This Commission assists in identifying the need for services and amenities that will enrich the quality of life, provide information and education, and support the emotional and physical needs of seniors in Sierra Madre. The Commission has accomplished some of the goals in the 2007 Senior Master Plan through new exercise programs, organizing monthly excursions, hosting special luncheons and collaborating with local organizations for their Lunch & Learn series. The Senior Community Commission regularly meets on the 1st Thursday of every month at 3 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Tree Advisory Commission – *Advisory to the City Council*

The Tree Advisory Commission conducts a monthly review of the City of Sierra Madre's Urban Forest and construction projects that may affect Sierra Madre's protected tree species. The Commission has also embarked on developing tree care educational materials for distribution throughout the community, and identifying street tree planting palettes for various Sierra Madre neighborhoods. A Commission sub-committee will soon be formed to evaluate and recommend amendments to the City's Tree Ordinance. The Tree Advisory Commission regularly meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Community Arts Commission – *Advisory to the City Council*

The Commission is charged with approving any public art through the Arts in Public Places Program. The Commission is currently focused on forming a "Friend of the Arts" group. The Commission regularly meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Art Review Board – *Advisory to the Community Arts Commission*

The Art Review Board is responsible for reviewing artwork and making recommendations to the Community Arts Commission regarding the artwork to be included in public art displays in City Hall. The current exhibit, *Flowers*, is by local artists Igor de Kansky, Carolyn Gravatte, Myra Epstein, and Jane Sameth Fishman. This

exhibition will run through November 13th. The next exhibit will be selected for January 2010. The exhibit is accessible for viewing during City Hall's regular business hours.

Friends of the Arts

The Friends of the Arts group is being created to promote the community's interest in, awareness of, and appreciation for the arts; to provide support and encouragement to artists living in the community; and to increase the community's participation in the arts. The Friends of the Arts group will host events such as the Open Studio Tour in June and the Jazz and Poetry appreciation events in April. The Arts Commission will be meeting to develop by-laws for this new group on November 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hart Park House.

Community Services Commission – *Advisory to the City Council*

The Community Services Commission is responsible for overseeing the City's recreation and community services programs. The Commission oversees the general use of park facilities and matters relating to the community's recreational and service needs. The Commission recently re-established a transportation ad-hoc committee, is working on water conservation awareness programs, approved a new Middle School Co-ed Intramural Sports Program, and approved concept plans for renovations of the Sierra Madre Room and Hart Park House. The Commission regularly meets the third Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Transportation Ad-hoc Committee – *Advisory to the Community Services Commission*

The Transportation Ad-hoc Committee was recently reinstated by the Community Services Commission through a request by the Senior Community Commission. The Committee will review the City provided transit services, with an emphasis on the senior community. At its November 16, 2009 meeting, the Community Services Commission will define the scope of this committee and approve the process for appointment to the committee. The regular meeting date and time have not yet been determined.

SMTV3 / Cable Programming Committee – *Advisory to the Community Services Commission*

This Committee meets once a month to work with staff and the Community Media of the Foothills to provide informational, educational and enlightening programs to the City's Community Television Station. This year, the Committee was able to ramp up its efforts and was able to present rebroadcasts of the City's famed 4th of July Parade, Little League Championship and Closing Day Ceremonies, an overview of the City's weekly Farmer's Market, and the Arts Commission's Open Studio Tour. Plans are in the works to cover some of this year's holiday celebrations including an expanded documentary-style presentation on Sierra Madre's annual self-built Rose Parade Float entry. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 am at the Community Recreation Center.

Mount Wilson Trail Race Committee – *Advisory to the Community Services Commission*

This Committee of close to 30 volunteers organizes one of the City's most popular annual events. Each year 325 runners race approximately 8.6 miles to Orchard Camp and back to Kersting Court. Other related race-day events include the Pasta Feed, Kids Race, Art Show, and Beer Garden. This year's race will take place on May 29, 2009. The Committee will begin their month meetings on November 17 at 7:00 pm in the Hart Park House.

Library Board of Trustees – *Advisory to the City Council*

The Library Board of Trustees is responsible for adopting policies that guide the delivery of quality public library services to the community. The collection development (the selection and de-selection of library materials) policy was recently approved by the Board of Trustees on September 23, 2009. Trustees participate in planning and implementing library programs and services on behalf of the community by monitoring the Library Strategic Plan. Beginning in January 2010, Trustees will work with library staff to develop new goals and objectives related to the service responses adopted in the Sierra Madre Public Library Strategic Plan. The Trustees regularly meet the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library provides essential extra funding to supplement any allocated tax support for the Sierra Madre Public Library. The money raised by the Friends each year through membership dues, Best Used Book Sales, Wine and Cuisine Tasting and Art Fair is used for relevant resources, technologies and programs. The garden in front of the Library is enjoyed by the community today because of the Friends' efforts and donations in 2007. *Friends Partners*, is a new fundraising effort for donors who are willing to commit to an annual gift of \$100 or more. *Friends Partners* and the *Mary Tumilty Endowment Fund* make special unfunded projects possible. The Friends of the Library have an annual meeting June of each year.

There are plenty of interesting opportunities to get involved. If any of the Commission or Committee activities are of interest, please attend a meeting, or call City Hall at 626-355-7135.

Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce
presents**Dickens' Village****Saturday, November 28, 2009****3 p.m. – 9 p.m.**

**-Sled rides on real snow-
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www.sierramadrechamber.com or (626) 355-5111**

Uncover the star within you!

Alverno is hosting a free 2-hour acting workshop for 7th and 8th grade girls on November 14 from 10 am-12 pm. Teacher Cynthia Cales will cover improvisation, theater games, and speech. Space is limited and pre-registration is required at admissions@alverno-hs.org.

“Under the Oaks 2009” Native Plant Sale
California Native Plant Society, San Gabriel Mountains Chapter

The San Gabriel Mountains Chapter of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) will host its “Under the Oaks 2009” annual native plant sale on Saturday, November 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N. Altadena Drive, Pasadena, CA 91107.

A wide variety of California native plants and wildflower seeds will be available for sale, including many that are hard to find in most nurseries, and all are appropriate for gardens in the Los Angeles Basin. Knowledgeable Chapter members will be on hand to answer questions and offer recommendations. Only cash or checks will be accepted at the plant sale, and CNPS members will receive a discount.

Most residential gardens can be adapted for native plants and this is an excellent opportunity to learn about and buy natives at reasonable

prices. The use of natives in the garden is a good way to adapt to water restrictions brought about by years of drought and a growing population. Many drought-tolerant native plants will survive summers on less water than most garden plants. For optimal plant establishment in Southern California, it is best to plant natives during the cool, rainy months of fall and winter.

“Under the Oaks 2009” will feature a short, informative presentation related to gardening with native plants, and reference materials will also be sold. A free native gardening workshop will be held at Eaton Canyon Nature Center on the following Saturday, November 21, at 3:00 p.m. <http://cnps-sgm.org/PlantSources.html> has further information about the plant sale and the gardening workshop.

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!

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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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Albertson's Market Recognized by Kiwanis Club

The November 10 meeting of the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club will include formal recognition of Albertson's Market in Hastings Ranch for their continuing support of the community of Sierra Madre. Manager Tamara Kirby and her staff have contributed many days of service doing clean-up at Bailey Canyon, and have also assisted with the initial planting of Goldberg Park. They also supplied food to workers at the park and for the Sierra Madre Senior Center. During our recent fire, Mrs. Kirby made the Albertson's parking lot available for use as a Fire Command Center, and also supplied bottled water and juices to the firefighters.

The City of Sierra Madre has a standing offer from Mrs. Kirby and her employees, should there be any need for assistance in painting a building or cleaning up a park. The Kiwanis Club is pleased to recognize Albertsons Market for their generosity and volunteer spirit.

The meeting will be Tuesday, November 10 at noon at the Masonic Temple, 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. The public is invited. Lunch will be served. The cost for lunch is \$11 per person. The event is *Free!* reservations and exact change are required. For reservations, please contact Susan Henderson at 325-3111 no later than noon the preceding Monday.

REMEMBRANCE - James K. Knowles

James K. Knowles, emeritus William R. Kenan professor and professor of applied mechanics at Caltech, died Nov. 1. He was born April 14, 1931, in Cleveland, OH, to Allyn Emma Gray and Newton Talbot Knowles.

He was noted for exceptional teaching and research in continuum and structural mechanics and applied mathematics at MIT, where he received his bachelor and doctorate degrees, and at Caltech, where he was on the faculty from 1958 to 1996 and named honorary alumnus.

He also was known for his leadership and commitment to excellence in science, students, and the greater campus community. In addition to serving as acting chairman of the Division of Engineering and Applied Science, he was a member of the board of the Organization of Women at Caltech and the Kent Clark Stock Company, a group that performed musicals honoring Caltech luminaries.

Honors and awards include an honorary doctor of science degree from the National University of Ireland, the Eringen Medal from the society of Engineering Science and the Koiter Medal from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He also was president and fellow of the American Academy of Mechanics and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Other professional memberships include Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, Society of Engineering Science and Society of Sigma Xi. He also was a member of the editorial boards of the Journal of Applied Mechanics, Journal of Elasticity, SIAM Journal on Applied Mathematics, International Journal for Mathematical Education in Science and Technology.

In addition to 100s of professional articles, he



was the author of two scientific books, one with Rohan Abeyaratne. He was the principal invited lecturer at scores of conferences and symposia around the world. Caltech sponsored such a symposium in honor of his 60th birthday.

Caltech also is establishing a James Knowles Lecture in Solid Mechanics for an annual daylong symposium featuring a nationally known scientist with additional lectures by graduate students in the same field.

He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline "Jackie", and three sons – John, Jeffrey, and James – and five grandchildren – Joshua, Christopher, Jeffrey, Jack and Hallie.

A commemoration will be held Saturday, Nov. 14, 10:30 a.m., Sierra Madre Pioneer Cemetery. A Caltech memorial service will be held in January. Donations may be made to the James Knowles Lecture c/o Caltech, 1200 E California Blvd., or to The Women's Room at Friends In Deed, PO Box 4125, Pasadena 91114-8125.

La Canada

Descanso Gardens Offers Flower Market Tour

Shop the district with floral designer and instructor, Ray Tucker, on a walking tour of the region's number one source for flowers. Sponsored by Descanso Gardens, this morning tour takes place Saturday, November 14, from 7-10 a.m.

Tucker will tell you how to select and care for

Duarte

Congresswoman Judy Chu to Speak at Veterans Day Ceremony in Duarte, Nov. 11

Congresswoman Judy Chu will join Duarte leaders and the community in honoring veterans and those currently serving in the military at a Veterans Day ceremony at Thorsen Park, Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 9 a.m. Veterans, families of those currently serving, and the community-at-large are invited to attend the Veterans Day ceremony sponsored by the City of Duarte and Duarte's Promise – The Alliance for Youth. Thorsen Park is located at 2800 Huntington Dr., at Encanto Parkway. Seating will be available at the ceremony and refreshments will be served immediately afterwards.

The City of Duarte annually ensures that veterans of the U.S. Armed Services and those currently serving our homeland are personally honored and remembered on Veterans Day. The City will also recognize the community's Blue Star families. Contact Andrea Lopez, Duarte's Promise – The

the best product and where to go for supplies.

Participants should wear comfortable shoes and register by Nov. 6 to receive a map of the meeting place downtown Los Angeles

Cost for the tour is \$20, \$18 members.

For more information and to register, call (818) 949-7980.

Alliance for Youth at (626) 357-7931, ext. 268 to have your name or the name of a family member read at the ceremony.

Special guest speaker, W.W.II Navy veteran Lyle Umenhoffer will recall his personal experience as one of the few survivors of the U.S.S. Indianapolis, one of the most tragic incidents of W.W.II. The San Gabriel resident was a Seaman First Class serving on the U.S.S. Indianapolis in the Philippines Sea on July 30, 1945 when a Japanese submarine torpedoed the ship. The vessel sank in 12 minutes taking down 300 of the 1200 men aboard. The 900 survivors tossed into the shark-infested waters were reduced to 300 when SOS calls gone awry delayed their rescue for four days.

For more information about the Veterans Day ceremony, call the City of Duarte, (626) 357-7931, ext. 268.

Monrovia

New Commissioner, Board Member Appointed in Monrovia

Two Monrovia residents have been appointed to City positions to fill the unexpired terms of two commissioners and board members who recently resigned.

Jhaila Brown, an attorney, was appointed to the Monrovia Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Patricia Gonzales, which ends in June, 2011.

Andy Bencosme, a Realtor, was appointed to the Monrovia Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Amit Sen, which ends in June, 2010.

The appointments were made by Mayor Mary Ann Lutz with the concurrence of the city Council at the Nov. 2 City Council meeting. They followed open interviews with candidates for the two positions

Pasadena

H1N1 VACCINE CLINIC IN PASADENA NOV. 12 FOR UNINSURED HIGH-RISK GROUPS

The first H1N1 vaccine clinic in Pasadena, sponsored by the Pasadena Public Health Department, is scheduled Thursday, Nov. 12, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Victory Park Center, 2575 Paloma St.

