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## If Those Walls Start Talking..... Sierra Madre's Favorite Watering Spot Celebrates 50 In Business



A ceremonial ribbon cutting was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce (above) to commemorate 50 years as "The Buc". Photo by Bill Coburn. Owner Gerri Fraser (center) along with her daughters and their husbands keep our local "Cheers" open. Photo by S. Henderson

The owner of Sierra Madre's very own Cheers, The Buccaneer Lounge, had a packed house as it celebrated its 50th anniversary Tuesday night. Fondly known as "The Buc", the bar has become an institution in the city, drawing patrons from every legal age, educational, political and economic spectrum on a nightly basis. In fact, the 50th Anniversary Celebration, which began shortly before the special council meeting on water rates, drew a larger crowd.

Current owner Gerri Fraser and her family have owned the business for twenty years. Gerri's husband Brian, who was also a SM Volunteer Firefighter, passed away in 1998 and she, with the help and support of her daughters Jennifer Higdon and Robyn Tapert keep the doors open.

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## Special Water Rate Hearing Held Supporters and Opponents of Proposed Rate Hike Speak Up

In keeping with the Mayor's promise to better educate residents on the elements of the proposed water rate increase, a special council meeting/public hearing was held on October 19th.

Residents on both sides of the issue were in attendance, however the council chambers were not filled to capacity, as generally is the case with truly controversial matters in Sierra Madre.

Although opponents of the proposed hike of approximately \$8 per month failed to gather sufficient signatures to block the increase via Prop 218, Mayor Mosca and the council agreed to postpone any action until residents were given the opportunity to review the proposed hike. Since that time, city staff have availed themselves to the community through a series of informational presentations and water tours. Nevertheless, those opposed, such as former Mayor Kurt Zimmerman, continue to challenge the process and the increase.

During Tuesday's meeting, City Attorney Sandra Levin addressed accusations that the Prop 218 process had not been conducted properly. The Proposition, passed 1996, gives citizens the opportunity to vote down, among other things, rate increases for water.

One aspect of the proposed rate increase that opponents have



questioned is the city's current water bond indebtedness. A part of the proposed increase will keep the city from defaulting on its bond obligations and help the city maintain the required reserves which were a condition of the bonds when they were granted.

The bonds in question have been the city's obligation for a number of years. In 1998, a Water Revenue Refunding Bond was issued for \$4.5 million dollars. In 2003, \$12.6 million in parity bonds were issued. Those bonds, along with a loan from the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District of \$1.5 million dollars, have allowed the city to meet matching fund requirements for state and federal grants that paid for projects such as the Mira Monte Reservoir and

maintenance of the system.

Several residents who support the council's proposed actions also spoke, encouraging personal responsibility for conserving water resources as a way to ease the 'pinch' should a rate increase be implemented. At least one such speaker, however, was subjected to interruptions from the back of the room by opponents.

The council directed staff to consider a different distribution of the increased costs over a period of time in an effort to meet the needs of the city's water system and soften the blow to ratepayers. A report is due back to the council at the next meeting.

Story and Photo by  
S. Henderson/MVNews

## "Honoring the Promise" Recognizes Three Decades of Global Impact in the Fight Against Breast Cancer

Susan G. Komen for the Cure®, the world's largest breast cancer organization, united global leaders, philanthropists, celebrities, performers, scientists and medical pioneers in the Eisenhower Theater of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts last week for "Honoring the Promise." The evening marked the first 30 years of the breast cancer movement and set the stage for continuing progress in the global fight against the disease.

The gala evening honored the significant contributions set in motion by a promise between two sisters 30 years ago. Komen for the Cure Founder and CEO Ambassador Nancy G. Brinker promised her dying sister, Susan G. Komen, that she would do everything in her power to end the disease that claimed Susan's life.

Brinker founded Susan G. Komen for the Cure in 1982 in her sister's memory.

"While this evening is a reflection on our past 30 years of work, I'm here for the next 30 years," Brinker said in her keynote speech. "We're going to find a simple, inexpensive test to find cancers early. We're going to learn how to accurately determine which cancers will grow quickly and those that won't. We're going to find treatments for those women with metastatic disease and aggressive cancers and we're going to see that every woman in the world has access to care from Bethesda to Bangladesh. Then, and only then, the promise I made 30 years ago to my sister Suzy will be complete."

In one generation, Komen has forever changed the way the disease is talked about and treated, touching every medical advance in the fight

against breast cancer. Komen funding has helped deliver more accurate screening technologies, targeted therapies and an increase in survival rates from 74 percent in 1982 to more than 98 percent for early stage breast cancer today – an increase reflected in the faces of the 2.5 million breast cancer survivors alive in the U.S. today.

Breast cancer survivor Robin Roberts, anchor for ABC's "Good Morning America," emceed the evening's program which featured performances by actress and singer Lynda Carter, pianist ELEW, Australian singer and cancer survivor Delta Goodrem, Broadway legend Stephanie Mills, breast cancer survivor Olivia Newton-John and the Washington Performing Arts Society's Children of the Gospel Choir.

## CALIFORNIA GENERAL ELECTION 2010 - 59th Assembly District

**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 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. Excerpts of Candidates biographies are listed below.

### TIM DONNELLY

Tim Donnelly, 44, was born in Atlanta, Georgia, the third oldest of 14 children. In 1989, he earned his BA from the University of California, Irvine. He started his own small company. In 2005, Tim became involved

in the fight to secure our borders. As the founder of the largest Minuteman chapter in California, he leveraged the media to bring national spotlight on the Federal government's failure to enforce the border as required by Article IV, Section IV of the Constitution.

Tim is married to Rowena, has five sons, and one grandson.

### ROBERT GOSNEY



A building contractor for 20 years, Robert is known in the building community as a businessman with a "Whats Right" attitude in all of his business dealings.

Robert's personal life experience, love and service of his community have uniquely positioned him to be the leader that this area needs. He has deep compassion for the struggling families, seniors, children and teens that have been the victims of our current economic crisis.

### TONY TYLER



before purchasing One Stop Printers in Hesperia in 1994. We love the opportunities that the High Desert has provided our family, we value family and enjoy outdoor activities like camping, the beach, mountains and horses. I am not a politician.

I didn't come from a political family, nor did I major in Political Science. I've only entered politics for the defense of my family and myself. I believe in leaving my children a better America, not the debt for my failed ambitions.

### DARCEL WOODS



her work within the LA County Sheriff's Department, Orange County Probation Department, and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Division of Juvenile Justice. In 2007, she was appointed Darcel as a Commissioner to the State Board of Parole Hearings.

Darcel is currently a tenured professor at Chaffey College. Her parents stressed education, integrity, self-accountability, and solid work ethics. These are some of the core values Darcel will take with her to Sacramento.

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<p>I love the Dog Friendly patio!</p> <p>I get my coffee and she gets a free doggie biscuit!</p>		<p><b>GREAT COFFEE</b></p> <p><b>GREAT SANDWICHES</b></p> <p><b>GREAT LOCATION</b></p>	<h2>Niko and Friends Cafe</h2> <p>On the Michillinda—Montecito/Valley View Corner</p> <p>M-F: 7 to 6, Sat: 8:30 to 1:30, Closed Sun</p> <p>626—510-6151</p> <p>www.nikoandfriendscafe.com</p>	<p>OCTOBER 30 &amp; 31</p> <p>Scrapbooking</p> <p>EVENT</p> <p>\$20 PER PERSON</p> <p>See website for details</p>	<p><b>\$5</b> Bagel with cream cheese, lox and capers</p>
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# Halloween Happenings

**Weather Wise**  
5-Day Forecast  
Sierra Madre, Ca.



	Mon:	Tues:	Wed:	Thur:	Fri:	Hi 70s	Hi 70s	Hi 80s	Hi 60s	Lows 50s	Lows 50s	Lows 50s	Lows 50s
Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Partly Sunny	Partly Sunny	Hi 70s	Hi 70s	Hi 80s	Hi 60s	Lows 50s	Lows 50s	Lows 50s	Lows 50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

## Alverno's Festival of Haunts is October 30!

Come as you aren't to Alverno High School's Festival of Haunts on Saturday, October 30 from 4-7 p.m. Alverno's freshman class sponsors dress-up fun and games on the first floor, while older kids can explore the creeeepy attic, with thrills and chills caused by the sophomore class.

Don't miss this opportunity for Halloween fun at Alverno High School's Villa del Sol d Oro, 200 N. Michillinda in Sierra Madre. Admission is \$2 for kids aged 1 to 9, \$3 for kids aged 10 to 99. Anyone older than 99 gets in free! Call (626) 355-3463 for more information. All proceeds go to charity.

## Halloween Family Event

Sierra Madre United Methodist Church

What will you be for Halloween? Whether you are a child or an adult past the age of trick or treating, you are invited to join us on Sunday, October 24, at 10:30 a.m., following church services, for the church's annual Halloween Chili and Mummy Dog Brunch.

In addition to preparing the chili 'n' dogs and sweet treats, Adult and Family Ministries will be providing materials for children to make one-of-a kind canvas trick or treat bags. There is no age restriction, and all are welcome at this family-friendly event. The Sierra Madre UMC is located at 695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre, on the northeast corner of Michillinda and Sierra Madre Blvd. There is ample parking in the church's lot, accessed off Michillinda. For more information or directions, please call the church office at 626-355-0629.



## Music News

By Sierra Madre Sue Behrens

### HOT STUFF!

"We're havin' a heatwave, a tropical heatwave..." I was going to pose the questions as to who sang it first, who made it more famous the second time, in what movies, and who wrote it, but all you have to do these days is look it up on the internet - way too easy! For those of you who do, check out the lyrics - pretty racy stuff for 1938 and even 1954! I'm not gonna give away the answers though... you never know when QuizMistress Deanna might want to use 'em in her Tuesday Night Trivia at Cafe 322! I suggest you do your homework. Trivia Night details below and photo of the hostess attached. You can also see her perform with the Mellow Dz, Mercy & the Merkettes and New Astroturf.

"TUESDAY NIGHT TRIVIA" @ CAFE 322 with QUIZMASTER DEANNA, 8pm. \$2 per person to play, CASH or gift certificates to the top 3 teams. Fun and educational! 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!

THURS. 10/21 - 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/>

THURS. 10/21 - RICK SHEA & THE LOSIN' END @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8 - 11pm. Full bar & great Italian food! 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Americana/Roots/Country.

SAT. 10/23 - "BLUESAPALOOZA" IN DOWNTOWN COVINA WITH LIVE MUSIC ON SEVERAL STAGES, BEER GARDEN, KIDS' ACTIVITIES, ETC. [bluesapalooza.org](http://bluesapalooza.org)

SAT. 10/23 - St. Rita's Harvest Festival. (Show time and supporting acts to be determined.) The annual pilgrimage to the birth place of the Aluminum Marshmallow. Games, rides, food, beer/wine. 322 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre.

FRI. 10/29 - HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS IN DOWNTOWN SIERRA MADRE FOR THE KIDS - TRICK OR TREATING @ SHOPS & RESTAURANTS 3:30-5pm, COSTUME CONTEST SIGN-UPS in Kersting Court 4-5pm, COSTUME PARADE from Kersting Court to Memorial Park 5pm, COSTUME CONTEST in the Park 5:30pm.

FRI. 10/29 - SWING DANCE PARTY with FLAT TOP TOM & HIS JUMPCATS @ CAFE 322, 8 - 11pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar, great Italian food, dance floor.

SAT. 10/30 - HALLOWEEN FREAKOUT COSTUME PARTY AND CONTEST WITH MERCY & THE MERKETTES @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8pm - Midnight. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Cash prizes!

SAT. 10/30 - HALLOWEEN COSTUME & DANCE PARTY @ THE AMERICAN LEGION IN EAST PASADENA, 8pm - Midnight with SNOTTY SCOTTY & THE HANKIES and HORSES ON ASTROTURF. 179 N. Vinedo Ave. 626-792-9938.

SAT. 10/30 - MORE HALLOWEEN MADNESS and 1st ANNIVERSARY BASH @ T. BOYLE'S TAVERN IN PASADENA, 9pm? 37 N. Catalina (in the alley - formerly Toe's Tavern and the Handlebars) Live band, costume contest, spicy pickled eggs! <http://www.tboylestavern.com/>

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

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

## SAY CHEESE PLEASE!



### Free Photos For Children In Costume

Friday, October 29, 2010 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.  
Creative Arts Group 108 N. Baldwin - Sierra Madre

Get an extra special Treat on Friday, October 29, 2010 at the Creative Arts Group! Not only will they be handing out candy to trick or treaters, but they also will have Lia Pearson Photography taking FREE pictures of kids in costume. Parents can download them from the photographers website the very next day.

**GOBLINS IN THE GARDEN**  
A HALLOWEEN HAUNT AT THE ARBORETUM  
Saturday, October 30, 2010  
10:00am-2:00pm  
HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AGES 10 AND UNDER  
Special Treats for Children in Costume!

