

Sierra Madre Wine & Jazz Walk Saturday, October 8, 2011

A REALLY BIG THANK YOU!

After 34 years of dedicated service, Sierra Madre Librarian Toni Buckner retires

On Friday, September 16, a standing-room-only crowd of over 200 people gathered in the Sierra Madre Room of the Community Center to thank Toni Buckner for her 34 years of service to the Sierra Madre Library. City officials, city department heads, the library staff, the library board of trustees, board members of the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library, friends and neighbors were represented at the gathering. Guests enjoyed a lovely selection of refreshments including hors d'oeuvres, mini sandwiches, wraps, and fruit and vegetable trays provided by Bean Town as well as wine, water, and iced tea.

The formal part of the evening began when Mistress of Ceremonies, Patricia Hall, introduced the dignitaries who were there to honor Toni and wish her well. Present at the reception were former mayors Clem Bartolai, Bart Doyle, and Rob Stockly, former city treasurer Richard May, current mayor John Buchanan, and city council members Josh Moran, Nancy Walsh, and Mary Ann MacGillivray. Following a speech by city manager, Elaine Aguilar, Toni received a standing ovation when Mayor Buchanan presented her with a tile containing the Sierra Madre city emblem, her name, and the dates of her years of service and read a proclamation from the city that listed all of her accomplishments during those 34 years.



Library Board of Trustees president, Catherine Adde praised Toni's ability to deal with all types of people and to select staff members each of whom brings a unique set of skills to the library. Friends of the Sierra Madre Library president, Darlene Traxler, thanked Toni for her help during the design and planting of the Library gardens and for all the support she has given the Friends over the years. Polly Bonnett called all the library staff to join her as they wished Toni well.

Each staff member presented her with a gift representing a contribution Toni has made to the library and to the city. (cont. on page 3)

PRELIMINARY PLANS INSPIRE CALLS FOR PUBLIC VOTE

Before the ink has dried on preliminary plans for an Assisted Living facility on W. Sierra Madre Blvd., residents are asking that the project be subject to approval via a citywide vote. And, although the matter was not on the council agenda several people addressed the council during community communications on the matter.

The primary concern, expressed initially by David Hinton, is that the project exceeds the density limits for the downtown area and therefore must be approved via a vote of the people as mandated in Measure V.

Measure V, passed in 2008 does state that any building that exceeds 3 stories, 30 feet in height and/or 13 units per acre must be approved via a city wide vote. However, according to the developer of the project, Fountain Square and its representative, Billy Shields, *The Kensington* (the name of the proposed facility), does not exceed those requirements.

The issue boils down to the definition of a 'dwelling unit'.

As proposed, the facility will accommodate, "75 single or spouse/sibling/friend-shared suites with a private bath and communal meals, social programs and transportation assistance." (Mountain Views News Sept. 17, 2011)

Shields believes that because the 'suites' do not constitute individual dwelling units and therefore do meet the requirements.

Those calling for a vote did not oppose the project, but wanted ratification by a public vote as called for in Measure V. S. Henderson/MVNews

NEW SIERRA MADRE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, ESTHER SALINAS *A Look Back and a Look Forward*

Story and Photos by Chris Bertrand

With the first month of school under her belt, Esther Salinas, the new principal at Sierra Madre Elementary School (SME) sat down with the Mountain Views News for an in depth interview. Reporter, Chris Bertrand was joined by Fred Thomas, an SME parent and representative from one of the school's many active, parent-facilitated organizations. In an informal poll of SME parents, reaction has been very positive and favorable to Salinas' selection to fill the shoes of Principal Gayle Bluemel, who just retired.



SMES Principal Esther Salinas

Wealth of Experience

Said Thomas of the selection experience, "When I had a chance to share my thoughts about who should be chosen for our new principal, I said (to the selection committee), 'When you've found the best of the applicants, go one step even higher. That's what we want at Sierra Madre.' And that's what we got. She's exactly what we needed. It's allowing the great machine, the momentum that we built here to continue. At the same time, she brings a wealth of experience and knows how to listen."

That 'wealth of experience' Thomas spoke of is broad. After a Bachelor of Science, she was a researcher in a civil engineering firm for almost a decade, calculating boundaries drafting parcel and tract maps, and working through the entitlement process with municipalities on the firm's projects.

With a lifelong love of learning, she decided to go back to school for a teaching credential, falling in love with the profession of teaching and her students in the process. Salinas followed up with a Master's degree in educational technology, both from Azusa Pacific University.

She taught kindergarten through third grade, including a student teaching stint in a multi-age classroom, which came into use later as an administrator of a school with both traditional and multi-age open classrooms.

From teaching in the classroom and serving as a curriculum specialist and interim positions as principal at two schools in La Canada, Salinas moved to an administrative position at a Title One school in Thousand Oaks, part of a team that made it a high achieving school within that designation, then on to Burbank Unified, as an opportunity to work closer to home. In Burbank, she served as a principal as well as director of human resources, a position that was eliminated due to budget cuts.

"When I read about the Sierra Madre position," reflected Salinas, "I saw an opportunity to match my skills with the mission of the school. It seemed a natural fit to come and be involved in a school with such a passion for academic achievement and arts and music."

Changes in Process to Separate Elementary and Middle School

Regarding her job description and the school's designation in the district, both are in the process of a change over the next two years. The school has been listed as a pre-K through 8th grade school with two campuses about a half mile apart within Sierra Madre. In the past, Salinas' position has overseen both campuses. Recently, Garrett Newsom, formerly assistant principal in charge of the "upper" middle school campus, was named as Planning Principal for what will become a separate middle school entity after the construction of the new school building is completed about two years from now. Newsom is planning and overseeing the development of the middle school as if it were a new school.

Though the two schools still technically share a name, their top academic

achievement spot in the PUSD, with 908 API test scores for 2011 (Currently, the API scores measuring student performance and other student data are compiled into one), some faculty meetings, their Spotlight Assemblies highlighting musical and artistic performances by a particular grade level plus other collaborations, Salinas' focus is on the "lower" campus of 716 students, which includes four classes at every grade level from k-5.

A Neighborhood School in a Tight Knit Community

"SME is an amazing place in so many ways, with such a rich tradition of pursuing excellence, and a commitment to positive relationships with parents and the community," said Salinas. "It has the benefit of being the only neighborhood school woven into the fabric of (a tight knit) community."

Salinas and former principal Bluemel had several opportunities to meet before she took over the reins at SME, to effect as smooth a transition as possible. "The more time we spent together, the more we saw a like mindedness. I've kept a poster she had on the wall behind the desk, quoting Sir Isaac Newton. It reads, 'If I have seen further than others, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.'"

"It's important to honor and appreciate the generations of teachers, students and parents that came before. It's never just one person. It's easy to embrace what's wonderful here, the legacy, the history and the great team we have in place. We also have to continue to move forward."

Parental Concerns about School Construction

Regarding concerns raised by parents since she started, the biggest one is the transition and construction at both campuses. (continued on page 3)

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CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings listed below are held at
City Hall 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
626-355-7135

City Hall Hours:

Monday - Thursday	7:30 am to 5:30 pm
Fridays	8:00 am to 5:00 pm

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.

Sierra Madre's
Farmer's Market Is Back!

The Sierra Madre Farmer's Market new location is in Downtown Sierra Madre on Hermosa Avenue, south of Sierra Madre Boulevard to Mariposa Avenue. The hours will be from 3:00-8:00 p.m. during the summer with the exception of major holidays. During the winter/Pacific Standard time the market could possibly end at 7:00 p.m.



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Tuesday, October 4, 2011
Noon

The Lodge (formerly the Masonic Temple)
33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
Luncheon: \$10
Program: Free
Call 626-355-0728 to RSVP

SEPTEMBER IS BARGAIN BOOK TABLE MONTH!

You can never have enough books, but sometimes not enough room to store them! The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library have an overstock of volumes that they will be selling during another Bargain Book Table Sale at the Library, Monday, September 19, through Saturday, September 24, during the Library's open hours. The featured topics will include Mysteries and Thrillers, Art and Artists, Crafts and Quilting, Coffee Table, Young Adult and Children's Books. Books are replenished daily, and are only \$1.00 each.

