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THE HARDEST JOB IN TOWN

Sierra Madre's Annual Halloween Costume Contest proved to be a challenging task for this year's children. Over a hundred children, ranging in age from a few months to their teens adorned their favorite Halloween costume and marched through the city to Memorial Park. There, with encouragement from MC extraordinaire Lisa Spagai-Perez, judges were given the task of awarded prizes for the best costumes in five categories. The judges, Children's Librarian Meegan Tosh; Mayor Joe Mosca; Mrs. Shirley



Anhalt; Kiwanis President Susan Henderson and Costume Contest Chairperson and Kiwanis Treasurer Pat Birdsall, all admitted that choosing the 'best' from so many great costumes was difficult. "They're all so adorable," said one judge.

The event is sponsored annually by the City of Sierra Madre in conjunction with the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club and the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber assists with the downtown merchants participation in the Window Painting and Trick of Treating during the parade.

Winners for this year's contest were: Age Group 0-2 Years: Rebecca Fromer, Olivia Moran, Ava Jane Damery, and Tessa Moran (pictured top left);

Age Group 3-4 Years: Sophia Garcia, Norah Nuss, Payton Thomas, and Sophia Astacaan; Age Group 5-7 Years: Kellar Black, Johan Thuen, and Grace Elias; Age group 8-10 Years - center picture: Aaden Corona, Kate Salempier and Danny Comer; Age Group 11 and up: Ryan Adams, Daniel Netz and Ashford Milne. Each winner received a gift certificate from Vroman's Bookstore, courtesy of the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club. Right: Revelers parading down Sierra Madre Blvd. on their way to the contest.

Photos by Dean Lee/MV News



City Issues First Alert of 2010 Fall-Winter Season

On Friday, the City of Sierra Madre issued a Green Flag Alert for mudslides and debris flows in the hillside communities. This was the result of the National Weather Service forecast of rain for Friday Night and Saturday. This was the first such alert of the fall/winter season.

A Green Flag Alert is issued when there is an 80% chance or more of precipitation. Affected residents should get ready for potential evacuation and keep close watch on weather forecasts. This includes residents of the Upper and Lower Canyon as well as any resident whose property abuts the hillsides.

Background on the Flag Alert System

Due to the Santa Anita fire in April of 2008, the hillsides were stripped of much of the vegetation causing the potential for mud and debris flows to enter residential areas. The City of Sierra Madre has developed a three-color flag alert system as part of its 'Ready for Seven' emergency preparedness program.

A series of three different colored flags will be flown at four different locations in the City (City Hall, Search and Rescue Station, Mountain Trail at Churchill Road, and Mary's Market). When possible, flags will be displayed indicating one of three stages of emergency. Be sure to check the website, email alerts, SMTV3, AM 1630, or simply call City Hall or the Police Department to confirm the current stage of emergency and please understand the City may not always have the ability to change these flags the moment conditions or forecasts change.

The City has identified a number of streets that will need to be clear of all vehicles during a Yellow Flag or Red Flag alert. The affected streets are: Mount Wilson Trail, Churchill Rd., Skyland Dr., Fern Glen, Fern Dr., Idlehour Ln., Canyon Crest Dr., Orange Dr., Woodland Dr., Brookside Lane, Sunnyside Lane, and Yucca Trail. The Yellow and Red Flag Alerts will trigger vehicles being towed from these streets at the owners' expense. Stage One: GREEN FLAG - Activated under a prediction of 80% - 100%

chance of precipitation. Affected residents should get "READY" for potential evacuation. This includes keeping a close watch on weather forecasts.

Stage Two: YELLOW FLAG - Stage Two yellow flag is activated with an LA County Phase 1 mudflow forecast, or deemed consistent with the County's forecast thresholds. This is described as small, isolated debris and mudflows possible at specific locations. Affected residents should get "SET" to leave their homes and may choose to voluntarily evacuate. Please note that all vehicles must be off the streets in potential mudflow areas during Yellow Flag alerts.

Stage Three: RED FLAG - Activated with an LA County Phase 2 or 3 forecast. Phase 2 includes moderate debris and mudflows at more widespread locations. Phase 3 - the potential exists for significant debris and mudflows to be widespread. Affected residents should "GO", meaning they should immediately evacuate, and vehicles should not be parked on the streets.

When evacuating, please plan to be as self-sufficient as possible with important paperwork, medications, and clothing for at least seven days. It is important anticipate a possible evacuation order, and make plans for your pets in advance.

Please note that Public Safety Officials do not take evacuation orders lightly and residents should heed these orders. Once mud begins to flow, Emergency Responders will NOT rescue those who failed to evacuate until the mud has stopped flowing and it is safe for responders to enter the mud flow areas.

For more information about mudslide and debris flow preparations, please visit <http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/> and click "Emergency Preparedness Information" and on the home page.

Updates will also be issued on SMTV3 (Time Warner-channel 3), Sierra Madre Community Radio (AM 1630), and the City's Emergency Blog <http://sierramadrepio.blogspot.com>.)

Parker's Pumpkins

Story and Photo by Lina Johnson

Autumn's briskness in the air rouses thoughts of aromatic candles burning in the night and the glow of jubilant orange hand-carved lanterns resting on the porches, driveways and lawns of Sierra Madre residences. It is at this time of the year I look forward to seeing the Parker family and their gorgeous homegrown, carved immense pumpkins. Last year I eagerly attempted to grow my own gigantic pumpkins. The vines I grew were quite lovely and impressive. I tended to them daily, watering, trimming and treating them with anti-fungal spray. Most of my pumpkins grew to be softball size then rotted and died. By the time Halloween 2009 arrived, I had been on the emotional roller coaster of pumpkin growing way too many times. My entire harvest was a 10 lb pumpkin. This experience gave me even more reasons to appreciate that Doug and Heather Parker reside in Sierra Madre; sharing with the community not only their zest for gigantic pumpkins and Halloween but their extraordinary hospitality. I went to visit the Parker's on Saturday, October 23, 2010 which happened to be "Pumpkin Moving Day". This year they managed to harvest a crop of 35 pumpkins, despite the fact that the neighborhood deer decided to add pumpkin to their diet.

This year's grandest pumpkin weighs 650 pounds which is about 60 pounds lighter than their largest pumpkin ever grown. The Parker's have a special pumpkin cart and pumpkin tarp that Doug Parker made himself. These tools enable

him along with the participation of neighbors, friends and family to move the enormous pumpkins from their backyard to the front yard for carving and display. They grow a variety of pumpkins such as, Big Max, Atlantic Giants and the Cinderella type, which is also known as the Rouge Vif d'Estampes. This year they discovered a hybrid pumpkin in their crop. The hybridization surprised them because they meticulously plant each variety of pumpkin in its own section of the garden. It seems that strong willed pumpkin vines cannot be deterred from cross-breeding.

The Parker's moved to their Alegria street home in 1988. Heather Parker had had her eye on the enchanting bungalow house with the large front yard on Alegria. When it went on the market, the Parkers quickly purchased it.

When Heather was growing up, she experienced fun Halloween traditions with her family. These traditions left a strong impression on her. Her mother enjoyed Halloween and the family would open their home as a haunted house. Heather and her siblings, Chris and Peggy would give tours and her mother would serve cider. Heather wanted to keep her mother's tradition of serving hot cider to trick or treaters.

During the first years of living on Alegria, the Parker's Halloween decorations included store bought pumpkins. At this time, they did not have a front porch. They would



Chris Roberts carving his 3rd pumpkin on the first carving day.

drape part of their living room off and invite trick or treaters inside for treats and cider. In 1998 Doug haphazardly discarded the remains of store bought pumpkins in his back yard. Mutant pumpkins grew from these remains.

In 1999, after doing research and talking to growers, he decided to make a real effort at growing large pumpkins. Since then it has been an on-going science project in which Doug has experimented with soil ph and optimal watering systems and optimal location for each pumpkin type to grow.

The whole project starts in May when the seeds are first warmed and then placed into small biodegradable pots. The culmination is Halloween evening when Doug and Chris Roberts, (Heather's brother)

have completed all the pumpkin carving. The sculpting of these giants takes 4-5 days of constant carving and construction. Chris flies in from North Carolina to assist the Parkers in the final leg of their annual project. While Doug creates functional objects, such as fountains or tiffany lamps out of the pumpkins, Chris uses his talented hand to sculpt unusual characters and unique faces. The combination of their skills in working with giant pumpkins guarantees the Halloween visitor a resplendent visual treat.

So when the Parker family lights their gorgeous lantern pumpkins, warms their cider and prepares to distribute one hundred pounds of candy grab your pillow case and go trick or treat.

ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY NOVEMBER 13TH

The Public is invited to the annual Veteran's Day ceremony to be held at Hart Memorial Park in Sierra Madre on Saturday, November 13, 2010 at 11:00 am at the Veteran's Wall.

Although Veteran's Day will be officially celebrated on November 11th, the ceremony will be held on Saturday. VFW Commander David Loera will officiate and Sierra Madre Police Chief Marilyn Diaz will be the guest speaker.

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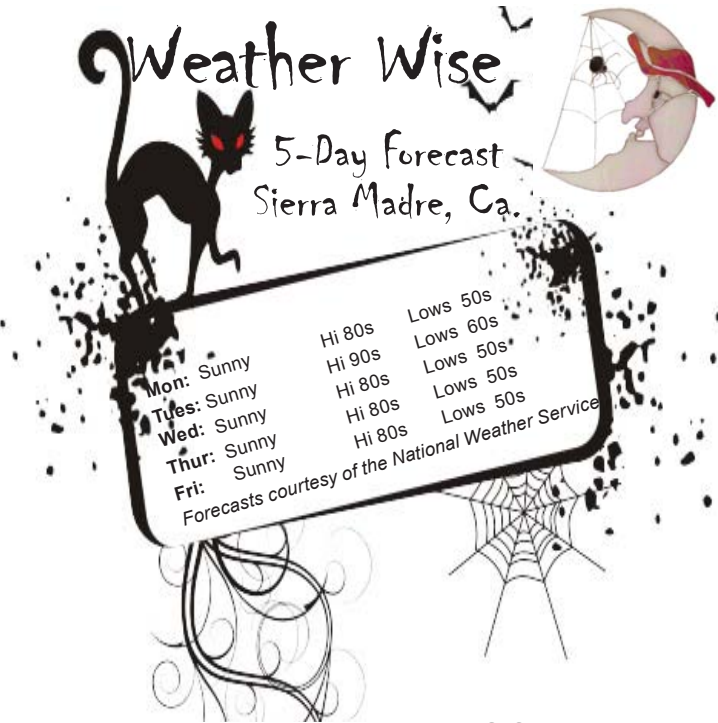
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<p>I love the Dog Friendly patio!</p> <p>I get my coffee and she gets a free doggie biscuit!</p>		<p>GREAT COFFEE</p> <p>GREAT SANDWICHES</p> <p>GREAT LOCATION</p>	<p>Niko and Friends Cafe</p> <p>On the Michillinda—Montecito/Valley View Corner</p> <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 & 31</p> <p>Scrapbooking</p> <p>EVENT</p> <p>\$20 PER PERSON</p> <p>See website for details</p>	<p>\$5 Bagel with cream cheese, lox and capers</p>
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Weather Wise
5-Day Forecast
Sierra Madre, Ca.



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Mon: Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s
Tues: Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 50s
Wed: Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 50s
Thur: Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 50s
Fri: Sunny		

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



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.

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

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.

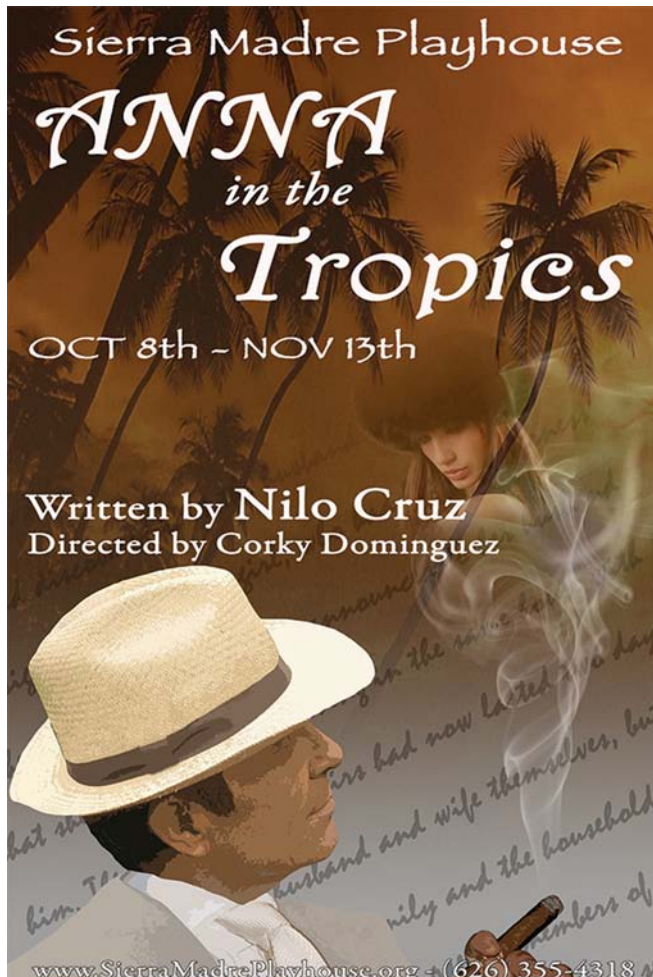
Put a sticker on your radio!

Stickers courtesy of the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club



Sierra Madre Playhouse
ANNA
in the
Tropics
OCT 8th - NOV 13th

Written by Nilo Cruz
Directed by Corky Dominguez



www.SierraMadrePlayhouse.org • (626) 355-4318

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

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

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

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.

"Native Plants for Foothill Gardens"

The San Gabriel Mountains Chapter of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) will host its "Native Plants for Foothill Gardens" annual native plant sale on Saturday, November 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N. Altadena Drive, Pasadena, CA 91107.

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

Most residential gardens can be adapted for native plants and this is an excellent opportunity to buy natives at reasonable prices. The use of natives in the garden is a good way to adapt to water restrictions brought about by years of drought and a growing population. Drought-tolerant native plants will survive summers on less water than most garden plants. For optimal plant establishment in Southern California, it is best to plant natives during the cool, rainy months of fall and winter.

