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Charlotte's Fine Jewelry

by La Quetta M. Shamblee

When Charlotte Waddingham decided to leave the hustle and bustle of working as a model maker in the jewelry trade in downtown Los Angeles to open her store in Sierra Madre, a number of naysayers told her she wouldn't succeed. Forty years later, she continues to celebrate a reputation for quality,

of jeweler, Gabe Porras, provides extremely personalized services that will allow customers to convert design ideas into special, one-of-a-kind wedding or engagement rings, pendants or other impressive heirlooms. This "dream team" of design and production has worked together for thirty years. Charlotte expressed, "What I like most is producing a piece that will be loved



Charlotte Waddingham and staff

master craftsmanship and unique designs. With a focus on personalized jewelry and custom design, the steadily escalating prices of gold have been the only real challenges during this time. Gold was selling for under \$40 an ounce in 1970 when she opened and is now selling close to \$1,400 per ounce as we near the end of 2010.

The display cases that wrap around the store's interior are filled with a wide selection of gorgeous rings, bracelets, pendants and other beautiful items.

There is one display full of unique brooches, cameos, rings and other keepsakes for those who appreciate and wish to adorn themselves with period pieces. A number of them with very intricate details look like miniature statues and busts, a testament to Charlotte's skills and expertise with making models and castings. Numerous pieces adorned with diamonds and other precious gems feature angels and fairies, such as the White Angel pictured above.



Charlotte is an accomplished artist who applies her talents to the design and production of fine jewelry. She also does carvings and portraits of animals. Her creative talents, coupled with the technical and production expertise

Charlotte's Fine Jewelry
40 N. Baldwin, Sierra Madre, CA
(626) 355-2818 or go to
www.charlottesfinejewelry.com.

CORRECTION: In last week's edition of the Mountain Views News, the name of the author of the "Weed Patch, USA" was incorrect. The story was by Nan Caesar, not Fran Caesar.

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WHOA! Dickens Village Carriage Ride & Snow = Big Fun!



It was a magical time in downtown Sierra Madre last weekend. The Chamber of Commerce's Dickens Village kicked off the holiday season with fun filled activities for young and old. There were horse and carriage rides (pictured above), craft sales, snow - yes, real snow, the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting (by Mayor Joe Mosca), and of course, the star of the show, Santa Claus. Photo by Lina Johnson

SIGN OF THE TIMES?

With the closing of Domino's Pizza, the number of vacant business locations continues to increase, proving the Sierra Madre is not immune to the current economic crisis By Susan Henderson

How the city manages development in Sierra Madre is of primary concern to most residents in this town. Some of the most notable issues such as - the demolition and intended use of the dormitory at the Passionist Fathers Retreat that was damaged in an earthquake; the attempt to build a High School at One Carter and the subsequent plans to build luxury homes on that site; the proposed Downtown Specific Plan and subsequent passage of Measure V still stir emotions among those who fought to protect the town's 'character'. Some of those issues are still unresolved, such as the future of the former Skilled Nursing Center and what will eventually become of the old Howie's Market. Interest comes and goes among developers, and as recently as a few months ago, what



Although the "For Lease" sign has been taken down, there is no indication that a new tenant will be moving in to this building on Sierra Madre Blvd.

some viewed as a promising solution to the Skilled Nursing Center vacancy was withdrawn.

Since that time, concerns are increasing as the number of vacant businesses are increasing. Most notably, in the last six months, empty storefronts have increased dramatically.

Currently on Sierra Madre Blvd. in addition to the Skilled Nursing Center, there are the sites of the former Kentucky Fried Chicken and the former E Cruisers. Further down the Boulevard the former Steamers site is still vacant. On Baldwin Avenue, the location of Lozano's has not yet opened and just a few weeks ago, Domino's Pizza in Kersting Court closed.

There is some hope on the horizon for at least two of the vacant buildings. According to Sierra Madre Development Director Danny Castro, "A CUP was approved by the Planning Commission in September 2010 to divide the space [Steamers] into three potential eating establishments. The plans are currently being reviewed for plan check (conformance with Building Code) before they are issued a building permit."

Castro also confirmed that the new owners of the Lozano site have pulled a building permit and are working on interior renovations for a new restaurant.

As for the KFC site, Castro says, "We've had inquiries from fast food type uses, but no submittal for permits thus far. The latest inquiry is a "taco shop" and they say they will be going to get their paper work and plans together, but we have no application yet, so we can't confirm. This space is "grandfathered" for another food establishment; therefore, no CUP would be required. A CUP would be required only if the new restaurant called for an expansion or intensification of the use.

Residents are diligently watching, hoping that the economy will improve so that Sierra Madre can avoid additional vacant commercial buildings.

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Weather Wise

5-Day Forecast

Sierra Madre, Ca.

Mon:	Ptly. Cloudy	Hi 60s	Lows 40s
Tues:	Sunny	Hi 60s	Lows 40s
Wed:	Sunny	Hi 60s	Lows 40s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 40s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 40s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



1630 AM

Free on-air publicity
for local events

Sierra Madre's new community radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

Any local non-profit or non-commercial organization can have their event information broadcast to the public on *Sierra Madre Community Information Radio*. This new radio station covers the city of Sierra Madre, plus surrounding areas of Pasadena, Arcadia, and Monrovia.

In a nutshell, your event must:

- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
- Be open to the public
- Be of general interest to local citizens

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to radio@cityofsierramadre.com.

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All Aboard Enchanted
Railroad Storytime!

Actor-storyteller Bill Ratner spins family-friendly tales Dec. 18



All aboard for some family fun! Voice-over artist and storyteller Bill Ratner will tell imaginative, railroad-themed tales at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, in Descanso Gardens. Families are invited to gather for stories, then purchase a ticket for a ride on Descanso's very own Enchanted Railroad. Hot cocoa will be served from 10:30 a.m. to noon (free while supplies last). Ratner is one of Southern California's leading storytellers. He performed at this year's National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tenn. He has told stories from coast-to-coast and across the Atlantic. His voice is instantly recognizable: He is heard on movie trailers ("Megamind," "Yoga Bear" and "Blades of Glory"), on animated series ("Family Guy" and "Robot Chicken") and as an announcer (Discovery, A&E and as the voice of Channel 7). Enchanted Railroad Storytime will meet, weather permitting, at the Center Circle in Descanso Gardens. Storytime is free with Gardens admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors/students; \$3 children 5-12; free for children 4 and younger. Railroad tickets are priced separately at \$3 each.



Gobble Gobble Hey!"

Yeah, yeah, I know - I used that title a couple years ago. But you gotta admit it's a good one, whether you're a Ramones fan or not! New to the Music News this month, JC Hyke is hosting a weekly acoustic songwriters' showcase at Matt Denny's in Arcadia on Tuesday nights. Complete details below... Hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

SAT. 11/27 - LISA FINNIE & FRIENDS @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8 - 11pm. Full bar & great Italian food! 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Country/Jazzy Folk, and always quality musicians.

SAT. 11/27 - SURFIN' WITH ELVIS @ OCEAN VIEW BISTRO IN MONTROSE, 9pm. (sort of the pared-down version of Longboard Ranch) 3826 Ocean View Blvd. 818-248-2722. Full bar and kitchen. www.ovbistro.com

SAT. 11/27 - BERNIE PEARL @ ARCADIA BLUES CLUB, 10pm, with house band Bobby Bluehouse at 8pm. 16 E. Huntington Dr. 626-447-9349. Cover \$10 at door, \$5 in advance. Dancing, full bar, 21 & over. Acoustic and Electric Blues.

SUN. 11/28 - BARRY "BIG B" BRENNER @ FIREFLY BISTRO IN SOUTH PASADENA, 11am - 2pm. 1009 El Centro. 626-441-2443. MOST Sundays. BLUES. <http://www.bigbbrenner.com/>

SUN. 11/28 - "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!

TUES. 11/30 - "JC & Friends Songwriter Serenade" @ MATT DENNY'S ALEHOUSE & RESTAURANT IN ARCADIA, 7 - 9:30pm. 145 E. Huntington Dr., between 1st & 2nd Aves. 626-462-0250. Full bar & kitchen, all ages. A weekly acoustic show of songwriters playing original songs, either as a solo or duo act, outside on the covered, heated patio. This week's artists: Tom Renaud, Marty Axelrod, Tim Tedrow & Terry Vreeland, Nicole Gordon. <http://www.jchyke.com/>

TUES. 11/30 - Trivia Night at Cafe 322 in Sierra Madre, 8:00 - 9:30pm with Quiz Mistress Deanna. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar & great Italian food. \$2 per person to play; up to 4 people on a team. Cash or gift certificates to the top 3 teams. Also, don't miss out on the buy one entree, get the second of equal or lesser value for \$5 promotion that night. Fun, tasty and profitable! www.meetup.com/quizzidge www.cafe322.com

"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. 12/2 - BARRY "BIG B" BRENNER @ FIREFLY BISTRO IN SOUTH PASADENA, 6 - 9pm. 1009 El Centro. 626-441-2443. Burgers, Brews & BLUES. MOST Thursdays. <http://www.bigbbrenner.com/>

SAT. 12/4 - WRECK 'N' SOW @ ME & ED'S PIZZERIA IN LAKEWOOD, 6:30 - 9:30pm. 4115 Paramount Blvd. Bluegrass. www.myspace.com/wrecknsow

SAT. 12/4 - 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. 12/4 - 3 FAT GUYS & SOME PUNKS @ THE CASK 'n CLEAVER IN SAN DIMAS, 8pm. 125 Village Court. 909-592-1646. Blues, Soul, Classic Rock from Jimmy McGrew - Guitar/Vocals, munkihaid - Keys/Vocals, Mike Leasure - Drums/Vocals, Jamie Hunting - Bass/Vocals, Gratz Arias - Guitar/Vocals.

SAT. 12/4 - TREMOLOCO @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8 - 11pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar & great Italian food. Americana/Roots music.

SUN. 12/5 - BARRY "BIG B" BRENNER @ FIREFLY BISTRO IN SOUTH PASADENA, 11am - 2pm. 1009 El Centro. 626-441-2443. MOST Sundays. BLUES. <http://www.bigbbrenner.com/>

SUN. 12/5 - "OPERA TO BROADWAY" VOCAL PERFORMANCES @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 7-10pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar and great Italian food. Every Sunday evening. Get there early - they pack 'em in!

MON. 12/6 - MAX BUDA @ THE OLD TOWNE PUB IN PASADENA, 9pm. Corner of Fair Oaks & Union behind the Container Store. Enter thru alley off of Holly Ave. 626-577-6583. Chester, Jerry, Ted, Bruce, Peter and Nick on noisemakers. An eclectic mix of jazzed-up rock. One of my favorite bands. Every first Monday night.

TUES. 12/7 - "JC & Friends Songwriter Serenade" @ MATT DENNY'S ALEHOUSE & RESTAURANT IN ARCADIA, 7 - 9:30pm. 145 E. Huntington Dr., between 1st & 2nd Aves. 626-462-0250. Full bar & kitchen, all ages. A weekly acoustic show of songwriters playing original songs, either as a solo or duo act, outside on the covered, heated patio. This week's artists: John Zipperer, Alina Smith, Paul Marshall, Katie Garibaldi. <http://www.jchyke.com/>

THURS. 12/9 - NEW ASTROTURF @ CAFE 322 in SIERRA MADRE, 7:30 - 10:30pm. All ages welcome - bring the family for dinner. Full bar & great Italian food! 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Folk/Rock & Classic Country.

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also.... CHECK OUT THESE live-hosted weekend shows at KCSN: especially PAT BAKER'S TANGLED ROOTS program, which airs on KCSN 88.5 FM every Sunday from 3-5pm, just before The Dylan Hours, hosted by the lovely and talented Lisa Finnie, 5-7pm. Pat's show is the longest running and most influential of all the Americana/Roots programs at KCSN. He has an astounding personal library of music and plays everyone from Robert Johnson to Kate Wolf to Frank Zappa to Hank Williams to Nina Simone to Allen Ginsberg to The Grateful Dead to Townes Van Zandt to Steve Earle, etc., etc. For a complete listing of the live weekend shows and their descriptions, folks can visit: www.kcsn.org A note: due to the fact that KCSN shares a frequency with Saddleback College, folks on the east side are better off tuning in at kcsn.org, where the stream is crystal clear!

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

DECO
BLITZ!!

Saturday, December 18
and
Sunday, December 19 9
a.m. - 8 p.m.

Free lunch will be provided!

"Suenos de California" has the potential to be one of Sierra Madre's most beautiful floats ever. Because this year's entry is so large, we are hoping to complete at least 35% of the decoration before Christmas. To reach this target we need your help!

We'd love to have you join us any time during the month of December to help decorate, but December 18 and 19 are days when we especially need all hands on deck.

Join us for a Deco Blitz! Help decorate the spires of the mission in oatmeal, cinnamon and sesame seed. Create bark for palm trees and bougainvillea vines. Experienced decorators might detail monarch butterfly wings with intricate patterns of orange lentil, rice and strawflower.

Work is available for all experience levels, however we mainly need volunteers aged 14 and up. All minors must have a release form signed by a parent prior to working. Release forms are available at the Float Barn. There's no need to call ahead of time unless you are bringing a large group (more than 6 people). Float decorating is a lot of fun, but it can be messy so wear your grubby clothes. Free lunch will be provided.