The Friends welcome book and DVD donations in good condition. Magazines may be placed on the "Free Bench" at the back of the Library, or, if the issues have been published within the last 6 months, they can be brought to the Service Desk for the Library's magazine takeaway section. For more information, please call the number below.

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



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Saturday, October 15, 2011

OKTOBERFEST

GOLF AND TENNIS TOURNAMENT

benefiting Sierra Madre Youth Programs

Tennis Tournament: All ages and skill levels are welcome to play! Tennis will be played as a round robin doubles tournament with rotating partners in co-ed divisions at the Arcadia-Orange Grove courts. Participants start out the tournament by trying their luck in a serving contest (prizes for winners). The tournament first, second, and third place winners each receive a trophy and the first place winner will have their name engraved on the Oktoberfest Tennis Tournament perpetual trophy.

Golf Tournament: Played on a nine-hole course as a foursome, best-ball format at Eaton Canyon (tee times assigned). All skill levels welcome and the best-ball format is perfect for beginners! Golfers can sign up as a team or individual and the top team receives individual trophies and immortality on the Oktoberfest Golf Tournament perpetual trophy. Want some additional fun! Take a chance in our Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive, and Putting contests. For those concerned with their swing, Mulligans are available to ensure a better score.

Lunch Reception: Following the tournaments join us at the Community Recreation Center located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. for an Oktoberfest-style lunch, including beer, brats, and German chocolate cake. During this time bid on various silent auction packages, purchase tickets for the raffle, and watch the awards ceremony.

Register online at www.cityofsierramadre.com/online registration or in person at the Community Recreation Center no later than Friday, September 30, 2011.

Tennis start time 8:00 am
Location: Arcadia-Orange Grove Tennis Courts
Cost: \$50 (including lunch)

Golf start time 8:00 am
Location: Eaton Canyon Golf Course
Cost: \$70 individual (includes lunch)
Team Reg: \$250 (for 4 includes lunch)

Lunch Reception 12:00 pm **Location: Community Recreation Center** **Cost: \$25**

Tax-deductible opportunities may exist with this event! Please contact Kyle Schnurr at kschnurr@cityofsierramadre.com if you would like to contribute.

FOR MORE INFO
CALL 626-355-5278



What's the Name of the Game?

Saturday, October 22nd, 2011

Doors open at 6:30 - Bingo starts at 7:30



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The Way We Were: An Historic Adventure with Costumes

Join us for a Victorian Tea • Saturday, October 15, 2011



Get gussied up and come to the **Fabulous Fall Fashion Show and Tea** sponsored by the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society!

On Saturday, October 15, 2011, costume designer Shon Le Blanc of Valentino's Costumes will present textiles, clothing and accessories Sierra Madre style. Having furnished costumes for many plays, movies and television shows, as well as the Sierra Madre Rose Float in 2008, Le Blanc will narrate the show.

Based on the photographs from our award-winning book, *Southern California: Seeking the Better Life in Sierra Madre*, this historical fashion revue will reveal how Sierra Madreans dressed through the ages. Tableaus of models will be accompanied by a slide show of historic images taken from the book and the archival files.

To complement this unique show, the Society will serve a sumptuous tea consisting of finger sandwiches, hearty appetizers, scones, including a special orange marmalade cake as one of the desserts.

The event is in celebration of the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society's 80th Anniversary. Founded in 1931, the Society continues to participate in community activities, promoting and preserving the history of Sierra Madre, including the stewardship of the Sierra Madre Historical Archives and the City's two museums: Lizzie's Trail Inn and the Richardson House. The program will be held in Sierra Madre Methodist Church, Hartzell Hall: 695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. at 2:00 p.m. The parking entrance is located off N. Michillinda Avenue. Tickets are \$40 and are tax deductible. All proceeds support the work of the Society.

Tickets are \$40 and are available at Arnold's Hardware, Savor the Flavor, Sierra Madre Library, Mary's Market and Prudential Realty

For more information call 626.355.1389 or visit www.smhps.org



Sierra Madre Methodist Church, Hartzell Hall, 695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre

Presented by Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society 501(c) (3)

BUCKNER (from pg. 1) The emotional high point of the evening was a speech given by staff member Stephanie Vitale. In her speech Vitale described Toni as a mentor who truly cared about each staff member as a person, who held to the philosophy that "people come first", who was intuitively skilled at selecting a team of diverse and exceptionally talented individuals who are able to work together in easy harmony, and whose strength was drawn from her goodly character, exhibited through a true and quiet humility, with fairness to all and preju-

dice toward none, and with unshakable integrity and sincere, consistent outgoing concern. City department heads, Elaine Aguilar, Marilyn Diaz, Elisa Weaver, Bruce Inman, Steve Heydorff, Karin Schnaider, and Danny Castro, presented Toni with a book bag containing a book with inscriptions from each of them. Toni received a second standing ovation when she thanked the staff, the Trustees, the Friends, the Community, and her family for all the support she's received over the years.

During the open microphone

period, Toni was praised and thanked by Cathy Ryne, the former children's librarian for over 20 years, the members of the City Council who were present, friends, and neighbors. In honor of Toni, Gurdon Miller from the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society gave a proclamation and a donation of \$1,000 for use in the renovation of the Children's Room of the library.

Following the speeches and presentations, guests enjoyed a chocolate raspberry cake and coffee, a lovely ending to a memorable evening.

SALINAS (from pg. 1)

This campus is preparing for construction of a six classroom wing in the parking lot area. It will house 4th and 5th graders plus a classroom and play area for pre-Kindergarten. The portable buildings have been removed," in anticipation of the construction, she said. Salinas says she will work with the district on this, aiding in the communication both directions.

Another community member asked about her long term plans, given her experience at three different school districts. In response, Salinas smiled, saying, "I am very content to serve here at SME, and very happy to be part of the Sierra Madre family. I have no plans to be anywhere else but here."

Dreams for the Future

Her dreams for Sierra Madre? "With the speed of change and innovations in technology, with globalization and distance learning accessed from your living room, my passion would be to ensure that our students are adequately prepared to compete and find success in that environment. We can't lose sight that the world is so small... that our competitors aren't just next door, they're

from China, India and Pakistan and around the world."

Thomas chimed in on the same wavelength. "As good as the school is and has been, we can be better. We need to make sure all the students have the opportunity to do their best work possible while they are here."

"What makes our school different," Thomas said, "is the thousands of hours and dollars our various organizations put into it, the PTA, of course, the School Site Council, the Annual Fund, the English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC), as well as our African American Parents Council. If we talk about what distinguishes SM, it's the *glue* that all the parent groups bring. Until my children started here, I didn't realize the enormity of the thousands of volunteer hours that really creates our competitive advantage here."

To which Salinas filled in, "The extra dollars (from fundraising and donations) make a huge difference, too, bringing extra pieces of curriculum, arts, music and field trips. Line by line item, it adds up to more than \$100,000" the school otherwise wouldn't have to

work with, especially with budget cuts.

Summarizing, Salinas reflected, "I have already tasted a bit of the amazing partnership that the Sierra Madre community offers. I think of it as a powerful thing, as a synergy of the tremendous effort put forth by families, teaching staff and, of course, the kids. I sense the honest effort to make improvements, still loving our school, but constantly pursuing that next level of excellence."

FALL DINNER DANCE

Join the fun at the Fall Dinner Dance benefiting Sierra Madre School's Annual Fund, Saturday, October 15th from 6:00 to 10 p.m. at the exclusive private club **Area 51** in Monrovia.

Enjoy a delicious Italian dinner and dance the night away with local DJ Denny Barry. Tickets are \$50 per person. No host bar. Adults only please.

The Annual Fund helps support Sierra Madre School. The Annual Fund provides financial support to a variety of school programs including visual and performing arts programs, science programs, librarians and health aides. For more information on the dance or to purchase your tickets, please contact Lisa Brault at ljbauaction@yahoo.com.