A free native gardening workshop will be held at Eaton Canyon Nature Center on the following Saturday, November 20, at 3:00 p.m. The Chapter's website at <http://cnps-sgm.org> has further information about the plant sale and the gardening workshop. CNPS is a statewide non-profit organization of amateurs and professionals with a common interest in California's native plants. The mission of CNPS is to increase understanding and appreciation of California's native plants, and to conserve them and their natural habitats through education, science, horticulture, and advocacy.

Contact: California Native Plant Society, San Gabriel Mountains Chapter 1750 North Altadena Drive, Pasadena, California 91107-1046 Andrea Edwards, (626) 476-4163 or adedwards8@hotmail.com

Music News
By Sierra Madre Sue Behrens

SierraMadreSue's Music News Spooktacular!



There's no shortage of great live music goin' on around town for Halloween and beyond. Just remember to put a little treat in the tip jar and support your local musicians!

SAT. 10/30 - "FESTIVAL OF HAUNTS" @ ALVERNO HIGH SCHOOL'S VILLA del SOL d'ORO, 4 - 7pm. \$2 for kids 1 - 9 years, \$3 for kids 10 - 99, kids 100 and over free! All proceeds go to charity. 200 N. Michillinda Ave. 626-355-3463. Fun & games for the younger kids downstairs and spooky thrills & chills for those brave enough to dare climb the stairs...

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

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. \$5 cover - goes to the bands, CHEAP drinks. 50/50 raffle and other prize drawings. Costume and scary food contest - potluck items welcome, call Chris to sign up.

SAT. 10/30 - MORE HALLOWEEN MADNESS and 1st ANNIVERSARY BASH @ T. BOYLE'S TAVERN IN PASADENA, with live music from BETTER THAN BLUE, 9pm featuring Felicia Cain, Danny Hesse, Joe Palmieri, Lisa Haze, etc. 37 N. Catalina (in the alley - formerly Toe's Tavern and the Handlebars.) Live band, costume contest, spicy pickled eggs, tons o' fun! <http://www.tboylestavern.com/>

SAT. 10/31 - SURFIN' WITH ELVIS @ OCEAN VIEW BISTRO IN MONTROSE, 9pm. (sort of the pared-down version of Longboard Ranch) 3826 Ocean View Blvd. (818) 248-2722. Full bar and kitchen. www.ovbistro.com

SUN. 10/31 - HALLOWEEN BRUNCH @ FIREFLY BISTRO IN SOUTH PASADENA WITH BARRY "BIG B" BRENNER, 11am - 2pm. 1009 El Centro. 626-441-2443. Burgers, Brews, BLUES and Boos! <http://www.bigbbrenner.com/> A fun ride for the whole family on the Gold Line to the Mission Street station, just a few blocks away.

SUN. 10/31 - SUE & AL'S LUCKY 13th ANNIVERSARY & HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY with SNOTTY SCOTTY & THE HANKIES and THE BLOODY BRAINS @ the American Legion in East Pasadena, 3 - 10pm. Open to the public, no cover charge, scary food & drink specials. 179 N. Vinedo Ave. 626-792-9938. Who are Sue & Al, you ask? Does it really matter? This is THE place to be on Halloween!

SUN. 10/31 - "OPERA TO BROADWAY" VOCAL PERFORMANCES @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 7-10pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar and great Italian food. Every Sunday evening. Get there early - they pack 'em in!

MON. 11/1 - MAX BUDA @ THE OLD TOWNE PUB IN PASADENA, 9pm? Corner of Fair Oaks & Union behind the Container Store - enter thru alley off of Holly. 626-577-6583. Eclectic jazzy-rock from Chester, Jerry, Bruce, Ted, Pete and Nick. One of my favorite bands and one of the only good reasons to go to Old Towne these days. Sigh.

"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. and stick around for some live music.....

TUES. 11/2 - THE USUAL GANG OF IDIOTS reunion @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 9ish, or immediately following Trivia. Tim Tutwiler, Jeff Ingwalsen (of Sierra Madre Books fame), Peter Burke, etc. Rock & Roll.

"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. 11/4 - 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/>

FRI. 11/5 - HAPPY HOUR with THE MELLOW Dz (Dave Osti & Deanna Cogan) @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 5:30-7:30pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Food & drink specials 4 - 6:30.

FRI. 11/5 - DIRTY DAVE OSTI & THE DYNAMITES @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm - midnight. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Awesome Blues/Rock originals and covers.

SAT. 11/6 - OPEN MIC NIGHT @ THE FRET HOUSE IN COVINA. 309 N. Citrus Ave. (626) 339-7020. Always on the first Saturday of the month, and just one dollar for performers or audience. Sign-up starts at 7:30. If there aren't enough slots for everybody they'll make a list for the next month, and call you. Each act gets two songs or ten minutes, whichever comes first. The show starts at 8:00. They'll have desserts and coffee ready. Bring your friends and family and join the show! <http://www.frethouse.com/>

SAT. 11/6 - GROOVY LEMON PIE @ LEO'S ALL-STAR SPORTS BAR & GRILL IN LA CRESCENTA, 9pm. 2941 Honolulu Ave. 818-249-5858. No cover. Classic Rock from Greg Tortel, Jorge Mena, etc.

SAT. 11/6 - CHICO'S BAIL BONDS CD RELEASE PARTY @ ARCADIA BLUES CLUB, 10:30pm with Bobby Bluehouse at 8pm. \$10.00 cover. 16 E. Huntington Dr. 626-447-9349. BLUES.

SUN. 11/7 - "OPERA TO BROADWAY" VOCAL PERFORMANCES @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 7-10pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar and great Italian food. Every Sunday evening. Get there early - they pack 'em in!

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,
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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



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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 35th 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, and click on the Crop Walk link.

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.

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, October 17th, to Saturday October 23RD, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 324 calls for service. See crimereports.com for updated information.

Sunday, October 17th:

09:30 AM- Battery Against Current/Ex Spouse/Cohab. Non-Cohab. 1st 100 blk. W. Orange Grove Ave. The Police Department received a 911 call regarding an argument between a man and a woman. Officers determined that a domestic battery occurred between the man and woman. Officers arrested the man and transported him to Pasadena Police Department Jail for booking.

Monday, October 18th:

09:49 AM- Petty Theft. 200 blk. E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Suspect(s) stole a woman's purse and boots from her unlocked parked car.

Wednesday, October 20th:

12:51 AM- Petty Theft. 50 blk. Esperanza Ave. Suspect(s) stole a green Trek Mountain bike worth \$300.00. The bike was left unattended and unlocked feet away from the residential door.

08:12 AM- Use Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/ Etc. 100 Blk. E. Sierra Madre Bl. (No information)

Thursday, October 21st:

11:22 AM- Petty Theft. 30 blk. Esperanza Ave. Suspect(s) stole a unlocked children's bicycle from a front patio.

02:27PM- Residential Burglary. 400 blk. Grove St. Suspect(s) entered an unlocked rear door of a home. The loss included a 15” Apple Mac book Pro laptop, a 17” Apple desk top computer, a Wi-Fi system, a Bose stereo system, a 12” Apple laptop and a 15” flat screen TV. The estimated value was \$2,300.00

03:36 PM- Take Vehicle W/O Owner's Consent. 60 blk. Suffolk Ave. This case involved the son of the victim's wife taking his car without permission. The wife's son was arrested and taken to Pasadena Jail for booking.

Friday, October 22nd:

12:32 AM- Warrant/Outside/Traffic. 400 blk. W. Highland Ave. An officer stopped a motorist for a Vehicle Code violation and learned that the driver had an outstanding traffic warrant. The man was arrested and transported to Pasadena Jail, where he was cited and released.

Saturday, October 23rd:

10:56 AM- Possession of Replica Firearm. Santa Anita Ave. An officer stopped a motorist for a Vehicle Code violation. The driver was in possession of a replica AR-15 type toy rifle with the orange safety tip removed. The driver and the passenger were cited for possession of marijuana and the replica. Suspects were released and the items were seized.

09:05PM- Battery. 400 block E. Grandview Ave. Two adults argued over an incident, and then hit each other. Officers responded, but neither wanted medical attention nor prosecution.

CAL FIRE Offers Halloween Safety Tips for a Spooky and Safe Holiday



Ghosts, ghouls and monsters aren't the only things to be look out for this Halloween. Accidents and mishaps increase dramatically when children trick-or-treat. CAL FIRE wants everyone to enjoy a fire-safe Halloween by following these tips:

Costumes

- Purchase costumes made of flame resistant or retardant material. Fire resistant does not mean fireproof.
- Apply reflective tape to Halloween costumes.
- Masks can obstruct vision – consider using make-up instead.
- Avoid loose, baggy sleeves or billowing skirts.
- Keep hemlines short enough to prevent tripping.

Decorations

- Light jack-o-lanterns with a battery powered light – NEVER use candles!
- Instruct children to stay away from open flames. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire.

Trick-or-Treating

- An adult should accompany children when trick-or-treating. Pick well-lit streets. If driving, be sure to watch for trick-or-treaters who are too busy to watch for you.
- Do not allow children to carry sharp sticks or other objects that could cause injury to others.
- Keep your yard free of tripping hazards, such as tools, hoses, etc.
- Children should be instructed to eat their treats only after parents have inspected them. Discard any unwrapped treats. If in doubt, throw it out!

CAL FIRE wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable Halloween! For more Halloween safety ideas or other fire safety tips, please visit our web site at www.fire.ca.gov.

CA Voters Polled On Importance Of Social Security

by Lori Abbott

No cuts, please -- Californians like, and depend, on their Social Security. That's the consensus of a new survey of more than 400 registered voters aged 40 and above who put protecting the Social Security system among their top two issues of personal importance. Creating jobs was their number one concern. The survey, conducted by AARP, is being released as President Obama's deficit reduction commission is likely to propose changes to the system.

Lisa Davis with AARP says the survey shows there's a real fundamental disconnect between how policymakers and average Americans look at the issue.

"People are very scared and insecure as they're thinking about retirement, and Social Security is that one foundation that they really can count on and need, as we've seen home values plummet, savings accounts really take a dive."

The survey found women are even more worried about their retirement security. When asked if the average Social Security benefit of around 12-hundred dollars a month was too much, only three-percent agreed.

"Women tend to have lower lifetime earnings, they're less likely to have a pension and savings and they live longer, so retirement is a very personal issue for them."

Women were even more worried about the retirement security of future generations, with 77 percent having little confidence their children and grandchildren will have a secure retirement.

Budget experts say with the baby boom generation entering retirement age, it would be difficult to significantly reduce future deficits without addressing the rising cost of Social Security.

The national survey, along with oversampled data of Californians and an analysis of responses by women, is available at www.aarp.org/SocialSecurityVoicesandValues.

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 Krekelberg, to welcome you to our wonderful parish community! At 5 p.m., following the gathering, we will tour the St. Rita's campus and facilities, with those who are interested. Children are always welcome! RSVP to Chris Bertrand at 626-355-1621 or to PR@St-Rita.org.



Pasadena Community Orchestra Presents Alan Renecke

Pasadena Community Orchestra (PCO), under the baton of Alan Renecke, presents their next concert on Friday, November 5, at 8 pm in the Sanctuary at Pasadena Church of the Nazarene. They will perform an overture by Lalo, and selections from Tchaikovsky's Sleeping Beauty. Violinist Mischa Lefkowitz, of the LA Philharmonic, will perform both Haydn's Concerto No. 2 in G for violin and orchestra and Schubert's Rondo in A for violin and strings.

Born in Riga, Latvia, Mischa Lefkowitz began his early rigorous musical training at age 7, culminating with the opportunity to study at the prestigious Moscow Conservatory and then at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria. After completing his studies, he and his

family immigrated to the United States in search of artistic freedom. Shortly thereafter, he was awarded a coveted position in the first violin section of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra. Lefkowitz's career there has immersed him in a wonderful musical milieu, with opportunities to perform vast symphonic repertoire, to appear with world-famous guest artists and conductors, and to travel and record both individually and with the Philharmonic.

Both the pieces Mr. Lefkowitz has chosen for this concert --Haydn's Violin Concerto No. 2 in G Major (1769) and Schubert's Rondo in A (1812) -- are excellent representations of the Viennese Classical style of music, with elegant and graceful passages of a

challenging nature. Vienna at this time was the capital of the Hapsburg Monarchy and later of the Austrian Empire, and the rich musical opportunities there were a magnet to the musicians of that time from around Europe. Haydn spent much of his life in Vienna, as did Mozart, Beethoven, and Schubert.

This concert takes place at Pasadena Nazarene Church, 3700 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena, on Friday, November 5, at 8 pm. It is a rare honor indeed to have a guest artist of Mr. Lefkowitz's caliber performing locally. The concert is free, with donations taken at the door. There will be a reception after the concert, and Mr. Lefkowitz will be available to autograph CDs and talk with the public.

NOTED NATURALIST SPEAKS ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

"Emergency preparedness is something everyone should do, and it doesn't need to cost an arm and a leg," said Christopher Nyerges when he spoke at the Sierra Madre Women's Club on Wednesday, October 13 at their noon meeting.

Nyerges, who is a guest contributor for the Mountain Views, shared that water storage is the single most important way to prepare for an emergency. "This is the easiest, and cheapest, and most essential way to prepare for an earthquake," said Nyerges, who is also the author of "How to Survive Anywhere." "The easiest way to store water is to rinse out every water and soft drink plastic or glass bottle we use, fill it with tap water, and store them somewhere." Nyerges pointed out that no special pills are needed to store water, because ordinary tap water already contains chlorine, which only helps to retard the growth of algae in stored water.

Nyerges also suggests that people store a few hundred gallons of water per household in food-grade plastic barrels, some of which can be obtained inexpensively as discards from the food industry.

"Even if you didn't take these precautions to store water," he added, "the average home has a lot of water that can be used in an emergency." He mentioned the water in the water heater, water in the toilet tank, water in the pipes in a house, and swimming pool water, which must be boiled before use.

Besides water-storage, Nyerges told the group of women how to store foods for an emergency, emphasizing that one should simply make a list of the foods one eats, and then buy extra whenever shopping. "You should store what you eat, not what someone else says you should store, and you should always eat what you store so

you are constantly rotating your supplies," he added. Emergency food storage should not be frozen foods, since the refrigerator will not work if the power goes out. Thus, emergency food storage should be canned, dried, pickled, and such things as grains and pasta, which last a long time without refrigeration. Additionally, Nyerges urged the group to make every tree and plant in their yards serve them. He suggested only planting flora that can be used for food or medicine, or some other practical use. "It is entirely possible to have an attractive landscape in your yard and still have every plant useful," he explained.