See you at the Blitz! Float Barn 587 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.
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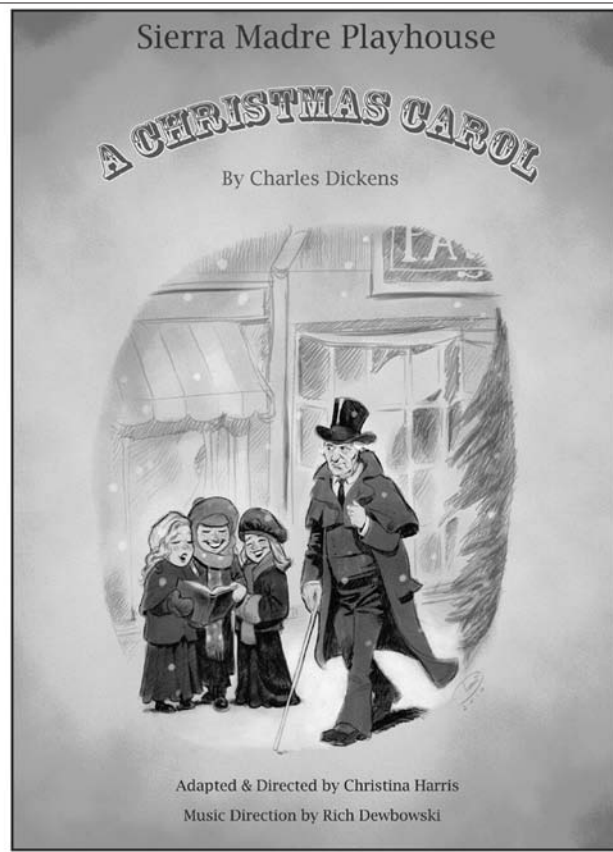
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SIERRA MADRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 7, 2010
General Plan Steering Committee
6:00 PM – City Hall Chambers

December 14, 2010
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Dec. 18 & 19th, 2010
Rose Float Deco Blitz
Rose Float Barn

January 8, 2011
Parks and Facilities Master Plan Committee Special Joint Meeting with Community Services
9:00 AM – Community Recreation Center

Sierra Madre Little League
On-line registration site is open
To register for the 2011 Spring Season go to <http://www.sportssignup.com/Sierra-Madre-Little-League-Online-Registration.start>
If you have any questions contact Steve Tanner at 626-3555-1249

AT MARY'S MARKET SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5th 1:00 - 5:00 pm

CARLOS GUITARLOS



Carlos Guitarlos' career resurgence reached a milestone with the release of Straight from the Heart. The Los Angeles and San Francisco music legend's initial solo offering is an eclectic ensemble of 17 original tunes that embodies the diversity of Carlos' work. The rootsy debut platter certified Carlos as one of America's great songwriters and has been tagged as Grammy worthy.

Following a successful run through the L.A. music scene in the 80's, which was highlighted by recording gigs with Tom Waits and The Breeders, an invite to appear on The David Letterman Show, and a stint as lead guitarist/songwriter for the notoriously raucous Top Jimmy and the Rhythm Pigs (immortalized in the Van Halen song of the same name), Carlos endured a lengthy absence from the music scene. Throughout the 90's and into the new millennium, Carlos could be found paying his dues on the streets of San Francisco, where he has become a street-corner legend, playing guitar to earn his keep. As a result of his hard living, Carlos landed in a San Francisco hospital fighting for his life with congestive heart failure, hence, Straight from the Heart (the title track was written from his hospital bed). That experience, combined with the alcohol-related death of his friend and former band-mate, Top Jimmy, proved to be the catalyst of his recent personal turnaround and career resurgence.

Hear him at Mary's Market
561 Woodland Drive Sierra Madre, CA
Phone: 626-355-4534

Sierra Madre Public Library Awarded \$15,000 "Family Place" Grant

Sierra Madre Public Library has been awarded a \$15,000 Family Place Grant from the California State Library to fund a series of parenting workshops in March 2011, part of a program to extend services to families with young children in Sierra Madre. The workshops will cover the following topics: general parenting; speech, language and reading; child development; nutrition; physical fitness and play for young children. Presenting at the workshops will be community partners with expertise in working with young children. Reservations can be made starting in 2011 and will be necessary for a

spot in the workshop series.

As part of the grant, the Library will also purchase books, toys and other materials designed to foster brain development in young children, plus a collection of parenting materials: books, CDs, DVDs and magazines for parents and caregivers. In addition, the grant will cover furniture and improvements to the Children's Room at the Library. The grant will help create a family/early childhood space in the Sierra Madre Public Library and equip the Library to support early-learning interactions between young children, ages 0 – 3, parents and caregivers.

Family Place is a statewide initiative to promote the literacy, early childhood development, parent education and family support of young children. Modeled on a national Family Place project, the project is supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

For more information contact Sierra Madre Public Library Youth Services Librarian Meegan Tosh at (626) 355-7186 or mtosh@cityofsierramadre.com.

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, November 21st, to Saturday November 27th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 319 calls for service. See crimereports.com for updated information.

Sunday, November 21st:

06:21 AM- Arrest - Residential Burglary, 290 blk. W. Montecito Ave. The victim returned home after being away for several weeks and reported a burglary of her garage. On November 7th at 3:15 a.m. a Sierra Madre police sergeant arrested the suspect near 99 N. Hermosa Ave. after finding him with property from the victim's burglary, which had not yet been reported. At that time the sergeant called the victim, who positively identified the loss that was in the suspect's possession. The suspect was arrested and is still in custody. The District Attorney has charged the suspect with burglary and receiving stolen property.

10:47 AM- Arrest - Possession of Controlled Substance Prescribed to Another, 140 blk. N. Mountain Trail Ave. The suspect's girlfriend called police to report that he was despondent. Officers responded and found the suspect, who was in possession of marijuana and several bottles of prescription medication not belonging to him. He also had a \$50,000 warrant for battery. Officers arrested the suspect and took him to the Los Angeles County Jail for booking.

Monday, November 22nd:

05:54 PM- Residential Burglary, 500 blk. Ramona Ave. Unknown suspect(s) entered a home through the southwest bathroom window. The loss included a Sony 40" screen HDTV television, valued at \$400.00; an Omega men's gold watch worth \$2,000.00, a Canon digital camera worth \$100.00, a 1" long rectangular jade pendant worth \$120.00, a Sony 46" screen HDTV television worth \$1,100.00, a Nintendo Play Station 3 worth \$150.00, Nintendo Wii game console worth \$100.00, and 4 Wii games worth \$28.00. The total loss is about \$4,000.

Tuesday, November 23rd:

12:18 AM- Arrest - DUI Alcohol/Drugs, Michillinda Ave and Sierra Madre Blvd. An officer stopped a motorist for a Vehicle Code violation. Investigation revealed the driver was in driving under the influence of alcohol. During a car search the officer found gun ammunition. The Monrovia resident was arrested and taken to the Pasadena Police Department Jail for booking.

Wednesday, November 25th:

11:52 AM- Petty Theft, 50 blk. Esperanza Ave. Unknown suspect(s) cut a steel cable bike lock and stole a red Giant Brand women's mountain bike worth \$150.00.

Saturday, November 27th:

1:32 AM- Residential Burglary, 220 blk. Park Ave. The suspect entered an unlocked house. The loss included a black PlayStation 3 with two controllers, one black Jan Sport backpack and one white Mac book computer worth \$400.00. The suspect is possibly known to the victim.

BORDERS' SUPER CLASSROOM DAYS ON DECEMBER 4th & 5th Promotion Will Support Local Teachers

Shop at Borders Book Stores this weekend and any purchase, even one as small as a cup of coffee or a magazine, will earn a \$15 gift card to be redeemed at www.donorschoose.org for a teacher project. Purchases must be made December 4th and 5th. Gift cards will be available at all Borders stores and are limited to one per person while supplies last.

Gift cards can be used to support classroom projects posted on DonorsChoose.org by public school teachers across the country. To redeem a gift card, go to the website and search for projects at schools near you.

Mrs. York of Sierra Madre Elementary School (3rd Grade), is one of the projects listed:



Says York on the website, "You've got to protect your identity. It's the most important thing you've got." Elastagirl in "The Incredibles". This project will integrate language, history and art in an exploration of heritage, and student's dreams of their futures. Students will write about and illustrate their stories.

This year will be particularly challenging for teachers, students, and families in public school. Our classroom size has increased from 20 to 30, with very little opportunity to do anything but basic language arts and math. This project will enable students think about and express who they are in a number of different ways.

York Project: The colored pencils that I have requested are very special, dense with color, and would not be possible for me to purchase on my own. They will be used throughout the year as students journal about their daily lives and experiences. The water color dyes will be used throughout the year as well, in a number of individual and "group" projects. The large canvases I will save until close to the end of the year for "larger than life" self portraits.

Who am I? Where have I come from? Where am I going? These are questions that drive the life-journey for all of us. The connections we have to the past and to one another are the things that makes us feel alive and what it is like to be human. This project will help students think about their unique qualities and provide a number of opportunities for students to practice their painting and drawing skills.

Gift cards distributed by Borders will expire on December 30th, so pick a project to support right away! To learn more about Donorschoose go to www.donorschoose.org. With schools facing many drastic budget cuts, this project will make a big difference. It is one of Oprah's Favorites.

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Schiff Says WikiLeaks 'Treasonous'

By Dean Lee

Congressman Adam Schiff condemned Wednesday the recent unauthorized disclosure of sensitive State Department documents by the website WikiLeaks after leaning the released information included a private meeting in 2008 he had in Islamabad with now President of Pakistan Asif Ali Zardari.

He called the website's action, "potentially treasonous."

"Not only could this release cause a potential issue for President Zardari, but it will certainly inhibit his willingness—and that of other foreign leaders—to be candid in their discussions with the Administration and Members of Congress," Schiff said. "This is not in our national interest."

WikiLeaks became front page news across the country last Sunday after publishing 251,287 leaked United States embassy cables dating back to 1966. Some documents are as recent as February of this year. The website claims this is the largest set of confidential documents ever released to the public.

The cables originate from 274 embassies, consulates and diplomatic missions according to the website's founder Julian Assange.

Schiff urged the Department of Justice to bring criminal charges against any responsible party including Assange who is currently in hiding.

A number of reports suggest that federal authorities are investigating, possibly bringing charges under the 1917 Espionage Act passed by Congress to stop disclosure of information dealing with national defense during World War I. The law prescribes a punishment of 20 years in jail.

A number of other websites, including the Electronic Frontier Foundation, have suggested that whistleblower websites like Wikileaks are needed to maintain a free and open internet. Schiff said there needs to be balance.

"There are many legitimate reasons for keeping diplomatic conversations from leaking into the public domain," he said. "Confidence breeds candor and compromise, and the current document 'dump' is particularly damaging to our diplomatic relationships and security alliances that have been critical to American foreign policy, diplomacy and counter-terrorism efforts worldwide."

Both President Barack Obama, and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton have condemned the leaks. Assange told Time Magazine Thursday that he thinks Clinton should resign after being asked a question about Clinton as "the fall guy" in the controversy.

Pet of the Week



Walter, a two year old, Jack Russell mix is very friendly and well-behaved. He is calm, affectionate, and gets along with other small dogs. Walter is already neutered and can go home with you today!

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Tree Lighting Ceremonies Start Holiday Season

Pasadena City Hall

Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard will lead the city's official Christmas tree-lighting ceremony and holiday celebration Thursday, Dec. 9, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the grand entrance of Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave. The Pasadena City College Brass Quintet will perform music of the season; refreshments will be served.

Altadena 90th Annual Christmas Tree Lane

Christmas Tree Lane Lighting Ceremony will take place Saturday Dec. 11, starting at 6 p.m. with a parade from the Altadena Public Library to Santa Rosa Avenue. The Blair IB Singers will provide entertainment along with Pasadena Waldorf School 6th Grade Class Singers and the Altadena Children's Choir. Before the event the Altadena Library, 600 E. Mariposa will hold their Christmas Tree Lane Winter Festival and Boutique,



starting at 2 p.m. in the parking lot.

Tree Lighting at the Libraries

Celebrate the holidays by joining the La Pintoresca community on Friday, December 10 from 3 to 5 p.m. Santa Claus is expected to make a surprise visit. La Pintoresca Branch Library is located at 1355 North Raymond Avenue.

The Madison Heights community will celebrate its annual tree lighting ceremony at Allendale Branch Library on Saturday, December 11 at 4:30 p.m. The festivities will include holiday music and refreshments. Allendale Branch Library is located at 1130 South Marengo Ave. For more information, call (626) 744-7260.



Plate 38 Reopens After Disastrous Fire

By Dean Lee

A local café and coffee shop, Plate 38, held a quite re-grand opening Friday after being shutdown for months after a two-alarm fire destroyed most of the building's roof and eating area in July.

The owner and executive chief, Robert Humphreys said because the restaurant kitchen area was spared he was able to rebuild, "that was very fortunate for us."

His plan was to open late November before the start of the holidays, "we are a week late with that but this is still the time when everyone comes to Pasadena." The café is on the busy corner of Colorado and Sierra Madre Boulevards.

He said most of the roof, outside eating area and awning



were totally destroyed in the fire.

"We redid the whole structure, and that outside, that didn't exist," he explained pointing to the patio area. "Basically they salvaged the windows, the walls and kitchen."

He said an investigation ruled the cause of the fire as a short in

electrical wiring.

Humphreys said the café was an instant success when he first opened in July serving everything fresh. Seeing the success, he said permanently closing was never an option.

"We bake all our own muffins, make our own jams, we don't buy anything pre-made," he said. "The fact that we are doing everything from scratch, the customer knows they're getting something that has no preservatives and know what they are eating—real food."

He also explained that although he took the opportunity to make some minor changes, adding a lounge and redoing the floor, the menu stayed the same. He said Plate 38 is open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Christmas Cookie Decorating

Allendale Branch Library will hold an afternoon of cookie decorating for teens on Thursday, December 9 at 3:30 p.m. Celebrate the season by joining us as we decorate (and eat!) yummy Christmas cookies.

Bring your imagination and creativity as you transform ordinary sugar cookies into works of art for the holidays! All materials will be provided.

Allendale Branch Library is located at 1130 South Marengo Ave. For more information, call (626) 744-7260.

Humane Society to Host Low Cost Vaccine Clinic

On Wednesday December 8, 2010, the Pasadena Humane Society will host a public low cost vaccination clinic from 6:30 pm to 8 pm. Veterinarians from PHS will be on hand to administer rabies shots and other vaccines to both cats and dogs. Dog licenses for Arcadia, LaCañada Flintridge and San Marino will be available for purchase as well. You can have your dog or cat microchipped during the clinic for a charge of \$20, which includes registration. All dogs four months of age and older are required by state, county and city ordinances to be vaccinated against rabies. The rabies vaccine provides three years of protection for dogs 12 months and older, one year protection for dogs four to 11 months and for cats from 3 months of age. Also available are DHLPP and bordetella (kennel cough) vaccines for dogs and FVRCP vaccines for cats; these may be given to pets eight weeks and older and provide protection for one year. Protection of pets against diseases other than rabies is not required by law, but is recommended for the well being of the animal.

Fire Department Holds Spark of Love Toy Drive



To help bring joy to thousands of children who otherwise would experience Christmas morning with no gifts, the Pasadena Fire Department, ABC7 and Southland Firefighters are partnering for their 18th year on the Spark of Love Toy Drive.

