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## A Plan For Skilled Nursing Facility? Developer Considering Residential Units



Rendering of preliminary drawings - Proposed Sierra Madre View  
by S. Henderson

A preliminary proposal has been submitted to the City of Sierra Madre for the development of the property that housed the Skilled Nursing Center. The property has been vacant for several years and just recently the “For Sale” sign was taken down and the boards were removed from the the windows and entries facing Sierra Madre Blvd.

The proposal has been submitted by Warmington Residential, California, a company that specializes in the construction of luxury homes.

The property has not yet been purchased, possibly pending whether or not the proposed project is feasible for the City of Sierra Madre.



The Skilled Nursing Center on W. Sierra Madre Blvd. as it currently looks.  
Photo by S. Henderson



Rendering of preliminary drawings - The proposal includes a mixture of architectural styles, Craftsman, Cottage, Spanish and Monterey Style 3 and 4 bedroom houses.  
by S. Henderson

The current proposal calls for the construction of 18 single family homes. It calls for the construction of 10 frontage houses (facing Sierra Madre Blvd.), and 8 houses that will not be visible from the street. It also calls for two small parks, presumably for the residents of the development.

The illustrative site plan indicates that there will be four types of houses constructed. The development will have a mix of Craftsman, Cottage, Spanish and Monterey style homes.

Entry into the project will be from both Sierra Madre Blvd. and Hermosa Avenue.

The units range in size from 1,445 sq. ft. to 2,286 sq. ft.

The plans, drafted by Danielian & Associates Architects of Irvine, California, indicate that there will be:

Four 3 Bedroom Units of 1,445 sf  
Four 3 Bedroom Units of 1,657 sf  
Six 4 Bedroom Units of 1,948 sf  
and  
Four 4+Bedroom Units of 2,286sf.

Although there have been numerous developers and persons of interest that have discussed a variety of uses for the property, this is the first time a preliminary

proposal has been submitted since approximately 2006.

The project area is 1.84 acres which, as proposed makes the density 9.84 homes/acre. The units are also two stories making the project appear to be in compliance with Measure V.

The units, as currently configured, will be sold at market rate, with no indication at this point that there will be any set asides for low or moderate income families.

Within the next few weeks, a formal introduction of the developers and the project will be made to the planning commission and earnest talks will begin.

## Armed Robbery Arrest Sierra Madre Man Charged With Attack

In late August, three people were robbed at gunpoint behind 14 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., between Taylor’s and the old Valero station. The event occurred around 8:30 in the evening.

Using the information obtained from witnesses which included a vague description of the getaway car, “a small dark car”, Sierra Madre Police Sergeant Joe Ortiz, with the assistance of the Pasadena Police Department’s special investigative team identified a suspect.

Ortiz put the man under surveillance and subsequently obtained a search warrant which lead to the arrest of Raymond Concha, 21, of Sierra Madre.

Concha was booked on felony charges of armed robbery and required to post a \$50,000 bond before being released. His next court date is pending.

This arrest comes at a time when there has been a visible change in the nature of crimes committed in Sierra Madre. As previously reported in this paper, there have been increased incidences of gangs from other areas committing burglaries and car thefts. Two weeks ago, there was an attempted kidnapping of a young woman by two men, white or Armenian who pulled the woman off the street and forced her into their car. The incident happened at 11:30 at night as the woman was walking down the street. She was not a local resident. No arrests have been made in that case yet, however there is an open investigation of the incident.

The week before the kidnapping attempt, a Sierra Madre teen was robbed at gunpoint, also while walking down Sierra Madre Blvd.

There is an indication from neighboring police departments that there has been an increase in property crimes committed by parolees who have been released from prison before finishing their sentences due to the State and County’s Early Release Programs.

Sierra Madre Police Chief Marilyn Diaz advises residents that it is time to be more cautious when it comes to our own safety. She indicated that



SMPD Sgt. Joe Ortiz headed investigation that led to arrest.

residents are still leaving their doors open, leaving cars unlocked, leaving valuables in plain sight in the car, all invitations for thieves.

“The most common thefts are from unlocked vehicles where the owners have left valuables covered with a jacket or newspaper, which is not a deterrent.”

Diaz suggests that residents become more observant. “When you notice someone you are unfamiliar with sitting in a parked car, walking from house to house you should contact the police department. You don’t have to be right, you just have to be reasonable.”

Diaz also encourages residents to become involved in the Neighborhood Watch Program where they can learn how to identify suspicious behavior, learn how to stay connected with your neighbors, learn crime statistics and learn how to stay safe and protect your home.

For more information on the Neighborhood Watch Program contact the SMPD at 355-1414.

S. Henderson/MVNews

## The California Joint Powers Insurance Authority Settles Case of Jensen vs. Sierra Madre

**Sierra Madre, CA.** The case of Jason Jensen versus the City of Sierra Madre was recently settled by the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (California JPIA). The lawsuit was the result of an officer involved shooting in January, 2009. The City of Sierra Madre did not approve the settlement and continues to believe that the case should be fought in court.

However, the City’s agreement with the California JPIA, its risk management pool, specifies that the JPIA has final authority in how cases are handled and settled. The California JPIA settled the Jensen matter to avoid further costs associated with defending the lawsuit. Paul Zeglovitch with the California JPIA stated that, “This case was settled solely to avoid the costs associated with defending the lawsuit, and it was strictly an economic decision.” The JPIA funded the settlement.

## Fire Department Apparatus Dedication Ceremony

The City of Sierra Madre Fire Department would like to invite the residents of the City of Sierra Madre to join us in a dedication ceremony on Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 from 9am to 11am. This ceremony will dedicate three new pieces of fire, and ambulance apparatus the fire department has recently purchased and placed into service. Members of the general public who attend the ceremony will have the opportunity to see the new equipment up close and personal; as well as, take a tour of the fire station, and speak with current members of the Sierra Madre Fire Department.


Refreshments will be provided to all those who attend. Fire Chief Stephen Heydorff; as well as, members of the current and past city councils will be making comment during this occasion. The ceremony will take place at the Sierra Madre Fire Department located at 242 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Official dedication will take place at 9:30 am.

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### 6TH ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST GOLF AND TENNIS TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2010

Proceeds from this event enable the Youth Activity Center (YAC) of Sierra Madre to purchase new supplies and equipment and host programs and classes for YAC members.

The golf portion of the tournament will be held at the Eaton Canyon Golf Course. The golf tournament will be a nine-hole, best ball, foursome format. The tennis tournament will be held at the Orange Grove tennis courts in the City of Arcadia and will follow a mixed doubles, round-robin format. Both the golf and tennis tournament will begin at 8:00am.

Following the tournaments a lunch reception and awards ceremony will be held at the Hart Park House at 12:00pm. Registration forms for the Oktoberfest Golf and Tennis Tournament can be found on Page 3 or at City Hall or the Recreation Center.

The cost for the golf tournament is \$70.00 per person and the cost of the tennis tournament is \$50.00 per person, both fees include lunch. Lunch reception and awards ceremony only tickets are \$25.00 per person.

For more information on the event or on how to contribute please call Kyle Schnurr, Events Specialist, at 626-355-5278 ext. 705.



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## Weather Wise

5-Day Forecast  
Sierra Madre, Ca.

<b>Mon:</b>	Sunny	Hi 100s	Lows 60s
<b>Tues:</b>	Sunny	H 90s	Lows 60s
<b>Wed:</b>	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
<b>Thur:</b>	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
<b>Fri:</b>	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



## BEST USED BOOK SALE

*"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."*  
- Albert Camus

Nestled between the lazy days of summer and the chilly days of autumn is the time when the days are sunny and warm, but the nights are crisp and cool. What a perfect time to nestle up with a hot drink and an inviting book. Isn't it nice to know the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library regularly offer up wonderful deals on the purchase of books. We're holding our October Best Used Book Sale on Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 3pm to 7pm, and Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am to 2pm. The sale will be located at the Sierra Madre Public Library, 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd in Sierra Madre. Don't miss a perfect opportunity to shop early for your Holiday Gifts. You are invited to browse inside and outside the Library for beautiful Coffee Table books which, we might add, make excellent gifts.

All sale proceeds benefit Sierra Madre Library Programs. Call (626) 355-7186 for information. Stop by early for the best finds. And remember, the library exists to serve the needs of you and your family. We are here for you.

## Sierra Madre Library to Take Part in "Snapshot"

*A Day in the Life of California Libraries*

On Monday, October 4, The Sierra Madre Public Library is joining libraries across the state in participating in "Snapshot: One Day in the Life of California Libraries," to show how important academic, public, school, and special libraries and library systems are to the state of California. This Snapshot Day has been developed by the California Library Association (CLA).

The Library will compile statistics, customer comments, photographs, and other data chronicling a typical library day. The results collected will be added to those of other libraries across California, by CLA, to show how libraries provide invaluable services to California citizens.

Toni Buckner, Sierra Madre Public Library Director, reflecting on the importance of libraries in the life of the community, stated, "Our libraries provide irreplaceable and unique services to our communities, especially in these stressed economic times. Library usage is rising throughout California, and the demand is growing for books and other resources. As library services nationwide are being curtailed, access to a wide variety of educational programs and databases, as well as free computer and Internet use in our public libraries has proven invaluable, especially to job seekers and students. We hope that this "snapshot" of a day in the life of California libraries will reinforce in the minds of decision makers the critical need for their ongoing support of library resources and services."

What has the Sierra Madre Library meant to you? We invite you to drop by any time between 12:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. on October 4, and share how libraries in general, and the Sierra Madre Library in particular, have impacted and made a positive difference in your life. Haven't been to our—or any—library in a while? You might be surprised to learn that the library isn't "just about books" anymore. Let our friendly staff give you a tour and explain the many valuable free services available to you.

For more information on this event, please call 626-355-7186, or visit either the Library's website at [www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us](http://www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us), or the CLA website at [www.cla-net.org](http://www.cla-net.org). The Sierra Madre Public Library is located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre.

Creative Costuming  
with Recycled Materials  
Go Frugal and Green  
This Halloween!

On Wednesday, October 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sierra Madre Public Library, Holly Cleeland, author "Glue & Go Costumes for Kids: Super-Duper Designs," will teach parents and children how to create unique, oversize, eye-catching costumes with recycled and other readily available supplies, such as plastic cups and plates, cardboard boxes, fabric and foam core.

Ms. Cleeland has been featured on the Rachel Ray Show, the View with Barbara Walters, and KTLA 5 with Gayle Anderson. She has worked with the 99 Cent Only Stores and five of her creations have been licensed by Smart and Final. She is also the creator of Lawn Cheers, a line of popular outdoor holiday decorations.

Three costumes, designed and constructed during the presentation, will be raffled off at the end of the program.

For more information on this event, please call 626-355-7186, or visit either the Library's website at [www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us](http://www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us), or the CLA website at [www.cla-net.org](http://www.cla-net.org). The Sierra Madre Public Library is located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre.

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# ANNA

## in the Tropics

OCT 8th - NOV 13th

Written by Nilo Cruz  
Directed by Corky Dominguez

[www.SierraMadrePlayhouse.org](http://www.SierraMadrePlayhouse.org) - (626) 355-4318

ANNA IN THE TROPICS" OPENS AT SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE ON OCTOBER 8

WHEN: Oct. 8- Nov. 13, 2010. Fri. & Sat. at 8, Sun. at 2:30. Dark on Oct. 10. Gala Opening Night performance on Friday, October 8 is preceded by a light buffet and Champagne reception at 7:15 p.m.

ADMISSION: \$20. Seniors (65+) and students (13-17), \$17. Children 12 and under, \$12.

RESERVATIONS: (626) 355-4318.

ONLINE TICKETING: [www.sierramadreplayhouse.org](http://www.sierramadreplayhouse.org)

The cast for the Sierra Madre Playhouse production of "Anna in the Tropics" includes Arturo Aranda, Gerry Del Sol, Minerva Garcia, Eric Neil Gutierrez, Vanessa Marquez, Arturo Medina, Will Vasquez and Claudia Vazquez.

Assistant director: April Ibarra.

Sierra Madre Playhouse had found a comfortable niche, presenting mid-century American and British classics. In its new period of growth, it plans to expand its audience by presenting more challenging contemporary works. That includes "Anna in the Tropics," one of the new century's best plays.

Sierra Madre Playhouse  
Second Stage Coming Up

## October 10, 7pm Day After Day with Christy Mauro-Cohen

An enchanting musical about the life of America's sweetheart, Doris Day, and her incredible career. Enjoy such Day favorites as "Sentimental Journey," "Que Sera Sera," "When I Fall in Love," and many more. A Theatres of Vision Production.

## October 17, 7pm An Evening with Fritz Coleman

The consummate TV weatherman brings his unique insights to today's news. All seats \$25 for this fundraiser.

## October 24, 7:30pm War of the Worlds radio play directed by Bill Martyn

You are in the studio as this exact rendition of the original October 30, 1938 Orson Wells radio broadcast captures the horror that set off panic across the nation.

## November 7, 7pm Tin Pan Alley Years by Julia Riva

Three-time Academy Award winner Harry Warren got his musical start in Tin Pan Alley in the early 1900s. Julia Riva, Harry's granddaughter, wrote and stars in this memoir of those early days. Join Harry, Julia, and the Theatres of Vision Gang as they sing and dance some of Harry's Tin Pan Alley hits like "I Found a Million Dollar Baby," "You're My Everything," "This Heart of Mine," and many, many more.

# Music News

By Sierra Madre Sue Behrens

## End of Summer Edition

A HUGE thank you to all the great musicians who played at my birthday bash last month, and also to all of you who attended - I hope you had as much fun as I did! And my sincere apologies to Tony at the Buc and Kevin at 322 for taking most of their customers away that night! Stay tuned to the Music News for more fun events coming up at the American Legion. OK - I hope I didn't miss anyone or anything... I'm sort of out of practice!

## RECURRING GIGS:

**SATURDAY** - DAVE OSTI "Unplugged" @ the Novel Cafe in Pasadena - alternating Saturdays. 1713 E. Colorado Blvd., between Meredith & Bonnie. 626-584-5495. Beer, wine & food.

**SUNDAY** - BARRY "BIG B" BRENNER @ FIREFLY BISTRO IN SOUTH PASADENA, every Sunday, 11am - 2pm. 1009 El Centro. 626-441-2443. <http://www.bigbbrenner.com/>

THE SUBS have a new venue, Glendora Continental - 316 West Route 66. Every other Sunday, 6-10pm. End of the weekend fun!

**OPERA TO BROADWAY** VOCAL PERFORMANCES @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 7-10pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar and great Italian food. Every Sunday evening. Get there early - they pack 'em in!

**TUESDAY** - AMAZING BRAZTEC ORCHESTRA (featuring "Veal or no Veal" and LIVE Karaoke.) Dave Osti's weekly extravaganza. Every Tuesday Night @ Aztec Hotel/Mayan Bar in Monrovia, 9pm (corner of Foothill and Mayflower) <http://www.facebook.com/pages/edit/?id=146702138677570#!/pages/Amazing-Braztec-Orchestra/146702138677570>

Didn't see it listed for Sept: **TUESDAY** - "QUIZZIDGE" - back to Tuesday nights at 8:00pm??? Hosted by Deanna Cogan @ Cafe 322. \$2 per person to play/up to 4 on a team. Cash prizes/gift certificates to the top 3 teams. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414.

**"WEDNESDAY NIGHT PLATTER PARTY"** @ THE BUCCANEER, 9pm. Bring your favorite vinyl records and play an entire side on the house turntable, commercial free! 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. No cover, full bar, friendly service!

NOW WEDNESDAYS? IT WAS THURSDAYS IN AUG., BUT I BELIEVE THAT'S CHANGED - CALL TO VERIFY - The MELLOW Dz (Dave Osti & Deanna Cogan) alternating @ Oceanview Bistro in Montrose from 7:30-10pm. 3826 Ocean View Blvd. 818-248-2722. Acoustic Rock. [www.ovbistro.com](http://www.ovbistro.com)

**THURSDAY** - BARRY "BIG B" BRENNER @ FIREFLY BISTRO IN SOUTH PASADENA, 6 - 9pm, every Thursday. 1009 El Centro. 626-441-2443. Burgers, Brews & BLUES. <http://www.bigbbrenner.com/>

**FRIDAY** - The MELLOW Dz (Dave Osti & Deanna Cogan) Fridays @ The Brass Elephant/Aztec Hotel in Monrovia (corner of Foothill and Mayflower) from 6-9pm. NOTE: earlier time for Fri. 9/3: 5 - 8pm.

BARRY SCHWAM (the Thermin guy) "I play to backing tracks almost every Friday night (the 4th Friday of each month excepted) @ the yogurt shop in Sierra Madre's Kersting Court, "Yogurt and More", from 7 to 9pm. I play to about 50 or 60 cover tracks. I even have a following! My slogan is: Come to Yogurt and More, to hear music on the Theremin, and get your culture."