Nyerges pointed out that he has never had a front lawn, but has always grown fruit trees, and edible ground covers in the space that is usually a front lawn.

Additionally, Nyerges urged the women to learn about the wild foods that are so common everywhere, and shared the details of his regular Wild Food Outings every weekend.

During the short one hour presentation, Nyerges showed some of the many common hand-operated household items that are now becoming hard to find, such as hand-crank can openers, manual juicers, meat grinders, coffee grinders, cheese graters, etc. He also showed an assortment of alternative lighting options that should be kept handy in the event of a power failure.

Nyerges is the author of "Self-Sufficient Home," where most of the ideas from this talk can be found. He has written 8 other books, and regularly gives lectures and field trips to instruct city dwellers about these important concepts. He can be reached at Box 41834, Eagle Rock, CA 90041, or at www.ChristopherNyerges.com

2010 Art Festival Gala Opening

Creative Arts Group's 50th Year Celebration continues as the nonprofit art center kicks off its 2010 Art Festival with a gala opening and reception Friday, November 5th from 7-9 p.m. The work of more than 80 artists will be on display and for sale in the Jameson Gallery and art center located at 108 N. Baldwin Ave. in Sierra Madre. Several new artists will be added to this year's show which includes fiber arts, blown glass, ceramics, jewelry, metal arts, painting, photography, mosaics, silk painting, papier maché and more. Many artists will be on hand to demonstrate their work and Erika Oller will be autographing her "fragments," - original small watercolor and monotype studies - on Saturday from 1-4 pm.

This is an excellent opportunity to acquire that special piece for yourself, or find one-of-a-kind gifts for the upcoming holiday season. Join us for refreshments and festivities and meet some of our most talented local artists. Even our students get into the festivities with a Student Art Sale Friday and Saturday.

Festival hours on Saturday, November 6th are from 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, November 7, from 11 am to 5 pm. For more information contact Creative Arts Group at (626) 355-8350 or visit our website at creativeartsgroup.org.



Annual Art Festival

November 5, 6, & 7

Opening Night – Friday, 7-9 pm

Show Continues:

Saturday 10-5 pm & Sunday 11-5 pm

Erika Oller here with her "Fragments" Saturday only 1-4 pm

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Playhouse Plaza Project Struck Down by Court

City contemplates next move.

By Dean Lee

Mayor Bill Bogaard told members of the city council Monday night that all public hearings for the \$75 million IDS Playhouse Plaza project, set to start next month, have been canceled after a court ruling ordered the city to vacate the approval of the project.

The first hearing for the 160,000-square-foot retail/office project at 680 East Colorado Boulevard was scheduled for November 15 he said.

At issue was the city's certification of the environmental impact report.

"This is the result of a ruling issued by the Los Angeles County Superior Court on Friday afternoon which granted a writ of mandate in part and denied a writ of mandate in part in a proceeding that was brought by certain opponents of this project," Bogaard explained.

Former Councilman Sid Tyler and Planning Commissioner Richard Norton founded Pasadenans for a Livable City, the group that filed the lawsuit last year. Executive director of Pasadena Heritage, Sue Mossman, also joined the lawsuit. Councilman Terry Tornek had also voice opposition to the project.

Superior Court Judge Thomas McKnew ruled that the city must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) regarding a mid-block crosswalk, to alternatives analysis, and to the impact on historic resources.

"The order further restrained the city from taking any action in furtherance of the project unless the revised EIR has been prepared, publicly circulated and approved," Bogaard said.

McKnew said the alternatives analysis should look at smaller and lower built alternatives. He also said the city and consultants should examine the project with relationship to surrounding historic buildings.

Bogaard said the city had not decided what actions would be taken.

"I'm certain that the parties, the petitioners, the nominal defendant, which is the city of Pasadena and the real party of interest, which is the developer of the project are all spending some serious time thinking through what their position is and what actions might be taken," Bogaard said.

The project is being built by IDS Development Group.

Tournament Moving Fast Towards Jan. 1



The Pasadena Tournament of Roses crowned the 93rd Rose Queen, Evanne Friedmann (center) Thursday in an official coronation ceremony at the Pasadena Convention Center —earlier this week the Tournament also announced Food Network icon Paula Deen (right) as the Grand Marshal of the 2011 Rose Parade festivities.

In the official ceremony presented by Citizens Business Bank, Queen Evanne was officially crowned by President Jeffrey Throop. All seven of the Rose Princesses were also honored during the ceremony.

"The ladies that stood before us today were beautiful, smart and poised," Throop said. "We are so honored to have them as a part of our Tournament of Roses family. They will continue to be excellent ambassadors of the Tournament of Roses. We could not be more proud."

The Tournament revealed Deen Tuesday saying that she "is going to whip up some friendships, fold in some dreams and roll out some memories on New Year's Day as the Grand Marshal."

"I am so thrilled to have the opportunity to be a part of such a special American tradition that brings such joy to so many every year," Deen said. "In my house, the Rose Parade and the Rose Bowl Game have always been a grand tradition for ringing in the New Year. To serve as Grand Marshal is a dream come true and I look forward to sharing the celebration with all of the fans and viewers worldwide."

Arts Bus Schedules On Google



Finding bus routes, stops and departure times just got easier and faster for Pasadena residents and visitors thanks to a partnership between the city of Pasadena and Google Transit.

Google's Transit Trip Planner now includes detailed information on the six routes of Pasadena Area

Rapid Transit System (ARTS) buses and Metro buses and trains.

It's similar to getting driving directions in Google Maps, but by clicking on the "By public transit" icon, the result of the query provides bus and rail directions.

By visiting www.google.com/transit or typing "Google Transit" into a web browser, transit users can access a powerful and convenient trip planner with a familiar interface. People with smartphones such as iPhone, Android and BlackBerry can also use the service.

Google Transit information can also be accessed at www.cityofpasadena.net/artsbus, where all schedules, maps, fare information and Metro's Trip Planner are in one convenient place.

"Let's say you are without a car at work, when unexpectedly you need to see someone in

the hospital. Google Transit can tell you when the next bus is expected, where the bus stop is, the time it will take to walk to the bus stop and how to transfer if needed," said Sebastián Hernández, associate planner in Pasadena Transportation Department.

Also listed are bus fares, other transit route options and images of streets where bus stops are located.

Less consumer knowledge is needed than with other servers. If someone wants to go to the Rose Bowl Stadium but doesn't know the address, Google knows it, along with addresses of other place names and businesses.

Google Transit is available in more than 400 regions worldwide and in more than 10 languages.

For more information call (626) 744-4055.

Local Arrests Made in Contractor Sing Operation

A total of 111 suspected unlicensed contractors were arrested, including two from Pasadena, during the two-day statewide undercover operation last week. Fourteen notices were given to unlicensed contractors in Pasadena to appear in Los Angeles County Superior Court.

In a statement Thursday the Contractors State License Board's (CSLB) said during the two-day blitz, October 20 and 21, investigators from CSLB's Statewide Investigative Fraud Team (SWIFT) posed as homeowners or community organization volunteers, asking for bids on projects that ranged from swimming pool repair to painting, landscaping, and tree trimming. Those who bid more than the legal limit of \$500 for labor and materials received a Notice to Appear (NTA) in court for a misdemeanor charge of contracting without a license. Other charges included illegal advertising and soliciting excessive down payments. State law also requires contractors to put their license number in all forms of advertising.

"This Blitz is a wake-up call for all California consumers," said CSLB Registrar Steve Sands. "You must check out

the people you're going to hire to work on your home to make sure they're properly licensed. Your family safety or your finances could be jeopardized by not taking a few minutes to verify the contractor on CSLB's website or through our toll-free phone system."

Sands added that consumers often don't realize the risk they run when hiring an unlicensed operator. Because these phony contractors don't carry workers' compensation insurance, the homeowner could be liable if a worker gets hurt on the job. Also, if something goes wrong or the project is abandoned, homeowners have few options for getting back their money.

The goal of CSLB's twice-yearly blitz is to educate consumers about potential dangers of hiring phony contractors, and to encourage people who want to work in the construction trades and who qualify to get their contractor license to comply with California law.

The Pasadena City Attorney, Pasadena Police Department and Department of Insurance all helped in the investigation. The Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement also assisted with the operation.

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 8 p.m. at the Pasadena Community Network - Studio G, 2057 N. Los Robles Ave.

For more info call 626.794.8585 or visit pasadenan.ning.com.

Dallas Raines Live on PCN



Raines (left) with Johnson

Countdown to Comet Flyby Down To Days

On Nov. 4 at about 7:01 a.m. NASA's EPOXI mission spacecraft will make its closest approach to the comet Hartley 2 at a distance of about 434 miles. It will be the fifth time that a comet has been imaged close-up and the first time in history that two comets have been imaged with the same instruments and same spatial resolution.

The mission's encounter phase begins the evening of Nov. 3, when the spacecraft is about 18 hours from the time of closest approach to the comet's nucleus. At that time the spacecraft will stop transmitting through its large high-gain antenna and reorient itself so its two visible-light and one infrared imager maintain lock on the comet for the next 24 hours-plus.

"When the encounter phase begins all images the spacecraft takes will be stored aboard its two computers," said Tim Larson, project manager for the EPOXI mission from NASA's Jet

Propulsion Laboratory. "Soon after we fly past the comet at about 7 a.m. local time, we will be able to re-orient the spacecraft so that we maintain imaging lock on the comet nucleus while pointing our big high gain antenna at Earth."

At that point, the spacecraft will begin beaming down its cache of cometary close-ups while continuing to take new images. It is expected to take several hours for all the images held aboard spacecraft memory to be downloaded.

"Hartley 2 has already put on a great show with more than a few surprises for the mission's science team," said EPOXI principal investigator Mike A'Hearn from the University of Maryland, College Park. "We expect more of the unexpected during encounter."

For more information about EPOXI visit <http://www.nasa.gov/epoxi> or <http://epoxi.umd.edu/>.

Get Up and Moving with Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard

Mayor Bill Bogaard, along with board members and staff of the YWCA Pasadena-Foothill Valley Chapter, will lead a 3.3-mile walk around the Rose Bowl Loop at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, as part of Up & Moving Pasadena.

The YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

Meet at Gate A at the stadium. Free parking is available. All levels of ability will be accommodated.

Up & Moving Pasadena is a community effort to support fitness for health. Walks are scheduled the first Wednesday of every month except January.

Find walking tips, start a walking group and track your progress at www.upandmoving.org or call (626) 831-2980.

Pet of the Week



Tustin, a beautiful, two year old, cat is very outgoing and affectionate. He would be great companion for someone in an apartment or condo. Tustin was found stray and would love to be adopted into a new and loving home today!

The regular cat adoption fee is \$70 which includes the spay or neuter surgery, microchip, vaccinations, and a free follow-up health check at a participating vet.

Please call 626-792-7151 and ask about A277663 or come to the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA, 361 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena CA, 91105. Our adoption hours are 11-3 Sunday, 9-4 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 9-3 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets updated hourly may be found at www.pasadenahumane.org

Health Department Offers Free Vaccinations

Flu season is coming! The Pasadena Public Health Department advises everyone in the community to make sure they and their loved ones are protected this year from the seasonal flu and other vaccine-preventable diseases.

"The best way to prevent the flu is to get vaccinated, and this year there are many ways to ensure that you can: Go to a community clinic, call your doctor or visit a local retailer to get your shot," said Dr. Eric Walsh, director and health officer of the Pasadena Public Health Department.

The department is offering free community vaccine clinics at four locations in Pasadena to

provide free seasonal flu shots and screen eligibility to get other vaccines that prevent disease. The clinics are open to infants, children and adults 6 months of age and older; all minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Vaccine supplies at each Pasadena site are limited. The four community vaccine clinics are scheduled as follows:

* Thursday, Nov. 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Victory Park Center, 2575 Paloma St. (626) 744-7500.

* Wednesday, Nov. 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St. (626) 795-4331. Please note this site requires pre-registration.

NASA's New Mars Rover Live On the Web



A newly installed webcam is giving the public an opportunity to watch technicians assemble and test the next NASA Mars rover, one of the most technologically challenging interplanetary missions ever designed.

NASA's Mars Science Laboratory, also known as the Curiosity rover, is in a clean room at the agency's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. The webcam, affectionately called "Curiosity Cam," provides the video feed, without audio,

from a viewing gallery above the clean room floor. The video will be supplemented periodically by live Web chats featuring Curiosity team members answering questions about the rover. Currently, work in the clean room begins at 8 a.m. PDT Monday through Friday.

Assembly engineers and technicians have been busy adding new avionics and instruments to the rover. Beginning Friday, viewers will see the assembly team carefully install the rover's suspension system and its six wheels. On

Tuesday, the rover's 7-foot-long robotic arm will be carefully lifted and attached to the front of the rover.

Continuous live video of rover construction is available at: <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/nasaajpl>.

The camera shows a portion of the clean room that is typically active; but the rover, spacecraft components and technicians may move out of view as work shifts to other areas of the room. When activity takes place in other testing facilities around JPL, the clean room may be empty. The camera may also be turned off periodically for maintenance or technical issues. Curiosity is engineered to drive longer distances over rougher terrain than previous rovers with a science payload 10 times the mass of instruments on NASA's Spirit and Opportunity.

The new, large rover will investigate whether the landing region has had environments favorable for supporting microbial life and for preserving evidence about whether life existed on the Red Planet.

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Arcadia Jeweler Provides Laker Bling

When the Lakers were presented their championship rings shown off in a crowd-cheering ceremony prior to the season opener against Houston this week (video below), the pendant Jeanie Buss was wearing was made by Si “Lam” Hyunh, who owns Prince Jewelers at 411 E. Huntington Drive in Arcadia.

Lam made the pendant prior to last season and presented it to Jeanie during a regular-season game in November. Lam also made special cufflinks for Coach Phil Jackson.

The pendant features five purple stones surrounding a yellow diamond-studded gold basketball, all inside a gold circle representing a basketball rim. Lam calls it the “Lakers Dynasty Pendant.”