The free vaccine will be provided to individuals in priority groups established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention who do not have health insurance or a regular source for health care. High-risk priority groups are caregivers of infants under 6 months old; children, teens and young adults ages 6 months to 24 years; and adults 25 to 65 years old who have chronic medical conditions.

Although pregnant women are also a high priority group, the Pasadena Public Health Department has not received any doses of preservative-free adult H1N1 vaccine for use with pregnant women due to delays in manufacturing of the vaccine.

The H1N1 vaccine supply is very limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis to eligible individuals. The current demand for H1N1 vaccine is outweighing local and national supply. If the Nov. 12 clinic reaches capacity earlier than expected, it may need to close earlier than the posted hours.

People who have health insurance and are in an H1N1 priority group should first try to obtain vaccine from their usual sources for health care as vaccine becomes more widely available over the next several weeks.

People who are not in an H1N1 priority group are asked to wait to get vaccinated until supplies increase. To learn more about

H1N1 and any upcoming clinics, visit www.cityofpasadena.net/H1N1 or call the Pasadena public health information line at (626) 744-6012.

"The vaccine is one of the best tools to prevent the spread of H1N1," said Dr. Takashi Wada, director of the Pasadena Public Health Department and the city's public health officer. "I urge all those in the vaccine priority groups, which are based on their risk for a severe case of H1N1, to join me in getting the vaccine. Prevention starts with you."

Other effective methods of protection include simple, healthy habits such as washing hands, covering coughs and staying home from work or school when sick. Influenza, including pandemic H1N1 flu, is a highly contagious illness that is rapidly spread from person to person through uncovered coughs and sneezes. The virus may also be spread by touching an infected object or another person's hand with the flu virus on it and then touching one's mouth, nose or eyes. People infected with flu can spread the virus to others.

For more than 115 years, the Pasadena Public Health Department has been committed to protecting and improving the health of the greater Pasadena community. Through a variety of programs, clinics and community partnerships, the department oversees disease control, health promotion, environmental health, and maternal child health. It is one of only three municipal public health departments in California. For other information visit www.cityofpasadena.net/publichealth or call (626) 744-6000.



World War II Veterans - members of Monrovia's New Horizon Senior Club (l to r): Back row - Rex Carey, Milton Susnaro, Louis Zunino, LeRoy Smith, Steve Arki, Gus Hinrich; Front Row: Pat Ostrye, George Bakios. Not pictured: Ray Edwards and Ray McCarville.

This coming Wednesday, Nov. 11th, is Veterans Day, as the nation salutes all veterans of all wars, past and present. It was originally known as Armistice Day, designated by President Woodrow Wilson to commemorate the end of WWI.

Once again Monrovia will celebrate the occasion in Library Park, just east of the new library, at 11 am, with Charles Wiest, President of the Allied Veterans Council, as master of ceremonies. Wiest has been MC as far back as I can remember. Music will be presented by the Monrovia High School Band and the speaker will be Capt. Clarence Shaw, USAR. Shaw is an IRAQ veteran and was elected to the Monrovia City Council in 2009.

The program is in conjunction with the dedication of the Veteran Memorials. On hand will be Monrovia Mayor Mary Ann Lutz and Arcadia Mayor, John Wu. The attached photo is of members of the New Horizons Senior Club of Monrovia who are veterans of WWII.

With so much going on in the area of firefighting the New Horizon seniors were most fortunate to have Monrovia Fire Chief Chris Donovan take the time to bring us up to date, last week, concerning the recent Station Brush Fire. The area covered is comparable to the entire city of San Francisco. Eight Monrovia firefighters were sent, as it was ten days of touch

and go and as close to Monrovia's border as three miles, but Monrovia evacuations were not necessary. The Chief stated that the exercise presented an opportunity to establish preventive and preparative operational plans in very high risk areas. He also mentioned that the rain and mud slides will cause devastation taking decades to return to normal. However, he did emphasize that Monrovia is in a good spot re: mud slides.

Another subject on everyone's mind is the H1N1 Swine flu, as well as the seasonal flu. Re: the Swine flu, the Chief reminded us that those under 60 are the most vulnerable and that there would be two more sessions for vaccinations at the Monrovia Community Center, one had already taken place last Sunday. He also emphasized the frequent hand-washing and gargling with warm salt water or Listerine, as a prevention.

A couple of dates to remember: Dec. 3rd, a Thursday, is the Holiday Parade with Santa on the Fire Truck and Dec. 14-18, he drives throughout the city with bells ringing and much holiday fanfare. It is worth noting that the fire department came through with the highest mark for satisfaction. 95%, in the recent poll among departments in the city. A poll among citizens is taken every 3 years. It is always great to see our City officials face to face and Chief Donovan was smashing!! Postrye@netzero.com

Arcadia

Hunting for Turkeys for Foothill Unity Center's Annual Thanksgiving Distribution

Not enough turkeys for needy families? That's a problem Foothill Unity Center is facing as it prepares for its largest Thanksgiving food distribution ever on Monday and Tuesday, November 23 and 24, at the Los Angeles County Arboretum in Arcadia.

Last year, the Center provided 1,200 families Thanksgiving food boxes. This year, it expects to register over 1,600 families. "We've seen a

The call is out for help to meet the need this year.

Deputy Director Betty McWilliams noted that while local organizations sponsor food drives to help gather canned and packaged foods for the distribution, turkeys are the centerpiece. "We hope that people who get a turkey or turkey certificate they can't use will think of us," she said. "We can accept frozen and refrigerated turkeys at both of our sites, in Monrovia and Pasadena."



Foothill Unity Center volunteers pack groceries for Thanksgiving food boxes last year.

big jump in the number of people needing our services, and that translates into a whole lot of turkeys!" said Joan Whitenack, Executive Director. "We've never run out before, and we hope we won't have to disappoint anyone this year, even with the huge increase in clients."

Each year, the organization provides bountiful Thanksgiving food boxes to pre-registered low-income families from the eleven local cities it serves: Altadena, Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Duarte, Irwindale, Monrovia, Pasadena, Sierra Madre and South Pasadena. The Center tries to give larger families a turkey and very small families a turkey breast or a chicken.

California

Assemblyman Anthony Adams issued the following statement in response to the passage of a comprehensive bill package to address California's water crisis, including measures on Delta governance and restoration, water conservation, groundwater monitoring, and a finance measure to build reliable water storage.

"With virtually nothing being done to address California's water needs for decades, this historic water package takes the necessary steps to safeguard California's water future. By developing solutions that improve the state's water supply and protect the environment, we're finding ways to boost the state's economy. It's time that government step aside to get people back to work on water projects to ensure that

residents will receive safe, reliable and affordable water for years to come.

"With my District having one of the largest groundwater storage capacities within the State, I am pleased that billions of dollars will go toward new groundwater storage projects and cleanup. These are dollars that will help create jobs by getting shovel-ready projects rolling."

Assemblyman Adams represents the 59th Assembly District, which includes the San Bernardino County communities of Apple Valley, Hesperia, Lake Arrowhead, Crestline, San Bernardino, Highland and Mentone. He also represents the Los Angeles County communities of Claremont, La Verne, Glendora, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, Bradbury, Arcadia and La Crescenta.

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Input Sought On Police Chief Search

Pasadena residents, business owners and other stakeholders are invited to provide input on the search for Pasadena's next police chief during a series of community meetings in November.

City Manager Michael J. Beck, who will make the final selection, encourages Pasadenans to participate by voicing their opinions on the ideal qualities the next police chief should possess and the challenges the chief should be prepared to undertake.

"I value the community's input as I move forward in making this critical decision," said Beck.

Meetings are scheduled Tuesday, Nov. 10, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, room S249 at Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave.; Thursday, Nov. 19, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Jackie Robinson Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave.; and Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Victory Park Center, 2575 Paloma St.

Chief Bernard K. Melekian is preparing to begin his new duties as director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. Deputy Chief Christopher Vicino will serve as interim police chief until the position has been filled.

Melekian's last day was Friday. He said at an event last week that it had been an honor to serve Pasadena.



For more information call the Pasadena Human Resources Department at (626) 744-4366.

Pet of The Week



Bandit, a beautiful, year old German Shepherd mix is very friendly and loves attention. He gets along well with other dogs, knows the "sit" command and is eager to please. He is still very much a puppy and would love to take a training class. Bandit is available for adoption today!

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

Please call 626-792-7151 and ask for A260814 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.

At the Fork in the Road

By Dean Lee

An 18 foot wooden fork just suddenly appeared over the weekend, at, well, the fork in the road between St. John and Pasadena Avenues.

According to numerous television, radio and online news reports the fork was a gag gift for 75 year old Bob Stane.

When asked by ABC 7 news about city permission, Stane joked, "Let's not talk about permission and permits, it would be best if we just skated over that one."

The 400 pound piece of art was built by area local Ken Marshall who told reporters they first carved the fork, brought it to the location and then slipped the oversized prongs into a series of holes in cement. The fork started out as a joke, 10 years



ago, between the two men Marshall said.

Marshall also told reporters just how he and friends pulled it off.

"We put on outfits that looked like Caltrans, He said. "Policemen went by, traffic went by, nobody said a word."

Martin Pastucha, The city's Public Works Director, told CBS News that the city would study the art to see if it was robust enough to stay.

Marshall said if it did, the fork might only need a fresh coat of paint each year.

Annandale Wilderness Area Dedicated

By Dean Lee

Everyone was optimistic and upbeat during a long anticipated dedication ceremony last week for the Annandale Canyon wilderness area. The canyon near the end of Glen Oaks Canyon is one of the last remaining open space areas in Pasadena to be preserved.

The list of speakers included, Mayor Bill Bogaard, Pasadena Councilmember Steve Madison, and Assembly member Anthony Portantino among others.

"We were able to acquire 20 acres of beautiful open space in Pasadena," Madison said. "And we are dedicating it as open space through the efforts of the Santa Monica Conservancy."

Madison also thanked all the neighbors who he said all rolled up their sleeves and "just went out and did it."

He also said they voted to establish an assessment district to acquire the property. Funds also came from the Santa Monica Conservancy and the city Bogaard said.

He called the area a great natural resource for the future. Portantino went over a history of the funding saying it was the first project to get funding through proposition 84 in the region. The 2006 proposition was a \$5.4 billion bond to improve drinking water, provide flood control, and conserve open spaces.

"This [Annandale Canyon] really is a case study of how to take an idea and move it across the threshold with state, local, county and personal funds and effort," Portantino said.

City staff also boasted new hiking trails were being planned making it more accessible for hikers. The area was bought in 2001 as a proposed housing development. With the cooperation of the developer and a group of dedicated individuals from city of Pasadena, Linda Vista/Annandale Association, Santa Monica Conservancy, and county of Los Angeles, funds were identified to acquire the property from the developer.



Chesley Sullenberger to Serve as Grand Marshal

The Captain of the Miracle on the Hudson exemplifies 2010 Parade theme, "A Cut Above the Rest," Tournament says.

The Tournament of Roses announced Thursday that the heroic pilot who masterfully landed US Airways Flight 1549, Captain Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger, III, will serve as the Grand Marshal for the 2010 Tournament of Roses festivities. Themed 2010: A Cut Above the Rest, the 121st Rose Parade will pay tribute to everyday heroes and the effort to always improve and enhance. As Grand Marshal, Sullenberger will ride in the 121st Rose Parade in front of a worldwide television audience, and toss the coin before the 96th Rose Bowl Game on January 1, 2010.

"Captain Sully saved the lives of 155 people and is an excellent example of the everyday American hero," said Jeffrey Throop, acting president of the Tournament of Roses. "With his theme, A Cut Above the Rest, President Gary DiSano wanted to honor those who strive to make every effort better than the last. Sullenberger has certainly shown how we can do that and we are honored to have him host the 2010 festivities."

"It has long been a family tradition to watch the Rose Parade," said Captain Sullenberger. "I am incredibly honored to be named the Grand Marshal of such a revered American institution."

H1N1 Vaccine Clinic Opens For Uninsured High-Risk Groups

The first H1N1 vaccine clinic in Pasadena, sponsored by the Pasadena Public Health Department, is scheduled Thursday, Nov. 12, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Victory Park Center, 2575 Paloma St.

The free vaccine will be provided to individuals in priority groups established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention who do not have health insurance or a regular source for health care. High-risk priority groups are caregivers of infants under 6 months old; children, teens and young adults ages 6 months to 24 years; and adults 25 to 65 years old who have chronic medical conditions.

"The vaccine is one of the best tools to prevent the

spread of H1N1," said Dr. Takashi Wada, director of the Pasadena Public Health Department and the city's public health officer. "I urge all those in the vaccine priority groups, which are based on their risk for a severe case of H1N1, to join me in getting the vaccine. Prevention starts with you."

Although pregnant women are also a high priority group, the Pasadena Public Health Department has not received any doses of preservative-free adult H1N1 vaccine for use with pregnant women due to delays in manufacturing of the vaccine.

The H1N1 vaccine supply is very limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis to eligible

individuals. The current demand for H1N1 vaccine is outweighing local and national supply. If the Nov. 12 clinic reaches capacity earlier than expected, it may need to close earlier than the posted hours.