*Please remember to call and verify all info. before making plans. Everything is subject to change. This is show biz, after all...*

THIS WEEK and beyond:

SAT. 9/25 - ROCK NITE @ Cafe 322 in Sierra Madre, 10pm - Midnight (after dinner music.) DOS featuring Mike Watt, ARE YOU A COP?, FATSO JETSON. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar, great Italian food, no cover.

Hope to see you out & about, SierraMadreSue [sierramadresue@yahoo.com](mailto:sierramadresue@yahoo.com)

OKTOBERFEST  
GOLF & TENNIS TOURNAMENT

benefiting the Sierra Madre Youth Activity Center

Saturday, October 2, 2010

8:00 A.M.



## Golf Tournament:

Golf will be played as a foursome, best-ball format at Eaton Canyon Golf Course. Sign up with a team or we can place you on one. Win one of three great prizes by participating in our Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive, or Putting contests. Concerned about your swing? Purchase a Mulligan for \$5 and ensure a better score in the tournament!

## Tennis Tournament:

Tennis will be played as a round robin doubles tournament with rotating partners in co-ed divisions at the Arcadia-Orange Grove courts located at the corner of Orange Grove Blvd. and Baldwin Avenue. Scoring will be on the honor system. During the first 30 minutes of the tournament test your skills in our serving contest.

## Lunch Reception:

Following the tournaments join us for a reception at the Hart Park House (Sierra Madre Senior Center) located at 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. While at the reception enjoy an Oktoberfest-style lunch, participate in the silent auction and raffle, and watch the awards presentation.

Tax-deductible opportunities exist with this event! If you would like to sponsor a Tee or Court Sign at \$100 (includes one registration in the tennis or golf tournament), please indicate on the registration form below. If you have an item you would like to donate to the silent auction or raffle, please email Kyle Schnurr at [kschnurr@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:kschnurr@cityofsierramadre.com)

Please return registration forms to the Community Recreation Center no later than Friday, September 17, 2010. For additional information call 626-355-5278.

## Registration Form

- ( ) Golf & Lunch \$70    ( ) Golf Team Registration \$250    ( ) Tennis & Lunch \$50    ( ) Lunch Only \$25  
( ) Golf Tee / Tennis Court Sponsor \$100 (includes one round of golf or tennis entry and lunch)  
( ) I cannot attend but wish to make a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

For golf players - Please circle mode of transportation:    Golf Cart    Walking

For tennis players - Please circle playing level:    Beginning    Intermediate    Advanced

I would like to play on a court/golf with (indicate other registered players names): \_\_\_\_\_

## Release Waiver:

Intending to be legally bound, and assume all risk in connection with or in any way related to my participation in the Oktoberfest Golf and Tennis Tournament, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, my training and health are adequate for me to compete safely in this event. In consideration of your accepting my entry, I assume all related risks and do hereby for myself, executors and administrators, waive and release forever any and all rights and claims or damages I may hereafter occur to me against the persons or organizations affiliated with this event, including but not limited to the City of Sierra Madre, committee members, and any and all supporters of the event, their representatives, successors and assigns, for any injuries suffered by me while participating in the Oktoberfest Golf and Tennis Tournament.

Further to the extent, relevant, I hereby authorize the City of Sierra Madre to film or photograph myself or my child while participating in City- or City Community Service- sponsored events, and to use such films or photographs in television programs (including but not limited to community access television) or any other public forum without compensation to me or my child, and I specifically authorize the City of Sierra Madre to use such photos for marketing and promotional purposes. I hereby agree that in connection with that filming or photography, neither I nor my child will perform copyrighted works or works that are the subject of any trademark without the consent of all copyright or trademark holder or holders. I and my child hereby relinquish any copyright or trademark, or any other intellectual property protections or any right to privacy under any applicable law in connection with any performance filmed or photographed by or on behalf of the City.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Saturday & Sunday**  
**October 2 & 3**  
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## IN-N-OUT READING PROGRAM COMING TO SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY

*Sometimes all it takes is a little incentive for a child to discover the joys of reading—and that's what the In-N-Out program is all about!*

Beginning Saturday, October 9, 2010, children ages 4-12 are invited to sign up at the Sierra Madre Public Library for the In-N-Out Food For Thought Reading Program. To receive the coupon incentives, each child must read five books at his or her reading level and note the titles on a reading log. After five books are read, a parent or guardian will sign the log and the child will receive a Food for Thought Achievement Award with a coupon for a free hamburger, cheeseburger, or a meatless grilled-cheese sandwich. Children too young to read are eligible if an adult reads with them. Up to three certificates may be earned during the program, while supplies last. The program ends on November 20, 2010. Alternative prizes are also available upon request.

For more information, please call Meegan Tosh, Youth Services Librarian at (626) 355-7186. The Sierra Madre Public Library, located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre, is open Monday through Wednesday from Noon to 9 p.m., Thursday and Friday from Noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. [www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us](http://www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us).

## Sierra Madre Church of Ascension Plans Well Walk

The youth at the Church of the Ascension and Gooden School have been raising funds for a well in Africa. This Saturday, September 25, they will raise final funds and awareness through a Well Walk. The youth of Ascension and students from Gooden's fourth through eighth grades will walk approximately 1.2 miles north on Baldwin from Kersting Court to the water tunnels in the Little Santa Anita Canyon and carry water back to Gooden's Hope Garden. Produce from the garden will be given to Friends in Deed, a food bank of Northwest Pasadena. Walkers will be sponsored by donors throughout the community.

For more information or to donate to the Well Walk, call the church at (626) 355-1133.

## The Biggest Little Rummage Sale in Town!

**A Sierra Madre United Methodist Church Semi-annual Event**

Thrifty shoppers know that the best deals in town are found at the SMUMC's spring and fall rummage sales! The next sale will be held on Saturday, October 2, starting at 8:30 a.m. in Hartzell Hall, 695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre.

Come early for the best selection of quality adult and children's clothing, fashion accessories, linens, toys, books, baskets, household and craft items, and much, much more, all priced to sell! The fall sale also features decorative holiday and gift-worthy items. And here's a tip—savvy shoppers know that there are still bargains to be had at the "Two Dollars at Two" all-you-can-get-in-a-bag sale that takes place thirty minutes before the doors close.

There is ample parking in the church's lot, accessed off Michillinda. For more information or directions, or to donate items, please call the church office at 626-355-0629.

## Peace and Agreement in the Holy Land!

**Possible or just a dream?"**

Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 until 9:50 AM, First United Methodist Church in Pasadena continues its six session series featuring internationally respected Muslim, Jewish, Palestinian, and Christian leaders with Ms. Marianne Albina. Ms. Albina is a Palestinian Christian from World Vision. October 3rd's speaker is the Director of the Islamic Society of Orange County. First United Methodist Church is located at 500 East Colorado Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91101. Call 626.796.0157 or email [dgara@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:dgara@fumcpasadena.org) for more information.



## Sierra Madre Paramedic Lifesavers Paramedic Subscription Program

Do you know it can cost in excess of \$1,000 if you are transported to the hospital during an emergency by an ambulance? *Members of the Sierra Madre Paramedic Lifesavers Paramedic Subscription Program will never have to worry about such a cost.*

The Sierra Madre Paramedic Lifesavers Paramedic Subscription Program is an official program offered by the City of Sierra Madre which offsets the cost of emergency medical response and transport.

Residents of the City of Sierra Madre, who subscribe to the program by paying an annual membership fee, avoid any additional out-of-pocket costs associated with ambulance transportation their individual insurance carrier does not cover. Residents who do not have health insurance, and are subscribers to this program would pay nothing out-of-pocket if they were to be transported to the hospital by ambulance.

One emergency call for Emergency Paramedic services can cost in excess of \$1,000. Additionally, many insurance companies do not cover the full cost of

these services. As a member of the Lifesavers Paramedic Subscription Program you will be provided with emergency medical services with no additional costs.

Your subscription to the program will perform similarly to a secondary insurance plan, with no out-of-pocket cost to you. This program is provided to all residents of the City of Sierra Madre with an annual cost of \$30.00 per resident. Annual renewal to the Lifesavers Paramedic Subscription Program happens every fiscal year on July 1<sup>st</sup>, and lasts a full 12 months. We highly encourage every resident in the City of Sierra Madre to

participate in this important program.

To subscribe to the Sierra Madre Lifesavers Paramedic Program, please fill out the membership application form provided in this article and send it in with your payment.

Please mail the completed application and payment to: Sierra Madre Fire Department Attn: Lifesavers Subscription Program, 242 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024, or you may visit the Sierra Madre City Hall and subscribe to this program in person.

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

#### Annual Individual Subscription Plan

Number of Subscribers: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30.00

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### "Beyond All Measure"



San Marino Community Church has returned to its regular worship service schedule with traditional worship at 9:15 am and "The Gathering" at 11:15 am. For a taste "The Gathering" you are invited to view a new video about this service at [www.smccpby.com](http://www.smccpby.com). Come see

what we are doing!

This Sunday, Rev. Jeffrey O'Grady explores Luke 13:18-21 with his sermon, "Beyond All Measure".

9:15 am Traditional & Student Worship Services  
Sunday school (K-5) and childcare provided  
10:30 am Adult Spiritual Formation  
11:15 am "The Gathering" worship service  
Casual worship, multi-voice ensemble, childcare provided

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## SIERRA MADRE GENERAL PLAN COMMITTEE CALENDAR

Sunday, Sept. 26th Kersting Court 4:00 pm  
Outreach/Visioning Team Organizational Meeting;

Mon, Sept 27th Hart Park House Senior Center  
222 W Sierra Madre Blvd 7:00 pm  
Outreach/Communications Team

Tues, Sept 28th City Council Chambers 6:30 pm  
City Council Meeting Agenda to include appointment of four new General Plan Steering Committee members

Thurs, Sept 30th Pasadena Senior Center  
85 E Holly 6:30 pm Pasadena General Plan Workshop

Tues, Oct 5th City Council Chambers 6:00 pm  
General Plan Steering Committee

Mon, Oct 11th Congregational Church 7:00 pm  
Outreach/Communications team

Mon, Oct 25th Hart Park House Senior Center  
222 W Sierra Madre Blvd 7:00 pm  
Outreach/Communications Team

Tues, Nov 2nd City Council Chambers 6:00 pm  
General Plan Steering Committee

Sun, Nov 14th TBA TBD Outreach/Visioning  
Team Town Hall Forum



# New Market Wins Green Award

**U.S. EPA Recognizes SoCal supermarkets Sprouts Farmers Market, Supervalu, as GreenChill Partners for Environmental Achievements**

LOS ANGELES – Sprouts Farmers Market and Supervalu, parent company of Lucky's Southern California and Albertsons, are among the recipients of this year's U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's GreenChill Partnership 2010 Environmental Achievement Awards. Regional supermarket companies featured prominently among the award winners.

GreenChill is an EPA partnership with supermarkets to reduce refrigerant emissions and decrease their impact on the ozone layer and climate change. GreenChill partners work to transition to low-impact refrigerants; lower refrigerant charge sizes and eliminate leaks; and adopt green refrigeration technologies, strategies, and practices.

Sprouts Farmers Market was recognized by EPA for having the best emissions rate of all GreenChill partner companies. The "Best Emissions Rate" Award is the most prestigious of GreenChill's annual environmental achievement awards.

"Sprouts Farmers Market is a great example of a new GreenChill partner 'getting it right' right from the start," said Keilly Witman, Manager of EPA's GreenChill Partnership. "It is impressive that in their first reporting year as part of the GreenChill Partnership, they've won our 'Best Emissions Rate' Award."

Supervalu, parent company of Lucky's Southern California and Albertsons, earned a GreenChill Environmental Achievement

Award for exceeding the company's target emissions reduction goal to reduce greenhouse gas and ozone-depleting refrigerant emissions.

"When companies join GreenChill and agree to go above and beyond regulatory requirements to reduce harmful refrigerant emissions from their stores, they are committing to set challenging annual emissions reduction goals," said Witman. "The employees of the companies that exceeded their voluntary reduction goals deserve to be very proud that their hard work throughout the year paid off. The main beneficiary of this hard work is the environment. These stores' customers can feel proud that their supermarkets take environmental protection seriously."

Supervalu also earned GreenChill's Distinguished Supermarket Partner Award for the company's overall efforts to advance the mission of EPA's GreenChill Partnership.

"Supervalu's many contributions to EPA's GreenChill Partnership made it easy to select this year's recipient of our Distinguished Partner Award for a supermarket partner," said Witman. "Supervalu excels in corporate-wide emissions reductions, information sharing with other partners, commitment to special projects, and last, but not least, individual store environmental achievement."

Kysor/Warren, one of the top manufacturers of green refrigeration systems for supermarkets in the nation, also earned



The award-winning Sprouts Farmers Market has opened a new store at the corner of Rosemead and Colorado in Pasadena, the former site of Circuit City.

GreenChill's Distinguished Partner award.

"EPA is proud to recognize Kysor/Warren with our Distinguished Partner Award this year," said Witman. "Kysor/Warren continues GreenChill's tradition of recognizing an advanced technology manufacturer for outstanding contributions to furthering the Partnership's mission to reduce refrigerant emissions from supermarkets. Kysor/Warren's contribution to GreenChill over the past year has been of the highest caliber, both in terms of quality and level of commitment."


EPA estimates that if supermarkets nationwide reduced their emissions to the GreenChill average emissions rate, the industry would

eliminate the equivalent of 22,000,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide per year, equal to removing nearly 4,000,000 passenger vehicles from the road. This would also help restore stratospheric ozone, which protects the Earth from the sun's ultraviolet radiation, a leading cause of skin cancer.

GreenChill now has a total of 50 partners with almost 5,500 stores in 48 states. For additional information on EPA's GreenChill Partnership, please visit: [www.epa.gov/greenchill](http://www.epa.gov/greenchill).

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## Arcadia

### FREE FLU SEASON/ IMMUNIZATIONS PRESENTATION

The Arcadia Senior Services Department in collaboration with Methodist Hospital and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services will host a free health presentation on the upcoming flu season at the Arcadia Community Center on Tuesday, September 28, 2010 from 1:30-3:00pm. At this lecture you will also be informed about current immunizations senior citizens need to prevent specific illnesses. Eileen James, Emergency Preparedness Public Health Nurse from the L.A. County Department of Public Health will speak on current recommendations for adult immunizations such as Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis), Pneumococcal, Hepatitis A & B and seasonal influenza.

For need additional information call Arcadia Senior Services Department at 626.574.5130.

### Introduction to Nose Work!

Looking for something fun to do with your dog? The Recreation and Community Services Department is offering an urban dog sport class. Nose Works builds confidence, burns excess energy and strengthens the bond with your dog. Dogs have an amazing sense of smell and a natural desire to hunt. This class focuses on teaching you how to encourage and develop your dog's natural scenting abilities by using their desire to hunt and their love of toys, food and exercise. This class begins Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and is held at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia on the back patio. Class times are 6:00-7:30pm or 7:45-9:15pm. Cost is \$120 for eight weeks. Call 626.574.5113 today for more information or go to the city's website at [www.ci.arcadia.ca.us](http://www.ci.arcadia.ca.us) under the Recreation and Community Services Department!

## 3rd Quarter Construction Update

# Southern California Edison's Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project – Segments 6-9 & 11

**Project Update** – Southern California Edison (SCE) contractors have begun construction-related activities along portions of Segments 4-11 of the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP). Upon completion, the project will provide renewable generated electricity and help meet California's renewable energy goals.

### Construction Activities: Segments 7 & 8 Transmission Line

- Removal of existing foundations, structures and wires
- Grading for new improved access roads and site preparation for new structures
- Installation of foundations, tower/pole structures and wires
- Wire setup sites, (i.e., pull sites, wire splice sites, tensioning sites)
- Use of construction equipment and vehicles

**Locations:** Work will take place within SCE right-of-way areas within the cities of Duarte, Irwindale, Baldwin Park, Industry, South El Monte, Montebello, Monterey Park and unincorporated Los Angeles County.

**Every effort will be made** to reduce the amount of noise generated by activities related to construction. SCE understands that construction may be inconvenient to local residents. We greatly appreciate your patience as we move to complete construction as quickly and safely as possible.