When Lam first presented it to Jeanie, she was overwhelmed. “I love it,” she said at the time. Lam said, “It looks perfect on you. This is one of the best pieces of jewelry I have ever made.” He explained the five



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purple stones could represent five players on the court or the five championships the Lakers have won under Jackson and the yellow basketball could represent anything she wanted it to – her father, her boyfriend (Jackson), whatever. “You are a genius,” Jeanie told Lam. She said she would wear it only on very special

occasions. Tuesday night’s ring ceremony certainly qualified. Jeanie was so excited about wearing the pendant on such a special night that she invited Lam and blogger Larry Stewart to the game as her special guests. Lam’s pendant got some well-deserved national attention.

-Courtesy of Arcadia’s Best

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, October 17, through Saturday, October 23, the Police Department responded to 885 calls for service of which 137 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, October 17:

- Two intoxicated male drivers were involved in separate traffic accidents and they were both arrested for DUI. A 30-year-old Hispanic driver struck a curb, which caused his vehicle to overturn at Huntington and Baldwin around 1:58 a.m. Shortly after 4:00 a.m., a 23-year-old Asian driver also collided with a curb at Colorado and Harvard.
- Around 4:42 p.m., units responded to Public Storage, 12340 Lower Azusa, regarding a burglary that occurred between April 1 and June 20. Unknown suspect(s) cut the padlock to a storage unit and stole safes, statues, and a laptop computer.

Monday, October 18:

- Between 6:00 p.m. on October 17 and 7:30 a.m. on October 18, two auto burglaries were reported in the 800 block of West Huntington. Unknown suspect(s) smashed car windows and stole a GPS unit from one vehicle and a portable gaming unit from another.
- A grand theft occurred at the Disney Store located at Westfield Mall between 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Fifteen Mickey Mouse watches were stolen from a display shelf for a reported loss of over \$442.

Tuesday, October 19:

- Around 5:32 p.m., loss prevention personnel from JC Penney advised that they had detained a man for theft. The suspect was seen selecting clothing items and then hiding them on his person and a bag that he had brought with him. A private person’s arrest was made, and a 25-year-old Hispanic was taken into custody for commercial burglary and for a \$30,000 outstanding misdemeanor warrant. A stolen book from Border’s was also recovered.
- Officers were dispatched to the 100 block of White Oak around 5:30 p.m. in reference to a fraud. The elderly victim was tricked into sending over \$7,500 to Barcelona, Spain in order to bail his grandson out of jail. Unknown suspects called and claimed to be representatives from the U.S. Embassy in Spain and instructed the victim on how to complete wire transfers of funds. After the victim sent the money through Western Union, he discovered that his grandson was not in jail and has never been to Spain.

Wednesday, October 20:

- A residential burglary occurred between 1:55 p.m. and 2:50 p.m. in the 300 block of San Antonio. Unknown suspect(s) entered the home via an unsecured kitchen window and stole a large amount of expensive jewelry, Cartier and Piaget watches, and several Hermes handbags.
- Between 10:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., another residential burglary occurred in the 1100 block of Arcadia. Unknown suspect(s) pried open the front door to gain entry. Once inside, the suspect(s) ransacked rooms and stole numerous jewelry items.

Thursday, October 21:

- Around 1:33 p.m., officers responded to First Avenue Middle School in reference to an alleged child abuse case. Investigation revealed that an 11-year-old female student was struck several times with a hairbrush by her father for lying about a homework assignment. The student sustained visible injuries and the Department of Children and Family Services was notified. She was taken into protective custody, and her 32-year-old father was arrested for child cruelty.
- A burglary occurred around 6:00 p.m. in the 800 block of West Huntington. A female victim parked her car in her garage after running errands and cashing a check at a bank. She left the garage door open and once she exited the vehicle to walk towards the entry way, a male Hispanic suspect ran in and took her purse from the front passenger seat. The suspect then fled in an older white four-door sedan driven by another suspect. The total loss was over \$2,900.

Friday, October 22:

- A victim came to the station around 5:52 p.m. to file a fraud report. She received phone calls from Macy’s, Chase, and Discover on September 28 and 29 asking if she had made over \$3,600 in recent credit card purchases. She checked her accounts and discovered all the unauthorized transactions.
- Shortly after 6:50 p.m., units responded to Santa Anita Inn, 130 West Huntington, regarding suspicious persons in the area. Officers contacted a female driver and a record check revealed that she was on probation for drug related charges. A consent search of the vehicle was conducted and a baggie of marijuana, a digital scale, and a glass-smoking pipe were located. A 33-year-old Caucasian was arrested at the scene for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. During the booking search, a baggie of methamphetamine was found hidden in her bra.

Saturday, October 23:

- A traffic stop was initiated at Peck and Lower Azusa around 9:43 a.m. because the registered owner of a vehicle had four outstanding misdemeanor warrants. A 44-year-old male Hispanic driver was arrested for suspended/revoked license and the outstanding warrants. A 51-year-old male Hispanic passenger was also taken into custody for an outstanding felony warrant and possession of marijuana. A baggie of methamphetamine was also found hidden in the driver’s sock during the booking process.
- Between 5:05 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., a grand theft auto occurred at Westfield Mall. A green 1994 Honda Civic parked near the Just Tires store was stolen.

A special bulletin from the Arcadia Police Department and Police Chief Sanderson:

The community of Arcadia has been experiencing distraction type burglaries over the past several weeks. The suspects in these incidents are commonly referred to by the victims as “Gypsy” type individuals. The method of distraction involves the suspects portraying themselves as officials with various government agencies or sub-contractors through government agencies. Such vocations represented are: Department of Water & Power employees, construction employees, and tree trimmers.

These crimes occur during daytime hours and focus on elderly victims. Once the suspect gains the victim’s trust and confidence, the suspect is allowed inside. A second suspect then enters the residence and commits the theft. The victim is unaware their valuables have been stolen and ultimately both suspects leave the residence minutes apart.

The Arcadia Police Department is reminding residents to be aware of these crimes of trickery and encourage them to never allow anyone inside of their homes without positively verifying the individual’s identity and employer.

If you encounter an incident such as the one described, please call the Arcadia Police Department at (626) 574-5150. If it is an emergency, please call 911.

Dustin Hoffman - Luck & Santa Anita



The pilot for the HBO series “Luck,” starring Dustin Hoffman, Nick Nolte, local jockey Gary Stevens, and many others was shot last April. Jockey Chantal Sutherland is also expected to appear in a number of episodes of the series produced by film director Michael Mann and acclaimed writer David Milch. The first episode of season-one will be shot at Santa Anita and at Rod’s Diner, a nearby coffee shop on Huntington Drive. Filming will also take place at the 100 to One Club, a cocktail bar just east of Santa Anita’s Gate 5.

Action in the first episode includes interaction at Santa Anita’s Clockers’ Corner, box seat area, winner’s circle, paddock and barn area. Action will also emanate from Santa Anita’s press box, and Racing and Operations offices. Filming will shift to Santa Anita’s main track as soon as the all-natural dirt surface project that is currently underway is completed and it is deemed safe for horses to compete.

Production for season-one of “Luck” is scheduled to continue throughout Santa Anita’s upcoming winter/spring meeting, which runs from Dec.

26 through April 17.

“Touch wood, I think it’s going to be an incredible series,” said Stevens, who made his highly acclaimed debut as an actor in 2003’s blockbuster hit movie “Seabiscuit.”

“I’m very excited about production resuming. This is going to be a very candid and very vivid look at our sport. ‘Luck’ has every right to be a winner on every level—from the acting to production, directing and writing, I really think this series is going to blow people away.” “David (Milch) has a heart-felt passion for racing and he’s going to present the sport in a way that it never has,” said Pete Siberell, Santa Anita Community and Events Coordinator, who has been closely involved with “Luck” from its inception. “He’s going to be developing characters and plot lines that people can identify with and embrace. Although he’s going to be exploring some dark areas on occasion, we believe very strongly that he’s going to be able to connect with a wide-ranging audience, perhaps in a way similar to ‘The Sopranos,’ which also aired on HBO.”

— By Scott Hettrick

Brown Bag Lunch Talk

Noon - November 18, 2010

Come hear “An Early History of Sierra Madre” at the Arcadia Historical Museum. Debbie R. Henderson, Associate Librarian, Archival Collections, Sierra Madre Public Library will be the guest speaker.

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

Cory Meier
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Barks and Books, made possible through the generous time and effort of the volunteers of the Pasadena Humane Society, is held at the Arcadia Public Library the third Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. November 20, and December 18.

The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd. Arcadia. For more information, please call (626) 821-5566.

Saturday, November 20th
9am - 3pm

Excitement is in the air as we prepare to host our very first Holiday Boutique, just in time for you to find those special, one-of-a-kind gifts.

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Homemade baked goods, gourmet lunch edibles and beverages will also be available for sale.

Admission is free and each attendee will receive a ticket for an hourly drawing for a door prize. Mark your calendars and spread the word about this festive fundraising event.

A few spaces are still available for vendors with handcrafted items or original works of art. Vendor spaces range from \$30 to \$50, plus 20% of total sales paid to Women At Work. For information, logon to **www.womenatwork.org**.

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Volunteers Needed to Brighten Thanksgiving for Local Families

As the number of local people who need help to feed their families continues to grow, Foothill Unity Center is gearing up for its biggest Thanksgiving food distribution ever. "Last year, we served more than 1,500 pre-registered families that included over 5,000 men, women and children," says Volunteer Coordinator Raina Diaz. "Since times have been really tough, more folks are unemployed and in crisis, and the need for our services has grown. This year's numbers will be even higher than last year's, and we need the community's support more than ever."

appreciates food donations, but never more than during at Thanksgiving. Many groups hold food drives to help stock the shelves.

"What we always need most are turkey certificates," says Center Deputy Director Betty McWilliams. "Our wish list also includes canned meats, tuna, vegetables, fruits, pumpkin pie filling, cranberry sauce, chili, beans and hearty soups... mixes for cornbread, biscuits, cake, cookies, stuffing and gravy ... frosting, marshmallows, Jell-o, jams and jellies ... cold and hot cereals ... salad dressing ... and yams." Donations may be dropped off any weekday

to decorate the paper angels, which feature labels with client children's gift wishes. It also invites everyone to adopt angel(s) and shop for the children's gifts on them. (Many organizations and businesses adopt entire flights of angels during the holidays.) Angels can be ordered and picked up at the Center's Monrovia and Pasadena locations.

About Foothill Unity Center

Now in its thirtieth year, Foothill Unity Center, as the Community Action Agency for the Foothill Area provides a range of crisis services to help low-income families



Starting November 8

Volunteers are still needed to fill morning and afternoon food sorting shifts Monday, November 8, through Tuesday, November 16 in preparation for the Thanksgiving distribution. Box Packing Day is Saturday, November 20. Shifts also need to be filled for Monday, November 22, and Tuesday, November 23, to help distribute food and assist clients during the event in Ayers Hall at the LA County Arboretum. More help is needed on the 23rd from 1 to 5 p.m. to handle breakdown and cleanup. For more information, site locations, or to register as a volunteer for this program, call Raina or Rob at (626) 358-3486 or email volunteer@foothillunitycenter.org.

Food donations welcome
Foothill Unity Center always

between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at either Center location: 415 W. Chestnut Ave. in Monrovia or 191 N. Oak Ave. in Pasadena.

Donated funds help the Center fill in the gaps for this large event. Donors may contribute securely online by clicking the Donate Now Button on the Center's website, www.foothillunitycenter.org, or its Facebook page. Checks may be mailed to Foothill Unity Center, 415 West Chestnut Avenue, Monrovia CA, 91016.

Adopt an angel, bring joy to a child

The Center has launched its 2010 Angel Program — an annual community tradition that helped provide toys and clothing for 3,040 children of low-income families last year. The Center needs volunteers

survive these times. Operating with a small staff and a corps of dedicated volunteers, the nonprofit, nondenominational organization distributed over four million pounds of food to 3,974 unduplicated very low-income families in Pasadena, Altadena, South Pasadena, Monrovia, Arcadia, Duarte, Sierra Madre, Bradbury, Baldwin Park, Irwindale and Azusa last year. The Center also provides some health services, limited motel vouchers, and referrals to the homeless and people in crisis. Clients must meet low-income guidelines and are recertified annually. Over 93% of every dollar goes to programs.

To learn more, receive services, donate or volunteer, call the Center at (626) 358-3486.

Fight Champion Makes Monrovia Home

Sean Douglas Partners With Steve Larkin To Make The Old Town Fight Club A Positive Influence For The Young And Old



Champion Sean Douglas and Steve Larkin

Photo courtesy Old Town Fight Club

Sean Douglas is a Champion by definition. A former Marine and International Fight Champion, Sean has decided to partner with local businessman Steve Larkin and 'make a difference' in Monrovia.

Born in Toledo, Ohio in 1974, Sean has been involved in many forms of martial arts since the age of 6. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps from 1993-1997 where he trained other Marines and special operations in hand to hand combat. He was one of 6 out of 100 who enrolled in recon and passed in doc. After the Marine Corp in 1997

Sean started prize fighting where he quickly moved up the ranks. With an impressive undefeated record and over 100 amateur fights he would soon turn pro. Sean soon opened his own gym and began teaching and developing world champions at the young age of 24. He would then take a trip to Thailand in 2003 to gain

more knowledge in the art of Muay Thai. Sean had great coaches in the states but he wanted to better himself and his knowledge of Muay Thai. Sean then fell in love with the country, the culture, and the art so he cancelled his return ticket home and decided to take his two week vacation and extend it to 5 years. He then spent the next 5 years competing in Thailand and Singapore where he held an impressive professional record of 22-4. Sean's most memorable moment was being invited to fight at the historical Lumpinee Stadium in Bangkok where most young Thai Fighters only dream to enter. Sean was a 40-1 underdog where he not only defeated but knocked his opponent out in the 4th round. Sean opened his first Muay Thai camp in 2004 in Phuket where he trained over 45 fighters that currently hold stadium, regional, and world titles.

Sean currently holds the bantam weight world title in

king of the cage (KOTC), several titles in Muay Thai, and many other titles in several different fighting forms.

When he moved back to the states in 2008 where he started developing training programs for secret service and other high profile government agencies. Sean also trains fight teams, does seminars across the country, and personally trains celebrities.

He recently decided to make Southern California his home and has joined forces with Larkin as Old Town Fight Club.

The Club will be offering world class training in Muay Thai, Brazilian Ju Jitsu, and Boxing as well as developing special programs for seniors and youth.

