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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.

GENERAL PLAN TOWN HALL MEETING

The General Plan Steering Committee is hosting its first Town Hall Forum on November 14, 2010 at the Youth Activity Center (YAC), 611 E. Sierra Madre Boulevard (second story of the Community Recreation Center). Residents and community members are encourage to drop in between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. to provide input on framing the future of the town. Participants do not need to be in attendance during the entire two hour event.

The General Plan is the document that defines how the City of Sierra Madre is economically managed and developed over a ten to twenty year period. The General Plan guides the policy-making of City government. The current 1996 General Plan is available on the City's website.

The November 14th forum will solicit community input regarding six "General Plan Areas." The areas are: Public Safety; Economic Development, Parking, Traffic and Transit; Resources, Public Services; Treasures/Seniors, Hillside, Historic Preservation, Trees; Recreation, Parks, Library, Special Events; and Land Use, City Council Approved Housing Element.

Each area will be hosted by a member of the General Plan Committee, and will have related text from the 1996 General Plan. Residents and community members will be asked to comment and provide input at each area in exchange for a chance to be entered into a raffle. The General Plan Steering Committee has also created a survey and will have a suggestion box to gather any additional thoughts related to the General Plan Update.

For additional information call De Alcorn at 626-355-4793, or City Hall at 626-355-7135. You can also inquire about the General Plan Update by email at GeneralPlan@cityofsierramadre.com. Information is also available on the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com.

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WORLD WAR II VETERAN RECALLS THE ATTACK ON THE USS SARATOGA

Gordon Caldwell is a well respected, long time resident in Sierra Madre. The retired owner of GEM Plumbing, he is a fixture almost daily at Bean Town and a member of the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club for more than twenty years. He is also an active member of the Sierra Madre Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3208. He served in the United States Navy during World War II on the USS Saratoga.

Earlier this year, Gordon, accompanied by his wife Mary Lou, attended a reunion of those who served on the Saratoga. There he met, for the very first time, a Sierra Madre neighbor, Gordon Hawkins, who served on the same ship at the same time.

Both men lived through the unimaginable - an attack on their ship during WWII and both have lived very productive lives since then, only to discover they are, and have been for a long time, neighbors living less than a mile from each other.

That fateful encounter at the ship's reunion inspired Caldwell to bring the two together back home and share their story.

On October 26, 2010, at a presentation to the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club, Gordon told an amazing story of patriotism, strength and courage. An excerpt has been printed that it might inspire others as we remember and celebrate our veterans this Thursday.

S, Henderson, Editor - MVNews

Excerpts From Gordon Caldwell's Presentation:

The Saratoga engaged in landing rehearsals for the Marines on February 12, 1945 at Tinian located in the Western Carolines Islands 80 miles north of Guam. Tinian had been secured in 1944, and had the Largest airfield of the war. The Tinian North runway was 20 miles long and 425 to 500 feet wide. In August The Enola Gay flew from the

Tinian airfield, and dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

After Leaving Tinian the Saratoga proceeded to Tokyo where she carried out diversionary strikes on Tokyo on the nights of February 16 and 17. The Saratoga was assigned to provide fighter cover while the remaining carriers launched the strikes on Japan. In the process, her fighters raided two Japanese airfields. She then set out to return to Iwo Jima, refueling on the way. When she arrived on February 21, 1945 the Saratoga was detached with an escort of three destroyers to join the amphibious forces and carry out night patrols over Iwo Jima and night heckler missions over nearby Chi-Chi Jima. (ChiChi Jima was an island 150 miles north of Iwo Jima and 640 miles south of Tokyo. It was defended by 25,000 Japanese troops which served as the reinforcements for Iwo Jima.)

As the Saratoga approached Iwo Jima at 5:05p.m., on February 21, 1945, an air attack developed. Taking advantage of low cloud cover, and the Saratoga's insufficient escort, the Japanese planes attacked. Within 3 minutes The Saratoga received more varied types of damage all at once, than



Gordon Hawkins (left) and Gordon Caldwell (right) met at the reunion of the SS Saratoga on Memorial Day. Both men are longtime residents of Sierra Madre. Both men were on board the SS Saratoga when it was attacked in WWII. Photos courtesy of G. Caldwell

any ship since Pearl Harbor. About 1 ½ hours after the first attack, with darkness setting in, more enemy planes appeared and dropped another bomb on the carrier before crashing. Damage from the second attack, although severe, was soon brought under control. The Damaged aircraft and debris were jettisoned overboard and the ship was able to receive its airborne pilots who

for General Quarters sounded, we assumed it was a drill. We had had so many drills in the last few days. But then it came over the speaker that we were under attack. Here we were soaking wet, without any clothes coming under attack. We had to run down 2 decks and across the hanger deck and through a hatch in the deck to where my locker was to grab some clothes.

Sierra Madre Environmental Action Council's Annual General Meeting

SMEAC members, friends, and all those interested in the environment are cordially invited to attend SMEAC's annual General Meeting, to be held Wednesday, November 10, 6:00pm, at the Sierra Madre United Methodist Church, 695 West Sierra Madre Blvd., located on the northeast corner of the Blvd. and Michillinda Avenue. Parking access is off Michillinda. The meeting will include the usual potluck dinner and social, piano entertainment by the talented Vincent Johnson, a few organization-related comments, followed by our featured guest speaker. The latter will be Kirstyn Perry from the firm of PBWS Architects. Her topic will be "How Green Is Our New Middle School", dealing with the implementation of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) practices in the design of the new Sierra Mesa Middle School so that the school LEEDS the way in this field.

Bring your favorite dish to share. Beverages will be provided by SMEAC. Call Allison Snow at (626) 355-1544 if you have any questions. We hope to see you there.

League Of Women Voters Hold Election Post Mortem



Participants in the event included (sitting left to right): Nan Kaiser, Joan Zukoski and Laurie Cooper. Standing (2nd from left to right) Debbie Hemp, Yvonne Pine, Past President; Jessica Levinson, Petite Morrison, President and Samanta Lau.

On Thursday, the Pasadena Area League of Women Voters held an 'Election Post Mortem', to discuss the outcome of California's Gubernatorial Election. Leading the panel discussion was Jessica Levinson adjunct professor at Loyola Law School and director of political reform at the Center for Governmental studies.

Questions were raised regarding the impact of the votes on ballot measures. The League does not endorse candidates.

Although there remain more than 2 million ballots that have

not been counted, the fate of all the ballot propositions had been by the time the forum was held.

The 2010 mid-term elections had fewer voters participating in Los Angeles County than the 2006 mid-term elections. Despite the contentious gubernatorial race, turnout for this election was only 45.54% of the registered voters. The previous mid-term election, held in 2006 had a 52.14% turnout.

Want to know how LA County voted on the candidates and issues? See the chart on page 4.



Photo of the burial at sea. Eleven sailors of Fire Room 9, Gordon Caldwell's assignment, were killed.

were circling the ship while their fuel supplies ran low.

All in all, the Saratoga sustained seven direct bomb hits and 5 Kamikaze hits. The ship had a gaping hole in the flight deck; another bomb had penetrated the foredeck. The flight deck was wrecked. Her starboard side was holed twice, and massive fires were ablaze on the hanger deck where the enemy bombs had set the fully fueled night fighters on fire.

At 5:00 PM another sailor and I were taking a shower. When the order

The sailor that was with me never made it through the hatch. I do not know his name or what happened to him. I never saw him again.

I now had clothes on, but I was trapped, the ship was completely locked down for battle. I was trapped, above a boiler room; and I could hear the ak-ak fire. There was an air intake for the boiler in this area, which was approximately the size of a door. I went up the ladder, about 20 feet and could see out through the air intake and watched as the Kamikaze

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

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

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



Youth Activity Center and Active Skate Day

The YAC will be hosting the Active Skate Day this Friday, November 5 at the Sierra Vista Park Basketball Court from 3:00pm-5:00pm. Active Ride shop will be hosting skate demonstrations and participants have an opportunity to test their skills on ramps and skate features. In addition Capital Records will be on-site with free giveaways. Please note all skaters are required to have a parent or guardian signed waiver in order to participate in the event. Sierra Vista Park is located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. For more information please call the Community and Personnel Services Department at 626-355-5278.

II. BARGAIN BOOK SALE AT SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY
A Cornucopia of Great Selections!

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library will hold a Bargain Book Table Sale inside the Library, Monday, November 8 through Saturday, November 13, during the Library’s open hours. This month’s featured topics are Fiction, History, Politics, Collectibles, Women & Families, The National Geographic Wilderness collection, and Children’s books. Books are replenished daily, and are only \$1.00 each. Please note that the Library will be closed on Veteran’s Day, Thursday, November 11.

For more information call (626) 355-7186, or visit our website at www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us. The Sierra Madre Public Library, located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre, is open Monday through Wednesday from Noon to 9 p.m., Thursday and Friday from Noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

CROWN CITY SYMPHONY
PRESENTS TWO FREE
CONCERTS

Saturday, November 20th 2:00 pm
Pasadena Christian Church

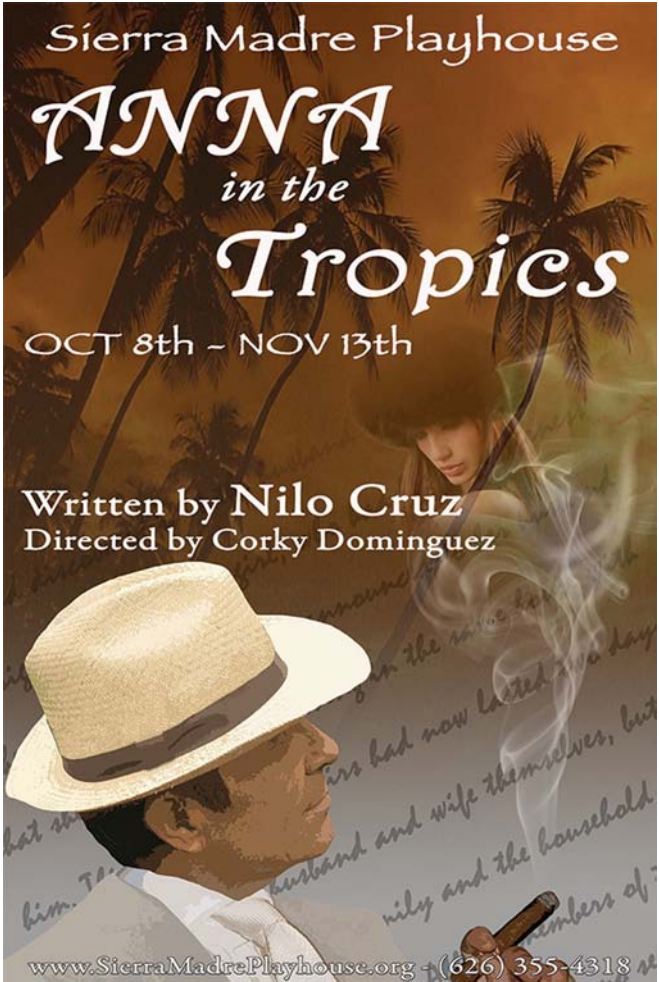
Sunday, November 21st 2:00 pm
First Baptist Church of Pasadena

Crown City Symphony, a community orchestra founded in 2003 under the sponsorship of the Pasadena Senior Center, will give two free concerts, Nov. 20 & 21, at 2pm both days. The first concert is at the Pasadena Christian Church, 789 N. Altadena Drive, Pasadena and the second concert is at the First Baptist Church of Pasadena, 75 N. Marengo. Marvin Neumann is the conductor, and the soloist is Andrew Sords.

Hailed as an “absolute wonder”, violinist ANDREW SORDS has established himself as the preeminent new face of classical violin. Already a veteran of the concert stage, Sords has appeared with over 60 orchestras and in countless recital venues across three continents. Born in 1985 in Newark, Delaware, Sords later moved to Shaker Heights, Ohio. He completed his undergraduate education at the Cleveland Institute of Music, and has performed for the legendary Midori in masterclasses in New York City and at the University of Southern California. In 2008 Sords received international exposure as the top Google Classical News story as well as crowning the “Top-40 Charts in Classical Music. He is the featured violinist in a documentary on violin technique recorded at the Cleveland Institute of Music. His website is www.andrewsords.com.

Crown City Symphony, whose motto is Ability not Age, has received grants from The Pasadena Tournament of Roses Foundation and the City of Pasadena Cultural Affairs Division, and the Pasadena Showcase for the Arts. This is the final concert under the sponsorship of the Pasadena Senior Center, which founded the Orchestra. Starting in 2011, The Tuesday Musicale of Pasadena will sponsor the Orchestra.

The web site is crowncitysymphony.org. For more information email Roberta Wilcox, manager, at manager@crowncitysymphony.org, or call, (626) 797-1994.



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.

“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

Sierra Madre Chamber
Mixer on November 16
to Celebrate Pharmacy
Centennial at Best Buy



Paul Mansour, (above) pharmacist and owner of Best Buy Pharmacy, will host the November Chamber Mixer event at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16 at the store, 29 N. Baldwin, Sierra Madre.

Earlier this fall, Mansour discovered a 1910 date on an old photo of the pharmacy, confirming that the store has served Sierra Madre now for at least a century, through several ownerships. In addition to the mixer, which offers local business people and residents an opportunity to network and get to know one another better, the Chamber will host a ribbon cutting to celebrate the beginning of the second century of a locally owned pharmacy for Sierra Madre and the surrounding communities.

Mansour and his family searched the Sierra Madre Library Archives with librarian Debbie Henderson, and purchased digital files of historical interior and exterior photos of the pharmacy from their archive service. The photos have been enlarged on canvas, and will be displayed at the store for the Centennial celebration, in addition to enlargements of historical documents and news articles of the pharmacy’s history.

Cost to attend the mixer is \$7 for Chamber members and \$15 for non-members. Please RSVP to the Chamber at 626 355-5111 or by email to Info@SierraMadreChamber.com



“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 Ingwalson (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,
SierraMadreSue sierramadresue@yahoo.com

“THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW” Contest

Are you a small business owner who is tired of bureaucratic red tape? Do you have a common sense idea to cut waste from state government? Have you thought of a sensible solution to a growing problem in your community?

Some of the best legislative ideas come from those who have personally experienced a problem and see a need for reform. So, if you have an idea for a new law that you’d like me to consider, or if you believe a certain law is problematic and should be repealed, I hope you will participate in my 2011 “There Ought To Be A Law” contest.

I will choose one idea to be included in my 2011 legislative package. The person who submits the winning idea will be invited to join me for lunch and will receive a California State flag that has been flown over the Capitol.

To enter this year’s contest, please visit my website, at www.senate.ca.gov/huff and fill out the short questionnaire describing your idea. You can submit the form online or mail it to my Capitol office by December 3, 2010, and the winner will be announced in January.

If you have questions, please contact my Capitol office staff at (916) 651-4029.

Daylight Saving Ends - CAL FIRE
Reminds Californians to Change Your
Clocks, Change Your Batteries



Sacramento – Replacing the batteries in home smoke alarms should be a common ritual for many people as daylight saving time comes to an end on Sunday, November 7. CAL FIRE and the Office of the State Fire Marshal is reminding all Californians that when the time changes, the batteries in all smoke alarms should be replaced. If smoke alarms in homes are more than ten years old, CAL FIRE recommends replacing them as well.

According to a recent survey among more than 1,000 adults commissioned by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), conducted over the phone in September 2010, Americans continue to have misunderstandings about smoke alarms, including how many they need in their homes and how often they should be tested and replaced.

Smoke alarms, when properly installed, give an early audible warning needed to safely escape from fire. That’s critical because 85 percent of all fire deaths occur in the home, and the majority occur at night when most people are sleeping. Last year, NFPA documented 3,420 home fire deaths nationwide.