## Questions?

**[www.sce.com/tehachapi](http://www.sce.com/tehachapi)**  
or call our toll-free line (877)795-8787  
for after hours and 24-hour access

During standard business hours, please contact the SCE regional project manager in your area:

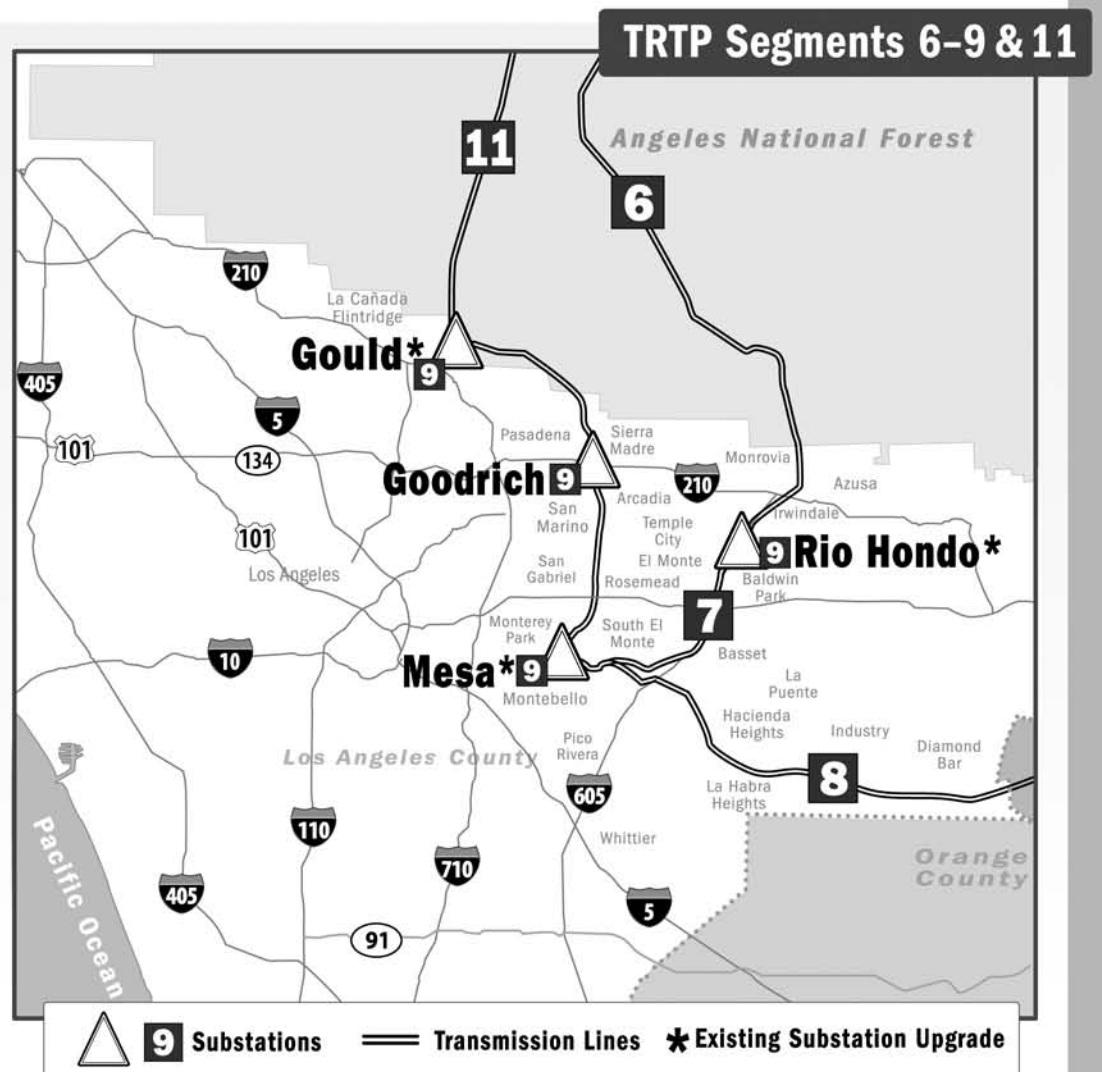
**Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Duarte, Irwindale, Monrovia:**  
Elisa Clifford - (626) 303-8429

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**La Habra Heights, Pico Rivera, Whittier:** Sylvia Southerland - (562) 903-3106

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## Caltech to Launch Terrestrial Hazard Center

In an effort to find ways to minimize the damage caused by natural hazards, the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) has established the Terrestrial Hazard Observation and Reporting Center (THOR) officials announced last week.

"From the current flooding in Pakistan, to the recent earthquake in Haiti, to the constant threat of wildfires in our own backyard, we are consistently reminded of the devastating impact natural hazards can have on society," says Caltech president Jean-Lou Chameau. "Now, with the generous support of Foster and Coco Stanback, Caltech scientists and engineers will be able to study these critical issues in a unique interdisciplinary environment. THOR will help communities around the world determine how to best prepare for, anticipate, and respond to various natural hazards, hopefully saving lives in the process."

Foster and Coco Stanback, based in Irvine, gave \$6.7 million, and another \$3.35 million came from the Gordon and Betty Moore matching program.

The center will span two divisions at Caltech, Geological and Planetary Sciences (GPS) and Engineering and Applied Science (EAS).

Natural hazards that fall under THOR's purview include global climate change, earthquakes, tsunamis, landslides, wildfires, and extreme weather events such as droughts, among others.

"The interdisciplinary and interactive nature of engineering at Caltech allows us to translate scientific knowledge and discovery into applications with direct societal impact," says Ares Rosakis, the von Kármán Professor of Aeronautics, professor of mechanical engineering, and chair of the division of Engineering and Applied Science. "One of the areas of pioneering research and innovation made possible by THOR is seismo-engineering. The boundaries of seismo-engineering are fuzzy ones and lie exactly in the interface between seismology and earthquake engineering. We are delighted to have the opportunity to explore these boundaries."

The center will be housed within the newly renovated Linde + Robinson Laboratory on the Caltech campus.

## Pet of the Week



Honey, a gorgeous, two year old, German Shepherd is not only lovely but such a wonderful dog. She can be calm and affectionate but also likes to play and gets along with other dogs. She will surely make a great companion. Come visit her 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 A276854 or come to the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA, 361 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena CA, 91105. Our adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 9-4 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets updated hourly may be found at [www.pasadenahumane.org](http://www.pasadenahumane.org)

## 'Building Pasadena' Mural Unveiled



Artist Jerry Ortega (pictured far right) stands next to close friends who helped him paint the 90 square foot mural now on display at the Pasadena Federal Credit Union

Artist Jerry Ortega said that it is not every day he gets the chance to paint a 90 square foot mural like the one unveiled Thursday as part of Pasadena Federal Credit Union (PFCU) celebrating its 75th anniversary. Ortega, an alumnus of Pasadena City College and Art Center College of Design, said when he got the chance, he jumped on it.

"It is kind of amazing that

Pasadena has something like this," he said. "It's quite an honor to be part of this whole evolution."

Although he has commissioned other murals, he said this was the first one he had painted in Pasadena. The mural depicts City Hall in the middle of the painting, with well known city activates on the sides.

Ortega said after graduating in

2008, he started working on film and television. He is currently working on the hit game show Hole in the Wall.

Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogard, Chief of Police Phillip L. Sanchez and Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich also attended along with PFCU Senior Vice President of Real Estate and Operations George Salardeau.

## Rose Bowl Financing Plan to be Released

By Dean Lee

As part of an update to the ongoing large scale Rose Bowl Stadium renovation project, city Council Member Victor Gordo, gave an overview Monday night of the involved timeline leading up to Jan. 11 when Phase I construction is set to begin.

Other council members said they have been uneasy with the funding secrecy behind the project. Gordo said the financial program will be made public online Sept. 27, three days before the first public hearing when the Rose Bowl Operating

Company (RBOC) takes up the issue at their Sept 30 meeting.

"I hope that they are arrayed in a fashion, because they are complicated, that's comprehensible to the public," Councilmember Terry Tornek said. "Highlighted in a way that people can understand what the sources and uses of funds will be."

Tornek said he has gotten public comments about the funding.

"People need to have some opportunity to understand these numbers and digest them," he said. "We are asking them to do it in a very compressed time."

Gordo said the public would also have an opportunity for comment Oct. 4 and possibly Oct. 11 when the issue comes before the council.

Gordo summarized, restating, if all goes well the RBOC would approve the funding Sept. 30 and then October 4, he said the council would take up both the financing and approving the plan bond documents. Oct 19, Phase I work bids are due; Nov. 4 the RBOC would approve the construction contracts; Nov. 23 the Build America Bonds close and then Jan. 11 construction would begin.

## KPCC to Host Fiorina and Boxer Debate

By Dean Lee

The second debate between Sen. Barbara Boxer and Republican challenger Carly Fiorina is set to take place Wednesday at the Southern California Public Radio (SCPR) network headquarters. The two will engage in a radio debate hosted by La Opinion and public radio station 89.3 KPCC-FM.

The debate will air 1 to 2 p.m. on Patt Morrison's program. Morrison and La Opinion's metro editor, Gabriel Lerner, will moderate.

"KPCC and La Opinión have my thanks and appreciation for their efforts in coordinating this important opportunity for the people of California to hear firsthand from both Senator Boxer and me," Fiorina said in a statement released earlier this month. "I look forward to having a substantive conversation with her about our very different approaches to taxation, job creation and the role of government in our lives, among many other important issues at stake in this election."

Local Democrats said they will take part in a "big, positive pro-Boxer visual presence," on the streets of



the city to [sarcastically] "welcome," Fiorina as she arrives at the debate. They said parking; signs and Boxer gear will be available at Jones Coffee Roasters, 693 S Raymond Ave, a block from the KPCC studio.

Boxer and Fiorina's first debate, Sept. 1, took place at Saint Mary's College in Northern California.

The two verbally battled over who was better equipped to turn around the state's jobless rate, which has been higher than 12 percent for months. Fiorina blamed Boxer for devastating California while Boxer fired back that Fiorina shipped 30,000 jobs overseas before being let go as Hewlett-Packard's CEO.



The hour long debate included other topics, such as immigration, abortion and gay marriage. Fiorina said she would like to see legalized abortion overturned. Fiorina also said marriage should be between a man and a woman. Boxer said she supports comprehensive immigration reform although apposes a guest worker program.

The first debate was hosted by KTVU, the San Francisco Chronicle and KQED.

KPCC's studios are at, 474 South Raymond Avenue. The event will also broadcast live on public radio stations around the state. There will also be live-streamed on KPCC's Web site at [www.scp.org](http://www.scp.org) and [laopinion.com](http://laopinion.com).

## Bogaard Elected to League of Cities Board



Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard was elected second vice president of the League of California Cities' board of directors on Friday, Sept. 17, in San Diego.

Mayor Bogaard joins the board of directors' executive committee, which includes League President and Modesto

Mayor Jim Ridenour, First Vice President and Mountain View City Councilman Mike Kasperzak and Immediate Past President and Hemet City Councilwoman Robin Lowe. The new officers were introduced at the closing general session of the League's 112th Annual Conference & Expo in San Diego on Sept. 17.

Having served the last two years on the board of directors representing the League's Los Angeles Division, Mayor Bogaard was elected second vice president on the League board and will proceed to first vice president in 2011 and ultimately League president in 2012.

The Los Angeles County Division is the largest of 16 regional divisions of the League of California Cities and is comprised of the 88 cities in Los Angeles County.

"I am pleased to serve as

second vice president of the League and intend to work diligently on behalf of cities throughout California," said Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard. "Our first priority is Proposition 22 on the November ballot, the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010. If approved by voters, this initiative would stop the state from taking, diverting or borrowing real property taxes and other revenues intended for local services."

"Mayor Bogaard is committed to serving not only the residents of his city of Pasadena, but all of California's cities. He is a strong advocate for local government and protecting local funds. It is an honor to have him serve as a League leader," said League Executive Director Chris McKenzie.

## Honda First 'Presenting' Sponsor of the Rose Parade

*Tournament officials; "50-year Partnership Evolves from Rosebud to Full Bloom"*



Honda Motor Co., Inc. made Rose Parade history Tuesday night becoming the first Presenting Sponsor of the Rose Parade in its 122 year history.

The announcement was made by President Jeffrey L. Throop at the annual membership kickoff celebration at the Rose Bowl stadium. The 122nd Rose Parade, now presented by Honda, will be themed: "Building Dreams, Friendships & Memories." Although the 2011 Parade will be the first Rose Parade officially presented by Honda, it represents a 50-year collaboration between American Honda and the Tournament of Roses Throop said.

"Welcoming Honda as Presenting Sponsor of the 2011 Rose Parade is an organic evolution of our long-standing partnership," said Throop. "For five decades, we have worked side-by-side with Honda to develop the Rose Parade into what it is today, and we are proud Honda is such a significant member of the Tournament family."

The Tournament of Roses will launch a new trademark composite logo recognizing and incorporating the Honda brand logo. In addition, Honda will have the lead float in the Rose Parade each year along with full usage of Tournament of Roses rights and marks as the official Presenting Sponsor.

"Innovation, creativity and community service are values we share deeply with the Rose Parade," said Tetsuo Iwamura, president and chief executive officer, American Honda Motor Co., Inc. "Elevating our role to serve

as the Presenting Sponsor was a very natural decision for us. For the past 50 years, we have worked with the Tournament of Roses to bring entertainment and tradition to people around the world and to enhance the Southern California communities where we all work and live."

For the 2011 Rose Parade, Honda and the Tournament of Roses are employing Honda's innovative environmental technologies to help the Rose Parade function more efficiently and reduce its carbon footprint. For the first time, Honda will power its Rose Parade float with a specially-configured hybrid, low-emissions power plant. In addition, Honda's fuel-efficient CR-Z will be used as the Pace Car for the Parade.

Honda's partnership with the Tournament of Roses began in 1961 when the company first supplied two-wheeled vehicles for the 1962 Rose Parade operations.

Honda entered the company's first float, themed "Visions of Tranquility," in the Rose Parade in 1977. Since then, Honda float entries have highlighted iconic images, including astronauts, trains, fire-breathing dragons, robots and space ships. Honda's entries have garnered awards in 15 of the past 16 Rose Parades, including consecutive wins in the last 12.

## Citizen Journalism Meet-up

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

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

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

We will put the news in your hands. Learn how to find the story, the tools needed to capture the story and the means to tell the story using the power of video, audio



and print along with online social media. The next meeting will be September 28, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Pasadena Community Network - Studio G, 2057 N. Los Robles Ave.

For more info call 626.794.8585 or visit [pasadenan.ning.com](http://pasadenan.ning.com).

## Boys and Girls Club to Hold Black Tie and Burgers

The Boys and Girls Club of Pasadena will host their annual fundraising event, Black Tie and Burgers affair.

Mayor Bogaard, Assembly member Anthony Portantino (La Canada Flintridge), and other distinguished guests, will be on hand to enjoy the fun and encourage support of the Clubs. Other activities for the evening will include both a silent auction filled with amazing gift-giving items, as well as a live auction that features extravagant

packages and events. Music for the evening will be provided by two live bands. Ticket sold (\$150) includes sponsorship of one child's annual \$75 club membership. In-N-Out Burger will provide the main course, The Black Tie and Burgers affair will be held on Saturday, October 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the Wallace Neff home of Eileen and Michael Williamson in Pasadena.

More information at: [bgcpasadena.org](http://bgcpasadena.org).

## 'City Beat' Topics Include Rose Bowl Renovation, Proposition 19

Topics on the latest edition of "City Beat" on KPAS and the Internet include Reese's Retreat, a playground under construction at Brookside Park for children with and without disabilities; planned renovation and expansion of the Rose Bowl Stadium; and California Proposition 19, also known as the marijuana legalization initiative.

Moderator Ann Erdman is joined by Pasadena Vice Mayor Victor Gordo, Pasadena Weekly reporter André Coleman and Crown City News anchor/news

director Tami DeVine.

"City Beat" replays Mondays at 2 and 6 p.m., Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m., Thursdays at 7 p.m., Fridays at 8:30 p.m., Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

KPAS is on channel 3 on the Charter Communications cable system in Pasadena. Streaming video of all KPAS programming can be accessed in real time by going to [www.cityofpasadena.net/publicaffairs](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/publicaffairs) and clicking on the KPAS icon.

For more information call (626) 794-8585.



## Sierra Madre Police Blotter

*During the week of Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, to Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup>, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 273 calls for service.*

Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>:

**6:19 PM** – Residential Burglary, 400 block North Lima Street. Suspect(s) entered an open unlocked rear sliding door and stole jewelry from the master bedroom. The crime occurred Monday, 9/13 between 8:15 am and 5:50 pm. No estimated loss estimate was available.

Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>:

**7:06 PM** – Auto Burglary, 110 West Sierra Madre Blvd., Only Place in Town. A male suspect smashed the rear driver's side window of a parked SUV. He stole two nursing books and a brown Coach purse. The male suspect was wearing blue jeans and a white tee shirt. He got into a newer model, 4-door, dark green Scion being driven by a female driver who was wearing black leggings and a tan top. The car left southbound through the west parking lot. The crime occurred Thursday, 9/16 between 2:35 pm and 4:52 pm. The total loss was estimated at \$950.00.

## Arcadia Police Blotter

*For the period of Sunday, September 12, through Saturday, September 18, the Police Department responded to 1,043 calls for service of which 146 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.*

Sunday, September 12:

1. A grand theft auto occurred in the 400 block of West Palm between 9:00 p.m. on September 11 and 6:15 a.m. on September 12. Unknown suspect(s) entered a locked detached garage and stole a 2006 Chrysler 300.
2. Shortly after 10:00 a.m., officers were called to the 200 block of West Colorado regarding a subject check. A transient was found sitting on a planter, and a consensual search led to the discovery of mail, California ID, checks/checkbooks, and personal documents belonging to 13 different individuals. Additionally, a pill bottle containing a green leafy substance resembling marijuana was found. A 33-year-old male African-American was taken into custody for receiving stolen property, possession of marijuana, and outstanding warrants totaling \$72,000.