People who have health insurance and are in an H1N1 priority group should first try to obtain vaccine from their usual sources for health care as vaccine becomes more widely available over the next several weeks. People who are not in an H1N1 priority group are asked to wait to get vaccinated until supplies increase.

Other effective methods of protection include simple, healthy habits such as washing hands, covering

founder and chief executive officer of Safety Reliability Methods, a consulting company dedicated to management, safety, performance and reliability consulting.

He was born and raised in Denison, Texas. After high school, he enrolled at the United States Air Force Academy to pursue his childhood love of aviation. Recipient of a bachelor's degree from the Academy, Sullenberger majored in psychology. In his graduation year at the Academy, he received the Outstanding Cadet in Airmanship Award. In addition to his bachelor's degree he also has two master's degrees, one in industrial psychology from Purdue University and one in public administration from the University of Northern Colorado.

He has more than 40 years of flying experience. He has performed accident investigation duties for the United States Air Force, and also served as an Air Line Pilots Association representative during a National Transportation Safety Board investigation. Sullenberger has served as a Local Air Safety Chairman for the Air Line Pilots Association, and as a member of the Air Line Pilots Association national technical committee, his work led to the creation of a Federal Aviation Administration Advisory Circular. He was also instrumental in developing and implementing the Crew Resource Management course that is used by US Airways, and he has taught the course to hundreds of other airline members.

New Faces Elected to PCC Board



Voters sent a small local message of change Tuesday as two Pasadena City College Board of Trustees incumbents; Connie Ray Castro and Beth Wells-Miller were ousted by newcomers Tony Fellow and Berlanda Brown.

The change comes in the aftermath of a number of serious issues facing PCC including former president Paulette Perfumo resignation. The school was also placed on "warning" status for its accreditation as well as budget cuts that led to the cancellation of the college winter intersession. A scaled back eight week winter schedule was reinstated after Perfumo's leaving.

According to the League of Women Voters, Brown had 51.20 percent of the vote to Castro's 48.88 percent. Castro was leading early in absentee ballots although as the night went on she was edged out. Fellow ended the night with 48.66 percent to Wells-Miller's 41.94 percent. Donna Wilson received the remaining 9.41 percent.

Two other trustees, Geoffrey Baum and Hilary Bradbury Huang were both reelected. Bradbury Huang ran unopposed.

Brown retired from more than 30 years as a health care professional at LA County-USC Medical Center. She is also a former student of PCC. Fellow is chair and a professor of Communications at California State University, Fullerton. He was also vice mayor and a councilmember in the City of El Monte.

Rail Car Company Fails To Sign MTA Contract



Supervisor and MTA Director Michael Antonovich commented Sunday on the announcement that Breda, the rail car company, has declined to sign the contract to build cars for the MTA.

"As we predicted, Breda failed once again to deliver on a promise made to the people of Los Angeles County," he said.

"We knew the emperor had no clothes but Los Angeles City insiders and special interests attempted to ram through a sub-standard outfit, creating costly delays in the MTA's ability to seek a legitimate firm to build railcars for the Foothill Extension, the Crenshaw/LAX Line and the Expo Line," said Antonovich. "However, Breda's failure is a significant victory for County taxpayers as the MTA is now obligated to issue a Request for Proposals to secure a cost-effective contact with a reputable company who will build quality rail cars, on budget and on time that will serve all of the County's railcar needs."

He added "Breda still is obligated to deliver the remainder of the cars owed on their current contract and to fix the overweight, undersized cars they have already delivered," added Antonovich, "the MTA must hold Breda accountable on this issue."

Rose Queen Crowned



The Pasadena Tournament of Roses crowned the 92nd Rose Queen, Natalie Innocenzi, today in an official Coronation ceremony at the Pasadena Convention Center presented by Citizens Business Bank. Queen Natalie was officially crowned by 17-year-old Dominic DiSano, son of recently deceased President of the 121st Tournament of Roses, Gary DiSano.

"We were so pleased and proud that Dominic could stand in for his father on this very special day," said Tournament of Roses Acting President, Jeff Throop. "We are also honored to have Queen Natalie and the six Rose Princesses join our Tournament of Roses family. They have already proven they are a cut above the rest through the dedication, enthusiasm and poise they have exhibited as ambassadors for the Pasadena Tournament of Roses."

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. 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.

without incident.

Wednesday, October 28:

A grand theft was reported at the racetrack around 8:26 a.m. Pine shavings that are used for bedding race horses were stolen between August 25 and August 30, and the total reported loss is estimated at \$10,000.

A residential burglary occurred between 11:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the 900 block of Fairview. Unknown suspect(s) entered the home by unknown means and stole cash.

Thursday, October 29:

Between 7:30 p.m. on October 28 and 7:15 a.m. on October 29, a commercial burglary occurred in the 00 block of East Duarte. The manager arrived at the location and found the front door unlocked and a cash box was missing.

Around 9:20 a.m., units responded to CVS Pharmacy, 1401 South Baldwin, regarding a commercial burglary that just occurred. A male Hispanic suspect went to a cashier carrying a basket filled with merchandise. He claimed that he had left his wallet in his car, so he left the basket, exited the store, and parked his brown Honda near the entrance. The suspect re-entered the store, grabbed the basket, and fled without making payment.

Friday, October 30:

An auto burglary occurred at 24-Hour Fitness, 125 North First, between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Unknown suspect entered the locked car and stole \$1,795 in property.

Around 6:38 p.m., loss prevention personnel from Macy's advised that they had detained a woman for theft. The suspect took merchandise into a fitting room and used a razor blade to swap price tags and attached separate items together to avoid paying the full price. A private person's arrest was made, and a 45-year-old Vietnamese was taken into custody for commercial burglary.

Saturday, October 31:

Shortly after 4:00 a.m., units responded to the 1000 block of South Tenth in reference to a solo traffic accident. An intoxicated 23-year-old male Hispanic driver collided with a tree and was taken into custody for DUI.

Around 1:29 p.m., a victim came to the station to file a fraud report. She discovered that unknown suspect(s) had obtained her debit card information by unknown means and made four unauthorized transactions totaling \$300.

A Weekly Sierra

Spotlight on Madre Volunteers

The Caldwells 2 'Pea's' in a Pod

How many couples started a romantic relationship donating blood, lying side by side on separate cots at a Red Cross Blood Bank?

That's where Gordon and Mary Lou Caldwell had their first date in Sierra Madre.

"Then we went to Pepe's restaurant for dinner," Mary Lou remembered. And after that beginning, they were married one year later on Nov. 7, 22 years ago.

Gordon had been a Red Cross disaster volunteer since 1958. After their marriage, Mary Lou and Gordon made the blood bank scene together, organizing blood drives in Sierra Madre three times a year for 14 years, collecting over 2,000 units of blood during that time. One of Gordon's jobs was to call -- personally -- at least 300 prospective donors and convince them of the need for blood. If he'd ask them, they'd show up. Besides donating blood, Mary Lou took care of the details of the Drives.

Mary Lou had been a Red Cross volunteer since 1988, and has been on the Red Cross Board for both the Pasadena and larger San Gabriel Valley chapter. She joined the Civic Club at the urging of several members, including Dorothy Jerneyic, and served two years as treasurer. She is currently the Commander of Unit #22 and California State Chaplain of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary. She has been a docent at the Wistaria Festival "for too many years to count," and, also, Creative Arts Garden Tour.

Gordon joined the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department in 1958, the same year he moved to Sierra Madre. He is the only one still in town who drove old "Snort," the engine with no brakes. He is still a member of the Volunteer Firefighters Association. As owner of Gem Plumbing, he sponsored a Little League team for years and worked on developing Heasley Field. He helped raise money for the second EMT van, and installed the floodlights in Memorial Park (Mike Sizer ran the electrical system). For years, Gordon was on call day and night (mostly night) to provide the propane, which he donated to the Rose Float. He towed the Sierra Madre Float to its starting position in Pasadena three years in a row and had to replace the transmission of his truck as a result.

Gordon has been a member of Kiwanis Club for many years, an officer in both the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans. He served as chairman of the Wistaria Festival and was Grand Marshal of the Fourth of July Parade that same year.

The Caldwells work together on many projects. "Sometimes I pick up the donuts at 5 a.m. for the Kiwanis Club to sell at Huck Finn Day, while Gordon is always willing to supply the truck and muscle for Civic Club events. We work as a complementary pair," Mary explained.

Mary Lou attended Presentation High School in San Francisco as a fifth generation Californian. She graduated from the University of California Medical Center of Pharmacy with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. She first worked in San Jose before moving to Southern California.

She was a pharmacist at Good Samaritan



Hospital when she bought the little house next to the Caldwells in July, 1984. Gordon's first wife (also Mary), passed away the following February after a bout with a very aggressive cancer. That house next door was severely damaged in the Whittier earthquake and condemned just one month before their wedding. (She and Gordon have since built a new home on the same site.) When the house was completed, they started their travels in the U.S. and Europe on a part-time basis. Since their retirement, they manage to be on the road three to eight months a year.

Gordon was born in Louisburg, Missouri, and spent his early years on a farm where his dad farmed and served as a carpenter. As the youngest of eight children, Gordon was only 4 years old when his mother died. He now has three living siblings, one 96, one 94, and one 90.

Listening to Gordon remember his early years is like reading a history book. On the farm they had a bull who thought he was a pet, even drawing them in a wagon to haul water to the cattle. Gordon also remembers milking cows, working the farm in every exhausting way. He described his future Navy boot camp as a "vacation," -- you didn't have to get up at 4 a.m.

He attended a rural one-room school and then graduated from Louisburg High School. He was drafted into the Navy and served on the carrier, USS Saratoga, during WWII.

After service, Gordon heard that Shell Oil Co. was hiring in California. This is where he met Hal Jordan, his partner in Gem Plumbing for 38 years. They were both hired by Shell Oil on the same day and their friendship started with Hal buying Gordon a hamburger.

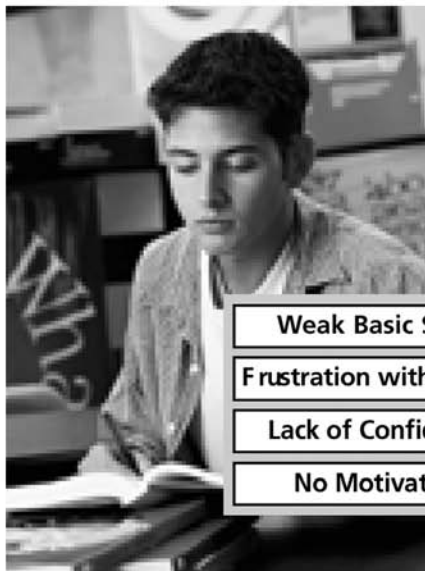
Years later, Hal trained to be a plumber and called Gordon to say, "I've just bought a plumbing business in Sierra Madre, California. Let's go into business together." That was in 1958. Gordon, with his first wife and four children, took a big chance and moved to Sierra Madre, where he became known as "Mr. Gem Plumbing." Gordon and Hal sold the business after 38 years, in 1995, and Hal now lives in Greensboro, N.C.

Gordon spoke for himself and Mary Lou when he said, "We have some of the greatest people in the world living here. I would never leave Sierra Madre... I try to make the most of every day."

Mary Lou: "We volunteer because we both have education, training and talents that we need to share. We love people and enjoy helping."

They truly are "Two 'Peas' in a pod."

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Here's one science fair where the kids get to grill the adults about their projects.

The upcoming "Reverse Science Fair" will be held at St. Philip the Apostle School in Pasadena on Nov. 6 from 1:00 – 2:30pm in which scientists from the local community will come and demonstrate, explain and perhaps inspire future science-minded generations.

The brainchild of junior high school science teacher Beth Cohen, the science fair is a great "community event and we

have been lucky and blessed to have these scientists come and give us an afternoon of their time. The kids just love it."

Preparations are in the works now for this year's fair. In the past, the fair has seen a replica of the Mars Rover, robotic dogs, laser demonstrations, models of the human heart and solar telescopes, among others.

Past participants have also included professionals from L.A. Health Department, Pasadena Water and Power and

Pasadena City College.

From astronomy to zoology, the science fair covers a wide range of topics and should tickle the imaginations of the students who soon will be engaged in their own science fair projects.

"This event really does kick off preparations for our science fair which takes place in March," explains Cohen. "Here they get a chance to see science alive and working."

Sierra Madre School and Local Restaurants Team Up for a Family Night on the Town

Sierra Madre School's Annual Fund Committee is sponsoring its First Annual Family Night on the Town in Sierra Madre on Tuesday November 10th from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The family event is a fundraiser designed to bring together members of the community for an evening of good food and good friends for a great cause.

Participating restaurants Beantown, Casa del Rey, Corfu, Charcuterie, Dominos, The Only Place in Town and Village Pizzeria will donate a portion of their sales to Sierra Madre School's Annual Fund which provides financial support for educational

programs such as staff training, science and technology programs, visual and performing arts and health and safety services.

Sierra Madre School is a K-8 school located in Sierra Madre, California with an emphasis on educating the whole child. In addition to its high academic scores, Sierra Madre School is best known for its strong community and parent involvement, as well as its dynamic PTA and Annual Fund efforts. Sierra Madre School is part of the Pasadena Unified School District that serves the communities of Pasadena, Altadena, and Sierra Madre.