“By taking the time to replace the battery in your smoke alarm you help ensure that you have one of the best ways to alert your family should a fire occur,” said Chief Tonya Hoover, acting state fire marshal.

CAL FIRE has the following tips on smoke alarms:

- Test smoke alarms once a month.
- Replace batteries in all smoke alarms twice a year.
- Don’t “borrow” or remove batteries from smoke alarms even temporarily.
- Regularly vacuum or dust smoke alarms to keep them working properly.
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.
- Don’t paint over smoke alarms.
- Practice family fire drills so everyone knows what to do if the smoke alarm goes off.

PARKER'S PUMPKINS - Part II

Photos by Lina Johnson

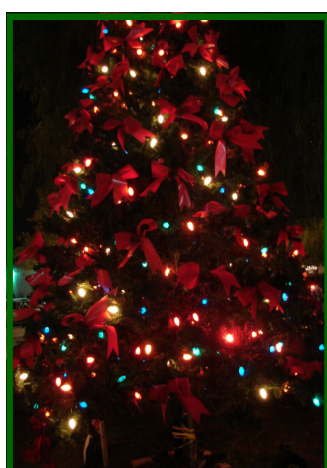
For those who made the journey to view Sierra Madre's Halloween Decorations, the sights and sounds were worth the rate. The city had hundreds of homes that were adorned with ghosts and goblins, cemeteries and witches and all manner of scary, creepy crawly things. And, as if to reward the residents for their hard work, thousands of characters, some scary, some funny of all ages, knocked on doors with that annual salutation, "Trick or Treat"! According to the Sierra Madre Police Department, this year's attendance exceeded last year's estimated 6-7,000 people.

On Alegria, where residents truly go all out, the street was filled with literally thousands of people waiting in line to get a close up look at the amazing creations.

In last week's edition, Lina Johnson told the amazing story of one family on Alegria, Doug and Heather Parker, who, along with Heather's brother Chris Roberts and other family members, create the most, "resplendent visual treat" from pumpkins that one can imagine. At that time, the work had not been completed, but by Sunday evening, all systems were ready to go.

For your enjoyment, here are a few of the carved pumpkin's that the Parkers displayed to the delight of thousands.

Starting from the top, left to right: The King and Queen of Halloween, Doug and Heather Parker with a few smiling faces; A creepy crawly smiling caterpillar (pumpkinpillar?); a close up of the eyes that greet you as you enter the house; the view from the sidewalk and last, but certainly not least, the hairdo to end all hairdo's.



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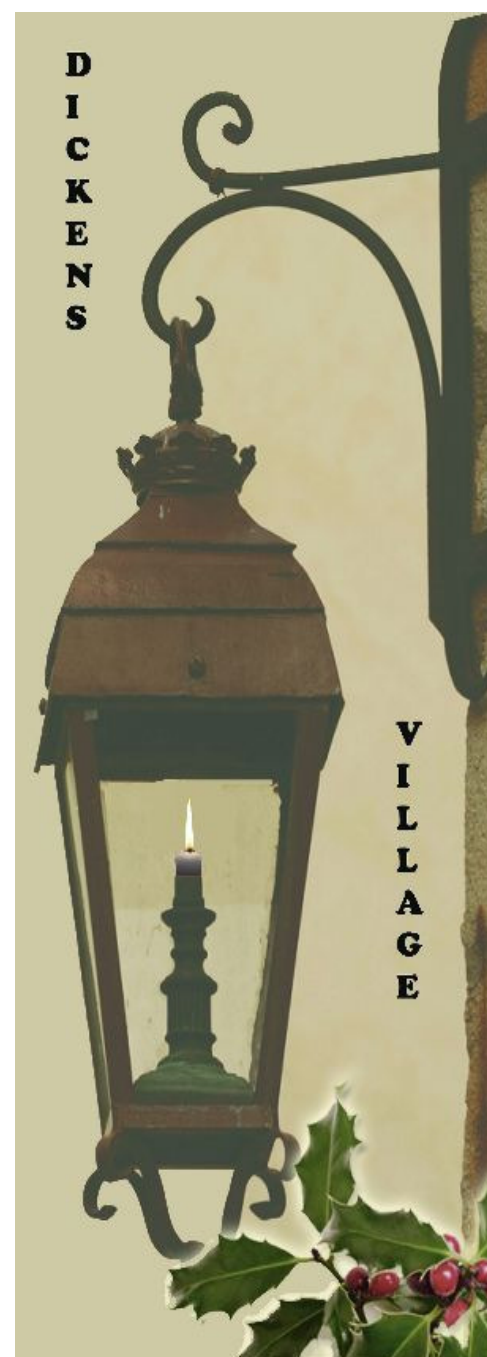
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Sierra Madre UMC to Participate in CROP Walk “Ending Hunger One Step at a Time”

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.

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.

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, October 24th, to Saturday October 30th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 336 calls for service. See crimereports.com for updated information.

Sunday, October 21st:
12:16 AM- Commercial Burglary, Best Buy Drugs, 20 blk. N. Baldwin Ave. Unknown suspect(s) entered the location by smashing the front window. The loss included 3 bottles of generic Tylenol with codeine (\$300.00) and 1 bottle of brand Tylenol with codeine (\$100.00), each bottle containing 1,000 tablets.
09:36 AM- Attempted Petty Theft. 200 blk. W. Highland Ave. Unknown suspect(s) entered two unlocked vehicles through the driver's side door and tried to remove the car stereo. No loss was taken from either car.
Monday, October 25th:
10:03 AM- Grand Theft Exceeding \$400.00, 70 blk. N. Auburn Ave. The suspect took several pieces of jewelry from the victim's home. The loss included one ½ carat diamond ring, 14k gold wedding band, one 14k yellow gold ribbon ring, one 14k yellow gold square clip on earrings, a 14k gold charm bracelet with four circular and one 14k gold medallion. Total value estimated at \$10,800.00.
04:45 PM- Petty Theft. 40 blk. N. Lima St. Unknown suspect(s) stole an unlocked red Mongoose mountain bike. The owner last saw the bike on Friday 10/22/10 at 3:00pm.
11:43 PM- DUI Alcohol/ Drugs. Baldwin Ave and Laurel Ave. An officer stopped a motorist for a Vehicle Code violation. The motorist was under the influence of alcohol or drugs and had three outstanding warrants for his arrest. The suspect was also in possession of a small amount of marijuana.
Wednesday, October 27th:
6:44 PM- Commercial Burglary, Sierra Madre Cleaners. 100 blk. W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Unknown suspects entered the above location and stole a black leathered purse valued of \$175.00 from the owner the items inside the bag included Black leathered wallet valued at \$125.00, Visa Credit card, Macy's credit card, Nordstrom's credit card, California Drivers License, \$12.00 dollars and a Social security card.
10:22 PM- Criminal Threats. 10 blk. W. Sierra Madre Blvd. A young woman called the Sierra Madre Police Department to report that her ex-boyfriend phoned her and threatened to kill her.
Thursday, October 28th:
01:43 PM- Vandalism/Graffiti. 10 blk. N. Baldwin Ave. Unknown suspect(s) vandalized a commercial building with graffiti.
06:29 PM- Use Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc. Claremont, CA Police Department forwarded an identity theft report to Sierra Madre Police Department because unauthorized purchases had been made at a restaurant in Sierra Madre using a Claremont resident's debit card.
Friday, October 29th:
10:25 AM- Property Lost/Stolen. 400 blk. Fairview Ave. Victim discovered that she was missing her wallet while attending an event in Los Angeles. The loss included: one red leather card holder, one CA driver's license, \$100.00, Two Anthem Blue Cross Medical Cards, one State Farms auto insurance card, one Costco Card, one AAA card, One American Express card and a Wells Fargo Visa card. The loss is estimated at approximately \$22.00
Saturday, October 30th:
12:22 PM- Possession of Marijuana in Vehicle. Woodland Ave and Santa Anita Ave. Motorist was stopped for a Vehicle Code violation. The driver was in possession of a small amount of

How Do We Measure Up? Do local endorsements - voter's choices follow statewide trends?

LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS COMPARISON						
Office/Proposition	Statewide	LA County	LWV*	MVNews	Star News	Local Org
Governor	Jerry Brown	Brown	-	Brown	Brown	Brown
Lt. Governor	Gavin Newsom	Newsom	-	Newsom	Maldonado	Maldonado
Secretary of State	Debra Bowen	Bowen	-	Bowen	Bowen	Bowen
Controller	John Chiang	Chiang	-	Chiang	Strickland	Chiang
Treasurer	Bill Lockyer	Lockyer	-	Lockyer	Lockyer	Lockyer
Attorney General	To Close To Call	Harris	-	Harris/Cooley	Cooley	Harris
Insurance Commissioner	Dave Jones	Jones	-	Jones	Jones	Villines
Sup. Public Instruction	Larry Aceves	Torlakson	-	-	Aceves	Aceves
State Assembly 44th	A. Portantino	Portantino	-	Portantino	Portantino	-
State Assembly 59th	Tim Donnelly	Donnelly	-	Woods	-	Woods
Congress - 26th District	David Dreier	Dreier	-	Dreier	Dreier	Dreier
Congress - 29th District	Adam Schiff	Schiff	-	Schiff	Schiff	-
U.S. Senate	Barbara Boxer	Boxer	-	Boxer	Fiorina	Fiorina
Prop 19 - Legalize Marijuana	NO	NO	-	NO	NO	NO
Prop 20 - Redistricting- Congress	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES
Prop 21 - State Park Funding	NO	NO	NEUTRAL	YES	NO	YES
Prop 22 - Stop Takeover Local Funds	YES	YES	NEUTRAL	YES	YES	YES
Prop 23 - Stop AQ Controls/Repeal AB32	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Prop 24 - Repeal Allowance Lower Bus Tax	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
Prop 25 - Simple Majority To Pass Budget	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES
Prop 26 - 2/3 Vote To Pass State/Local Fees	YES	NO	N	NO	NO	YES
Prop 27 - Eliminate State Redistricting Comm.	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES

FATHER MODESTO LEWIS PEREZ INSTALLED AT ST. ELIZABETH PARRISH - ALTADENA

On Saturday October 30th, Fr. Modesto Lewis Perez was installed as pastor of St. Elizabeth Parish in Altadena. Msgr. Richard Krekelberg, pastor of St. Rita Parish in Sierra Madre officiated at the installation. There were over 400 in attendance and all were invited to a dinner and entertainment following the mass in the parish grotto.

On Father Pérez was born in Cuba and immigrated with his family to Los Angeles in 1961. He attended public schools in the Los Angeles area before entering college. He holds a B.A. in Political Science - International Relations from the *University of California, Los Angeles* (UCLA) and a law degree (J.D.) from the *University of California, Davis*. He was a practicing attorney before entering St. John's Seminary, and is still an active member of the California State Bar.

Father Modesto obtained his Masters of Divinity degree from *St. John's Seminary*. He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles on June 16, 1984, and has held assignments in a number of parishes throughout the Archdiocese.

In 1987, he was sent for further studies in canon law. He obtained both a Licentiate (J.C.L.) and a Doctoral degree (J.C.D.) in Canon Law from the *Pontifical Gregorian University* in Rome, Italy.

Upon his return from Rome in 1992, Father Modesto was appointed *Judge and Adjutant Judicial Vicar* of the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Tribunal where he served until 1997. That year he was appointed *Episcopal Vicar for Canonical Services and Vice Chancellor* for the Archdiocese, offices he held for five years. On July 1, 2002, he was assigned to the formation team and appointed full time professor of Canon Law at St. John's Seminary. He was appointed Pastor of All Souls Catholic Church in Alhambra on July 1, 2004. And, effective July 1, 2010, he was appointed Pastor of St. Elizabeth of Hungary



Church in Altadena, where he had first served on his return from Rome.

Since 2000, Fr. Modesto has also been the Spiritual Advisor for the Cursillos in Christianity Movement of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and in the past has held the posts of Spiritual Director for the Spanish language Cursillos; Spiritual Advisor for the Cursillo Movement for Region XI (California, Nevada & Hawaii) and Chaplain for the National Cursillo Movement. He is currently the Spiritual Advisor for the English language Cursillos in Los Angeles.

Foothill Unity Center Director Speaks at Coordinating Council - Pleas for Thanksgiving Food Help and More

Raina Martinez, Outreach and Volunteer Services Director of Foothill Unity Center, Inc., spoke at the Sierra Madre Coordinating Council Meeting on Thursday, November 4. Begun in 1980 and incorporated as a non-profit in 1991, Foothill Unity operates from two facilities, one in Monrovia and another in Pasadena, serving Altadena, Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Duarte, Irwindale, Monrovia, Pasadena, Sierra Madre and South Pasadena.

Martinez commented that the strained economy has further changed the face of the needy in our communities. “One might think someone retired in a pretty nice looking house might be OK. Unfortunately in today's economy, their fixed income might not leave much left for food anymore, though they're still in their own homes.”

With the organization's mantra, “Helping People, Changing Lives” Foothill Unity provides “food, clothing, motel vouchers, and referrals/ advocacy to our neighbors in crisis” per their website, with the intent to help the needy become self sufficient. They always operate on a tight budget, 60% of which comes from private, non-governmental sources. Of particular, current need is the Thanksgiving and Holiday Food Drives, according to Martinez. The center needs turkeys, fresh frozen or certificates; food donations for preparing festive meals; holiday toys and closing; funds to fill in the gaps and volunteers to sort, pack and distribute the donations.

Stephanie Vitale, of Sierra Madre's United Methodist Church, indicated the church is a food donation collection location for Foothill Unity Center this Sunday, November 8. Donations will be accepted at the front of the church at Michillinda and Sierra Madre Boulevard on Sunday morning before 11, and will be delivered to Foothill Unity. In addition, fruit from local fruit trees can be picked by volunteers and donated to Foothill Unity.

To volunteer, donate or ask for assistance, Foothill Unity Center can be contacted at 626-358, 3486 in Monrovia and 626-584-7420 in Pasadena, or on their website, www.FoothillUnityCenter.org. The needy in Sierra Madre are welcome to sign up at either location, while the other San Gabriel communities are asked to sign up at the service center closest to them.



Held at noon on the first Thursday of each month at the Youth Activity Center at 618 E. Sierra Madre Boulevard, the Sierra Madre Coordinating Council provides a forum for city, civic, service, school, church and other organizations to interact and plan events and activities in the area with better coordination and utilization of the local volunteer pool, facilities and attendance. A monthly speaker is scheduled to speak to the group on local topics. For more information on attending or speaking to the group, contact Elisa Weaver, Director of Community & Personnel Services, City of Sierra Madre at 626-355-5278 or by email to EWeaver@CityOfSierraMadre.com

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planes wove through our anti-aircraft fire. That is when I saw an enemy plane score a direct hit. It hit the water and continued on at the same speed to penetrate the starboard side of the ship below the water line. All this occurred 30-40 feet from where I stood. I later learned this plane hit fireroom 9, killing 11 sailors. I would have been the 12th. Fire room 9 was my battle station. I could feel the ship listing to starboard and I knew we were taking on water. I realized we might go down. I got my life jacket. I thought, if we rolled to the starboard before we sank—I had no escape. If she rolled to port I could crawl out the air intake before she went down, and I thought how cold and dark it was in the ocean. By the time I got the life jacket on I felt the ship give a tremendous lurch again. Even though I did not see it, I knew they had scored another hit on the starboard side. At this time I heard the order over the loud speaker Prepare to Abandon Ship. I was still trapped, with the hanger deck and all the fueled planes above me ablaze. That would have been my only way out. The smell of burning fuel planes

and burning bodies was overpowering and inescapable. It was not until after the second attack about 1 ½ hours later that the fires on the hanger deck were under control that the hatch cover could be opened and I could escape to what was left of the hanger deck.