Monday, September 13:

3. A traffic stop for an equipment violation was made at Baldwin and Las Tunas around 10:05 a.m. Two male Hispanic occupants were contacted and a consent search revealed bolt cutters and a carbide tipped cutting tool. A 29-year-old driver was arrested for possession of burglary tools and felony parole violation; a 24-year-old passenger was arrested for possession of burglary tools and a \$26,000 outstanding misdemeanor warrant.
4. Loss prevention personnel from JC Penney advised that they had detained a woman for theft around 6:21 p.m. While in a fitting room, the suspect concealed costume jewelry and bra in a bag. A private person's arrest was made, and a 29-year-old Hispanic was taken into custody for petty theft with prior conviction.

Tuesday, September 14:

5. A victim came to the station around 1:19 p.m. to file a fraud report. He was notified by his credit union that there were five fraudulent transactions to his checking account. Unknown suspect(s) obtained the victim's debit card information by unknown means and made over \$1,273 in unauthorized charges.
6. Units responded to the 300 block of Arbolada around 7:51 p.m. regarding a possible burglary suspect in the area. Investigation revealed that a suspect entered a victim's garage and stole a beer from a refrigerator and then fled on foot. A 23-year-old male Caucasian was later apprehended, and a private person's arrest was made for residential burglary, trespassing, and for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Wednesday, September 15:

7. Around 9:43 a.m., officers were dispatched to Temple City and Las Tunas in reference to a hit-and-run accident that occurred at Baldwin and Norman. A female driver struck another vehicle while making a left turn, and she left the scene without exchanging information. A private person's arrest was made, and a 36-year-old Asian was taken into custody.
8. A grand theft occurred in the 1100 block of Sunset between 8:00 a.m. and noon. Unknown suspect(s) stole a \$1,500 bicycle that was stored in a locked detached garage.

Thursday, September 16:

9. A traffic stop for an equipment violation was conducted at Colorado Street and Baldwin around 12:19 p.m. Officers detected the odor of marijuana in the vehicle, and a consent search led to the discovery of marijuana. A record check also indicated that the 19-year-old male African-American driver had a suspended license, expired registration, and no proof of insurance. The man was arrested and later cited and released in the field.
10. Between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., a male Hispanic suspect, 20-30 years of age, 5'7", was caught on surveillance video stealing 8 pairs of yoga pants from a display at Victoria's Secret. The total loss was over \$422.

Friday, September 17:

11. Around 2:18 a.m., officers were dispatched to the emergency room at AMH regarding a robbery report. The victim advised that he was robbed at the Westfield Mall parking lot on September 15 between 7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. He claimed that 3 to 4 male Hispanic suspects, 17-18 years of age, approached him when he was getting his wallet out of a car. The suspects struck him in the back of his head and stomach, cut his forearm with a knife, and then stole his wallet.
12. A victim came to the station around 1:18 p.m. to report a grand theft that occurred at Westfield Mall between 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on September 16. The victim claimed that she was bumped by two female Hispanics while shopping at the mall. After the incident, she discovered that her wallet was missing. The victim later learned that her ATM and credit cards were used by the suspect(s).

Saturday, September 18:

13. Between 4:30 p.m. on September 17 and 8:30 a.m. on September 18, a grand theft and vandalism incident occurred at a construction site in the 100 block of West Longden. Unknown suspect(s) opened a locked gate by using a hidden key and then proceeded to vandalize one truck and stole about \$1,900 in tools and construction equipment from another truck.
14. A 19-year-old male Hispanic was arrested around 8:31 p.m. at the racetrack for possession of counterfeit \$20 bills. During the Greek Festival, the suspect passed the fictitious bills to several vendors. Eighteen \$20 counterfeit bills were found on his person.

## Monrovia Police Blotter

*During the last seven day period, the Police Department handled 596 service events, resulting in 105 investigations. Following are the last week's highlighted issues and events:*

**Residential Burglary**

On September 10 at 11:23 a.m., officers were dispatched to a residential burglary in the 800 block of Bonita. The suspects entered the apartment through an opening near a window air conditioner. Once inside, the suspects ransacked the apartment and then left through a window. Investigation continuing.

**Vandalism**

On September 11 at 1:45 p.m., the window of a white commercial Isuzu truck was broken out near Peck and Altern. A similar incident occurred involving a neighbor's vehicle recently where the damage appeared to be caused by a BB gun. Investigation continuing.

**Driving Under the Influence - Suspect Arrested**

On September 11 at 11:04 p.m., an officer on patrol in the area of Duarte and Myrtle noticed a vehicle pull over to the side of the road. The rear passenger opened the door and began to vomit. The officer stopped to investigate and noticed the passenger had been drinking. During the investigation, the driver was determined to be under the influence, also, and was arrested.

**Assault with a Deadly Weapon**

On September 13 at 8:15 a.m., an officer responded to a middle school in the 200 block of East Palm regarding two juveniles involved in a fight. The investigation revealed that the two students had exchanged words on an internet site. The suspect saw a picture of the victim that appeared as though he was displaying a gang sign. The victim denied belonging to a gang, but the suspect sought him out. When the victim left school, the suspect approached the victim and assaulted him. The suspect was located and arrested.

**Drunk in Public / Receiving Stolen Property - Suspect Arrested**

On September 13 at 10:29 p.m., an officer responded to a call of an intoxicated subject on lower Myrtle. Officers located the subject and arrested him for drunk in public. The suspect was in possession of a stolen backpack, which was stolen from an elementary school earlier in the day. The suspect also had a no-bail warrant for his arrest.

**Burglary / Warrant - Suspect Arrested**

On September 15 at 11:17 a.m., an officer responded to a business in the 1600 block of South Mountain regarding a shoplifter in custody. The subject entered the store carrying a book bag and proceeded to place two tools in the bag and exit the store without paying. The suspect admitted he entered the store with the book bag with the intention of taking the tools. He was charged with burglary and he also had an outstanding warrant, which was added to his charges.

**Felony Vandalism / Felony Evading / Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Peace Officer - Suspects Arrested**

On September 15 at 11:20 p.m., dispatch received a call of a suspicious vehicle with two male and two female occupants in the area of Myrtle and Montana. Officers arrived in the area, but did not locate the vehicle. At 11:51 p.m., an officer spotted the vehicle and followed it. The officer attempted a traffic stop but the driver failed to yield. A pursuit ensued through the cities of Monrovia, Arcadia, Pasadena and Sierra Madre. The Foothill Air Support helicopter responded and observed the suspect turning off all lights and parking on a small street in Arcadia. Officers located the vehicle and confronted the driver and passenger. The female driver attempted to back away from the officers and pinned the vehicle against a tree. She attempted to drive the vehicle toward one of the officers and then rammed into one of the police cars. The suspects were taken into custody. Further investigation revealed the suspects had been tagging graffiti at several locations in the city. Investigation continuing.

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## Alleged Monrovia Gang Members Jailed After Chase Through Sierra Madre - Crash in Arcadia

By Brian Day, Staff Writer - City of Monrovia

A man and woman allegedly led Monrovia police on a lengthy pursuit through the foothill cities of the San Gabriel Valley and tried to ram officials late Wednesday and early Thursday before being arrested in Arcadia, authorities said.

Guadalupe Camacho, 18, of Monrovia and Jonathan Cabrera, 18, a transient frequenting the Monrovia area, were booked on suspicion of a host of charges early Wednesday, Monrovia police Lt. Zeke Cerecerez said.

Among the charges are violations of Monrovia's gang injunction, officials said. Both are believed to be members of the Monrovia Nuevo Varrio street gang.

The incident began about 11:20 p.m. Wednesday when someone reported people in a Jeep causing a disturbance in the area of Myrtle Avenue and Montana Street in Monrovia, Cerecerez said. About half an hour later, officers spotted a similar vehicle in the area, police said. "The Jeep didn't stop," Cerecerez said. "It took off at high rate of speed onto the 210 freeway." Officers gave chase and noticed the Jeep matched the description of one wanted in connection with felony vandalism incidents in Monrovia and Duarte, he said.

Camacho allegedly drove recklessly during the chase, which went through Pasadena and Sierra Madre before coming to an end with a crash in Arcadia. The suspects allegedly threw objects from the vehicle during the pursuit, Cerecerez said. The chase ended in the 300 block of West Magna Vista Avenue in Arcadia, Arcadia police officials said.

Camacho allegedly tried to run over a Monrovia police officer who was on foot, but missed, before ramming an undercover police car, Cerecerez said. She and Cabrera were then taken into custody. Camacho was booked on suspicion of felony vandalism, participating in a criminal street gang, evading a peace officer, conspiracy, hit-and-run, driving under the influence and five counts of violating Monrovia's gang injunction, officials said.

Cabrera was booked on suspicion of assault on a peace officer, participating in a criminal street gang, resisting or obstructing a peace officer, conspiracy, being under influence of controlled substance and five counts of disobeying Monrovia's gang injunction.

According to sheriff's booking records, Camacho was being held in lieu of \$205,000 bail and Cabrera was being held in lieu of \$80,000 bail. Both were due for arraignment Monday in Pasadena Superior Court.




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## Alverno Students Earn Highest AP Honors

Twelve Alverno High School students have been recognized as AP Scholars by the College Board. Three members of Alverno's Class of 2010 have been named AP Scholars with Distinction, the highest honor awarded by the College Board. Cheryl Iwamoto, Lillya Roldan, and Morgan Turner have all earned this honor.

Scholars with Distinction must earn an average of 3.5 on all AP exams and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

Melody Bueno was named a Scholar with Honor for earning an average of 3.25 on all AP exams and scores of 3 or higher on four or more AP tests.

Eight Alverno students have been named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Examinations.

They are Lana El-Farra, Megan Hofilena, Karen Opara, Sara Pfeiffer, Jordan Turner, and current Alverno seniors Karineh Minissian, Emily Near, and Erica Tavera.

Seventy percent of Alverno juniors and seniors who took three or more AP courses were honored as Scholars, Scholars with Honor, or Scholars with Distinction.

Only about 18 percent of the more than 1.6 million students worldwide performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition. AP Exams, which students take in May after completing challenging college-level courses at their high school, are graded on a 5-point scale, with 5 being the highest score. Most U.S. colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both for grades of 3 or higher. More than 1,400 institutions award a year of credit (sophomore standing) to students presenting a sufficient number of qualifying grades.



Erica Tavera, Emily Near, and Karineh Minissian are current Alverno seniors named AP Scholars by the College Board.

"This is great news," says Alverno Head of School Ann Gillick. "We are very proud to have such a high percentage of AP students earn honors from the College Board."

This is not the first time this year's Scholars with Distinction were recognized for excellence by the College Board. Cheryl Iwamoto and Lillya Roldan, both of whom now attend UC Berkeley, were AP Scholars in their junior year. Morgan Turner was a National Merit Scholar as well as an AP Scholar with Honor. She is now a freshman at Bucknell College in Pennsylvania. AP Scholar with Honor Melody Bueno was also an AP Scholar last year, as well as Alverno's Valedictorian for the Class of 2010. She is majoring in math at Loyola Marymount University.

Lana El-Farra, Megan Hofilena, Karen

Opara, Sara Pfeiffer and Jordan Turner, members of the Class of 2010 named AP Scholars, matriculated this fall at such institutions as UC Berkeley, UCLA, California State University Long Beach, Knox College in Illinois, and the College of Wooster in Ohio.

All of these young women are to be congratulated on their impressive achievements.

Alverno High School is the independent, Catholic college-prep high school for girls in Sierra Madre is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year of empowering each young woman to be exactly the person she wants to be. Its college-prep curriculum and emphasis on leadership attracts students from public and private schools throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

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## PUSD'S TINA REPETTI RENZULLO WINS LA COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Pasadena, CA - McKinley School Kindergarten teacher Tina Repetti Renzullo has been named Los Angeles County Teacher of the Year, making her eligible for state and national honors, the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) announced today. Ms. Renzullo was among 16 teachers from other L.A. County school districts honored at a celebration in Universal City on Monday.

"We are thrilled that Ms. Renzullo has won this honor for her passion and commitment to provide an exceptional learning experience for her students. Extraordinary teachers like Ms. Renzullo serve as role models for students and for their colleagues," said Superintendent Edwin Diaz. "Congratulations to Ms. Renzullo for meeting the standard of excellence that we aspire to achieve in every classroom every day."

Ms. Renzullo was nominated by her colleagues at various schools, and selected as PUSD's teacher of the year to represent in the Los Angeles County program that honors excellence in teaching. She has taught kindergarten at McKinley K-8 School since 2008 and was named a Pasadena Rotary Teacher of Excellence in 2010.

"It is my desire and my personal goal to foster in my students a love of learning," said Ms. Repetti Renzullo. "I want them to leave my classroom with a strong desire to seek out information, the skills with which to locate that information, and a life-long passion for learning. I love learning and I want my students to love it as well."

An educator for twenty-one years, Ms. Repetti Renzullo spent the first half of her career as a teacher in parochial, private and home schools. She joined the Pasadena Unified School District in 1999 and has served as a Classroom Teacher, Curriculum Resource Teacher and Literacy Coach at Eugene Field Elementary, and McKinley K-8 School. She also worked at John Muir High School as Literacy Coach and Small Learning Community Design Team Leader for the Freshman Success Academy. She is a highly regarded district trainer for K-12 Language Arts.

She earned an Associate of Arts in Humanities from Pasadena City College, a Bachelor of Arts in Child Development and a K-12 Multiple Subject Teaching Credential from California State University, Los Angeles, and a Master's in Education from the University of La Verne.

The Teachers of the Year Program is the nation's oldest and most prestigious recognition program to focus public attention on excellence in teaching. The California Teachers of the Year program, which began in 1972, is part of a national program sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers.

## When Inspiration Strikes

When Inspiration strikes, greet it. Take it, embrace it, and act on it as if in any moment it could be lost forever. Nurture it, water it; let it grow. Let it take flight into something more beautiful and more honest than you could have ever imagined sprouting from your own ideas.

When Inspiration strikes, let it find it's own way. Don't restrict it. But, do guide it, and with ease. Let it explore things you were afraid to say; let it find parts of you you did not know were there; let it shout what you have always whispered; let it open what you had thought was closed forever; let it be.

When Inspiration strikes, get excited. Don't sustain it; let it overtake you with jolts of creativity and sparks of the unknown. Don't keep it quiet. Share with those you know will understand it, and appreciate it, and love it.

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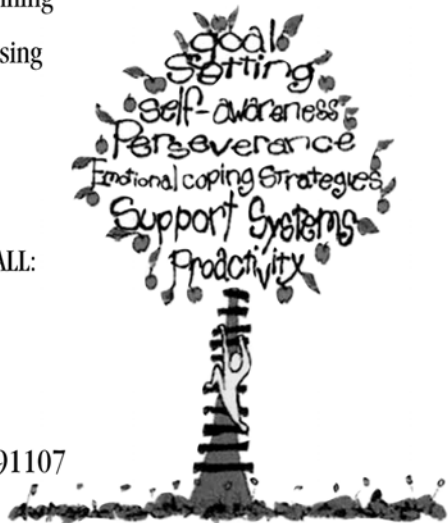
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## ELIOT MIDDLE SCHOOL NAMED SCHOOL OF THE YEAR BY GOVERNOR'S FITNESS COUNCIL

*Students win \$100,000 Fitness Center*

Pasadena, CA - Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) announced that Eliot Middle School was named a 2010 School of the Year by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports for its commitment to increased physical activity and better nutrition for students. Eliot was celebrated at the Spotlight Awards Ceremony in Sacramento, and will receive a \$100,000 state-of-the-art fitness center to help students stay on the road to good health.

Eliot Middle School and Webster Elementary were among only 19 schools in the Los Angeles region and 127 schools state-wide designated as finalists in the Council's 2010 Governor's Challenge Competition. The PUSD schools achieved this distinction for the second and third time, respectively. "We are extremely proud of Eliot's students for their commitment to adopt healthier lifestyles," said

PUSD Superintendent Edwin Diaz. "They have set a great example for children and adults throughout the District and the state, and this award is well-deserved."

Fourteen winners were selected from 2,649 participating schools statewide based on the percentage and number of students in the school who successfully completed the Governor's Challenge of being active 30-60 minutes a day, at least three days a week for a month. "Our students need to develop healthy minds, bodies, and spirits to have a positive effect on our community," stated Eliot Principal, Peter Pannell. "As an urban school with a large at-risk population, sufficient, suitable and safe physical activity is imperative."

One-hundred percent of Eliot Middle School students successfully completed the Governor's Challenge this year by recording 130,324 "Active Days" in the Challenge. With

nearly 40% of Eliot students NOT in the Healthy Fitness Zone for Body Composition, Eliot has committed to promoting healthy habits for ifelong nutrition on its campus. Activities and programs include:

- Establishing a "Junk Free Campus" - No sodas, sugary drinks or unhealthy snack foods sold on campus.
- The Cafeterias' Federal Free/Reduced Meal program provides our socio-economically

challenged population two nutritious meals daily in accordance with State/ Federal USDA Dietary Guidelines.