**TRICKS & TREATS**  
Frightfully fun art, gardening games & facepainting  
Scary Stories - Mystical Magic  
Lively Lurking Critters - Beguiling bugs

**WHERE THE GHOSTS & GOBLINS GO**  
Explore the Weaver's Garden  
Desert Display & Water Conservation Gardens  
Madagascar Spiny Forest  
Epiphyllum Shade & Carnivorous Greenhouses  
Creepy crafts - Ghoulish golf

**ECTOPLASMIC EXTRAS**  
Frightful food - Magical potions - Shrieking sweets  
Phantasmagoric photos of boys and ghouls  
Spooktacular souvenirs - Bewitching books  
Haunting Horse-drawn Hayrides

Regular Arboretum Admission Fees Apply  
Additionally, to participate in Children's Halloween Activities:  
Members @ \$5.00/Child Non-Members @ \$10.00/Child  
Admission Cash Only - No Credit Cards  
- No Reservations -

Free overflow parking in Santa Anita Park, Lot 7 (across from The Arboretum)  
- No tram service -  
[www.arboretum.org](http://www.arboretum.org)

The Arboretum  
301 NORTHERN AVENUE, ARCADIA, CA 91007

**halloween happenings 2010**



**ALL EVENTS FREE**  
CALL 626-355-5278 FOR MORE INFORMATION  
PRESENTED BY THE COMMUNITY & PERSONNEL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, SIERRA MADRE KIWANIS CLUB, AND SIERRA MADRE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2010**

3:30-5:00PM - DOWNTOWN TRICK-O-TREATING  
4:00-5:00PM - COSTUME CONTEST SIGN-UP (@ KERSTING COURT)  
5:00PM - COSTUME PARADE (STARTS IN KERSTING COURT)  
5:30PM - COSTUME CONTEST (@ MEMORIAL PARK)

## Haunted Halloween Happening!

The City of Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department is excited to announce the seventh annual Haunted Halloween event at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007! On Friday, October 29th, elementary school students can roam the haunted hallways of the Community Center and enjoy activities like the Ewey Gewey Room and Scary Crafts. Come dressed in your best costume to enjoy Trick or Treating, Goblin Games and outdoor activities. This event is free of charge and open to the public. The festivities run from 4:30-6:30pm. For more information please call 626.574.5113.



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**PRESENTS**

**ZOMBIE MEMORIAL PARK**  
ON HALLOWEEN NIGHT 6:30PM - 9:30PM  
657 West Grandview Ave., Sierra Madre  
(Behind Alverno High School)  
LIVE SHOW "ZOMBIE SEANCE"  
CAUTION!  
NOT FOR THE FAINT OF HEART!

FREE ADMISSION  
BRING YOUR CAMERA





# SIERRA MADRE

Sierra Madre

Arcadia

Pasadena

Altadena

Monrovia

## City Council To Continue Discussion on Proposed Water Rate Increase

At the regularly scheduled Sierra Madre City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 26th, the council will once again discuss the proposed water rate increase.

In addition, the following matters are also certain to draw community attention:

1. COMMUNITY & PERSONNEL SERVICES DEPARTMENT PROGRAM POLICY, PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATION CENTERS USE POLICY
2. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011 TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION
3. DISCUSSION on APPOINTMENTS TO THE UTILITY USERS TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
4. DISCUSSION – CITY OF SIERRA MADRE STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The council meeting will begin at 6:30 at City Hall in council chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre.

## ELECTION POSTMORTEM Free public forum Thursday, November 4, 2010

Jessica Levinson, an adjunct professor at Loyola Law School and director of political reform at the Center for Governmental studies, will lead an election “postmortem” at a free public forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters Pasadena Area Thursday, Nov. 4, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Women’s City Club, 160 N. Oakland Ave., Pasadena.

“Lunch and talk” will be the format of the forum analyzing the outcome of the Nov. 2 election -- what it could mean to the state, country and person on the street. It also will address questions such as: “Does money buy elections? How much does party registration mean? What mattered most to voters?”

Levinson’s experience is in election law and governance issues, including campaign finance, ethics, ballot initiatives, redistricting, term limits, and state budgets. She has appeared as an election-law authority on NBC, ABC and the Fox News Network as well as on NPR, KNX and KFPK.

Her publications include “Ballot Box Budgeting in California: The Bane of the Golden State or an Overstated Problem” (37 Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly, spring 2010). “Timing is everything: A new Model for Countering Corruption without Silencing Speech in Elections” will appear in 55 St. Louis University Law Journal in 2011.

Lunch is \$20, including tax, tip and parking. The reservation deadline is Oct. 28. The number for information and reservations is 626-798-0965. Admission to the program only is free.

## Kiwanis Club of Sierra Madre

Meets Tuesday 12:00 noon\* at Masonic Temple  
33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre

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

### Upcoming Events

Life On The USS Saratoga

An Historical Presentation by

Gordon Caldwell & Gordon Hawkins,

Both Sierra Madre residents that served on the ship at the same time.

For Meal Reservations contact: Harriet Lyle, 355-6786

## Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, October 10th, to Saturday October 16th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 352 calls for service.

### Sunday, October 10th:

07:09 PM- Residential Burglary, False Imprisonment, 300 block W Sierra Madre blvd. A man broke into his ex-wife’s home and held her against her will. Officers worked with the Glendora Police Department to find the suspect and later arrested him. The man was booked at the Pasadena Jail for burglary and false imprisonment.

### Monday, October 11th:

08:38 AM- Grand Theft Exceeding 400 Dollars, 60 block Suffolk Ave. Suspect(s) entered an unlocked car garage and stole four tires mounted on Infinity alloy wheels.

### Tuesday, October 12th:

09:28 AM- Theft, 300 block, Foothill Ave. Suspect(s) entered a resident’s garden and stole four buckets of oranges and one bucket of lemons from 3 fruit trees.

### Wednesday, 13th:

01:22 PM: Embezzlement, 700 block W Sierra Madre Bl. The case involves the victim loaning her vehicle to her boyfriend. The victim made multiple requests to her boyfriend for the past days to return the vehicle. The boyfriend agreed to return the vehicle.

09:06 PM- Battery/Against Current/ Ex spouse/Cohabit—non cohabit. 30 block W Sierra Madre Bl. The Police Department received a 911 call regarding an argument. Officers determined that a domestic battery occurred between a man and a woman, and arrested the man domestic violence.

### Thursday, 14th:

09:56 PM-Petty Theft, 400 block W Highland Ave. Suspect(s) stole a seat cushion and pillows from two wooden chairs on the front porch of a residence.

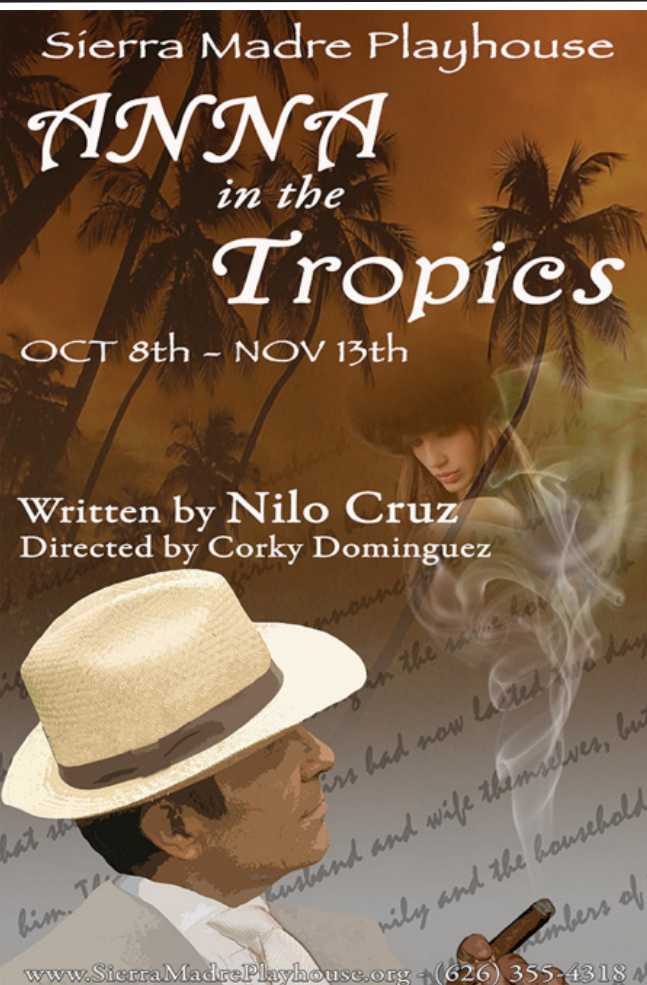
### Friday, 15th:

08:06 AM- Property Lost/Stolen, 100 block Esperanza Ave. Suspect(s) stole a resident’s rear license plate to a vehicle. The owner had been shopping at Wal-Mart in Duarte where the theft may have occurred.

### Saturday, 16th:

12:14 PM- Petty Theft, 100 block, Adams St. Suspect(s) stole a two hundred pound pumpkin from a front yard.

09:50 PM- Battery/Against Current/ Ex spouse/Cohabit—non cohabit. 100 block Esperanza Ave. The Police Department received a 911 call in regards to an argument between a man and woman. Officers determined a domestic battery occurred between the man and woman. Officers arrested the man in a parking lot near his home.



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 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.

## Sierra Madre UMC to Participate in CROP Walk “Ending Hunger One Step at a Time”

On Sunday, November 7, 1:00-3:00 p.m., the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Pasadena Area 5K CROP Hunger Walk will begin at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 1014 E. Altadena Drive, in Altadena. As one of numerous interfaith and nondenominational charitable organizations participating in this event, The Sierra Madre United Methodist Church is seeking those interested walking, sponsoring a walker, or donating funds or canned goods to this worthy cause.

The first Church World Service CROP Walk took place in 1969, with more than 1,600 currently taking place each year in communities around the U.S. Funds raised through the CROP Walks provide food, water and other self-empowering resources to grassroots hunger-fighting programs throughout the world. Twenty-five percent of the monies raised by the Pasadena CROP Walk will be earmarked for local programs, including Foothill Unity Center, the Bad Weather Shelter and Friends in Deed. Canned goods collected will also be distributed locally.

If you are interested in participating in the CROP Walk, or for more information, please call Brenda Walkiewicz at 626-355-1716, or go to [www.smumc.net](http://www.smumc.net), and click on the CROP Walk link.

## GENERAL PLAN COMMITTEE CALENDAR

Mon, Oct 25th

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

Wed, Oct 27th  
City Council  
Chambers, 6:00 pm  
General Plan  
Steering Committee

## BARGAIN BOOK SALE AT SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library will hold a Bargain Book Table Sale inside the Library, Monday, October 18 through Saturday, October 23, during the Library’s open hours. This month’s featured topics are Sports, Fiction, Art, Biographies, Specialty and Children’s books. Books are replenished daily, and are only \$1.00 each.

For more information call (626) 355-7186, or visit our website at [www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us](http://www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us). 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.

## ST. RITA’S SEMI-ANNUAL WELCOME EVENT Sunday, November 7 at 3 p.m.

New to St. Rita’s church or school and don’t feel you know many members? Moved to Sierra Madre recently, and looking for a new Catholic church home? Belonged to St. Rita’s for a long time, but don’t feel you’ve connected yet? Let us welcome you to St. Rita’s!

Join us Sunday afternoon, November 7, at 3 p.m. for a casual wine and cheese gathering at the home of Dick and Chris Bertrand. Please bring a bottle of wine or your favorite beverage, a cheese and crackers plate, or an appetizer to share.

Representatives of various St. Rita organizations will join our pastor, Monsignor Kregelberg, to welcome you to our wonderful parish community! At 5 p.m., following the gathering, we will tour the St. Rita’s campus and facilities, with those who are interested. Children are always welcome! RSVP to Chris Bertrand at 626-355-1621 or to [PR@St-Rita.org](mailto:PR@St-Rita.org).

## In An Emergency Tune To 1630 (( )) AM Sierra Madre Community Radio

If there’s an earthquake, fire, or other emergency, **1630-AM** will broadcast important safety information. Listen on any **AM** radio.

Put a sticker on your radio!

Stickers courtesy of the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club



## 2011 Entertainment Books Are Here!

Please help the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association raise funds for the 2011 Entry “Suenos De California” buy buying an Entertainment Coupon Book today. You’ll not only be helping a wonderful cause, you will save \$\$\$ when you redeem the coupons.

The book starts at \$25.00 for the San Gabriel Valley. Others are available at various prices.

Please call Ann at 626-574-1331

## Request for Proposals for Wistaria Vine Newsletter and Brochure



The City of Sierra Madre is inviting proposals for the printing of the Wistaria Vine Newsletter and Brochure publication. Interested parties must submit a complete proposal by Monday, November 1, 2010. Copies of the Request for Proposal (RFP) may be obtained

from the Community and Personnel Services Office, located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024 or from the City’s website at [www.cityofsierramadre.com](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com).

For more information please contact Adam Matsumoto, Recreation Supervisor, at 626-355-5278 ext. 704.

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## City Council Takes Stance on Propositions

By Dean Lee

Councilmember Terry Tornek said he thought it was counter intuitive that the city's water and power department would take a stance opposing proposition 23, suspending implementation of air pollution control law (AB 32) requiring major sources of emissions to report and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Tornek made the comment earlier this month before the council voted unanimously opposing Proposition 23. He said he fully supported the city's position although found the department's stance odd.

"If you didn't have to deal with AB 32, you would in fact have a much easier life," he said. "The PWP would be liberated from some of the difficult goals that you were confronted with in terms of buying cleaner power and a variety of other targets that we have established."