My assignment was damage control. I tried to get to my battle station but the damage in that area was so bad I couldn't get there. The hatches were bent and warped from the fires and explosions they had to be cut with torches. I worked at general clean up during the twelve hours we waited, before the welder was able to get to the job. It took another hour before we broke through to my general quarter's station. When we opened the hatch, we could see all eleven of my buddies sitting on the deck leaning against the bulkhead, all dead from the pressure of the explosions. None had fallen over; they were just sitting on the floor leaning against the wall. That's were I would have been. That is the last I saw of them until they joined the other 112 casualties of the attack, to be buried at sea.

The welder had to cut into a set of airlock doors to reach those that were on

duty in fire room 9. All of the Saratoga's 16 boilers produced superheated steam to run the engines. Each boiler required a 3 man crew. When we reached fire room 9, which had been my work station, the three sailors were all dead. I continued to clean up. The kamikaze pilot who inflicted the damage on boiler room 9 was decapitated and partially burned, but still wearing the belt and padlock that had anchored him to his pilot's seat. His severed arm still clutched, in his stiff hand, the luger you see here. We continued to clean up as we headed to Eniwetok, still able to run 24 knots. We buried at sea, our 123 sailors who died in the attack of February 21st, in a solemn ceremony en route to Eniwetok. Then we headed to Bremerton for major repairs, still carrying one Japanese plane lodged in the starboard side of the ship below the water line. The ship was repaired in record time and we returned to Pearl Harbor and were training a squadron of pilots when the Japanese surrendered. I continued to serve aboard the Saratoga until December 1945, in Project magic Carpet, in which the Sara brought 29,204 Pacific war Veterans home to the United States.



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For Your Community

City Backs 'Buy Local' During the Holidays

Going into this holiday season, the city and Chamber of Commerce lunched a new campaign Wednesday urging residents to support local businesses saying that the prosperity of everyone in Pasadena is dependent on the financial health of the business community as a whole.

In a statement the city also explained that one clear way everyone who lives, works or does business in Pasadena can aid in the recovery of our local economy is to spend money in the city where they live, work and do business. The shops, restaurants and services that create local jobs and provide the financial bedrock for Pasadena are dependent on local patrons for their livelihood and ongoing vitality.

To encourage local residents and workers to shop in Pasadena, the city of Pasadena and the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring Grow Your Community, Shop Pasadena promotional campaign to encourage local residents, workers, businesses and others to shop at Pasadena stores during the holidays.

The campaign consists of advertisements in local media, which are generously donated by local media outlets. The campaign also features bus shelter ads that will be ondisplay throughout Pasadena from mid-November to mid-January. The ads were designed in partnership with The Agency, a student-run advertising cooperative at Art Center College of Design.

"Sales tax dollars, business license fees, property taxes and other assessments paid by commercial interests return money to Pasadena to pay for essential services such as police and fire protection and also support our local public schools, parks and Pasadena City College," said Chamber CEO Paul Little. "Spending in Pasadena preserves local jobs, maintains local businesses and saves travel time and gas. We encourage everyone to think local when buying during the holiday season and beyond."

While the Grow Your Community, Shop Pasadena campaign is not affiliated with other local or national efforts to encourage patronage of local enterprises, the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Pasadena support and encourage those efforts.

"It is in everyone's best interest to promote the vitality of our local businesses that contribute to the excellent quality of life in Pasadena. Each dollar retained in Pasadena pays a dividend to our community," said Eric Duyshart, economic development manager for the city of Pasadena.

Pet of the Week



Sally, a year and a half old, Siberian Husky mix, is absolutely gorgeous! She has one blue eye and one brown eye. She is active, friendly, and gets along with other dogs. She does like to chase small animals and would be best in a home without cats or pocket pets. Sally knows some basic commands and would love to be adopted today!

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

Please call 626-792-7151 and ask for A279004 or come to the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA, 361 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena CA, 91105. Our adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 9-4 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets updated hourly may be found at www.pasadenahumane.org



Anthony Portantino



Adam Schiff

Schiff, Portantino Win Reelection

Congressman Adam Schiff easily won reelection Tuesday receiving 65 percent of the vote sending him once again back to Washington D.C. to represent the 29th district that includes Pasadena, Burbank and Glendale among other cities.

State Assemblymember for Pasadena, Anthony Portantino, also won betting out Republican candidate Alvaro Day and Libertarian candidate Eytan Kollin. Portantino got 64.3 percent of the vote.

Schiff thanked his supporters saying his win was a tribute to the volunteers and staff.

"We are back in a period of divided government, and I will be doing all I can to find common sense ways to get our economy back on track and put Americans back to work," he said.

Voters nationwide tipped the balance of power back giving Republicans control of the House of Representatives. As of Thursday, Republicans held

at least 239 of the 435 seats in Congress.

Schiff's challenger John Colbert, an outspoken Tea Party activist, got 32 percent of the vote. According to the Federal Election Commission Schiff raised \$1.2 million including \$428,350 from a Political Action Committee. Colbert raised \$589,976 of which, \$315,050 was his own money.

D. Lee/MVNews

Climatologist Discusses Water Supply

By Dean Lee

Well known Jet Propulsion Laboratory climatologist Bill Patzert told a group of environmentalists Wednesday night that, although it did not make him popular, trees are the enemy of drought suggesting those in Southern California think twice before planting one.

"We want to make our cities drought tolerant, we're all environmentalists here," he said. "So what in the hell are we doing planting a million trees? Do you know how many gallons a tree uses, like 50 gallons a day?"

Using quick calculations he explained, "One million times 50 gallons that's 50 million a day, where is all that water going to

come from?"

Patzert was quick to point out the benefits of trees saying that they cool building and people. He also suggested that make good for attractive neighborhoods. He went on to say they save energy costs and absorb runoff during rain storms. "The downside to all this, trees are pretty thirsty."

The talk billed as, "Global Climate Change and Our Future Water Supply: It Ain't What It Used To Be" packed the Eaton Canyon Nature Center.

Patzert spent a large part of the hour long presentation going over an understanding of El Niño/La Niña the climate phenomena that occurs across the Pacific Ocean. He said the

Pacific takes up a third of earth's surface, "When the Pacific speaks, we should listen."

He also explained another related long term pattern; The Pacific Decadal Oscillation PDO which he said was now in a negative "cool" phase meaning that Pacific has cool surface waters at the equator. He said it was associated with dry winters. He said the phase can last 25 to 30 years. The current cool phase of the PDO probably started about 10 years ago. The change is very slow he explained. He said we can predict more drought.

He also said we can expect an increase in wildfire and heat waves which can both be serious health risks.

Public Art to be Topic of Community Meetings

Several upcoming community meetings will focus on two major components of the city's Public Art Program including what role should public art play in Pasadena's cityscape?

One component is a master planning effort that will define a new vision, goals and locations for public art. The Public Art Master Plan will complement the city's General Plan.

Another is a temporary program that exhibits public art to a daily audience of residents, visitors and workers. The Rotating Public Art Exhibition Program invites artists and galleries to loan or create works at 10 sites throughout Pasadena for up to 18 months to enliven residential and commercial neighborhoods. Requests for proposals will be available at



all meetings.

Residents, artists and other stakeholders are welcome to attend all meetings:

Public Art Master Plan and Rotating Public Art Exhibition Program
* Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 6 p.m. in Victory Park Center, 2575 Paloma St. (East Pasadena)
* Saturday, Dec. 11, at 10 a.m. at Robinson Park, 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave. (Northwest Pasadena)

Rotating Public Art Exhibition Program only

City Holds Free Electronic Waste Collection Event

Residents and businesses will have the opportunity to safely dispose of electronic waste conveniently and free of charge at the city's Electronic Waste Collection Event on Saturday, Nov. 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Parking Lot I of Brookside Park, south of the Rose Bowl, 1001 N. Rose Bowl Dr.

E-waste qualified for this special collection, provided by Pasadena Department of Public Works, includes computers, keyboards, printers, monitors, laptops, docking stations, scanners, shredders, fax machines, mice, telephones, televisions, flat screens, VCRs, DVD players, PDAs, cassette

players, tape drives, stereos and household batteries.

Many of the products have parts that will be recycled. By law, e-waste cannot be disposed of in landfills because its hazardous parts can cause environmental damage.

"Electronic waste contaminates our air and water, and is hazardous to human health. We are here to help people in the greater Pasadena area properly recycle e-waste," said Gabriel Silva, environmental programs manager for Public Works.

For more information go to www.cityofpasadena.net, call (626) 744-4087 or email recycle@cityofpasadena.net.

A People's History of Thanksgiving



Explore holiday thoughts and traditions that you didn't learn in school at this special Thanksgiving program at La Pintoresca Branch Library on Saturday, November 13 from 1 to 4 p.m.

La Pintoresca Branch Library is located at 1355 North Raymond Avenue, Pasadena.

For more information, call (626) 744-7268.

Volunteers Needed to Better Identify Earthquakes

By Dean Lee

In an effort to achieve denser, more uniform earthquake readings, the United States Geologic Survey is looking for volunteers in Pasadena and the Southern California to area to host "NetQuakes" seismographs

that communicates data from homes via the internet.

In a statement the USGS said the idea is to provide better measurements of ground motion during earthquakes through a new type of digital seismograph about the size of a breadbox.

Geologists at the USGS said participants would not be paid. They said volunteers will help scientists understand why engineered structures (buildings, bridges, overpasses, pipelines) fail during earthquakes. The data will also be used for computing better ShakeMaps.

The seismograph would trigger for earthquakes of magnitude greater than 4 depending on the depth of the quake.

To host a NetQuakes instrument, you must be willing to provide

-An out-of-the-way location in a 1-2 story building (no significant basement) and less than ~4000 sq feet in plan; building must have a concrete slab foundation in some location (for example, a garage) to which the NetQuakes box can be bolted.

-A local network with a permanent broadband connection to the Internet. If you don't have WiFi, they will install a WiFi router.

-AC power to the seismograph.

-To occasionally minor service of the instrument, such as battery replacement. They said no other skills are necessary. Batteries are replaced every three years.

Areas in Pasadena the USGS is particularly interested in are locations near dense population centers, building clusters, such as Old Pasadena and South Lake. They are also looking for volunteers near Eaton Canyon Park and East Pasadena along Colorado Boulevard.

For more information go to: <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/waveforms/netq>.

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 Nov. 9 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.

Antonovich Calls Sex Offender Ruling Stupid and Dangerous



Supervisor Michael Antonovich reacted to Superior Court Judge Peter

Espinoza's ruling which blocks enforcement of restricting sex offenders from living near schools and parks.

"Jessica's Law, passed by California voters in 2006, prevents sex predators from living near our children's schools and public parks," said Antonovich. "Placing the alleged rights of criminal sex offenders above the rights and safety of children and families is stupid and dangerous. This reckless decision needs to be appealed."

Schiff is Guest Elected Official on the Latest 'City Beat'

U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff is the guest elected official on the latest edition of "City Beat" airing on KPAS and the Internet.

Schiff, Pasadena Weekly reporter André Coleman, Pasadena Star-News editor Frank Girardot and moderator Ann Erdman discuss a variety of issues including federal legislation relevant to Pasadena.

"City Beat" replays Mondays at 2 and 6 p.m., Tuesdays

at 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m., Thursdays at 7 p.m., Fridays at 8:30 p.m., Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

KPAS is on cable channel 3 in Pasadena. Streaming video of all KPAS programming can be accessed in real time by going to www.cityofpasadena.net/publicaffairs and clicking on the KPAS icon.

For more information call (626) 794-8585.

County to Reduce Duplication in Reporting Of Critical Child Data

Supervisors Michael Antonovich and Mark Ridley-Thomas introduced a motion unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors, to reduce duplication in the reporting of critical child data by designating a single county entity with the responsibility of compiling and maintaining data on child abuse, neglect and death.

"This action will ensure that reliable data in these categories can be compiled,

maintained and interpreted through a consistent standardized process and generated from one source," said Antonovich.

Currently, numerous agencies including the Department of Children Family Services, the Interagency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect, the Coroner's Office compile this vital data.

The Chief Executive Officer will provide a report back in 30 days with a plan in implementing the motion.

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First Avenue School Historical Marker *By Scott Hedrick - Arcadia's Best*

Three years after being dedicated during the Centennial celebration of First Avenue Middle School in October 2007 (see video below), the Historical Marker presented by the Arcadia Historical Society was installed Tuesday by the Arcadia School District at the corner of the school's new music building that didn't even exist a couple years ago.

The marker is on the southwest corner of the intersection at First Avenue and California Street, visible from all four directions at the intersection and easily readable from the sidewalks at the corner, as will be evident when you see frequent passersby stopping to look at the photos and read the fascinating evolution of the school under the Society's "History Lives Here" banner.

The caption with the photo of the original yellow clapboard Grammar school that opened in 1907 indicates the building had two classrooms and a library to accommodate 65 students and two teachers encompassing students in grades 1 – 8.

The first part of the building still standing today opened in 1919 to serve 209 students and was considered to be one of the finest examples of school architecture in the state with eight classrooms, a library, assembly hall, and swimming pool.

Expansions came in 1921 and in 1939, the latter of which included a more modern exterior.

The school, by then called First Avenue School, survived serious damage during the 1933 Long Beach earthquake, and had to have major reconstruction following a disastrous fire in May 1979.



Among the expansion and improvements during the past couple of years is a new track and field stretching from the westside of the building to the property line along Santa Anita Ave., and a refurbished and newly landscaped front entrance and the new music building on the northeast corner of the lot, the latter two of which were the reason the Marker installation was delayed.

The Marker was the first in what has become a series of six (so far) "History Lives Here" signs denoting locations of historical buildings and activities that either still exist or did at one time. Another is one block south on the east side of First Avenue at the Woman's Club on the corner of Diamond Street, and another is a couple blocks north at Huntington Drive on the northwest corner depicting the majestic marbled City Hall that once stood there. A fourth is also within a short walk to L.A. County's Arcadia Park near the Peacock fountain at Huntington Drive and Santa Anita Avenue.

Further west on Huntington Drive is a Marker at the entrance to the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce, and the most recently dedicated Marker is across the street from the Chamber at Santa Anita Park just inside the east entrance gate.

is available to residents of Arcadia online only the week of November 29th and non-residents, walk-in and fax-in the week of December 6th.

The "Buzz" displaying all programs and classes for the 2010/2011 winter season will be mailed to residents the first week in November. On the cover, look for an artists rendering of The Dana Gym, a brand new facility in Arcadia. This very special project is a joint venture between the Arcadia Unified School District and the City of Arcadia. The Dana Gym will have one full size basketball court, which can be divided in half for two side-by-side youth basketball/volleyball courts or can be set up for badminton. City sponsored recreation activities will include playground and intramural leagues, adult basketball and a variety of contract classes. Look for the Grand Opening of the Dana Gym in 2011.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, October 24, through Saturday, October 30, the Police Department responded to 1,051 calls for service of which 113 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, October 24:

- Loss prevention personnel from Macy's advised that they had detained a woman for theft around 12:20 p.m. The suspect selected various merchandise and switched the price tags on the items with lower marked prices. A private person's arrest was made, and a 52-year-old Vietnamese was taken into custody for commercial burglary.
- Around 4:10 p.m., units responded to the 1400 block of Rodeo in reference to a residential burglary. During an open house, a suspect distracted the realtor in the back yard while two other suspects entered the house, ransacked the master bedroom, and stole silver and gold coins, jewelry, and watch.