New, unwrapped toys, sports equipment and gift cards for infants, children and teenagers may be dropped off at the following Pasadena fire stations through Dec. 24: Station 31, 135 S. Fair Oaks Ave. Station 32, 2424 E. Villa St. Station 33, 515 N. Lake Ave. Station 34, 1360 E. Del Mar Blvd., Station 36, 1140 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Station 37, 3430 E. Foothill Blvd., Station 38, 1150 Linda Vista Ave., Station 39, 50 Ave.

64., Pasadena Fire Department administrative offices, 199 S. Los Robles Ave., Suite 550

The firefighters appreciate visits to their stations and welcome the opportunity to meet residents and others.

Community partners with Spark of Love Toy Drive boxes in Pasadena can accept donations as well, including Bob's Big Boy, CVS Pharmacies, First Tee of Pasadena at Brookside Golf Course, Gold's Gym, Honda of Pasadena, Pasadena Central Library, Pasadena Federal Credit Union, Pasadena Water and Power, Paseo Colorado, Plaza Las Fuentes, Victory Park Center and Western Asset Management.

The program is also supported by Bolton and Company, Chancellor Place, Frostig Center, Operating Engineers, Pro Biz Bank, Rotary Club and Ruth Management.

For more information contact Sean English, administrative captain and community liaison for the Pasadena Fire Department, atsenglish@cityofpasadena.net or (626) 744-7201.

PCC Art Gallery to Exhibit Hindu and Buddhist Figures

An exhibit curated by art historian Debashish Banerji, "The World of the Gods: Tradition and Modernity in Contemporary South Asia," will be featured at the Pasadena City College Art Gallery from Dec. 2 to Feb. 12, 2011. The show presents paintings and works on paper depicting the gods and goddesses of Hindu and Buddhism in South Asia. There will be a reception open to the public on Dec. 2 from noon to 1 p.m.

"The World of the Gods" explores both traditional image-making practices and the transformation of traditional imagery by artists in India, Nepal, and elsewhere. The show includes clusters of work featuring treatments of the gods Ganesha, Shiva, and Vishnu,

and the goddess Devi. A brochure with an essay by Banerji will be available in the Gallery to complement the exhibit.

The PCC Art Gallery will be closed for the holidays from Dec. 18 to Jan. 8, 2011. In December, the Gallery will be open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and on Friday and Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. In January and February, the Gallery will be open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Gallery admission, reception, and related events are all free of charge and open to the public. Visitor parking is available on campus for \$2. For more information, please contact Brian Tucker at (626) 585-7721 or PCCartgallery@gmail.com.

February Pasadena Marathon Postponed

By Dean Lee

Race Director Israel Estrada officially said Wednesday they have postponed the 2011 Pasadena Marathon after not reaching an agreed date with the city during a meeting in mid November. He said they plan to meet again December 15.

"Know that we are just as eager as you are to hear back from the city with a new date," Estrada said in a statement. "We are ready to begin the rollover or refund process just as soon as the city approves a new date and we can announce it."

The race was set for Sunday February 20. Estrada said those that have registered for February have two options, a refund or rollover the fees to the new date although added that they need to set up their system to handle requests. He assured those that have registered "will not be required to pay any

additional fees."

Estrada said they want the Marathon, as it was intended, to be held each November.

"We feel that November is the ideal month for our city's marathon, and we have requested approval of a November date from the City of Pasadena," he said. "However, due to other scheduling considerations, the city is unable to accommodate our request for a fall date at present."

He said they hope to secure an annual date for the life of the event.

Postponement is nothing new to the marathon. Originally set for November 2008, the inaugural event was first canceled then later postponed until March because of unhealthy air quality due to a number of large fires burning at the time. Estrada had called the event off at 4 a.m. just hours before the marathon was to begin.



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 Dec. 7 from 6 p.m. 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.com.

Community Access Channels Now on AT&T U-Verse

Pasadena Community Network, the city's local community access channels are now available on AT&T U-verse in the Metro LA cable market, which includes Glendale, Montebello and Burbank. AT&T U-verse Channel 99/Pasadena will include all programming originating from Pasadena's community access channels; KPAS, The Arroyo Channel, PCC-TV & KLRN.

To find Pasadena's local channels, just click 99 on

your AT&T U-Verse receiver, scroll to Pasadena and you will find the entire list of your favorite local Pasadena channels. As Pasadena Community Network continues to expand its ways to reach out to all of Pasadena's communities, the new change will NOT disturb Charter's cable system subscribers' local channels, nor will it change the live channel web streaming at: www.PasadenaCommunityNetwork.com

Robinson Attends Policy Academy on Foreclosures

Pasadena City Councilwoman Jacque Robinson attended a special academy this week in Baltimore, Md., to discuss solutions to the foreclosure crisis and create a plan for promoting neighborhood stabilization in Pasadena.

During the Policy Academy on Foreclosure and Neighborhood Stabilization sponsored by the Young Elected Officials Network, Robinson and others from throughout the U.S. studied the roots of the foreclosure crisis, discussing solutions and touring Baltimore neighborhoods where stabilization efforts are working.

"Despite the fact that foreclosure news has taken a back seat to other national news, they are still taking place at a disproportionate rate in communities of color, even here in Pasadena," said Robinson. "I am attending this workshop to bring best practices back to

facilitate solutions for Pasadena homeowners. The economy itself is causing enough of a transitional housing problem in Pasadena absent foreclosures. We need to be doing everything we can to keep families in this community."

The academy began with formal training that brought attendees together with economists, legal scholars, consumer advocates, public policy academics and leading policy professionals to learn, share and discuss ideas and strategies to address the foreclosure crisis and its effect on communities. The attendees shared strategies for effectively addressing the crisis and develop solutions to prevent foreclosures and predatory financial practices, stabilize neighborhoods and build communities.

For more information about the academy visit www.yeonetwork.org.

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NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION IS HERE!

The Recreation and Community Services Department is pleased to announce that beginning Monday, November 29, 2010 recreation participants will now be able to view, register and pay for City offered activities, including youth, adult and senior citizen classes, excursions and special events at any time during the open registration period in the convenience of your home or on your mobile device. Once you have created an account online and it is verified by the Recreation Department, you will be able to search for and enroll in any activity listed on the Department website. For more information please call 626.574.5113 or log onto the city's website at www.ci.arcadia.ca.us and look for the online link to recreation programs. Registration 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 use 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.

Do you want to know what the "Buzz" is about in Arcadia? Wait for the latest copy of "The Peacock Buzz" to find out!

Charges Filed in Attempted Murder Case

On November 5, 2010 at about 6:50 pm, a 17 year old young man from Arcadia was [lured into a physical altercation](#) by a lone suspect, at a business located in the 1000 block of South Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia. The fight moved outside the business toward the parking lot when the suspect was joined by three additional suspects who attacked the victim. The suspects struck, kicked, beat the victim with a pipe-like object, and during the attack, the victim was stabbed twice in the torso. The suspects fled and were not apprehended. The victim was hospitalized and is recovering from his injuries.

Over the course of the next few weeks, Arcadia Detectives conducted follow-up investigation and developed information that led to the arrest of four individuals for this crime. Two adults, Andy Lieu, 18 years old from El Monte, and Jonah Moon,

18 years old from Norwalk, along with two 17 year old juveniles were booked at the Arcadia City Jail on attempted murder charges. The juveniles were from Alhambra and Cypress. Detectives believe that the attack was in retaliation for an altercation that took place earlier in the day in another local city and that both incidents were gang related. All four suspects are believed to be members of a local Asian street gang.

A felony complaint was filed on November 29, 2010 by the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office with charges of attempted murder - PC 664/187(a) and criminal street gang enhancements on each of the four suspects. Lieu, Moon, and the two juveniles are being held on \$1,000,000.00 bail at Los Angeles County facilities.

Robert P. Sanderson,
Chief of Police

ARCADIA HAS THE FIRST OPEN SOURCE CATALOG IN SO. CAL

The Arcadia Public Library will celebrate its grand opening of the new and first open source Library Catalog in Southern California beginning December 13. Here are some of the new features:

- It's simplicity! The new catalog offers simple, clear searching.
- The Library can implement new features to better serve the public and improve work processes for the staff.
- Suggestions for Library purchases are available right from the catalog.
- Expanded searches are possible, with simple and clear instructions.
- Book reviews are available.
- You can add items to a personal, private list. This could be used for keeping track of books you've read or want to read.
- You can place your own comments or reviews for items in the catalog.
- You can add tags (personally meaningful terms) to items.
- You can set up an RSS feed so that you will be notified when new items arrive at the Library on your personal interests or by your favorite authors.
- You can place all of your holds at one time...fast,

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- You can receive notices by e-mail...and decide for yourself when you want to receive them!

The Arcadia Public Library is very excited about implementing this new open source integrated library system (ILS). As technology continues to change, so does the Library. The Arcadia Public Library has had three different integrated library systems (ILS) over the past twenty years. The last migration was in 2002. Through a grant from the California State Library, the Arcadia Public Library is able to cover some of the initial costs to change over to this new system. The Arcadia Public Library has contracted with ByWater Solutions for the migration, hosting and support of the Koha integrated library system.

What is Koha? Koha is the first open-source integrated library system. Koha was originally developed in New Zealand by Katipo Communications Ltd. for Horowhenua Library Trust. It first went live in January, 2000. Koha is currently maintained by a team of software providers and library technology staff from around the world. There are

over 1000 libraries running on Koha internationally.

Why Koha and why now? The past two years have been financially tough for public libraries and Arcadia Public Library has been no exception. The Library was asked to hold the line on costs and/or reduce costs as much as feasible. Costs for the current ILS system continued to climb these past two years and we were unsuccessful in getting the current vendor to keep costs the same and/or to reduce them. The Library has been interested in an open source integrated library system for a couple of years and when staff compared costs of the current ILS to an open source library system, Arcadia Public Library was very impressed with what was "free" with an open source package. This included the initial purchase, additional modules that were unattainable due to high costs before, upgrades, test environment license and more. It's not completely free but it is a big savings from what is currently being paid out now.

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Winter Holidays Around the World at the Arcadia Historical Museum

On Saturday, December 18 at 2:30 p.m., come see how people around the world celebrate the winter holidays! Enjoy an afternoon filled with activities and crafts including a puppet show! Get a henna tattoo and make a cheeky caroler! Seating is limited and families will be accepted in the order that they are in line.

The Arcadia Historical Museum is located at 380 W. Huntington Drive, immediately behind the Community Center. For more information, please call (626) 574-5440.

Breakfast with Santa and Holiday Snow Festival!

Get ready for the holidays and come join us for breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 4th at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007. Breakfast with Santa is \$8 per person and includes breakfast, photos with Santa and holiday entertainment. There will be two options for breakfast: 8:30-9:30am (#4030) or 10:30-11:30am (#4031). Space is limited. Registrations are being accepted now! Just go online to the City of Arcadia's website: www.ci.arcadia.ca.us, to download the registration form or stop by the office, 375 Campus Drive.

The Holiday Snow Festival is free to the public and will also take place at the Arcadia Community Center on the same day from 9am-2pm. This event will feature holiday entertainment, crafts, trolley train rides, dual sled runs and two snow play areas. Carl's Jr. will be available for purchase from 11:30am-1:30pm. Santa will only be present at the Breakfast with Santa Event. Parking will be available at Gate 4 of the Santa Anita Race Track. Shuttle service will be available to transport participants to and from the Community Center from 7:45am-2:15pm. In the event of rain, the Snow Festival will be held Saturday, December 11th. For more information please call 626.574.5113!

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, November 21, through Saturday, November 27, the Police Department responded to 804 calls for service of which 110 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, November 21:

1. Between noon on November 19 and 1:25 p.m. on November 21, a residential burglary occurred in the 300 block of West Duarte. While the home was tented for fumigation, unknown suspect(s) entered the location and stole jewelry, watches, silver coins, and a digital camera.
2. Around 1:00 p.m., units responded to Macy's regarding a woman detained for theft. Loss prevention personnel recognized the female suspect who had stolen from the store on previous occasions and was kept under observation. The woman selected merchandise, went into a fitting room, and then concealed the items. A private person's arrest was made, and a 53-year-old Asian was taken into custody for commercial burglary.

Monday, November 22:

3. A traffic stop was initiated at St. Joseph and Santa Anita around 10:43 a.m. for a code violation, and a 31-year-old male Hispanic driver was contacted. A record check revealed that the man was on parole for narcotics and a consent search of the vehicle was made. A baggie of crystalline substance was found, and the driver was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and felony parole violation.
4. A residential burglary was reported in the 100 block of Magna Vista around 4:40 p.m. Two male Hispanic suspects, claiming to be gardeners, approached the residents and they went to the backyard to discuss possible gardening services. While the residents were distracted, a third suspect entered the house and stole several thousand dollars in cash.

Tuesday, November 23:

5. A commercial burglary occurred in the 11900 block of Goldring between 11:00 a.m. on November 22 and 9:00 a.m. on November 23. Unknown suspect(s) smashed a window to enter the business and then stole various tools.
6. Units responded to Baby Gap located at Westfield Mall round 8:24 p.m. in reference to a theft investigation. Loss prevention personnel discovered that one of their employees had made several fraudulent cash refunds since August. A 29-year-old female Hispanic was arrested for grand theft.

Wednesday, November 24:

7. A 37-year-old man was arrested for battery around 7:40 a.m. at a Chevron gas station located at 500 North Santa Anita. During an altercation over custody issues, the man became physical with his ex-wife.
8. A 1993 white Honda Civic was stolen from Golden West and Hunting between 8:54 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The car was later recovered on November 25 by LAPD.

Thursday, November 25:

9. Units responded to Dave & Busters around 9:35 p.m. in reference to a theft. A female suspect stole two jackets from the bar area.
10. During the investigation at Dave & Busters, a 28-year-old male Hispanic was detained as he was seen hanging out with the female suspect involved in the above theft. A record check of the man revealed that he had an outstanding warrant and was taken into custody.

Friday, November 26:

11. Around 5:45 p.m., officers were dispatched to Westfield Mall regarding a stabbing in progress. During a fight between several male Asians, a victim sustained a non-life threatening stab wound in the abdomen and a laceration on his neck. He was transported to a nearby hospital for treatment. An 18-year-old man was arrested at the scene, while the primary suspect who had stabbed the victim fled the location.
- On November 27, officers went to the City of San Gabriel and arrested the 18-year-old primary suspect for attempted murder.
12. Shortly before 11:30 p.m., officers were called to Foothill and Don Alvarado in reference to a vehicle blocking the roadway. A 25-year-old male Hispanic driver was contacted and it was determined that he was operating the vehicle while intoxicated. The man was arrested for DUI without incident.