Another Downtown Sierra Madre Boulevard Building for Sale

280 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard, a commercial building with 2052 square feet, has been listed for sale at \$640,000, per the www.loopnet.com website. Both storefronts within the building are currently occupied on a month to month basis. For several years, it was the home of Mail Boxes and

Postal a popular retailer, service provider in town.

When asked about the property, listing agent, Stephen Queale of Stephen and Associates expressed frustration that two interested parties, including a chiropractor, have been daunted by the cumbersome city process and did not purchase the property.

In a follow-up call to Elaine Aguilar, City Manager, she said, "Our processes aren't any more cumbersome than any other city. Every city has zoning requirements. If a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) is required, for in-

stance for a chiropractor, the process is not cumbersome and would be processed rather quickly. It's not that complicated." Aguilar then looked into requirements for a chiropractic practice, responding later, "The only processing is some paperwork, as medical requires a CUP. Chiropractic is not a difficult to process as it doesn't involve alcohol or live music. It's really just a meeting before the planning commission."

Queale can be reached at 714-964-9282. Interested parties can also contact the City Planning offices or the City Manager at 626-355-7135.

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, September 18th, to Saturday September 24th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 265 calls for service. See crimereports.com for updated information.

Sunday, September 18th:

11:45 PM- Danger to Self/Others/Gravely Disabled, 400 blk. E. Grandview Ave. This case involves a man being placed on a 72-hour hold for a psychiatric evaluation.

Monday, September 19th:

11:48 AM- Use Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc. This case involves an unknown suspect(s) that used the victim's Social Security number for employment.

Tuesday, September 20th:

5:17 PM- Residential Burglary, 400 blk. N. Canon Dr. Unknown suspect(s) entered a residence through a locked rear door by force. The loss included a black 15' Apple Mac Laptop, a silver 14' Apple Mac Pro Laptop, a red Nintendo DS, an Apple iPad, a Sony PlayStation 3 video game, a plastic bottle of Vodka and \$500.00. The loss was valued at \$5298.00.

6:47 PM- Willful Disobedience of Court Order, 100 blk. Grove St. This case involves a man violating a restraining order while incarcerated at the Men's Central Jail facility.

Thursday, September 22nd:

2:28 AM- Disorderly Conduct/Drunk in Public, Sierra Madre Blvd and Sierra Place. An officer stopped a 28-year old Monrovia resident for a Vehicle Code violation and determined that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested and transported to Pasadena Police Department for booking.

7:16 AM- Auto Burglary, 700 blk. W. Sierra Madre Blvd. A suspect broke a window of a parked car and took a Pen Folds day planner.

7:16 AM- Tampering/Injuring Vehicle or Contents, 700 blk. W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Unknown suspect(s) smashed a passenger's side window and fled the location. There was no loss.

2:50 PM- Grand Theft Exceeding \$950.00, 200 blk. Mariposa Ave. This case involves 4 chain saws stolen from a Sierra Madre City Public Works truck while it was parked near Memorial Park during daylight hours.

3:06 PM- Unlicensed Driver, Sierra Madre Blvd and Mountain Trail. An officer stopped a 50-year old Pasadena resident for a Vehicle Code violation. Further investigation revealed that the driver was under possession of marijuana. The man was cited and released on the field.

4:56 PM- DUI Alcohol/Drugs, 100 blk. Esperanza Ave. An officer stopped a 29-year old Sierra Madre motorist for a Vehicle Code violation. Further investigation revealed that the driver was under the influence of alcohol, had a suspended driver's license and was in possession of another person's medication. The driver was arrested and transported to Pasadena Police Department for booking.

10:50 PM- DUI Alcohol/Drugs, Santa Anita Ave and Arno Drive. An officer detained a 21-year old woman from Whittier, who was urinating in public. The woman was under the influence of alcohol and had driven her car to the location. The officer arrested the woman and transported to Pasadena Police Department for booking.

Friday, September 23RD:

2:28 PM- Residential Burglary, 100 blk. W. Grandview. Suspect(s) entered a home through an unlocked rear door. The loss was a Canon Sure-Shot digital camera, a small remote control for a MAC computer, and two jars of silver coins.

Saturday, September 24TH:

1:39 AM- Attempted Residential Burglary, 689 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. This case involves the victim's former boyfriend trying to pry her garage door open. The suspect left the location when the neighbor called to him. There was no loss.

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Edison Gives Update on Nursery

By Dean Lee

Representatives from Southern California Edison took questions Thursday about the now abandoned Persson's nursery during a District 4 meeting held by Councilmember Gene Masuda.

William Farley Manager of Real Properties for Edison said that because the owners filed bankruptcy, and because Edison is listed as a creditor, now "party" to the bankruptcy, he was limited on what he could say.

"We're trying to assess what we can do," he said. "Our legal group is determining what we can do next. He also said the plants are part of the assets and had no idea why they were left to die. He said they would need to gain access to the property before any cleanup could begin.

Marissa Castro-Salvati, a spokesperson for Edison, said that cleanup could only begin sooner if the property became a threat or danger such as fire. City Manager Michael Beck said last month that if there were city code violations they could take action. Interim Fire Chief Calvin Wells said the area needed to be assessed for fire danger, "we would have to go out and look at it," he said.

Persson's property is only a small part of the three mile Edison corridor in Pasadena Marissa Castro-Salvati said.

Residents brought up ideas for the area such as community gardens, new soccer fields, walking trails and other green uses something Farley said were all in line with Edison's "Passive Use Policies," for the right-a-way.

One resident asked they make a commitment to looking at community gardens, "I think that's a great idea how about you and the city come back with a plan it two weeks," he said. "That's what this meeting about action, right?"

Bert Tibbet, President of Magic Growers said he was approached by the city to create, what he called a "horticulture jewel," along the right-a-way where the Persson's property is now.

"Pasadena is looking for its own horticulture attraction where people will talk about as a destination point in lieu of the Arboretum, Descanso gardens or the Huntington," he said.

Pet of the Week



Meet Plato. He is a very sweet, friendly and well-behaved 5-year-old Bichon Frise mix. He is playful, loving and great with other dogs. He loves attention and loves to go out for a car ride too!

Plato's adoption fee is \$120. His fee includes spay/neuter surgery, a microchip, the first set of vaccinations, and a free follow-up health check at a participating vet.

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A295482, or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday -Friday, 9-4 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets can be found at www.pasadenahumane.org.

Wagging for a Good Cause

The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA kicked off the 13th annual Wiggle Waggle Walk Sunday. The event is their largest yearly fundraiser for the animals.

Event Coordinator, Nicole Ring, said the walk raised nearly \$300,000, which will provide food, shelter and medical care to homeless animals, nearly 12,000 of which are taken in by the humane society every year.

Approximately 2,000 people and their canine companions joined forces in Brookside Park at the Rose Bowl to celebrate the human/animal bond. Walkers and their dogs chose either a one-mile or three-mile route around the outside of the stadium. Following they enjoyed a Fair & Pet Expo which included agility shows, contests and demonstrations by Pasadena and Glendale K-9 units. Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard kicked off the event with



Pasadena Humane Society President, Steve McNall.

This year's top sponsors included Wells Fargo, VCA Animal Hospitals, Three Dog Bakery, Tetsu and Kathy Tanimoto and Unified Grocers Ring said.

The Pasadena Humane Society is an open door shelter that accepts and cares

for every animal that comes to it from its service area—an average of 30 each day. It does not turn away any animal for any reason.

The shelter serves seven cities—Arcadia, Glendale, La Cañada Flintridge, Pasadena, San Marino, Sierra Madre and South Pasadena

Woman Found Dead in Apartment Fire

The body of a woman was found by firefighters early Friday morning during an apartment blaze in the 100 block of south Meredith Avenue.

Fire officials said they responded to a 911 call at 5:56 a.m. The fire was contained to a single unit of the eight unit apartment complex. During the course of the primary search of the

unit a deceased female adult was found in the apartment.

Officials said the identity of the victim is being withheld until notification of next of kin. Fire investigators and Pasadena Police are collaborating in the investigation to determine the cause of the fire.

Traffic in the area was temporarily diverted.