Monday, October 25:

- Units were dispatched to Westfield Mall around 8:30 p.m. regarding two male subjects attempting to pass fictitious \$100 bills to make purchases. The men were located and counterfeit \$100 bills were found on their persons. A 31-year-old Vietnamese and a 29-year-old Caucasian were arrested at the scene without incident.
- A robbery occurred around 9:20 p.m. at Subway, 411 East Huntington. A male suspect acted as a lookout while another male suspect entered the business, displayed a handgun, and demanded cash. Fearing for her safety, the employee handed over money from the cash register and the suspects fled the scene. Both suspects were described to be Hispanics between 20-30 years of age.

Tuesday, October 26:

- Between 3:00 p.m. on October 25 and 7:40 a.m. on October 26, an auto burglary occurred in the 400 block of West Lemon. Unknown suspect(s) forced open the car door and stole the victim's designer purse and wallet.
- Around 1:10 p.m., a grand theft was reported at Ren Lee Beauty Supply, 411 East Huntington. Employees discovered that a part of an acupuncture kit was stolen, and a review of the surveillance video showed a known female patron committing the theft on October 20 around 11:18 a.m. They contacted the 58-year-old Asian suspect, but she refused to cooperate.

Wednesday, October 27:

- A residential burglary occurred between October 18 and October 27 in the 100 block of West Foothill. Unknown suspects possibly used an unsecured doggie door to gain access into the vacant house that is up for lease. The suspects then stole a refrigerator and a stove for a reported loss of about \$2,320.
- Shortly after 7:30 p.m., units were called to Westfield Mall regarding a theft that just occurred. Upon arrival, a 36-year-old male Asian was already detained in the parking lot by the victim and security personnel. Investigation revealed that the suspect wanted a refund for a purchase made at the Powerband kiosk. The vendor/victim advised that all sales were final and only exchanges were allowed. This angered the suspect, so he opened the cash register, took \$20 out of the till, and fled on foot. A private person's arrest was made, and the man was taken into custody. A consent search of his vehicle was conducted and containers filled with marijuana and baggies of methamphetamine were discovered. The suspect was charged with possession of a controlled substance and marijuana, petty theft, and a \$10,000 outstanding warrant.

Thursday, October 28:

- A traffic stop was initiated in the 1100 block of West Huntington around 7:47 a.m. for an expired registration. A 25-year-old male Caucasian driver was contacted, and a record check indicated that he had a suspended/revoked license and no proof of insurance. A consent search of the vehicle revealed a baggie containing a white crystalline substance resembling methamphetamine and a glass-smoking pipe. The driver was arrested at the scene and booked at City jail.
- JC Penney loss prevention personnel advised that they had detained a woman for theft around 7:20 p.m. The suspect concealed several shirts in her purse and then left the store without making payment. A private person's arrest was made, and a 23-year-old Hispanic was taken into custody for commercial burglary. During the investigation, the suspect indicated that she stole the items for a job interview.

Friday, October 29:

- Two private persons' arrests were made at Sephora located at Westfield Mall around 4:12 p.m. The 19-year-old female Asians concealed merchandise in their purses and were taken into custody for petty theft.
- Around 6:16 p.m., a victim came to the station to file a fraud report. Unknown suspect(s) obtained the victim's debit card information by unknown means and made four unauthorized transaction.

Saturday, October 30:

- Officers responded to Westfield Mall regarding a disturbance around 12:01 p.m. A 22-year-old male Caucasian was detained and a record check revealed that he had a \$50,000 outstanding warrant and was arrested.
- Around 8:08 p.m., units were dispatched to the 00 block of West Longden in reference to a fraud investigation. Unknown suspect(s) charged over \$7,000 in unauthorized purchases to the victim's credit card account.

POLICE SEEK COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

At about 6:50 pm on Friday evening, 11/05/10, Arcadia Police Officers were called to a strip mall located in the 1000 block of South Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, regarding a fight. The reporting party said that there were about 5 males involved in a physical altercation. A second caller advised Police Dispatchers that one subject had possibly been stabbed and that the suspects had fled in a vehicle. The suspects were described as 4-5 male Asians, late teens to early 20's.

Arriving Officers found a 17-year old male Hispanic victim still at the scene, suffering from a stab wound to the torso. The victim was alert and was immediately treated by Arcadia Fire Department Paramedics who transported the victim to a local hospital. The victim's injuries did not appear to be life threatening.

Initial investigation indicates that the victim was seated in a business at the strip mall and was confronted inside that location by a lone male suspect. The two became involved in a physical fight which spilled into the parking lot. The initial suspect was joined by several additional male suspects who all attacked the victim. At some point during the attack, the victim was stabbed in the torso by an unknown object. The suspects then fled the scene in a late model, white Scion vehicle.

Although the victim is not known to have a gang affiliation, witnesses allegedly overheard the name of a gang being exchanged between the suspects as they fled. This did not appear to be a random act of violence as indications are that the initial suspect targeted his attack on the victim. The investigation is continuing.

Anyone with information on this crime is encouraged to contact Arcadia Police Detectives at 626-574-5160. If you prefer to provide information ANONYMOUSLY, you may call "Crime Stoppers" by dialing 800-222-TIPS (8477), texting the letters TIPLA plus your tip to CRIMES (274637), or using the tip page at Los Angeles Regional Crime Stoppers.

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Return to the Ranch *Sustainable urban agriculture is the focus of a new project that brings The Huntington back to its historic roots*

SAN MARINO, Calif.—The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens returns to its

agricultural roots this fall with the unveiling of a new project called the Huntington Ranch. Part outdoor classroom, part demonstration garden, and part research lab, the 15-acre site will host a broad spectrum of special programs and educational activities focusing on sustainable urban agriculture.

The Ranch makes its official debut during a symposium for academics, educators, and professionals on Nov. 12, followed by a day of public workshops on Nov. 13. (Details below.)

When Henry Huntington purchased the property known as the San Marino Ranch in 1903, hundreds of acres were planted with citrus, stone fruits, walnuts, and other commercial crops. Pushing the boundaries of agriculture in the region, Huntington used the ranch to establish, among other things, what is believed to be the first commercial avocado grove in the state. He also began to develop a botanical collection, which ultimately redefined the landscape of the estate.

"Henry Huntington's interest in productive horticulture got left behind as the institutional emphasis shifted to ornamentals and rare tropical plants," says James Folsom, the Tellegen/Jorgensen Director of the Botanical Gardens. "With the

Ranch project, we'll be picking up a piece of our past that has been long neglected."

Located in an undeveloped area of the grounds northwest of the Botanical Center, the Ranch will not be accessible to daily visitors but will host a wide range of programs for adults, children, teachers, horticulturists, and others on a sprawling outdoor station complete with vegetable garden. The site also encompasses the surviving orange groves from Mr. Huntington's day and a new heritage grove of avocados (planted by the California Avocado Society) representing the 32 most significant varieties in the state's agricultural history.

Also gracing the Ranch are dozens of fruit trees from the South Central Farm, an urban garden in Los Angeles that was closed down in 2006. Rescued by the Metabolic Studio, a charitable activity of the Annenberg Foundation, the trees were boxed up, trucked to San Marino, and transplanted at The Huntington. A \$1.1 million grant from the Metabolic Studio provided the impetus to embark on the Ranch project.

The Ranch will be a sort of living laboratory, where innovative ideas are tested and demonstrated. One such innovation is food forestry. Kleinrock explains: "By planting the area underneath fruit trees with useful plants such as chicory, alfalfa, mustard greens, yarrow, and daikon

Owls Are Everywhere at the Arcadia Public Library!

Whoooo! Enjoy an afternoon of owl-related stories, songs, games, and crafts on Saturday, November 20; 2:30 p.m. Especially for children ages 14 and under.

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

Veterans Day Event

Arcadia Senior Services is having their annual Veterans Day event on November 9, 2010 at 11:30am honoring all those individuals who have served in the military services. This special tribute to our armed forces includes a catered lunch and music by the "Swing Machine" playing patriotic songs. This event takes place at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive. The cost is \$10.00, non-refundable but if you have been a member of the armed forces and can provide proof of service, your lunch will be complimentary.

There is limited space available and this event is for individuals age 50 and over. If interested in attending tickets can be purchased at Arcadia Senior Services Department before November 1, 2010. For additional information please call 626.574.5130

Brown Bag Lunch Talk Noon - Nov. 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.

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This special program is especially designed for beginning readers to practice their reading skills by checking out a book, practicing it at home and then coming to the Library and reading aloud to Bernie. Bernie is a specially trained service dog who is very gentle and loves to hear a good story.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS -

Public Seminar:

Growing Home: Agriculture in the City

Saturday, November 13th
8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Celebrate all that's homegrown during a day of talks, tours, and demonstrations geared to the home gardener. Local experts will cover topics ranging from chicken-keeping to growing organic produce and flowers. Edible landscape pioneer and author Rosalind Creasy is the keynote speaker.

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MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL RECAP



Kerri Zessau, Recreation Supervisor, and Brian Ulm, Community Services Chair, along with members of the council present business owner Eric Mozillo for co- sponsoring the Halloween Event

By Vivianne Parker

On November 2, 2010, Monrovia Mayor Lutz addressed the council members about the Mayoral Workshop held recently with Congressman David Drier. The event was an opportunity for mayors from Drier's district to discuss topics related to governing their cities. Through Monrovia's suggestion, the meeting was coordinated to provide a forum for discussing ideas.

Councilmember Becky Shevlin gave a report of her trip to Colorado River and Hoover Dam to see how California receives its water, and she encouraged other citizens to learn about the process. She also announced the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast November 19 at the Doubletree Hotel with the theme "Our Family Our Community," sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. The mayor reiterated the fact that everyone was invited even if they have not received a formal invitation. On Tuesday November 9, the Monrovia Library will feature a free event "How to Thrive in Changing Times: Steps to Gainful Employment" from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the community room.

The council also heard the following administrative reports: The first was ordinance No. 2016-16, which was continued to the next meeting. It is related to Amendments of Title 15 of the Monrovia Municipal code, which will adopt Building Standard Codes from plumbing to electrical and other related codes for residential property. The second report was "Operational Safe Neighborhoods Anti-Gang Injunction", during which Captain Jim Hunt showed

statistical data of activity and the police involvement.

Councilmember Joe Garcia mentioned there was a discussion on the manner in which the safety zone would be enforced. Councilmember Shaw agreed that the format of using statistics to capture the history of what's going on was an improvement. City Manager Scott Ochoa suggested an annual report of the data be created. The idea was expanded to include developing a report that also reflects the activity from the unincorporated areas surrounding Monrovia. The report will also reflect the positive activity of police involvement and others on what's being done to help diminish gang influence. Mayor Lutz believed the emphasis on tracking and showing the successes "would be important." The information will be shown to reflect how many "left the gangs, did they fall back in, and other data needed to summarize, 'Are we making inroads to keep gangs out of the community,'" she added.

Goldline extension Update. The first phase of scoping the project has been completed through conducting community meetings. Steve Sizemore, MTA representative, said they are currently preparing documents to be released for public review on November 8. They are producing a supplement impact report, as well, which will identify any negative mitigation impacts, and the plans to reduce them to acceptable levels. Considerations being made are the placement of parking structures, similar to structures in Pasadena, the effect of Duarte Road changes, and how maintenance will be handled

along the route.

2011 Municipal Election Date Set:

The final administrative report was a notice of the April 12, 2011 upcoming election where the positions for Mayor and Councilmember Shevlin's seat will be on the ballot. The report specifies the regulations for candidates, requests assistance from the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County, and set an amount not to exceed \$38,000 to be given to Martin and Chapman Company for Election consulting services. On December 6, 2010, representatives from the city will hold a meeting at the Monrovia Library to explain the process of running for election to the candidates who have submitted their applications.

In other city news, Kerri Zessau, Recreation Supervisor, and Brian Ulm, Community Services chair, gave a presentation to several business owners, recognizing them for their sponsorship of the 2010 Halloween event to Eric Mozillo and Terry Mozillo, and Les Connard of Les Connard Champions Karate. Other sponsors were City of Hope and Athens Waste Management who were not present but were publicly recognized for their contributions.

Upcoming holiday events:

Old Town Cookie Judging Contest to be held November 13, where bakers can bring their goods for the 2:00 p.m. judging. Cookie contest forms are available at www.OLDTOWNMONROVIA.CA.COM. Other Holiday events include the November 26 Santa Breakfast and Santa Luncheon held at local restaurants.

Historic Preservation Commission Addresses "Age Old Question"

On Wednesday, October 27, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) held an interesting and intense meeting regarding the fate of the house located at 270 N. Myrtle Avenue. This house, located at the southeast corner of Myrtle and Greystone Avenues, was reportedly built in the late 1800s and has been added onto over the years. It sits on two legal lots, which means that if the old house was removed then two separate new homes could be built (one per lot). You can read the city's Community Development Department section of the City Manager's report for the detailed overview of the meeting; however, the compelling dynamic really revolved around the Commissioners' debate (and the public's input as well) regarding a fundamental question of any historic preservation program: "What is a truly historic house?" Is it simply being old? Is it being an exemplar of a given architectural style? Did someone important to our history have some involvement with it? Perhaps some combination of these, and/or other, relevant criteria?

And, once we answer this fundamental question, another equally important one arises: "What do we do about it?" Monrovia currently has a dynamic and renowned historic preservation program, but it has relied on the voluntary preservation of homes by property owners and volunteers. Only a handful of communities have mandatory programs, largely because the notion of telling private property owners what they can and cannot do with their property is anathema to many folks. I believe this philosophical question of private property rights only makes the question of "what is truly historic" all the more important.



The property at 270 N. Myrtle Avenue was purchased by a private owner, who apparently intends to demolish the house in favor of building two new homes. Again, there are two underlying lots and the construction of two single-family homes is a permitted use. Still, the historic preservation community in Monrovia fervently desires to save the house. Thus, we may end up with the immovable object meeting the irresistible force. That said, I do hope and believe that a workable compromise is within reach. Our Planning staff is doing a great job of educating folks and problem-solving.

Still, I think this situation invites the opportunity for a larger community conversation on this topic. Historic Preservation is one of the things that make Monrovia truly unique from other communities. By the same token, we need to use reasonable means to respect folks' private property rights while encouraging and educating them to do the best thing by the long-term interests of the community. If Monrovia's history has shown anything, it's that these interests are not mutually exclusive. - *Courtesy Scott Ochoa*

Duarte Recreation Leader, Pro Boxer Rhonda Luna Captures GBU Junior Lightweight World Title

Duarte's Aris Ambriz Also Wins Bout at San Manuel Casino

DUARTE, CA, November 1, 2010 -- Professional boxer, Rhonda "The Natural" Luna, who is also a Duarte Teen Center recreation leader and an educator/school counselor at Santa Fe Middle School in Monrovia, has added another title to her name: Global Boxing Union Junior Lightweight World Champion.

Luna, 32, captured her title in a 10-round battle against New York's Ela "Bam Bam" Nunez at San Manuel Casino on Oct. 28, winning by unanimous decision of all three judges, 96-94, 97-93, 98-92. Luna was elated at her victory. "It was an amazing feeling," she said, after three previous attempts at a world title in 2005, 2007, and 2009.

Duarte's 24 year-old Aris Ambriz (14-1-1) also on the card at San Manuel Casino the same night won his match against Tulare's Hector Alatorre (16-12). All three judges scored Ambriz 60-54 in the six round fight.

Duarte Youth Boxing Club head coach, Victor Valenzuela, who was inducted into the California Boxing Hall of Fame earlier this year, is the trainer for both Luna and Ambriz.



Monrovia Veterans Day Facility Closures

The Monrovia Community Center and Monrovia Public Library will be closed for regular business on Thursday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day. Regular hours of operation will resume on Friday, November 12.