- After-school programs provide a nutritious snack daily.
- PTA sponsors weekly fundraisers providing Jamba Juice as a healthier "sweet treat" choice.

• Physical Education, Electives and Science curriculum offer nutrition education. Students learn

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• "Supersize Me" Film Analysis. Students discover the truth about junk food participating in a two

week study of the negative effects of fast food.

- Nutrition Network and Sheriffs' Police Activity League (PAL) provide after-school enrichment cooking classes.
- Farmers' Market experiences with local Produce Farms through PAL.

Students meet local farmers, learn about and eat fresh sustainable food.

- Global Warming Awareness assembly. Students learn basics about global warming, current lifestyle choices (unhealthy food consumption) and our future. Students were given the DOT challenge (Do One Thing) to change their future -- Eliot students chose to establish a CAMPUS Garden with sustainable food in 2010. "Eliot is committed to fighting obesity and the negative effects of poor nutrition," Pannell said. "We'll continue to protect, prepare and pursue a healthy future through good nutrition on our campus, and we believe a Dynamic Fitness Center will help our students, staff, and community secure a victory in the war against obesity."

The California Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to promoting physical activity for all Californians with an emphasis on children and youth. Governor Schwarzenegger is the Honorary Chairman and Council members include Chairman Jake Steinfeld, Vice Chairman Peter Vidmar, and California sports legends such as Tony Hawk, Misty May-Treanor, Laila Ali and Jerry Rice. Governor's Council key initiatives include the Governor's Challenge, the Governor's Council Spotlight Awards presented by the Anthem Blue Cross Foundation, the Live Like a Champion Tour powered by Anthem Blue Cross and Exercise is Medicine. Founding sponsors are Anthem Blue Cross Foundation and Kaiser Permanente. Other sponsors include the Coca-Cola Company, CVS/pharmacy and General Mills. For more information, visit [www.CalGovCouncil.org](http://www.CalGovCouncil.org).





## Brazil in Burbank

As I sauntered into the restaurant and gazed to my right, there against the wall sat two guys wearing tall black cowboy hats with ornate gaucho (cowboy) shirts and pointed toe boots. I did not want to stare them down before I had my supper. Besides, they wore their black hats with a slight tilt upward and I took that as a proclamation of peace. I knew I was lucky, for they were not wearing their holsters and their horses were nowhere in sight. I was certain that this Gene Autry fan should have been wearing his white hat. I had not found myself in a Hollywood set or Texas saloon, I was in a churrascaria in Burbank, a Brazilian Steak House. The Brazilians must love the idea

of bountiful dining, because the Brazilian restaurants that I come across are, almost always, all you can eat.

For this grub-rustle, I traveled to Picanha in Burbank. The night started well as I was easily able to locate street parking, but if you go on a weekend night, I suggest going to one of many city-parking structures around town. The restaurant was about half-full, which is good for a Sunday night. Picanha's room is divided in two by an oval-shaped salad bar with the cook in the middle of the station watching the tender meats slowly turning upon the fire.

The Brazilian Steakhouse has an interesting concept that has become very fashionable over the last few years. They first get you warmed up with the salad bar and bring you some very tasty little cheese and bread balls. You will find over 20 hot and cold items at the salad bar, including a fettuccini. Rein in that appetite, pardner, and don't pull those pistols yet. I would never load up on the salad bar when you know there's a parade of meats soon to be ushered to your table.

If the gauchos are busy and rushed and did not get a chance to ask you if this is your first time, you may see them come out and slice some piece of gorgeous meat at the table next to you, then visit that same table and give them another selection of meat while your plate sits barren of meat. They are not avoiding you, but you did miss something. On your table is a three-inch high piece of wood, one end is green and one end is red. Yes, one end is for 'go' and the other is 'stop'. Flip that green end up and the meats will begin to roll up to your table like an old fashioned chuck wagon. Once we flipped, we didn't have to wait long for the gaucho-garbed servers to come by with the selections of meats. The gaucho will offer you the singed selection on his long metal stake. He then makes a cut along this deliciously looking piece of meat with a sharp knife until it is ready to tumble off the meat, but you come to its rescue with your tongs and snatch the freshly cut slice from the air. Some of the selections that are offered in their parade of meats are: Pork Loin, Skirt Steak, a very tasty chicken drumstick, leg of lamb, and my favorite, the petit filet mignon. I was full within twenty minutes, but you can also go back to the salad bar and get more side items, including dessert, and of course the meats will continue to come to your table as long as the green side of the block is up.

Of all the meats that are offered, the garlic chicken offered the most abundance of flavors. The food checks in at (\$27.50) for all you can eat. I think this is great deal. They aren't going to let you have all you can eat at The Arroyo Chop House for that kind of price. Of course, it is not the same cut of beef, but you definitely get your money's worth here. Another plus tipping my review to a positive note, was the owner of the restaurant was there, walking around, making sure everyone was happy and full. He didn't know me from Adam, but he came by about three times to make certain all was going well.

Yes, this is a novelty, and if you are into lots of food, check it out!!!

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## SUSAN Henderson



Maybe it's time for Voters, especially in California, to reevaluate the way we choose our leadership. We need to *stop* making choices based upon personalities, party affiliations, gender, race, wealth or media influence. We need to *start* making decisions based upon who really has the ability and commitment to oversee our government in the same judicious manner that successful corporations are run but also remembering that the PUBLIC is the Board of Directors.

We need to look at what the person brings to the table (experience, background, intelligence); we need to examine their motivations, and we need to draw conclusions based upon their actual aptitude to get the job done *for the people*.

However, we need to learn at least one thing from our corporate overseers, their policy of making decisions based upon fact. We need to think more like them, recognizing that when it comes to making a choice, it's not personal, it's just business. After all, managing the government, whether it be on a local, state or national level, requires more than a person with a lot of money, a smooth message and a lot of emotional, rah rah supporters. BUT while

I am suggesting that we take a more pragmatic approach to selecting our candidates by following a very businesslike model, that is about all we should take from Corporate America!

Increasingly visible in the last decade or so, the influence of Corporate America over our lives has become overwhelming. Millions of Americans are without jobs, not because of their unwillingness to work, but because their jobs have been shifted overseas where it is more profitable. And corporations don't reinvest those profits into our cities that their abandonment has decimated, no; they just leave us to fend for ourselves.

There is a political video running right now that shows the impious manner that a corporate leader felt about the consequences of her actions. It contains U.S. Senate Candidate Carly Fiorina shrugging off the jobs sent overseas (specifically to China), and saying *"perhaps the work needs to be done somewhere else."* And with the Supreme Court's recent ruling regarding the designation that Corporations should be treated as 'people' when it comes to political campaigns, the impact of the individual voter seems to be diminishing rapidly.

First of all...what was the Supreme Court thinking?. Corporations are NOT people! They don't think like people, they don't feel like people and they don't care about people! And yet, the US Supreme Court has empowered them to brainwash people. I am not saying that corporations are evil, but their primary goal is profit not the best interest of the community. And, although many 'responsible' corporations like Nestle and Fed Ex and

Home Depot are good to their employees and 'give back' millions to their respective communities, they still do not have the same vested interest that you and I do when it comes to who shall lead us.

November 2, 2010 will be the first major California election where the impact of empowering corporate Pac donations basically without regulation will be felt. All I can say is.... remember the Pied Piper? As voters, we need to remember that tale and do our homework in order to get through the hype.

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We also need to remember that we didn't drive ourselves into this deep economic hole we are in, but far too many big corporations did, using their considerable financial clout to influence our legislators and us.

Unfortunately, in California we have two powerful corporate candidates running for elected office this November. Gubernatorial Candidate Meg Whitman and U.S. Senate Candidate Carly Fiorina both bring a wealth of corporate experience and money with them. And that is my biggest concern. They both, if elected, will bring their very impersonal, corporate management styles and wealthy self interests with them. Problem is, they aren't running for corporate offices. They are running for positions to govern our state, to represent us, the people.

I am not impressed with either as it relates to being an effective leader for the people of California. Both Whitman's and Fiorina's present campaign statements and commercials are in direct contradictions to their

professional behavior. Neither is known for, nor can tout, any experience in public service or any record of doing anything significant 'for the greater good.'

First of all, Meg Whitman didn't even bother participating in the voting process for 28 years! That's a fact; she didn't register to vote until 2002! I was done with her the moment I verified that. Each and every responsible citizen takes their responsibility seriously and casts votes that they believe is the right one. Doesn't matter who they voted for...they participated in the process because they believed in it. Now comes Whitman, who clearly felt that electing officials to govern was someone else's job, now she's asking for our vote. No. Absolutely not. It's not personal, it's just business!

If she didn't care then, why now? And, just how smart is she to spend so much of her personal money on a political office? It's not compassion....so what is it? There is no question that she is a competent money manager, but her focus has always been on her personally, even when she ran eBay. There, her motivation was creating massive wealth for herself. Is that also her goal should she become California Governor?

And then there is Carly.... Carly....Carly! Really? Just listen to what she has said and/or done:  
**Fiorina Defended The Outsourcing Of American Jobs. *Investor's Business Daily*; "We left billions of dollars in cash overseas because of the differences in tax rates" Fiorina Remarks, Milwaukee, WI;**  
**As Head Of HP, Fiorina Undercut U.S. Foreign Policy By Exporting Goods To Dubai To Open Up Markets In Iran.** In the April 12, 2004 issue a *Forbes* magazine story titled "Trading

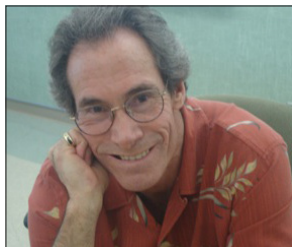
With The Enemy" reported, "If you want to get around export controls, just sell the product to a front company in Dubai. The middlemen will take it from there.... Hewlett-Packard, Dell and Microsoft, among many other U.S. companies, keep Dubai offices and are favorites these days among Iranian traders in Dubai. Reason? Strong demand for 'anything high-tech for military or oil services,' says Bolurfrushan of the Iranian Business Council." [*Forbes*, 4/12/04]

According to CNN, Fiorina said, "Well, I don't think John McCain could run a major corporation...It's a fallacy to suggest that the country is like a company. So, of course, to run a business, you have to have a lifetime of experience in business, but that's not what Sarah Palin, John McCain, Joe Biden or Barack Obama are doing." [CNN, 9/16/08]

Now maybe there I might agree with her somewhat. *"It's a fallacy to suggest that the country is like a company"*. She's right. Neither the country nor the state, or even our local governments are companies. They are far more complex, have a direct impact of the lives of millions and require leaders who are committed to serve the people", not just to serve themselves.

So, for the two corporate candidates at the top of the ticket, who both happen to be Republicans, I have to say without hesitation, NO VOTE, NO WAY! And to the corporations who keep pouring millions of dollars to influence campaigns across the nation, stay out of our decision making. Remember, it's not personal, it just business. Or should I say to Corporate America, mind your own business and stay out of ours.  
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## HAIL Hamilton



So just what would Proposition 19, The Regulate, Control & Tax Cannabis Initiative of 2010, do? According to an assessment by the independent California Legislative Analyst's Office, the immediate effect of the measure would be to allow adults age 21 and older to possess and grow limited amounts of marijuana in the privacy of their own home. The agency estimates that halting the prosecution of these minor marijuana offenses would save state and local governments "several tens of millions of dollars annually," and enable law enforcement to re-prioritize resources toward other criminal activities.

The longer-term impact of Proposition 19 would be to enable "local governments to adopt ordinances and regulations regarding commercial marijuana-related activities." These activities would include taxing and licensing establishments to produce and dispense marijuana to persons 21 and older. By doing so, "state and

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local governments could eventually collect hundreds of millions of dollars annually in additional revenues," the office estimates.

Predictably, critics of Proposition 19 have tried to paint a much more foreboding picture. For example, California senior Sen. Dianne Feinstein claims that the measure is "a jumbled legal nightmare that will make our highways, our workplaces and our communities less safe."

Not so, says the Legislative Analyst's Office, which calls Feinstein's fears about pending workplace and roadway calamities unfounded. States the office: "(T)he measure would not change existing laws that prohibit driving under the influence of drugs or that prohibit possessing marijuana on the grounds of elementary, middle, and high schools. "... (E)mployers would retain existing rights to address consumption of marijuana that impairs an employee's job performance."

Sen. Feinstein, Pres. Obama and drug czar, Gil Kerlikowske, say their primary objection to Pro. 19 is that Proposition 19 will dramatically increase consumption and cost the state millions in health and social costs.

Right now, however, virtually anyone

in California who wishes to obtain or consume marijuana can do so, and it is hard to believe that adults who presently abstain from cannabis would no longer do so simply because certain restrictions on its use were lifted. In fact, in the years following Californians decision to legalize the medical use of marijuana in 1996, the state has seen a dramatic decline in marijuana use by young people.

Finally, unlike alcohol and tobacco -- two legal but deadly products -- marijuana's estimated social costs are minimal.

According to a 2009 report by the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse, health-related costs per user are eight times higher for drinkers than they are for those who use cannabis and are more than 40 times higher for tobacco smokers. It states, "In terms of (health-related) costs per user: tobacco-related health costs are over \$800 per user, alcohol-related health costs are much lower at \$165 per user, and cannabis-related health costs are the lowest at \$20 per user."

A previous analysis commissioned by the World Health Organization agreed, stating, "On existing patterns of use, cannabis poses a much less serious public health problem than is currently posed by alcohol and

tobacco in Western societies."

So then why are Sen. Feinstein, President Obama and his drug czars so worried about adults consuming it in the privacy of their own home?

California lawmakers criminalized the possession and use of marijuana in 1913 -- a full 24 years before the federal government enacted prohibition. Yet right now in California, the state Board of Equalization reports that some 400,000 use marijuana daily. Self-evidently, cannabis is here to stay.

It's time to reject the drug czar's tired rhetoric, and abandon the failed federal policy of criminal marijuana prohibition. Let's stop ceding control of this market to unregulated, untaxed criminal enterprises and put it in the hands of licensed businesses. Let's stop sanctioning adults for private behavior that is engaged in absent of harm to others. Let's begin to regulate the use, production, and distribution of pot like alcohol -- complete with common sense controls regarding who can legally produce it, who can legally distribute it, who can legally consume it, and under what circumstances is its use lawfully permitted.

**Proposition 19 is a step in the right direction.**

## STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE Taking A Look Around



W h a t e v e r happened to the future? No one seems to talk about it anymore. Are we just too busy twittering?

Remember when the future was on everyone's mind and we talked about ending war and eliminating disease and travelling to other planets. Whatever happened to nuclear disarmament and gun control? Also, whatever happened to work and enterprise, ethnic heritage, technical innovation, scientific research or anything else potentially lofty and ennobling? Has it all become too clearly unlikely? Are we all secretly living our final days? These are the questions asked by the New York Times op-ed columnist David Brooks in his article reviewing Jonathan Frunze's new book, "Freedom".

According to Mr. Brooks Mr. Franzen makes two points about American Life. First, he argues that American culture is over obsessed with personal freedom. Second, he describes an America where people are unhappy and spiritually stunted. I am afraid that this description

corresponds to my present experience of America. I see a world where even the lawyers are now covered with tattoos and piercings. To me this is a sign, not of freedom but instead indicating a doomed attempt to escape unsatisfactory lives where a bright façade hides deep secret dissatisfaction.

I look around in my canyon and see lovely homes on the outside; but inside I know there is great unhappiness. It's tough to make marriages work; it's tough to get along with twenty-something children who, perhaps because of the economy, are forced to still live at home with their parents. I think that, perhaps because of the technological revolution, parents do not seem very interesting or wise to their children. There is little to learn from these frequently challenged and downright inept older personalities who young people feel forced to tolerate.

Maybe it's because the roles have changed so rapidly. In my day, men imagined becoming athletic heroes and impressing their girl friends and seducing these impressionable girls into sexual liaisons that, it

was generally agreed, only the men enjoyed. Later in life men would go into military service to protect the lives of the fragile women that stayed behind and tended to the children. When not at war, men would come home and work hard to provide for their wives and families, who would loyally be waiting at the window with supper on the stove to be provided to the man as a reward for his hard work and virtue. OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

Okay, maybe it never was really like that. Maybe women were unhappy not being allowed to participate in the work force and have interesting careers and such things, and maybe they secretly liked sex. Maybe the kids were unhappy being considered as something like disabled adults who usually did not have even their own bedrooms, or their own TVs, or their own cars, and certainly not their own computers, or their own secret vast social system. The main hope then was to grow up and get out of the house and become a happy adult. Well, now, it's become clear to the kids that there are no happy adults. In fact there are no adults at all. We now live in a world of permanent adolescence craving distractions, and continual stimulation. Whatever happened to good old contented boredom where the family just sat around together and played cards?

In the name of freedom we seem to have lost our ability to enjoy one another. Maybe it's drugs or something but parents can't trust their children; children can't rely on their parents or step-parents or whoever is left from their broken families. Maybe some of the despair comes from not just the loss of mommy or daddy, but also from the inevitable loss of the companionship of mommy or daddy's significant other and their friends who suddenly disappear, almost without explanation, after a break up.