Both Larkin and Douglas believe that participation and training in the martial arts can lead to a healthier lifestyle.

For more information, contact Old Town Fight Club - 111 West Maple, Monrovia CA (626) 239-1000
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Monrovia Police Blotter

During the last seven day period, the Police Department handled 556 service events, resulting in 108 investigations. Following are the last week's highlighted issues and events:

Residential Burglary

On October 15, a residential burglary occurred between 4 p.m. and 10:55 p.m. in the 300 block of Bradbury. The female victim left her residence and was gone for a few hours. When she returned, she discovered her residence had been ransacked. The victim was unable to determine the loss at the time. Entry was made through an unlocked kitchen window.

Residential Burglary

On October 16, a residential burglary occurred between 6 and 10 p.m. in the 200 block of West Cypress. The suspects made entry through an unlocked bathroom window. Miscellaneous jewelry was taken.

Stolen Vehicle

On October 18 at 6:40 a.m., an officer responded to the 200 block of East Pomona on a vehicle theft report. A red Acura Integra was stolen from the street in front of the victim's residence. No suspects were seen.

Stolen Vehicle

On October 18 at 12:18 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the area of Duarte and Encino regarding a stolen vehicle. The victim parked his 1991, red Honda CRX across the street from his residence over the weekend. When he returned to where he had parked his vehicle, he discovered it had been stolen. The victim had no idea who could have stolen his vehicle and no witnesses were located.

Commercial Burglary

On October 18 at 7:59 p.m., loss prevention from a business in the 500 block of West Huntington called and reported two subjects who had stolen merchandise from the store. The male suspect ran, but the female suspect was detained. Officers made an area search but did not locate the male suspect. The suspects had entered the store and put merchandise into an empty purse and backpack. The male exited without paying for the merchandise, while the female paid for two small items. She did not pay for the merchandise she had concealed in a large black bag. All merchandise was recovered. The male suspect is still outstanding and the female had no identification. Immigration was advised and an ICE hold was issued, as the suspect was found to be a prior deportee.

Stolen Vehicle

On October 19 at 6:49 a.m., a vehicle was reported stolen from the 700 block of East Lime. The vehicle was taken sometime between 8 p.m. and 6:49 a.m. The vehicle taken was a black 2000 Honda Civic.

Residential Burglary

On October 19 at 12:27 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a residence in the 500 block of Norumbega. The resident left the location at 10:45 a.m., and their housekeeper arrived at the residence at 11:45 a.m. The housekeeper noticed the dog was keeping its distance, which is unusual. She then noticed the back window was smashed and she exited the residence. The police were called. It appears the suspect sprayed the dog with pepper spray or mace to keep the dog away. The suspect fled the location with jewelry.

Residential Burglary

On October 19 at 12:39 p.m., an officer responded to the 900 block of Norumbega regarding a residential burglary. The resident had left the location and returned approximately two hours later. When they returned, they found their dog confined to the deck area of the house, which is separated from the yard where the suspect made entry through an unlocked window. The suspect fled the location with jewelry.

Prowling

On October 19 at 10:36 p.m., a resident at an apartment complex in the 700 block of South Myrtle called to report that she observed two subjects dressed in dark clothing on the roof of the complex. The subjects appeared to be making an attempt to get down to a balcony from the roof. Officers responded and set up a perimeter. The garage and roof access were searched, but the subjects were not located. No damage or loss occurred; however, it was clear the two male suspects were seeking ways to get into an apartment.

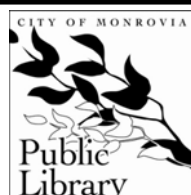
Code Updates To Be Discussed At Council Meeting

The Building, Fire, Green and other miscellaneous Code updates are going to be on the November 2nd City Council agenda.

This is the routine, three-year update when California cities adopt the updated California Building, Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, Security, and Fire Codes. The 2010 California Green Building Standards Code is a new code being adopted. The Building Division Manager is an active member of the Monrovia Green Team and is pleased to bring this Code forward for adoption in that it furthers the mission of the Monrovia Environmental Accords approved by the City Council. Any questions about this Ordinance can be directed to Chon Cervantes, Building Division Manager at (626) 932-5530.



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PUSD BOARD REVISES SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION PROCESS

Jackson to Remain Open for 2011-12

Pasadena, CA – The Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) Board of Education acted to give Superintendent Diaz flexibility to recommend closure of fewer than three schools in 2011-12, to postpone relocation of the District central office pending the results of a feasibility study, and to remove Norma Coombs Alternative School and Jackson Elementary School from consideration for closure or relocation in 2011-12.

The Board of Education considered whether to continue, revise or stop the school consolidation process based on a potential \$5 million restoration in district funding as a result of the state budget

approved last month. The Board gave the Superintendent an additional week to submit his recommendation to allow time for direct input from affected schools.

“Given the potential for additional revenue, the urgency to balance the coming year’s budget is not as great as we previously anticipated,” said Superintendent Diaz. “However, we still need to operate more efficiently, align our resources with strategic priorities, and preserve the District’s long-term fiscal health.”

Due to the unprecedented impact of the loss of state and federal funding and the District’s declining enrollment, the Board approved reductions

in December 2009 to close schools in the 2011-12 school year, and directed staff to investigate opportunities to generate revenue to address funding cuts.

The Board directed the formation of a School Consolidation Study Committee to assist the Superintendent in developing a recommendation to the Board. The committee was charged with the task of identifying a minimum of three schools for closure and options to relocate the District Office. The committee submitted its final report to the Superintendent last week recommending that three elementary schools -- Loma Alta, Burbank, and Jackson -- be consolidated, and that the Norma Coombs Alternative School program be relocated to the Burbank site.

“I commend the School

Consolidation Study Committee for its diligence and commitment to what has been a difficult and emotionally-charged process, and for their willingness to look at data and make recommendations that they feel are in the best interests of the district,” Superintendent Diaz stated. “I appreciate the additional time to analyze the committee’s recommendation and have direct conversations with parents and staff at the school sites affected by this decision.”

The Board will make a final decision on school consolidation by November 16 to ensure parents are adequately informed and supported by an implementation plan before the beginning of Open Enrollment for the 2011 - 2012 school year. For more information, visit www.school-consolidation.pasadenausd.org.

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Tom Brady's A Taste Of Sierra Madre event promised to bring needed funds to Sierra Madre's Youth Activities Center, and it did.

Photo by Chris Bertrand



Left to Right: Krist Mc Clure City of Sierra Madre, Mayor Joe Mosca, Tom Brady chair of Taste of Sierra Madre, Elisa Weaver City of Sierra Madre were all on hand for the presentation at City Council Meeting Tuesday.

Less than a year ago, Sierra Madre resident Tom Brady had an idea. *What if we put on a community event that would not only showcase the very best of Sierra Madre, but also raise money for a worthy cause?* Using his many marketing talents and resources within the music world and community at large, Tom pulled together over two hundred volunteers and raised over \$12,000 to benefit both the Sierra Madre Youth Activity Center and the Rotoplast Foundation which performs cleft palate surgeries on children in need.

On Tuesday evening, Brady presented the City of Sierra Madre with a check for \$6,000 for the youth center.

Brady is to be commended to his innovative approach to introducing and bringing to fruition a new event that is certain to become a part of the essence of this community. Plans are already in the works for A Taste of Sierra Madre in 2011.

S. Henderson/MVNews

105 Second Graders Become Munchkins for A Day

The Sierra Madre Playhouse played host to 105 second graders from Hamilton Elementary School last Tuesday, October 26th. The students, filling every theatre seat, were the best Munchkins we've ever had on our many journeys to the Land of Oz. They sat bravely with eyes wide as the lights dimmed and Dorothy's house was suddenly swept away in the tornado.



Holding their breath when the house landed with a booming crash, they all broke loose in screams and laughter when Toto came out barking, tail wagging and talked to them all in dog language. The magic had truly begun. Throughout the performance they oiled the tinman, stuffed the scarecrow, and hid Dorothy from the witch. The biggest cheer came when Dorothy and her friends captured the witch's broomstick. And finally the kids cried and waved goodbye when Dorothy clicked her heels and went back to Kansas. The students left meeting each character with a handshake and a thank you, and each received a colorful program, a Halloween treat and a giant smile.

For many of these children it was their first experience at a play. And undoubtedly one they will never forget. June Chandler began Fairy Tale Theatre to introduce children to the joy of live theater. Plays are an important story telling tool to Hamilton teacher, Susan Favela who helped organize this very special event.

There are only two more performances of The Wizard Of Oz at the Sierra Madre Playhouse. November 6 and 13 at 2:00. Admission is \$12 for children and \$18 for adults. Tickets can be purchased online at www.sierramadrepayhouse.org or you can reserve tickets by calling (626) 355-4318.

The Sierra Madre Playhouse is located at 87 West Sierra Madre Blvd, two blocks west of the intersection of Sierra Madre Blvd and Baldwin Avenue in Sierra Madre. Their phone number is (626) 355-4318.

BOSTON COURT PERFORMING ARTS CENTER SEEKS PERFORMERS FOR ITS 2011 ARTTALK

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Performance proposals are now being accepted for the fourth annual ARTTalk. ARTTalk is scheduled to take place on Saturday, March 12th, 2011. Participants will be allotted one half hour to perform a piece that focuses on Words and Communication. All performances must be acoustical in nature. Boston Court will provide general lighting and no rehearsal time is allotted. Previous performance genres include film, storytelling, singing, and poetry. Participants will be provided a small stipend. The deadline for proposals is December 3, 2010.

Those interested in performing should email or mail their performance proposal to:
Meg Hackney, Events Manager
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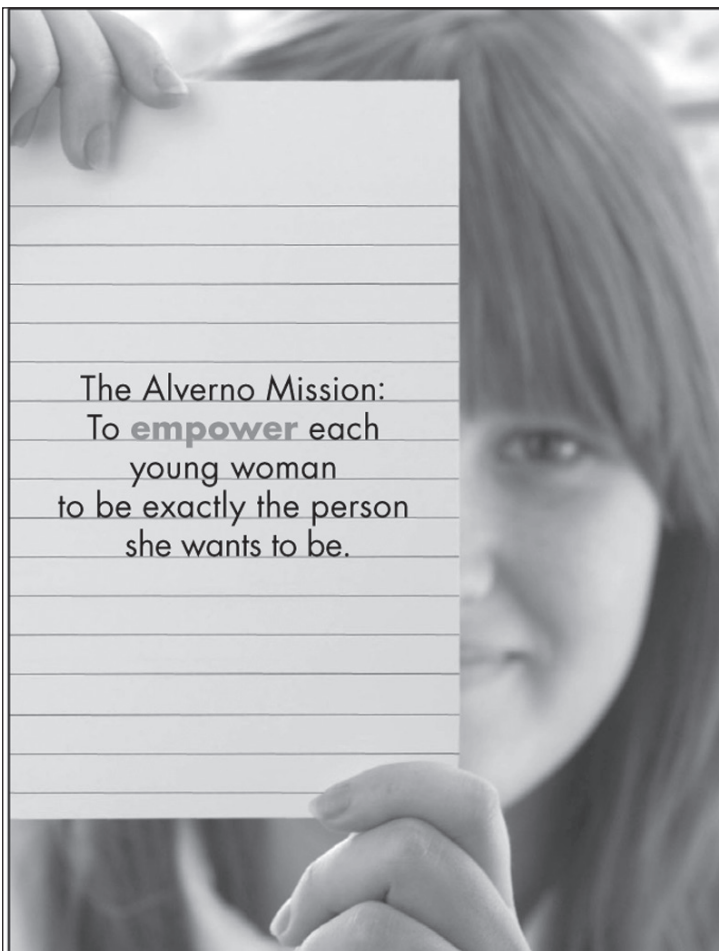
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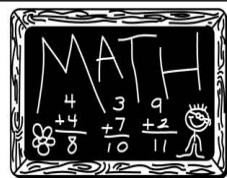
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Eat Well! All Aboard at LGO's Luggage Room

Being the creator and co-presenter of the Great Pizza Cook-Off in Pasadena for 12 years endures as some of my favorite times. Restaurants from around California would converge on Pasadena to showcase their tantalizing pies to judges and spectators alike. The event flourished, and in fact

THE CHEF KNOWS

my vanity license plate self-proclaimed me, "The Pizza Czar". It was the perfect kingdom of which to dream. Although, the event is many years in the past, my devotion for pizza is a first love.



Many of you have calendars to remind you of holidays, birthdays and meetings. Restaurant writers have unusual calendars for National Food weeks and months. If you get on Santa's bad list, you may just get one of these peculiar calendars for Christmas. Guess what the National Food for October is? Times up.

Pizza!

If you got that one right you may keep reading. If you missed that answer, you need to go back and start at the beginning of the article.

Those memories, in fact, are why I have wanted to write this article on the new Luggage Room for weeks.

When I got the announcement, from Bob Lynn about his new pizza concept, I just couldn't wait. Bob is a restaurant genius. He started with Houston's Restaurant years ago and opened the popular La Grande Orange three years ago. Here is an excerpt from a column that I did years ago.

"Do you ever go to a place and have such a wonderful experience, that it reminds you of that great date which you can't get out of your mind? I am starting to believe that the Park in the middle of Pasadena, known as Central Park has some spell over me. You may be thinking, what is Peter talking about this week? Before you call for the padded car, let me explain. Yes, I do feel comfortable on this couch if that is what you are

thinking. It happens to be that two of my favorite restaurants are both next to Central Park in Pasadena. Central Park Restaurant is one of my favorites and the new Le Grande Orange (LGO) on the other side of the park is like a perfect bookend. This is just too good to be true!!"

The *Luggage Room* is an annex to the LGO Bar in the middle with an enormous open kitchen on the East side of the room. The star is the Wood Fire Pizza Oven making pizza at a perfect 700° degrees, 700° yep - I confirmed with chef Jorge Gomez. The menu is selective, offering appetizers/salads and pizzas. I love the minimalist approach. I brought a number of friends along to make sure that I had a thorough viewing of the menu. We grazed on what I feel is the highlight of the starter menu, bacon wrapped dates (\$9) and a pleasing portion of olive-oiled poached tuna (\$11).