At press time no other information was given

Caltech Chemist Honored With National Medal of Science

Jacqueline Barton, the Arthur and Marian Hanisch Memorial Professor of Chemistry and chair of the Division of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering at Caltech—a leader in studies of the chemistry of DNA—has been named one of seven recipients of the 2011 National Medal of Science, the highest honor bestowed by the United States government on scientists.

Barton was cited by the White House for her "discovery of a new property of the DNA helix, long-range electron transfer, and for showing that electron transfer depends upon stacking of the base pairs and DNA dynamics. Her experiments reveal a strategy for how DNA repair proteins locate DNA lesions and demonstrate a biological role for DNA-mediated charge transfer."

"Each of these extraordinary scientists, engineers, and inventors is guided by a passion for innovation, a fearlessness even as they explore the very frontiers of human knowledge, and a desire to make the world a better place," said President Barack Obama when



announcing the awards. "Their ingenuity inspires us all to reach higher and try harder, no matter how difficult the challenges we face."

Nominees are selected by a committee of Presidential appointees based on their extraordinary knowledge in and contributions to chemistry, engineering, computing, mathematics, and the biological, behavioral/social, and physical sciences.

Barton and her fellow medal recipients will receive their awards from the President at a White House ceremony later this year.

A Noise Within To Hold Community Open House

A Noise Within (ANW), the acclaimed classical repertory theatre company, rolls out the red carpet for the community at large when it hosts a free interactive Open House to introduce the general public to its unique artistry and dazzling permanent new home, a 33,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art venue in Pasadena, on Sunday, October 23, 2011, 1 to 4 p.m.

"This is the first public event of any kind in our new home," say ANW Founders/Artistic Directors Julia Rodriguez-Elliott and Geoff Elliott. "We have had amazing support from the community for A Noise Within's new theatre, and we're delighted to open our doors so our friends and neighbors from across the Southland can see this incredible new home for the classics and learn more

about our work."

The Open House, which helps kick off A Noise Within's milestone 2011-12 Season and 20th Anniversary, features tours of the facility, readings and presentations by the company's resident artists spotlighting the classical masterworks being performed during the season, activities for youngsters and much more. The event reflects ANW's commitment to bringing the classics to the broadest possible audience and to expanding the deep community roots sown during its 19 years in Glendale.

The venue is located in the former Stuart Pharmaceutical building, 3352 East Foothill Blvd. The Open House is free, but reservations are required and may be made by calling (626) 356-3127.

Antonovich Extends Reward for Hit-and-Run

County Supervisor Michael Antonovich announced that the Board of Supervisors extended his motion to offer a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a hit-and-run driver who struck and killed 49-year-old Joo Lee.

On January 1, 2010 at approximately 7:14 p.m. near the 3000 block of Montrose Avenue in Glendale, the vehicle, described only as a possible SUV, struck the pedestrian, throwing him approximately 70 feet and fled westbound on Montrose Avenue. Lee was transported to the Huntington Memorial Hospital where he died the following morning.

Antonovich encourages anyone with information to contact Glendale Police Investigator Sgt. Dennis Smith at (818) 548-3131 or (818) 548-4840 (after hours).

Robinson Park Center Offers Fun Classes This Fall

Robinson Park Center is the place to be this fall, with a variety of classes for children, teens and adults meant to both enrich and entertain.

Little ones can build strength, coordination, flexibility and rhythm through Wednesday-afternoon gymnastics classes at the City of Pasadena facility located at 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave. Starting Oct. 5, kids ages three to five meet from 4:30 to 5 p.m., and kids ages six and up meet from 5 to 5:30 pm. The \$2 fee includes registration and insurance.

Budding musicians ages eight to 17 can learn to play guitar for free, courtesy of Guitars Not Guns, on Saturdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m., starting Oct. 8. Space is limited.

Adults can start their day feeling like heroes with the new Super Natural Fitness program weekdays from 9:15 to 10 a.m., starting Oct. 3. The eight-week program includes cardiovascular, flexibility, strength and nutrition training for just \$60.

You can register in person at Robinson Park Center, 1081 N. Fair Oaks. Classes are organized by the city's Human Services and Recreation Department. For details call 626-744-7501.

City Reveals New Public Works Director



manager in Riverside. Foster went on to head the city's public works department.

Beck said a nationwide search was done for the position with over 100 applicants applying. He said six finalists, including Foster, were screened by two panels.

"Those screening panelists consisted of public works directors from other jurisdictions, department heads from the city, employees from the public works department and community representatives," he said further explaining that the candidates were then ranked. After narrowing the pool down to three, in order of rank and a site visit to Riverside, Foster was chosen.

The Pasadena Department of Public Works has more than 300 full-time employees and a current operating budget of \$51.5 million. The core services provided by Public Works are divided into six key areas that include the following divisions: Finance and Management Services; Engineering; Construction; Street Maintenance and Integrated Waste Management; Parks and Natural Resources; and Building Systems and Fleet Management. Foster's salary was not specified.

Beck said both the open Human Relations Director and new head of Information Technology were next to be filled, "we expect to start the process by the first of the year," he said.

Photo Story By Dean Lee

Two Charged in Murder of King King

Pasadena Police filed charges last week against two suspects for the murder of King King a 43 year old Pasadena resident. King was found Sept. 21 dead behind the businesses in the 900 block of E. Washington Blvd. Later this same day four individuals were detained and arrested for suspicion of murder.

Upon further investigation it was determined that the murder occurred in conjunction with the robbery of Mr. King. Today the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office filed Murder with special

circumstances in the commission of Robbery against, Devon Westley Moore a 22 year old Los Angeles Resident and Sabrina King (No relation to the victim) an 18 year old Compton resident. Both are being held without bail. The District Attorney's Office rejected the charges against the other individuals and they have been released. Police now say bloody shoe prints led them to the suspects.

Moore and King are scheduled to be arraigned on Oct. 7 in the Pasadena Superior Court.

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

Pasadena Public Library Conducting Online Survey

From September 28 to October 19, 2011 the Pasadena Public Library will be conducting an online survey (pasadenapubliclibrary.net/impact) to find out how our customers use the library's computers and Internet connection and how this service has made a difference in their lives. This information will help the library improve its technology services and communicate the value of providing free access to computers and the Internet within the community. The IMPACT Survey is anonymous, available in English and Spanish, and takes 10 to 15 minutes to complete.

The survey is an extension of the U.S. IMPACT Study. Conducted in 2009, the U.S. IMPACT Study was the first large-scale investigation of the ways library customers use computers and the Internet at public libraries, why they use it, and how it affects their lives. The study was instrumental in providing evidence that

access to the Internet at U.S. public libraries has a profound and measurable impact on individuals and communities. The study findings reported in first report, Opportunity for All: How the American Public Benefits from Internet Access at U.S. Libraries has helped public libraries throughout the United States improve public access services and advocate for better support of public access computing. The study's second report, Opportunity for All: How Library Policies and Practices Impact Public Internet Access was released in June of 2011.

The IMPACT Survey is coordinated by the University of Washington with generous support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. For more information about the IMPACT Survey, visit <http://impactsurvey.org>.

You can support the library by accessing the web survey from our website pasadenapubliclibrary.net/impact

"What's Going On?"

News and Views from Joan Schmidt



MONROVIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM, HERE WE COME!

Back in June, 1987, we moved to Monrovia, and the City was celebrating its Centennial. I wondered if the city was named after our 5th President, James Monroe. No, I was told.

Monrovia is named after William Newton Monroe, a pioneer railroad builder.

William Newton Monroe (1841-1935) was born in Lexington, Indiana. During his lifetime, he married Mary Jane Hill (1845-1932), and their children included Milton (1822-1899-very tragic death as a result of a train crash near Pomona-he was the brakeman and the train went off the track.), George (1868-1951), Myrtle (1873-1960) and Maybelle (1883-1963). (All are interred at Live Oak Cemetery, here in Monrovia.)