Sometimes, I think divorced parents try to keep the kids at a distance from the new boy friend or girl friend because they don't want their kids to experience abandonment. Really, I don't think abandonment and loss is the problem. Rather I think the problem is that everyone is trying to keep their real life and real feelings a secret. We don't even trust our dogs anymore; they have to be leashed and watched. Yes, I think probably everyone, including the dogs, are unhappy with the present life style—it's just that the dogs hide it better than we do. After all their very survival depends on making us master-humans think that no matter how we neglect our pets, we are still loved. It would be nice if we could do the same thing for one another.



## HOWARD Hays As I See It



Most writers feel complimented when able to inspire a reader to do further research and learn more about a topic. I hope Greg feels that way, as his column last week inspired me to do further research and learn more about an opinion survey figure he cited; “poll after poll” showing “a nation split 70% toward conservative principles and 30% toward liberal principles”.

It took some searching, but I finally found in the CBS News / NY Times poll released September 15 that indeed, only 30% approved of the job Democrats were doing in Congress. The same poll showed 20% approved of the job Republicans were doing.

I didn’t find that “70% of Americans are appalled by the failed economic policies of this administration and this congress.” I did see that registered voters consider Democrats better than Republicans in helping the middle class (55% to 33%), helping small business (49% to 41%) and creating new jobs (44% to 38%). 39% agree that President Obama has “a clear picture for solving nation’s problems”. 18% think Republicans in Congress do.

Much has been made of an “anti-incumbency fever”, but there’s an important difference between today and 1994 - the last time voters gave Republicans a majority in Congress. Then, it had been forty years since Republicans held a majority in the House. Now, it’s been only four years - and voters remember. As for who’s to blame for the current economic mess, 5% say President Obama and 11% say Congress. 21% put the blame on Wall Street, and the largest number, 37%, blame the Bush Administration - with all the Republicans who followed in lockstep right over the cliff.

According to Greg, “70% . . . does not want Obamacare and will vote to have it undone.” According to the CBS/Times poll, 28% say they’d be more likely to vote for a candidate who supported the Affordable Care Act, 28% would be less likely, and for the rest, it wouldn’t matter. Current opinion on the act is split, with slightly less than half, 49%, voicing disapproval. As when the bill was being debated, people will say they don’t like it, but they like what’s in it. Of those 49% who don’t like it, 82% said it should be repealed. When informed that it would remove the prohibition against insurance carriers dropping enrollees who get sick or upon discovery of a pre-existing condition, the number then drops to 48% who’d be willing to see it actually repealed, among those 49% who’d said they don’t like it.

There might indeed be an “enormous upheaval” evidenced by the turnout at the Glenn Beck rally in Washington last month; a turnout comparable in number to those who showed up for HempFest 2010 in Seattle around the same time. (And where were you, Dude?) Evidence of support for the Tea Party is less clear. 14% of registered voters said they’d be more likely to vote for a Tea Party candidate, while 28% said they’d be less likely (half said they wouldn’t care). The number who said they’d be more likely to vote for a candidate boasting a Sarah Palin endorsement was 12%.

Greg writes of “70% of Americans . . . sick and tired of being denigrated, mocked and belittled”. Okay, but c’mon; look at the candidates they’re coming up with - and they expect to be taken seriously? I devoted half

my column last week to Christine O’Donnell, Tea Party candidate for the U.S. Senate (U.S. Senate!) from Delaware - and that was before video made the rounds of her admitting to have “dabbled in witchcraft” (“One of my first dates with a witch was on a satanic altar, and I didn’t know it.”) That doesn’t bother me as much as when, at a forum aired on CNN in 2006, she informed a University of Tennessee professor of evolutionary biology that there’s “just as much, if not more, evidence” that “God created the Earth in six days, six 24-hour periods.” Had enough? How about this from a discussion on cloning from a November, 2007 broadcast of “The O’Reilly Factor” on Fox: “American scientific companies are cross-breeding humans and animals and coming up with mice with fully functioning human brains.” (U.S. Senate!)

There’s Tea Party U.S. Senate candidate Joe Miller from Alaska with impressive credentials (Gulf War vet, Yale Law School) who, when asked how he’d address the concerns of the one-in-ten Americans without a job and without a way to support their family, responds by expressing his view that unemployment benefits are inherently unconstitutional. And, there’s Tea Party U.S. Senate candidate Sharron Angle of Nevada. As mentioned above, under the Affordable Care Act, insurance carriers are prohibited from dropping enrollees who get sick or upon discovery of a pre-existing condition. Candidate Angle asserts insurance companies wouldn’t be doing it anyway if only they were allowed to operate under the “free market”. Do these people have a clue, and is it any wonder why supporters are being “denigrated, mocked and belittled”?

Greg also complains about “name calling and smears”, mentioning “racism”, “bigotry”, “homophobia” and “Islamophobia”. It reminded me of the incident involving radio personality Dr. Laura Schlesinger, when she suggested to a black caller she’d made a mistake by “marrying outside your race”, and it was illogical to be “sensitive” about racial matters with a black man elected president. Dr. Laura, and right-wing talkers, became indignant when others had the nerve to call the remarks what they were: racist.

If someone claims their relationship is more entitled to the term “marriage” than another’s merely because of sexual orientation, I will call that person a bigot. If they warn of a “gay agenda”, I will add homophobic.

As for “Islamophobia”, Robert Kuttner of The American Prospect suggests we “Force major Republicans to choose between siding with Jefferson and religious tolerance or Hitler and book-burning.”

I know where I stand on that, and I’m sure (at least) 70% of Americans stand with me.



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## Clarifying The Election

GREG Welborn



(Part 3)

As the countdown to the mid-term elections grinds on, I fear that too much attention is being paid to the national implications of the projected Republican victories in House, Senate and gubernatorial races. Especially for those of us in California, the identity of our next governor, congressman and U.S. senator may not be as important as who takes up residence in our state’s assembly and senate. For those who may have forgotten, California is broke, it’s getting worse, and, as Governor Schwarzenegger’s experience has shown, the governor can only do so much. If we don’t get our act together and send some reasonable adults to Sacramento, we may quickly follow Greece into eventual bankruptcy.

The California budget still faces a \$20 billion deficit. This budget problem cannot be solved without addressing government employee benefit packages, and to do so will take more political courage than the liberals have ever shown themselves capable of. Not that I really expect all that much. The California Democratic Party long ago sold their collective soul to the public employee unions, received massive amounts of campaign contributions, won elections across the board with false promises of social nirvana and promptly repaid the favor by voting in benefits that can’t possibly be justified or paid.

Even former Speaker of the Assembly, Willie Brown, commented that 80% of every tax dollar now goes to employee compensation and benefits and can’t be sustained. Spending on state employees has risen three times faster than the rate of revenue growth over the last 10 years. Most of that has gone into promises for future retirement benefits which have to be immediately funded or booked as liabilities on the state’s balance sheet. Because politicians never really like having to face the truth, they opted not to increase taxes to meet the new spending promises, they simply booked the new promises as a liability. The plan was to avoid telling the voters in past elections that taxes would have to go up because of what they agreed to pay, and the hope was that somehow the issue would simply disappear and they wouldn’t have to tell voters in future elections that taxes would be rising. Unfortunately, the problem is now so large that tax increases are not going to solve the problem. The benefits will have to be cut. There just aren’t enough potential new tax sources to make up the deficits and meet these pension liabilities.

Consider the fact that California, which faces a \$20 billion annual deficit for 2010-11, is saddled with \$500 billion in retirement debt obligations. Kind of makes the \$20 billion look manageable, doesn’t it? The cost of servicing that debt is increasing at about 15% per year. Other government programs are having to be cut, and the state is driving out its most productive and wealthiest citizens. When taxpayers have the option to move out of state and thus avoid the tax burden, it is insanity to think we can make up the deficit by simply taxing even more those who remain.

There is also a strong moral component to this. Liberals are so often the ones who preach equality of outcome, not just opportunity. They look at disparities of income and scream about the perceived immorality that some have more than others. And yet, the system they have implemented has created a very wealthy minority at the expense of an increasingly impoverished majority. At the same time that government employee

benefits have been going up, private sector workers have seen their income and benefits decrease. Since 2007, one million private jobs have left California. For the last 10 years median income for private sector workers has decreased. And those same private sector workers have seen their retirement plans decrease by at least 20%.

Governor Schwarzenegger’s office recently reported that the average 55 year old public employee who was eligible to retire was entitled to receive a \$3,000 monthly check, which would grow with inflation over the remainder of his or her life. Given today’s life expectancy, that equates to a retirement benefit of more than \$1 million. The average private sector worker’s retirement benefit is nowhere near \$1 million, and yet they are the ones who pay the taxes which are supposed to fund the public employees’ retirement benefits. If that’s not immoral, I don’t really know the meaning of the word. I’m all for paying people what they are worth, but I just can’t wrap my brain around the concept that the average public employee is worth 2 or 3 times a private sector employee. That’s how imbalanced these public benefits have become.

Year after year, the current governor has asked the legislature to rein in this spending bonanza. They have always refused. The governor also took the issue directly to the voters with some proposition initiatives, only to see them defeated. But we can’t hide from the truth forever. Really, we can’t even hide from the reality for another year. We have to act now. In 10 years, public employee retirement costs are projected to reach \$30 billion per year. Our current deficit is \$20 billion, and we’re struggling with that. How does anyone think we can nonchalantly add another \$24 billion to that deficit?

The answer is we can’t. The other part of this reality is that we, the voters, are partially to blame. While I lay most at the feet of the legislature – they have hidden the truth for a long time with lies, distortions and sketchy accounting practices – we have been put on notice for at least as long as the current governor has held office, and we still send the same people back to Sacramento.

So, as we focus on the upcoming elections and who will represent us in D.C. and in the governor’s mansion, we desperately need to choose wisely who will join the new governor in the state legislature and senate. We must reform the system now. We cannot rely on increased tax rates on an ever-decreasing number of successful entrepreneurs and business owners. They will simply leave this state for one more hospitable to business and more realistic in their budgetary decisions. We also can’t rely on some federal bailout. The growing Tea Party movement and the increasing dissatisfaction of the independent voters have been driven largely by the realization that Washington is out of control and driving us off the budgetary cliff. We need to understand that the same problem exists right here in the Golden State. Come November, we have a lot more choices to improve things than we ever imagined.

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## CALIFORNIA GENERAL ELECTION 2010 - The Race For Governor

**A Word From The Editor:** The Mountain Views News will continue in its tradition of providing readers with as much unbiased information as possible regarding the issues and candidates on the General Election Ballot in November. The series will run for the next seven weeks and will include coverage of all Propositions, The U. S. Senate Race, The California Governor’s Race, all other Statewide races, and the California Legislative Races. Please remember that the opinions of ALL columnists are not necessarily the position of the paper, but rather, those of the individual author. Those opinions will NOT be a part of our General Election Coverage. The official position of the Mountain Views and its’ Editorial Advisors will be clearly stated prior to the election. We do encourage readers, however, to submit their views as Letters To The Editor. The more we communicate with each other, the more informed our decisions will be. *-Susan Henderson, Publisher/Editor Mountain Views News*

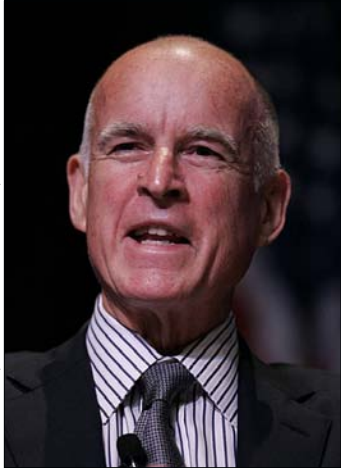
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JERRY BROWN Democratic

I have lived in California all my life, and I have devoted a large part of my life to public service.

I was governor from 1975-83. On my watch, we built up a huge surplus by holding spending down. Taxes were reduced by \$4 billion. We became the world leader in wind and renewable energy. And we created 1.9 million new jobs.

I am running for governor because I know how to get California working again. First, we must put out the welcome mat for jobs. China and Texas have replaced us as leaders in alternative energy. I will put California again in the forefront.

Second, I promise a budget that is transparent and honest. There will be no tax increases unless voter approved.

Third, we must – whenever possible – shift authority away from Sacramento and instead give local governments and school boards. But let’s be clear. None of this will be easy. The next governor must have the preparation and know-how to get the job done. That is what I offer. *(partial)*



DALE F. OGDEN Libertarian

As Governor, I will restore fiscal responsibility and financial solvency to California using every tool at my disposal, such as the line-item veto and ballot initiatives. We need to rollback spending, lower taxes significantly (especially income taxes); abolish harmful, useless, and overlapping regulatory agencies; and permanently limit future spending. A business-friendly, low tax environment will attract businesses and millions of jobs to California. Additional tax revenue from economic growth should be used only to retire debt, improve infrastructure, and lower taxes further. I support Proposition 19 to legalize marijuana; Help make California the great state it once was. Vote Libertarian. *(partial)*



CHELENE NIGHTINGALE  
American Independent

As a homeschooling mother, concerned citizen, and independent businesswoman, I believe it’s time to save our state! “We the People” are the solution to restore our Golden State and I’m honored to help represent us live our dreams. My promise is to govern with you in order to help lead us back to a constitutionally sound California! The solution to our economic crisis is our own creativity, thus I will enact the “We the People” contract. We will unite the brightest and best to work together as our Founding Fathers intended. We will secure our borders, support the free market system, bring back jobs, protect individual rights, and improve our education to pave a better future for our children. I ask for your vote so that together we can enjoy freedom in California.



LAURA WELLS Green

There are solutions! For great schools, health, environment, jobs, and justice. We can stop coddling mega-corporations and billionaires. They’ve gotten filthy rich, and left California flat broke and unemployment sky high. We can create a State Bank and invest in California not Wall Street. Let’s expand the good parts of old Prop 13 to keep people in their homes, and fix rotten parts like the 1/3 minority that has veto power over taxing the rich. Let’s implement fair taxes, and give ourselves and our kids a chance. See [LauraWells.org](http://LauraWells.org).



MEG WHITMAN Republican

Meg Whitman traveled the nation and spoke with voters. During these campaigns, she saw a critical need for more focused problem solving in government by those with the tools to lead and the willingness and independence to challenge the status quo. Her decade at the helm of eBay came to a close just as California’s growing economic crisis was unfolding. Job losses, undisciplined spending and the declining performance of California’s schools were deeply troubling to Meg and she thought carefully about how she could lend her experiences to help. In February 2009, she announced her candidacy to become California’s next governor. “We’ve got to focus – we’ve got to create jobs, cut spending, and invest in fixing our educational system,” Meg says.

Meg has committed her energy, her trademark optimism and her belief in fiscal restraint to the challenge of rebuilding California. “If we let California fail, we all fail,” she says. “And we love California too much to let it fail. We have to work together to make it the place of our dreams again.” *(partial)*



Looking Up

with Bob Eklund

Breaking Waves In The Stellar Lagoon



THE NASA/ESA HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE, launched into orbit two decades ago in 1990, continues to delight our sense of beauty as well as challenging our intellect. A case in point is a spectacular new Hubble image that reveals the heart of the Lagoon Nebula (Messier 8), located 4000–5000 light-years away in the constellation of Sagittarius, the Archer.

The placid name of this deep-sky object—seen in the telescope as a massive cloud of glowing dust and gas that is being bombarded by the energetic radiation of new stars—hides a dramatic reality. The space telescope’s Advanced Camera for Surveys has captured a stunning view of gas and dust sculpted by intense ultraviolet radiation from hot young stars in the Lagoon Nebula’s heart.



Waves breaking in the stellar lagoon.

This object is named for the wide, lagoon-shaped dust lane that crosses the glowing gas of the nebula. That dust-lane structure is prominent in wide-field images, but cannot be seen in the Hubble telescope’s close-up. However, the strange billowing shapes and sandy texture visible in this image make the Lagoon Nebula’s watery name eerily appropriate from this viewpoint too.

This nebula is actually a huge region of star birth that stretches across one hundred light-years. The image shows clouds of hydrogen gas

slowly collapsing to form new stars, whose bright ultraviolet rays then light up the surrounding gas in a distinctive shade of red.

The wispy tendrils and beach-like features of the nebula are not caused by the ebb and flow of tides, but rather by ultraviolet radiation’s ability to erode and disperse the gas and dust into the distinctive shapes that we see.

In recent years, astronomers probing the secrets of the Lagoon Nebula have found the first unambiguous proof that star formation by the accretion (growth or enlargement by gradual buildup) of matter from the gas cloud is ongoing in this region.

Young stars that are still surrounded by an “accretion disc” of in-falling gas and dust

occasionally shoot out long tendrils of matter from their poles. Several examples of these jets, known as “Herbig-Haro objects,” have been found in this nebula in the last five years, providing strong support for astronomers’ theories about the formation of new stars in such hydrogen-rich regions.