We were here for the pizza and sampled many. Margherita Pizza (\$11). Haas Avocado Festival (\$12) - brilliantly named and truly an Avocado Feast!! The Mother Earth (\$13) with plenty of olives, artichokes, roasted peppers. My favorite pizza of the night was The Gladiator (\$14) with decorated with spicy Italian sausage and salumeria billese pepperoni.

When I return, that will be my choice along with a full glass of red wine. I'm so glad I brought my knowledgeable wine friends along, because they knew that Prisoner, a full-bodied red that resembles a liquid wine brownie, is the consummate coupling for pizza and it was truly a smashing hit.

LGO's Luggage Annex was a great experience for me, and I noticed that many of the other customers were also leisurely enjoying their pizza and sipping wine, with no immediate intention of departing this slice of Heaven. Check it out before a movie, or a first date.

The Luggage Room, Pasadena's Historic Del Mar Train Station. 260 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena, (626) 356-4440.

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HOWARD Hays As I See It



I've written a lot about candidates over the past few weeks, but perhaps readers haven't yet completed marking their sample ballots because I haven't offered my views on the propositions.

Perhaps not, but sometimes my son asks me what I think. When he does, it's probably just to make me feel good. Then he goes to Jon Stewart and Bill Maher for real guidance. Anyway:

With Proposition 19, the issue isn't whether smoking pot is a good thing or not, but whether state and local resources should continue being used to criminalize those who choose to partake. Back in the mid-1930s, the drive against marijuana was backed by Hearst and DuPont, who feared that competition from hemp products would devalue their lumber and chemical holdings. As far back as 1944, a commission headed by former New York Mayor Fiorello La Guardia concluded that reports of marijuana leading to "addiction, madness and overt sexuality" were largely bogus.

Continued criminalization is backed primarily by those who profit from it (like private prison operators) and who look for excuses to bust people. Analysts say any effect on Mexican drug cartels would be minimal, unless legalization spreads nation-wide. Let California lead the nation.

Proposition 20 is a welcome follow-up to Proposition 11 which passed in 2008. Prop. 11 took the job of redistricting state legislative districts from the legislators and turned it over to an independent, bi-partisan commission. Prop. 20 will do the same for congressional districts, which are still drawn by the legislators. The intent is to protect the "geographic integrity" of neighborhoods and communities, not the interests of a particular incumbent, candidate or political party.

Legislators draw districts to protect their jobs, and those of their buddies in Congress. It might not be in their interest to have to face voters in truly competitive races, but it would certainly be in ours.

In Proposition 21, I find myself in opposition to a laudable goal. Our legislators should allocate sufficient funds in the budget for state parks and wildlife projects, rather than having voters do it for them, while even defining a specific funding source (increased car license fees). It's such "ballot box budgeting" that legislators often use as an excuse for their own failure to do their jobs.

With most propositions, I try to determine what's in it that would justify the considerable time and expense somebody invested to get it on the ballot. With Proposition 22, it didn't take long. A good chunk of property taxes goes to local redevelopment agencies, and from there to prominent supporters of local politicians. Prop. 22 would make it unconstitutional to divert taxpayer funds intended for some well-connected real estate developer to go instead to something less worthy, like schools or health clinics.

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Proposition 23 is an attempt to kill AB 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act passed in 2006 to spur California into the 21st century. In a sad irony, as our nation turns to wind farms and electric vehicles, we turn to Germany for turbine parts and China for next-generation batteries.

California has traditionally been at the forefront in new technologies, such as computer and software development twenty years ago. Now we can look ahead to estimates of a half-million new jobs and \$10 billion in private investments in the field of clean energy. This might cut into oil profits, though, so Texas companies Valero and Tesoro have invested heavily to put Prop. 23 on the ballot and take us backwards. There's also the threat of "more air pollution that would lead to more asthma and lung disease, especially in children and seniors", according to the American Lung Association. This, however, is of little concern to the Big Oil supporters of Prop. 23.

Proposition 24 deals with taxes. Personal taxes have gone up. Small businesses taxes have gone up. There's a humongous budget deficit, and services are being cut. Meanwhile, legislators met behind closed doors with lobbyists from some of the largest corporations and came up with \$1.7 billion in tax loopholes to benefit less than 2% of companies doing business in California. Prop. 24 won't increase taxes, but will stop a \$1.7 billion giveaway (most going out of state) that the rest of us would have to pay for.

Proposition 25 tells our legislators we expect them to act like grown-ups when passing a budget. The way it works now, Democrats propose a budget and Republicans kill it, since it takes a two-thirds majority to pass. Republicans say it's the Democrats' fault, because they're the majority. Democrats then have to bribe Republicans with expensive and unnecessary pork in order to peel off the few votes needed to get something passed.

Under Prop. 25, a budget is passed with majority vote. If it's not passed on time, legislators don't get paid. If it has problems, legislators will answer to voters - and not be able to say it's somehow the other party's fault.

Proposition 26 is another one where the purpose becomes clear when you look at who's behind it. If an oil company pollutes our environment, they should pay to clean up the mess. If, as they hope under Prop. 26, such an assessed "fee" would instead be called a "tax", then it could only be assessed with two-thirds approval of the legislature. Backers of this measure are confident of being able to buy off the third of the legislature necessary to kill such assessments and pass those costs onto us taxpayers, instead.

Finally, there's Proposition 27. As discussed under Prop. 20 above, next year new legislative districts will be drawn by an independent commission. Prop. 27 is a last-ditch effort by legislators to kill the commission and preserve their ability to draw their own districts, so they'll never have to answer to voters in a real contest.

These propositions will have a great impact on the future of our state, though admittedly not as much fun as hearing Jon Stewart and Bill Maher talk about the Tea Party.

The Finale....Clarifying The Election

At this point, it is no secret that even the most dutiful of Democratic loyalists expects the Republicans to win lopsided victories and a majority in the House, if not in the Senate, but the reasons for this turnabout may not be so obvious. President Obama has even weighed in, claiming that because of panic and fear people aren't making wise decisions. In all honesty, I don't sense panic in the electorate. I do sense fear, but it is an entirely rational, legitimate fear of what the future may hold for America if our current direction isn't changed and changed quickly. Likewise, I sense anger, but it too is rational, even appropriately righteous.

Simply put, Americans are justifiably angry about massive unemployment, excessive taxation and unfathomable deficits. The elections of 2006 and 2008 were likewise manifestations of a public mood turned sour by the imperious actions of a President and Congress. In 2006, both were Republican; in 2010 both are Democratic. So the party has never really been this issue. The public was furious with President George Bush because he watched over and blessed several large deficits that appeared astronomical in their day. These were supposed to be the Republicans of fiscal restraint and small government. They turned out to be politicians as capable of spending money which they didn't have, just as well as Democrats have always been able to do. The voters tossed them out and turned to a young idealist who seemed to get it.

I even wrote an article about our then-new president, reciting the very commonsense, middle ground and seemingly fiscally prudent statements and promises he made. It was an article built on hope as much, if not more than, the voters' sense that he was different. I, as did the electorate, hoped that President Obama would be the Obama of his moderate speeches and not the Obama of his liberal Senate days. All of our hopes were misplaced.

Barack Obama just didn't get it. He possessed both a golden tongue and tin ear. He didn't understand that the voters were clambering for a reduction in the size and scope of the over-spending which had taken place under the old guard. Voters did in fact want a new way of conducting business in Washington. Instead, President Obama jumped to the helm of our ship of state and full throttled his way toward the rocks of financial disaster, never even pausing to take in our concerns and fears about this course. We had been on it before, and wanted off. We wanted someone to turn the ship around. Obama was not the man we had hoped him to be. \$500 billion deficits (Bush's) quickly turned into \$1.3 trillion deficits (Obama's), and the economy went further south.

Americans now have a sense that as a nation we are broke. This is a new feeling. We've had deficits before, and we've complained about them before. But we've always had the sense - even in the midst of those complaints - that disaster could be avoided, that the fiscal problem was solvable. We don't have that sense anymore. There is a tipping point,

GREG Welborn

a point at which we cannot return without losing the America we know and love. We've never really been at the point where we risked handing to the next generation a standard of living lower than the one we were enjoying or handing them debt that they would never be able to repay. We are at that tipping point today.

The despair is real and legitimate. We are not sure that simply increasing taxes will balance the budget and then retire the debt. We doubt that there is enough income to tax, even at confiscatory rates, to generate the revenues needed to match the expenditures which have been promised. At least with the tax rates of President Clinton, we were able to balance the budget for a year or so. But even those rates today wouldn't meet expenditures, let alone put a dent in the national debt. \$20 trillion in debt is a lot of debt!! Seeing how we got here has left most Americans with a deep aversion to increasing taxes on anyone - even the rich - because there is a sense that more revenue would only beget more spending, so the deficit wouldn't go down.

It is this sense of doubt and mistrust of the Congress and President that forms the real backbone of voter sentiment today. We feel betrayed. Arrogant politicians blithely spend money they don't own and fail to acknowledge that it is ours to begin with. We are told that we are being stingy, greed and down right mean-spirited because we don't want to give up more of what we've worked hard to generate. Because we won't trust them to spend the money, because we question the earmarks and sweetheart deals they make, because we don't want to bail out banks, car companies or any other corporation, we are the bad guys. The communal arrogance of those we entrusted as our servants in public office reached the point where the Speaker of the House told us on public television that a bill had to be passed first BEFORE we would be allowed to see what was in it. Perhaps this has always been the case, perhaps these career politicians we've sent to do our business have always voted first and read what they did afterwards. But until now, they had the good manners to keep that fact a secret. Today, they simply told us that we have to accept it with no questions asked.

The politicians forgot we live in a democracy and that while Abraham Lincoln did tell us all of the people can be fooled some of the time, he never ever said, nor is it true, that all of the people can be fooled all of the time. Americans aren't buying the lies anymore. We're no longer so impressed with title, degrees or purported expertise that we believe the promises from Beltway elites that another billion or so is going to stimulate the economy or that the previous billions have already saved millions of jobs. We see the truth with our own eyes, and it is an ugly truth - ugly because it stands in stark contrast to the reality that is playing out in every village, town and city across this great land and because our elites knew it to be a lie

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OPINION

STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE THERE STILL IS A PLACE FOR US



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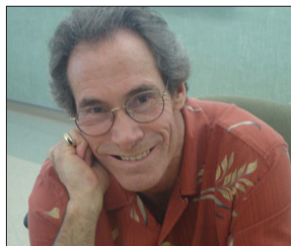
about us than we could ever learn by ourselves. Tell me doctor, am I going to live? Tell me if I'm happy. Tell me if I'm really in love?

This new issue of the Atlantic Monthly (November 2010) contains an article describing how falling in love with the wrong person is misery - and isn't much fun for the wrong person either. It seems to me that probably the greatest stress in life is connected to the realization that one has become involved in a relationship that is absolutely making one (or generally two) miserable. I consider it a real miracle that I am celebrating my fourteenth wedding anniversary today and am really unexpectedly happier than I ever imagined possible. How did my wife and I do it? Picking the right person is harder than even picking the right corrective lenses. Really, I don't think any computer dating service would have ever matched us up. We are of different generations more or less, different religions-she's a believer and I think all religion is nonsense; different ethnicities-Jewish and Mexican. She hates arguing and I love confrontation. She loves gardening and was an art major and kisses dogs. I don't like gardening because it's related to dirt and I have no visual artistic ability; I like dogs but believe in only cross-specie relationships involving gestures and speech; no hugging please. All right I might be exaggerating a little but not much—my wife and I are really different. A final big difference is that I love talking to strangers and she considers such behavior to be intrusive.

So what's the point? Simply put it's possible to actually sometimes make the right decisions. Sometimes we, as individuals, can see through all the smoke and games and falseness and even see through our own prejudices. Sometimes we can actually be in touch with our better instincts and pick the right eyeglasses and pick the right life partner. You probably know what I'm getting at. Even in these ridiculous midterm election when we are all bombarded with media ads that tell us absolutely nothing about the true nature of a candidate or a ballot proposition, it really is possible to make the right decision and sometimes the decision will be a surprise. Maybe the decision isn't as important as picking the right mate but it is easily as important as picking the right eyeglasses.

Good luck and I hope we all make the right choices!

HAIL Hamilton



Republican, differ greatly on the issues most important to California voters.

Creating jobs:

Jerry, whose four-decade political career includes two prior terms as governor, plans to create more jobs for California by investing in infrastructure—such as such as safe and sufficient water supplies—and creating more construction and manufacturing jobs to improve roads, highways, airports and public transportation.

He also proposes a reduction of taxes on manufacturing equipment, along with a plan to stimulate production of clean energy, localizing electricity generation and requiring more energy to be derived from renewable sources.

Meg's plan for job creation includes giving small businesses a break by eliminating the \$800 start-up fee to encourage entrepreneurs, and reducing a variety of other business taxes to prevent companies from moving to other states. She says taxing businesses is nothing more than eliminating jobs.

She also says she would increase the research and development credit, promote investments for the agriculture industry, and eliminate the state tax on capital gains.

Solving the state budget deficit crisis:

Jerry's approach to the state's budget crisis includes reform of the budget process, pension and MediCal reform, reducing prison costs and collecting unpaid taxes. His emphasis is on eliminating fraud and abuse rather than cutting programs.

Meg promises to reduce the state budget by \$15 billion by placing a strict spending cap, solving the pension crisis, bringing about welfare reform, and improving the efficiency of state government.

Improving education:

Jerry's plan for education focuses on community colleges, provides extra funding for English language learners and low-income families, and overhauls the state testing program to improve career readiness.

Meg plans to fix the school system by ensuring more money reaches classrooms instead of bureaucrats, rewarding outstanding teachers and grading public schools.

Proposition 23:

Jerry has railed against Proposition

My Turn

Jerry Brown and Meg Whitman On The Issues

23, the oil-funded initiative that would effectively halt the state's landmark global warming law, known as AB 32. The measure "would deal a crippling blow to California's pioneering efforts to control greenhouse gases and build a clean energy economy," Brown says in his environment plan.

Meg delayed taking a position on Prop. 23 for weeks, finally stating that while she opposes the initiative - which would stall implementation of AB 32 until unemployment steadies below 5.5 percent for a year - she wants to postpone the law for one year. This would give her an opportunity to "fix" the bill, she said, which she has labeled a "job killer."

Cracking down on employers who hire illegal immigrants:

Jerry, the state attorney general, says punishing employers on this issue is not the state's job. He says he is strongly opposed to state police, state sheriffs, or the attorney general's office going after undocumented people. He says this is a federal government problem, and the federal government ought to do something about it.