Monroe lived quite an interesting life- he served with the 1st Iowa Calvary during the Civil War. Afterwards, he became a contractor and railroad builder for Union Pacific lines west of Omaha. In 1884, the Monroes came to California. For twelve years he was superintendent of Construction for the Southern Pacific Railroad and apparently was quite successful. In 1886, he purchased 240 acres of pristine land from Lucky Baldwin for \$30,000. Monroe's ranch lay along Foothill Boulevard. Travelers seeking directions were told, "You go VIA the Monroe Ranch." That is why, when Monroe and others laid out the town, they put "VIA" after "Monroe", hence we have "MONROVIA".

Mr. Monroe really traveled in his work! At the turn of the Century, he was down in Mexico and spent four years there building railroads! In 1907, he traveled way up north to the Klondike gold fields! He built the first Alaskan railroad, a line from Nome to Anvil Creek. After this project, he retired and came home to live with his family.

The Museum has many sights to see and things to enjoy. It has been renovated since my last visit over ten years ago. One enters the Museum into a large foyer/main room which is quite lovely. You sign in and can view various displays. Then, there are two LARGE areas- on either side.

My son and I walked to the left. It had



several little areas depicting rooms in the "Old Days"-such as a kitchen, hospital room, parlor, bedroom, and school room. We continued and proceeded to the "Police Room" and what an experience. There were pictures of ALL the police chiefs and various personnel ones. Mannequins wore uniforms from different time periods, there was a video to watch and even a Police motorcycle and bicycle on display!

If one had proceeded to the right from the main room, there also was much to see and enjoy. Glass display cases with dolls and artifacts from Native Americans are among the many sights. In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, collages/displays of many prominent Hispanic businessmen and their families are set up.

The best comes last! The "Telephone Room" is awesome. On the wall are MANY phones. Children are permitted to "touch" them. There also are two telephone switchboards!

Adjoining the Museum is a beautiful park with playground equipment and picnic tables. Bring the family and make a day of it!

MONROVIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM
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PET OF THE WEEK: Chester: Animal ID #A4334128

Meet the stunningly handsome Chester (A4334128)! He is a loving four-year-old male brown and tan German Shepherd mix who came to the Baldwin Park shelter as a stray from Pasadena on September 2. Weighing sixty-nine pounds, this boy is treat-motivated and should be quite easy to train. He does well with other dogs after a proper introduction. Chester exudes good energy and would make an excellent running buddy, but would also be content lounging around and being a total love bug. Chester will be a wonderful new family member for an active individual or family in a private home with a yard. To watch a video of a volunteer interacting with Chester, please visit: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qYyNqehKmE>

To meet Chester in person, please see him at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378). He is currently available now and his adoption fee is \$80. For any inquiries about Chester, please reference his animal ID number: A4334128. The shelter is open seven days a week, 12 pm-7 pm Monday-Thursday and 10am-5pm

Friday-Sunday. This is a high-intake shelter with a great need for adoptions. For more information about Chester or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at samanthasayon@gmail.com or 661-309-2674. To learn more about United Hope for Animals' partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter through its Shelter Support Program, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.



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by Christopher Nyerges

RICHARD TOYON: Ethnobotanist and Boy Scout leader Teaches how the People lived in the Old Days

[Nyerges is the author of "How to Survive Anywhere" and other books. His weekly podcast can be heard at Preparedness Radio Network. He can be reached at Box 41834, Eagle Rock, CA 90041, or www.ChristopherNyerges.com]

Richard Toyon is a 14th generation Californian, according to the official records of the Mission San Juan Capistrano. He is descended from the Parra clan of the Acjachemem nation (pronounced "A-HA-Sha-mem), formerly known as the Mission Band of the Juaneno Indians. His family originates in what is now the city of San Juan Capistrano. He is a descendant of Alejo Parra, and the area was once called Rancho de los Toyones. Richard Toyon's grandfather's name was Ortiz de los Toyones, and after him the family name was shortened to just "Toyon."

Toyon lives in La Crescenta and is active in Boy Scouts, local politics, and in representing the Tongva Tribe for various environmental and public issues.

Of course, when we first spoke, I could not wait to ask him about the native toyon tree, the tree from which his family name comes. Though there are probably a dozen common ways of preparing the fruit – ground into meal, made into a drink, made into a dessert – Toyon says that at Acjachemem get-togethers today, the fruit is cooked in a wok, fried and lightly seasoned, and served 50/50 with rice.

He has also seen the toyon berries mashed up and served on top of potatoes, with butter.

"When I give my walks and lectures a few times a year, I talk about the native uses of plants," he explains. "The ethnobotanical uses of plants, not necessarily just the food uses."

Toyon, who works in the film industry as a production designer, then went on to tell me about the first real estate venture just south of Griffith Park. "These guys looked up in the hills and they saw all the toyon trees with their brilliant red fruit, and they called the place 'Hollywood Land.' They should have called it 'Toyonwood,'" he laughs.

The toyon tree produces its fruit in the winter, which made it a bit unique among the native plants, most of which produced their fruit in summer and fall. "And the toyon fruit played a significant role in the Acjachemem diet."

"I also take dried toyon berries on my Scout trips and sometimes mix them into the regular trail mix to see if the Scouts even notice it. Toyon studied biology in college, and has been a forest fire fighter, a ranger, and now also is the leader of Boy Scout Troop 317 in Montrose. "I always try to educate the Scouts about the natural foods. For one of their merit badges, they need to know native plants, but most of them genuinely like the wild plants that I let them taste," he explains. "We had a Scout trip to Buckhorn in the Angeles National Forest when the native rose hips were fruiting. They were the bluest rose hips I've ever seen. We gathered a few cups of the fruit, mashed them up, and the boys put them on their

pancakes like jam. They loved it! The boys were amazed that it tasted so good."

He often gets asked about acorns, which was perhaps the most widely used plant food among all Southern California Indians.

"The old-fashioned way of getting out the tannic acid, and then grinding them into a mush or flour is a lot of work," Toyon explains. "I tell people who want to try acorns to just go to a Korean store and buy some. Acorn flour is a common commodity at most Korean stores."

At home, Toyon makes a simple non-leavened bread from the acorn flour, which he compares to the nan bread from East Indian restaurants. "We cook it in a pan like tortillas," he explains.

"One elder once told me that the seedheads



of the wild California buckwheat was one of the flours that the elder people ate because it didn't require grinding and the seed were very small. Since it required no grinding, there would not be tiny bits of stone in the meal that would hurt the elder people's teeth." California buckwheat seed heads are round and dark brown in color, and can be simply gathered, rubbed between the hands, and used in various recipes.

Before we were done, we spoke about many medicinal plants, and issues relating to native people today.

Toyon is often outspoken against various local real estate developments, and was named Crescenta Valley Volunteer of the year in 2007. He acts as a field representative for the Tongva Nation, and has spoken on their behalf on various environmental and cultural issues. Toyon also successfully lobbied to the U.S. Geological Survey to have a prominent peak in the Verdugo Mountains named Tongva Peak, in honor of the first people of the L.A. basin. (The other prominent peak in the Verdugos is called Verdugo Peak.) You can see Tongva Peak if you go to the intersection of Briggs and Foothill in La Crescenta and look south right at the peak.

Readers who are interested in contacting Richard Toyon can do so via Christopher Nyerges, through this paper or through his web-site, www.ChristopherNyerges.com

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UPDATE: INVASIVE MOSQUITO IN SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

After identifying Asian tiger mosquitoes (Aedes albopictus) in the city of El Monte, the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District undertook an aggressive door-to-door campaign to evaluate the extent of the infestation, control adult and larval mosquito populations, and educate the public.

Below are the results of that campaign:

The District sent 25 employees and volunteers door-to-door throughout a 1/2 square mile area around the initial find. Staff visited nearly 1,000 homes and businesses leaving multi-language flyers and conducting roughly 800 inspections. "The results of this surveillance effort were not encouraging" reports Kenn Fujioka, the District's assistant manager.

Asian tiger mosquitoes were identified at 15

sites throughout the survey area, and 31% of ovitraps (a surveillance tool which attracts egg-laying females) placed at 46 sites contained Aedes eggs.