Veterans Day Activities

In honor of all veterans, the Allied Veterans Council will host a Veterans Day Observance Ceremony at Library Park at 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 11. Ceremonies include: Posting of Colors, a Star Spangle Banner performance by the Monrovia High School Band, Memorial Service and a moment of silence. This event is open to friends and families in the community.

Senior Special Event - Circus Fun -

Enter the Big Top on Thursday, November 18, at the Community Center for Circus fun! Senior service providers are hosting game booths for seniors and everyone walks away a winner. The \$5 entry fee includes hot dogs, cotton candy, musical entertainment, a magician and a balloonist! Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Community Center, or call 626.256.8246 for additional information. All seniors 55+ are welcome!

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During the last seven day period, the Police Department handled 564 service events, resulting in 111 investigations. Following are the last week's highlighted issues and events:

Grand Theft Auto

On October 21 at 8:24 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a residence in the 800 block of West Duarte regarding the theft of a vehicle. The victim reported that his wife had parked and secured their vehicle on the street in the evening. He returned to the vehicle in the morning and it was gone. There was no broken glass on the street where the vehicle had been parked and they accounted for all of the keys to the vehicle. The vehicle is a red 1993 Honda Accord.

Vehicle Burglary

On October 21 at 11:04 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 300 block of West Foothill regarding a vehicle break-in. The victim told the officer someone had broken into her vehicle through a window and stolen her purse. Investigation continuing.

Residential Burglary

On October 21 at 5:17 p.m., an officer went to a residence in the 500 block of King Street regarding the report of a residential burglary. The victim reported that she secured her home and left at 6:45 a.m. and then returned a little after 5 p.m. When she entered the house, she saw a window was broken and her laptop, cell phone and other miscellaneous items were missing. Investigation continuing.

Outside Assist / Parole Violation

On October 22 at 8:13 a.m., officers responded to a residence in the 900 block of West Olive to assist a California parole agent with the check of a residence. The parole agent was checking up on a parolee and observed an empty high-capacity rifle magazine and thought there might be a weapon at the location. A weapon was not found; however, the parolee was found to be in possession of marijuana. He was arrested and taken into custody.

Possession of Burglary Tools -

On October 22 at 4:36 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 300 block of East Palm to a possible vehicle burglary in progress. When the officer arrived, he detained a suspicious person in the alley. The officer discovered the subject was in possession of a window punch, flash light and bolt cutters that had a sling modification attached, which allowed the bolt cutters to be concealed beneath clothing. An area check was conducted, but no evidence of a vehicle burglary was found. The suspect was arrested for possession of burglary tools.

Grand Theft

On October 23 at 6:20 a.m., an officer responded on the report of a stolen bicycle in the 100 block of West Lemon. The victim reported that he left his \$1,500 road bike near the front door of his apartment. He last saw the bike at 11:30 p.m. the night before and discovered it missing in the morning. The bicycle was unsecured.

Grand Theft - Suspect Arrested

On October 23 at 9:51 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a business in the 1600 block of South Mountain regarding a grand theft. The suspect, a female employee of the business, was ringing up fraudulent sales transactions and issuing fraudulent store credit for the value of the merchandise under the name of a another former female employee. The corporate office discovered the suspicious transactions and alerted the Monrovia location of the business. The female employee was arrested.

Vandalism to Vehicles

On October 23, several vehicle vandalisms were reported. They occurred in the 500 block of South Myrtle, the 500 block of El Norte, the 800 block of West Duarte and the 1800 block of Tenth Avenue. The vandalism involved windows being scratched and silver spray paint being applied to windows. The vehicle vandalisms appear to be random and do not appear to be gang related.

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LANCERS ARE PRETTY IN PINK

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The team is flying high after a stunning four game victory over perennial powerhouse Bishop Montgomery and a three game sweep of St. Joseph's. The Lancers clinched the league title on November 3 by beating Bishop Amat in 4 games and remaining undefeated in league play.

The varsity "Pink" team is: standing, from left to right, Kathryn Haderlein, '12, Jessica Kennedy '13, Reilly Spriestersbach '13, Emily Robertson



'12, Caroline Knop '14, Emily Rail '12, Ruth Guziec '12, Katrina Palfy '13, Diamond Ridley-Pierce '12.

Front row, Alex Daugherty '11, Nikky Tartaglione '11 and Chelsea Kennedy '11.

PUSD WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Calling all art aficionados!

PUSD's Arts Office is seeking volunteers to lead elementary school students on tours of Pasadena's leading art institutions as part of an exciting new program called "My Masterpieces: Discovering Art in My Community." Volunteers will be screened, trained as field trip docents, and paired with students from grades 2, 4 or 5. Call 396-3600, ext. 88121 or e-mail jonson94@pusd.us for more information.

"What is Research All About?" Caltech invites PUSD high school students to a free workshop to learn about the national Siemens Competition. This is an excellent opportunity to interact with Caltech scientists and learn about creating new knowledge through discovery. Caltech undergraduate student Jordan Theriot, graduate student Tara Adele Gomez, and postdoctoral scholar Matthew Bierman will lead the workshop. The Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology recognizes remarkable talent early on, fostering individual growth for

high school students who are willing to challenge themselves through science research. Through this competition, students have an opportunity to achieve national recognition for science research projects that they complete in high school. For more information, visit the Siemens Competition website: <http://www.siemens-foundation.org/en/competition.htm>. Caltech's Noyes Building Room 153. Admission is free! See attached map for location and parking. RSVP to Mary Herrera at mhh@caltech.edu or (626) 395-6059.

McKINLEY K-8 SCHOOL ELECTS NEW MASCOT

Students, Staff, and Parents Organize Election

Pasadena, CA – Students at McKinley K-8 School tallied election results of their own today, when they learned that the tiger is the school's new mascot. As voters cast their ballots yesterday in federal, state and local elections, McKinley students in grades 1 through 8 also headed to their own polls to replace the mule as the school's mascot. "Our students have been actively advocating for a change of mascot as part of the implementation of the district's new strategic plan," said Marisa Sarian, principal of McKinley School. "Our school has been embracing the values and priorities of the District's strategic plan. One of the goals is to place a greater emphasis student and parent engagement through collaboration. Voting in an election that has a direct impact on students is not only a lesson on civics, but is a way to help unify the diverse strengths of our entire school community." A student essay contest was organized by parents. Entries were read by a committee consisting of staff, parents, and one member of McKinley's class of 1946. Five finalists were selected: the Condors, the Dragons, the Mammoths, the Mules, and the Tigers. Eighty-one percent of McKinley voters cast ballots (Kindergarteners were exempt).

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Eat Well!

by Peter Dills

Yes, you read the by-line correctly. Believe it or not, there are a swath of restaurants nestled in our glorious San Gabriel Valley where you can pay like a pauper and eat like a prince. Just

THE CHEF KNOWS

opened in Altadena is the El Patron with owner Alex Cortes; his Mexican Food hits hard enough to bust a piñata!!! It happens that Alex also teaches boxing at the Villa Park Recreational Center. There are many traditional dishes on the menu, so I went with the Camarones Rancheros (\$9.99). An exceptional combination of flavors. They are open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. It is a favorite stop for the local Sheriff's station folks. Hey, arrest me, if you don't agree with me.

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Hot Diggity Dog!!! Check out the brand spakin' new Dog Haus on North Hill St. in Pasadena. So many condiments (toppings) that Susan, our editor, would have to expand this article to three pages. Where else can you get a house-made corn dog? I opted for the Spicy Italian Sausage with Deli Mustard and caramelized onions. If you are a dog fan, then this is the spot. I love the Buns; they use real Hawaiian Hot Dog Buns, and next time, I will order it non-toasted.

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HOWARD Hays
As I See It



This just in: Republicans take control of the House while Democrats lose seats but maintain a majority in the Senate. And every time you turn on TV, some pundit will say it's how he knew it was going to turn out all along - that and the Giants taking the Series in five.

They also tell us what went wrong with the Democrats. The Obama Administration tried to do too much, needs to come back to the center and work with Republicans more. Or, it needs to stop bending over for those who'll just say "no" anyway, and get back to the bold, progressive agenda that fired up all those supporters in 2008 who stayed home in 2010. (As Harry Truman put it, "If you give the people a choice between a watered-down Republican and a Republican, they will choose the real thing every time.")

Columnists will offer lessons learned, and the media will treat the 2012 elections as the only news story worthy of attention for the next 24 months. I won't go that far, but do have my own observations:

If a personal reassurance in a TV ad is needed to let voters know you're not a witch, then your campaign is in trouble.

Unless taken on a movie set, there really is no mitigating explanation for being photographed in a Nazi uniform.

It's hard for the arrogantly wealthy (Senate candidate John Raese of West Virginia, Gubernatorial candidate Carl Paladino of New York) to be accepted as just-plain-folks tea-partiers.

Journalists are unlikely to give great coverage to a candidate who, like Senate hopeful Sharron Angle of Nevada, says she'll answer their questions, but only after she's elected.

When our new State Assemblyman, Tim Donnelly, is quoted in the Pasadena Star News as saying he's going to Sacramento to "reach across the aisles to the enemies of freedom and annihilate them and pound them into the ground

and take back our power", it's understandable to doubt whether we elected a grown-up.

Something is amiss when a protector of individual rights such as Sen. Russ Feingold (D-WI), whether against corporate bankrolling of elections or threats to civil liberties in the Patriot Act, is defeated by one who describes health care reform as "the greatest single assault on freedom" in his lifetime.

Incumbency is a definite advantage, as in the 28th State Senate District where the incumbent won with a comfortable 58% of the vote despite having died the month before.

Looking at Democratic caucuses, 77 of the 80 members of the Congressional Progressive Caucus won re-election. Only 26 of the 54 conservative Blue Dogs did.

Another observation is that, when looking towards the future, it's nice to hear from Jimmy Carter. Speaking with Bill Maher on HBO's "Real Time" before the election, he explained, "Obama and the country might even be better off over the next two years. The Republicans will have at least one entity of government, the U.S. House of Representatives, for which they'll be responsible to the American people. So, they can't be as totally irresponsible the next two years as they have been the previous two years . . . (President Obama) might very well find a new element of freedom after the election is over, when he'll have the ability to put forward a proposal that's well-considered and wise, and when the Republicans vote it down, go directly to the people with his principles and say, 'Will you choose between me or the ill-advised members of the House of Representatives, who are under Republican leadership?'"

Republicans, especially Minority Leader Sen. Mitch McConnell (KY) and the presumptive new House Speaker, Rep. John Boehner (OH), have made clear their primary goal is to assure the defeat of President Obama in 2012. The best chance they have to achieve it is in seeing that unemployment remains high, recovery is stalled, and the Obama Administration

is denied any legislative accomplishment. In the meantime, they'll be working to dutifully serve their corporate benefactors, whether from Wall Street or the boardrooms of BP and Exxon Mobil, to keep their campaign coffers filled with non-disclosed cash.

A couple things might interfere with their plans, however. One is the intensifying battle between "establishment" Republicans and the Tea Party. GOP stalwarts in Washington are well aware that were it not for certain Tea Party victories over establishment candidates in the primaries, Republicans would undoubtedly have captured the Senate, as well as the House, on election day. Tea Party activists are already preparing their hit-list for 2012 - of incumbent Republicans. Characters like Sarah Palin accuse Republicans who suggest modifying health care reform rather than trashing the whole thing altogether as being collaborators with the enemy and traitors to the cause.

Another is Republicans' predictable habit of ultimately embarrassing themselves. On his show last week, after explaining to the tea-partiers that their problem is in simply being "too easily manipulated", Bill Maher harkened back to a time in the not-too-distant-past when another new Democratic president saw a Republican majority take control of Congress in the mid-terms. On the screen behind him appeared that familiar portrait of Monica Lewinsky. At a time of significant challenges both at home and abroad, Maher explained, one of the most powerful, distinguished, and vital legislative bodies in the world "spent the next two years investigating a (slang term for certain sexual act)".

It didn't take long for the American people to catch on, especially when then-House Speaker Newt Gingrich in 1995 thought it was a bright idea to shut down the government. It's a lesson many Republicans seem to have forgotten.

One of the most significant results of the balloting here in California will be re-drawn maps of state legislative and Congressional districts. It should make for some interesting contests in 2012. I expect to be receiving my first robo-calls on behalf of the candidates any day now.

2010 THE MANDATE

The 2010 mid-term elections were nothing short of epic, clearly establishing a mandate for the victorious Republicans. But understanding the nature of the mandate is harder than recognizing the voters have given you one. Republicans gained 60 seats in the house, 6 seats in the Senate, 8 additional governorships and at least 510 seats in state legislatures across the country. Republican gains in the House were the largest in 70 years. 50 incumbent Democratic congressmen lost, among them 22 freshman specifically recruited in 2008 and 9 senior leaders. It is tough to find words to describe it, although "a shellacking", as President Obama observed, is probably a good start.

But is this a mandate for Republicans to be obstructionists - to stand in the way of everything just for the sake of saying "no"? Clearly that was not the message. The mandate given Republicans was to bring about real change and to include any and all Democrats who are willing to go along with that. They have a mandate to stand on principle and openly embrace anyone who will joint them in this.

Remember, President Obama came into office largely on his promise to change the way Washington did business. Everyone heard that and thought he meant what they meant. Change still is what Americans want, it's just a different change than Obama had in mind, and this gets to the heart and soul of the 2010 mandate. Interestingly, it was the same as the 2008 mandate. The conventional wisdom then and now is that spending should be brought under control. Bush overspent, and Obama double downed. Both received the same message from voters.

But spending is only the tip of the iceberg. What the voters understand pretty clearly at this point is that spending is simply the basis of Washington's power. Politicians take money from us and then they decide how it is to be returned into the economy. Controlling the spending sustains politicians, bureaucrats, and regulators. It's what gives them their power. Lobbyists flock to D.C. because they either seek to channel the money toward their causes or prevent it from leaving their causes. Money is just the mechanism that is used, but it is the exercise of power by an elite few over the rest of us citizens that is the crucial issue.

Returning power to the people is the heart of the Tea Party message. Americans want to substantively alter the

power structure in Washington D.C. No longer do they want D.C. to be the most important city in the U.S. What happens in D.C. should remain important, but it should not be the most important or even the most dominant locus of events. America works best and its citizens are most content when the most important activity is what's happening outside Washington - when it is what's being done by average Americans in their own pursuits of happiness, unfettered by strangling rules, regulations and burdens emanating from self-righteous, self absorbed elites.

Get the government out of the way, let the American people do what they want in their own spheres of freedom, using their own hard work and ingenuity, and there is no limit to what we can achieve. This is the mandate Republicans received in the 2010 election. Sadly, it was also the mandate given to Barack Obama and the Democrats in 2008. The voters took the reins of government from Republicans, who didn't get it, and gave it to Democrats, who they thought got it. But the last two years have clearly showed America that liberal Democrats didn't have a clue - or perhaps they did, but they just lied about it.

For proof we need only point to the two major legislative accomplishments of the last 2 years. You cannot possible understand what really makes America great when you pass 2,000+ pages of broadly worded law regulating healthcare, which you haven't even read and which must then be "interpreted" by a body of unelected regulators. You cannot possibly understand what really makes America great when you pass another 2,000+ pages of broadly worded financial regulations, which will bore so deep into the fabric of our economy as to regulate whether one business can allow another business 30 days to pay for what it buys.

The 2010 mandate rests lightly on Republican shoulders. They don't own it yet; Americans are putting them back, but putting them back on probation. Americans realize that Democrats still control the Senate, that Obama is still President, and that he can veto anything he wants. Americans aren't expecting miracles. They are expecting Republicans to stand on the principles they articulated and make the sincere effort to return power from D.C. back to main street.