Meg says employers should be punished. She says we need a better e-verify system, but that employers that do hire illegal workers should get fined, and if they persist, lose their business license. She argues that if we do not hold employers accountable, we will never solve the problem of illegal immigration.

She also wants to eliminate sanctuary cities, if necessary by cutting state aid and other state programs that benefit these cities.

California Dream Act:

Jerry says he supports federal legislation that would allow children brought here illegally to become legal U.S. residents after spending two years in college or the military. Brown also says he would sign state legislation that would make it easier for illegal immigrants to receive financial aid from California's public universities and colleges.

Meg says the act wasn't fair to legal residents. She says our resources are scarce. She says we are in terrible economic times and many slots have been eliminated at the California State University system. She says the same is true at the University of California system. She says California citizens are being denied admission to these universities.

She also says the Dream Act favors the children of illegal immigrants over legal residents from other states who wish to attend California public colleges and universities.

Looking Up

Spacecraft To Make Close Flyby On November 4th

with Bob Eklund



“We expect more of the unexpected...”

NASA’s EPOXI mission continues to close in on its target, comet Hartley 2, at a rate of 12.5 kilometers (7.8 miles) per second. On Thursday, Nov. 4 at about 7:01 a.m. PDT, the spacecraft will make its closest approach to the comet at a distance of approximately 434 miles.

“Hartley 2 has already put on a great show with more than a few surprises for the mission’s science team,” said EPOXI principal investigator Mike A’Hearn from the University of Maryland, College Park. “We expect more of the unexpected during encounter.”

Comet Hartley 2 has been an object of considerable interest for backyard astronomers in recent weeks. It is currently about 11 million miles from Earth, and it shows up as a vivid green smudge in a small telescope.

Science observations of comet Hartley 2 began on Sept. 5. The imaging campaign is more than a tantalizing tease of things to come. It is providing EPOXI’s science team the best extended view of a comet in history during its pass through the inner solar system. The observations will continue through the encounter phase of the mission.

The hours surrounding comet encounter will be especially challenging for the mission team as they are commanding a recycled



NASA’s EPOXI mission will fly by comet Hartley 2 on Nov. 4, 2010. Image credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech

spacecraft that was not designed for this comet flyby. The spacecraft was designed and employed successfully for NASA’s Deep Impact encounter of comet Tempel 1 back on July 4, 2005. By recycling Deep Impact’s already built, tested and in-flight spacecraft, the EPOXI mission provided savings on the order of 90% that of a hypothetical mission with similar goals, starting from the ground up.

“If we were starting from scratch we’d

probably move some of the spacecraft’s components to different locations,” said Tim Larson of JPL, project manager for the EPOXI mission. “But we’ve developed a creative way to work with what we have. This spacecraft, and mission team, have logged 3.2 billion miles over the past five years, and we are confident that we have a successful plan in place to give Hartley 2 a thorough look-see.”

The mission’s encounter phase begins the evening of Nov. 3, when the spacecraft

is about 18 hours from the time of closest approach to the comet’s nucleus. At that time the spacecraft will stop transmitting through its large high-gain antenna and reorient itself so its two visible-light and one infrared imager maintain lock on the comet for the next 24 hours-plus.

“When the encounter phase begins, all images the spacecraft takes will be stored aboard its two computers,” said Larson. “Soon after we fly past the comet at about 7 a.m. local [Pacific] time, we will be able to re-orient the spacecraft so that we maintain imaging lock on the comet nucleus while pointing our big high-gain antenna at Earth.”

At that point, the spacecraft will begin beaming down its cache of cometary close-ups while continuing to take new images. It is expected to take several hours for all the images held aboard spacecraft memory to be downloaded.

“We will be waiting,” said A’Hearn. “The images at closest approach won’t get to Earth until many hours after the actual encounter, due to the way we use memory on the spacecraft. We will get some early hints at how this nucleus differs from that of comet Tempel 1 based on five images that will get to Earth only about one hour after closest approach.”

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Ask jai.....

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

Q: I am a sales and marketing associate with a high tech firm. I have been with the company for 3 years and like my job. However, I feel that I am not growing and I do not see any place to advance up the ladder or to increase my salary. Do I tell my manager that I am looking for employment outside the company and why? How do I look for a job while currently employed and not jeopardize my current situation? Puzzled.

Dear Puzzled:

It’s a balancing act. It can and, of course, has been done. You will have to keep your current work situation and job seeking process separate. I would suggest that you discuss your job performance and career aspirations with your current Supervisor and try to glean any future positions that would meet your needs. I would be hesitant about letting your supervisor and company know that you were seeking employment. There are two schools of thought about this. One is that you could be coming from a position of strength and that the company might do whatever it takes not to lose you. Another is that you could be putting the company on alert that you are ready to leave and they might be looking forward to letting you go sooner than you think.

I personally would keep the fact that you are looking for employment to yourself. I would suggest you do not let anyone at the company know, including your co-workers, possibly even those you consider your friends. It is somewhat difficult seeking employment while employed. You will have to be very organized and be able to create a scheduling system. When you have made that decision to start seeking a new job, go for it with full force and commitment! Because, as soon as you start posting your resume on-line, networking, and applying for positions, you are making a statement to the universe that you are looking for employment. The inevitable is that your supervisor and company will find out. So, be prepared with a great response if they should ask you why you are no longer happy with them and seeking new employment.

These are the paramount rules for looking for employment while employed: Do not use your employer’s computer or telephone system. Do not use your company e-mail address. Maximize your break and lunch times to make and return telephone calls or use your personal lap-top computer to communicate. Scheduling interview time can be a little tricky. Lunch time is good and you can sometimes request a little extra time there. This would be a good time to use your personal, vacation and sick time. Frequent time-off activity could become red flags to your current employer. This is the right time for you to stay committed to your goal and not to your current employer. Lucky for you some employers love to hire people who are currently employed and will totally understand your situation and will do whatever it takes to accommodate you in arranging time to meet and interview with them. Be prepared to discuss with the employer why you want to leave your current position. Keep your energy high, be very positive and let them know the added value you will bring to the table to help make them successful. Be very clear about your career and salary aspirations. Remember you have a job so you really have nothing lose. This is the appropriate time and situation to praise your skills, experience and education. Keep your job search confidential until you have a firm offer letter from another employer.

KATIE TseThis and That Rejected Treats



With children across the country sorting through their Halloween booty, I thought it fitting to present you with a little candy quiz. *One of these things is not like the other... One of these things just doesn't belong.* Snickers --M&Ms --Twix --Candy Corn. If you guessed the last entry, you deserve a Snickers! Yes, the first

three are beloved (and abused) by the majority of people, while Candy Corn, enjoyed by approximately 1% of the population according to my estimate, falls into to the category of Candy Rejects. I, for one, belong to this divergent group, and partake of other unpopular treats such as Tootsie Rolls, licorice, and gumdrops.

Just what determines whether a candy is widely loved or not? There are some general rules (chocolate and nuts are good, coconut not so much). This explains why the additive quality of Reese’s Peanut Butter Cups doesn’t necessarily transfer over to Reese’s Pieces. It is also the reason folks will choose Baby Ruths over Almond Joy, and might only settle for Mounds if the only other options are Smarties and Lemon Heads. However, the public doesn’t always conform to a predictable formula. Granted, no empirical research was done to support claims, just my casual observation.

Let’s look at Tootsie Rolls. They try to be chocolatey (and technically have cocoa), but

somehow miss the mark. Of course *I* like them, even the weird ones like vanilla and lemon. Three Musketeers are also usually picked last. Again, there’s the chocolate, but I think the ambiguous foam filling turns people off.

Consider Red Vines. While advertized as licorice (part of the rejected group) everyone seems to love them! I can’t tell you how many meetings I’ve been in where someone has brought in a big plastic container of those ropes, passing them around as if it were the ultimate sign of unity and esprit de corps. Even the folks who forgo doughnuts in the break room grab a vine and rip off a chunk with the characteristic head yank.

Speaking of irresistible candies, which are the most universally appealing? The first two that come to mind are Reese’s Peanut Butter Cups and M&M’s. My mom, an occasional Weight Watcher, often tells of how everyone in the room will lustily groan whenever anyone mentions those pleasurable patties. Confessional stories usually ensue.

“My daughter needed to bring something for her class Halloween party, so I bought her some of those pumpkin-shaped peanut butter cups. Well... I ate the whole box... in the parking lot.”

M&M’s seem to lend themselves to overconsumption purely because of the ease of shoveling them by the handful into your mouth. The absolute worst temptation is a large open container of loose M&M’s, as one of my coworkers brought for our staff Halloween party. There was a constant stream of people leaving and returning to the beckoning bowl like blood circulating through an artery. Meanwhile the little ceramic cauldron of Candy Corn sat all alone, nearly untouched --except by myself.



It is official. The LimeWire file-sharing service is dead. Visitors to the LimeWire website are now being greeted with this very official-looking opening page:

“This Is An Official Notice That LimeWire Is Under Court-Ordered Injunction To Stop Distributing And Supporting Its File-Sharing Software. Downloading Or Sharing Copyrighted Content Without Authorization Is Illegal.”

It’s been ten years since LimeWire was originally released and it looks like all that unauthorized file sharing has finally caught up to it. A U.S. District Court Judge ruled that LimeWire “intentionally encouraged direct infringement” of copyright and “marketed itself to known copyright infringers.” As a result, the judge ordered LimeWire to disable “the searching, downloading, uploading, file trading...and/or all functionality” of its venerable P2P software. LimeWire has been mired in a four-year legal struggle with the music industry and the case has already resulted in the company and its founder being found liable for potentially hundreds of millions of dollars in damages. Although LimeWire is on the verge of vanishing in its current form, the company will continue negotiations with the major music companies about a licensing deal to offer music legally for sale with a subscription service. With this latest development in the fight against online piracy, LimeWire finds itself going the way of Grokster and Napster. Napster did eventually manage to successfully navigate the path to becoming a legitimate online music distributor after overcoming its legal woes, but the situation facing LimeWire could not have come at a worse time for the company.

The Music and Movie industries have renewed their efforts at fighting online piracy with a zeal that shows that they really mean business. Their latest target appears to be the BitTorrent protocol that allows users to download and upload large data files to decentralized servers for file-sharing purposes. This model of file-sharing often frustrates attempts at defining where the offending content has originated from and is being delivered to, thereby keeping attempts at shutting down a central site from ever reaching a successful conclusion. When the Movie and Recording industry targeted individual file-shares at the individual end-users years back, the strategy turned out to be a PR disaster for the companies involved with not much to show for its efforts. In the latest incarnation of their anti-piracy efforts, recording companies have enlisted the help of ISP’s in order to identify, track and eventually stop the unauthorized sharing of copyrighted content. While they haven’t yet gotten to the point where they have the power to accomplish this, if their string of victories in the fight against piracy has done anything for them it has shown them that the end just may be in sight.

RICH Johnson



It used to be recommended on election day in Chicago that you vote early ... and vote often. It may or may not have been a joke because Chicago election corruption was legendary. My only recommendation is that you vote.

Interestingly, voting in Australia (and around 30 other countries) is compulsory. That simply means you are breaking the law if you don’t vote. The fine is \$20. However, if you don’t respond to government’s request for a doctor’s note or other legitimate excuse, (no, a note from your mom won’t cut it), the fine jumps to \$50 plus the cost of tracking you down. Sounds like a good idea to me.

But enough of the stern business at hand. Let’s take another lighter side look at the world of politicians. I’ll start with a dramatic hard line stand taken by the first President Bush:

“I do not like broccoli...I’m President of the United States and I’m not going to eat any more broccoli.” *George H. W. Bush*

How about a few campaign slogans and bumper stickers from comedian Pat Paulsen:

“If elected, I will win.”
“I can’t stand Pat. Paulsen for President.”
“We’ve upped our standards. Up yours.”

“Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge where there is no river.” *Nikita Khrushchev*

“It’s our fault. We should have given him (Ronald Reagan) better parts.” *Jack Warner*

“Recession is when your neighbor loses his job. Depression is when you lose yours. And

Vote, Vote, Vote!

recovery is when Jimmy Carter loses his.” *Ronald Reagan (in 1980)*

“Folks who don’t know why America is the Land of Promise should be here during an election campaign.” *Milton Berle*

“You can lead a man to Congress, but you can’t make him think.” *Milton Berle*

“We would all like to vote for the best man but he is never a candidate.” *Kin Hubbard*

“If Governor Fields is right, I am going to stand by him because he is right. If he is wrong, I am going to stand by him because he is a Democrat.” *Augustus O. Stanley*

“He is going around the country stirring up apathy.” *William Whitelaw*

“I do have certain feelings. My feeling is that whoever is in charge, I want him out.” *Lewis Black*

A cornucopia of campaign slogans are regularly being generated during high school campaigns. Here are a few:

“He’s Not Popular and He’s Not Handsome. So He Has Time for Student Government. Vote for Rich.”
“Just Do It. Vote for Rich.”
“Pardon Me. Can You Spare a Vote? Rich.”
“Thank Rich It’s Friday.”
“Victoria’s Real Secret. She Votes for Rich.”
“Vote for Rich. We’ve All Done Something Stupid.”
“Rich! Like Darth Vader, Only Prettier.”

Finally, I’ll end with a compelling, deep, insightful, probing question. How come, in our society, we generally have to choose from just 2 people in most elections, and yet, we choose from 50 for Miss America?

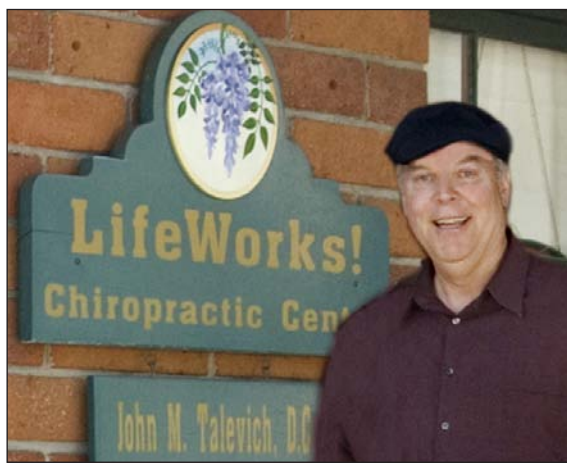
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Today's Subject:

Those Old Blues



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.