Pesticides were applied in a small area where the mosquito was first identified and the results were more promising. Before the application to control adult mosquitoes, 52.4% of the ovitraps contained eggs. Three days after treatment only 13.3% of the ovitraps contained eggs – a 75% reduction.

Although the treatment was successful at reducing the adult population in that localized area, it will not be effective on a large scale. Fujioka notes, "Now that we have determined the infestation is not localized, we will look at treatment protocols

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STATE SUPREME COURT DENIES MOTION TO LIFT STAY

by Scott Ochoa, City Manager

Last week, we received the disappointing news that the California Supreme Court would not lift its stay order on redevelopment agencies such as Monrovia, which have adopted the requisite “Continuation Ordinances” indicating our willingness to pay the State’s ransom if only to get much-needed infrastructure and economic development projects underway.

The California Redevelopment Association and the League of California Cities filed the motion asking the Court to release cities from the stay if those cities had in fact adopted the continuation ordinances; the idea being that the State would not suffer any injury because, if AB 26 and 27 were upheld by the Court, the cities had already agreed to pay. Conversely, if the Court strikes down the Governor’s anti-redevelopment bills, then the cities would not be forced to pay. In any event, there is no jeopardy for the State’s coffers - if the Court rules in their favor in January 2012, they get the money; if not, then they never had a claim to it in the first place.

Alas, the Court decided it would leave everything

status quo until it rules this winter.

The specific impact for Monrovia - and the region - is that the City Council/Redevelopment Agency Board’s consideration of the purchase and sale agreement (PSA) for the proposed Gold Line Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Facility is stalled until the ruling is rendered. This, in turn, means that the Gold Line Construction Authority - which has already approved the PSA - cannot advance the construction of the main alignment of the light rail line because they need at least 50% of the proposed M&O Facility property before METRO will release the bulk of their funding.

Thus, we are forced to wait out the Court’s decision. Again, the Court has committed to rendering a decision not later than January 15, 2012. Still, presuming that the Legislature returns to Sacramento this fall in a special session to begin addressing the State’s current fiscal year budget - which is reportedly \$4 to 5 billion out of whack already - we will again try for special legislation that will protect Monrovia’s interests in light of these complex and volatile factors.

Incident: Suspicious Item Found – Stores Evacuated

On September 29, 2011 at about 6:15pm, police officers and Fire Department personnel responded to the Promenade area of the Westfield Shoppingtown regarding a suspicious item found in a rear corridor. The item had the appearance of a possible explosive device. Several stores were evacuated and a perimeter was established to

keep patrons out of the area.

The Los Angeles County Arson/Explosive Detail was contacted and they responded to assist. The device was inspected and it was determined that it was not an explosive. The evacuations were in effect for about 90 minutes.

Arcadia AAUW Extends A Welcome to the Community

“Save the date—October 8!” On that date, the Arcadia Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host an open meeting to the community to

provide an opportunity for visitors to learn more about AAUW. The meeting takes place on Saturday, October 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Arcadia AAUW meets at Jordan Hall, Church of the Good Shepherd, 400 W. Duarte Road (SW corner of Duarte Rd. and Holly Ave.), Arcadia. The free meeting is open to the public, and ample parking is available.

The “welcome” meeting begins with a continental breakfast and socializing, followed by musical entertainment. During the informal program, visitors will learn of Arcadia AAUW’s community outreach programs, such as the English Conversation Class co-sponsored by the Arcadia Library. The tutoring staff of this class consists of both AAUW members and commu-

nity volunteers. Another outreach is Arcadia AAUW’s sponsorship of local middle-school girls at Tech Trek Science/Math Camp on the Whittier College campus.

As a national organization since 1881, AAUW has always been concerned with women and girls’ education and issues. The Arcadia Branch supports its special project, the AAUW Educational Foundation. But membership in the organization has changed. At one time only women with bachelor’s or higher degrees could join. In 1987, men with similar college degrees were invited to join. More recently, college graduates holding an Associate of Arts degree or its equivalent were welcomed into the membership. So AAUW has branched out!

For more information, please call Tamara Kato at (626) 375-6756 or Patricia Dietrich at (626) 446-8437.

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Recommended reading: All New Square Foot Gardening by Mel Bartholomew, available in the Arboretum Garden & Gift Shop.

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HRTV TO OFFER LIVE SANTA ANITA RACES AS PART OF FREE VIEW ON HRTV.COM WHEN AUTUMN MEET BEGINS

HRTV has announced that free, live video streaming will be available for the duration of Santa Anita’s 2011 Autumn Meet on its website, HRTV.com. Santa Anita’s Autumn Meet runs from Sept. 30 through Nov. 6.

“We are very pleased to offer a free preview of our HRTV programming and to showcase world class racing at Santa Anita this fall,” said HRTV President Scott Daruty. “Racing fans around the world can now watch the Santa Anita Autumn Meet on-line, in addition to it being available on Dish Network, AT & T Uverse and Verizon’s FIOS service, as well as on select cable systems across the country.”

HRTV, “The Network For Horse Sports,” has a stable full of the racing industry’s most respected analysts, exclusive interviews and award-winning documentaries. The production and programming is dedicated to bringing viewers the story of the horse and those who love them.

In addition to Santa Anita, HRTV also carries live racing from Arlington Park, Churchill Downs, Fair Grounds in New Orleans, Golden Gate Fields, Gulfstream Park, NYRA, and other tracks throughout North America. Live racing is also available on a selected basis from European tracks such as Doncaster and Newmarket in



Great Britain and Longchamp in France.

Additionally, HRTV has broadened its programming to include championship equestrian events from both the English and Western horse sports world, as well as programming dedicated to fulfilling the needs of a general horse-loving audience.

This past summer, HRTV received nine Regional Emmy Awards from the Ohio Valley Chapter. Earlier this year, HRTV was honored with the 2010 Eclipse Award for National Television Feature, the third such award for the network in the past five years.

For more information on programming and features, as well live racing schedules, fans are encouraged to visit HRTV.com.

HEALTHCARE INSURANCE SEMINAR FOR THOSE 50+

Are you 50 years or older and need information on health insurance? This seminar will discuss options and resources for both the insured and uninsured.

Are you 65 years or older and almost Medicare age? Do you know what parts A, B, and D mean? What do you need to know about health care? During this budget-deficit time, some of your benefits may be affected. Or, are you 50 years or older, nor yet ready for Medicare, and in need of some insurance information? This seminar will discuss options and resources for both those who

are already insured or those uninsured.

1. Overview of health care insurance for people who are 65 +
 2. Overview of health care insurance for people who are ALMOST 65--what do you need to know before you turn 65?
 3. What may be the alarming changes in health care during this budget deficit time?
 4. Resources and health care options for people who are not QUITE Medicare age.
- Presented by Donna Wang, Retirement Advisor
When: Saturday, October 8th, 2011 2:00-3:30
Where: County of LA Public Library, 4153 E. Live Oak Ave. (between foss and IOth), Arcadia, CA 91006 (626)446-8803

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, September 18, through Saturday, September 24, the Police Department responded to 977 calls for service of which 137 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, September 18:

1. Between Saturday, September 17th at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, September 18th at 6:45 a.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 2400 block of Doolittle Avenue. Suspect(s) entered the residence through an unlocked garage door and stole vehicle keys, paperwork, and a vacuum.

2. At about 11:21 a.m., officers responded to the 500 block of Santa Rosa Road regarding a suspicious vehicle. Contact was made with the 21-year-old White male driver, and it was determined he was under the influence of alcohol. The male was booked at the Arcadia City Jail for D.U.I.

Monday, September 19:

3. At approximately 5:30 a.m., officers responded to the Arcadia Methodist Hospital in reference to a stabbing victim. While walking in front of the First Cabin Bar, 46 East Huntington Drive, the male victim was confronted by two suspects who asked for a cigarette. When the victim did not comply, he was stabbed by a suspect described as a White male in his mid-twenties, 5’-09”, with a medium build, and armed with a knife. The second suspect was described as a Black male, with short dread locks, and dark clothing. The victim suffered a laceration to his arm and ran from the scene. The incident was reported to have occurred shortly after 5:00 a.m.