Here are a few things Republicans should consider

GREG Welborn



doing. As promised on the campaign trail, spending should be returned to the 2008 base line level. The Bush tax cuts should be extended for everyone, especially for the upper end where lower taxes translate directly into new investment of capital which translates into jobs!! Earmarks should be ended, bills should be shorter and read before passage. Bailouts should be ended, and as the money comes back, it should be used to reduce the deficit, not just spent again. Obamacare, which promises to disrupt the private relationship between doctor and patient and which promises to bankrupt this nation, should be repealed and replaced with something that works. These are just the first thoughts. There's plenty to be done to return power to where it rightfully belongs.

The pundits say that President Obama will simply turn from the legislative to the regulatory arena to push forward his agenda of further concentrating power in D.C. Perhaps they are right. But the revolution didn't end with the November election; it just got started. If Republicans take up the mandate, rise to the occasion and are stymied along the way, they can still educate and shine the light of day on the darkness. Summoning Administration officials and regulators before Congress to explain just what they're doing to implement Obamacare, financial market reform, carbon taxing and a host of other intrusive actions will be quite sufficient to keep Americans engaged and committed to reclaiming the freedoms they've lost to the last several congresses.

Republicans have an historic opportunity to demonstrate for this generation and those which follow that they are the true protectors of the people's rights and freedoms, that they understand where America's true strength resides and that they have heard the people's will. Let us hope they understand their mandate so that we do not have to teach them again.

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SUSAN Henderson What Americans Are They Talking About?



Who in the devil ... I shall restrain myself as this is a family newspaper, but ... just who in the devil are the Republicans talking about when they say "America has spoken?" Don't lump the segment of the population that elected you to office with the rest of the American

public, and don't even think about trying to eradicate those who did not vote for you. You were not given such power.

party had the most votes in a particular election. It by no means indicates that everyone in the entire state thinks that way. If you have 100 people and 51 think one way, do the other 49 no longer exist? I think not.

Perhaps looking at some real numbers might bring that haughty attitude down a little:

American Population as of 2008:	301,237,703 million
Voting Age Population 2008:	227,431,128 million
Registered Voters in 2008:	146,311,000 million
Actual Voters in 2008:	131,144,000 million

So, regardless of party affiliation, in 2008 a few more than half of the voting-age eligible people in the United States even participated in the process. Those figures are for the Presidential election. The numbers are considerably lower in a mid-term election. It would seem to me that truly committed 'leaders' who are elected to office should be dismayed that so few people sent you to Washington.

But now that you are there, don't try to project more power than you have, and don't disrespect our President. You are there as part of a team yes, the concept is that both Houses would work TOGETHER and do what is best for the country, not walk in the door speaking as though you had a personal invitation from God.

So stop the gloating and get to work. Do your part in helping the President continue the progress he has made in the last two years digging us out of the mess that it took your President 8 years to create.

And remember - America is much more than the sum total of the number of people who cast a vote in your favor!

40 Year Mid Term Election Facts*			
U. S. House of Representatives			
Year	President	Democrats	Republicans
2010	Obama (D)	188	239
2006	Bush (R)	233	202
2002**	Bush (R)	204	229
1998	Clinton (D)	206	228
1994	Clinton (D)	204	230
1990	GHWBush (R)	267	167
1986	Reagan (R)	258	177
1982	Reagan (R)	269	166
1978***	Carter (D)	277	158
1974	Nixon/Ford (R)	291	144
1970	Nixon (R)	255	180
*Data from certified election results			
** Second Time in 40 Years That House is same party in President			
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2010 Election Results: 8 Undecided races at press time			
2 Independents elected in 2002			
There was 1 Independent elected in the 1990, 1994 and 1998 midterms			

First of all, let's be clear, you didn't accomplish anything that significant with the gains you made in the House of Representatives. Americans are not as stupid as you think. History has taught us that for the most part, Americans are more comfortable when the party that has the majority in the House is different than the party that is in the White House. (See Chart Above)

Secondly, despite your gains, you do not represent the majority of the American population. Graphics depicting "red states" and "blue states" are deceptive and do not give a fair picture of that state's political leanings. Those colors just indicate which

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

No doubt many of the editorial staff and columnists of the Mountain Views News are not pleased with the Republican victories on Tuesday and a map of the country that is 80% or more red (that red even stretches across the majority of California).

Before they spend too much time speculating on the causation, observers should make sure they are listening to what these red counties are saying. The messages are not hard to find or grasp.

- Despite all the financial stress of the Great Recession, they want less government, not more.
- They don't like the fact that a trillion is now the new billion.
- They believe the country is exceptional and good, not flawed and in need of public penance.
- They know that in this country a worker can become a business owner.
- They know a poor man can't give another man a job.
- They know what it is like to make payroll.
- They can't fathom that the 16,000 new jobs created by Obamacare are IRS agents instead of expanded ranks of family doctors.
- They find it hard to believe the clamor for more money for education, when even as enrollment is declining, LA recently spent a half billion dollars each on two new schools.
- They know that ninety percent of trial lawyers make the other ten percent look bad.
- They know that a battlefield is not a CSI crime scene, and reject the idea of the butchers of Gitmo having access to an ACLU lawyer and the American court system's premise of reasonable doubt.
- They are irritated with judges who

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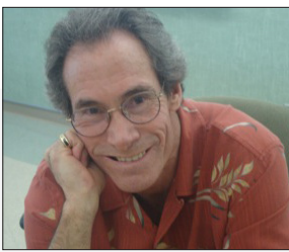
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HAIL Hamilton My Turn



California's 'Economic State of Emergency'

Democratic governor Jerry Brown must act quickly and decisively when he takes office in January or California's "economic state of emergency" will get even worse because state government shows no signs of becoming less hostile toward business and because more companies are leaving in droves to relocate elsewhere-taking tens of thousands of good paying jobs with them.

The exodus of jobs and capital has reached such an alarming point that California ought to declare a "state of economic emergency" just as we have emergencies resulting from floods, fires and earthquakes. Raising taxes or creating new regulations should be out of the question.

Unless there is a reduction in the hostility California directs toward businesses, we will see more commercial enterprises calling site selection companies for help in finding friendlier states in which to locate.

Joseph Vranich, the Business Relocation Coach, has compiled a list of 129 companies which have left or "de-invested" in California due to its hostile tax, environmental and business climate. Joe keeps track of this information as best he can through published data. Conveniently, the state of California keeps no such records.

In addition, Vranich reports that 25% of California's manufacturing jobs have left between 1990 and 2007.

With California's regional unemployment rate at 12.5% to 30%, the Golden State is now the Golden Parachute State. California is hemorrhaging jobs, despite \$85 billion of federal stimulus dollars being pumped into the state. California's Republican governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, has morphed, in 8 years, into a tap-dancing Obama marionette, and is being accused of being oddly disconnected from the economic pain which surrounds him.

California's new year of 2010 got the gong in January when Northrop Grumman announced it will move its headquarters and several hundred well-paying jobs to Washington D.C. from Los Angeles. Southern California, where the aerospace industry was born, suddenly has not one single, major military contractor.

And this is just the beginning of the business exodus from California this year.

Governor Schwarzenegger, who has recently been groveling before President Obama for more federal funds, says the federal stimulus funds California has received since 2009 have saved 150,000 jobs in the state since last year.

Yet, unemployment has continued to rise during that time. The state auditor of California begs to differ with the governor's numbers. Elaine Howle reported in December 2009 that three major state agencies actually have misstated or made up their numbers.

The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation claimed that it saved 18,229 jobs with \$1.08 billion in stimulus money, even though the department had issued layoff notices for just 6,962 corrections employees.

The California State University system said it saved 26,156 jobs - half its entire work force - with \$268.5 million in federal stimulus money. Caltrans reported it saved or preserved 1,590 jobs -spending \$26.7 million. Howle says the jobs numbers were overstated by at least 56%.

While 20,000 workers from the New United Motor Manufacturing, Inc. (NUMMI), the automobile manufacturing plant in Fremont, California get ready to go on unemployment, Governor Schwarzenegger was blithely breaking ground on one of the largest federal stimulus fund projects in the country on Wednesday.

The project would be laughable if so many people weren't losing jobs in other parts of the state. The project is a \$230 million "fish freeway" near Red Bluff, California which will allow salmon to safely reach their breeding grounds, while dam water is being pumped to farm fields. Half the money will be federal stimulus funds, the rest of the project will be paid by Californians who already have a \$21 billion state budget deficit.

How many NUMMI jobs could have been saved with \$230 million? Why would a "fish freeway" be more important than people? This is yet another example of how environmental wackos drive the Obama administration and this state over the financial cliff.

While the Republican governor of California toadies to a Democratic president for "freebies" from a bankrupt federal government, China is wooing the best and brightest technologies of the highly-desirable "green" industries and stealing thousands of jobs from the state. Did Governor Schwarzenegger even notice?

Let's hope Governor Brown will notice and stop the burgeoning loss of jobs by creating a business-friendly environment that will encourage new jobs and new technologies to stay in California. The time for words is past; the time for action is now!

STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE



IS IT ALL FOR THE BEST?

Two years ago (October 31, 2008) I wrote an article entitled 'Maybe It's All For The Good?' In the article which came out right before the Presidential election, I had the temerity to suggest that all the hardships facing the country might in the long run be considered a benefit. I suggested that these hardships might convince the electorate to vote against a continuation of the unbelievable incompetence, arrogance, and ignorance which characterized the Bush Administration. Furthermore, I speculated that with the election of a qualified individual as President, America might awaken from its slumber and realize that change was necessary and that all of us would have to become more aware of the consequences to our own actions. Well its two years later and Americans have voted again. In much of the country voters have chosen, at least according to my view, to return to those halcyon days of incompetence, arrogance, and ignorance. Sarah Palin- endorsed candidates have been elected throughout much of the United States. These newly elected legislators certainly must be seen as a protest against present policies. I think it is undisputed that today's results demonstrate that Americans did not like the bail out programs which seemed to help the rich and ignore the needs of everybody else. Americans feel that too much money is being spent and too little is being accomplished. Probably, most Americans feel that President Obama's focus on passing a Health Care Bill was untimely in that more attention should have been focused on the economy and the creation of jobs. Certainly there has been an unprecedented expression of displeasure with incumbents and control of the House of Representatives is now in the hands of the dreaded Republicans while the Democratic majority in the Senate has drastically dwindled. Guess what; I think the election results may well portend a positive future for this Country. First, as my wife continues to stress, the Republican majority in the House may well be a good thing. Republicans will no longer be able to content themselves with the opposition to every Democratic backed bill. The Republicans in the House may actually have to try and pass some legislation and to do that they will be forced to try and cooperate with the still Democratic controlled Senate. You must remember that old term "cooperation". Maybe we will see its return. After all both parties must recognize that in today's world there is no such thing as party loyalty. All right; let's analyze these results. Let's look at California where a new kid has been elected Governor. Well, at least he was a new kid Governor almost 40 years ago. If the electorate wanted a new face, a genuine political outsider, good old Governor Moonbeam would not have had a chance. He was elected not just because his opponent was seen to act dishonorably towards her housekeeper but, according to exit polls, his election resulted from voter confidence based on his experience. No more Schwarzenegger fantasies, Californians now recognize that it is necessary to elect someone who knows what he is doing. Look at the California results. Barbara Boxer, a

hard-working liberal (that's right LIBERAL) Senator re-elected. Propositions backed by tremendous amounts of oil money (out of State Oil Money at that) was insufficient to fool the voters. GREAT NEWS-money will not necessarily determine the outcome of elections. Of course, California is a progressive State but not so progressive that it does not frequently elect Republican Governors. No, I think the California election results are predictive of the national election results in 2012. Voters will awaken and no longer allow themselves to be fooled by the vague and mainly substanceless statements of Tea Party-like candidates. Even in the State of Nevada, extremely hard-hit by economic woes, voters had the sense to re-elect Senate majority Leader Harry Reid whose efforts were largely responsible for the passage of the dreaded Health Care Act.

All right, so far there's nothing in this article that's particularly revelatory. Here's one final prediction, Sarah Palin is going to disappear from the political scene before the next election. Why? Because it will become clear to almost everyone that she is in this thing all for herself. She quit being Governor because she didn't want to do the work and wanted to make scads of money. Well she's done that. She's famous now but she reminds me of Kato Kaelin. She will disappear but might achieve her ambition to become a talk-show host despite the fact that she has almost nothing to say.

Well, the next two years will be interesting. Perhaps we'll see an attempt at impeachment or attempts at overturning the Health Care Bill- but I doubt it. I predict that America is going to start working (that means jobs) again. We'll see.

RICH Johnson



I got an advance copy of Stuart's article entitled, "Is It All For the Best?"

That Stuart. His column in this week's paper includes such phrasing as "Dreaded Republicans".

Also "Unbelievable incompetence, arrogance, and ignorance which characterized the Bush Administration." "California...not so progressive that it does not frequently elect Republican Governors." He compares Sarah Palin to Kato Kaelin (who you may remember was the do-nothing guy who lived in O.J. Simpson's guest house during the murder of Nicole.)

How can someone, especially one with a superior intelligence, compare Sarah Palin to Kato Kaelin? Silly me, I would have thought getting elected governor of a state and being selected from amongst 300 million people to be a vice presidential running mate would show that Ms. Palin had to have had something on the ball. But according to Stuart, "...she has almost nothing to say."

Actually Stuart's wife Irene displayed keen insight when she pointed out that Republicans, now wielding greater power, will have to try and make Congress work. Republicans in power may actually help President Obama in his bid for re-election. If the next two years don't bode well

Ahh, Stuart, Stuart, Stuart!

the last few years as they threw up roadblocks to certain pieces of legislation. Does "obstructionist" only apply to Republicans? I wonder...will anyone call Congressional Democrats or President Obama an "obstructionist" if they stifle or veto legislation pushed through by a Republican dominated congress?

Were there Democrat obstructionists during the Bush years? Did Democrats (as well as Republicans) block meaningful immigration reform? Did Senator Tom Daschle hold up judicial confirmations? Remember when, in 2005, Senator John McCain tried to alert the country to serious problems with Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. He and 3 other Senate Republicans sponsored the Federal Housing Enterprise Regulatory Reform Act of 2005. Designed to reign in and exercise more control over Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac this bill would have gone a long way to spare us from the mortgage meltdown. Were Democrat Senate Banking Committee Chairman Chris Dodd and Democrat House Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank obstructionists as they killed any chance of this bill from becoming law?

Many know my big pet peeve is what I consider a double standard. We are told the Bush years were filled with rife arrogance. Yet the first two years of the Obama presidency were ubiquitous with secretive back room dealings that excluded elected representatives who just happened to be elephants and not donkeys. Sounds awfully doggone arrogant to me.

I don't know. What do you think?

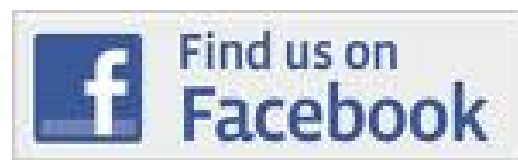
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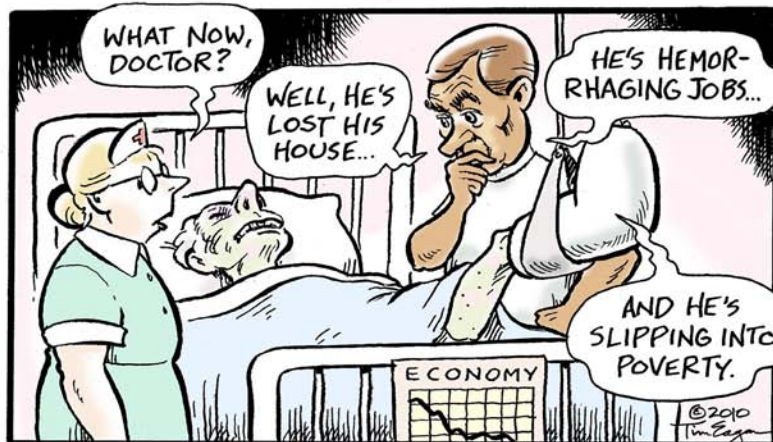
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Looking Up

with Bob Eklund

STUDY SAYS SOLAR SYSTEMS LIKE OURS MAY BE COMMON



Nearly one in four stars like the Sun could have Earth-size planets, according to a University of California, Berkeley, study of nearby solar-mass stars.