Tornek said he found the state initiative "fraud with hypocrisy." He further said that because the proposition uses a goal of 5.5 percent unemployment before reimplementation of AB 32, it suspends it indefinitely.

Gureharan Bawa, Pasadena Water and Power Assistant General Manager, said Pasadena has one of the highest carbon footprints in the state. He explained that his department is now committed to reducing that carbon footprint.

"It would seem that a path that we have under your [the council] direction, committed to pursue, this regulation would take away the regulatory requirement," Bawa said. "It would also discourage a lot of new technologies, it would discourage new businesses which are bringing a lot of capital into the state and potentially new jobs."

The council also voted unanimously in favor of Proposition 22 which prohibits the state from taking funds used for transportation or local government projects and services.

"The state has continued to identify means of taking local revenues and shifting them for the state's proposes," Assistant City Manager Steve Mermell said. "Proposition 22 would close a number of these loopholes and prohibit the state from taking, borrowing or redirecting any local taxpayer revenues that are dedicated to public safety, transportation, emergency response and vital local government services."

## Pet of the Week



What a great puppy! Lenny, a six month old, boxer and pit bull mix is active, friendly, and playful. He is looking for someone who will make sure he gets plenty of exercise and socialization. A puppy is a big responsibility so make sure you have the time and patience to commit. If you do, come visit with Lenny today!

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Please call 626-792-7151 and ask for A278028 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)



## Tournament Picks Its Queen

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses, Tuesday morning, named Evanne Elizabeth Friedmann (pictured above center), 17, of La Canada Flintridge as the 93rd Rose Queen during a ceremony ending a month-long process that began with more than 1,000 Pasadena-area young women trying out for the crown.

"2011 Rose Queen Evanne Friedman and our six princesses are perfect ambassadors for

the Tournament of Roses, and the city of Pasadena. They are talented, graceful and stellar examples of young role models, said Tournament of Roses President Jeff Throop. "We are delighted to have Queen Evanne not only lead our court but reign over the 122nd Rose Parade and 97th Rose Bowl Game."

Friedmann and the six Rose Princesses were selected based upon a combination of qualities,

including public speaking ability, poise, academic achievement and community involvement according to tournament officials.

Friedmann attends La Canada High School.

Friedmann will officially receive her crown from Tournament of Roses President Jeff Throop at the Coronation Ceremony on October 28 at the Pasadena Convention Center.

## Boxer Makes Visit to Local College



Photo and story by Dean Lee

U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer was on hand earlier this month as part of the Pasadena City College Veterans Resource Center grand opening.

Reluctant to cut, what she called a beautiful banner, Boxer just snipped the top of a symbolic paper banner, of a waving American flag, with scissors in front of a small crowd that included, student veterans,

PCC trustees, College President Mark Rocha and Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard. The cut marked the ceremonial moment she joked.

"Since 1924 this great community college has been welcoming home, and serving the veterans of our wars," Rocha said. "And they are doing it again with this generation of veterans. Sometimes it is necessary for our veterans to go overseas and fight for our freedom. Here at

home we also need fighters, and one of them is Senator Barbara Boxer."

According to school administrators, the center offers a variety of comprehensive services, including academic counseling, benefits counseling from the Veterans Administration of Los Angeles County, legal assistance, and health and well-being programs.

There are more than 650 student veterans enrolled at the school. Boxer also announced her endorsement from the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Political Action Committee. Boxer accepted the endorsement during a press conference in the school's Creveling Lounge. U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye, a World War II combat veteran with the 442nd Regional Combat Team and Assembly member Ted Lieu, a Lt. Colonel in the Air Force Reserves attended.

Outside, about 50 protesters held signs showing support for Senate Republican candidate Carly Fiorina.

For more information about the PCC VRC, please call (626) 585-7226.

## Play It Safe With City Wide Sponsored Halloween Events

Halloween is a fun-filled holiday for people of all ages. City of Pasadena-sponsored events provide safe activities for a howling good time! Events are free unless otherwise noted.

\* Monday, Oct. 25, at 3:30 p.m. – Flights of Fantasy Story Theatre presents "Monsters and Spiders and Ghouls, Oh My," a frothy brew of folk tales, fables and rhymes at Santa Catalina Branch Library, 999 E. Washington Blvd.

\* Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 10 a.m. – Children ages 8 and older will experience mystery and magic during Chilling Tales in the Children's Room at Pasadena Central Library, 285 E. Walnut St.

\* Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 4 p.m. – What's more fun than sharing scary stories that everyone swears are true? Youths 12 and older are invited to Urban Legends at Hastings Branch Library, 3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd., to hear some of these eerie stories, understand why we tell them and learn what they really say about us!

\* Wednesday, Oct. 27, at 10:30 a.m. – Children and their parents will enjoy a not-so-scary storytime plus crafts and surprises at San Rafael Branch Library, 1240 Nithsdale Rd. Be sure to wear your costume!

\* Wednesday, Oct. 27, at 3:30 p.m. – "Monsters and Spiders and Ghouls, Oh My!" is offered again by Flights of Fantasy Story Theatre at Hill Avenue Branch Library, 55 S. Hill Ave.

\* Thursday, Oct. 28, at 3:30 p.m. – Children and their parents

will enjoy a special Halloween storytime, including crafts, at Lamanda Park Branch Library, 140 S. Altadena Dr. Be sure to wear your costume!

\* Friday, Oct. 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. – The Halloween celebration at Villa-Parke Community Center, 363 E. Villa St., will include grab bags, pumpkin-carving contest, prizes and much more. Wear your costume! Sponsored by the Human Services and Recreation Department and the Police Department.

\* Saturday, Oct. 30, at 10 a.m. – A not-so-spooky storytime and crafts in the Children's Room at Pasadena Central Library, 285 E. Walnut St., will delight children and their parents. Be sure to wear your costume.

\* Saturday, Oct. 30, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – The Halloween festival at Robinson Park, 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave., will include arts and crafts, moon bounce, face painting, treats, costume contest, prizes and more. Sponsored by the Human Services and Recreation Department and the Police Department.

\* Saturday, Oct. 30, from 5 to 8 p.m. – The Victory Park Haunted House and Festival at 2575 Paloma St. will offer a spine-chilling evening of fun, including carnival games, arts and crafts, costume contest and much more for ages 8 and older. Younger children will enjoy the Scary Patio! Admission to Haunted House is \$2; tickets for carnival games are 10 for \$1; all other activities are free. Call (626) 744-400 for information on any of these events.

## Supervisors Call for County Pension Reform

In a motion introduced before the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Michael Antonovich called for the adoption of reforms to the County's pension system proposed previously in a report by the County's Chief Executive Officer.

Similar to those currently proposed for the State of California, the CEO's report includes changes to the final compensation pay rate, increase of the minimum retirement age and increases of the contribution amount.

"If adopted by the County, these reforms would result in a potential savings of over \$200 million annually," Antonovich said pointing to the escalating rate of Retiree Health Benefits plan costs administered by Los

Angeles County Employees Retirement Association -- a rate greater than the amount set aside in the Trust Fund established by the Board of Supervisors.

The Supervisor's motion also directed the CEO to begin negotiations with all County Unions to modify the current pension plan.

The reforms currently under consideration by the State of California include; Changing the final compensation from highest average compensation for one year to three years for new employees; Increasing minimum retirement ages for Safety Plan B and General Plan D; Increasing Employee Retirement Contributions for current and new employees.

## New Health Director Dr. Walsh Welcomed



City staff got the opportunity Wednesday to meet new Public Health Department Director Dr. Eric Walsh during an official reception at City Hall.

Walsh, who started in September, said he was still getting use to Pasadena. He said he had just moved to the city from Orange County and so far found the city a nice place to shop and wander around. Walsh moved with his wife Annette and their three kids, Jahan, Jasmine and Eric.

His duties include overseeing the department's 92 full-time employees and a 2011 annual budget of \$11.5 million. The department has existed for over 110 years.

## 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 Oct. 26, from 6 to 8p.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).

## South Pasadena Hosts 4th Annual Clean-Air Car Show



Congressman Adam Schiff (pictured left) took time to talk with supporters of the South Pasadena's Clean-Air Car Show

By Dean Lee

Congressman Adam Schiff told a large crowd earlier this month that alternatives in energy are an economic imperative to the country as he made an appearance at the 4th Annual South Pasadena Clean-Air Car Show and Green Living Expo.

"There are millions and millions of jobs waiting for the country that leads in this area," he said. "I want that to be the United States."

Schiff said he was inspired by Goggle CEO Eric Schmidt.

"He [Schmidt] said the revolution that took place in telecommunications will pale in significance compared to the revolution that is just beginning in energy," Schiff explained.

As a member of President Barack Obama transition advisory board, Schmidt proposed a stimulus program that rewards renewable energy, replacing fossil fuels.

Michael Cacciotti, South Pasadena Councilmember and founder of the Expo, said there were challenges and stewardships associated with

cleaning up the air.

"Each time you go to the gas station, all of us together, \$300 billion a year is sent to foreign countries..." he said. "What if we invested in compressed natural gas, which is a domestic resource, or electricity, plug-in hybrids and kept that \$300 billion in the U.S. today, created jobs, reduce unemployment and improve the air we breathe. Those are the challenges."

He then said everybody needed to be stewards in reducing pollution, which, he said caused 5,000 premature deaths in the San Gabriel Valley alone. Cacciotti, went on to say thousands are hospitalized yearly do to air pollution and that millions are lost in work sick days.

He thanked all the sponsors of the expo that included exhibits from health, environmental, energy, automobiles and green products. A big hit at the show was the \$101,500 priced Tesla Roadster. The vehicle is a battery electric vehicle (BEV) sports car and the only highway-capable electric vehicle in serial production.



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## Arcadia Fire Department Earns 2009 Life Safety Achievement Award

The Arcadia Fire Department has been presented with a Life Safety Achievement Award for the year of 2009 by the Residential Fire Safety Institute (RFSI) in partnership with the Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company. The award was announced by Alan Shuman, President of the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NAFSM), RFSI's parent organization.

For 19 years, the Life Safety Achievement Award has recognized local fire prevention efforts that have contributed to reducing the number of lives lost in residential fires. The Arcadia Fire Department qualified for this award in year 2009 because it recorded zero fire deaths in structures or a reduction by at least 10% during the year. In addition, the department was able to demonstrate the existence of an active and effective fire prevention program and a clear commitment to reducing the number of fires in the homes in their community.

Although residential fires in the U.S. account for only 20 percent of all fires, they result in 80 percent of all fire deaths. The RFSI is committed to reducing that number.

"Experience tells us that fire prevention activity and public education can significantly reduce life and property loss from residential fires", the Residential Fire Safety Institute said. "Prevention and education are very cost effective compared to the traditional approach of relying on fire suppression. The Life Safety Achievement Award recognizes fire departments for their fire prevention efforts and encourages them to continually improve those efforts."

The RFSI is a public interest group whose mission is to reduce residential fire deaths and injuries. The RFSI advocates the use of residential fire sprinklers, smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors and teaching people fire-safe behavior. The RFSI assists fire departments with implementing residential sprinkler/smoke alarm programs on a local basis. The RFSI's partners include the United States Fire Administration, the National Association of State Fire Marshals and private industry/associations with an interest in and commitment to residential fire safety.

## Arcadia Police Blotter

*For the period of Sunday, October 10, through Saturday, October 16, the Police Department responded to 1,007 calls for service of which 134 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.*

### Sunday, October 10:

1. Around 9:42 a.m., officers detained a man by CVS Pharmacy, 188 West Las Tunas, for possibly stealing liquor from the store. The manager advised that two male African-American suspects were inside the store attempting to steal bottles of alcohol. The suspect's vehicle was located and 15 bottles of stolen liquor were recovered. The 45-year-old suspect was taken into custody for commercial burglary, receiving stolen property, and felony parole violation. The second suspect was not located during an area search.

2. A bicycle versus auto accident occurred at the intersection of Las Tunas and El Monte around 12:44 p.m. A 20-year-old male bicyclist rode through a red light and was struck by a vehicle. The bicyclist sustained head trauma and a laceration to his neck and was transported to a local hospital for treatment.

### Monday, October 11:

3. A traffic stop was conducted in the 700 block of West Fairview around 2:28 a.m. for a cracked windshield. Two female and two male Hispanic occupants were contacted, and a concealed blade was found on one man and a sawed-off shotgun was found on the floorboard. Investigation revealed that the suspects were burglarizing vehicles, and a set of stolen golf clubs and computer equipment were recovered. The suspects, between 19 to 32 years of age, were taken into custody for auto burglary, receiving stolen property, and conspiracy to commit crime. One man was also charged with possession of a knife and the other man with possession of a weapon.

4. Between 12:15 p.m. and 2:40 p.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 2300 block of Ivyland. Unknown suspect(s) entered the home through an open window and stole Louis Vitton accessories, cash, and men's watches.

### Tuesday, October 12:

5. Two female Hispanic suspects were detained by Claire's employees for theft around 6:15 p.m. at Westfield Mall. They were seen selecting merchandise and then concealing them in their pockets and purses. Private persons' arrests were made, and the 14 and 20-year-old subjects were taken into custody for commercial burglary. Additional stolen property from Sanrio was also recovered.

### Wednesday, October 13:

6. A residential burglary occurred in the 700 block of Fairview between 8:25 a.m. and 1:20 p.m. Unknown suspect(s) pried open the kitchen door to gain entry into the home. Once inside, the suspect(s) ransacked the house and stole a laptop computer and a \$1,900 bottle of whiskey.