4. Between 8:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 700 block of Winnie Way. Suspect(s) pried open the front door and ransacked the house. The resident reported several laptops, cash, and a large gun safe containing approximately fifteen weapons missing.

Tuesday, September 20:

5. Around 8:47 p.m., units were dispatched to the 1100 block of Encanto Drive regarding suspicious circumstances. The resident advised that while at home, she heard a knock at her door, followed by the voice of what sounded like a young female saying, “This is the Mount View Water Company.” The resident did not open her door. She then heard the female walk away. The resident feels this may have been an attempt to enter the residence under false pretenses.

6. Between Monday, September 19th at 4:00 p.m., and Tuesday September 20th at 5:00 p.m., the mailboxes in the 11000 block of Clark Street were vandalized. Suspect(s) pried open the back cover of the metal structure which encases multiple mailboxes, however, it is unknown if there was any loss.

Wednesday, September 21:

7. At about 3:01 p.m., a traffic stop was conducted at Camino Real Avenue and Santa Anita

Avenue for tinted windows. A records check of the 21-year-old Hispanic male driver revealed an outstanding misdemeanor warrant, for which he was arrested.

8. Shortly before 6:00 p.m., loss prevention personnel from H&M at the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, advised they had detained a male juvenile for theft. The suspect put on a jacket, which was on display, and left the store without making payment. Through investigation, it was determined that the suspect had come into the store with the intent to steal. The 17-year-old Asian male was placed under arrest for commercial burglary.

Thursday, September 22:

9. Shortly before 9:00 p.m., officers responded to the 00 block of West Live Oak Avenue regarding a theft. The victim advised he heard a noise in the parking lot and saw two suspects running. The first suspect was described as a Hispanic male, 30 to 40 years old, 5’-05”, 180 lbs., wearing a flannel jacket. The second suspect was also described as a Hispanic male, 30 to 40 years old. While running away, the suspects dropped a bag which contained a catalytic converter that had been removed from the victim’s vehicle. A second victim at the location also reported the theft of a catalytic converter.

10. At about 11:08 p.m., an auto burglary occurred in the parking lot of the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle by unknown means and damaged the ignition in an unsuccessful attempt to steal the car. The car radio and other equipment were taken from the vehicle.

Friday, September 23:

11. Shortly before 1:00 a.m., a traffic stop was conducted at Second Avenue and Live Oak Avenue for failure to stop at the limit line. The driver, a 23-year-old Hispanic male, was found to be under the influence of alcohol and was arrested for D.U.I.

12. Around 2:10 p.m., a theft occurred in the 1100 block of Mayflower Avenue. The resident told officers that she had heard a delivery truck drop off several packages that day, but was unable to locate them later in the afternoon when she went to retrieve the boxes.

Saturday, September 24:

13. Units responded to the 500 block of East Lemon Avenue, around 12:22 a.m., in reference to a possible prowler. A Hispanic male was seen by the resident looking in the windows of the home. The suspect was positively identified by the resident and booked at the Arcadia City Jail for prowling. It is believed the suspect may know a female who was visiting the home.

14. Between 12:00 p.m. and 10:05 p.m., a vehicle theft occurred in the 1000 block of West Huntington Drive. Suspect(s) stole a 1998, white, 2-door, Cadillac Eldorado which was parked at the location.

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STATE SUPREME COURT DENIES MOTION TO LIFT STAY

by Scott Ochoa, City Manager

Last week, we received the disappointing news that the California Supreme Court would not lift its stay order on redevelopment agencies such as Monrovia, which have adopted the requisite “Continuation Ordinances” indicating our willingness to pay the State’s ransom if only to get much-needed infrastructure and economic development projects underway.

The California Redevelopment Association and the League of California Cities filed the motion asking the Court to release cities from the stay if those cities had in fact adopted the continuation ordinances; the idea being that the State would not suffer any injury because, if AB 26 and 27 were upheld by the Court, the cities had already agreed to pay. Conversely, if the Court strikes down the Governor’s anti-redevelopment bills, then the cities would not be forced to pay. In any event, there is no jeopardy for the State’s coffers - if the Court rules in their favor in January 2012, they get the money; if not, then they never had a claim to it in the first place.

Alas, the Court decided it would leave every-

thing status quo until it rules this winter.

The specific impact for Monrovia - and the region - is that the City Council/Redevelopment Agency Board’s consideration of the purchase and sale agreement (PSA) for the proposed Gold Line Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Facility is stalled until the ruling is rendered. This, in turn, means that the Gold Line Construction Authority - which has already approved the PSA - cannot advance the construction of the main alignment of the light rail line because they need at least 50% of the proposed M&O Facility property before METRO will release the bulk of their funding.

Thus, we are forced to wait out the Court’s decision. Again, the Court has committed to rendering a decision not later than January 15, 2012. Still, presuming that the Legislature returns to Sacramento this fall in a special session to begin addressing the State’s current fiscal year budget - which is reportedly \$4 to 5 billion out of whack already - we will again try for special legislation that will protect Monrovia’s interests in light of these complex and volatile factors.

OPEN HOUSE HOSTED BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER PORTANTINO TO FEATURE FOOD DRIVE FOR FOOTHILL UNITY CENTER, FRIENDS IN DEED

September 27, 2011 — A food drive benefiting Foothill Unity Center and Friends in Deed will highlight an open house to be hosted by Assemblymember Anthony J. Portantino on Wednesday, October 5., from 4 to 7 p.m. The event will be held at Walnut Plaza, 215 North Marengo Avenue in Pasadena.

The public is invited to enjoy lemonade and cookies and learn about resources that can help them access state government agencies and navigate the state website.

“Recognizing that too many of our friends and neighbors throughout our communities are heavily impacted by food insecurity, we are asking the community to join us in contributing non-perishable food items to Foothill Unity Center and Friends in Deed at this event,” said Portantino. “It’s an immediate way for us to help them continue the wonderful work they do to combat hunger.”

Suggested food donations include non-perishable items like canned peanut butter, tuna, chicken, chili, beef stew and soups; dry beans, pasta,

oats, rice and cereal; plus jelly, tomato sauces, cooking oil and baking ingredients.

For more information, call Assemblymember Portantino’s office at (626) 577-9944.

About Foothill Unity Center

Foothill Unity Center, Inc., has been serving low-income families and those in crisis for over 30 years. Founded in 1980, the Center has become the major source of food, health services and crisis assistance for over 4,000 low-income families in eleven local cities. In 2008, it was federally designated the Community Action Agency for the Foothill Area.

About Friends in Deed

A program of the Ecumenical Council of Pasadena Area Congregations (ECPAC), Friends In Deed is a nonprofit organization that facilitates religious, community, business and government partnerships aimed at providing coordinated and effective social services to local low income and homeless people.

DUARTE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS: A DIFFICULT DECISION

By Joan Schmidt

Last Tuesday, September 20, I attended a Forum at the PAC Center for the Duarte School Board Candidates. The three incumbents, Francisco Figueroa, Rose Books and Pamela Kawasaki were nowhere to be seen, MISSING IN ACTION! Invitations to this forum had gone out in August. Mr. Figueroa had a business meeting in Chicago. What I can’t comprehend is Where the other two candidates were, and if they knew a month ahead of time, WHY did they not make arrangements to attend? That evening at the Monrovia-Arcadia Duarte Town Council meeting, there also was mention of the three school board incumbents not attending the forum. Our Duarte County residents were NOT happy- someone said that the incumbents didn’t want to answer questions! The next morning at the HIV/AIDS Summit at City of Hope, two Duarte city officials also expressed dismay that the incumbents did not attend the forum. After all it was sponsored by two Duarte school unions who represented not only teachers, but employees.