About this time of year, nearly thirty percent of the population experiences a loss of energy and enthusiasm. As the light begins to lose its warm orange/red quality and the days grow shorter, the pineal gland receives less stimulation and melatonin, the sleep hormone, increases. These processes can cause changes ranging from a sense of fatigue to depression. The arrival of spring, with its change of light and longer days, reverses this process. Meanwhile, up to ten percent of the population suffers significant depression as SAD (Seasonal Affect Disorder) during the late fall and winter months.

Let There Be Light

Studies done by the National Institute of Mental Health have demonstrated that the use of simple full-spectrum light exposure for thirty minutes each morning can reduce the effects of seasonal change. This appears to be true for some types of depression not caused by seasonal change as well. Full-spectrum lighting can be purchased at hardware stores and placed next to your bed or in an area which is used during the morning hours. In the evening, the lights should be turned down to encourage normal melatonin secretion for a good night's sleep. If you find it difficult to get to sleep, remove or cover up electrical lights and sounds, ie. cell phones, lit clocks, computers, televisions. The darker and quieter your room, the sounder your sleep. Avoid eating too close to bedtime, read a calming book if you like (television stimulates the retina and creates wakefulness), breathe deeply and enjoy your rest.

Have a great week! ~Dr. John

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Worship & Music Assistant and Fuller Seminary PhD candidate Noel Snyder preaches. Both draw inspiration from Luke 19:1-10 - Jesus and Zacchaeus.

Check out “The Gathering” video at www.smccpby.com.

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11:15 am “The Gathering” worship service
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WELLBORN (cont. from page 10) even as it left their lips.

So this election is about two primary things that have been born from all of what is written above: clarity and rebirth. We Americans are now clear on who President Obama is, what the left really wants to do to this country and how disastrous it will be, not to mention how bad it is right now. We Americans are also turning in droves to everyday citizens to take up the mantles of leadership that we are in the process of stripping from so many of the career pols and bureaucrats. Look around for a moment at the background of the new Republican challengers.

You'll see business owners, blue-collar workers, optometrists, scientists, shopkeepers and gatekeepers. In short, you'll see everyday Americans. We are returning to our roots, experiencing a rebirth of true self-governance, and it is about time. This election is about our future, and it is now starting to look pretty good.

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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 Deed's" 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".

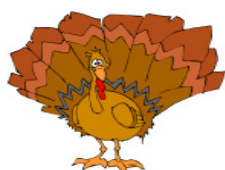
For more information or to purchase tickets for the pre-show dinner contact the church at 626.796.0157. The show will be in the Great Hall and First United Methodist Church is located at 500 East Colorado Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91101. **All are welcome.**



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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



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Recipe of the Week:

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HALLOWEEN PUNCH

Ingredients:

12 oz orange juice concentrate, frozen
12 oz grape juice, white
2 liters 7-Up
1 pt sherbet, lemon or lime
green food coloring

Directions:

Mix together orange juice, white grape juice, 7-Up, lemon or lime sherbet, and several drops of green food coloring. If desired, serve with large, buoyant, and well-washed plastic spiders on the top! (For adult party: add rum or vodka to taste, optional)

HEARTY HALLOWEEN SOUP

Ingredients:

1 pound ground turkey
1 onion, chopped
1 cup celery, chopped
6 cups water
1 teaspoon chicken soup base or bouillon granules
1 cup diced red potato
1 bay leaf
1/8 teaspoon basil
2 tablespoons parsley, chopped
1/2 teaspoon thyme
6 cups tomatoes, diced
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 cup warm water
2 cups broken vermicelli

Directions:

In a kettle, combine ground turkey, chopped onion, and chopped celery. Cook until the vegetable are soft; drain.

Stir in water, chicken base, diced red potatoes, bay leaf, basil, chopped parsley, thyme, diced tomatoes, and flour dissolved in warm water. Cover and simmer for 1 hour.

Add vermicelli and simmer until cooked, about 10 minutes. *Makes 16 servings.*

CARAMEL NUT APPLES

Ingredients

6 apples
1 (14-ounce) package soft caramel candies
1 cup finely chopped nuts

Directions

Rinse and dry apples. Place a thick wooden skewer or 2 popsicle sticks through the stem of each apple.

In the top of a double boiler melt caramel over low heat. Stir until caramel has melted and is smooth. Dunk the apples in the warm caramel. Using a spatula, spread the caramel over the apples. Once the apples are completely covered in caramel, sprinkle with chopped nuts. Place apples on a piece of wax paper to harden. *Makes 6 servings*

October Birthdays



Pat Birdsall, Sole Krieg, Angela Stella, Mary Jane Baker, Barbara Cline, Dixie Coutant, Cathleen Cremins, Lillias Eubanks, Margit Johnson, Adelaide 'Adie' Marshall, Alma Mays, Eva Poet, Anne Tyler

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



Kellye Wallett: Pasadena Area Gardens in Watercolor

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

Kellye Wallett's had a couple of lives and careers. Her lilting, Hawaiian-influenced voice and features are still very identifiable as "Nurse Kellye" to aficionados (like me) of television's M*A*S*H show from twenty some years ago, still in worldwide re-runs today.



Artist Kellye Wallett views her Descanso Gardens watercolor, displayed at Pasadena Police Department.

Her current "other" life as a water color artist has captured the beauty of some of the Pasadena area's famous gardens and settings. Before LA became her stomping ground, Wallett's renderings of San Francisco waterfront settings were represented by Polk Gallery. Her "Gardens of Pasadena" collection includes the Wrigley estate/ Rose Bowl headquarters on Orange Grove, Pasadena City Hall's Central Fountain, Descanso Gardens in La Canada and the Huntington Gardens. Others from that grouping immortalize garden scenes and doorways from less ostentatious, though no less captivating surroundings.

Many originals and some giclees from the collection are on permanent loan to the city of Pasadena, displayed during business hours at the Police Department headquarters across from City Hall at 207 N. Garfield.

Wallett pointed out the location of her Central Fountain perspective, as well as features of the huge renovation project recently completed at City Hall. Her work was previously displayed at City Hall after her one-artist show there a few years ago, but it was felt her work should be displayed in more public accessible spaces, rather than inside city offices, so they were moved to the Police Station.

Several department employees have their own Wallett's art in their work areas as well, and she appears to be a well-recognized, well-loved fixture in the city domains. Our tour of her public display, accompanied by Ronnie De Vries of the Police Department, was punctuated by joyful calls of welcome and recognition here and there, as was an amble through the outdoor walkways of historic City Hall.

Wallett's work "Koi" was chosen as representative of Senate District 21 for the California State Senate's California Contemporary Art Collection, and was displayed in the State

One special favorite of mine is her "Domes" work overlooking downtown Pasadena. Wallett told of her ventures up the bell tower of a Pasadena church in order to capture her envisioned perspective. It required not only scaling the bell tower, but a trip up an extension ladder to get just a little more height to achieve just the right view. The resulting sunset-lit panorama offers the magnificent red-tile roofed City Hall dome in the foreground, with several landmark edifices, reminiscent of an old European city.

Kellye Wallett's Pasadena gallery location is under redevelopment, so you can view or purchase her collection through her website at www.KellyesArt.com or contact Wallett at Wow Productions, 626-683-8243 for more information. Her special viewpoint and sensitivity to the art of gardens and gardening can make even her works called "Compost Garden" and "Wood Pile" into beautiful, beloved art.



Wrigley estate gardens from her Gardens of Pasadena Collection. All artwork used with the artist's permission.

SPORTS



Make Sure You Buy The Right Hybrid Golf Clubs for Your Game



By Bobby Eldridge

I think the hybrid golf clubs are going to wind up being a better invention than the sand wedge. I have to ad one more thought. IF you buy the right one for your game.

Can you believe how incredible it is to stand in the middle of the fairway 200 yards from the green and you get to pull out one of those beautiful replacement clubs instead of a 3 iron? That is exactly where the problems begin. You better hope that you bought the correct 3 iron replacement. From the minute I heard about the hybrids I have referred to them as replacement clubs.

Of course I have a reason why I call them replacement clubs. I bought three of them before it dawned on me that I was just buying them because I liked them, not because they were correct for my game. That is when I did some research that I will share with you.

The Rules of Golf states that you are allowed to carry 14 clubs in your bag. Let's do some math. You probably use a driver, putter, pitching wedge, sand wedge and LOB. That's five golf clubs and nine to go. Most of you have a 9-8-7-6 irons. Now we have nine clubs and four to go.

You have to make sure of two things when you are replacing your longer irons. If you don't buy the hybrids in a set you are going to get different shafts from different companies. Even thou you bought a regular shaft from one company that doesn't mean it is going to be the same regular shaft of another company. The second thing you have to be careful of if you don't buy your hybrids in a set is the loft on the clubs.

That is where my problems began early on. I was buying different hybrids and the lofts were too close together.

The following chart will help you understand what you have to purchase for a replacement club:

- 17 degree hybrid would replace a 2 iron or 5 wood
- 20 degree hyrid would replace a 3 iron or 7 wood
- 23 degree hybrid would replace a 4 iron
- 27 degree hybrid would replace a 5 iron
- 31 degree hybrid would replace a 6 iron

In closing I have to explain one last thing to you. Not all companys have the same degree of loft. Some companies might make a 24-28-32 degree set of hybrids. The one thing to keep in mind is that you are REPLACING a club in your bag. You don't want two clubs with the same loft.

I hope this helps you out the next time you head out to buy a couple of hybrid golf clubs for your game.

Golfingly yours, Bobby Eldridge

You can email me at: bobby@igolffixes.com or go to my website: www.igolffixes.com

Alverno X-Country Tunes Up For League Finals

By Lara L. Larramendi



Eryn Blakely medals at the 63rd Annual Mt. Sac X-Country Invitational with a time of 20:08 for a 12th place finish.

Alverno's X-Country runners are working very hard preparing for the Horizon League finals on Wednesday, November 3rd. The runners have competed in 3 meets within the last 8 days and at each meet, most have improved their personal bests at each course.

It started with the Horizon League meet hosted by Alverno at Eaton Canyon on October 22nd. The weather seemed to motivate the Jaguars to improved performances as the JV squad won and the Varsity did not falter in the League standings.

At the 63rd Annual Mt. Sac X-Country Invitational held on Friday, October 22nd, Jaguar runners improved their finish times from last year's competition. The 3-mile rugged course has switchbacks and several up hills, one aptly named "Poop Out Hill". Division 5 Varsity Girls race had 208 runners that finished. Alverno, placing 15th in the Team competition, was led by Eryn Blakely, who earned a medal for 12th place finish with a time of 20:09, Audrey Davy came in 27th with a finish time of 21:53. Contributors to the team effort were Ashley Haylett, Bianca Melkonian, Miranda Akkari and Sascha Rosemond.

Running for their first time at the Mt. Sac Invitational and competing among the 202 runners in the Division 5 Freshman race were Bella Daniels-Campos, Victoria Pintado, Francesca Rueda and Reagan Dowd. Adrianna Martinez competed in the Division 5 Sophomore race which had 191 runners.

In their final regular League meet on October 27th, the Jaguar Varsity and JV squads defeated their opponent Bishop Conaty but came in 2nd behind Sacred Heart. First place finisher and varsity runner Eryn Blakely continued her assault of the Griffith Park rugged 3-mile course with a personal best time of 18:58. At earlier races this season, Blakely has posted finishing times of 21:07 (Bell-Jeff Invitational on 9/25) and 19:35 (against Sacred Heart on 10/3). Senior Audrey Davy not feeling 100% finished 3rd with a time of 21:28. Her varsity Jaguar teammates following her were Jessica Lopez, Francesca Rueda, Bianca Melkonian, Ashley Haylett and Miranda Akkari.

The JV squad continues to significantly improve their finishing times. They are looking forward to capturing a Horizon League championship. Next on their radar is the Horizon League finals meet on November 3rd likely to be held at Eaton Canyon.

At the Griffith Park course on October 27th meet, finishing 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th and 11th were Adrianna Martinez, Sascha Rosemond, Bella Daniels-Campos, Andrea Gochez-Wilson and Reagan Dowd for a team score of 31 to Sacred Heart's score of 27 (1st, 2nd, 5th, 9th, 10th). Rounding out the JV squad were Victoria Pintado, Devny Osuna, Holly Coates, Madi Daniels-Campos and Nicolette Rodriguez.

Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou

SHORT SALES GET A TUNE UP

Federal foreclosure-prevention tactics have recently been expanded to encourage delinquent borrowers to avoid foreclosure by streamlining the short sale process. Cash incentives are also being offered to the homeowners, as well as to the lenders and the buyers.

Perhaps the best feature of the new legislation requires the lenders to advise the sellers what their minimum acceptable price is before listing the home for sale. Then if the sellers secure an offer for the agreed price, the lender must accept it within 10 days.

This speeds up the short sale process tremendously, since the lender is also required to consult with local real estate agents in order to determine a fair price. Of course, "fair" is a relative term here, because in a short sale, the bank is agreeing to sell the property for less than the total amount due on the mortgage.

However, it is definitely in the lender's best interest to expedite a short sale instead of allowing the home to foreclose, because on average, the bank loses 50% on a foreclosure, but only 30% on a short sale.

These new standardized procedures, called the Home Affordable Foreclosure Alternatives Program (HAFA), is a new option for homeowners who have been unsuccessful under existing programs. If you're facing default, I strongly urge you to contact a real estate agent today to discuss the alternatives.

CALIFORNIA ECONOMIC AND REAL ESTATE SUMMIT

The real estate community and the public are invited to attend the Fifth Annual Economic and Real Estate Summit scheduled for Thursday, November 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Masonic Center, 50 W. Duarte Road in Arcadia. The forecast will be presented by Robert Kleinhenz, Ph.D., Deputy Chief Economist for the California Association of REALTORS. A continental breakfast will be served beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Kleinhenz will discuss what lies ahead for the future real estate market. Will there be more changes in the market? What will happen to all the foreclosed properties? You will receive pertinent information regarding the current and future outlook of residential real estate and trends that could change that outlook. Come and hear about this and much more regarding residential properties.

The event is sponsored by the Arcadia Association of REALTORS Education Committee and is free for Arcadia Association REALTOR and Affiliate Members. All city officials receive complimentary registration. Registration for members of the public is \$10 paid by check or credit card. Pre-registration is required. Call (626) 446-2115 to reserve your place.

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