Saturday, November 27:

13. A commercial burglary occurred at Maki Sushi, 302 East Huntington, between 10:30 p.m. on November 26 and 10:00 a.m. on November 27. Unknown suspect(s) pried open the rear door and stole cash.
14. Several arrests were made at Westfield Mall for commercial burglary. Two Asians, both 21 years of age, were arrested from Sports Chalet for stealing almost \$600 in merchandise; a 27-year-old female Asian was arrested for stealing \$700 in cosmetics from Sephora and a \$20 item from Brookstone; a 25-year-old female Asian was arrested at Macy's for concealing over \$635 in merchandise in her purse, shopping bag, and baby stroller.

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Monrovia Environmental Accords ... Gateway to Sustainability

The Monrovia Environmental Accords (MEA) adopted by the City Council, are the established goals and policies to make the community more environmentally friendly and sustainable.

The MEA covers twenty-one long-term goals and objectives, from waste diversion to new transportation systems. A Green Team, with representatives from every department participates in the development of the Accords and Action Strategies.

Most of the goals are long-term (2015-2030) and will require new policies, programs and technologies. Several are dependant on other agencies, such as utility companies. Monrovia is committed to working with these agencies, businesses and residents to create a more sustainable community for those who live and work in Monrovia.

Additional Information:

Monrovia Environmental Accords - Staff Report to Council

Monrovia Environmental Accords - Administrative Policy

Energy Action Plan

First Year Update - Staff Report to City Council 2007-2008

List of Projects - Completed and Ongoing FY 2007-08

List of New Projects - FY 2008-09

Action Strategies (2007-08)

Second Year Update - Staff Report to City Council 2008-2009

List of Projects - Completed and Ongoing FY 2008-09

List of New Projects - FY 2009-10

Action Strategies (2008-09)

Third Year Update - Staff Report to City Council FY 2009-2010

List of Projects - Completed and Ongoing FY 2009-2010

List of New Project - FY 2010 - 2011

Action Strategies (2009 - 2010)

Low Emissions Vehicle Acquisition Policy

Environmental Purchasing Policy

Extended Producer Responsibility Resolution

EPR Staff Report to Council

Ways residents can help the environment and other resources:

Greening Your Car (Environmental Services)

It's Your Choice... Go Green (Environmental Services)

Build It Green (Community Development)

Walking for Wellness (Community Services)

Green Leadership Award

21st Annual Clean Air Award

Green Team Updates

Green Team's Twelve Days of Christmas

Upcoming Green Team Events! January 2011

New Year's Resolution Cleanup Event

Green Building Workshop

Santa to Make Many Holiday Appearances in Duarte

Yes, Virginia there is a Santa Claus and he'll be spending quite a bit of time in Duarte this holiday season beginning on Thursday, Dec. 2 with the City's official Christmas tree lighting ceremony and fiesta.

Festivities will take place at the Duarte Community Center from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., and include musical performances featuring cultural dancers, carolers and a visit by Santa Claus, along with games and holiday crafts for children. The event is free. A tamale dinner will be available for purchase for \$6 person. At 8 p.m. Santa will join Duarte Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci in lighting the City Christmas tree, a 45-foot living Redwood. The Senior Center is located in the Duarte Town Center at 1610 Huntington Dr.

On Saturday, Dec. 4, the Duarte Rotary Club will host its annual Breakfast with Santa from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Dr. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children ages 10 and under. All proceeds benefit Rotary's local service projects.

Kids are invited to mail their Christmas letters to Santa Claus by way of Duarte City Hall from Nov. 29 through Dec. 9. All letters will be forwarded to the North Pole and kids will be answered in writing by Santa. Letters may be deposited in the special Santa mailbox located at the Duarte Parks and Recreation Dept. in City Hall, or mailed to City Hall, 1600 Huntington Dr., Duarte, CA 91010, Attn: Santa. Santa, being up with the times, is also accepting letters via email: santa@accessduarte.com. Nov.

29 through Dec. 9. For instant gratification, children are also invited to talk to Santa on the phone Tuesday, Dec. 14 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Call (626) 358-5425.

On Wednesday, Dec. 8, Santa will visit Beardslee Park from 2:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. followed by a visit to Royal Oaks Park from 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. From there he will head to the Duarte Community Center at City Hall for Santa's Holiday Party, from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The party will include games, crafts, music, prizes, refreshments and a visit from Santa. The event is free, but limited to the first 90 participants. To RSVP for Santa's Holiday Party, or for more information about any of the special holiday events, call Duarte Parks and Recreation at (626) 357-7931.

\$10,000 REWARD FOR INFORMATION ON HIT-AND-RUN DRIVER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF DUARTE MAN

LOS ANGELES COUNTY – Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich is offering a \$10,000 reward in exchange for any information leading to the arrest and/or conviction of the person responsible for the fatal hit-and-run of 86-year-old Gabriel Barragon on December 1 in Duarte.

At approximately 5:40 p.m. a vehicle, described only as being black, traveling south-bound in the number two lane on Buena Vista Street in Duarte struck Mr. Barragon, who suffered massive head and internal injuries. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Los Angeles County Fire Paramedics. The Sher-

iff's Department is seeking assistance from the public with information that may aid in their investigation of this case.

Supervisor Antonovich suggests anyone with information contact Sergeant Anthony Haynes at 626-285-7171.

Tzeitel Paras-Caracci Elected Duarte Mayor; Lois Gaston, Mayor Pro Tem in Annual Reorganization



DUARTE, CA, November 24, 2010 — Duarte City Council members voted unanimously to elect Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, Mayor for 2010-2011 and Lois Gaston, Mayor Pro Tem during the annual reorganization of the Duarte City Council on Nov. 23.

Paras-Caracci is currently serving her third term on the Duarte City Council. She previously served as mayor in 2005-2006, and chairperson of the Redevelopment Agency in 2004.

Paras-Caracci is a past president of APAMO (Asian Pacific American Municipal Officials), a National League of Cities Constituency Group, and formerly served a two-year term on the board of directors of the National League of Cities and the League of California Cities. She is employed as an administrative director at the Santa Anita Family YMCA in Monrovia. In addition to her duties on the City Council, she also serves on the board of directors of the Duarte Community Service Council and as a member of the Duarte Education Foundation.

Gaston, a retired AT&T executive, was first elected to office in 2003. She served as Redevelopment Agency chairperson in 2004-2005, and was Mayor in 2006-2007, the first African American woman to hold that position in the City's history. She is immediate past president of the California Contract Cities Association and was appointed to the Los Angeles Countywide Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee in 2009. Among her many community involvements she has served as vice president of the Duarte Education Foundation since the early 1990's and on the board of directors of the nonprofit Foothill Unity Center since 1998.

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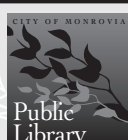
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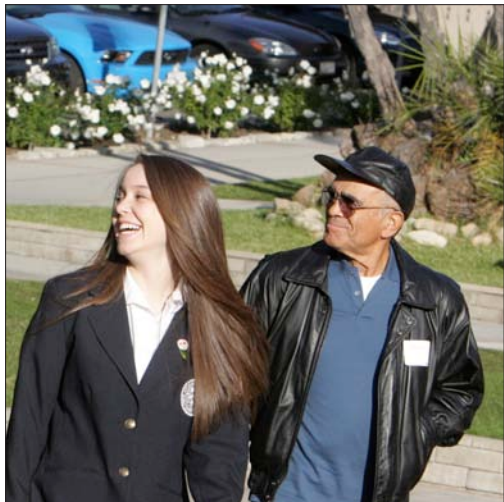
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Alverno Welcomes Grandparents and Special Friends

By Summer Williams

It was a chilly morning on Tuesday, November 23rd as Alverno students arrived at school with their grandparents for a very special day. Students and their guests enjoyed warm refreshments in the library before gathering with the rest of the Alverno student body to celebrate Thanksgiving Mass. Father Patrick Brennan presided over Mass and welcomed over 95 grandparents and special friends to Alverno. Everyone was treated to music from the Alverno Mass Band and at a special moment during the celebration, students presented their grandparents with flowers.



Above: Christine Losorellia with Grandparents John and Rosemarie McGuire.
Left: Frosh Hayley Barrett and Grandfather Ruben Huante

Following the beautiful Thanksgiving celebration, students guided their grandparents through a typical school day of classes, giving everyone an opportunity to hear stories from the grandparents about their experiences growing up and their thoughts on the issues facing young people today.

As the day came to a close, guests and students were treated to a catered lunch in the Villa del Sol d' Oro, where everyone had a chance to share their favorite moments of the day. Having hosted this special event for thirteen years, Alverno is so pleased that Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day has become a beloved Alverno tradition that kicks off the warm Thanksgiving holiday season.

Leadership Ceremony Honors La Salle's Class of 2012



Pasadena, CA – One hundred and twenty members of the class of 2012, the current junior class at La Salle High School, were honored at the Junior Leadership Ceremony. This annual event is a time for the faculty and administration of La Salle to recognize the growing role in leadership the juniors are entering into. "While some embrace it willingly, and some come into it unknowingly, all of the students at La Salle are challenged and encouraged to embrace roles of leadership and embrace the School motto, *Learn, Serve, Lead*," said class moderator Tom O'Connor.



As the juniors enter into the next few years of their lives, leadership roles will take a more prominent place at La Salle, in their church, in their clubs, and at their jobs. After the rings and stones were blessed by Father Patrick Brennan, CP, from Mater Dolorosa, Retreat Center, members of the class received class rings and Leadership Stones with words of inspiration the students have chosen, such as, Wisdom, Vision, Faith, Courage, to symbolize their hopes for the future. English teacher, Rand Laird was chosen by the class as the keynote speaker.

At La Salle, we embrace service to the community. Service happens when someone sees a need for change, and change occurs when a person, or several people, take a leadership role. This class, as all classes do, contains some of the future leaders of our community, our country and our world. That is what we embraced and celebrated.

PUSD NEWS AND NOTICES

PUSD's annual Open Enrollment for 2011-2012 academic year begins with priority enrollment for siblings and signature programs from December 13 – 23, 2010. General open enrollment is available from January 24 to February 11. Students from closed schools will have priority in selecting campuses other than their neighborhood schools.

The Gamma Lambda Chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. is accepting applications for the Jean Shehee Grant, established in memory of retired PUSD Special Ed teacher Jean Shehee. This grant is awarded annually to a PUSD Special Education teacher to provide additional classroom activities and experiences that enhance the learning, social development and general support of PUSD students. Applications are due January 15, 2011. For more information, visit www.pusd.us.

Sunday, December 5 - 7:30 a.m.

Field Elementary School's Girls on the Run team will participate in the Say No to Drugs 5K Race at the Universal Studios backlot. Students have been training for the race before school two days per week since September. Coach Danelle Jiron, Principal Ana Maria Apodaca, and assistant coaches will serve as the girls' team running buddies at the race. 1000 Universal Center Drive, Hollywood.

Friday, December 10 - 7:00 p.m.

PUSD students perform and participate in the Pasadena/Foothills Chapter's third annual International Human Rights Day Celebration at Pasadena High School. They will join Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard in a celebration of the U.N.'s International Year of Youth. Pasadena High School Auditorium, 2625 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena. For more information, please call (626) 449-1795. Flyer attached.

Saturday, December 11 - 5:00 p.m.

PUSD's Marching Band Spectacular, featuring marching and pep bands from Blair, Marshall, Muir, and Pasadena High Schools, will be held at the PHS stadium. Gates open at 4:00 p.m., and admission is free. Donations for PUSD's All-Star band are gratefully accepted. PHS Stadium, Altadena Dr. at Cooley Ave., Pasadena. Flyer attached.

Save the Date!

Monday, December 13 - 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

PUSD's Community Advisory Committee, which offers information about special education programs and services in PUSD and the local area, will hold its monthly meeting. The CAC this month hosts a Holiday Social, with music and refreshments. For more information, visit cac.pasadenausd.org or contact Council Co-Chair Blanca Siebels at (626) 536-4105 or blancasiebels@sbcglobal.net. Meetings are held at PUSD's Edison Development Complex/PALS, 119 W. Palm Ave., Altadena, 91001. Please park on the premises. Enter from Palm Avenue.

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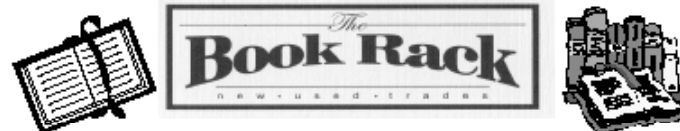
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Eat Well! News and Notes and Checking Back in at Zelo

Sad news my friends, one of my favorite Sushi Restaurants in Pasadena, Masa, has temporarily closed their doors. The Sushi Chef that I came to know and love Mr. Fuji Wara, has passed away. Owner Peter Park, tells me that Masa will re-open in a few weeks as a Korean Style BBQ restaurant. My thoughts and prayers to Fuji's family.

A few years back there was a very popular and comprehensive event in Pasadena, one where the greatest scholar and meekest shoe shiner were both able to speak with discernment, The Pasadena Pizza Cook-off. I was fortunate to be involved in the event for many years. I got a little caught up in my flourishing affection for pizza, for I dubbed my car the Pizarar. Next, I found myself subscribing to Pizza Today Magazine. The magazine is overtly obscure for the pragmatic consumer, those of you that just fancy a good pie (pizza) and don't wish to follow the outer workings of the rolling pin. So, I am a little impetuous and my passion may make me a candidate for a white

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills

suit with straps someday, but hey, we are taking about pizza here!!!

Making a pizza is the easiest and most difficult food item in the restaurant business. Wolfgang Puck took this flat circle and added some slices of salmon and a genius was born. On the other hand, I have had more than one pizza that must have had cardboard as a main ingredient. We are fortunate, we have some great Pizza places in the area: Tarnatinos, Domenicos and Avanti Café. There is this restaurant in the city of Arcadia that I believe is a contender as well. Zelo Restaurant, it is an unassuming stop on Foothill Blvd. The owner, Steve Freeman, hails from Northern California and he has brought his unique recipe to share with hungry Angelinos.

Zelo is what I would label as a classic drive-by. A place that draws your attention, but is relatively unknown to many, and offers little staging on the exterior to bring you into the restaurant. When you unearth a great drive-by, it is the closest event that an urban dweller can compare to discovering gold.