The Lagoon Nebula is faintly visible to the naked eye from a dark-sky location on summer nights as a small patch of grey in the heart of the southern Milky Way. Even in a moderate-sized telescope, the nebula looks underwhelming, partly because human eyes are unable to distinguish clearly between colors at low light levels.

The 18th century French astronomer Charles Messier (1730–1876) observed this nebula and included it in his famous astronomical catalogue of 103 “Messier Objects” (deep-sky objects other than stars, such as nebulae and star clusters), from which the nebula’s alternative name comes. But Messier’s relatively small refracting telescope would only have hinted at the dramatic structures and colors now visible—thanks to our venerable Hubble Space Telescope.

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## Ask jai.....

Ask jai is a weekly column that will strive to honestly answer your job search questions relating to job searching techniques, networking skills, resume writing and interviewing. The employment situation is getting better, however, it is still a challenge finding where the jobs are located and how to get pass the “gate-keepers”. As an Executive Recruiter I was privy to working directly with Corporate Recruiters and understanding their process in selecting which candidates to interview and hire. I will candidly answer your questions, possibly bluntly answering you questions, but I will be totally honest. My objective is to help you achieve your employment goal.

**Q:** What is the proper protocol regarding thank you notes and how soon after an interview should I send one to the employer? Mr. Etiquette

Dear Mr. Etiquette:

It is always a “good thing” to send a thank you note. I know candidates who were not hired because they did not send a thank you note to a prospective employer. Job seekers should include thank you notes or letters as key components in the interviewing process. There are employers who believe that receiving a thank you note from a candidate is the ultimate “closer” to making a hiring decision. Sending a thank you note to the employer or interviewer demonstrates that you can follow-through, and would be a considerate employee. Your thank you note should be short and to the point, addressed to the person, include the date or day you interviewed, the position you interviewed for, the reason why you are interested in the position and the company. End the note with a strong closing statement (i.e., I am looking forward to joining your team) and offer to come for another interview or to contact you for further information. Be sure to sign with your complete name, include your telephone number and an e-mail address.

You should send a thank you note with in 24 hours after an in-person or telephone interview. Yes, send a thank you note even after a telephone interview. Always request or get the name and contact information of the interviewer or interviewers and send them a thank you note. A majority of job seekers usually send e-mail thank you notes, and this is immediate and appropriate. However, if you want to distinguish yourself from the other candidates, send a handwritten thank you note.

A hand-written thank you note implies that you have taken the time to send a personalized message. Select a professional style note card or paper that reflects your personality. Do not choose quirky note cards or flamboyant paper. Thank you notes or cards should always be handwritten. Thank you letters are usually lengthier; computer generated, written on high quality paper and includes your signature. I suggest that you send a thank you note to anyone that assisted you in the interview process, this would include: receptionists, assistants, and everyone who interviewed you at the company. You never know who is included in making the hiring decision. Do not write the same message on each thank you note. Individualize and personalize every thank you note, card, letter or e-mail. Do not forget to send your referrals and references a handwritten or e-mail thank you note everything you complete an interview. This will keep them on board and continue to give you excellent recommendations. It is always appropriate to send thank notes and people really appreciate receiving them.

A frequent topic of computer security headlines is the so-called “Zero-Day exploit”. A Zero-Day exploit is defined as the taking advantage of vulnerability the same day as the vulnerability is generally known. There are typically “zero days” between the discovery of the exploit and the attack, hence the name. In most cases when a vulnerability is found in computer code, the discoverer will notify the company responsible for creating and publishing the software (and sometimes the computing community at large) so that a fix can be found and implemented before any real damage is done. Even if hackers happen to learn about the exploit at the same time as the software publisher, they may not be able to take advantage of the vulnerability before it is fixed. When the hacker happens to be the discoverer of the exploit and the vulnerability wasn’t generally known in advance, there may be no effective way to guard against an attack using this new vector. For these instances, security software companies have devised programs (and sub-routines) that look for specific, suspicious activity (such as requests to format drives that do not originate from the console) and disallow such actions.

The name “Zero-Day exploit” itself is a bit misleading because in many instances the vulnerabilities that are taken advantage of have been know to either the software company or hackers themselves for quite some time before “something bad” happens. Many of the larger software manufactures have entire well-financed sections of their operations devoted to identifying, tracking

and repairing security holes in their products. Sometimes there are differing opinions as to what constitutes a vulnerability needing immediate attention and a bug to be fixed in the next scheduled software update.



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The best thing you can do to protect against zero-day exploits is to follow good security policies in the first place. By installing and keeping your anti-virus software up to date, blocking file attachments to emails which may be harmful and keeping your system patched against the vulnerabilities of which you are already aware, you can secure your system or network against 99% of what is out there.

One of the best measures for protecting against currently unknown threats is to employ a hardware or software (or both) firewall. You can also enable heuristic scanning (a technology used to attempt to block viruses or worms that are not yet known about) in your anti-virus software. By blocking unnecessary traffic in the first place with a hardware firewall, blocking access to system resources and services with a software firewall or using your anti- virus software to help detect anomalous behavior, you can better protect yourself against the dreaded zero-day exploit.

## KATIE Tse .....This and That



### REUNITED

Yea!! I got my wheels back! Accidents are something all Angelinos can relate to, since a day without accidents in this city is as rare as a day without sunshine. My turn came recently and rendered me car-less for a couple of weeks. What began as a placid morning ended with my front bumper lying like a decapitated head on a quiet residential street.

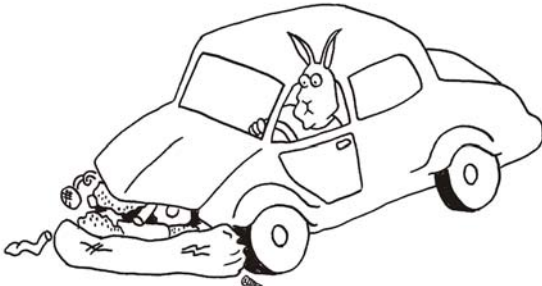
I always knew my little car was made of lightweight plastic, but I was surprised to see chunks of

Styrofoam broken off from between the fender and the body! I hadn’t realized my car was literally held together by spit and a prayer. (I often pray while driving. I find it reduces my cursing in traffic.) The other driver was in an ironclad pickup truck, and after a few moments of inspection, we found a dent on his flank roughly the size of a nickel. I took pictures to memorialize the event.

I called my friend to swing by, since I was on my way to visit her on that fateful trip. We started to unload the stuff from my car into hers –my registration and other vitals, forgotten books and magazines, receipts from 2008, and the numerous bags of recyclable bottles and cans that seem to multiply in my back seat.

The hardest blow came when the tow truck driver arrived, interrupting our labors to say that, considering the damage and the car’s advanced age, my insurance company would probably count it as a total loss. *But it’s just the front bumper!* I thought as he hoisted up my car like a fallen soldier onto a stretcher. I waited in desperate anticipation for a decision from my claims assessor, meanwhile scouring the listings for the cheapest certified pre-owned vehicles, if worse should come to worse.

I nearly squealed for joy when my insurance rep said the car was fixable. After a week filled with many humbling journeys on foot, my car was ready to be picked up. The repair shop washed it, a duty I’m guilty of neglecting, and it sat like a glistening jewel in the parking lot. I had gotten so used to the tinkling of bottles and cans behind me that the drive back was eerily quiet. I resolved to not let them pile up like that again as I drove my baby home –very slowly.



## WRITING SERVICES

Could you use help in preparing written communications for your business? I have extensive experience in writing and editing business documents including brochures, proposals, newsletters, resumes, customer success stories, press releases, and articles for newspapers and magazines.

Current work includes writing the column, “Looking Up with Bob Eklund,” in Mountain Views News, and writing newsletters for the Mount Wilson Observatory. I recently published a book, First Star I See Tonight: an Exploration of Wonder, and am finishing a second book, Winds Aloft. *For writing samples and resume, see my web site: [www.bobeklund.com](http://www.bobeklund.com). OR [beklund@sprynet.com](mailto:beklund@sprynet.com) (310) 216-5947*

## RICH Johnson Women: Do Not Read This Column



### Male Relationship Survival Skills

As a public service I am passing along relationship communication survival tips. The following suggestions were penned by a woman who chooses to remain anonymous. She suggests you cut out this handy guide to communicating effectively with women and put it in someplace close to your heart. Or possibly in your wallet.

DANGEROUS: What’s for dinner?  
SAFER: Can I help you with dinner?  
SAFEST: Where would you like to go for dinner?  
ULTRASAFE: Here, have some chocolate.

DANGEROUS: Are you gonna wear that?  
SAFER: Gee, you look good in brown!  
SAFEST: WOW! Look at you!  
ULTRASAFE: Here, have some chocolate.

DANGEROUS: What are you so worked up about?  
SAFER: What did I do wrong?  
SAFEST: Here’s \$50 dollars.  
ULTRASAFE: Here, have some chocolate.

DANGEROUS: Should you be eating that?  
SAFER: You know, there are a lot of apples left.  
SAFEST: Can I get you a glass of wine with that?  
ULTRASAFE: Here, have some chocolate.

DANGEROUS: What did you do all day?  
SAFER: I hope you didn’t overdo it today.  
SAFEST: I’ve always loved you in that robe!  
ULTRASAFE: Here, have some chocolate.

The author of the above suggestions also cautioned men to avoid buying mood rings for your significant other. Her husband bought her one so he could better monitor her moods. He noticed when she was in a good mood the ring turns green. When she is in a bad mood, it leaves a big red mark on his forehead. Instead, she recommends purchasing a diamond ring and chocolate.

By the way, have you noticed how some inanimate objects around us also have genders? For example:

A tire is male, because it goes bald and is often over-inflated. A hot air balloon is also male, because, to get it to go anywhere, you have to light a fire under it. And of course, there’s the hot air part. And a subway is male, because it uses the same old lines to pick up people.

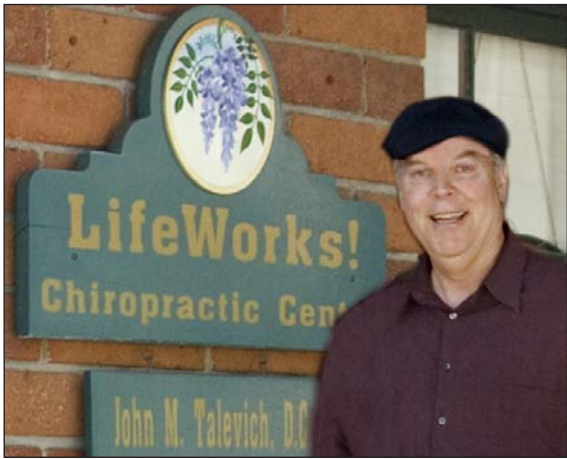
On the female side: An hourglass is female, because over time, the weight shifts to the bottom. Sponges are femaile, because they’re soft, squeezable and retain water.

And finally what women really mean when they say something: “Yes” means “no.” “No” means “no.” “Maybe” means “no.” “I’m sorry” mens “You’ll be sorry.” If you ask her “what’s wrong?” “The same old thing” means “nothing.” “Nothing” means “everything.” “Everything” means “you.” “I don’t want to talk about it” means “Go away, I’m still figuring out how to blame you.”

There guys, I hope that helps. Just don’t let the gals read this column.



YOUR HEALTH MATTERS  
Today's Subject:  
A Word From The Trenches



Dr. John Talevich, D.C. has practiced in Sierra Madre for thirty years. His clinic, LifeWorks! Chiropractic, offers patient-specific approaches to the alleviation of pain and individually tailored wellness programs.

A recent article in the *Berkeley Wellness Alerts* asks the question: "You woke up with a crick in your neck and along your shoulder blade, making it painful to turn your head or even use an affected arm. Now what?" The article then goes on to explain that over-the-counter medications and a warm shower may be helpful, or get a massage ~ even, perhaps, physical therapy. All good advice, but didn't they leave something out?

**Cricks**  
The article explains that orthopedists don't have a real definition of "crick". I do. We chiropractors call them subluxations, and we correct them with specific adjustive techniques. Nowhere in the article did the authors ever come close to suggesting chiropractic or our brothers and sisters in the art of manipulation, the osteopaths. So, *What About the General Public?* You may have noticed a trend when it comes to reading about back and neck pain. It's possible, even commonplace, to read an entire

article without manipulation ever being mentioned. If it is discussed at all, it is regarded with very little attention, kind of a last resort. From a scientific point of view (research), there is a considerable body of knowledge supporting the effectiveness and safety of manipulation.

*Last Thoughts*  
As I finished looking over the newsletter, the following exchange came to mind:  
"Hello, Mrs. Smith. What brings you in today?"  
"I have a crick in my neck, doctor."  
"How long have you had it?"  
"Oh, a week or two, maybe more."  
"Have you had it before?"  
"On occasion."  
"Well, let's see what we can do...how does it feel now?"  
"It's gone! I can't believe it! It's a miracle."  
"Thanks, Mrs. Smith, have a good day!"  
A very real experience from the trenches to the philosophers at Berkeley.  
Have a healthy week! Dr. John

SENIOR HAPPENINGS

FYI:

September is Senior Center Month

NCOA's National Institute of Senior Centers has designated September as Senior Center Month "Senior Centers, Your Place to Connect"

Join us on...

**September 11th** - Family Preparedness Festival; 9 am to 3 pm in Memorial Park. Free items & information including eye & ear screenings plus the Senior Commission will be handing out the new File of Life medical information packet to residents.

**September 13th** - The Braille Institute is starting a FREE seminar every Monday focused on daily living with sight loss; 10 am at the Hart Park House/Senior Center.

**September 14th** - Blood Pressure Checks & Give-a-ways; 11 am to 12 noon at the Hart Park House/Senior Center.

**September 20th** - Experience the new Wii Fit - join Lisa for her free stretch class & learn how a new video game can help you stay fit; 1 pm in the Hart Park House/Senior Center.

**September TBA** - Lunch with the City Manager

**September 30th** - The Final Scoop - come build your own ice cream treat as we end our month of celebration; 12:30 pm

For more information about the activities listed, please call the Senior Desk at (626) 355-7394.

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS

**September 16th** - Long Beach Aquarium & lunch on the Queen Mary. More information on the September trip will be available in the next newsletter or later this month by calling the Senior Services Desk at (626) 355-7394.

**Thursday, October 14th** - Kellogg House & Arabian Horse Center at Cal Poly Pomona; cost is \$35 per person and includes a lunch buffet. Minimum of 20 people for this price. Registration opens September 7th in person or online.

**Thursday, November 18th** - Historic Mission Inn Tour & Lunch Buffet in Riverside; cost is \$43 per person. Maximum of 30 people for this trip. Registration opens September 27th in person or online.

**Friday, December 17th** - Candlelight Pavilion Theater Christmas Show & Lunch; cost TBA Maximum of 32 people & maximum of 4 tickets per person. Registration opens October 4th in person or online.



Pasadena Highlands & Accredited Sponsor 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. Accredited In-Home nursing care will provide a special prize on the 4th 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 1st & 4th Tuesday of each month for your chance to win these special prizes.



Meals-On-Wheels

Meals are delivered to home-bound seniors by volunteer drivers through the YWCA Intervale Lunch Program M-F (with frozen meals for the weekend.) Call the YWCA at (626) 214-9460 or Darlene Traxler at (626) 355-0256 for more information.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO DELIVER MEALS TO OUR HOMEBOUND NEIGHBORS \*\*ONCE A MONTH OR WEEKLY\*\*

Please contact Darlene Traxler at 626.355.6220 or (626) 355-0256.

Recipe of the Week:

APPLE UPSIDE DOWN PIE

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1/3 cup butter, melted
- 1 (15-oz.) package refrigerated piecrusts, divided
- 4 medium-size Granny Smith apples, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks (about 1 3/4 lb.)
- 2 large Jonagold apples, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks (about 1 1/4 lb.)
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 375°. Stir together first 3 ingredients, and spread onto bottom of a 9-inch pie plate. Fit 1 piecrust over pecan mixture in pie plate, allowing excess crust to hang over sides.
2. Stir together Granny Smith apples and next 5 ingredients. Spoon mixture into crust, packing tightly and mounding in center. Place remaining piecrust over filling; press both crusts together, fold edges under, and crimp. Place pie on an aluminum foil-lined jelly-roll pan. Cut 4 to 5 slits in top of pie for steam to escape.
3. Bake at 375° on lower oven rack 1 hour to 1 hour and 5 minutes or until juices are thick and bubbly, crust is golden brown, and apples are tender when pierced with a long wooden pick through slits in crust. Shield pie with aluminum foil after 50 minutes, if necessary, to prevent excessive browning. Cool on wire rack 10 minutes. Place a serving plate over top of pie; invert pie onto serving plate. Remove pie plate, and replace any remaining pecans in pie plate on top of pie. Let cool completely (about 1 hour).



September Birthdays

Edwina Garcia, Yvonne Osti, Donna Andersen, Lena Boyadjian, Teresa Chaure, Cathy Gunther, Esther Macias, Maria Padgett, Edna Peyton, Sheila Pierce, Denise Reistetter, Shirley Seiler, Nancy Shollenberger,

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. MENU BELOW

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

DIAL - A - RIDE TICKETS

Tickets can now be purchased at:  
Sierra Madre City Hall  
Hart Park House / Senior Center  
Sierra Madre Library

SIERRA MADRE'S FARMERS MARKET

Wednesday 4-7pm

Fresh vegetables and seasonal fruits from California family farms.