Trish's Truth


By Trisha Collins

There is nothing like getting stuffed silly with food while surrounded by family and friends. There's also nothing like that stomachache and guilty feeling you get the day after. You can't put a price on childhood memories of eating at the "kid's table" while adults laugh and joke amongst themselves. You also can't put a price on the look on your mother's face when she sees the result of a food fight [from the "kids table"] on your shirt. Simply put, Thanksgiving is a bittersweet holiday, chock full of love, as well as family quarrels. It is a holiday where people can be brought together or torn apart. A holiday where a family can, well...be a family.

Family, Turkey & Thanks

No family is perfect, and that's what makes them special. Every family has their own unique members, whether it's an aunt that gossips about everyone, or a cousin that seems to always bring up bad childhood memories. Thanksgiving is a time where we can come together, separate our differences, and simply enjoy each other's company.

This Thanksgiving, give thanks for everything. Everything! And most importantly, give thanks for your family. They are your rock, your support system, and they love you. In these harsh economic times, we find that many people can't be depended on, but you know your family will always be there for you. And although every family has flaws, the love that binds the family together outshines them. While you're heaping more turkey onto your plate, make sure to acknowledge those "unique" family members and hug them! Let them know that you're there when they need them because in the end, your family is all you've got.



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WHAT PEACE MEANS TO ME

Essay Competition For Grades 4-12

Pasadena POPS invites student writers in grades 4 through 12 to participate in an essay contest based on the theme: "What Peace Means To Me." Contest entrants could win a chance to recite their work onstage with the orchestra at the Holiday POPS concert on December 19, 2009 and win a pizza party for their class.

PUSD News This Week



Education, and Mr. Wang, Yi, Vice Consul for Education. The officials observed the instruction and curriculum, participated in a tour of the school, and enjoyed student performances. They were so impressed by their visit, they pledged to support the program going forward.

Collective Wisdom: Parents Sharing Expertise and Experience to Help All Our Kids Succeed, the 13th annual PUSD Parent Summit on Saturday, November 14. Full and half-day registration is available for 20 workshops, including Reading with your Child, Parenting the Gifted Child; Multiple Pathways; Talking with your Teenager; and many more. Workshops are offered in English and Spanish. Breakfast, lunch and child care is available to participants. To register, complete and return the registration form to any PUSD school or the PUSD Welcome Center, 351 S. Hudson Ave., Pasadena. (Flyers attached.)

The PUSD Parents' Guide to Schools 2010-2011 is now available online at www.pusd.us, and features important information about PUSD schools, signature programs and enrollment information. Print copies will be available at schools, libraries and other public places later this month.

SWINE FLU VACCINE: The first H1N1 vaccine clinic in Pasadena, sponsored by the Pasadena Public Health Department, is scheduled Thursday, Nov. 12, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Victory Park Center, 2575 Paloma St. The free vaccine will be provided to individuals in priority groups established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) who do not have health insurance or a regular source for health care. High-risk priority groups are caregivers of infants under 6 months old; children, teens and young adults ages 6 months to 24 years; and adults 25 to 65 years old who have chronic medical conditions. To learn more about H1N1 and any upcoming clinics, visit www.cityofpasadena.net/H1N1 or call the Pasadena public health information line at (626) 744-6012.

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PUSD continues to seek applicants for its Strategic Plan Steering Committee The committee will be responsible for advising the District's upcoming strategic planning process. Members will assist in developing a framework for community engagement, identifying focus areas for parents, businesses and community organizations, and designing a community engagement plan. Parents, students, employees, business and community representatives are encouraged to apply at www.pusd.us. Contact the Office of Communications at (626) 396-3606, or communications@pusd.us for more information.

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Super Bowl Star Don Beebe Returns To Pasadena To Unveil New “House of Speed”

By Susan Schroeder

On November 22nd, Don Beebe will host the VIP kickoff of Beebe’s House of Speed, training program for athletes and future athletes ages 8 and up.

Have you ever wondered when the “tipping point” occurs between a good athlete and a great athlete; or when an ok musician or solo artist become great?

House of Speed, under the direction of Don Beebe, NFL Super Star, has put himself, as well as other great athletes and performers under the microscope to analyze this intangible ingredient that exists, in degrees, within all of us.

In Beebe’s final analysis he discovered that greatness is a learned skill. Sound impossible? Not at all.

Beebe designed the House of Speed training program to do just that - create super stars out of those of us who strive to be great. By Beebe’s own admission, not every person that dreams of being great actually becomes great. Why? Because there is another skill that must be learned. That is the skill of not quitting. One also needs the character to focus on the outcome.

According to Beebe, everybody has the potential and while it may not be easy, it is possible. This is what the House of Speed is all about. Fine tuning your physical body, developing the character to make it happen and most importantly developing the confidence and personal drive not to quit when the going gets tough.

Beebe’s philosophy is “If you are brought up right, you react by not quitting, even if the score is 52-17. Each athlete has greatness within and with the proper attitude and training everybody can achieve their own level of the highest potential of performance possible”.

Learning how to tap into the seeds of this greatness is a learned technique. If your young budding athlete “dares to be great” the House of Speed can fine tune his or her physical and mental skills to accomplish the highest level of performance that can be imagined.

One of the most wonderful things about developing these skills is that they do not suddenly disappear the moment the student leaves the playing field or when life gets tough. The skills learned at the House of Speed training will follow the student throughout his or her entire life. For the House of Speed Student, life’s tasks whether simple or complex will always be possible.

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Formula I racecar, House of Speed is where these skills are learned and perfected.

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require teamwork. Quickly recognizing and adapting to the need to become part of a team is challenging and necessary. This too, according to Beebe is a learned skill as well as a valuable technique in the boardroom as well as on the football field. House of Speed teaches the student to immediately change gears and adapt to the needs of the team and its members.

The House of Speed VIP Kickoff is open to the Media, Coaches, Athletic Directors and select athletes. The event will be held from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the First Church of the Nazarene (Paz Naz Church) 3700 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Pasadena CA. It is the newest location for the nationwide franchise which has worked with more than 40,000 athletes across the country including current NFL stars Tony Romo of the Dallas Cowboys and Michael Turner of the Atlanta Falcons. For more information please contact Franchise Owner Jamie DeRose at (818) 248-3278 or log onto the website at Jamie.deroser@houseofspeed.com

Rotary Sponsors Four-Way Speech Competition

The Pasadena Noon Rotary Club announced its annual Four-Way Test Speech Competition today. This contest is open to any student attending a Pasadena-area public, private or continuation high school in grades 9 through 12.

Rotary International District 5300 in conjunction with the Pasadena Noon Rotary Club, annually conduct a Four-Way Test Speech Contest to benefit high school age youth. The specific goals of the contest are:

1. To acquaint a large number of youth with Rotary and the Four-Way Test.
2. To demonstrate and enhance Rotary’s commitment to youth.
3. To heighten awareness of Rotary among youth, parents, schools, and community.
4. To recognize, encourage, and reward hard work and accomplishment among youth.

The 2009-2010 theme is *The Future of Rotary is Up to You* which is also the Rotary International theme. Any topic related to this theme will be acceptable, provided that it is not profane, obscene, unpatriotic, or racist. The topic of the speech must be specifically subjected to the Four-Way Test. This must be done in the body of the speech and is not to be reserved for concluding statements only.

The Four Way Test of the things we think, say or do is: first...is it the TRUTH? Second...Is it FAIR to all concerned? Third...Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Fourth...Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? No student may be a contestant in more than one local club speech contest in any one year.

There are four levels of competition. The entry level is the Club Level. Each of the 61 Rotary Clubs in District 5300 may elect to host contests in February. Clubs award certificates and cash prizes to participants. The winner of the Club Contest proceeds to the Group Level.

In the Group Level each Club is assigned to one of 14 Groups. Group Level contests are in March. The winner of each Group Level contest proceeds to the Regional Level.

In the Regional Level the winner of each Group Level contest proceeds to one of four Regional Contests in April.

The four Regional winners then compete at the District Conference in May. The prizes depend on the number of Clubs that participate. In the past, winners receive college scholarships of \$5,000 and runners-up \$1,000.

The Pasadena Noon Rotary Club is a member of Rotary International District 5300 which is composed of 61 clubs in Southern California and Nevada. For further information and to obtain an application to participate (no later than December 5, 2009) in the Pasadena Noon Rotary Club 4-Way Speech Contest, please email Richard Gray: (4wayspeechcontest@lasallehs.org)

Uncover the star within you!

Alverno is hosting a free 2-hour acting workshop for 7th and 8th grade girls on November 14 from 10 am-12 pm. Teacher Cynthia Cales will cover improvisation, theater games, and speech. Space is limited and pre-registration is required at admissions@alverno-hs.org.

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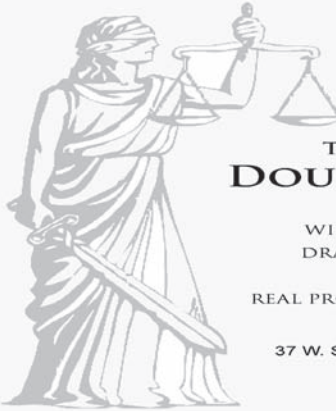
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HAIL Hamilton



My memories of Halloween in Sierra Madre are of kids roaming my neighborhood, filling sacks with candy, and going to Memorial Park for the annual costume contest. We had absolutely nothing to fear

those were the good old days, before the "invasion" of "outsiders".

Now thousands of trick or treaters come to Sierra Madre from all over. Admittedly they generate little in the way of sales taxes and cost the city a bundle for extra police services. But the reaction of some of my neighbors seems a bit extreme.

One neighbor told me: "I have a feeling the same parents who chauffeur their kids to Sierra Madre for better 'goodies' are

the same ones who take carloads of Girls Scouts in the spring to neighborhoods with few kids to sell cookies."

Another complained: "If your favorite trick or treat neighborhood is so far away from your home that your kids can't walk there, you have left off neighborly fun and gone to begging. My feeling is that kids should trick or treat in their own neighborhoods."

I know this is not how most people in Sierra Madre feel about those who visit our fair community on Halloween. However, this sort of sentiment towards outsiders is still disturbing, even if it's only being voiced by few disgruntled residents.

I think this fortress- mentality is terrible. It is the opposite of the welcoming hospitality we usually extend to visitors. But it does raise a point. Maybe the less fortunate should try organizing community Halloween events in their neighborhoods, rather than soliciting candy from the homes of better off strangers who live miles away.

Halloween: A New Spin on an Old Tradition

These communities could hold "Halloween Happenings" like we do in Sierra Madre. Festivities could range from street fairs with food and entertainment to decorating whole neighborhoods. Local businesses could display their community spirit by offering candies and prizes. Halloween could take on a carnival atmosphere, attracting visitors from all over to share the good time.

Halloween could also become the focus of a new Renaissance among poor, violence - ridden neighborhoods. It could be a special day each year when parents and their kids get together with neighbors, not only to trick or treat, but to organize themselves to take back their neighborhoods from the gangbangers and drug dealers. It could be a holiday of hope celebrating the desire for a better future.

Two things about Halloween do irk me, however. And they have nothing to do with poor kids coming to Sierra Madre to trick or treat.

One is parents who "use" their infants

School with our portable transistor radios so we could listen to the games in class. The only permanent thing in Los Angeles is Vince Scully calling the Dodger games. Everything else changes but Vinnie's still there to greet us with his "Well hello everybody". I can't imagine life going on without him.

Look, just because our mayor couldn't get along with his wife, it didn't mean that we had to put the whole city of LA up for sale. Some things are too big, too important just to be considered as paper assets on somebody's spread sheet. Our hearts and souls and most precious memories are tied to being Dodger fans - we all bleed Dodger Blue and this blood is not for sale and it is not to be parceled out by some Divorce Court. Professional Baseball gets all the free coverage in the world. It is reported on by every news program, every newspaper, even every daily web-news outlet. The Dodgers as an idea are owned by the Community and the team belongs to the Community and should not be dependent on the whims of a couple of angry feuding spouses. If the mayor decides he wants to be governor does that mean Los Angeles should be moved to Sacramento?

Realistically, I think the Green Bay

to get candy. I didn't let my kids trick or treat until they were old enough to actually eat the candy, say "trick or treat" and thank you, and understand what they were doing. It's o.k. dressing the little ones up and taking them around the neighborhood to show how cute they are in their costumes, but to actually hold out a bag for the baby! C'mon... Give me a break!

The other is older teenagers who come to my door "demanding" goodies. I think I was 13 the last time I went trick or treating. Some of these "youngsters" are pushing 20. Just the size of these "kids" makes me feel intimidated. I feel if I don't give them candy, then I risk having my house "tee-peed."

This year I took a chance and didn't give candy. Instead, I gave jars of Gerber's to the babies, and Planned Parenthood literature to the teenagers. Everybody seemed delighted except the moms and pops. Next year I'm turning off the lights and not answering the door.