What do you get when you cross one part cornmeal and four parts flour? Zelo's pizza crust, and this is the heart and soul of their unique pizza. All their pizzas are prepared in a deep dish. On any given day, Steve will put together 12 different pizza specials. You can get pizzas by the half (three slices) for (\$11),

and (\$20) for a whole pizza, that's six slices filled with toppings. You could accurately compare that to a medium size that your kids order at the familiar Dominos for (\$20). You can't compare the texture and flavor. I love the four-cheese pizza: mozzarella, fontina, provolone and parmesan at Zelo's. On my last visit, I had the Sicilian pizza. This is a pizza brimming with fresh pepperoni, tomatoes and three different cheeses. Who goes to a pizza place for a salad? Me! They do a serviceable job on the salads here. The Beet salad at (7.50) is their top seller, probably in large part because of me. For the same price they also offer a creamy Asparagus salad, with leaf lettuce and stalks of asparagus resting on top. The lettuce gets a full emersion of balsamic vinaigrette and the asparagus receives a nice creamy dressing. The salads are good enough to make it worth the trip. This is a great place to go with the flow and order the specials. If you are in a pasta mood? They offer many pasta dishes in the (\$9) range, and Lasagna for (\$11). They have fantastic Calzones, and plenty of vegetarian dishes as well. They do offer beer and wine, and you may bring your own bottle of wine, the corkage fee is (\$8).

What you need to know: Zelo is casual. Dress comfortably, and make certain you have room to let your belt out an extra notch. They have patio seating in the front that faces Foothill Blvd. They do get busy on weekend nights, so plan accordingly. Parking can be a hassle here, because it is street parking. Remember, the pizzas are unique! If you are trying to impress a new girl, I suggest ordering the pizza half-baked, and finish cooking it at home. Our secret! They are open Tuesday through Sunday, Friday and Saturdays they are open until 10 PM. 328 E. Foothill Blvd. Arcadia (626) 358-8298

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Aficionado

by Dave Hart

As promised last week, during this next couple of month's article series, the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library want to help you to taste wine like a pro. Each week, you'll see a new article building upon the last, starting with the stages of sampling – looking, smelling and tasting the wine.

Before we begin the adventure, let's start with a couple ground rules. First of all, unless you are already a master sommelier (no, not a native of Somalia, but rather a certified and trained wine steward) you're tasting wine for YOU. Regardless of price or the attractiveness of the label (how I typically make my choice) the tasting experience is meant to help YOU determine your preferred varietal (type of grape) and vintner (wine maker). So, pay no attention to the opinionated and vocal taster next to you, this is your time to be selfish, as YOUR opinion is the only one that matters here. The wine is here to give YOU pleasure. Also, expect your tastes to change. This is expected and encouraged as you become more adept at recognizing some of the nuances of different wines.

Lastly, developing your skill of wine tasting takes practice. The more wines you taste, the better you'll become at ascertaining and describing the wine's characteristics. So, grab your favorite glass of wine, turn off the t.v., settle into a cushy chair, and let's begin. Remember, this is important business.

SIGHT

Before you take a sip, you need to look at the wine. Take a look at the color, watching for clarity and brilliance. It should be clear with no film, but don't worry about signs of sediment. When wine is produced, the wine will be filtered before it is "casked" for aging. Sediment won't hurt you, and is likely if you're pouring from the last of the bottle. Hold the wine up to the light, or tilt the glass against a white napkin or piece of paper. You'll find wines will vary in the intensity of their color – the darker the wine (red or white) you can anticipate a bolder, stronger taste. Red wines are not just red; they range from a light cherry through deep ruby to almost mahogany brown. The younger the wine, you'll probably see a more uniform color. With age, the color may not be uniform, but will probably be lighter at the rim compared to the center (core) of the glass. Whites too will deepen in color with age, developing from an almost clear white to a straw yellow. Be leery of red wines that might have a tinge of orange, as they may be too old (yes, this IS possible when cellaring your wine). Whites may be too old if you see a hint of brown. Swirl the wine using your wrist, and look again. Has the color changed?

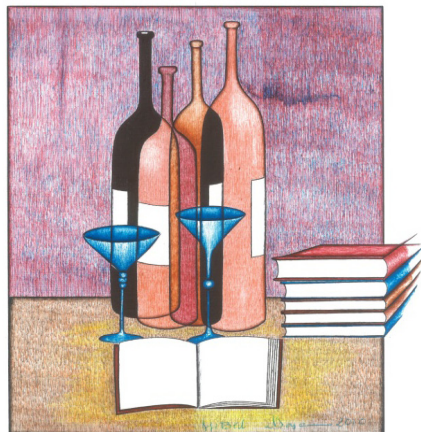
Lastly, when pros swirl the glass of wine and examine how it's running down the side of the glass, they're looking at the "legs" or the "fingers" of the wine. The French refer to this as the wine's "tears." There IS physics involved (I got out of this class in high school) that involve the wine's alcohol content, gravity and evaporation, but we're too busy drinking wine to concern ourselves with science. Theoretically, the more "legs" the better quality the wine, but most experts will agree that this plays little into the judging, it's just fun to look at and comment on as if it has merit. Just make certain you're still looking into your glass when you mumble "nice legs."

You've now become an expert at looking at your wine. Yes, if you're tempted, go ahead and drink away. During the next month, we'll learn together the next steps in training your palette.

To commemorate your newly developed skills, remember to mark your calendar to attend The Sierra Madre Friends of the Library 41st Annual Wine and Cuisine Tasting Event. The always-popular evening will take place at the Alverno High School Villa, 200 N Michillinda Avenue, on Friday February 18 7:00p – 9:30p. General entry tickets at a cost of \$60 will allow entry at 7:00, but Premier admission will allow 100 folk an early entry at 6:00 and include many new surprises. Current paid members of the Friends will receive a \$5 discount off general entry when purchased at the library.

Tickets can be purchased at Arnold's Frontier Hardware, The Bottle Shop, Iris Intrigue, and Savor the Flavor. You can also pick up tickets at the Sierra Madre Library, or on-line at sierramadrelibraryfriends.org.

In addition to attending one of the social highlights of the year, and "educate" your palette, you'll enable the Friends to support your library services and programs. This past year The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library provided over \$58,000 for equipment upgrades and improvements.



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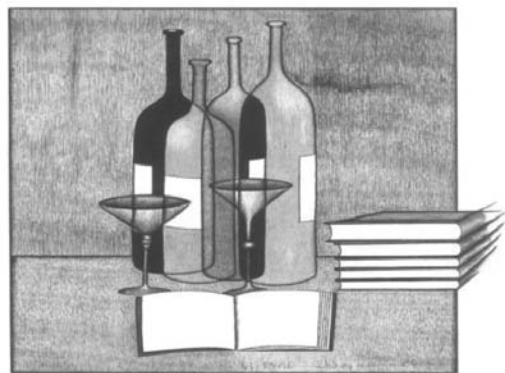
February 18th at the Alverno Villa

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HOWARD Hays As I See It

I couldn't decide which topic to write about this week, there were so many. First, there's the return to Washington of the newly-emboldened party of "Just Say No".

Republicans say "no" to the repeal of "Don't Ask Don't Tell". They might be waiting to see what excuse Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) comes up with now to justify further delay. For over a year, Sen. McCain said he'd wait to see what position the military itself takes on the issue. Now the report's out and the recommendation from the Pentagon is to go ahead with the change, so Senate staffers will have to come up with some new rationale for continued bigotry.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Joint Chiefs Chairman Adm. Mike Mullen advise it would be better to have it done through an act of Congress rather than an order from a court. Regarding threats to "unit cohesion" should gays and lesbians serve, the response from those in uniform is they already do, everyone knows it, and units nonetheless remain nicely cohesive, thank you. It's reassuring that those serving in the military appear to be reasonably well-adjusted grown-ups, which is more than can be said for many of those serving in Congress.

Republicans say "no" to the DREAM Act, which would provide a pathway for those obtaining a college education and/or serving in our military to fulfill their dream of contributing to our nation as citizens. The concern here is not so much taking jobs away from current citizens, but rather that talk of decent wages and working conditions might become more prevalent without the threat of deportation hanging over the workplace.

Republicans say "no" to the START Treaty. More specifically, Republican members of the Senate do, since both Republicans and Democrats, leaders of State and Defense Departments going back to the Nixon Administration, through Carter, Reagan, both Bushes and Clinton, have testified the treaty is vital to our nation's security; not only for the reduction of weapons levels but for the safeguarding of nuclear stockpiles and non-proliferation.

There might be room for negotiation on this issue, though. Republicans have signaled a willingness to address Democrats' fear of nuclear weapons falling into the hands of terrorists if Democrats are willing to address Republicans' fear of gays serving openly in the military. (Vladimir Putin has it right on this one: rejection of the START Treaty would be "very dumb".)

Republicans say "no" to extension of unemployment benefits. I don't think it's simply to deny 2 million unemployed Americans, in an economy with five job seekers for every job opening, those \$300 weekly checks right before Christmas (assuming there's been any thought given at all to the effect on peoples' lives). Rather, Republicans might fear the impact it could have on the economy as a whole.

Unemployment benefits offer the greatest "bang for the buck" of any available stimulus, with funds going immediately to a landlord, local grocer, shoe store or electric bill, rather than socked away in a Cayman Islands tax shelter. (Yes, unemployment checks are taxable income

- a legacy of Reaganomics.) Republicans are aware their gains in the last election resulted from a lousy economy and high unemployment, so they figure the worse it remains, and the more desperate the electorate, the better chance they'll have for building on those gains and winning the White House in November of 2012. They're confident that by then nobody will remember whatever actions they took in December of 2010 to make sure the nation continues to suffer as President Obama seeks re-election.

The one thing Republicans say "yes" to, and in fact suggest they might be willing to bend on every other issue if they get their way, is to maintain those tax cuts for the richest 2% of us (otherwise known as the Republican "base"). They insist on taking us \$700 billion further into debt to pay for keeping the top marginal tax rate at around 36%, rather than allowing it to rise three points to 39% - where it was under Clinton.

During those years of the Clinton Administration, the very wealthy did very well. The problem, though, is that most everyone else did, too. Enormous wealth was created in a booming economy, but the already rich didn't get all of it. This was addressed during the Bush years, when these soon-to-expire tax cuts and other policies led to the greatest redistribution and concentration of wealth since the 1920's (and then to the economic meltdown of Fall 2008).

Troubling notions appeared with President Obama and a Democratic Congress, such as that taxpayers who foot the bill should share in the benefits of recovery, and that the TARP bailout under Bush and the stimulus package under Obama were not meant to provide for multi-million dollar bonuses and business as usual on Wall Street. Republicans must now fulfill their charge to block any moves encouraging shared prosperity and reviving a strong middle class, and to focus instead on maintaining the redistribution of wealth accelerated under Bush - even if it means shutting down government to do so. It is, after all, what those who bought them their seats in Congress expect them to do.

I also considered writing this week on the shocking new WikiLeaks revelation that State Department personnel spread gossip about foreign dignitaries. I especially wanted to conduct further research on the Ukrainian "nurse" who accompanies Libyan dictator Muammar Gaddafi (described in leaked communications as a "voluptuous blond").

WikiLeaks first gained prominence with earlier revelations of military activities in Iraq and Afghanistan. Now, it's these diplomatic exchanges lifted off a Defense Dept network by a 23-year-old Private using CDs and memory sticks. Nothing, however, has brought the intensity of calls for prosecution and the founder's execution for treason (yes, literally - and no matter he's not an American) than reports that next will be confidential communications from Bank of America.

BofA shares dropped 3% upon the announcement. Stay tuned - this oughta be good.

Failure Of Will

WikiLeaks is not a news organization. It is nothing more than a glossed up terrorist organization, and it is very efficient in what it does. Its reason for existence is to obtain as much damaging classified information from the United States and its allies and to release that data in the most harmful manner and timing possible. WikiLeaks' founder, Julian Assange, boasts about exposing more classified information than all the rest of the world press combined. He told the New Yorker magazine that he is fully aware that innocent people will die because of his disclosures and simply wrote them off as "collateral damage". All that having been said, I am not as angry at Julian Assange as I am at the current administration. WikiLeaks exists and prospers at our expense because we lack the will to stop it.

Before explaining why I've laid the blame at our own doorstep, let's first explore briefly the severity of the damage done. After all, if WikiLeaks actions were on a par with, let's say, leaking secrets about Baskin Robbins' new 32nd ice cream flavor then my complaints wouldn't be worth the space consumed in this newspaper.

In WikiLeaks first document release, a major London newspaper determined that at least 100 Afghan informants were identified by name, village and family membership. None of us should have any illusions as to their fate at this point. A Taliban spokesman said that the group will "punish" those informers. Punishment by the Taliban is not a fine or extra hours of community service at the local mosque. It is torture and death. The most recent release of information by WikiLeaks has deeply embarrassed diplomats the world over. Ignoring the bruised egos of western political leaders, consider the significant damage done to the leaders in the Middle East who have been willing to help us combat terrorism and stop Iran from going nuclear.

Perhaps it is easy to misunderstand the significance of Yemen's leaders in helping thwart Al Qaeda or the leaders of Bahrain and Saudi Arabia in pleading with the U.S. and Israel to take out the Iranian nuclear plants. After all, we live in America where political murders are few and far between. We can thank God for that, but more often we simply take it for granted. Not so in the Middle East. Leaders in Middle Eastern Islamic nations take a real and high-probability risk of assassination when they conspire against the rogues of Al Qaeda and Iran. Whether that happens next week, next year or several after that, let's not delude ourselves into thinking that these leaders won't think twice about helping us in the future. And that will have very real and deadly consequences on the ground. Whether it will cost more American lives in some future military operation or will result in another successful terrorist strike in the west because of intelligence that wasn't provided, the root cause will be these WikiLeaks disclosures. Actions have real consequences, and these are likely to be deadly.

As to the blame, there is plenty to be heaped on to the shoulders of Julian Assange. But that doesn't really get us anywhere, anymore than heaping blame on Al Qaeda gets us anywhere. We already know what their goals are and that they are willing to act on those goals. The point here is that unlike what we're doing on the Al Qaeda front, we're really not trying very hard to stop WikiLeaks. I don't know why that is so; I won't postulate as to whether this administration is so caught up in their leftist rhetoric about "freedom of the press" or whether some secretly

GREG Welborn



want to see the U.S.'s ability as a superpower compromised. The fact remains that we could stop WikiLeaks fairly easily if we really had the will to do so.