Specialty foods, vegetarian and vegan dishes, ethnic foods and hot food - Everything you'll find at the farmers market has been made or picked fresh, is pesticide-free and preservative-free. Free public parking on Mariposa.

Lunch Café — September Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Minestrone Soup & Spaghetti	2 Broccoli Soup & Salmon or Pork	3 Vegetable Soup & BBQ Beef
6 LABOR DAY - CENTER CLOSED	7 Soup and Sweet & Sour Pork	8 Corn Soup & Sub Sandwich	9 Tomato Soup & Roast Turkey	10 Lentil Soup Chefs Salad or Tuna
13 Squash Soup & Roast Beef	14 Birthday Cake Barley Soup & Baked Chicken	15 Soup & Salmon or Meatloaf	16 Albondigas Soup & Steak Picada	17 Potato Soup & BBQ Pork Ribblet
20 Lentil Soup & Hawaiian Chicken	21 Albondigas Soup & Tostada Salad	22 Bean Soup & Stuffed Peppers	23 Soup & Beef Tips on Egg Noodles	24 Corn Soup & Pork Sandwich
27 Potato Soup & Turkey ala King	28 Tomato Soup & Salmon or Beef	29 Broccoli Soup & Roast Pork	30 Santa Fe Chicken Salad & Soup	To make lunch reservations, call 355-0256

\*All meals also include low fat milk, whole grain roll with margarine and dessert (fresh fruit or pie). Also, on the 2nd Tuesday of the month the Café hosts a special "Birthdays of the Month" party with cake & ice cream.



## One Of A Kind: *Featuring unique homes & gardens and the people who create them* Story and Photos By Chris Bertrand



Chris Bertrand



Elizabeth Riggio

### Spanish Village Art Center *Balboa Park's home to 37 Studios & 200+ Artists*

Guest Columnist: Elizabeth Riggio

My first trip to San Diego's Balboa Park was devoid of its most popular tourist attractions, however, I spent the afternoon at one of the park's hidden gems, the Spanish Village Art Center (SVAC).

Built to rival San Francisco's World Fair, the buildings were constructed in 1935 for the second California Pacific International Exposition. The colorful courtyards and quaint cottages were meant to look like a village in Spain, and unlike many temporary buildings from the exposition; the village was so popular that it was allowed to remain after the festivities concluded.

In 1937 a group of local artists got permission to reopen the space as an art center. It remained as such until World War II when the

United States Army used it as temporary barracks.

Ten years later, it was reclaimed by the artists, who have continued to enhance the landmark with flowers, bright, painted walkways and entranceways and the art of over 250 artists from the San Diego area.

This unusual community juries artists twice a year, usually in April and October and offers the option of enjoying their studio space as either a lease holder or studio partner.

What makes the Spanish Village so unique is that it isn't just a place where art can be seen and bought. It's also home to 37 working artist studios.

Many of the studios offer demonstrations, notably Andy Cohn's glass blowing studio. Here you can watch her entire process and even ask questions as she works. Peeking into potter, Elizabeth Woolrych's studio, I saw two little girls covered in clay, taking part in one of the many art classes available for both children and adults.

Although many of the artists have been working at the SVAC a long time (some 30 years), Gallery 21 is available for rent to any artist in San Diego County. During my visit I met Yumi, a plein air painter and self-proclaimed "crazy artist". I followed her around the gallery, listening as she floated from piece to piece, explaining how she paints herself into her work.

A full schedule of Gallery 21's artist rotation can be found

online on the SVAC website, [www.SpanishVillageArt.com](http://www.SpanishVillageArt.com), in addition to information on how to take advantage of the unique opportunity that this space creates for local artists.

The wide variety of mediums found at SVAC is part of what makes it so special, including jewelry designers, clay artists, painters, sculptors, metal smiths, gourd artists, photographers, printmakers, fiber artists, basket makers, glass artists, enamel artists, mixed media artists and many more. You can see anything from a park bench to eggshell art all within a few feet of each other.

In addition to their studios, the Spanish Village is also home to the Sculptor's Guild, Art Glass Guild of San Diego, Enamel Guild, Southwestern Art Association and the San Diego Woodcarver's Guild, making it a true must see for the southern California art lover.

There's always something new to see and hear at the village. Every day the SVAC becomes a stage for local musicians, creating a festival-like atmosphere similar to that of the original exposition.

If you can't spend an afternoon, the village's central location, beautiful views and plentiful free parking make it the perfect lunch hour retreat. They even have free Wi-Fi for those who must be constantly connected.

Open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days a week, 362 days a year, the village is completely free—if you can resist the temptation to buy some of their incredible art. After hours, its enchanting grounds are also available for weddings, banquets and other events.

For more information on the Spanish Art Village, or help planning your next visit, go to [www.SpanishVillageArt.com](http://www.SpanishVillageArt.com).

*Have an interesting home, garden or person who helps create them for this column? Contact Chris Bertrand at [C.Bertrand@MtnViewsNews.com](mailto:C.Bertrand@MtnViewsNews.com) today!*



Works created at the Spanish Village Art Center



Glass blower, Andy Cohn demonstrates her specialty at her kilns.

### Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou

## STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

Selling your home in anything other than an active market can seem challenging, but what do you do when yours is only one of many homes in your neighborhood with For Sale signs? Surprisingly, there are actually some advantages to marketing your home in this situation.

More buyers are drawn to neighborhoods where they can preview more homes at once. More buyers means more opportunities for your home to be seen and to attract an offer, so make your listing stand out against your competition.

Price your home aggressively after reviewing the comparable sales figures provided by your real estate representative. Don't give your neighbors the advantage of looking like a bargain compared to your listing - take it yourself and show buyers what a great value you're offering. If you're ompeting against foreclosure listings, having your home in "move in" condition helps, because foreclosures often need lots of repairs.

With this much activity in the neighborhood, make sure that your home is available for showing on literally a moment's notice. Buyers who come to look at other listings may spot yours and want to see it right away to make comparisons. Be prepared for "impulse" prospects with good housekeeping and an escape plan for unexpected showings.

Finally, don't worry if your neighbor sells first - that just makes for less competition in your market!

*Luther Tsinoglou has just been named the top producing sales agent in Dickson Podley Realtor's Sierra Madre office for 2009, making the top 10% at the company overall. Luther has been licensed and practicing real estate since 1992. He specializes in residential and income property in Southern California. Luther can be reached at his direct line (626) 695-8650 or at [luther@tsinoglou.com](mailto:luther@tsinoglou.com).*

### First of a Two Part Burning Man Series by Kim Clymer-Kelley

## There's No Place Like Home – Getting There



"Welcome HOME to Black Rock City!!!" he said, in a manner that exuded the exuberant bliss of a brainwashed cult follower. Caught off guard by his painted and dusty face at our window and by his joyful enthusiasm, we both turned and stared at him blankly. "Don't I get a hug?" he prodded as he reached in the open window give a big hug to Charlie who was driving and who responded with an awkward attempt at a hug. After enduring a 3 hour wait in line to get in along with thousands of other cars, strolling musicians, ticket moochers, various "mutant vehicles" and topless coeds dressed as butterflies sipping beverages atop their overloaded pick-up, our greeter was the first sign that our long wait was nearly over... we were finally at the gate. Another volunteer knocked on the window on my side of the motor home. "May I come in and inspect your vehicle?" he asked. "Sure." I responded. I got out and allowed him to enter through the passenger side since the door to the living area was blocked by the pile of containers that held all of our costumes and supplies for the week. I used the opportunity to run ahead through the row of booths that lined the entrance to partake in the tradition of banging the



gong that I had not gotten to do last year when I was a "virgin burner." We WERE home, and the thrill of that knowledge had taken hold and I was giggly with excitement. Our week at Burning Man had begun!

What exactly is Burning Man? I cannot tell you how many times I am asked this. As a Jersey girl, I had not heard of it until about 10 years ago, but ever since hearing of it I had wanted to go. I was thrilled to death last year when Charlie surprised me by telling me that he had gotten tickets and that we were finally going. After our wonderful experience there last year, we could not help but to go

again this year. I have heard it described many ways, but each only captures a small essence of the whole picture. Much of what it is depends on who you are. To the 20-somethings that attend, it is about drinking, dancing and partying til the wee hours of the morning to the driving beat of the techno music that permeates the dry desert air 24 hours a day, adding kind of a heart beat to the temporary city. To the Woodstock generation it is a rebirth of the idea of freedom of self-expression and creating a temporary community where every one looks out for one another and contributes whatever they can to the experience. It is encouraging to see some of the younger people grasp this concept and embrace it. It is the core intention of those who work so hard year round to make this wonderful event happen....self expression, self reliance, and giving of oneself.

The heart of the community (of some 50,000 people), what provides the very pulse of Burning Man experience, is the art and the creativity that it inspires. The open desert is freckled with art installations, some huge and some small. Most provide opportunity for humans or nature to interact with them in some way... some respond to human touch or body heat or movement, some are wind-driven, and many have fire and lights incorporated within them. Fire and light are a huge part of Burning Man. Fire twirlers and colorfully lit people and vehicles are crawling everywhere at night in a scene reminiscent of Disneyland's Electric Light Parade (if it had been directed by someone who

had inadvertently licked the wrong postage stamp).

The temporary city, Black Rock City, NV is located in the north-west corner of the state of Nevada on a vast playa (dried, desert, lake-bed).The weather can range from very hot to quite cool and the wind often creates white-out conditions off and on during the week of the event. The "city" is laid out in a circle nearly 3 miles in diameter. Three quarters of the area is populated with a continuous, densely-packed sea of motor homes, cars, trucks, tents, geodesic domes, and shade structures that is interrupted only by the grid of named streets that serve as the skeleton for the community. The streets are off limits to vehicles other than bicycles (whose numbers are close to that of the city's population), official vehicles, and "art cars" (vehicles that are like motorized pieces of art that serve as party boats, taxis and tour buses on the playa both day and night). The city is divided into theme camps and villages that each provide services to the community... some serve food, some provide entertainment, some serve as educational centers (albeit some very unconventional subjects are taught), and others provide services to the community. One such community, Nectar Village, home of the HeeBeeGeeBee Healers provides massage, energy healing, counseling, and other types services and education that address the needs of the body, mind and spirit. I have volunteered my time and services as a massage therapist both at this camp and in our own.



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## Pulling your iron shots to the LEFT



There are two things about pulling iron shots that I know for sure. Number one, they always feel solid and they go further. Oh, I forgot, the ball usually winds up in deep, deep trouble. Any shot that goes further than you expected and left of your target, can not be good.

Let's spend some time on why you pull and then I will give you something to work on to stop it from going left. Remember that a pull is a shot that starts left and stays there, it does not curve left, it stays on a straight line, left of the target. (For left-handed golfers, the ball starts right and stays there it does not curve right, it stays on a straight line, right of the target.

Since the ball isn't curving, then you know for sure that the clubface was square at impact. Yes, it is closed to the target line but it was square to the swing path at impact. The great news is that you only have one thing broken, not two. The clubface is square and the path is too much from outside to inside.

For starters, let's take a look at the ball position. If the golf ball is too far forward in your stance, the golf club has to swing way outside the target line to make contact with the golf ball. If you think the golf ball is too far forward in your stance, make sure that you move it back one inch at a time. It is a very difficult change to make so take your time and go inch to inch.

While you are at it, I want you to check your shoulder alignment, they have to be parallel of your target line and not to the left of the target.

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**Bobby's Weekly Pearl:** *If you are pulling your irons left of the green, check your ball position first and then your shoulder alignment.*

## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS CALENDAR September 25 - October 1, 2010



### LASALLE HS

Boys Junior Varsity Football 4:00PM 10/01/2010  
La Salle High School vs Bosco Tech H.S.  
Boys Varsity Football 7:00PM 10/01/2010  
La Salle High School vs Bosco Tech H.S.

Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball TBA 10/01-10/02/2010  
La Salle High School @ Valencia Tournament

Girls Varsity Volleyball 3:30PM 10/01/2010  
La Salle High School @ Duarte Tournament

Girls Varsity Volleyball 8:00AM 10/02/2010  
La Salle High School @ Duarte Tournament

Boys Varsity Water Polo 3:30PM 09/30/2010  
La Salle High School @ Hoover High School

Boys Junior Varsity Water Polo 4:30PM 09/30/2010  
La Salle High School @ Hoover High School



### ARCADIA HS

September 28  
Varsity Girls Volleyball at  
Herbert Hoover High School  
Frosh/Soph Girls Volleyball at  
Herbert Hoover High School  
Junior Varsity Girls Volleyball at  
Herbert Hoover High School

September 29  
Varsity Boys Water Polo vs Flintridge Prep School  
Junior Varsity Boys Water Polo vs Flintridge Prep School

September 30  
Varsity Girls Volleyball vs Glendale High School  
Frosh/Soph Girls Volleyball vs San Marino High School  
Junior Varsity Girls Volleyball vs Glendale High School



### PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL

September 29  
Varsity Boy's Water Polo at Sierra Vista  
JV Boys Water Polo at Sierra Vista

September 28  
JV Girls Tennis at Burbank  
V Girls Volleyball vs Burbank  
JV Girls Volleyball vs Burbank

September 30  
V Girls Tennis vs Burbank  
V Girls Tennis at Hoover  
JV Girls Tennis vs Hoover  
V Girls Volleyball vs Hoover  
JV Girls Volleyball at Hoover

## October is The First Tee of Pasadena Month

On Monday September 20, 2010, the Pasadena City Council proclaimed October 2010 as The First Tee of Pasadena Month.

The First Tee of Pasadena has been impacting the lives of Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley youth by providing learning facilities and educational programs that promote character development and life enhancing values through the game of golf. With facilities at Brookside, Altadena, Arroyo Seco and Glen Oaks (Glendora) golf courses, the First Tee of Pasadena has grown from an initial enrollment of 62 participants at Brookside Golf Course in 2006 to serving over 2,800 San Gabriel Valley youth in core and outreach programs. Learning the game of golf is somewhat secondary to the First Tee's mission, a mission which is primarily to promote character development and life-enhancing values to youths from every walk of life, using the game of golf as our means while instilling nine core values in the process: Honesty; Integrity; Sportsmanship; Respect; Confidence; Responsibility; Perseverance; Courtesy; and Judgment.

The First Tee of Pasadena's programs are directed toward youth ages 5 to 17, with a specific target for 5th through 8th graders. Since 2007, The First Tee of Pasadena has also offered our "Mulligan" programming to over 123 special challenged youths from Optimist Youth Home, Pasadena PAL, Rose City High School and Five Acres. Since 2008, we have also worked with the Pasadena Parks & Recreation Department in providing introduction programs in a non-golf setting and in 2009 implemented the National Schools Program into 10 PUSD elementary schools. While The First Tee core programs cost \$25 per 8 week session, scholarships are available so that no youth is turned away due to economic circumstance.

The First Tee of Pasadena would like to thank Mayor Bill Bogaard and the Pasadena City Council for proclaiming October 2010 as First Tee of Pasadena Month. For more information about The First Tee of Pasadena and its many programs, please visit [www.thefirstteepasadena.org](http://www.thefirstteepasadena.org).



## Sierra Madre Resident Nails A Hole In One At Mountain Meadows

Sierra Madre resident Hattie Harris did something that all golfers dream of, she got a 'bona fide' Hole In One last Sunday. The 'leftie' (left handed golfer), with a classic golf swing, is known to be 'long off the tee' and proved it last week.

The feat was accomplished at Mountain Meadows Golf Course in Pomona where she was competing in the Los Angeles County Golf Club's Annual Championship.

Her shot, 175 yards from tee to

cup, was on Hole No. 13, the No. 2 handicap hole. With perfect execution, Harris's ball went over the canyon, up the hill in the wind and landed about a foot from the pin were it gently rolled directly into the cup. She used a 17 degree Bobby Jones hybrid club.

Harris has been playing golf for close to 20 years and although she is very close to having a single digit handicap, she has never had a hole in one.

The others in the group saw the

ball roll into the cup but Harris wouldn't believe it until she saw it for herself. (See photo at left).

A student of Golf Pro and Mountain Views Columnist Bobby Eldridge, she repeated the words that he always encourages his students to repeat. Eldridge asks those he teaches to, "Tell 'em where ya' learned it!", and Harris did just that.

While ecstatic over the 'ace', Harris did not win the tournament. Staff/MVNews

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While you're discovering how all these free services can help you, enjoy a wine pairing with Anne Bannon and Michael Holland of the OddBallGrape.com blog. Our theme this season is fall tailgating parties - find out which wines go with the traditional foods of tailgating, brought to you by some of our best local restaurants!

This event will be held in the parking lot at Webster's, behind the store on Marcheta Street. The Gallery At The End Of The World will be having a one-man art show that evening, so we suggest making it a twofer!

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