### Thursday, October 14:

10. Units were called to the 100 block of East Grandview in reference to a residential burglary. The reporting party advised that he was driving by his daughter's home that is under renovation and saw two male Asian suspects carrying a large appliance from the house and into a blue van. Further investigation revealed that the suspects stole a new stove, bathroom sink, and faucet for a loss of over \$5,600.

### Friday, October 15:

11. A victim came to the station around 11:10 a.m. to file a grand theft report. She was reviewing her checking account information online and discovered unauthorized transfers from her account on September 27 and 28 for a total loss of over \$6,650.

12. An auto burglary occurred in the 2400 block of South Baldwin between 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Unknown suspect(s) smashed a passenger window and stole a purse containing currency, checks, and camera for a total reported loss of \$1,260.

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## The Bridge To Arcadia - Design of 210 Freeway Structure Near Completion



The design of the so-called Iconic Freeway Structure (IFS) bridge of the Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority over the eastbound 210 Freeway heading into Arcadia is nearly complete, with only final engineering tweaks to artist Andrew Leicester's design before work begins on the bridge featuring woven baskets pictured above.

Following the August release of the Phase 2A (Pasadena to Azusa) Request for Proposals for Design-Build-Finance services (to construction the track, stations, a 25-acre Maintenance and Operations Facility, crossings, bridges, utilities and more), the three short listed teams are hard at work preparing proposals. Proposals for the \$450+ million project are due in late January, and an award is anticipated for April.

This schedule keeps us on track for a late 2014 project completion.

IFS design-build team Skanska USA/AECOM is spending the next several months finalizing designs for the 584-foot bridge over the eastbound lanes of the I-210 freeway. They are currently working with the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) to get the necessary permits to conduct some additional geologic testing at the IFS site location, which will help finalize the design.

Between now and April, when major construction is scheduled to begin on the bridge, AECOM (the designers) will work to turn the artist's concept into an engineering reality.

Meanwhile, the Phase 2B environmental

process is getting started. The consulting team, led by Parsons Brinckerhoff, is initiating work with the cities along the Phase 2B corridor, and will begin the public involvement process early in 2011. The Construction Authority will be preparing an Environmental Impact Report/Study (per CEQA/NEPA guidelines) for this 12.5-mile extension – evaluating the environmental impacts of the project and identifying ways to mitigate those impacts when feasible.

And finally, Construction Authority staff has been working around the clock to update the decade-old Authority website. Look for a revamped www.foothillextension.org website.

## Women's Wellness Symposium

Arcadia Senior Services in partnership with Methodist Hospital is offering an exceptional afternoon of free health information and free health screenings. This informative presentation is geared for women but men are encouraged to attend. This special event will take place at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive. The informational tables and health screenings will be available at 12:30pm, Tuesday, October 26, 2010. A guest speaker panel will start at 1:00pm. Dr. Ami Shah D.C. will speak on osteoporosis; Ginamarie Farinio, MPAS, PA-C will talk on women's cancer concerns and Victoria Pacheco RD will inform individuals on diet and nutrition, focusing on osteoporosis, cancer and prevention of these health issues through proper diet. Some of the informational tables and free health screens will be; blood pressure, spinal screening, balance and fitness, body fat analysis, Los Angeles Caregiver Resources, Western Health University, Pomona, Methodist Hospital 50 plus and more!

There is limited space available, if interested in attending please contact the Arcadia Senior Services Department 626.574.5130.

## Arcadia Chamber of Commerce

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## Treating Kids to a Healthy Halloween SAFYMCA and Schools Promote Candy Buy-Back Program

MONROVIA, CA, October 21, 2010 – It may sound like an oxymoron but “Healthy Halloween” is a concept that’s catching on in Monrovia. For the second year, the Santa Anita Family YMCA and *Network for a Healthy California* in the Monrovia Unified School District are partnering to get children and their parents to develop some new traditions around an old favorite holiday. The Y and all five Monrovia elementary schools and Canyon Early Learning Center will offer kids an opportunity to exchange their hordes of Halloween candy for raffle tickets and chances to win bicycles and other fun prizes. Local dentist, Dr. Paul Genino, DDS, Sam Wright State Farm Insurance, and Jesus in Lord Christian Center are supporting the effort by sponsoring the prizes.

“We’re not trying to take the fun out of Halloween for kids. There’s no harm in eating some candy on Halloween. But often the Halloween candy binge lasts for days and weeks. With child obesity and Type 2 Diabetes in adolescents on the rise, we’re hoping to help encourage new and healthier Halloween traditions,” said SAFYMCA Executive Director, Damon Colaluca.

The Y initiated the Healthy Halloween concept in 2008 with a candy buy-back that netted more than 300 pounds of candy. Last year, in partnership with the schools, Monrovia students turned in 1,043 pounds of candy.

For every pound of candy a kid trades in to their Monrovia elementary school on Nov. 1, he or she will receive a raffle ticket and a chance to win a new bike that day. Children not enrolled in Monrovia schools can exchange their trick or treat bounty for raffle tickets at The Y between Nov. 1 and Nov. 3. The Y will announce the winner of its raffle on Nov. 5 at 12 noon. Winners need not be present. All the candy collected at the schools and by The Y will be donated to the Armed Services YMCA at Camp Pendleton.

The Y is also encouraging the community-at-large to jump on the Healthy Halloween bandwagon. Instead of candy, consider handing out fun stickers, small toys and other non-candy treats this year.

To learn more about Healthy Halloween, call the SAFYMCA at (626) 359-9244 or visit the website at [www.ymcala.org/santaanita](http://www.ymcala.org/santaanita). The SAFYMCA is located at 501 S. Mountain Ave., Monrovia.

## "Howl"oween Haunt

The City of Monrovia is hosting the annual Halloween Event on Saturday, October 30 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Library Park. This event will include a Costume Contest, Parade of Characters, and a Pumpkin Carving Contest. Pumpkin Carving Contest applications are available at the Monrovia Community Center and registration for the Costume Contest will be held on the day of the event. Trick-or-Treating will also be available from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Myrtle Avenue.



### Grimm Stories

A little known fact from the Library: did you know Jacob Grimm of the famous Brothers Grimm was a librarian? Families are invited to come to Grimm Stories on Tuesday, October 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library's Community Room and learn all about the Brothers Grimm. Hear some Grimm stories and make a Grimm craft. Stop by the Library sometime before then to check out a Grimm fairy tale!

### Haunted Halloween Stories

Gruesome goblins and fierce Frankensteins are invited to the Library on Saturday afternoon, October 30, at 2 p.m. to participate in creepy stories, songs, crafts and a film celebrating the scariest of all holidays. This program is geared to second through fifth graders.

## My Monrovia Photo Contest: Let's Celebrate!

Submission Timeline: November 8, 2010 – January 21, 2011

The My Monrovia Photo Contest serves to foster a greater sense of community spirit through photography. Show us your creative spark!

All photos must also be submitted with an essay, detailing the connection between the picture and the theme of the contest. We

encourage you to give deep thought regarding the concept of neighborhood and community and how it is reflected through your camera lens. This year-long photo contest

centers around four (4) themes and four (4) deadlines, culminating in the final presentation of winners at the annual MAP Neighborhood Conference.

Visit the City of Monrovia website, [www.cityofmonrovia.org](http://www.cityofmonrovia.org) to download the application or email [map@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:map@ci.monrovia.ca.us) for more information or call (626) 932-5584!

Submit up to three photos per person! Ten (10) entries will be chosen per theme to receive recognition by the City of Monrovia throughout the year, and entered into a pool along with others to be chosen as prize winners of the My Monrovia Photo

### Who Can Participate?

All Monrovia Residents!

Contest is open to residents of all ages. (Entry forms of persons under 18 must have signature of parent/legal guardian.)

### Photo Guidelines

Photos must follow the theme, “My Monrovia,” and be accompanied by a caption and short essay.

The essay should be no more than 500 words, explaining how the photo shows something good, unique, or positive about your neighborhood and how the photo is related to the theme.

Eligible photos must have been taken on or since January 1, 2008.

No borders, frames, watermarks, signatures, or copyright notices may be added to the images.

Photos containing obscene, provocative, or otherwise questionable content will not be considered.

Any photo containing images of an identifiable person must be accompanied by a model release form for each identifiable person in the photo.



### How to Enter

Photos may be submitted in a digital or print format, although digital is preferred. Digital photos must be at least 2200x1700 pixels (4 megapixels). Printed photos must be of good quality and at least size 3x5.

Entry Forms must be signed by the original photographer.

Contestants may submit up to 3 photos per theme.

Each photo must be accompanied by a separate, completed entry form. (Download forms from [cityofmonrovia.org](http://cityofmonrovia.org) or pick up at City Hall.)

Photos may be submitted by email to [map@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:map@ci.monrovia.ca.us) (Attn: Photo Contest), by regular mail, or in person at City Hall. All entries must be received by the respective deadlines.

Submission Mailing Address:  
Neighborhood Services  
415 S. Ivy Ave.  
Monrovia, CA 91016

### Winners!

Photos and descriptions will be judged according to creativity, overall quality, and how well they express the positive qualities of the theme.

The top 10 entries for each theme will receive recognition from the City of Monrovia and entered to win overall prizes at the Neighborhood Conference.

Photos will be featured on the City website and Facebook page.

Winning photos will be displayed at the MAP Neighborhood Conference.

## Monrovia Police Blotter

During the last seven day period, the Police Department handled 541 service events, resulting in 94 investigations. Following are the last week's highlighted issues and events:

### Vehicle Burglary

On October 7 at 12:47 p.m., an officer went to a residence in the 100 block of West Colorado regarding a vehicle burglary. The victim reported that his company's vehicle was broken into sometime during the night. Investigation continuing.

### Vehicle Burglary

On October 7 at 3:20 p.m., an officer went to a park in the 1200 block of North Canyon on the report of a vehicle burglary. The victim parked his black Toyota Highlander in a lower level parking lot and went for a hike in the park. Upon his return, he found the passenger window broken out on his vehicle. His property was stolen and the investigation continuing

### Filing a False Police Report

On October 7 at 11:38 p.m., officers responded to a location in the 200 block of Aspen regarding a subject attempting to repossess a vehicle when another subject exited the residence with an assault rifle. Officers arrived and detained the involved parties. The officers investigated and discovered there was no brandishing of a rifle. Officers interviewed the parties and the investigation is continuing.

### Domestic Violence - Suspect Arrested

On October 8 at 12:55 a.m., officers responded to the 100 block

of West Colorado on the report of a female stating she had been struck by her boyfriend. During the investigation, officers discovered a battery had occurred and they arrested the male subject.

### Traffic Collision

On October 8 at 4:39 p.m., police received a call reporting that a vehicle had ended up in the wash in the 1600 block of South Mountain. Monrovia Fire Department personnel responded and used a ladder to have the driver climb out of the wash. The driver was not injured. Los Angeles County Flood Control and tow service were notified.

### Auto Burglaries / Search Warrant - Suspect Arrested

Since last May, there have been several auto burglaries in the 1200 block of North Canyon at the park. On October 7, officers were sent to the park regarding a suspicious vehicle. An officer located the suspicious vehicle and identified the driver. No crime was known at that time. Just after the subject was sent on his way, a call was received reporting an auto burglary at the park. After the investigation was conducted, it was determined that the person stopped by the officer was the suspect. Enough information was obtained for a search warrant. A search warrant was served on October 9, and items were recovered in the search that link the suspect to several burglaries. The suspect was taken into custody.

### Grand Theft Auto Recovery

On October 5, a 1994 Acura Integra was stolen from the 1300 block of South Alta Vista. On October 10, an officer patrolling in the 400 block of Genoa located the vehicle parked on the street in front of a residence. The stereo had been taken from the vehicle. Investigation continuing.



[www.foothillextension.org](http://www.foothillextension.org)  
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### Draft SEIR Public Hearing

Wednesday,  
October 27, 2010  
5:00 – 6:30 PM

Arcadia City Hall  
240 W. Huntington Drive  
Arcadia, CA 91066

If you have special needs access (ADA or language) at the public hearing, please contact Tonya Pace 626-356-4460 at least 5 days before the hearing.

## You are invited to attend a public hearing...

The Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for a proposed Maintenance & Operations Facility as well as refinements to Phase 2A (Pasadena to Azusa) of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension light rail project was released on September 23, 2010 for a 45-day public review and comment period. Comments can be provided in writing (see reverse side of card) or at the upcoming public hearing.



The draft SEIR is available for review online at: [http://www.foothillextension.org/SEIR\\_page.html](http://www.foothillextension.org/SEIR_page.html)  
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## Fundraiser Oct. 30 to Support Azusans Against Mining Expansion Efforts

– The public is invited to enjoy a meal and help save a mountain at an all day lunch-dinner fundraiser for Azusans Against Mining Expansion (AAME) on Saturday, Oct. 30. The fundraiser will be held from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Chacha's Mexican Restaurant, 248 W. Foothill Blvd. in Azusa. Suggested donation is \$20 per person.

AAME is the citizens group at the forefront of a referendum campaign to reverse the Azusa City Council's approval of Vulcan Materials Company's open face rock mining expansion in the Fish Canyon area of the San Gabriel Mountains.