The data that WikiLeaks obtained wasn't hacked. Most private data that makes its way out into the public isn't hacked; it's leaked. The difference is important. We all want to know that the computer systems of our bank and our government are secure from outside tampering, and for the most part they are. But we have to acknowledge that real people work in these institutions, and some of those people have to be given access to the data. That is where the real danger is, but that is where the real solution lies as well.

Real people, like Private First Class Bradley Manning, who is credited with taking all these government documents and giving them to WikiLeaks, are the ones who compromise our privacy and security when they decide that their own narcissistic or greedy impulses are more important than our safety. Make no mistake about this; they, like all criminals, make some sort of calculation about the potential benefit (even if just psychological or ideological) and the potential cost (slap on the hand or firing squad). Bear with me here as I borrow an extreme example to make a point. The New York Times' Thomas Friedman asked, "what if China had a WikiLeaks?" His answer: they'd execute him.

I'm not advocating the extrajudicial execution of Julian Assange or anyone else for that matter. I am questioning why we and our allies haven't done lots more to stop this terrorist. Julian Assange is an Australian citizen; his company resides in Iceland; and his actions have severely hurt the U.S. and Israel (that's just the short list by the way). All these countries have espionage and anti-terrorist laws. If we were serious about stopping leaks of damaging information like this, PFC Bradley Manning would already be convicted and sentenced to prison or judicially executed, and Julian Assange would face arrest warrants issued by at least 3 countries. More than likely, he would have already been picked up by the CIA, the Mossad or the ASIA, the Australian intelligence service. In short, we could easily have demonstrated that the "cost" of leaking this sort of classified information is so high as to, shall we say, discourage others from leaking. Firing Squads do have their purpose.

C.S. Lewis once commented on a similar problem in his home country, England, by noting that people disparaged loyalty and then were shocked to find traitors in their midst. Here in the states we need look no further than 'The New York Times' reaction. When the Times can say that leaking these documents "serves an important public interest", we really can't be surprised to find traitors in our midst. There will always be Julian Assanges, Bradley Mannings and Benedict Arnolds. Whether we tolerate them or not is a question of our will. Do we wish to preserve the republic or not?

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My Turn

Poverty: The Dark Side of the American Dream



We all know someone--a family member, a close friend--that has fallen on hard times. With unemployment at double-digit rates, and reports about personal bankruptcies, home foreclosures, business failures as common as daily weather forecasts it's almost impossible not to know someone down on their luck.

According to the Census Bureau, 43.6 million Americans live in poverty. This is the highest it's been since the 1960's. The recent recession has put millions of Americans out of work, starting a cycle that has led to a series of climbing poverty rates.

As many have lost their jobs, they have lost their employer-provided health care benefits as well, which has lead to mounting medical bills and prescription costs. After a long battle, congress passed a health insurance overhaul which has already made some improvements for seniors, students and those with pre-existing conditions but many of the main provisions of the bill won't go into effect until 2014.

Often times, when money is not coming in and bills need to be paid, people will turn to their credit cards. Medical bills, utility payments and even mortgage payments were being paid on credit cards as a short term solution to a long term problem.

However, the credit card companies themselves have become a nightmare for many consumers and there seems to be no solution to a problem that is driving many Americans further in debt at a very critical time in our nation's history.

But even before the recession struck and before the economy started showing signs of falling apart, many households were already seriously in debt. We had, to use the cliché, "thrown caution to the wind." In a little more than a decade we had taken on more credit, more payments and more cost than in reality we needed or realistically could pay back had anything unforeseen come up or gone wrong.

In our desire for ever more money and the things it could buy, we have ignored the wise adage, "If something can go wrong, it will,;" and its corollary, "Don't bite off more than you can chew." In one generation we had gone from being the world's largest creditor nation to become its worst debtor.

Of course everyone dreams big and wants more for their children than they had. Most people want the American Dream. But maybe it's time to adjust the dream to reality.

Right now our sights should be aimed on the millions of people living in poverty. What is being done to help these people? Apparently, not enough. Just look around at the growing number of poor people subsisting on our streets by begging. Did you know that panhandling is a crime in most cities, even in Sierra Madre?

The number of poor grew from 39.8 million people in 2008 to 43.6 million in 2010--a gain of 3.8 million! And most of us didn't even blink. How many more poor Americans will it take to motivate the rest of us more fortunate to speak out on their behalf.

Are the companies who received bailouts hiring back employees? Are they loaning money to small businesses and consumers? Or are these companies still giving multi-million dollar bonuses to people receiving multi-million dollar salaries?

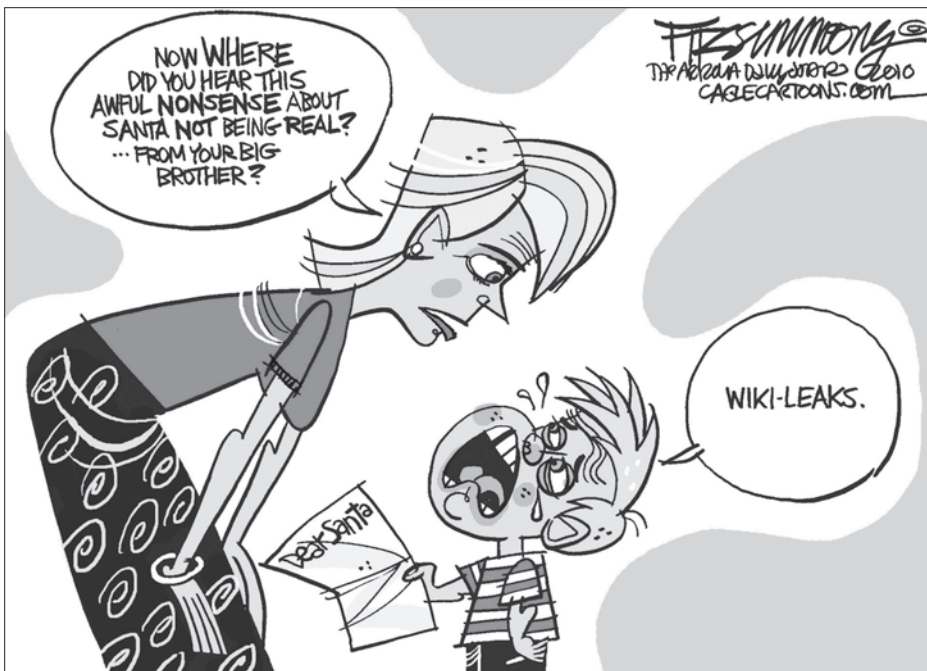
The Credit Card Act of 2009 was signed into law by President Obama to help protect consumers and force credit card companies to be more fair and transparent.

As Americans have been forced to look at their credit responsibilities, many have seen just how wrongly credit card companies had been treating them but also realized there is little they could have done aside from canceling their accounts.

With the Credit Card Act of 2009, the Health Care Overhaul, Americans are taking a hard look at what is being spent compared to what they are making out of the bargain. As a result, Americans are holding their state and national leaders more responsible for the decisions they make.

Will these programs make a difference for the millions of poor Americans that need help NOW? Or are these programs too little and too late?

Poverty is not picky. It is an equal opportunity affliction that can choose anyone at anytime. However, I can't help wondering where the 43.6 million poor Americans would be today had the Bush and Obama administrations implemented a recovery plan more along the lines of FDR's New Deal than a rehash of Ronald Reagan's failed program of trickle-down Reaganomics?



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STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE DOESN'T THE PUBLIC HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON?



In his column last week Hail Hamilton presciently commented on the probable existence of secret government conspiracies continuing throughout our lifetimes. This week the big news has been the publication of secret CIA and governmental documents. The big surprise this week has been that there have been no big surprises—but it's still early in the week.

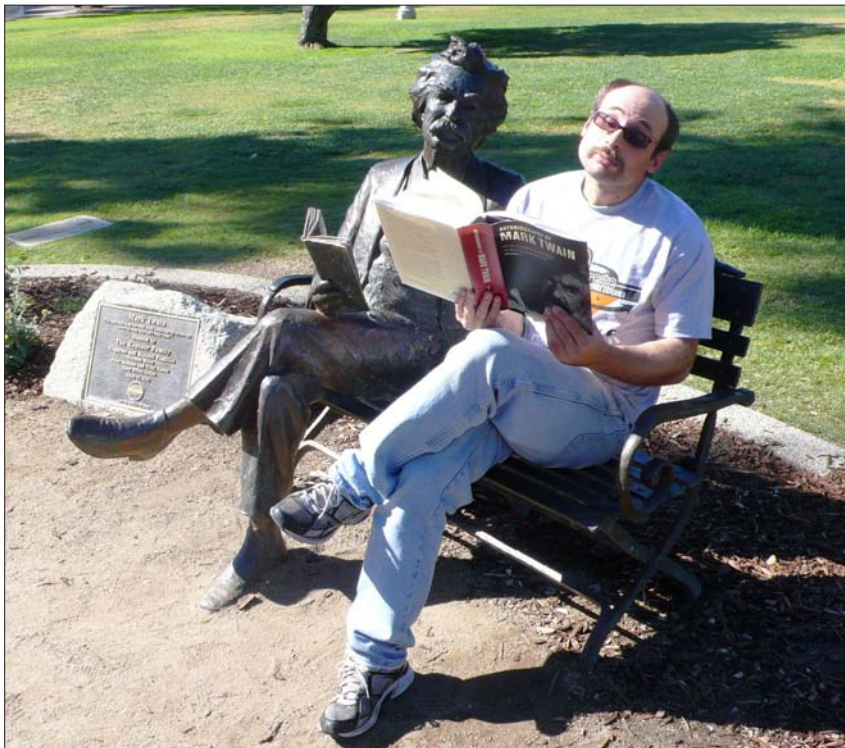
My big surprise this week was learning that Jon Stewart (for many the most trusted man in America) has an older brother who has a fairly important job—he is the Chief Operating Officer of the New York Stock Exchange no less. I discovered this frightening and disturbing fact by Googling November 28, the birthday of my two children two years apart (yes to answer your unstated question—once a year whether we wanted to or not) and noticed that Jon Stewart was born on this same date. So like any twenty-first century person sitting in front of a computer I followed this up by googling Mr. Stewart and learning that he was born with the name John Stuart (like my own name) Liebowitz. I learned that there is great dysfunction within the Liebowitz family and that there is little known communication among family members. Perhaps this is the reason the Daily Show Host changed his name but there may be other reasons. I have some doubt as to the continuing popularity of a daily program announced as the Daily Show with John Liebowitz. I similarly doubt that the Larry King show would have been as popular had his actual name been used but that's another story.

But really it's the same story. There's a lot going on that's kept secret from the public. Last week Mr. Hamilton speculated about conspiracies and secret motivations. This week it's my turn. In 2008 before the election I speculated that the selection of Sara Palin as a Vice-Presidential Candidate demonstrated that the Republicans did not want to win the election. Their selection of then Governor Palin was intended to guarantee that loss. The thinking behind this strategy was the Republican realization that the country was in such a mess that whoever was selected as President would not be able to cope with the immense problems and would shortly become unpopular thus allowing the Republicans to regain power while escaping responsibility for creating the mess in the first place. Do you remember that when Clinton

left office there was actually a huge surplus? Moving on, why haven't War Criminals like Bush and Cheney been compelled to answer for their knowing lies to the American People? This weekend my wife and I went to the movies and learned the lovely facts that the Bush Administration had knowingly lied to the American People. The lies were for the purpose of justifying invading a sovereign nation so as to dispose of weapons that were known not to exist. The war has cost trillions, killed hundreds of thousands of Iraqis and still continues today. Didn't the appearance at the World Series and on all the talk show seem kind of strange? .Ex- President Clinton was impeached for matters concerning a sexual liaison; ex-President Nixon was forced to resign for activity related to attempting to obtain information regarding the strategy of a political opponent. Folks this stuff was not about phony wars and unnecessary killings. Revered hero of today, ex-President Reagan admittedly allowed a secret illegal war to be conducted from the White House Basement and no criminal charges were ever brought against him. Yes I know there is nothing new about any of this but as Mr. Hamilton said last week the presentation of truth to the public should not be dependent upon political expediency.

I am of the belief that the Powerful ones never want We the People to ever know what really goes on. We are always manipulated to do the bidding of our rulers. Without an informed electorate our Democratic institutions become meaningless. We need transparency and we need new political parties. How is it that the Democratic Party selects Presidential Candidates like Kennedy and Kerry who are among the richest people in the nation...? Even good old seeming-Progressives like Californians Diane Feinstein and Nancy Pelosi are among our wealthiest representatives

In, conclusion it's wonderful that California voters rejected someone like Meg Whitman who had nothing going for her except money. Still, one must wonder about a system that allows a person without political experience, a person who has never voted, to become the Candidate of a Major Political Party for Governor. Maybe you're thinking that, hey, these aren't conspiracies. Everybody already knows this stuff but we're too distracted or drugged to really care. I guess I'd rather it was a secret. Really there is nothing worse than indifference. Can there be a Conspiracy of Indifference. Maybe we really care but this fact is being hidden from us.



By the way, this is my son Aaron whose birthday was last week the same as Mark Twain's. Happy Birthday Aaron!

RICH Johnson

Stuart Asked Me To.....



Stuart forwarded me a copy of his column and asked my comments on the Wikileaks. So this column is his fault for conspiring with me: He asked me my opinion regarding Wikileaks. Hmmmm, let me think.

First, are there people put in harm's way because of these disclosures? Do we want people to act as eyes and ears in secret monitoring the antics and activities of people and governments who have a cavalier attitude and intolerance of those not in lockstep with them?

Is there room for hidden negotiations and "secret deals" between governments, when peace and stability are the goal? Do now open disclosures, such as the Middle East's desire to hold back Iran's nuclear program, end the ability of nations to conspire in secret to foible the activities of rogue nations? You can probably guess from the questions I pose that I think the Wikileaks release of information was dangerous, careless and reckless.

Stuart also wonders why former President Bush and Vice President Cheney aren't being prosecuted for war crimes. Somehow Stuart is sure they knew there were no weapons of mass destruction. Interesting, because to this day Great Britain is still convinced there were. And Saddam Hussein sure acted like a guilty man playing cat and mouse with the inspectors. He sure looked like he had something to hide. Not to mention (as I have mentioned over and over again in the past) that Iraq fired over 750 ground to air missiles at British and U.S. fighters patrolling the Northern and Southern no-fly zones in Iraq. To me each one of those firings is an overt act of war.