Packers are now owned communally by the City of Green Bay Wisconsin. Even if they are not, they should be. Communities should own their own community assets and the citizens of the community should be encouraged to support and maintain their community gardens, community bookstores, community restaurants, community parks and parking lots, community newspapers, and whatever else gives a community its identity. There's got to be a way to do this. Our collective identities must be protected and not subject to the economic whims of the few. WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF EVIDENT - long time Sports Announcers like Chick Hearn and Vin Scully should not be allowed to age and die. John Wooden must be allowed to go on for ever. Really, hasn't Chick Hearn's death weakened us enough already? Is there no permanence in the world? Is the status and prestige of this nation itself, its very identity, so fragile that it too might disappear some day? Well, as Thom Jefferson might have said, "sic transit Gloria mundi", so pass the glories of the world. Maybe that explains why I'm now an Angel Fan. Really, who needs the Dodgers?

STUART Tolchin On...LIFE

Why don't they just auction off a piece of my heart? Wasn't it bad enough that the Rams, our precious Rams, ended up in the hands of that woman who took them away from us and ran off with them to some other city? For more than a generation we have been without a Professional Football Team because the greedy owners and media-moguls and politicians can't get it together to put a team back in place in Los Angeles. Isn't one of our basic Constitutional rights as established by our forefathers the guaranteed right to have at least one professional football team, one professional basketball team, and at least one professional baseball team in every gigantic city in the United States?

What do I hear you saying? That our founding-fathers were unaware of the importance of professional sports teams as the bedrock of Community spirit and a vital part of the general well being. How could Jefferson, Franklin, Adams, and Washington, those alleged smart guys not have known how important the Dodgers are to Los Angeles? Yes, I know they lived a couple of hundred years ago, but these guys are referred to as if their

ideas are still important to the welfare of America. If they didn't know about the importance of Sports to the citizens of America, well then, all of their ideas should be considered as archaic. Therefore, we twenty-first Century folk should get it together and write a new Constitution that guarantees us the right to have Major League Baseball in our great cities. Am I right or am I right?

Really, this is more important than health-care. Who cares about freedom of the press, freedom of assembly, and freedom of religion if we are not guaranteed freedom of Baseball? Now this precious freedom is threatened because the alleged "owners" of the Dodgers, these carpet-bagging Johnnycome-latelies can't get along and are in a big legal-fight as to who owns the Dodgers. Nonsense! Frank and Jamie don't "own" the Dodgers - we own the Dodgers! Rooting for the Dodgers is our birthright. We all remember going to Dodger games with our fathers and mothers. We remember sneaking off to



From The Office of the Sierra Madre City Clerk:

SIERRA MADRE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION CALENDAR SCHEDULED DATE: April 13, 2010

December 7, 2009	City Council adopts Resolutions calling the election.
December 14th	Last Day to adopt regulations for Candidates Statements
Dec. 21 to Jan. 15th	Filing Period for Nomination Papers and Candidate's Statement or January 19th if City Hall is closed on Friday and Monday, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan. 15-19, 2010	Last Day to File Nomination Papers
Jan. 20th	Last Day to File Nomination Papers - Extended Filing Period
Jan. 21, 2010	Secretary of State to Determine Order of Names on Ballot
Jan. 31, 2010	Last Day to File Campaign Expenditure Statements -Semi-Annual Statement
Feb. 11, 2010	Last Day to Submit Precinct Consolidations to County
Feb. 11, 2010	Suggested Last Day to Designate Polling Places
Feb. 15 - March 30	Filing Period for Write-In Candidate
March 4, 2010	Last Day to File Campaign Expenditure Statements - 1st Pre-election Statement
March 15, 2010	First Day to Mail Out Permanent Vote-by-Mail Voter Ballots
March 15-April 6	Voters May Request Vote-by-Mail Ballots with Regular Applications
March 23rd	Last Day to Mail Sample Ballots and Polling Place Notices
March 29th	Last Day to Register to Vote
April 1	Last Day to File Campaign Expenditure Statements - 2nd Pre-election Statement
April 1	Post Notice - Vote-by-Mail Canvass
April 3	Publish Notice of Central Counting Place
April 6	Last Day for Election Official to Publish Notice of Nominees
April 6	Last Day to Publish Notice of Polling Places
April 9	Suggested Last Day to Post Notice of Manual Tally

APRIL 13, 2010 ELECTION DAY

No later than May 7th Election official to Canvass the Returns
No later than May 7th Declaration of the Results

April 19-May 7th Reorganize Council and Choose Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

May 19-June 6th Last Day to File Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700)

July 31, 2010 Last Day to File Campaign Expenditure Statements -Semi-Annual Statement

This will get our residents geared up for the election process. It is an involved process.

City Clerk, Nancy Sue Shollenberger, invites any interested residents who wish to run for City Council to call her at 626/355-3303; fax 626/355-1546; e-mail nnshol@aol.com. All you need to do is make an appointment and the City Clerk will be happy to meet with you at your convenience to receive paperwork necessary to run for City Council. All paperwork MUST BE given to the City Clerk, and not staff at City Hall. Anything that is expected to go into the Sample Ballot MUST BE given personally to the City Clerk, and not staff at City Hall.

The election is the responsibility of the City Clerk in Sierra Madre. Your help in this matter is deeply appreciated.

The City Clerk is looking forward to running another election in Sierra Madre and looks forward to working with the residents. She is available at your convenience, all it takes is a phone call.



California's Comprehensive Water Bill

Assemblyman Anthony Adams (R-Hesperia) issued the following statement in response to the passage of a comprehensive bill package to address California's water crisis, including measures on Delta governance and restoration, water conservation, groundwater monitoring, and a finance measure to build reliable water storage.

"With virtually nothing being done to address California's water needs for decades, this historic water package takes the necessary steps to safeguard California's water future. By developing solutions that improve the state's water supply and protect the environment, we're finding ways to boost the state's economy. It's time that government step aside to get people back to work on water projects to ensure that residents will receive safe, reliable and affordable water for years to come.


"With my District having one

of the largest groundwater storage capacities within the State, I am pleased that billions of dollars will go toward new groundwater storage projects and cleanup. These are dollars that will help create jobs by getting shovel-ready projects rolling."

On November 4th, California lawmakers passed an \$11.1 billion overhaul of the state's water system in an effort to meet the demands of a growing population while protecting the environment.

Assemblyman Adams represents the 59th Assembly District, which includes the San Bernardino County communities of Apple Valley, Hesperia, Lake Arrowhead, Crestline, San Bernardino, Highland and Mentone. He also represents the Los Angeles County communities of Claremont, La Verne, Glendora, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, Bradbury, Arcadia and La Crescenta.

HOWARD Hays



Staying up late watching returns from off-year elections, none with significant local impact, might warrant the admonition, “get a life”. But I couldn’t help myself. I won’t describe the results as being a referendum on the Obama Administration. (Had Democrats won all major races, then I would’ve done so.) I noticed an interesting trend, though; one having to do with the “traditional” wing of the Republican Party versus that tea bagger, Fox News, talk radio, Going-Rogue-you-betcha variety.

Robert McDonnell, Republican winner of Virginia's gubernatorial race, emphasized the more "moderate" aspects of his record as a state legislator, such as working to include child care in welfare reform, rather than repeating views expressed twenty years earlier that "working women and feminists" were "detrimental" to the family. He had described as "illogical" a Supreme Court ruling legalizing contraception use by unmarried partners and, according to the Washington Post, said homosexuality "raised questions" about one's fitness to serve as a judge. But, as he explained during the campaign, "my views . . . have changed as I have gotten older." Colleagues warned that he risked losing the support of the faithful by running from his record, but running towards moderation proved the winning strategy.

Republican prosecutor Chris Christie defeated incumbent Jon Corzine for the governorship of New Jersey. Christie was best known for his perfect record in prosecuting public corruption cases - going after both Democratic and Republican officeholders alike. He's spoken out in support of alternative energy development, same-sex civil unions and strict enforcement of gun laws. As for Democrat Jon Corzine, despite an impressive record of accomplishment in both the U.S. Senate and as governor, perhaps this wasn't the best time to be running with "former CEO of Goldman Sachs" on the resume.

In both those races, the winning margins were provided by voters describing themselves as “independents.” There was also significantly less turnout among the young and minority voters who helped Obama win those two states a year ago. According to polls, where Obama was popular before, such as in Virginia, he remains popular. And unpopular governors, such as Corzine in New Jersey, remain unpopular no matter how much the voters like Obama.

Ballot measures included Maine voters rejecting their legislature's approval of gay marriage. According to exit polls, it appears a major concern was that public grade school curricula would henceforth include arithmetic, spelling, social studies and the "teaching" of "homosexual marriage". Also, it appears it'll be legal to possess, light up and pass around the doobie in the ski town of Breckenridge, Colorado. For political junkies, though, the biggest show was in the 23rd Congressional District in upstate New York, where Republicans have held the seat since the Civil War.

The last Republican to do so was John McHugh, whom President Obama chose to serve as Secretary of the Army. For the special election to fill the seat, Democrats selected Bill Owens, former Air Force captain and business law attorney. The Republicans chose 10-year State Assemblywoman Dede Scozzafava. She's been a reliable opponent of gun control, against cap-and-trade, and supported the Bush tax cuts. She also supported gay marriage, was pro-choice on abortion, and supported unions in their efforts to improve the lives of middle-income workers. That proved too much for the Conservatives, who decided to send a message to those daring to deviate from party doctrine, and run a candidate of their own.

Accountant and financial planner Doug Hoffman was selected for his sterling credentials; anti-tax, anti-abortion choice, anti-regulation, anti-gay, anti-health care reform, anti-union and very pro-guns. As a sign of his dedication to the cause, Hoffman agreed to move to the district he'd be running in. Newt Gingrich, who endorsed Scozzafava out of deference to local Republican leaders, acknowledged that Hoffman's "rise is a result of Glenn Beck, Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, Fox News ... Gov. [Sarah] Palin and ... former House Majority Leader Dick Armey". Armey, of course, worked for the lobbying firm responsible for inventing the "grass roots" tea-bagger movement, as well as trying to turn congressional town hall meetings into shouting matches. This was to be the opportunity to show that their movement could not only be grab media coverage but also seats in Congress.


The problem, however, was described in the Watertown Daily Times when it editorialized that Hoffman "showed no grasp of the bread-and-butter issues pertinent to district residents". The editorial mentioned such local issues as a proposed "rooftop highway" to Plattsburgh, which Hoffman said he'd be open to studying, though the idea "has been around for years". He had "no idea" about environmental concerns raised in connection with widening the St. Lawrence Seaway, and its effect on navigation and the Great Lakes. "A flustered and ill-at-ease Mr. Hoffman objected to the heated questioning, saying he should have been provided a list of questions he might be asked. He was, if he had taken the time to read the Thursday morning Times editorial raising the very same questions." Dick Arney, whom the Times said accompanied Hoffman, dismissed such issues as being merely "parochial". The Times concluded its editorial, however, by stating, "it is just such parochial issues that we expect our representative to understand and be knowledgeable about". Over 95% of Hoffman's funding came from outside the district, but, unfortunately for the candidate, so did his supporters - and they couldn't vote. Republican Scozzafava pulled out of the race and endorsed Democrat Owens, who prevailed in the election.

So after watching the results come in, I learned that we live in a country where voters can like a Democratic president but support a Republican governor; can legalize pot but not gay marriage; and most importantly will prefer moderation and knowledge of local issues over media-friendly extremism. As I see it, it may be confusing and not very exciting, but also somewhat reassuring.



GREG Welborn

Redrawing Political Maps



A mere 12 months ago, the former young Illinois Senator and then young president-elect, Barak Obama, was praised for having redrawn the electoral map by winning in such formerly solid red states as Virginia. Pundits were talking about a new permanent – or at the very least long term – liberal leaning majority in America. Well, this week, the first real test of that theory was completed in the form of Tuesday's elections, and the President may have to spend a little more time on figuring out what the new map looks like. It seems the average citizens and Joe-the-plumbers who live on that map weren't in synch with where the President wanted them to be.

Of course it's really not all that surprising to see when you consider the prelude to the election. President Obama and his surrogates spent a lot of time in Virginia and New Jersey making sure that the electorate saw those elections as confidence votes on the direction of this country. Prior to that, of course, the President's foot soldiers have been doing a pretty good job of drafting up and proposing laws that would increase taxes, reduce benefits and seat some bureaucrat next to the family physician when it comes time to talk about healthcare and medical treatments. So every voter knew they were being asked to affirm a new political order. In response, Americans took that political map and did some redrawing themselves.

You see, America didn't really swing all that much in November of 2008. There really was no massive mandate for the type of social engineering, usurpation of power, and radical intervention that the Obama administration has put forth over the last 12 months. Add to that the fact that candidate Obama ran decisively as a moderate (check my November 6, 2008 article chronicling his moderate campaign positions), and you have an electorate feeling deeply misled and in the mood to set the record straight.

We remain a pretty evenly divided nation. 40% claim to be conservative, 20% liberal, and everyone else says they're in the middle. Last November, Obama took Virginia with 53% of the vote. This week, Republican Bob McDonnell took the state back for the GOP with 59% of the vote. Obama took New Jersey last time around with 57% of the vote, but this week the Republican, Chris Christie, took it back by a 5% margin. Americans remain centrist, but they don't mind swinging by 12% or 10%, and moving 5 points is child's play.