As a result of AAME's success in gathering 2,088 verified Azusa voter signatures on the referendum petition, many more than the 1,650 required for the issue to qualify for a vote of the people, the Azusa City Council has ordered a special election for Jan. 25, 2011 to allow Azusa voters to decide the issue.

Advance tickets to the all-day fundraiser may be purchased by contacting Jeri Vogel, AAME President at (626) 629-9879. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. For more information, visit [www.nominatingexpansion.org](http://www.nominatingexpansion.org).



## PUSD SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION STUDY COMMITTEE SUBMITS RECOMMENDATION

*Superintendent's Recommendation Will Follow Upcoming Public Hearings, Study Sessions*

Pasadena, CA – The Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) School Consolidation Study Committee, composed of 21 stakeholders representing PUSD families, employees, and community members, concluded its meetings and finalized its recommendations on Wednesday. The committee recommended that three elementary schools -- Loma Alta, Burbank, and Jackson -- be consolidated, and that the Norma Coombs Alternative School program be relocated from the Norma Coombs site to the Burbank site. These potential changes would be effective for the 2011 - 2012 school year; no changes will occur during the current school year. The committee's final report will be available this Friday, when it is submitted to the Superintendent. In response to an unprecedented \$30 million loss of funding over the past three years, and the prospect of sustained enrollment declines in the foreseeable future, the Board of Education approved school consolidation to help decrease expenditures and generate ongoing revenue to support instructional priorities. The three-year budget

adopted in June identified the closure of a minimum of three schools in 2011-12 to reduce operating expenses associated with excess capacity on school campuses. The Board of Education established the School Consolidation Study Committee to assist the Superintendent by developing an advisory recommendation regarding school consolidation and closure. The School Consolidation Study Committee was charged with identifying three schools for consolidation or closure, identifying a new location for the District headquarters, and recommending strategies to ease the reassignment and transition processes for families at affected schools. The committee met during September and October, analyzed significant amounts of financial, demographic, and facilities information, and considered testimony from hundreds of stakeholders at community forums and via email. At its October 12 meeting, the Board of Education heard a budget update presentation indicating that an additional \$5 million in revenue may be available annually as a result of the state budget

agreement. However, public education advocates remain concerned that ongoing instability in the state's budget situation may result in a mid-year shortfall that would require additional budget cuts in January. The Board of Education had planned to cut \$6 million to balance the 2011-2012 budget, which would include school closures. Next week, the Board of Education will consider the potential impact of additional funds on previously-approved reductions, including school closures, employee layoffs and furloughs, and class size reduction. The Superintendent will submit his recommendations to the Board of Education by the end of October. After public study sessions and open hearings at the affected schools, the Board will make a final decision on school consolidation. The decision is tentatively scheduled for the November 23 Board meeting, to ensure parents are adequately informed and supported by an implementation plan before the beginning of Open Enrollment for the 2011 - 2012 school year. See the attached schedule for additional details. The School Consolidation Study Committee report will be made available at [www.school-consolidation.pasadenausd.org](http://www.school-consolidation.pasadenausd.org) on October 25.

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by Peter Dills

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6 oz. diced, dried fruit (apricots, apples, etc.)  
1 quart popped popcorn (air popped)

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## HOWARD Hays As I See It



It's going to be such a blow-out, in fact, that you needn't bother voting - just stay home, kick back, and watch the returns come in. Thank you. Now, good-bye.

Are they gone? Good. Ever since those too-smart consultants came up with the idea of stressing inevitability in order to discourage Democrats into staying home, I've wondered if the same strategy could work in reverse.

The "other side" will have to come up with something, now that polling shows a nearly irreversible momentum - sure to accelerate through election day. In U.S. Senate battleground races, Democrats have widened their leads in Washington and West Virginia, while Colorado and Pennsylvania are now seen as "virtual ties". Republican leads in key House races have been cut in half. Among independents, a 21% edge for Republicans in June has shrunk to a 13% margin.

A lot of this is due to voters who, coming down to the wire, shift from broad questions of philosophy and policy to the more fundamental question: "Do I really want this 'nut case' (term used by Sen. John McCain's daughter Meghan) representing me in Congress?"

Greg warned of those who offer "the next personal scandal of some

Republican or Tea Party candidate". I agree we should discuss issues as well as personalities. But I can't resist: U.S. Senate candidate John Raese of West Virginia advocates doing away with the minimum wage while boasting he made his wealth "...the old fashioned way. - I inherited it."; Alaska U.S. Senate candidate Joe Miller's private security detail handcuffing and detaining a journalist at a public event, following Miller's speech extolling our Constitution; congressional candidate Rich Iott of Ohio getting his jollies dressing up in a Waffen SS uniform.

Pushing this idea we should continue funneling our nation's wealth to the richest few ("the most productive", as Greg calls them, otherwise known as "our betters") only makes sense if one assumes voters have short memories. September 2008 was not that long ago, and many remember from history class the events of October 1929.

The 50,000-60,000 new jobs a month we're creating is clearly unsatisfactory, especially as analysts say 100,000-200,000 a month are needed for full recovery. Regardless, it probably won't be until 2015 that we'll see our economy back where it should be. Those 50,000-60,000 new jobs we're gaining, though, is still a big improvement over the 500,000-plus jobs we were losing every month at the end of Bush's term - losses that came as a result of policies Greg and others want to revive.

It's not just the "recession". Early into his first term, George W. Bush pushed an agenda of tax cuts for the wealthy and de-regulation. After eight years, he could look back on a net gain of 1.1 million new jobs. Bill Clinton's first

budget (passed with no Republican support) included tax increases to address the deficits rang up during the Reagan years. He could look back after eight years on a net gain of 23 million jobs, along with a budget surplus left for his successor.

We could go back to the previous Democratic administration. 10.3 million additional jobs were created under Jimmy Carter. In other words, our economy saw a net gain of almost ten times as many new jobs in the four years under Carter as it saw during the eight years under Bush. This was followed by eight years of Reaganomics, with the United States devolving from being the world's biggest creditor nation to its biggest debtor.

Greg writes, "When you tax the rich or the entrepreneur, ultimately you tax the blue collar worker". No, you don't. When you tax the rich, you'll find more choosing to put their money into businesses and job creation, when the alternative is sending it to Uncle Sam. When you tax blue collar workers, or lower their taxes, well - nobody mentions it.

Only 1 in 10 Americans are aware that a third of President Obama's stimulus bill went to middle-class tax cuts. We saw Tea-Partiers protesting tax increases while unaware their own taxes were being cut because, according to their corporate manipulators, the only tax cuts that matter are those going to the wealthiest. Greg states that "... the administration and Congress have proposed across-the-board tax increases". What in fact is happening is that the Bush tax cuts are due to expire, and Republicans refuse to allow middle-class tax cuts to remain unless we agree to go \$700 billion further into

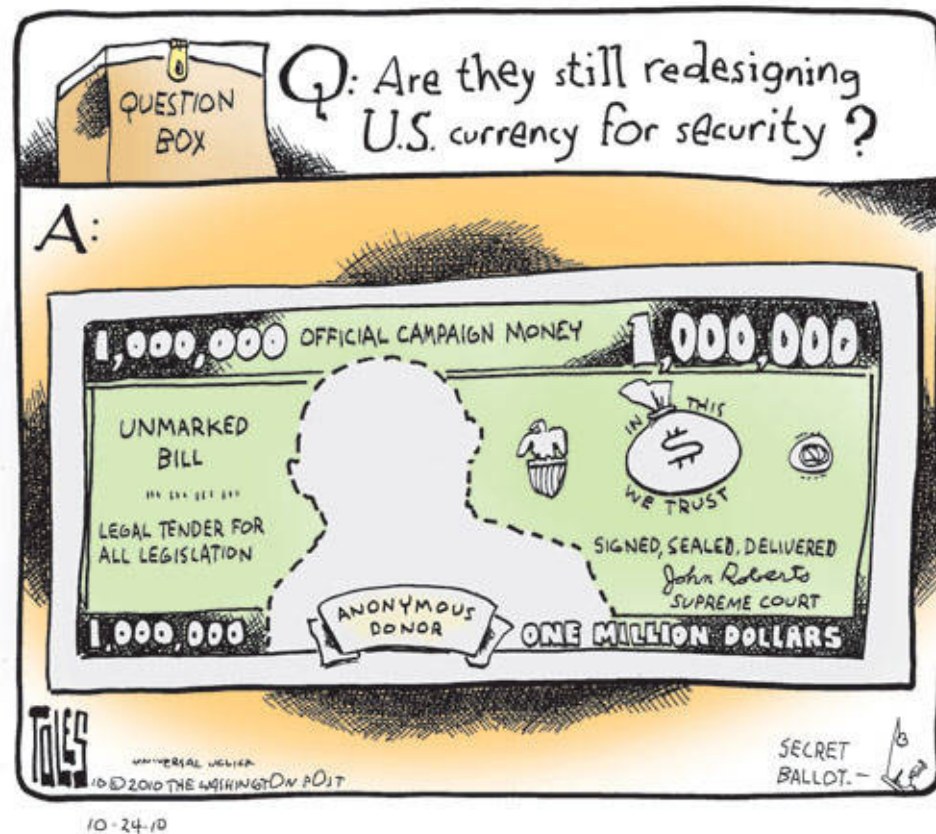
debt to maintain cuts for the wealthiest 2%.

The tens of millions poured into this campaign is seen as a business investment. There are significant relocation, shipping and communication costs involved in moving factories and jobs overseas. It would be much cheaper to elect those who'd ensure businesses could enjoy a similar absence of worker protections and environmental regulations, along with a third-world starvation-wage workforce and compliant ruling oligarchy, right here at home.

In our own district, we have a candidate who supported torture and warrantless spying on American citizens by their government. He remained the Bush Administration's biggest cheerleader as military and civilian casualties mounted in Iraq. As Chairman of the House Rules Committee, he rammed through a partisan agenda while stifling debate. Beholden to corporate benefactors, he championed policies that led to the economic meltdown.

Recently, he opposed measures to protect the jobs of thousands of teachers and the health of 9/11 ground-zero first-responders, in order to protect taxpayer-funded incentives for companies to move factories and jobs overseas.

Despite a record often at odds with editorial positions taken by this newspaper, David Dreier has received the paper's endorsement. I haven't seen explanations for the paper's endorsements. Such an explanation would be especially warranted in this case.



## STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE THE LESSON OF MAGIC JOHNSON



I have no unique knowledge regarding Magic Johnson but like many Laker fans I have followed his career pretty closely. As I recall he left Michigan State after his sophomore year and came to the Lakers ready to take over the world. Immediately, upon his arrival he was on the radio, even performing on one program as a Disc Jockey. He was very brash, cocky, and seemed, like so many others, headed for a fall. Sports reporters predicted he would fail because at 6'9" he was plainly too tall to be an effective point guard. The ball would bounce too high and speedy professional defenders would take advantage and steal the ball. He couldn't play off the ball (the term shooting guard had not yet been invented) plainly because he couldn't shoot. He never did learn how to shoot a jump shot but instead sort of pushed the ball. He wouldn't be able to play in the front court and rebound because he couldn't jump, wasn't quick and as a front court player was undersized and lacked the necessary brawn to fight for position.

Right! An injury to Kareem during the play-offs demonstrated that Magic could play and dominate anywhere. He adapted to every position using hiswn unique skills. As a shooting guard he really didn't have to jump much because he was generally half a foot taller than his opposing defender. As a front court player he developed a deadly accurate eye and actually led the league in free-throw shooting accuracy. And when forced to play in the middle he created a repertoire of finesse baby-hook and up and under moves that seemed to baffle the larger, slower, centers.

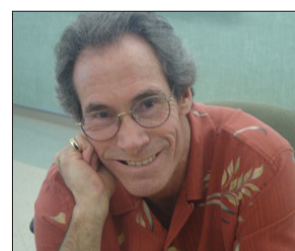
One day, in 1992, during the prime of his career a bulletin announced that Magic had a disease and would play no more.. His admission helped the world to become aware of the need for condoms even in hetero-sexual relations. His admission helped other people to seek medical treatment and for sports to develop protective procedures. Furthermore, Magic fought the disease. He maintained a program of physical conditioning and diet. The next year, although ineligible to play during the season, he played and starred in the All-Star Game. Unable to play in the NBA he created a touring team that played

all over the world and popularized the game. He even coached the Lakers for a short time, quitting when he realized that he could not adapt to players who did not focus on the game and did not maximize their own abilities. So Magic became a businessman. He opened theatres in ghettos across the nation and invested in low-income areas that others feared. He maintained contacts with powerful people and obtained a small ownership percentage of the Lakers. He bought a hundred Starbucks and continues to appear as a highly paid and visible basketball analyst and who knows what else. Today it was announced that he is selling his Lakers interest and his Starbucks and is harvesting cash to make some surprising business move. Remember, this is almost twenty years after being diagnosed with what was then thought to be a fatal disease.

My description of Magic Johnson described an individual with great abilities and resources who faced problems by utilizing his unique resources to adapt to his present situation. He made many changes but stayed alert to the present situation and thrived. The United States too has unique resources and abilities. Instead of using our resources to meet the changing needs of the present day a great many of us numb ourselves to the situation through our chronic use of drugs. We do not face our awareness of vulnerability and insecurity. Similarly I believe, and I know many of you do not, that our irrational embrace of guns and opposition to gun control demonstrate an absolute refusal to see reality. We do not want to notice global warming, or polluted air, or dwindling supplies of drinking water or any of the real present day problems. We will hold onto our guns and all the other problems will go away.