But why single President Bush out? On November 25, 1941 Admiral Yamamoto of the Japanese Navy sent a coded message to his warships. Part of the November 25 message read: "...the task force, keeping its movements strictly secret and maintaining close guard against submarines and aircraft, shall advance into Hawaiian waters, and upon the very opening of hostilities shall attack the main force of the United States fleet in Hawaii and deal it a mortal blow..." Evidence exists that we intercepted and decoded these messages. If this is true then Franklin Delano Roosevelt knew beforehand about the pending attack on Pearl Harbor. The suspicion is he intentionally did nothing because he needed an attack like this to get a stubborn U.S. into the war. And permitting the Japanese to successfully kill a few thousand people would help garner public support. Should an investigation be mounted to verify this? He also knowingly conspired with a government (Soviet Union) equally, if not more guilty of the same type of atrocities of which the Nazis were guilty. What did he (FDR) know and when did he know it? He was greatly responsible for the USSR getting a major foothold in Eastern Europe resulting in the subjugation of millions of people over 40 years.

What is really being determined here is whether it is ethical and moral to have clandestine meetings with dubious people and governments with the good intentions. Is it? You and I are the judges of this.

Finally, I once recommended you access local blogs, one in particular to round out your flow of information in an attempt to ascertain the truth. I have to apologize and retract that recommendation when it comes to "The Tattler." It has proven to have little interest in the truth. At least those of us who write in this paper don't hide behind the moniker "anonymous."

Looking Up with Bob Eklund

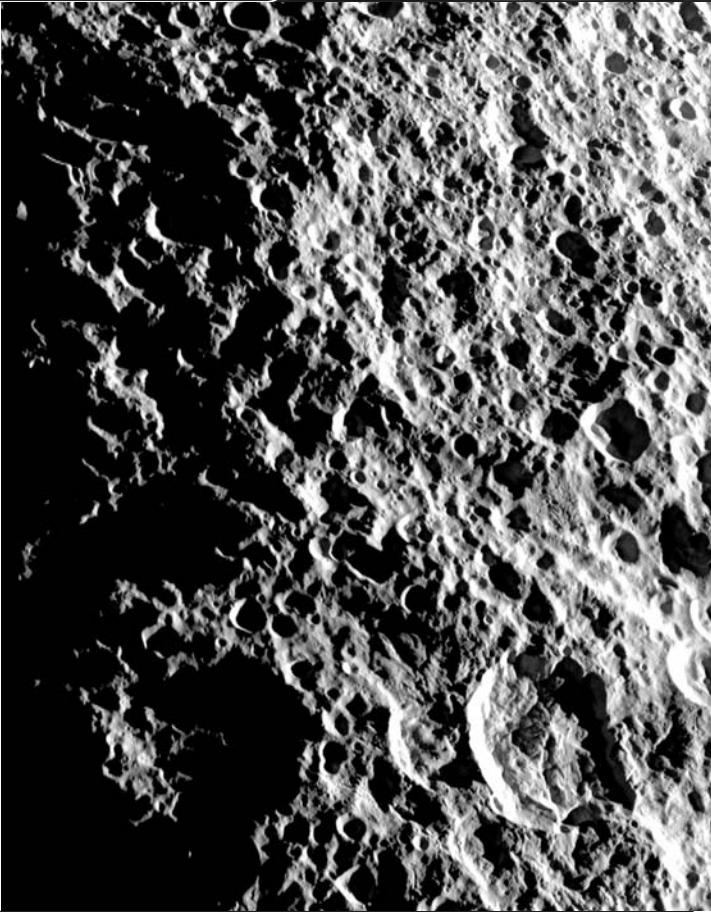
Cassini Finds Warm Cracks On Enceladus



New images and data from NASA's Cassini spacecraft give scientists a unique Saturn-lit view of active fissures through the south polar region of Saturn's moon Enceladus. They reveal a more complicated web of warm fractures than previously thought. Scientists working jointly with Cassini's composite infrared spectrometer and its high-resolution imaging camera have constructed the highest-resolution heat intensity maps yet of the hottest part of a region of long fissures spraying water vapor and icy particles from Enceladus. These fissures have been nicknamed "tiger stripes." Additional high-resolution spectrometer maps of one end of the tiger stripes Alexandria Sulcus and Cairo Sulcus reveal never-before-seen warm fractures that branch off like split ends from the main tiger- stripe trenches. They also show an intriguing warm spot isolated from other active surface fissures. "The ends of the tiger stripes may be the places where the activity is just getting started, or is winding down, so the complex patterns of heat we see there may give us clues to the life cycle of tiger stripes," said John Spencer, a Cassini team scientist based at Southwest Research Institute in Boulder, Colo. The images and maps come from the Aug. 13, 2010, Enceladus flyby, Cassini's last remote sensing flyby of the moon until 2015. The highest-resolution spectrometer scan examined the hottest part of the entire tiger-stripe system, part of the fracture called Damascus Sulcus. Scientists used the scan to measure fracture temperatures up to 190 Kelvin (minus 120 degrees Fahrenheit). This temperature appears slightly higher than previously measured temperatures at Damascus, which were around 170 Kelvin (minus 150 degrees Fahrenheit). Spencer said he isn't sure if this tiger stripe is just more active than it was the last time Cassini's spectrometer scanned it, in 2008,

or if the hottest part of the tiger stripe is so narrow that previous scans averaged its temperature out over a larger area. In any case, the new scan had such good resolution, showing details as small as 800 meters (2,600 feet), that scientists could see for the first time warm material flanking the central trench of Damascus, cooling off quickly away from the trench. The Damascus thermal scan also shows large variations in heat output within a few kilometers along the length of the fracture. This unprecedented resolution will help scientists understand how the tiger stripes deliver heat to the surface of Enceladus. Cassini acquired the thermal map of Damascus simultaneously with a visible-light image where the tiger stripe is lit by sunlight reflecting off Saturn. The visible-light and thermal data were merged to help scientists understand the relationships between physical heat processes and surface geology. "Our high-resolution images show that this section of Damascus Sulcus is among the most structurally complex and tectonically dynamic of the tiger stripes," said imaging science team associate Paul Helfenstein of Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. Some details in the appearance of the landforms, such as a peculiar pattern of curving striations along the flanks of Damascus, had not previously been noticed in ordinary sunlit images. The day after the Enceladus flyby, Cassini swooped by the icy moon Tethys, collecting images that helped fill in gaps in the Tethys global map. Cassini's new views of the heavily cratered moon will help scientists understand how tectonic forces, impact cratering, and perhaps even ancient resurfacing events have shaped the moon's appearance.

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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 were 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 applied for a position over one month ago and was very excited to finally be contacted by the company recruiter for a telephone interview. The telephone interview lasted about 25 minutes. The recruiter informed me that he had several more interviews to conduct and that he would contact me as soon as possible regarding my status. He notified me one week ago that I pasted the interview and was being invited to take the next step, which was a written assessment. He said the written assessment would take about 90 minutes. The test was to analyze my writing and communications skills, critical and problem solving abilities, and my overall knowledge about the industry and profession. I agreed and completed the written assessment in their office. Yesterday, I was contacted by the recruiter and informed that I had passed the written assessment and that the next step would be a panel interview by staff and management. Is this the normal process that employers put candidates through before hiring someone? This process is very stressful and I am not sure it is worth it. What happen to submit your resume and application, interview and get hired? Really Stressed

Dear Really Stressed:

Those days are long gone and will never return. Employers are receiving approximately 1,000 applicants for every position they announce. This abundance of job seekers is a blessing and a curse for employers. Overwhelming responses to their open positions make it very difficult for employers to search out the ideal candidate, screen, interview and hire. Therefore, they have added several components to their screening process. Some of these components are: Searching and reviewing resumes and applications, telephone and in-person interview, written assessment and personality test, aptitude test, panel interview conducted by staff and another by management, background checks, references, and some employers are asking candidates to spend a day, at no pay, with their organization. And let's not forget that salary plays an important part in the screening process. We are at the end of 2010 and the job market is not going to change that much for 2011. Next year will continue to be an employer's market. Which means that you the job seeker will have to do what ever it takes to be considered or hired for a position? I know a job seeker who has been interviewed 10 times by one employer over a three month period. The job seeker was recently told by the employer that he is one of the final three candidates for consideration. It is a very competitive in trying to find employment and a position that is the right match for you. Remember that the employer's process is to constantly screen-out applicants until they find what they believe is the best person for the position.... and that usually is the last candidate standing. Is going through all these various screening processes worth it to you? I say yes, if you want the position. So, don't ever remove yourself from of the screening process. Stay until the employer tells you that you are no longer being considered for the position. Which I hope doesn't happen.

About a month ago a serious case of malware infection managed to do what the combined diplomatic efforts of the United Nations and several advanced militaries of the world were collectively not able to do. It also managed to do what billions of dollars in sanctions and being made a pariah in the eyes of the world wasn't able to do and it managed to do what the threat of certain war could not do. It managed to shut down (or at least slow down) the Iranian Nuclear Program. No bombs were dropped and no lives were lost but the mission was accomplished. This new chapter in cyber warfare should give anyone who's thought about the implications that this will have on our modern world a real reason to pause.

The star of this particular show is the Stuxnet worm. First discovered earlier this year, this particular worm appears to have been written to target the functioning of critical industrial infrastructure (i.e., power stations, electrical grids, manufacturing machinery).

From earlier analysis this worm appears to have been written with specific industrial targets in mind. This worm contains code that spies on and re-programs industrial systems and also is the first to include a logic module that can be programmed to attack specific system models and affect the operation of crucial system functions. Despite all of the worms' technical sophistication it still needs a certain amount of human help to accomplish its goals. Target systems are usually infected via USB memory sticks and then mechanisms internal to the worm assist with navigation around the compromised network. This is really scary stuff.



In this case the target just happened to be one highly unpopular with a certain segment of the international community and the cause appears to be one that "everyone" wants done. On the surface there appear to be many reasons why what happened could be considered a good thing but if we turn this page and continue reading just a little further we eventually come to the point where we have to ask ourselves what happens if and when "we" become the unpopular target of this new type of cyber-attack. The effect of a major power outage days in length or a scrambling of our air traffic control systems have the potential to bring our way of life to a screeching halt and even if the disruption is short in duration, the loss of life or damage to critical infrastructure could have consequences that last far beyond the point of contact.

Analysts are certain that this worm was created with nation-state support and was traded on the Internet for months before the actual attack occurred that damaged the Iranian nuclear facilities. Now that the next new thing in cyber warfare has made this spectacular debut it will undoubtedly be looking to make an even bigger splash the next time around.

KATIE TseThis and That WINTER PROGRAM



Do you have children in elementary school? If so, they're probably just beginning to learn their class' songs for this year's Winter Program. It's called a "Winter" Program because that makes it Politically Correct. However, the songs rarely celebrate the season (except perhaps "Winter Wonderland" and "Baby It's Cold Outside")... so in the end usually someone is offended anyway. What do I remember about the Winter Programs of my childhood? (Back then people didn't worry as much about political correctness, and we called it something else). We typically performed only two songs, tops. In the early grades we just did one, due to our limited attention, memory, and endurance. I've heard that some schools have the children twist, spin, and skip to enliven their holiday tunes. None of my teachers incorporated dancing. (If I were bitter, I'd blame them for my current inability to dance!). Our movements were limited to small hand motions or slight swaying of the shoulders. Probably the reason for this restricted range of motion was that they packed us into three tight rows on risers. So much of the rehearsals were spent assessing our relative heights, rearranging us so that everyone's face was visible, and training us to line up in the right order. Eventually we got around to singing. One of my teacher friends works at a school that has a particularly uninhibited kindergarten teacher who attaches empty coke cans filled with pennies to her students' bottoms, in addition to jingly things on their heads, hands, and feet. The highlight of their number is when they



turn their bums toward the audience and shake their tinkling tushies. No doubt their families will have embarrassing video evidence with which to blackmail them for years to come! Winter Programs are just one of the many performances children participate in. However, there's a huge difference between Winter Programs and events like recitals. And that difference is fear. In school programs, children are mandated participants, probably just lip-syncing unconvincedly while their classmates carry on an off-tune rendition of "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree." At a piano recital, the child is there as a result of his or her own, or their parents', decision. And recitals inevitably involve solo performances, which is where fear comes in. How many parents have sat in rigid, silent panic, white knuckling it through Johnny's rendering of "The Holly and the Ivy?" Children played instrumental pieces for the Winter Programs of my childhood, too. However, they performed as a group. The problem with this was that, in the case of our lip-syncing, we had canned music to cover up our sour notes. These fledgling musicians had no such buffer. One year my mom delegated videotaping of the show to my dad, who positioned himself in the balcony with other camera-wielding fathers. The horn-players were so bad that my dad amused himself by zooming in and out in time with the music during their stumbling rendition of "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas." So, if your kid is getting ready for one of these shows, I wish them attention, memory, and endurance. And I wish you the ability to stifle laughter when necessary, and, if you do snooze, to not snore too loudly.

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



Chris Bertrand

Highland Oaks.... Enduring Value in Arcadia

The phrases that repeat and repeat and repeat on home sale brochures for the Highlands and Highland Oaks neighborhoods in northeast Arcadia revolve around a recurring theme taken from a recent brochure for a home recently listed and sold by Dilbeck Realtors:

Highly Desirable Highland Oaks!

This well built custom has been the treasured family home for nearly half a century, in a neighborhood where excellent schools, love of our San Gabriel Mountain foothills lifestyle and surroundings plus carefully maintained communities have always been top priority.

The Highlands and Highland Oaks have stood the test of over half a century, with a "perfect storm" of highly desired amenities. Indeed, several one or two owner homes come on the market each year as elderly owners reluctantly leave their homes of 50, 60 or even more years for the likes of Royal Oaks in Braddbury, sometimes assisted living or when a surviving spouse moves nearer to extended family. The neighborhood has always been manicured, with a beautiful stone sign announcing entrance to "The Highlands" on Santa Anita Avenue. The expansive, grassy Santa Anita boulevard, bordering the community on the west, is the beautiful result of the retirement of the train service that once used the wide median.

This boulevard is also one of the portals into the San Gabriel Mountains, which also provide spectacular views and a panoramic backdrop for many Highlands homes. Hiking, camping and spectacular drives are just minutes up the grade road leading into Chantry Flats trailhead and the Angeles Forest.

Grocery and sundries shopping is convenient, with Ralph's, Fresh N Easy, Walgreens, Rite Aid and CVS all less than a mile away. Mall Shopping is a hop skip and a jump to Santa Anita Mall. Bus service to the Gold line train in NE Pasadena or the Metrolink El Monte Station service is regular and convenient from the edge of the neighborhood.