To emphasize just how significant 5 points can be (and that's the smallest of the swings demonstrated this last Tuesday) consider what it would have meant in the past. Democrats currently enjoy a 60 filibuster proof majority in the Senate. A 5 point swing in favor of Republicans last November would have given them a bare majority in the Senate. A 5 point swing back in that disastrous 2006 election would have left the House in Republican control. A 5 point swing last November in the Congressional elections would have reduced Democratic seats, not increased them. Lastly, a 5 point swing in the presidential vote last November would have put John McCain into the White House and left Senator Obama with a bit more time to mature before trying to remake America.

Clearly, Obama's magic has faded. The hard left lurch he has orchestrated Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid to unleash has succeeded in solidifying a strong anti-Democrat block, one that was first startled and is now deeply angry over the remaking of American finance, auto manufacturing and healthcare industries. Now it may well be that President Obama continues on this path, figuring that he can afford lots of losses now and in 2010 while still having time to recover for his own re-election attempt in 2012. Whatever the answer to that question, it is still troubling for our nation.

If he isn't pursuing such a strategy of short term sacrifice in hopes of a long term win, then he's just tone deaf to the pulse of America

and its core values, and really doesn't have the ability to lead us well. If, on the other hand, he is willing to take the early hits, he is simply naïve, and his will be an awfully unremarkable administration. I say this because any such short term sacrificial strategy fails to take into consideration what must be the absolute panic in the Democratic ranks among such notable members as Evan Bayh, Michael Bennet and Blanche Lincoln.

These three senators own healthcare in the Senate. Their names and efforts are intricately linked with the reform bill now being debated and voted on as early as this Saturday. Any one of them can stop the travesty that pretends to be serious legislation from becoming their party's and their own personal Waterloo. If they instead allow this to move forward, they own the result, and they know it will bring a strong 2010 campaign challenge and a likely defeat. Of course this means they won't allow this to happen. All are serious politicians with common sense and seasoned wisdom. Sadly, that is exactly what seems to set them apart from the man who leads this country and who claims to lead their party.

Being tone deaf to the concerns of average Americans or cynical in your willingness to cavalierly sacrifice seasoned leaders of your own party are not the hallmarks of great Presidents. They are the signs of one-termers.

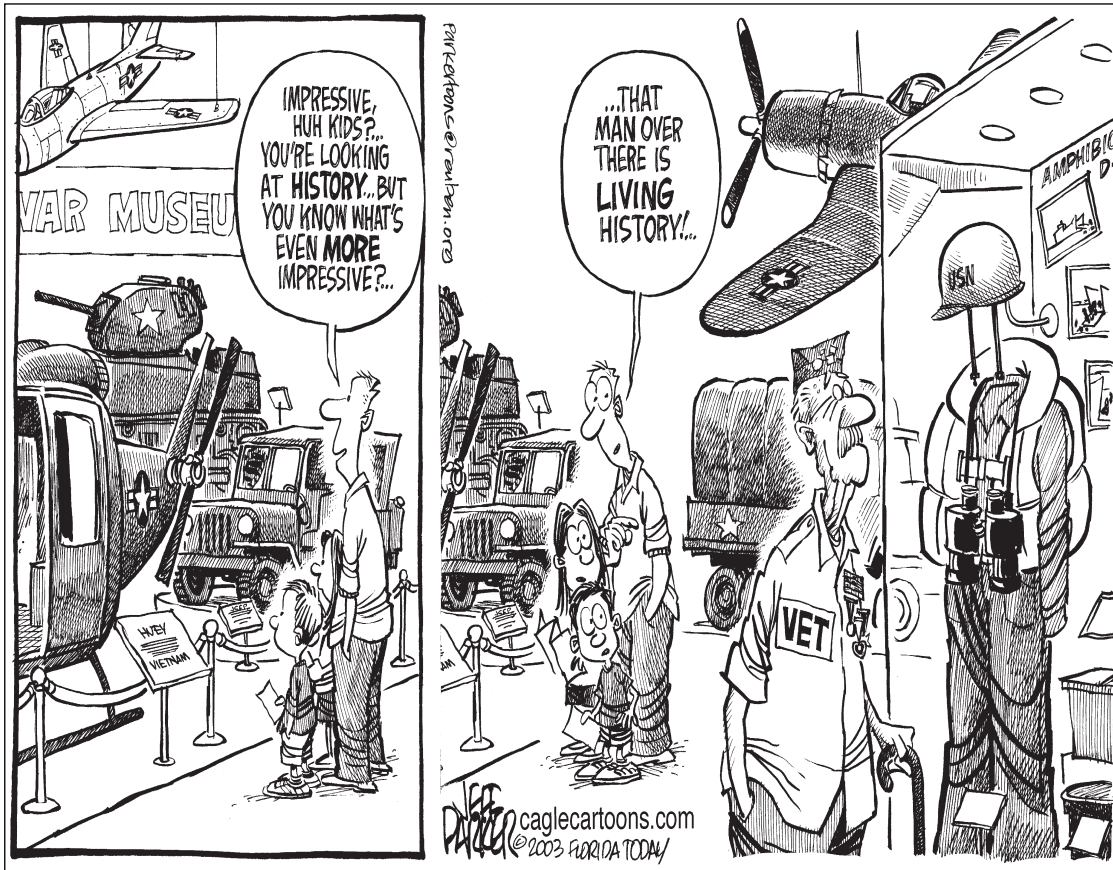
American voters put aside their suspicions that Barack Obama was an old style hard leftist and gave the young, attractive, well-spoken candidate a chance to play in the big game last November. They saw in him an opportunity to move beyond rank partisanship and a way for the country to fight its way out of the middle of incredibly stressful times. Sadly, they're having second thoughts. It seems that the real Barack Obama just may be a typical Chicago pol with a slick new veneer but a lot of old failed liberal social and economic theories. He also seems to have an amazing appetite for power and a somewhat unfettered arrogance in the exercise of that political power.

The Virginia and New Jersey elections were not flukes, nor were they just local elections. They were about policy, specifically the failed efforts of this administration to create jobs by printing money, to raise taxes across almost all income strata and to remake American medicine in the image of a not-too-well defined model of European socialism, which has failed wherever it has been tried.

The large lurch to the left has cost him the support of the average American, has weakened the credibility of his party, which will find it increasingly difficult to steer the country in the direction they want, and it may ultimately cost them all their jobs.

This was the first real referendum on the Obama Administration. An important message was communicated, but one doubts the message or the messenger is being well received. Political maps are fluid, and voter loyalty to a specific candidate is not what it once was. Americans remain centrist with leanings toward conservatism. They love what this country, with its traditions, values and culture, has done for them, what it has done for the world, and what it offers their children. Americans are naturally skeptical when it comes to making major changes, but they are also a trusting, optimistic people. Voting for Barack Obama in 2008 completed a transformational change of racial attitudes in this country, and that was a good thing. What the voters have just said, however, is that voting for Barack Obama was not a vote to change the values and freedoms that have made us the envy of the world, nor was it a vote to redraw the political map.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **T.J. GARCIA TRUCKING**, 4426 CLARA ST. #1, CUDAHY, CA 90201. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **TEODORO J. VILLALOBOS, 4426 CLARA ST. #1, CUDAHY, CA 90201**. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TEODORO VILLALOBOS**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **11/02/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/03/01.

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City of Sierra Madre PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
To: Property Owners within a 300-foot radius
From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 09-03 (CUP 09-03)**
Applicant: Derek Bushe and Teresa Mulroy
Project Location: **298-306 Mariposa 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 Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider a request for a Conditional Use Permit and Density Bonus to allow construction of a 4 (four)-unit, 2 (two)-story, 6,033-square-foot multi-family development at **298-306 Mariposa Avenue**. Pursuant to Sierra Madre Municipal Code Section 17.60.030(G), all developments in the R-3 Zone requires approval of a Conditional Use Permit. A Density Bonus to allow one additional unit (for a total of 4 units) may be permitted if the required findings can made pursuant to the Sierra Madre Municipal Code Section 17.28.060(B)(2).
DATE AND TIME OF HEARING **PLACE OF HEARING**
City of Sierra Madre City of Sierra Madre
Planning Commission meeting City Council Chambers
Thursday, November 19, 2009 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
(Hearing begins at 7:00 p.m.) Sierra Madre, CA
All interested persons may attend this meeting and the Planning Commission will hear them with respect thereto.
ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The project qualifies for Class 3 Categorical Exemption, pursuant to Section 15303(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
APPEAL: The decision of the Planning Commission is subject to a 10-business-day appeal period to the City Council. If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the Planning Commission in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Development Services Department at (626) 355-7138.
By Order of the Planning Commission
Danny Castro, Director of Development Services

City of Sierra Madre PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
To: Property Owners within a 300-foot radius
From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 09-04 (CUP 09-04) and VARIANCE 09-01 (VAR 09-01)**
Applicant: Kurt and Michele Miner
Project Location: **435 Fairview 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 Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider a request for a Conditional Use Permit and Variance to allow construction of a 3 (three)-car, 600-square-foot garage, and a 361-square-foot addition to an existing 7,737-square-foot single-family residence located at **435 Fairview Avenue**. Per Code Section 17.20.125, the maximum allowable floor area for this property is 5,440 square feet. Pursuant to Sierra Madre Municipal Code Section 17.20.025(C), single-family residences that exceed 4,000 square feet of floor area require approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed Variance is to allow construction of additional floor area that exceeds the maximum allowed.
DATE AND TIME OF HEARING **PLACE OF HEARING**
City of Sierra Madre City of Sierra Madre
Planning Commission meeting City Council Chambers
Thursday, November 19, 2009 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
(Hearing begins at 7:00 p.m.) Sierra Madre, CA
All interested persons may attend this meeting and the Planning Commission will hear them with respect thereto.
ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The project qualifies for Class 1 Categorical Exemption, pursuant to Section 15301(e) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
APPEAL: The decision of the Planning Commission is subject to a 10-business-day appeal period to the City Council. If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the Planning Commission in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Development Services Department at (626) 355-7138.
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CITY OF SIERRA MADRE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The City of Sierra Madre gives notice that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of Ordinance 1300, amending Title 15 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code.
FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 1300, ADDING CHAPTER 15.60 (ADOPTING WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS EQUIVALENT TO THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH INTHE STATE MODEL WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE) TO TITLE 15 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION) AND AMENDING CHAPTERS 15.04 (BUILDING CODE AND PERMITS) AND 15.48 (EXCAVATIONS AND GRADING)
The additional Chapter 15.60 adds Water Conservation in Landscaping requirements to the Municipal Code, consistent with the State Model Ordinance as directed under the Water Conservation in Landscaping Act of 2006. The amended Section 15.04.120 will require the issuance of permits for certain landscaping projects. The amended Section 15.04.070 will provide for retention of stormwater runoff on individual properties. The amended Chapter 15.48 will prohibit cross-lot drainage, require the installation of pervious pavements, and provide for onsite retention of stormwater runoff.
DATE AND TIME OF HEARING **PLACE OF HEARING**
City of Sierra Madre City of Sierra Madre
City Council Meeting City Council Chambers
Tuesday, November 24, 2009 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
(Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.) Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
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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 Brock
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 **PLACE OF HEARING**
City of Sierra Madre City of Sierra Madre
City Council meeting City Council Chambers
Tuesday, November 10, 2009 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
(Hearing begins at 6:30 p.m.) 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.
By Order of the City Council
Danny Castro, Director of Development Services

City of Sierra Madre PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
To: Citywide
From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: **MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT 09-03 (MCTA 09-03) Amending Chapter 17.60 (Variances and Conditional Use Permits) of Title 17 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code Regarding Public Notices.**
The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider an amendment to the Sierra Madre Municipal Code. Section 17.60.100.B (Public Notices – Posting of Property) would be amended to increase the number of days for posting a notice of public hearing sign to 14 days prior to the scheduled public hearing, increase the size of the sign to 12 square feet, and to clarify other specifications including location, height, style, and contents of notice of public hearing sign.
DATE AND TIME OF HEARING **PLACE OF HEARING**
City of Sierra Madre City of Sierra Madre
Planning Commission meeting City Council Chambers
Thursday, November 19, 2009 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
(Hearing begins at 7:00 p.m.) Sierra Madre, CA
All interested persons may attend this meeting and the Planning Commission will hear them with respect thereto.
ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The project qualifies for Class 3 Categorical Exemption, pursuant to Section 15303(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
APPEAL: The Planning Commission will automatically forward the proposed Code text amendment to the City Council. If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the Planning Commission in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission 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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TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

There is a New Kid on the Block

I think you have to admire a restaurant that opens amid the troubling seas of these tough economic times! Either this restaurant is certifiably crazy, or just maybe; they are crazy like a clever fox. I have been trying to sit down and have a meal at **"Stonefire Grill"** for several weeks now. Suddenly, my every friend appears to have lost their inquisitive spirit and is impossible to pry them from their comfortable and familiar surrounds. Thus I went back to my best date, the one that I can always count on, my daughter Lauren. I had a feeling she would enthusiastically agree; the smart ones know that Christmas is coming. Now this article will go under the guise of First Impression, but I really think I got it, or get it, anyhow, I feel I can bet the house on this initial vision of Stonefire Grill. Mother Teresa must have been the instructor for this group, talk about friendly, I thought I was in church with everyone to help us. You order much like a to go restaurant, wait in line and they give you a number, the guy behind the counter was as friendly as they make them, I hemmed and hawed over what to order. He interjected a few suggestions; telling me that I will love this, and we specialize in that, and you can't go wrong with this that or the other. Are you starting to feel like I did, that he may just help me with a flat tire on the side of the road someday?