Magic Johnson no longer wears short pants and does not spend most of his time holding on to a basketball. We too must do the same. Get rid of our drugs and diversions, drop our guns, and open our eyes to the real problems of the world and try to do something about them. Really, we don't have to be 6'9" tall to see high enough to know that we need to take better control of the ball that is our lives. Let's keep our eye on the basket and understand that it is now necessary to play a little differently if we want to stay in the game for a little while longer. Maybe, we're already approaching overtime.

## HAIL Hamilton



government buy if it had an extra \$42 billion spend every year? What might our government do if it suddenly had that much money dropped onto its lap each and every year?

For one thing, it might pay for the entire \$7 billion increase in the Children's Health Insurance Reauthorization Act President Barack Obama signed, expanding the health care program to an additional 4 million children and pregnant women, including for the first time legal immigrants without a waiting period -- and there would still be \$35 billion left over.

Or perhaps hire 880,000 new schoolteachers at the average U.S. teacher salary of \$47,602 per year.

Or give every one of our current teachers a 30 percent raise (at a cost of \$15 billion, according to the American Federation of Teachers) and use what's left to take a \$27 billion whack out of the federal deficit.

Or use all \$42 billion for a massive tax cut that would put an extra \$140 in the pockets of every person in the country -- \$560 for a family of four.

The mind reels at the ways such a massive sum of money could be put to use.

Why \$42 billion? Because that's what our current marijuana laws cost American taxpayers each year. According to a new study by researcher Jon Gettman, marijuana prohibition costs taxpayers \$10.7 billion in law enforcement, and \$31.1 billion in lost tax revenues. And that may be an underestimate, at least on the law enforcement side, since Gettman made his calculations before the FBI released its latest arrest statistics in late September. The new FBI stats show an all-time record 858,408 marijuana arrests in 2009, 10,545 more than in 2008; while the total arrests for trafficking and sale was 99,815.

That's like arresting every man, woman and child in Long Beach, Pasadena, and Glendale on marijuana charges ... every year. Arrests for marijuana possession alone -- not sales or trafficking, just possession -- totaled 758,593. By comparison, there were 581,765 arrests last year for all violent crimes combined. Basing his calculations mainly on U.S. government statistics, Gettman

## My Turn

### Marijuana Prohibition:

#### America's \$42 Billion Annual Boondoggle

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concludes that marijuana in the U.S. is a \$113 billion dollar business. That's a huge chunk of economic activity that is unregulated and untaxed because it's almost entirely off the books.

Of course, the cost of our marijuana laws goes far beyond lost tax revenues and money spent on law enforcement. By consigning a very popular product -- one that's been used by about 100 million Americans, according to government surveys -- to the criminal underground, we've effectively cut legitimate businesspeople out of the market and handed a monopoly to criminals and gangs.

Strangely, government officials love to warn us that some unsavory characters profit off of marijuana sales, while ignoring the obvious: Our prohibitionist laws handed them the marijuana business in the first place, effectively giving black market marijuana dealers a multi-billion dollar free ride. Prohibition doesn't lessen marijuana use; it subsidizes the illegal cultivation, distribution and sale of marijuana.

All this might make some sense if marijuana were so terribly dangerous that it needed to be banned at all costs, but science long ago came to precisely the opposite conclusion. Compared to alcohol, for example, marijuana is astonishingly safe. For one thing, marijuana is much less addictive than alcohol, with just nine percent of users becoming dependent, as opposed to 15 percent for booze. And marijuana is much less toxic. Heavy drinking is well-documented to damage the brain and liver, and to increase the risk of many types of cancer.

Marijuana, on the other hand, has never caused a medically documented overdose death. Scientists are still debating whether even heavy marijuana use causes any permanent harm at all. Marijuana has also been found to have numerous medicinal uses for such diseases as cancer, AIDS, and Alzheimer's. And then there's the violence. Again, the scientific findings are overwhelming: Booze incites aggression and violence; marijuana doesn't.

Legalization of the marijuana in California is a step in the right direction. Let's be the first state to reject this annual \$42 billion boondoggle.

**MY OPINION:** VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION 19!



Looking Up  
with Bob Eklund  
NASA's Hubble Telescope's Latest Discovery



Hubble Telescope Captures First Images of  
Aftermath from Possible Asteroid Collision

NASA's Hubble Space Telescope has captured the first snapshots of a suspected collision of two asteroids in space. The images show a bizarre X-shaped object trailing a comet-like trail of material.

In January 2010, astronomers began using Hubble to track the object for five months. They thought they had witnessed a fresh asteroid collision, but were surprised to learn the collision occurred in early 2009.

"We expected the debris field to expand dramatically, like shrapnel flying from a hand grenade," said astronomer David Jewitt of the University of California in Los Angeles, who is a leader of the Hubble observations. "But what happened was quite the opposite. We found that the object is expanding very, very slowly."

The peculiar object, dubbed P/2010 A2, was found cruising around the asteroid belt, which is a reservoir of millions of rocky bodies between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter. It is estimated that modest-sized asteroids smash into each other about once a year. When the objects collide, they inject dust into interplanetary space. But until now, astronomers have had to rely on models to make predictions about the frequency of these collisions and the amount of dust produced.

Catching colliding asteroids is difficult because large impacts are rare while small ones, such as the one that produced P/2010 A2, are exceedingly faint. The two asteroids that make up P/2010 A2 were unknown before the collision because they were too faint to be noticed. The collision itself was unobservable because of the asteroids' position in

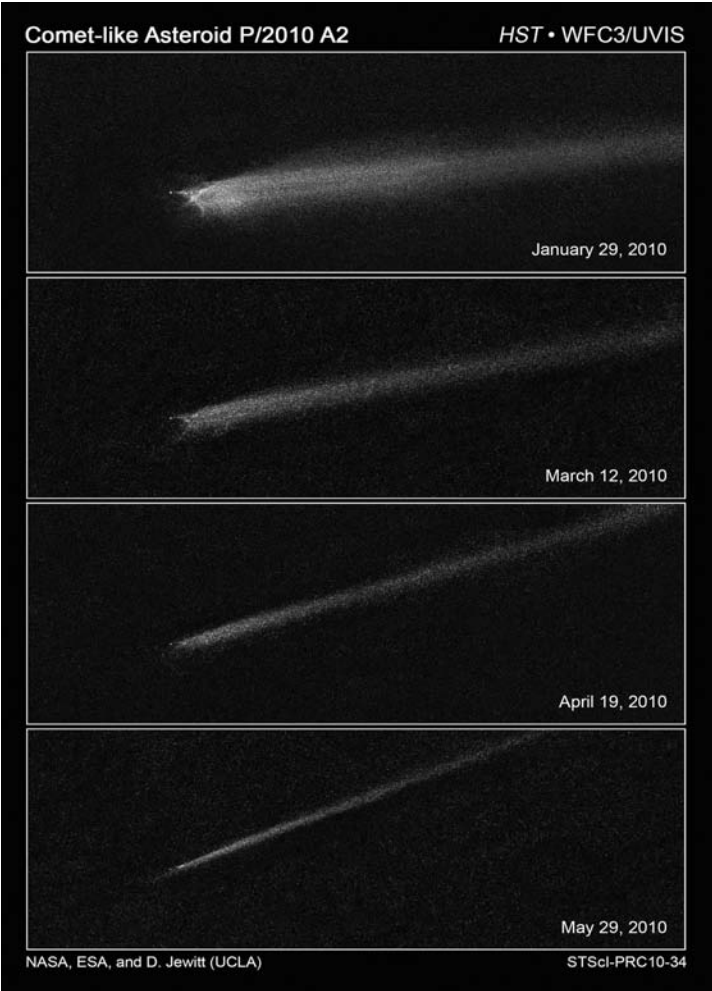
relation to the Sun.

"These observations are important because we need to know where the dust in the solar system comes from, and how much of it comes from colliding asteroids as opposed to 'outgassing' comets," Jewitt said. "We also can apply this knowledge to the dusty debris disks around other stars, because these are thought to be produced by collisions between unseen bodies in the disks. Knowing how the dust was produced will yield clues about those invisible bodies."

The Hubble images, taken from January to May 2010 with the telescope's Wide Field Camera 3, reveal a point-like object about 400 feet wide, with a long, flowing dust tail behind a never-before-seen X pattern. Particle sizes in the tail are estimated to vary from about 1/25th of an inch to an inch in diameter.

The 400-foot-wide object in the Hubble image is the remnant of a slightly larger precursor body. Astronomers think a smaller rock, perhaps 10- to 15 feet wide, slammed into the larger one. The pair probably collided at high speed, about 11,000 mph, which smashed and vaporized the small asteroid and stripped material from the larger one. Jewitt estimates that the violent encounter happened in February or March 2009 and was as powerful as the detonation of a small atomic bomb.

Sunlight radiation then swept the debris behind the remnant asteroid, forming a comet-like tail. The tail contains enough dust to make a ball 65 feet wide, most of it blown out of the bigger body by the impact-caused explosion. The science



journal Nature published the findings in its Oct. 14 issue. You can contact Bob Eklund at: [b.eklund@MtnViewsNews.com](mailto:b.eklund@MtnViewsNews.com).



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:** *I have been out of work for almost 5 years taking care of my family and raising two children. I want to return to the workforce. I have a finance degree and over 10 years work experience as a financial analyst. My husband is employed by a large corporation and they always have jobs listed on their website that I am interested in pursuing. I have asked my husband to talk to the Personnel Department about me and give them my resume. Which he has done. It has been over six months with no result. My husband has a good work history and has been with the corporation for 15 years. We are getting frustrated. What should we do to get me into their system to be considered for employment?* Marika

Dear Marika,

First, find out what husband's employer's policy is regarding hiring spouses and family members. Next, there is no "we" when "you" are looking for employment. You are placing a lot of stress on your husband to assist you in finding employment, especially with his employer. You need to take on full responsibility for finding employment, and that should be with any employer that is looking for someone like you with your skills and experience. Start by letting your family, friends and former co-workers know that you are seeking employment. I am assuming that you are seeking employment in finance and as an analyst. A cover letter will be your key document when applying for any position.

Your cover letter should explain why you are transitioning from family life back into the workforce. Be sure to include a referral name, the position you are seeking, why you are returning the workforce, why you feel you qualify for the position and some out standing accomplishment statements. Do not focus your cover letter on your family or family activities. You want to communicate to the employer that you will be completely focused on their needs and that your skills and experience will add value to their organization. I would also suggest that you write a chronological resume, include an objective heading and what you have been doing for the past 5 years. Any volunteer work, school activities and some hobbies all count as work experience and are appropriate to include on your resume into order to bring it up to date.

However, if you are set on finding employment at your husband's company you should find out if they have an employee referral program. Then ask your mutual friends who are employed there if they would refer you for positions at his company. I strongly suggest that you try to bypass the Personnel Department and go directly to the person who is making the decision to hire. Ask your husband to find out the name of that person and, instead of him contacting and giving them your resume, you do it. Call or e-mail them directly, start with who referred you and if you feel it would be appropriate mention your husband's name. Continue looking for employment with other companies until you are employed.

Although the trend of Tech Industry executives seeking to make the switch from private sector success to elected public office can hardly be considered a new development in the world of politics, this years' election cycle saw more than its usual share of superstar tech-CEOs attempting to use their considerable wealth and influence to make just that switch. In our fair state of California, we've been "treated" to the very public and very expensive campaigns of Steve Poisner, Meg Whitman and Carly Fiorina. I say "treated" in reference to being exposed to these campaigns because the very idea of watching these personal dramas play out on the public airwaves has struck many as the height of insult.

To watch multi-millionaires (and sometimes billionaires) pour hundreds of millions of dollars of their personal wealth into their political campaigns often leaves one wondering what these candidates really have in common with the typical Main Street voter. To be totally honest, many a so-called "just-like-you" politician often lives an existence far beyond the grasp of the average American but the hi-tech variety of politician, especially in the FaceBook age, are truly a breed unto themselves. While the skills that have led them to conquer the tech world and push the limits of technology and business far beyond anything ever thought possible are rarely found though highly sought after in the business world, the usual skillsets, temperaments and empathy usually found in responsive, effective public officials is, in many cases, lacking. The drive to perform in business in a manner that increases shareholder value to the exclusion of all other factors could be, and often has been, proven to be disastrous towards something as nebulous as the public good.

In fact, many functions and goals of Local, State and Federal governance are not undertaken with the goal of profit in mind, but in order to provide goods and services needed by the public. One could easily see how success in one sphere might not directly translate into success in the other. "Empathy" is the word that got President Obama into trouble when he said it was a necessary quality for a Supreme Court justice. He was right, though, and empathy is a very desirable trait in a public leader. Over the years we've been exposed to many charismatic and personable hi-tech business leaders and while their achievements have been noteworthy and they have been personally likeable, "empathetic towards the situation of the average worker" is not a phrase that is often used to describe them, and rightly so. They haven't gotten to the positions in life that they currently occupy because they "feel our pain." They've gotten there because of their ability to run a business and to make a profit. Those are - in and of themselves - awesome things to know how to do, but the positions that these people are running for are not businesses and these offices require different measures of success than simply increasing shareholder value.