UC Berkeley astronomers Andrew Howard and Geoffrey Marcy chose 166 G and K stars within 80 light-years of Earth and observed them with the powerful Keck telescope for five years in order to determine the number, mass and orbital distance of any of the stars' planets. The Sun is the best known of the G stars, which are yellow, while K-type dwarfs are slightly smaller, orange-red stars.

The researchers found increasing numbers of smaller planets, down to the smallest size detectable today—planets called super-Earths, about three times the mass of Earth.

“Of about 100 typical Sun-like stars, one or two have planets the size of Jupiter, roughly six have a planet the size of Neptune, and about 12 have super-Earths between three and 10 Earth masses,” said Howard, a research astronomer in UC Berkeley’s Department of Astronomy and at the Space Sciences Laboratory. “If we extrapolate down to Earth-size planets—between one-half and two times the mass of Earth—we predict that you’d find about 23 for every 100 stars.”

“This is the first estimate based on actual measurements of the fraction of stars that have Earth-size planets,” said Marcy, UC Berkeley professor of astronomy. Previous studies have estimated the proportion of Jupiter and Saturn-size exoplanets,

but never down to Neptunes and super-Earths, enabling an extrapolation to Earth-size planets.

“What this means,” Howard added, “is that, as NASA develops new techniques over the next decade to find truly Earth-size planets, it won’t have to look too far.”

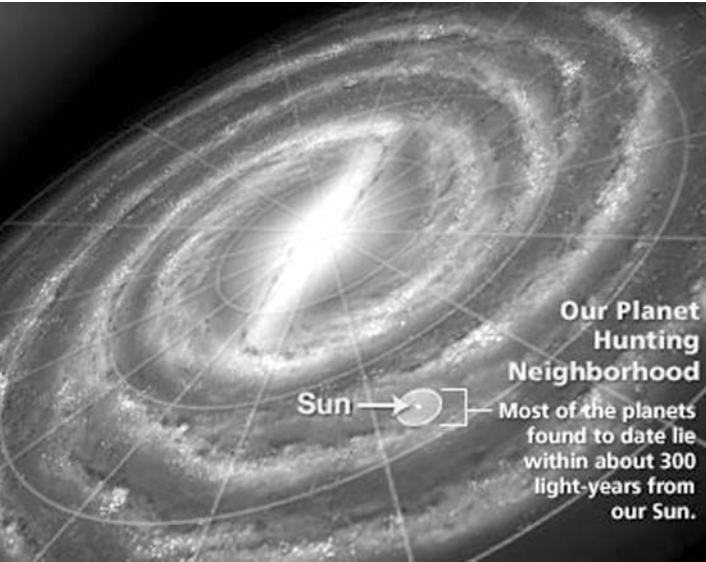
Because the researchers detected only close-in planets, there could be even more Earth-size planets at greater distances, including within the habitable zone located at about the same distance as the Earth is from our Sun. The habitable, or “Goldilocks,” zone is the distance from a star neither too hot nor too cold to allow the presence of liquid water.

The researchers’ results conflict with current models of planet formation and migration, Marcy noted. After their birth in a protoplanetary disk, planets had been thought to spiral inward because of interactions with the gas in the disk. Such models predict a “planet desert” in the inner region of solar systems.

“Just where we see the most planets, models predict we would find no cacti at all,” Marcy said. “These results will transform astronomers’ views of how planets form.”

Howard and Marcy report their results in the Oct. 29 issue of the journal Science.

“One of astronomy’s goals is to find ‘eta-Earth,’ the fraction of Sun-like stars that have an Earth,” Howard said. “This is a first estimate, and the real number could be one in eight instead of one in four. But it’s not one in 100, which is glorious



news.” Twelve possible planets also were detected, but they need further confirmation, Marcy said. If these candidate planets are included in the count, the team detected a total of 45 planets around 32 stars.

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Ask jai.....

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

Q: I recently graduated with a M.B.A. with no experience as a supervisor or manager. I expected that I would find employment in management since I have a M.B.A. But, I am being told by employers that I have no supervisory experience. So how do I get management experience if no one will hire me? Aspiring Manager

Dear Aspiring Manager:

Most companies will not hire you, even with a Masters Degree, directly into a management position if you have not supervised or managed a staff. I would suggest that you apply for Management Trainee or Junior Management positions. You will find a lot of these positions posted with major corporations in various industries. These positions are fantastic because the company will train new graduates in their corporate culture, sales, marketing and management style. As a trainee this will give you time to learn about the company and them about you. When companies hire you into management trainee positions you are consider a corporate investment and they will usually assigned you a mentor to insure your success. The Trainee or Junior Management position is a great track to management level positions and typically very short, between 1-2 years after your start date.

To apply for a Management Trainee or Junior Management position you should decide on what is your professional category (i.e., accounting, marketing, computer, etc.) and industry (i.e., medical, public relations, technology, education, etc.). Write a dynamic cover letter that clearly states: why you are writing to the company, your field of expertise, reason for choosing the industry, your goal and that your career path is senior management. Be sure to include what valuable skills and experience you would bring to their company. Next, write a great resume to include any accomplishments that exemplify any of your leadership or supervisor qualities. This can include any volunteer or community activities, part-time or internship experience. Starting salary ranges for Management Trainee positions are not going to be what you expect but future advancement or promotions will eventually result in financial reward.

Q: I am trying to get a part-time job at a large retail store to supplement my income. Do I have to disclose that I have a Masters Degree? Need Extra Income

Dear Need Extra Income:

Yes. Retail stores usually will require you to complete and answer all questions on an application form. At the bottom of the Application form you will be ask to sign a statement and agreement that everything that you have written on the application form and the resume you have submitted is true to the best of your ability and that if anything is discover to be untrue that the company has the right to terminate your employment. Do not risk termination. I would suggest that you enclosed or attached a cover letter explaining why you are seeking a part-time position with the retail store. Do not disclose in the cover letter any personal reasons or details for seeking employment. Be sure to include the skill sets that you have to do the job.

KATIE TseThis and That FUND RAISER



Tis the season of nippy air and the infestation of gift catalogs which multiply daily in mailboxes across the land. Like mold, you think you’ve cleaned it out, but as soon as you turn around it’s sprouted up again. Everything from cheese and sausage baskets to

called “Hell & Grace.” I also remember flim-flam fundraiser folks coming to my school and inciting us little tykes to go out and hawk magazine subscriptions in order to earn a successive collection of cotton ball characters (I kid you not!). After we had amassed a large enough cotton ball army, our class would earn the ultimate prize --an ice cream party --Ooh! These people used blatant tricks to brainwash our young, impressionable minds.

They stretched out a string of 25 dollar bills taped side to side across the auditorium to illustrate how much money we could earn selling \$75 worth of orders to our unsuspecting relatives and neighbors. Another mean-spirited ploy was when they brought what looked like a plastic elevator booth and filled it with dollar bills. They then got some poor soul who had sold a sufficient number of subscriptions and put him in there for one minute while they blew the bills around with a high-powered fan. The victim was literally “grasping for the wind.” Needless to say, I became cynical of school fundraisers at a young age.

These days, my husband buys frozen cookie dough and lava cake mixes to support our nephew’s school. I must admit those cookies saved me

once when I needed to bring something for a potluck at work. They were already shaped into uniform discs, so all I did was slide them onto a cookie sheet and pop them in the oven for 10 minutes. Brainless baking --I love it! At least that’s more useful than an eight-piece set of nutcracker napkin rings. And I think my nephew’s labors are going toward a camping trip to Catalina --a heck of a lot better than a cotton ball collection. By the way, can I interest you in some lava cake mix? It’s for a good cause!



monogrammed dog pillows, they’re all laid out across glossy pages that are lucky if they see the light of my kitchen before taking a dive into the trash. When I have nothing better to do, I sometimes get a kick out of looking at all the ridiculous or purely useless items being sold in the name of holiday festivity.

It’s easy to scoff at electric carol-singing stockings in the privacy of your home. But we all know the dread feeling of entrapment when a coworker corners us in the break room with a catalog from their children’s school. Most of them are nice, and correctly interpret hints like, “Hmm, all my friends hate to cook, so I can’t think of anyone to give a Santa casserole dish to.” Occasionally there’ll be a pushy one who asks not if you want to contribute to Johnny’s school, but whether you want the reindeer potpourri holder or the Frosty the Snowman cookie jar. Of course, parents of girl scouts are the exception to my overall attitude toward fundraisers. I seek them out. “Yes, please put me down for two boxes of the Samoas and Tagalongs --that’s two boxes each.”

When I was in grade school I wondered why anyone would want to buy chocolate

“How Strong Is Your Schmooze?” was the open invitation line for some of cyberspaces’ best hackers to test their Social Engineering skills at the “Capture The Flag” competition hosted at DEFCON 18 earlier this year. DEFCON bills itself as one of the longest-

running and largest annual hacker conventions in the world. Due to the concentration of high-powered hacking intellect assembled at these get-togethers, there is plenty of attention paid to the displays, seminars, endorsements and pans coming from this gathering and this year was no exception. While the high-tech exploits and sophisticated techniques used by hackers to attain their ends are often the stuff that grabs headlines and comprises movie plots, it is most often the low-tech skillset that comprises what is known as Social Engineering that gets the ball rolling in network penetration efforts. Social Engineering is most simply the act or compounded acts of getting the user of a computer system to divulge information about that system or network to an unauthorized third party. The Social Engineering attack vector owes much of its success to the fact that, for any number or reasons, people don’t always do what is right or smart when it comes to the use of computers. SE attacks rely on human interaction exclusively.

In the “Capture The Flag” competition hosted at DEFCON 18 each participant was assigned a target company and given the task of and given various assignments that consisted mainly of gathering as much data about the target company as possible in a given amount of time. The contestants’ main challenge was to wade through the many entry vectors available and secure the objective in as few hops as possible. This challenge was made all the more easier due to the innate human tendency to be helpful, especially if employed in a service capacity, when interacting with the public at the workplace. If the “tendency to be helpful” premise seems a bit far-fetched consider the fact that no employee wants to be fired in these tough economic times over something as trivial as being rude to a customer or higher-up for no good cause.

The results of the contest were compiled in a report and analyzed. Probably the most alarming find was the fact that it didn’t take a seasoned or experienced hacker to make significant penetration into most of the companies targeted. With today’s social media saturated Internet environment, a great deal of information about the various companies targeted and their inner-workings are available through Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Google Search and Google Street. Add Call Centers and Customer Service departments that are typically focused on customer satisfaction to the mix and there were ample resources available to gain valuable information about all of the companies targeted in this years competition. Any resistance encountered could easily be overcome by hanging up and calling back until a more compliant employee could be reached. No sensitive information was targeted during this competition but enough insight was gleaned to show the very real threat that SE attacks pose to corporate users. Companies in the age of the Internet would do well to ensure that all phases of their workforce that interface with the public are well-trained in keeping confidential information, confidential.

Cooler Weather Means It’s Time For A Furnace Check, Says The Gas Company

LOS ANGELES – As temperatures cool down, Southern California Gas Co. (The Gas Company) is advising customers to inspect their home-heating appliances and perform any needed maintenance necessary to avoid any health or safety hazards.

“Now is the right time to perform maintenance on your home-heating appliances to check that they can be operated safely and efficiently,” said Bret Lane, vice president of field services for The Gas Company. “Customers are beginning to turn on their furnaces for the first time in months. Heating appliances should be serviced annually to confirm that they are functioning properly. A licensed heating contractor, plumber or The Gas Company can provide this service for you.”

Failure to perform annual maintenance on gas appliances may result in exposure to carbon monoxide, which can cause nausea, drowsiness, flu-like symptoms, and even death.

Since home heating typically accounts for more than half of the monthly winter gas bill, the best way to keep bills lower is to get gas appliances serviced, Lane said.

The Gas Company offers customers the following tips to promote the safe and efficient operation of their natural gas furnace:

Have gas furnaces checked at least once a year by a licensed heating contractor, plumber or The Gas Company.

Vacuum and clean regularly in and around the furnace, particularly around the burner compartment to prevent a build-up of dust and lint.

Never store items in, on or around the appliance

that can obstruct airflow.

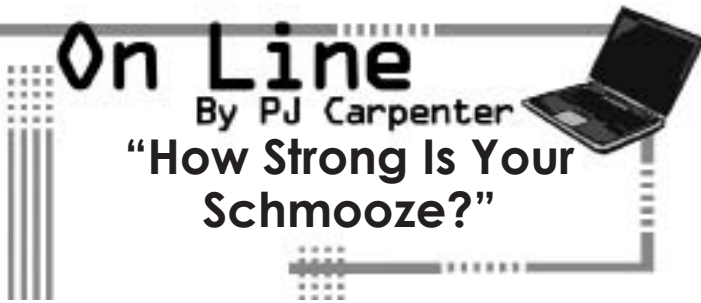
Most forced-air units have a filter that cleans the air before heating and circulating it throughout the home. The filter should be checked monthly for lint build-up during periods of furnace use and cleaned or replaced, if necessary.

When installing a new or cleaned filter, be sure to re-install the front panel door of the furnace properly so it fits snugly. Never operate the furnace without the front-panel door properly in place because doing so may create the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Check the appearance of the flame. If the flame is yellow, large and unsteady, the furnace needs to be inspected immediately by a licensed heating contractor, plumber or The Gas Company to have the condition corrected.

For more information on furnace safety or to schedule a service appointment, please visit The Gas Company’s website at www.socalgas.com.

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



Chris Bertrand

Olive Oil: The Fruits of Their Labors in Bradbury

Greg and Heba Wood didn't set out to become farmers in the five acres they purchased in Bradbury seven years ago. When they closed on the property in 2003, bare dirt prevailed on the acreage instead of landscaping on the steeply sloped land, except for a row of sixty-year old olive trees along the edge of the shared lane leading to the homesite.

Those olive trees had been "lollipopped" and kept relatively small. Indications were that the previous owners had not allowed the trees to fruit in at least fifteen years. The Woods decided to let the trees grow out over the next few years. When 2007 came, a bumper crop of olives generated excitement and interest in harvesting the fruit. Heba Wood grew up in Lebanon, using olive oil as the main cooking medium. Her mother always kept one of those large tin cans of Italian olive oil on hand, but that was really the extent of either Woods' knowledge about olive oil, until that first year of bountiful olive fruit.

What was initially excitement turned to frustration when they learned that fruit flies had moved into the area during the previous decade. Olives are apparently a very hospitable host to fruit fly larvae. Without regular organic spraying of a compound named GF120, fruit fly larvae make the fruit unusable.

The following year, the Woods faithfully sprayed the organic compound that smells like molasses on the prescribed biweekly schedule in a three foot square area of each tree. The spray becomes a bait for the pesky fly which feeds on that bait and goes away to die, leaving the fruit to flourish. The resulting crop was "terrific" according to Greg, and they decided to venture into making their own olive oil. "I don't know what happened," chuckles Greg, "but it seems those trees have been aspiring to greatness while under an oppressed regime."