We decided on the Ribs, some Pizza and the guaranteed BBQ Beef sandwich. Now before I get into my thoughts and grades, to be called BBQ you must actually have a BBQ, if you notice Tony Romas or Chili's doesn't call their ribs BBQ, they just call them ribs. Okay, just a little background, you seat yourself and I don't mind that, we surveyed the patio, but even with the warmers it was too cold for my tender daughter. So we decided to sit inside. The pizza and sandwich rolled out with military efficiency, of course you do get your own drinks and utensils. We started on the pepperoni pizza at (\$10.99); it was ok, on the edible side. Daughter Lauren gave me half of her sandwich a la carte at (\$6.99). That was okay as well, ditto.. Edible. Okay, last chance the ½ rib slab for (12.99), our server said, "That they were so good, that I'll order extra just to take them home for tomorrow." I must say, they are well trained on the art of upsell at Stonefire. Again... they were okay, if pressed, I would say there were

good.

The restaurant is clean, attractive and what I can see, a well-run machine. I was impressed for only being open a few weeks. Stonefire is a friendly family restaurant, lots of items to choose from on the menu, reasonably priced. It will probably make many top 5 lists as far as family friendly restaurants. Now if you are looking for the best pizza, or the best ribs, or the best Beef Sandwich, it isn't here. But, for a family experience and something to please everyone, check it out.

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Note from the Editor:

Without any knowledge of the topic of Peter's Column this week, I took my sister and brother in law, along with my household, and my 3 granddaughters and their parents (party of 11) to Stonefire on Tuesday.

It is, in my opinion, the very best place to take a family for dinner. The ambience and the service compelled the very best behavior from the kids and gave the parents the chance to relax and enjoy their meal.

Watch Peter's TV Show every Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. on KJLA / LATV.

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Looking Up with Bob Eklund

The Most Distant Object Ever Discovered



Monster star 13.1 billion light-years away lived near the beginning of the Universe, and died in the most violent explosion known to exist

Two international teams of astronomers have observed a gamma-ray burst (GRB) from the most distant object ever discovered—a star that died when the Universe was only 630 million years old, or less than 5 percent of its present age.

Dubbed GRB 090423, the record-breaker is also the brightest and most violent explosion known to exist. The explosion, reported last week in the science journal Nature, is thought to have accompanied the catastrophic death of a very massive star, when the star collapsed to form a black hole.

"This observation allows us to begin exploring the last "blank space" on our map of the Universe," said Professor Nial Tanvir of the University of Leicester, UK, who led one of the teams.

Although the gamma-ray burst occurred in the Universe's infancy—about 630 million

years after the Big Bang—the source is so far away (about 13.1 billion light-years) that its light only arrived at the Earth in April of this year. "It is tremendously exciting to be looking back in time to an era when the first stars were just switching on," commented team member Dr. Andrew Levan of the University of Warwick.

Much of this light was in the form of very high energy gamma-ray radiation, which triggered the detectors on a NASA satellite called Swift. Following up on the automatic announcement from Swift, several of the world's largest telescopes turned to that region of the sky within the next minutes and hours and located the faint, fading afterglow of the explosion. Detailed analysis revealed that the afterglow was seen only in infrared light and not in the normal optical. This was the clue that the burst came from very great distance.

Beyond the mere breaking of a record, the age of the newly detected object opens a window into a cosmological era that has not previously been accessible to observation. The cosmic "Dark Ages" are thought to have ended about 800–900 million years after the Big Bang, when light from stars and galaxies re-ionized the previously neutral gas pervading the Universe. As more gamma-

ray bursts are detected from these early times, it should be possible to trace the progress of this re-ionization, leading to the intergalactic medium that exists today.

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

Astronomers compute the distance to an object such as this by measuring how fast it is traveling away from us. This relationship between speed and distance is called "Hubble's Law" (discovered by Edwin Hubble at Mount Wilson Observatory). An object's recession speed causes the features of its spectrum to be shifted to the red side of their normal position. By measuring the



amount of displacement (called "redshift"), the recession speed and distance to the object can be inferred. The previous distance-record holder was a gamma-ray burst that was 180 million light-years closer to Earth than GRB 090423.

You can contact Bob Eklund at: beklund@MtnViewsNews.com

On Line By PJ Carpenter

Seeking and Finding



The sight of someone thumbing away furiously on some sort of handheld gadget, oblivious to everyone and everything around them, is as common these days as common gets. Even though this sort of behavior has been with us in various guises for quite some time, it has only been in the last few years or so that it has become the near-norm for every age group or demographic that one could possibly imagine.

For the most part, this activity can be described as mildly inane in some cases and just plain dangerous in others. The distracted driver is a danger not only to themselves but to that part of the driving public that is directly exposed to their selfish behavior. Although there is legislation on the books against this behavior

in nearly every state in the union, the behavior persists, and the behavior persists because for many engaged in it the payoff seems to be worth it. Even more so than any possible penalty.

At its most basic level, all of this endless tweeting, texting, IM'ing and emailing can be summed up neatly under one heading: Seeking. And unlike the seeking alluded to in spiritual songs, movies and literature, this particular form of seeking leads directly to an immediate satisfaction. Everytime. It is the itch that CAN be scratched. The attraction to this particular satisfaction is directly related to the fact that we can control it. We can control the content and flow of the stimuli, our response or non-response to it and how much importance we place on the entire process.

At first it does seem to be all fun and games. Loading up the new device with all of our important data and contacts. Discovering and installing new killer apps. The endless customization to make it our very own unique creation. Showing off the new pride and joy to friends.

And the endless toying with it. Toying might not be the right word to describe this interaction, because at some point there stops being an element of play involved in all of this. All one has to do to test this point is to remember the twinge of terror that leapt in one's breast the last time the cellphone \ BlackBerry \ iPhone \ fill-in-the-blank wasn't in its familiar place and was thought to be lost, or worst, even if only for a moment. It really was a big deal, probably bigger than it really should've been at the time. Even so, it mattered a lot. It mattered because, in these times of more and more things that we can't control, that we can't find and that we can't trust, here is something that we can control, we can find and we can trust. There is a real comfort in finding what we're looking for.

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THE UNLIKELY INSIGHT IN OCTOBER

by Christopher Nyerges

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There I sat on top of the world, contemplating all of creation. I felt wonderful, enlightened, elevated. I felt one with all my dearly departed – Dolores, Cassius, Marie, Frank, Ramah, and others.

But I was not really "on top of the world" – it just seemed that way. I was taking a break from all-day roof repairs, hurrying to beat the coming rain. Full of tar and Uncle Henry's Solar 278, I sat on the only flat spot on the roof, crossed my legs and breathed deeply. All I could see were the tops of trees and roofs of houses. It was an amazingly beautiful scene, and I could barely believe I was looking out over Los Angeles. I could have easily fooled myself into thinking I was at the border of ruralness and forest. Yet, here I was in the 'hood, relaxing, seeing things from another perspective and suddenly Europa starts playing on the radio. Europa. That was Ramah's song, the song that played as our pit bull Ramah died in my arms 15 years earlier. I never fail to think of Ramah when Europa plays. I breathed deeply, and thought of Cassius Clay too, my pit bull pal who died about a year ago. I closed my eyes and felt Cassie there with me on the roof, by my side. I cried as I began to talk to Cassie, to Ramah, to Dolores, to my mother. How quickly those sounds -- that specific music – took me into the realm of all my departed dear ones. I found that I enjoyed being there with them as I sat there on the roof, and I realized that I also need to simply love more those who are still with me.

The clouds were hugs, dynamic, in shades of gray to the north as they towered over the mountain range. To the west, the clouds were breathing-taking, colored in their pastel shades of pink and

red by the setting sun.

I'd been feeling hectic the last few days, now rushing on a job that I'd intended to do over a longer period of time. I couldn't tolerate another storm with leaks all over, and the weathermen were telling us to expect two to four inches of rain. One inch of rain in a 24 hour period is a lot. I was on the roof on automatic pilot. I'd neglected friends, normal niceties, preferred customs. I was in emergency mode to prepare for the rain.

Now, taking a break from this pace, relaxed in cross-legged posture on the nearly flat roof, I breathed again deeply, and let the stress flow out of me, and became one with the sound and the cloud and the wind and the coolness and the love of my dearly departed and the love of my living loved ones. My little sense of "self" dissolved into the bigger picture of "the moment." Wow, I'm alive, I thought. How wonderful that I awoke today from my dream, the "dream of life," that dream that occupies most of my mind most of the time. The dream of illusion, duty, momentum, success, and failure, and so often devoid of feeling. I let my mental words dissolve into nothingness, and became one with the dynamic reality, this moment of NOW, all around me.

I realized that I have lived so much of my life in the seeming-reality of words. Are they real? Or are they merely tools with greater or lesser clarity, greater or lesser accuracy in portraying the "what is" of life? I felt no excitement with words, with their ability to convey something, their facility to lead me into "truth," their wonderful taste and color. In this moment, I withdrew deep into my inner circle and I dissolved into this moment of awareness and I let go, and felt.

Soon, as the wind picked up and I contemplated the unfinished roof and the coming rain, I put my tar-covered gloves back on, and then got up to continue sealing the roof.

Knott's Berry Farm Excursion

On Monday, November 30, 2009 come spend a day filled with wild rides and fun as the Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department sponsors a supervised excursion to Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park.

The fee for Juniors & Adults - 12 yrs and older is \$62.00; for children 11 years and under is \$54.00. Fee includes transportation, admission, lunch, supervision of children and unlimited use of Knott's Berry Farm Attractions. Check in at the Community Center Parking Lot at 8:30am; bus departs at 9:00am sharp and returns at 6:00pm. Registration will be taken on a first come, first-serve basis and will begin Monday, November 2nd. Go to: www.ci.arcadia.ca.us, under Recreation and Community Services Department or you can come by our office at 375 Campus Drive, Arcadia and our phone number is 626.574.5113.

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The Senior Spot

By Bruce Lamarche

TURN OFF THE “#*%#” TV!

When we were kids, television was something special that one watched on Sunday night and then only for 1-2 hours. It was a smallish round faced machine which required constant adjusting of the rabbit ear antenna. This was a treat and the Ed Sullivan Show, Bonanza, and Walt Disney were the ones we could hardly wait to watch as a family. When they were done, we turned it off!

It seems today that TV now dominates our life. It comes on in the morning and runs as background noise while chores are done. We walk out of the room and leave it running. We land in our favorite chairs (designed for many hours of vegetating) and stare with glazed eyes at the screen. We concentrate as much on commercials as the next episode of home improvement, surviving on an island, or crime series. We're hooked!

I would ask, what has happened to the quiet reading of good books? Where did our immersion in a favorite hobby get lost from our life? You know, stamp collecting, sewing, wood working, crochet, playing cards, and ... perhaps actual conversation with a significant other?

It is interesting that our addiction to TV causes us to watch re-runs of already watched programs (why?) and to lose the ability to have a long and meaningful conversation with another. Yes, I used the word addiction. We can always say, “I'm

not addicted to TV. I can turn it off any time I want.” This is a classic line, from one who does not do just that. Are we coasting through life and using TV as a pacifier?

These are tough words but worthy of thought. Life really is short and time goes so fast. Someone told me today, “It's November.” It can't be! It seems like April was just last month. Point made. How do we put meaning back into our life ... and our time? How you choose to spend your time determines the quality of your life.

Why not max out your life? Find those special things that used to spark your interest and chase them. Use your entire day well and do not waste it on the drone of television. Certainly it is OK to have a special program that you choose to watch. So, turn it on one minute before it starts, and off the very second that the credits show up. Then get out that favorite book and resume a great read. Continue with the family history you are writing or complete today's thought in your journal. Get lost in that favorite activity so that you lose track of time. That is day well spent! That is the way to choose to spend your life. Choose well.

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Healing Your Retirement: Part 1 of 5

by Kyle Davis, Financial Advisor
The Ladera Group at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney

We all know that change is one thing you can always count on in life, and we've certainly experienced our fair share of it in recent months. Between tumultuous markets and a struggling economy, you've likely felt the effects of the significant changes happening all around us. Like many others, you might be wondering how these changes might affect your retirement plan and the life you envision for your “next phase.” If you're already in retirement, you may be wondering if it is realistic to maintain your current lifestyle.

The prosperity that the recent bull market brought to many may remain in hibernation for a while, but that doesn't mean you should do the same. Whether you're already retired or still working, the prescription for healing your retirement starts with a plan. And whether you need to create a new plan or refine the current one, there's no better time than now to start.

To get a head start on this crucial task, over the next 5 weeks we'll share steps to help you heal your plan and realize the life you envision for your retirement.