So please, hi-tech leaders, stay in Silicon Valley. We need you there. If you feel a burning desire "to give something back," emulate Bill Gates, whose charitable work is altogether admirable and appropriate for a man of his wealth and talent. But please, stay off the ballot.



KATIE Tse .....This and That    OKTOBERFEST!



As we descend deeper into the slog of fall and winter, we appreciate the holidays and rituals that unite, and distract, us from the cheerless cold and dwindling daylight. And one of the first of these celebrations is Oktoberfest! Spanning over a month, this is a beloved inclusive festival along with St. Patrick's in the sense that, whatever your ethnic background may be, if you're there you're Irish or German and welcome!

The food consists of bratwurst, some darker sausage, hot potato salad, and sauerkraut. You don't have to ponder too much at the beverage booth; the beer is Spaten, dark or light, and the wine is red or white. I think they might have a pot of coffee back there, too.

You sit at long communal benches and as time passes your bench mates become more and more familiar, until you find yourselves swaying along with the music and toasting to the bandleader's shout of "Zicke Zacka Zicke Zacka Hoi! Hoi! Hoi!" No one except the band knows what this means, but that's okay.

Some of the older folks, decked out in Alpine hats and lederhosen, begin to dance. It seems they've just been waiting for an excuse. The ratio is typically three women to one man, who must persevere through with all of them, unless two women decide to dance with each other. If the band is feeling particularly energetic they will march with their instruments through the benches, and might even climb up on an area that doesn't have food. The older women have been saving their singles and now giggle mischievously as they stuff a few bills into the lads' calf-high socks. God bless them, I hope I have that much boldness when I'm their age. Ticke Tacke Ticke Tacke Hoi Hoi Hoi!



RICH Johnson    Will Rogers Sets the Record Straight



19th century German Statesman (German Statesman?) Otto Von Bismarck is quoted as having said, "Laws are like sausages, it is better not to see them being made." I think Herr Bismarck's cautionary warning holds true not only regarding laws being made, but also politics in general. Otto died in 1898 so he had no idea of how TV, radio, cable, internet, cell phones and billboards would permeate every facet of our waking hours with the butchery. Grasping for perspective in these waning days prior to November 2nd, I once again turn to my great American hero, Will Rogers. It's illuminating, and fun to examine his musings on the body politic and see if his 80+ year old comments still hold relevance. You be the judge. Among his quotes: "Every man looks good until he is elected." "If every radio went off the air from now till election day, it would be a godsend to a suffering public, and no loss to political knowledge." "Democrats, if the Republicans get a slush fund, don't waste all your time criticizing and investigating theirs; get out and get a bigger one yourself..." "There is nothing that will send a candidate to bed as drunk and dejected on election night as for him to be endorsed by a President. Voters just don't like a President butting in." "The 'Outs' are attacking and the 'Ins' are defending. All the 'Outs' have to do is promise what they would do if they got in. But the 'Ins' have to promise what they would do, and then explain why they haven't already done it."

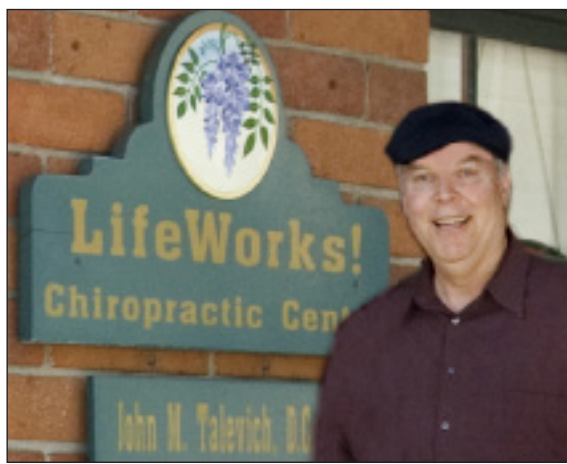
"I believe that a man should be allowed to spend as much as he can to be elected... If you put a man in that was elected on nothing but campaign speeches, you are going to have nothing but a wind-bag to represent you." (Should be of comfort to Meg Whitman.) "It (elections) don't mean anything. We been staggering along under every conceivable horse thief that could get into office, and yet, here we are, still going strong." "The campaign lasted only a few months, but it will take two generations to sweep up the dirt." "I want to bring elections back to where they occupy almost as much importance as the World Series." "History has proven that there is really nothing in the world as alike as two candidates. They look different till they get in, but then they all act the same." And an honorable mention to Groucho Marx when he said, "Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying the wrong remedies." Of course the bottom line is to stay involved. The disinterest in local government by the citizens of Bell, California opened the barn to their elected "horse thieves" getting away with all those abuses. Thankfully, here in Sierra Madre, we have a more involved electorate.



## YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Today's Subject:

## CATS, RATS &amp; YOU!



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.

You've probably read that the number of bacteria living in the body outnumber the body cells by ten to one. Except for the arrangement body cells have with each other (highly organized cooperative processes), it might be tempting to wonder who is in charge here. It looks like we're quite outnumbered! Fact is, we have a mutually beneficial relationship with our bacteria and, in some cases, are quite dependent on them. For example, some of the B-complex vitamins are synthesized by bacteria. Now it looks like there may be more to this arrangement than we had thought: the kinds of bacteria living in our digestive tracts may actually influence our behavior.

Thenewscienceofneuropsychoimmunology studies how the movement of peptides, hormones and neurotransmitters give us our experience of thought, emotions and consciousness. Now, we can add to this electro-chemical dance another factor: the metabolic byproducts of certain bacteria may influence behavior in the same way that the organs and systems of our bodies do.

## Fatal Feline Attraction

Joanne Webster of Imperial College in London discovered that mice and rats infected with Toxoplasma began to "wander around and draw attention to themselves" in an apparent attempt to attract the attention of cats. It seemed the bacteria "had hijacked" the rodents and were securing their future home in the digestive lining of the cat's intestines. The cat would then pass the bacteria out through the feces and perpetuate the cycle when the bacteria were ingested by rodents. Clever!

## What Does That Have to Do with Me?

Briefly, other studies on human populations have indicated that Toxoplasma's presence may contribute to conditions as far reaching as accident-proneness, neurotoxicity, schizophrenia, and attention-deficit disorders. Some researchers are going so far as to suggest that whole cultures are altered by bugs. This makes the old adage, "He's got a bug up his \*\*\*" almost prophetic.

## Some Closing Thoughts

In a nutshell: Bugs act like cells by manufacturing chemicals that are the same as, or similar to, the innate regulators of body function found in normal cells. These chemicals can change our consciousness.

We can inoculate the intestinal tract with organisms which we regard as beneficial, thereby reducing the influence and population of less desirable bacteria. We do this through diet and supplementation (ie. high quality nondairy probiotics found in health food stores).

I hope you enjoy this sharing and remember: the next time someone sneezes on you, don't take it personally. It's the bugs talkin'.

Have a healthy week! ~Dr. John

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## FUMC VARIETY HOUR

On Saturday, November 6th at 7pm, First United Methodist Church of Pasadena presents the "FUMC Variety Hour."

The public is invited to come see the entertaining talents of members of the church and also support the "Friends in Deeds" food pantry. A pre-show dinner is also available to those that purchase tickets in advance, but, to see the show there is merely a suggested donation of canned goods which will go directly to "Friends in Deeds".

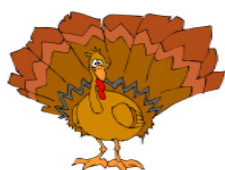
For more information or to purchase tickets for the pre-show dinner contact the church at 626.796.0157. The show will be in the Great Hall and First United Methodist Church is located at 500 East Colorado Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91101. All are welcome.



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## Activities:

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

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



## Sponsor Bingo Prize

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- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 3 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1-1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1-1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 9 ounces French bread, torn into bite-size pieces (10 cups)
- 1/2 cup golden raisins
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup evaporated milk
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons light-colored corn syrup
- 1/2 cup chocolate-covered toffee pieces

## Directions:

1. Lightly grease a 2-quart shallow baking dish; set aside. In a very large bowl, combine half-and-half, pumpkin, brown sugar, eggs, vanilla, pumpkin pie spice, and cinnamon. Add bread pieces; stir to moisten evenly. Stir in raisins. Transfer mixture to the prepared baking dish. Cover and chill for 1 to 4 hours.

2. Meanwhile, for sauce: In a small saucepan, combine granulated sugar, evaporated milk, butter, and corn syrup. Bring to boiling; reduce heat. Boil gently, uncovered, for 1 minute. Cool to room temperature. Transfer to a serving bowl. Stir in toffee pieces.

3. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Bake bread pudding, uncovered, about 35 minutes or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack for 30 minutes. Serve warm bread pudding with sauce. Makes 8 servings.



## October Birthdays



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



### City of Hope's Gardens: Healing The Soul As Well As The Body

*Chris is taking a few week's vacation. Please enjoy a few of her favorites while she's away.*

There are times when everyone needs a place to recover, rejuvenate, meditate or just plain escape. City of Hope, a cancer treatment and research center, plus a graduate school in Biological Sciences has always made sure there are many places for patients, their families, staff, doctors and the public to do just that.

Sprinkled throughout the expansive, 114 acre campus in Duarte, numerous gardens with a wide variety of themes provide much needed opportunities to sit, amble through, stop to smell the roses, or just to exhale. In a place where the patient's "admission ticket" is the life-changing diagnosis of cancer, the road is often long, requiring the mindset of a marathon runner and frequent repair and re-balancing of the emotions and the spirit. I know. I faced it myself in 1996.

Nearing a century of offering holistic treatment, City of Hope was created in 1912 by garment workers in memory of a fellow worker who succumbed to "the consumption" or tuberculosis. The group gathered \$1500 to purchase the initial 10 acres of land here, in honor of that victim, who died without treatment. The facility opened the next year with a nurse and two patients. The following year, Dr. Clara Stone became the first physician on staff.

Decades later, when treatment discoveries reduced the threat of TB, City of Hope expanded and refocused on cancer care and specialized research. Now an NCI-designated comprehensive cancer treatment center, COH also attempts to fast track new or refined cancer treatments to patients, by eliminating the "middle man" especially for rare cancers.

Today, City of Hope offers a 179 bed cancer treatment hospital plus extensive outpatient treatment facilities, with hopes for additional tower of patient rooms in the future.

Early on, the broad brush of patient care at City of Hope was applied to treating the whole being, the soul as well as the body.

The "Golter Gate" adjacent to the rose garden, provides a beautiful depiction of the overarching theme of care here, with a quote from Samuel H. Golter, the center's executive director from 1926-1953. It reads, "There is no profit in curing the body if in the process we destroy the soul."

The Ruth and Allen Ziegler International Garden of Meditation exhibits 1655 rose plants of 77 varieties in this 1.25 acre retreat, where a plaque suggests, "Nothing heals the spirit like the scent of a rose." In a beautiful ritual, the best most perfect rose bud from this garden is chosen each day, to be displayed just inside the main entrance, where it's become a symbol of hope for many.

The owner of the Bordiers Nursery, husband of former patient Cynthia Ann Strohsahl, undertook a two year renovation and replanting of this garden in honor of his late wife. The new plantings have taken well and are maintained through donor support of approximately, \$50,000 a year, including twice weekly attention from three caretakers.

About 82,000 people visit the various gardens at City of Hope every year. Special visitors to the rose garden include those attending the COH "anniversary celebrations", where organ donors meet their recipients.

The Japanese Garden, dedicated in 1991, honors the late Kaoru Murakami, the 1981 president of Lions Club International. It was designed in the very traditional manner by the now-retired, Cal Poly professor, Takeo Uesugi. He used mostly local materials, except for the blue-tiled viewing structure, which was built by an artisan from Japan, with wood shipped here for this purpose.

Utilizing traditional Japanese garden themes and traditions, ground was broken for the garden at a full moon with a special tea ceremony, and nearly every item in this garden is heavy with symbolism. Each element is meant to transmit a quiet message of its own. A bridge was constructed in the garden to represent a significant transition in the pedestrian's life; a waterfall symbolizes the tumult of life, and an island shaped like a turtle symbolizes longevity, etc.