The pride and joy of the neighborhood are its local public schools, Highland Oaks Elementary and Foothills Middle Schools. Highly regarded and high performing as an entire district, Highland Oaks rated a stellar 957/1000 on the Academic Performance Index in 2010, the highest in the district. The entire report can be viewed online: http://arcadia.schoolwisepress.com/reports/2010/pdf/arcadia/perf_en_19-64261-6011167e.pdf. The local 6th-8th graders at Foothills Middle School tested at a 967/1000 in the same 2010 testing period, again the highest in the district. (http://arcadia.schoolwisepress.com/reports/2010/pdf/arcadia/perf_en_19-64261-6061246m.pdf)

A new listing just came on the market, less than a block from Highland Oaks Elementary, a dream location for parents who demand an excellent education without the burden of chauffeur services. Listing agent, Susan Miali of Coldwell Banker commented, "Although Arcadia has been subjected to a market downturn in its real estate values, the impact has been minimal compared to surrounding areas. The award winning public school system, and the excellent Police and Fire Departments combined with the prime location and mountain views make it a perfect place to live."

Miali continued, "Of the 15 designated neighborhoods in Arcadia, the Highlands is one of five with Homeowners Associations (HOAs). Although the HOA membership is not mandatory to homeowners



in that neighborhood, the Highlands has over 70% voluntary participation of 854 homes. The \$25 dues help support the newsletter, printing, postage and insurance.

The Highlands Home Owners Association is not a traditional association, as there are no common areas to manage. Its main purpose is to help maintain the continuity of the neighborhood. Before a homeowner takes their plans for a remodel/new construction to be approved by the city of Arcadia, it must have the stamp of approval from at least 3 of the Architectural Review Board at the Highlands HOA. One of the directors, Jeff Bowen, told me they review about 65 homes a year."

Reflecting on the seller's purchase years back, she commented, "When I sold them this home over 10 years ago, we all recognized the value of Arcadia property. Like so many others here in the Highlands, the sellers take pride in their home and have improved it with attention to detail, great taste and quality upgrades over the years... not only to maintain and enjoy, but to increase the value."

"These homes built in the 1950's have 'great bones' and were built with high quality materials that have and will stand the test of time with regular maintenance," Miali continued. "A perfect example of a true Arcadia ranch style home, it features hardwood floors, large rooms in a traditional configuration of formal living and dining, plus a private bedroom wing. The large deep lots are always a draw in this area of Arcadia."

A huge extra that's always in high demand in our area is the separate, two room guest quarters with a 3/4 bath, perfect for extended family, older children or guests.

1642 Oakwood Drive, with 2341 square feet of living space, a pool, circular drive, remodeled kitchen and master bath and much more, was just listed at \$978,000. For more information, contact Susan Miali of Coldwell Banker, Arcadia at 626-445-5500 or view the listing on her website, www.SusanMiali.com

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Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed
by Luther Tsinoglou

Smooth Sailing

As a buyer, you want your offer to be accepted and your contract to close on schedule. However, in today's climate, you should expect some negotiation, and submit your offer with the following advice in mind.

The financing contingency in your offer will state your loan total and anticipated interest rate and approval date. Strongly consider locking in that rate with the lender, as rates are still very low, and you'll avoid any future fluctuations in the market.

Reserve funds now for your settlement costs at closing. Anticipate anywhere from 2% to 6% of the amount you're financing, plus your down payment (less any earnest money you offered as a deposit), which will be presented in the form of an official (cashier's) check.

If your down payment funds are not in an immediately liquid account, keep things on track by moving the funds into your checking

account at least a week before closing, so you're sure that you'll be able to access the money in advance of the closing date.

Finally, try to avoid a closing date at the end of the month or the end of the year, as these are the busiest times for lenders and could cause undue delay in meeting your approval deadline for financing. Speak with your agent about other factors in crafting your offer and successfully closing on schedule.

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

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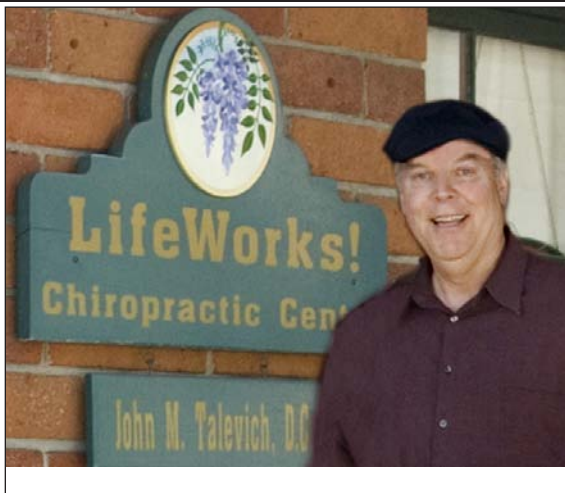
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SENIOR HAPPENINGS

YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Today's Subject: Damage Control



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.

In many of the ancient healing traditions, wintertime signals the beginning of a period of rest and inner reflection. It was recognized that, at this time of year, our sap was running low and it was time to hibernate. Unfortunately, we modern folk often find ourselves in a seasonal frenzy of holiday eating, marathon shopping and escalating social interactions. As one of my colleagues, Dr. Ian Marsh, D.O. put it, "We may find ourselves writing a check that our bodies cannot cash." Then, as if to put a fine point on it, we factor in sweeping changes for the new year. All of this may be financed by borrowing from deeper reserves and promoting long-term depletion of vital energies.

So, here are just a few suggestions to lighten the impact and start the new year with some fuel in your tank.

1. What goes in must come out. The amount of time that it takes for food to be eaten, digested and eliminated is important. Foods eaten during the holidays are often high in fat and sugar, while low in fiber. A simple fiber formula taken in the morning and evening can help immensely. Psyllium seed husks, flax seed, guar gum, and cellulose fiber are all helpful sources. These are available at health food stores.
2. We eat complex meals over the holidays which can stretch the limits of the body's digestive enzymes. A plant-based digestive enzyme capsule can be beneficial in aiding digestion. This can be found at health food stores.
3. Dairy-free probiotics can also assist in digestion. Again, check with your health food stores.
4. Orange peel extract is useful for correcting digestive upset and heartburn. This is also found in health food stores.
5. Drinking any liquids twenty minutes before and one or two hours after meals is highly recommended. By not diluting digestive juices with extra liquids during meals, complete digestion is encouraged. If you drink wine, sip it slowly.
6. Finally, less is more. Chill out this holiday season instead of burning out!

Have a happy holiday season! Dr. John

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Monday:

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

Tuesday:

2nd Tuesday of each month FREE blood pressure checks by Methodist Hospital; 11 am to 12 noon
3rd Tuesday of each month FREE financial consulting; 10 -12 noon call 355-7394 for an appointment
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm: BINGO; cards are only 25 cents each so stop by & play
5:30 pm to 7 pm: Yoga; \$7.00 - 50 & over. Please call 355-5278 for more information

Wednesday:

11 -11:45 am: Balance Class with Teryl. FREE class designed to improve balance & refresh the joints
2nd Wednesday of the month: FREE Legal Consultations: 10-11:30 am. Appointments call 355-7394
Wii Wednesday - 1:00 pm or call the senior desk at 355-7394 to arrange another time & day to learn how to play. No previous experience or skills required and it is great exercise.

Thursday:

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

Friday:

1:00 pm: Ping Pong

Saturday:

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



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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.

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NEWS FOR OLDER AMERICANS Making Medications More Accessible

(NAPSI)-There's good news for seniors about the Medicare Part D prescription drug program. It's exceeding expectations and providing tens of millions of people with unprecedented access to life-enhancing medicines. What's more, the benefit is costing taxpayers far less than originally projected.

According to a recent survey by the nonpartisan Medicare Today coalition, an overwhelming 84 percent of older Americans say they are satisfied with their individual plan and coverage. This is a nearly 10-point increase in just four years. The survey offers the latest evidence that seniors continue to see the drug program as a success.

The survey also found more than nine in 10 seniors report that their plan works well, is convenient, gives them peace of mind and makes them feel fortunate to have their coverage. In addition, more than 80 percent of seniors say their Part D premiums and co-payments are affordable, with 94 percent saying that their coverage gives them peace of mind.

Starting in January 2011, and as part of the recently enacted health care reform law, biopharmaceutical research companies will help close the coverage gap, or "doughnut hole," by providing a 50 percent discount on brand-name medicines for eligible seniors at

Recipe of the Week:

CROCK POT CHICKEN AND DUMPLINGS

INGREDIENTS:

1 potato, peeled and chopped
3 carrots, sliced
1 onion, chopped
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 cup sliced mushrooms, if desired
14 oz. can ready to serve chicken broth
1/4 cup flour
1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. dried thyme leaves
1/8 tsp. pepper
2 lbs. boneless, skinless chicken thighs or breasts, cut into 2" pieces
9 oz. pkg. frozen baby peas
1-1/2 cups Homemade Bisquick Mix
1 Tbsp. snipped chives
1/2 cup milk
2 Tbsp. butter, melted

DIRECTIONS:

In a 4 quart crockpot, mix potato, carrots, onion, garlic, and mushrooms if using. In medium bowl, combine chicken broth, flour and seasoning and mix until smooth. Pour over vegetables in crockpot. Add chicken.

Cover crockpot and cook on LOW for 6-8 hours until chicken is thoroughly cooked and no longer pink in center. Add peas and cover again. Cook on HIGH for 20 minutes until peas are hot.

In small bowl, combine baking mix with chives, milk, and melted butter and mix just until combined. Do not over mix.

If you don't have any baking mix, combine 1-1/2 cups flour, 1/2 teaspoon baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1 tablespoon snipped chives in a small bowl. Melt 6 tablespoons butter and mix with 1/2 cup milk; add to flour mixture and stir just until combined.

Drop dumplings by tablespoons onto hot, bubbling chicken mixture in crockpot. Cover and cook on HIGH for 20-25 minutes until dumplings are cooked through, fluffy, and a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Serves 4

Sierra Madre DECEMBER EXCURSION - SOLD OUT-

Friday, December 17th - Christmas Show - 10:30 am to 4 pm at the Candlelight Pavilion Theatre in Claremont.

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the time they purchase their medicines.

Looking forward, the Part D drug benefit will continue providing seniors with access to affordable prescription medicines. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, which oversees the Part D benefit, reports that the average monthly premium will increase only a dollar by the end of 2011.

Open enrollment season for Medicare health plan and prescription drug plan beneficiaries begins on November 15 and runs until December 31. The annual open enrollment period lets enrollees change their existing plan or choose a different one. Making any changes, sooner rather than later, can help ensure that the drug benefit is in place before coverage starts.

For more information on the Medicare Today coalition and its Medicare drug benefit satisfaction survey, visit: <http://medicaretoday.org/>. To learn more about the Medicare Part D Drug Benefit open enrollment, visit www.medicare.gov/.

If you are uninsured and having difficulty paying for your prescription medicines, the Partnership for Prescription Assistance may be able to help. To learn more, visit www.PPARx.org or call (888) 477-2669.

The First Tee of Pasadena Junior Golfers Sponsor Toy Drive



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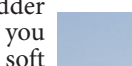
There is no way this shot should be in golf. I don't think the game was designed to play from hard pan, wet sand or no sand in the bunker. It seems no matter what you try-you blade it over the green, every time.

#2 If you use a sand wedge, DO NOT OPEN THE FACE at address. When you open the face that puts the bounce into play more.

#3 No matter which club you decide to use

Well I have a lesson today that I know is going to help you in the future. My only promise is that I can get you to get it out higher and softer than in the past. Because of the nature of the shot I will not promise that it will stop on a dime. Let's get started.

The sand wedge has a bounce on the bottom that acts like a rudder on a boat. When you make contact with soft sand, the club head **GLIDES** through the sand. When you make contact with hard sand the club head **BOUNCES** off the sand and into the back of the golf ball.



There are a couple of things we can do to eliminate this result. #1 You can start using a pitching wedge or LOB wedge. Neither one of them have a bounce as big as a sand wedge.



This ranks up there as one of the most frustrating shots in golf. You hit a perfect iron shot right at the flag, a gust of wind comes up and the ball lands five yards short of the green, right in the middle of a bunker.

Adding insult to injury - you hit your bunker shot fat and move the ball three feet. There are a couple of reasons why you leave your bunker shots in the bunker. The single most important reason why you hit your bunker shots fat is because you DON'T TURN THROUGH. The definition of turning through means that the lower half of your body has to turn out of the way as the golf club enters the sand.

Easier said than done. I don't think so. The one thing you have to continue reminding yourself is that the backswing is VERY vertical and when that club head begins it's journey in the downswing it is swinging straight into the sand. The club head is entering the sand on such a STEEP angle that you have to TURN THE LOWER HALF out of the way so the club head will come up and out of the sand at impact.

If you don't turn out of the way the club head will get stuck in the sand and the golf ball will not have any force behind and underneath at impact. That is why you leave it in the bunker. **TURN THROUGH.**



The First Tee of Pasadena junior golfers have teamed up with the Pasadena Fire Department's "Sparks of Love" toy drive and are sponsoring a holiday golf putting contest. Each participant in the putting contest is asked to bring an unwrapped toy to be donated to this year's "Sparks of Love" toy drive. All Pasadena area residents and youth are invited to join the fun on Thursday December 9th from 3:30pm to 5:00pm at Brookside Golf Club. Refreshments will be provided; wear something festive!

The First Tee of Pasadena teaches the game of golf to our area junior golfers and in the process instills Nine Core Values: Honesty; Integrity; Sportsmanship; Respect; Confidence; Responsibility; Perseverance; Courtesy; and Judgment. The acquisition of these values, central to the game of golf, teaches each participant a set of "Life Skills" which empower the participant to face challenges at school, play and home in a constructive manner. This toy drive teaches the junior golfers the benefits of giving back to our community while the putting contest helps them hone their putting skills.

More information on this event and the various youth programs sponsored by The First Tee of Pasadena can be found at www.thefirstteepasadena.org.

The City of Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department is offering a winter Junior's Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held at the Arcadia Par-3 Golf Course, 620 E. Live Oak Avenue, Arcadia, Sunday, December 19th, starting at 2:00pm. Trophies donated by Shaffer Awards will be given to winners in three separate age divisions. Register by December 17th at the Arcadia Par-3 Golf Course or by calling 626.443.9367. The cost is \$9.50 per youth 17 years of age and younger. For more information, please call 626.574.5113

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