First step was to buy a press. Greg found a low tech, rather jury rigged press that incorporated mechanisms from other industries to prepare the olive oil. The low tech press used a household garbage disposal to grind the fruit, seeds and all, plus a car jack to perform the compression of the paste at a cost of a mere \$2600. Yet... the purchase was appealing since the next step up was \$28,000. The result, unfortunately, was overwhelmingly disappointing for their thirty trees. "If it had

been one tree, perhaps we could have managed," reflected Heba, "but not for the crop size we had." Quick research yielded a friendly cooperative mill in Ojai, named Regalo Extra Virgin Olive Oil, owned by a physician, Jeff Luttrell, who allows other growers to use his mill. The Woods hired pickers to help them and filled his pickup truck with 20 gallon containers of freshly picked olives. They were off to Ojai, under the time constraint that the best flavor is yielded from pressing within 24 hours of picking.

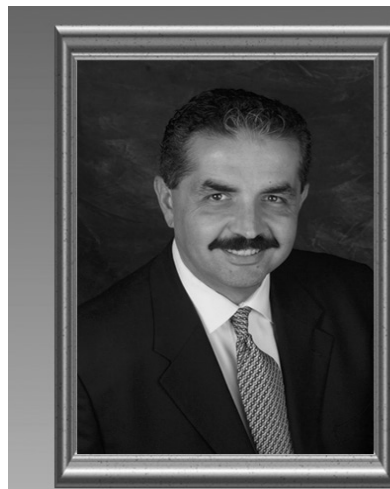
They watched in fascination as the olives were dumped into a bin feeding a conveyor belt to a bath. Then it's off to the grinder, seeds and all. The product is a brown paste looking like dark hummus. The paste is then centrifuged twice. The first time, the paste is separated from a liquid of oil and water. The second time, the oil is separated from the water, and voila! Their first olive oil poured out of the tap into five gallon containers. Unexpectedly, the oil was incredibly clear and the mill staff exclaimed about its high quality, saying they had "a gold mine." After just a few days, their oil was so clear, they bottled, sparged the air out of the bottle neck with carbon dioxide, corked, labeled then foil-capped their prized oil.

So elated were they, the Woods did it all over again the following week, repeating the whole process with the next week's ripened olives. Surprisingly, the two batches tasted quite different; the first batch with a "subtle grassy note," per Greg, and the second batch was mellower. They even sold some through Savor the Flavor (www.SavorTheFlavor.net), a well known, boutique food shop on Kersting Court in Sierra Madre.

2009 brought disappointment, when the Woods' olive trees bore almost no fruit at all, following a statewide trend that year. Come 2010, the excitement once again built as the trees were heavily laden with beautiful olives.

In October, the Woods, friends and hired pickers harvested a true bumper crop, at least twice as many olives as 2008. They made three trips to the Ojai press this year, labeling each pressing with its date, and finding three distinct tastes to the oils. With a larger crop this year, the Woods' olive oil which they named "Olive Our Dreams", is available once again at Savor the Flavor. According to Madeline Romo there, all three press dates are currently still available, at \$29.99 for 500ml. Call them for an update on availability at (626) 355-5153.

"In the end," say the Woods, "though it's incredibly labor intensive and a costly process, it's a labor of love." The fruit of their loving labors!



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.

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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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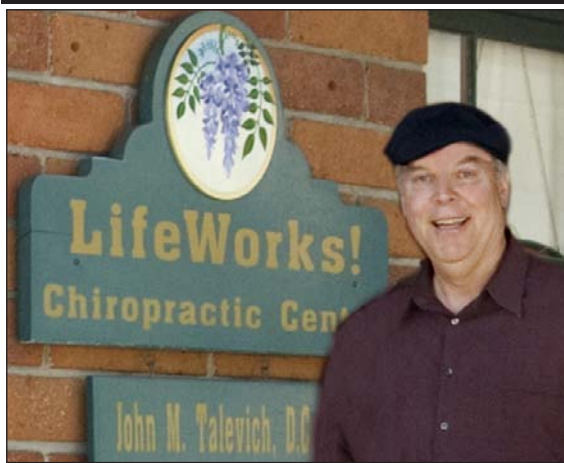
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Today's Subject:

PLANTAR FASCIITIS



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.

For many people, those first few steps fresh out of bed are a painful and challenging event in the morning. The discomfort caused by this condition, known as plantar fasciitis, may continue throughout the day with various degrees of intensity. With a few simple changes, it is possible to greatly reduce and even eliminate the symptoms, especially if we understand some of the causes.

Shoes. The first thing to check are the outer and inner edges of your shoes. Are they worn? If so, have new heels put on or purchase another pair of shoes. If heel wear is an ongoing problem, custom orthotics should be made.

Weight. Shedding a few pounds can make a world of

difference in a short amount of time.

Excessive activity. Are you overdoing your training routine? Try non-weight-bearing strategies for three weeks, ie. swimming, biking, or yoga.

Diet. A diet high in pro-inflammatory foods (red meat for some, peppers, sugar, corn sweeteners, sodas and refined sweets) can promote irritation.

What to Do About P.F.

There are some home treatment therapies that are simple and effective.

Rolling the foot over a soup can or rolling pin can help stretch the tissue. A golf ball can be used to address specific areas.

A hot and cold water dip is beneficial. Place your foot/feet in a bucket of warm water for five minutes, then into a bucket of ice water to tolerance. Return the feet to the warm water for five minutes, then back into the cold water. Gradually build up to five minutes in the ice water. Do three or four cycles at a sitting.

Stretch the foot by placing a thin towel under the arch in the shape of a stirrup and gently flex the foot upward.

A special splint can be purchased at the pharmacy which is designed to stretch the tissue while you rest or sleep. This is typically done each night for six to eight weeks.

Other Options

Chiropractors, podiatrists, and physical therapists are all familiar with P.F. Approaches such as pulsed ultrasound, galvanic therapy, cold laser, and custom orthotics may be used to remedy this condition.

Have a healthy, happy week!

~Dr. John

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How To Make Life Less Taxing

Did you know that you can learn a useful skill that will help yourself and help others at the same time?

Here's how: Volunteer to help older Americans and others figure out their taxes.

You don't have to be a tax professional to get involved. Volunteers receive free tax training and are reimbursed on a limited basis for qualified program-related expenses.

In addition, the program needs coordinators, greeters and many other roles filled to serve all its clients each tax season. The service is particularly in need of volunteers who are bilingual in English and Spanish to support the increasing number of Spanish-speaking taxpayers seeking assistance.

AARP Tax-Aide, the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax assistance and preparation service served more than 2.6 million taxpayers and saved its clients more than \$115 million in tax preparation fees last year alone. Taxpayers who file a federal tax return with a refund due to them can also get help investing the money in America's future. They can purchase savings bonds in multiples of \$50, up to \$5,000, using all or a

portion of their refund.

Some 7,000 volunteers are needed each year to dedicate their time during tax season and sometimes throughout the year to help low- to moderate-income taxpayers prepare their taxes.

AARP Tax-Aide is a program of the AARP Foundation, offered in conjunction with the IRS. Though the program gives special attention to people over age 60, volunteers and clients do not have to be AARP members or even retired.

For more information on how you can join the AARP Tax-Aide team, visit www.aarp.org/ta volunteer8 (English only) or call their toll-free number, 1-888-OUR-AARP (1-888-687-2277). For information about the more than 6,500 sites open across the country, visit www.aarp.org/TaxAide. The site also offers free, year-round assistance to taxpayers, who can pose questions to online volunteers 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

You can help others—and yourself—to a better understanding of the U.S. tax system.

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“The Past is History”

San Marino Community Church welcomes you to Sunday worship.

Rev. Jeffrey V. O'Grady preaches on Luke 17:1-5 at both the 9:15 traditional service and “The Gathering” at 11:15 am. The Chancel choir will sing at 9:15 and The Ensemble will sing at “The Gathering” at 11:15. Communion will be celebrated.

Check out a new video about the 11:15 am worship service, “The Gathering”, at www.smccpb.com.

9:15 am Traditional & Student Worship Services
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10:30 am Adult Spiritual Formation
11:15 am “The Gathering” worship service
Casual worship, multi-voice ensemble, childcare provided

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For more information call: (626) 282-4181
Connect with us online: www.smccpb.com

Healthy Eating

The City of Arcadia Recreation & Community Services Department in partnership with Royal Oaks Manor is offering a free cooking demonstration for adults, 50 years of age and older, “Simple Strategies for Healthy Holiday Eating.” The class will be held at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive on Thursday, November 18 at 10:45am. At this presentation, participants will learn:

- *How to use the hunger scale to manage holiday eating
- *Balance Healthy eating while enjoying holiday treats
- *Modify recipes to create healthful holiday desserts

The class will include recipes, food samples, nutrition information and a question and answer period with a Registered Dietician. For more information or to register, please call Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Activities:

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

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

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

2nd Tuesday of each month FREE blood pressure checks by Methodist Hospital; 11 am to 12 noon

3rd Tuesday of each month FREE financial consulting; 10 -12 noon call 355-7394 for an appointment
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm: BINGO; cards are only 25 cents each so stop by & play
5:30 pm to 7 pm: Yoga; \$7.00 - 50 & over. Please call 355-5278 for more information

Wednesday:

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

2nd Wednesday of the month: FREE Legal Consultations: 10-11:30 am. Appointments call 355-7394

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

Thursday:

1:00 to 3:30 pm: Game Day. Join us for UNO and Poker with Bridge on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays; so please call for more information.

5:00 pm to 6:30 pm: Yoga; \$7.00 - 50 & over. Please call 355-5278 for more information

Friday:

1:00 pm: Ping Pong

Saturday:

11:30 am: Senior Club brown bag lunch and BINGO at 12:30 pm

**Sponsor Bingo Prize**

Pasadena Highlands, an independent and assisted living community, is proud to provide a special gift basket on the first Tuesday of each month. Accredited In-Home nursing care will provide a special prize on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Bingo takes place every Tuesday at 1:30 pm in the Hart Park House / Senior Center in Memorial Park. The game begins at 1:30 pm but those wishing to play must arrive 10 minutes before to secure your Bingo cards. Join us on the 1st & 4th Tuesday of each month for your chance to win these special prizes.

DIAL - A - RIDE TICKETS

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

**Meals-On-Wheels**

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

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

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

Recipe of the Week:**Chicken and Vegetable Pot Pie**

INGREDIENTS

1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 onions, chopped
4 carrots, diced
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1/2 cup dry white wine
2 cups 1 percent milk
1 10-ounce package frozen peas
1 tablespoon fresh thyme
kosher salt and black pepper
1 9-inch store-bought piecrust, thawed if frozen

DIRECTIONS

Heat oven to 400° F. Cook the chicken in a pot of simmering water until cooked through, 10 to 12 minutes; let cool, then shred.

Meanwhile, heat the oil in a saucepan over medium heat. Add the onions and carrots and cook, stirring, until they begin to soften, 6 to 8 minutes (do not let them darken). Sprinkle the flour over the vegetables and cook, stirring, for 1 minute.

Add the wine and cook until evaporated, about 5 minutes. Add the milk and simmer until the sauce thickens, 2 to 3 minutes. Stir in the chicken, peas, thyme, ¾ teaspoon salt, and ¼ teaspoon pepper. Transfer to a shallow 1½- to 2-quart baking dish.

Lay the crust on top, pressing to seal. Cut several vents in the crust. Place the pot pie on a baking sheet and bake until bubbling and the crust is golden, 30 to 35 minutes.

November Birthdays:

Alberta Curran, Carmela Frontino, Lena Zate, Valerie Howard, Janice Kacer, Flo Mankin, Dollie Morant, Joan Ruggles, 'Mike' Ruggles, Lois Stueck, Jean

Wood and Shirley Yergeau

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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La Salle’s Sophomore Sensation



Daniel De La Torre, shown with La Salle Cross Country Coach Fred Riley, has become known as ‘La Salle’s Sophomore sensation.

De La Torre finished a close second in the recent Del Rey League Cross Country Finals held last Saturday, (October 30). His time of 15:27 is the second best time in the league and the second best time by a La Salle runner in the last four years.

Daniel has qualified for the CIF Cross Country State Championship.

CIF begins November 13 @ Mt. SAC

Photo courtesy John Blackstock, LaSalle High School

My Call

By Guy Miali, Sports Writer

Designated Hitter

A few years ago the major league baseball commissioner made the decision to expand the teams in the big leagues, due to declining attendance in all of the ball parks at that time. With his decision came a juiced ball and the DH (designated hitter), in my opinion, has allowed more players to make a major league roster play who maybe should not have. We now have more ball players, and most are good ball players, but very few are exceptional ball players.

I have been around baseball all of my life and I do not know anyone - past or present - who can hit a regular baseball 400’ out of

the ballpark with his butt sticking straight out and one foot off of the ground which is the posture I have seen most of in today’s games.

The American league has nine full-on hitters, while the National league has eight hitters and a pitcher. There is not much strategy in the American league, where in the National league they sacrifice bunt and they hit and run. In the American league the pitcher throws as hard as he can and the hitter swings as hard as he can, there is no comparison between the two leagues.

The DH is like a pinch hitter. He sits on the bench until it his turn to hit, but he is neither physically nor

mentally into the game. He may ride a bike to keep loose, but he barely works up a sweat. Have you ever noticed that on the PGA and the LPGA they do not allow golf carts? This is because you are physically and mentally into the game when you walk.

As a young boy I remember going to the ball park to see Stan Musial play and it left such an impression on me that I can still remember his ability sixty years later. The exceptional players with records that have not been challenged over all of these years are, Joe Dimaggio, Johnny Vandermeer, Ted Williams and Pete Rose.



HowTo Learn From Your Golf Scorecard



There is one thing about the game of golf: score cards don’t lie. Ok I will agree with you on one point. I have played a number of rounds in my life where I hit the ball very well, putted great and got nothing out of the round.

On the other hand there have been many rounds where I couldn’t find the golf course. I was lucky no one got hurt. However at the end of the day when I added up the score card I was very pleased with the number.

You have to keep in mind that golf is NOT one round. It is a lifetime experience. The only way you are going to improve is to continue to punch holes in your score card and find out what part of your game needs work. That does not happen in one round of golf.

I know you are wondering where you should start. There are a couple of stats that jump out at me. Start with the driver. You have to track every tee shot. Keep a blank score card in your pocket and after every tee shot record whether you hit the fairway or missed to the left or right.

The next statistic that will help you lower your score is did you short side your approach shot? It doesn’t matter if it is the first, second,

third or even fourth shot of the hole. Did you short side yourself? The definition of short siding is when you leave your approach shot in a position where you don’t have any green to work with.

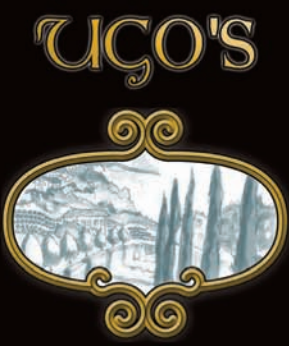
Everytime you prepare to approach a green you have to ask yourself the 10 million dollar question. What side is the short side? The safe side might leave you with a 30 yard pitch shot with nothing but a tiny fringe and then the putting green in front of you. The short side might leave you with a 7 yard LOB shot over a bunker with a 12 foot lip and a slope running straight down hill to the hole. You do the math. It doesn’t take many of those a day to ruin a good round of golf.

Lastly, grade your attitude before you tee off, when you make the turn and when you walk off of the golf course. It is a great stat to keep track of. If you can maintain an upbeat and fun attitude your scores will reflect it. I have gone on record for years as saying that I haven’t found a more enjoyable place to spend four hours than a golf course-when I am playing well and having fun. On the other hand it is the most miserable place to be for four hours when you are struggling and not having fun.

Remember, if you use them correctly, score cards don’t lie.



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