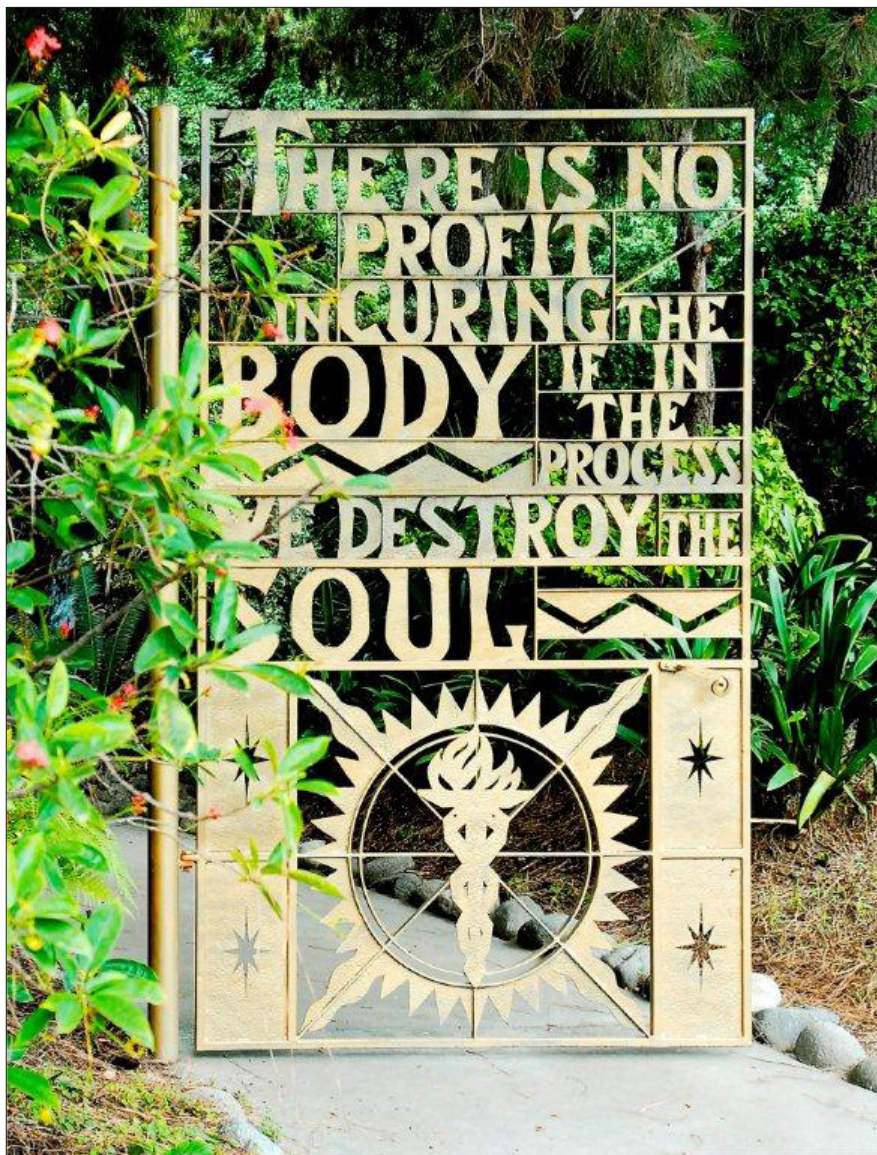
Surrounded by a busy construction site, live bamboo screens the buildings and the outside making it hard to believe that a few feet away, steel girders are being hoisted into place to build a multi-story building.

In the Patient and Family Resource Center, a cell phone-free mini garden allows people to spend a quiet moment away from the fray of medical decisions and ringing phones.

In a relatively small pocket garden, a very lifelike sculpture of Bernie Marcus, co-founder and CEO of Home Depot from 1979-1997 is seated on a bench.

Passersby have ample room to sit alongside him for a bite of lunch, or to take in the highly saturated color of the massive hot pink bougainvillea.

Just to his right, a sculpted orange apron from Home Depot proclaims "Hi, I'm Bernie. I help in all departments." Marcus was instrumental in the development and involvement of the home improvement industry partners at City of Hope. Some thirty other industry partners



also regularly donate to City of Hope's programs.

You don't have to be a patient or caregiver to enjoy the gardens (or the Biller Patient and Family Resource Center) here in Duarte. For more information, visit [www.CityOfHope.org](http://www.CityOfHope.org) or call 626-256-HOPE. The campus is located at 1500 East Duarte Road in Duarte.

## CENTURY 21 VILLAGE REALTY PITCHES IN AT WINE & JAZZ WALK

Andy Bencosme, Managing Broker at CENTURY 21 Village Realty in Sierra Madre recently announced that the 5th Annual Sierra Madre Wine & Jazz Walk benefiting the City of Hope was very successful in raising contributions.

CENTURY 21 Village Realty participated in the event for the 2nd year, by serving wine and food to hundreds of guests. Bencosme thanked the several sales associates who helped make the event a success. Emily Duggan, Nazee Rix, Tom James, Linda Johnson, Jackie Adaimy, Nathalie Marles, Denise Bernardin and Julie Muttavangkul all contributed to make the walk fun and a great success.

CENTURY 21 Village partnered with Ugo's Cafe in Sierra Madre who provided the food at the office for the event. The event-goers loved the Eggplant and Artichoke Penne Pasta dish prepared by Ugo's for the walk. It was a nice compliment to the Pinot Noir being served.

Bencosme said that the guests stopping in were very impressed with the festive décor, flowers and were surprised at how large the real estate office is. He said that the Village office was proud to sponsor and participate in such a great community event again and looks forward to continuing this great partnership for many years to come.

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## Sierra Madre's Oktoberfest Tennis Champ: Betty Cleveland



1st place winner Betty Cleveland proudly holds the Oktoberfest Tennis Perpetual Trophy.

At the 6th Annual Oktoberfest sponsored by the City of Sierra Madre earlier this month, eighteen tennis players, 14 women and 4 men participated in a round robin tournament to find out who would be No. 1. Of course, the children who are involved with the city's youth programs are the big winners as the proceeds from both events (golf and tennis) will be donated to the Youth Activity Center. However, Betty Cleveland, who at age 82 handily won 1st place in the tennis tournament, was, without question, the

biggest winner! Cleveland, left, a Sierra Madre resident beams with pride when she speaks of her accomplishment. "It probably will never happen again", she says.

Another milestone was reached this year. All places in the tennis tournament were won by women. In addition to Betty's 1st place victory, Lynn Knoblauch and Marnie Ceporius won 2nd and 3rd place respectively. Lynn and Marnie are shown below with Anreas Weyerman, coach for all three ladies.



## GOLF GRIP - Check Your Knuckles

By Bobby Eldridge

In order to hit the golf ball further and more consistent, after you grip the club-check your knuckles EVERY TIME. I have a question for you that you have to answer in two seconds. Is gripping the golf club an art or a science? Think about it for 10 seconds if you want to. Do you know why I am giving you 10 seconds to think about it? Ten seconds is longer than you take to think about gripping the club when

your on the golf course.

When most amateur golfers struggle with their golf game it can be traced right back to the grip the golf club. What I have heard for the past 35 years is "I am really struggling with my swing"-DON'T TOUCH MY GRIP. "I keep coming over the top"-DON'T TOUCH MY GRIP. "I can't stop hooking the ball"-DON'T TOUCH MY GRIP.

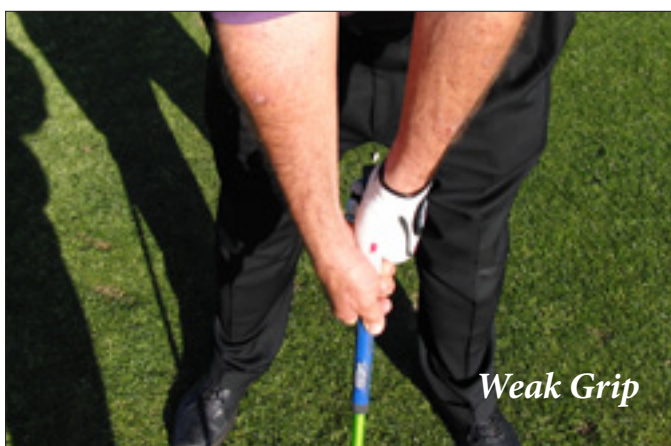
Here is the problem. Changing your grip can be a nightmare. I don't care if you have played for six months or 30 years, for you to make a grip change, it can be a long and painful process. I started playing golf when I was 2 years old, by the time I was 13 I was bigger and stronger and I had a very strong grip. I hooked the ball way too much. My mom told me it was time to weaken it, It was the longest year of my life.

I am going to let you in on two little secrets that nobody talks about. If you slice the golf or if you hit weak fades to the right, changing your grip will be the most exciting and rewarding thing you will do for your golf game. You will fall in love with me in five minutes. (OK, maybe a little overboard-can you tell I am excited)? On the other hand. If you hook the ball you will want to wrap that driver around my neck for about three months AND then you will also fall in love with me.

That is secret number one. Now for secret number two. Whether you are a slicer or hooker of the golf ball, changing your grip can be very uncomfortable. I have a saying that I have used with my students for 20 years. As soon as they change their grip and make solid contact they always say to me "it doesn't feel good". And I always say to them "you have a choice, you can either hit it poorly and feel good or hit it great and feel poorly".

Let me tell you why the knuckles are so important. Let's talk about slicing first. After you grip the golf club and address the golf ball, when you look down at your left hand, you probable don't see any knuckles. of the left hand. You see the top of the left thumb. The problem is the clubface will not close in time for you to hit a draw. This next part is really important. Before you start your backswing, simple turn BOTH hands to the right the same amount. Do it in baby steps. Turn the hands on the club so you can see one knuckle, and hit some balls from this position. If you get rid of your slice then stop. You have hit gold, that is the correct grip for you. This is a very powerful change, that is why you will love it.

On to the golfers that hook the ball. After you grip the club and address the golf ball you will look down and see three or four knuckles of the left hand. The clubhead will close way to fast in the downswing from with this grip. You have to move BOTH of your hands to the left the same amount. Do it in baby steps, one knuckle at a time. The reason this is more painful than the grip change above is because you are going from a stronger position to a weaker position. You will not feel the love for some time. I know you can do this, I did.



In closing after you grip the club-check your knuckles EVERY TIME and you will begin to see the ball start flying straighter and further.

Golfingly yours, Bobby Eldridge

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## My Call

By Guy Miali, Sports Writer

Helmet to Helmet  
Taught or Not?

All American football, Pop Warner football, high school football and college football all teach their football players to tackle with their arms and shoulders not their heads. Not the NFL, they teach to lead with their heads, this is called spearing. It is intended to physically hurt the opponent. All the coaches, from the head coach down to the equipment manager, all of the rules committee and the commissioner all watch the game films of the previous week and they keep turning their heads and closing their eyes to this brutal tackling that continues every week.

For all of you young players, do not see these players as your role models, they are not. They spear tackle to inflict pain, they are in the same position to spear tackle or to arm tackle, the same position, so why not arm tackle? When do the owners, the coaches and the commissioner take responsibility and just use common sense to stop this brutality?

In baseball when a pitcher throws at a hitter, whether he hits the batter or not, it is up to the umpire to decide the consequences. He has the ability and the responsibility to warn the pitcher, eject the pitcher and he also has his input on whether the pitcher should be suspended and the duration of the suspension.

So why is the NFL so far behind in protecting their players? If this mentality continues by all parties, the players, the owners, the coaches and by the commissioner, football as we know it will be like watching gage fighting.

Enough is enough.

## Alverno X-Country JV Wins League Meet



(l to r) Nicolette Rodriguez, Holly Coates, Sascha Rosemond, Andrea Gochez-Wilson, Reagan Dowd, Bella Daniels-Campos, Madi Daniels-Campos and Victoria Pintado. Story and Photo by Lara L. Larramendi

Under rainy skies the Jaguar's top five runners, Sascha Rosemond (3<sup>rd</sup>), Miranda Akkari (6<sup>th</sup>), Bella Daniels-Campos (7<sup>th</sup>), Reagan Dowd (9<sup>th</sup>) and Victoria Pintado (10<sup>th</sup>) led the Alverno X-Country JV squad to victory over San Gabriel Mission and Sacred Heart of Jesus and won the Horizon League meet held on October 20<sup>th</sup> at Eaton Canyon. The constant rain and mud throughout the rugged hilly course did not deter the Jaguars from their resolve to win on their "home turf". All members of the JV team played significant roles in the team victory.

With the final regular season League meet next Wednesday October 27<sup>th</sup> at Griffith Park, the

JV runners have the momentum to capture the League's top honor at the Horizon League finals on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The varsity runners, Eryn Blakely (21:56) and Audrey Davy (23:01) finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their meet. But, even with Ashley Haylett, Jessica Lopez, Bianca Melkonian, Francesca Rueda and Adrianna Martinez rounding out the scoring runners, they fell short and came in third behind Sacred Heart of Jesus and San Gabriel Mission.

On Friday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Varsity team will participate in the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mt. Sac Cross Country Invitational.

## Duarte Youth Boxing Club's Sedano and Velasco to Compete at International Boxing Match in Tahiti

Last week 20 year-old Duarte Youth Boxing Club member Luis Sedano competed in a boxing match in Tulare, CA. But next week, he and team mate 16 year-old Jacobe Velasco will be on the island of Tahiti, not only representing the City of Duarte but the USA in an international boxing match.



Luis Sedano

The Duarte Youth Boxing Club has opened doors to travel and experiences that many of its young men and women never dreamed of. Along the way, these young amateur boxers are learning what it takes to be a winner in life: hard work, discipline, dedication.

Head coach, Victor Valenzuela said the invitation for Sedano and Velasco to participate in the international match as members of the USA team came through the USA Boxing Federation. The Tahiti Boxing Federation will pay all expenses for the trip Oct 23 through Oct. 31 that will include side tours to the islands of Bora Bora and Moorea.

"It's an amazing trip. We are ecstatic that these two young men will have the opportunity to travel and experience another part of the world," said Valenzuela.

There are currently about 50 youths 8 to 20 years old in the Duarte Parks and Recreation's Duarte Youth Boxing Club that operates out of the Duarte Teen Center. Most recently six of the young boxers competed in the Manuel Torres International Tournament in Tulare. All six, including Golden Gloves U.S. National Women's National Tournament Novice, Faith Franco, Ryan Coulter, Joseph Martinez, Jesus Gomez, Edgar Acosta, and Luis Sedano won their tournament matches.



Jacob Velasco

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