Step One:

Recreate a New Plan

Recent challenging market conditions have affected almost everyone, hitting different people in different ways. If you are already retired, for example, perhaps you are wondering if you can still have the life you thought was securely in place. On the other hand, if you were saving for a retirement that's still a little ways down the road, you are no doubt wondering what you can do to ensure you achieve that next stage of life.

What has changed in your life? You need answers to your specific questions and a new plan that reflects the strengths and weaknesses of today's market and addresses the reality of what you can achieve and when. There are an array of resources and expertise to help assess your individual circumstances and tailor a plan that addresses your needs and objectives accordingly.

Here are the steps you should take with the assistance of a financial planning professional to develop or refine your retirement plan:

- Re-evaluate your goals and how you might achieve them
- Identify your resources and obligations— as well as solutions you may not have considered
- Create a cash-flow analysis that will uncover any potential problems
- Design an asset allocation strategy with an explanation of why these investment recommendations are appropriate for you
- Address specific issues, such as caring for an elderly relative or funding your child's post-secondary education, which may affect the lifestyle you envision for your retirement.

While you can take these steps on your own, working with a certified financial planning expert, will provide you access to tools and resources you may not have on your own. Indeed, developing and implementing a financial plan in this changed environment, will be the key to healing your retirement plans. Work with a financial planning expert to ensure you develop the best plan possible.

Catch-Up Savings Strategies

This simple fact cannot be overstated: If you are facing a shortfall in retirement funds, saving more is your number-one personal rescue plan. Here are some major steps you can take to get your retirement plans back on track:

1. Max out employer retirement plans and IRAs.
- For 2009, the 401(k) contribution limit rises to \$16,500 from \$15,500. Plus, you can contribute an

extra \$5,500 if you are at least age 50.

- Your contributions could buy a larger number of shares in lower-priced investments.

If your employer offers to match contributions up to a percentage of your contribution, be sure you are at least contributing enough to take advantage of this “free” benefit.

- Supplement your employer's retirement plan with an IRA that allows you to put away up to \$6,000 more each year. You also have more flexibility to invest these funds to balance the offerings in your employer's plan.

2. Automate IRA contributions.

- For 2009, IRA contribution limits are \$5,000 (or \$6,000 if you are age 50 or older).
- Rather than risk forgetting annual contributions, set up an automatic funds transfer into your IRA for the beginning of each year.
- 3. Contribute to a Roth IRA, if eligible.
- Full Roth IRAs allow you to receive 100% tax-free distributions during retirement.
- If you find your earned income will be reduced in 2009, you may find you are eligible to make full Roth IRA contributions of \$5,000 (or \$6,000 if age 50 or older). Roth contributions are possible if your modified adjusted gross income does not exceed \$166,000 on a joint return or \$105,000 on a single return.

- Relatively low tax rates and account valuations can make converting your Traditional IRA to a Roth IRA an attractive strategy, assuming your adjusted gross income doesn't exceed \$100,000 in 2009. You will pay taxes on the transaction, but the funds and any growth and earnings in the account can be withdrawn tax-free during retirement.
- If you are worried that your IRA value may go down further after you convert to a Roth, thus leaving you with a tax liability on phantom income, be assured that you can undo the conversion (recharacterize) by tax-filing date in 2010 and reconvert your account at a later date.
- In 2010, everyone, regardless of income, will be able to convert the funds in a Traditional IRA into a Roth IRA, and the taxes can be paid over 2011 and 2012.

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SENIOR HAPPENINGS

FYI:

Identity Theft And Your Social Security Number

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in America. A dishonest person who has your Social Security number can use it to get other personal information about you; use your number and your good credit to apply for more credit in your name. Then, they use the credit cards and do not pay the bills. You may not find out that someone is using your number until you are turned down for credit or you begin to get calls from unknown creditors demanding payment for items you never bought.

Identity thieves get your personal information by:

Stealing wallets, purses and your mail (bank and credit card statements, pre-approved credit offers, new checks and tax information); Stealing personal information you provide to an unsecured site on the Internet, from business or personnel records at work and personal information in your home;

Rummaging through your trash, the trash of businesses and public trash dumps for personal data;

Posing by phone or E-mail as someone who legitimately needs information about you, such as employers or landlords; or

Buying personal information from “inside” sources. For example, an identity thief may pay a store employee for information about you that appears on an application for goods, services or credit.

Be careful with your Social Security card and number

Show your card to your employer when you start a job so your records are correct. Provide your Social Security number to your financial institution(s) for tax reporting purposes. Keep your card and any other document that shows your Social Security number on it in a safe place. DO NOT routinely carry your card or other documents that display your number.

Recipe of the Week: Carmel Apple Pie

Ingredients

1 recipe pastry for a 9 inch double crust deep dish pie
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 cup butter, melted
1/3 cup all-purpose flour
5 cups thinly sliced apples
2/3 cup white sugar
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon lemon juice
20 caramels, halved
2 tablespoons milk

Directions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).

To Make Taffy: In a small bowl combine brown sugar, melted butter or margarine, and 1/3 cup flour. Mix well and set aside.

To Make Apple Filling: Place apples in a large bowl. Add white sugar, 3 tablespoons flour, cinnamon, and lemon juice. Toss until all ingredients are mixed well and apples are thoroughly coated. Spoon half of apple filling into pastry-lined deep-dish pan. Top with half of caramels and half of taffy mixture. Repeat process with remaining apple filling, caramels and taffy mixture. Place top pastry over filling and seal well (this is very important--if edges are not sealed, caramel will leak out all over). Cut steam vents and brush top crust with milk or light cream.

Cover pie with foil and place on a baking sheet. Bake in preheated oven for 25 minutes. Remove foil from pie and bake for another 20 to 25 minutes, until crust is golden. Serve warm



November Birthdays

Alberta Curran, Carmelo Frontino, Lena Zate, Anna Mary Hession, Valerie Howard, Janice Kacer, Joan Keppler, Flo Mankin, Dollie Morant, Mike Ruggles, Marge Smith, Lois Stueck, Jean Wood, Shirley Yergeau,

Helpful Hints:

Tips To Help Avoid The Flu*

**According to the Center for Disease Control, the best precaution against the Flu is to get a Flu shot*

- * Wash hands with soap for at least fifteen seconds at a time, as often as possible and don't touch your face. When a person coughs or sneezes tiny flu particles get caught in the air and then are inhaled by people who walk through the area. The flu is also transmitted when a person touches a household object, such as a door handle, that has been touched by an infected person and then fingers are placed on the face, mouth and eyes, where the virus is then contracted. This is why it is essential to wash hands and not place them near the face where the virus may be ingested.
- * Don't spend time around others with the flu if this is possible. If you feel you are getting sick, rest immediately and drink plenty of water to prevent it from worsening and to help your immune system fight off the virus.
- * Talk to your doctor about getting the flu vaccine. In many circumstances it is easier to be vaccinated rather than risk a disruption to health or work.
- * Keep your immune system strong during winter by taking the daily recommended dose of vitamin C and take echinacea at the first sign of a flu. Garlic is a natural antibiotic and may also be taken during winter to keep your immunity strong. Be sure to consult your doctor before taking any supplements.
- * Drink lots of water to flush excess toxins from your body. Adding a splash of lemon to your water will also help to keep your internal organs strong and healthy so that elimination of toxic build up is easier.

Pasadena Highlands Sponsors Bingo Prize

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

Activities:

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

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

Monday:

1:00 pm to 1:45 pm: Strength training with Lisa Brandley. FREE class of stretching with light hand weights while you sit.

Tuesday:

2nd Tuesday of each month FREE blood pressure checks by Methodist Hospital; 11 am to 12 noon 3rd Tuesday of each month FREE financial consulting; 10 -12 noon call 355-7394 for an appointment

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm: BINGO; cards are only 25 cents each so stop by & play

5:30 pm to 7 pm: Yoga; \$7.00 - 50 & over. Please call 355-5278 for more information

Wednesday:

11 -11:45 am: Balance Class with Teryl. FREE class designed to improve balance & refresh the joints

2nd Wednesday of the month: FREE Legal

Consultations: 10-11:30 am. Appointments call 355-7394

Wii Wednesday - 1:00 pm or call the senior desk at 355-7394 to arrange another time & day to learn how to play. No previous **experience or skills required and it is great exercise.**

Thursday:

1:00 to 3:30 pm: Game Day. Join us for UNO and Poker with Bridge on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays; so please call for more information. 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm: Yoga; \$7.00 - 50 & over. Please call 355-5278 for more information

Friday:

1:00 pm: Ping Pong
Saturday: 11:30 am: Senior Club brown bag lunch and BINGO at 12:30 pm

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For information call Gene at 626.351-5327.



Senior Excursions

Thursday, November 19th - Nixon Library & Museum - 10 am to 3:30 pm

Cost is \$26 per person and includes transportation, lunch & driver's tip

Thursday, December 17th - Christmas Show - 10:30 am to 4 pm Join us at the Candlelight Pavilion Theatre in Claremont Cost per person is \$51.00 for lunch, show, transportation & tip.

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



Meals-On-Wheels

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

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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.

SIERRA MADRE'S FARMERS MARKET!

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One Of A Kind:
Featuring unique homes & gardens and the people who create them
Story and Photos By Chris Bertrand
Landscape Architecture
Professor's Home Studio

John Tillman Lyle, 1934-1998, left a legacy of his life's passion for architecture in his hometown, Sierra Madre and at Cal Poly Pomona, where he was a revered professor of environmental and landscape architecture until his 1997 retirement.

The university's sixteen acre campus of its John T. Lyle School of Regenerative Studies sports a large bank of solar panels, a very visible announcement of its purpose. The panels are merely the tip of the iceberg in a multi-disciplinary approach to "advancing the principles of environmentally sustainable living through education, research demonstration and community outreach... including low-energy architecture, energy production technology, water treatment... and sustainable community development," according to their website, <http://www.csupomona.edu/~crs/>.

During his 36 year professorial tenure, Lyle wrote two books on his topic, worked on a Del Mar wetlands restoration and a 1600 acre, Bolsa Chica development-restoration project near Huntington Beach. In between classwork, he also advised the Brazilians on protecting their coastal forests, the Italians on preserving their wetlands and lectured in Japan at the esteemed Kyushi Institute of Design.

At home in Sierra Madre, Lyle designed a studio and guest house in 1984, adjacent to their 1949 Harwell Hamilton Harris-designed home featured in last week's column. According to Harriett Lyle, her husband envisioned a dual purpose, separate space that utilized passive solar energy efficiency and breeze cooling, while complementing and relating well to Harris' main house design.

The result was a dramatic space in its own right that doesn't

overpower or pre-empt the main house. This was accomplished by situating the building downhill from the main house. Conversely, the studio's windows do not look directly up at the main house, so the larger building doesn't overshadow the smaller one.

The studio's downhill site creates a very different perspective from the main house's panoramic LA valley and San Gabriel mountain views. Down below, Lyle has indeed captured his beloved mountain views to the north, but also created a very different, on-grade woodland garden view to the south, enveloped by the sprawling and twisted branches of a majestic and rare Engelmann oak.

His low water usage garden design, featuring rosemary, rockrose, drought resistant arctotheca as a hillside groundcover plus a stone pond with water lilies to minimize evaporation, won a national design award from the American Society of Landscape Architects in 1986.

The passive solar heating system utilizes double stacked windows to collect the sunlight, then stores that heat in a layer of gravel inside the perimeter of the glass. The trapped heat then rises naturally up to the second floor through a slatted area.

The building is designed to be "breeze cooled" through strategic window placement, completing its passive heating and cooling circuit. A rhombus shaped window actually opens to vent out the hot summer air at the top of the tightly-wound spiral staircase and serves as a round frame for second story



Circular venting window atop tight, spiral staircase views.



Award Winning Landscape Design



Above: Architect's studio and guest house situated below main house
Right: Passive solar heating gathers sun through glass then stores it in a gravel trough.



An east-facing triangular window mimics the shape of the limbs of a Chinese elm outside the window, creating the feeling of living in a tree house. On the exterior, horizontal and vertical slats tie loosely to Harris' lines and shade function on the main house.

The first floor studio remains intact as John left it before his passing, as if he had just left for a brief walk or a dinner break. One can still feel his spirit there, with drawings still at his worktable and a task light trained at the ready.

Next week: Phoenix's Japanese Friendship Garden atop the I-10 freeway lid.

Have an interesting home, garden or person that might be of interest to our readers? Contact Chris at C.Bertrand@MtnViewsNews.com.



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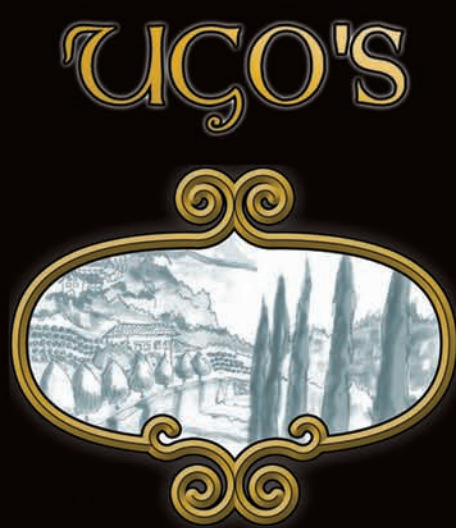
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