The challengers, David Hall, Tom Reyes, and Dolores Ortiz attended the forum. They expressed their concerns with middle school, high school, college attendance and performance. All three called for an audit of the budget. “Where is the money going?” Mr. Reyes emphasized communication between teachers, parents and administrations. Mr. Hall pointed out if budget cuts were necessary, start with administration, not our classrooms and programs. Ms. Ortiz felt policies needed to be evaluated and members need to work side by side with teachers. Mr. Hall has experience as a mediator and handling issues. Mr. Reyes is well known for involvement and volunteerism in his Church, school, and community. I personally can vouch for both these men as I have seen them in action. I have never met Ms. Ortiz but she has business and management acumen and experience. Mr. Figueroa, I have known several years from my work with the Duarte Ed Foundation and he is competent and caring. I cannot comment on the other incumbents. I don’t personally know them. They didn’t attend the forum, so I don’t know their views.

In Duarte, much has been said about API (Academic Performance Index) test scores. Last week, a daily paper’s article mentioned Rosebud Charter School, (Grades K-4) in Altadena. Its students scored 890 on the API tests, up from 793! These students of working class parents were 80% African American and 20% Latino. Their Principal did not consider herself a “Miracle Worker”, but noted “their formula-hard work, high standards, strong curriculum, small class sizes AND tremendous parent involvement.”

Recently, Duarte School Board Member Reyna Diaz also relayed the importance of parent involvement. Having taught for thirty-two years, I can reiterate that. I have had children come into my 6th grade from other cities, not being able to read. When a parent heeded my advice and spent even fifteen extra minutes helping their child oral read, great improvement occurred.

There’s been MUCH said about the Duarte API scores. On the Internet, I viewed Duarte’s

elementary school results and those of surrounding areas.

The lowest Duarte School was Maxwell at 731; Beardslee, 774; Andres Duarte, 804; Valley View, 840; Royal Oaks, 870.

In Arcadia, all elementary schools I reviewed- Camino Grove, Baldwin Stocker, Longley Way, Holly Ave., Hugo Reid and Highland Oaks were in the 900’s.

Arcadia has a high affluent Asian population; education is the TOP priority.

In Monrovia, I viewed Plymouth,782; Bradoaks-818; Monroe, 829, Mayflower, 865. (Two Monrovia schools scored below Valley View, three below Royal Oaks!)

El Monte’s elementary schools had Cleminson at 800. Six other schools scored in the 700’s and Thompson had 397. The El Monte Schools were half and half. Half the schools scores improved; half went down.

When we lived In Manassas, Virginia, my thirty-six year old daughter learned to read in Kindergarten! Back then it was unheard of. The area was affluent, NO mothers worked-they had time to spend helping their children with homework. We had a mother volunteer BESIDES an aide in ALL the lower grades!

The point I am trying to make is that SEVERAL factors influence API scores.

Of course the teacher and her methods are an integral factor. But parent-teacher communication and parental involvement are also important. Helping with homework, setting aside a time for silent reading, taking your child to the library- these also are a prerequisite for your child’s success. I don’t feel API issues should influence this election. Quite frankly on the elementary level, Duarte’s aren’t bad. However there are concerns on the higher levels. What I would do is, look at the candidates and their qualifications- education, employment, involvement in the community. Is he or she a person available to reach if someone has a question. I was a teacher for 32 years, but that doesn’t qualify me to be a school board member. I even am a “people’s person.” What is needed is someone who HAS THE TIME to commit themselves to the improvement of Duarte’s schools. If there are candidates who constantly do volunteer work at their Churches or non-profit organizations, that’s a plus. Also if I knew a person who was an integral part of an area changing from a war zone to a decent family community, I’d consider them. Do your homework, Duarte voters. Find out all you can about the candidates. If you aren’t registered voters, do so. The last day to register is October 24th. (Voter registration forms are available at Duarte City Hall.) Lastly, plan on attending the Candidate Forum!

CANDIDATE FORUM!

THURSDAY: OCTOBER 20.

SCHOOL BOARD FORUM: 5 to 6:30 p.m

CITY COUNCIL FORUM: 7 to 8:30 p.m.

CHUCK HENRY GETS KEY TO THE CITY



Duarte’s Route 66 Parade Grand Marshal, Chuck Henry is presented with the Key to the City at a pre-parade breakfast. The veteran NBC4 news co-anchor led a parade of marching bands, classic cars, and more than 1,000 community members in celebration of the Mother Road’s 85th anniversary and Duarte’s 54th anniversary of Incorporation. From left: Councilman John Fasana; Route 66 Parade Chair, Lisa Magno; Councilwoman Lois Gaston; Kay and Chuck Henry; Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci; Councilwoman Margaret Finlay; and City Manager, Darrell George.

DUARTE NAMED FINALIST FOR L.A. COUNTY’S MOST BUSINESS-FRIENDLY CITY AWARD

Finalists Picked for Commitment to Job Creation and Economic Development

DUARTE, CA, September 26, 2011 – For the second consecutive year, the City of Duarte has been named one of five finalists for the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation’s (LAEDC) Most Business-Friendly City Award in the category of cities with a population of 60,000 and under.

“It is an honor to be selected again as a finalist,” said Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci. “It validates the excellent work that both the Duarte City Council and staff are doing to assist business and promote job creation.”

Other finalists in the category are Commerce, Gardena, La Mirada, and Monrovia. The winner will be announced at the LAEDC’s 16th Annual Eddy Awards on Nov. 3 at the Beverly Hilton.

“During these difficult economic times, Duarte is doing everything it can to retain, attract and expand our local business base,” said City Manager, Darrell George reflecting on the recent announcement.

LAEDC created the “business-friendly” award category in 2006 to recognize cities with the County that are proactively promoting business-friendly programs and services. Finalists were selected based on:

- Demonstrated commitment to economic development as a priority.
- Excellence in programs and services designed to facilitate business entry, expansion, and retention.
- Economic development activity over the past three years.
- Competitive business tax rates and fee structures.
- Availability of economic incentives.
- Effective communication with and about business clients.

Duarte prides itself on maintaining its “small town” feel and business-friendly atmosphere.

Monrovia Police Blotter

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 548 service events, resulting in 98 investigations. Following are the last week’s highlighted issues and events:

Assault with a Deadly Weapon / Possession of a Dangerous Weapon / Criminal Threats - Suspect Arrested

On September 15 at 3:10 p.m., an officer on patrol heard a commotion in the area of the 700 block of West Colorado. The officer observed two subjects who appeared to be fighting. As the officer approached, he saw that one of the subjects was bleeding from the face, and the second subject had fled on foot. During the investigation, it was learned that the subject who fled struck the other subject in the face with a nunchaku. The suspect was later located down the street at his residence and was arrested without incident. The weapon was recovered at the suspect’s residence. The victim was seen by Monrovia paramedics but declined further medical treatment.

Vehicle Burglary

On September 16 at 6:15 a.m., police received a call reporting a suspect smashing the window of a vehicle on the street in the 400 block of Stedman. The possible suspect was last seen in a gold Nissan driving east. The incident appears to be an attempted burglary to the vehicle but there was no loss. The suspect was not located.

Drug Activity - Suspect Arrested

On September 16 at 5:20 p.m., an officer stopped a vehicle at Foothill and Fifth. The female occupant was not wearing her seatbelt and claimed she had no way to identify herself. A pat-down search revealed she was in possession of a used glass methamphetamine pipe. No narcotics were found. She was arrested for being in possession of drug paraphernalia, a misdemeanor, and was taken to the Monrovia City Jail, where she was booked, identified, and then released with a citation to appear in court.

Residential Burglary / Hot Prowl

On September 17 at 2:45 a.m., officers responded to a residence in the 300 block of North Mountain regarding a burglary that occurred while one of the residents was inside the home. The wife had left at approximately 11 a.m. Her husband, who is hard of hearing, remained at home. The wife returned home at 2 a.m. and found the rooms on the second story of the house ransacked and a starter pistol had been taken. After the initial investigation, it was determined that the suspect had jumped a wall to get into the yard. The suspect then stacked a plas-

Duarte provides cutting edge business development strategies and professional assistance, including a one-stop permit center, an updated strategic plan, an Economic Development Element in its General Plan and a hands-on City Council regularly in touch with businesses. Duarte’s incentives include an effective Redevelopment Agency, no utility user tax, free business seminars, business, residential and youth surveys, a low crime rate and distinguished schools.

“The 2011 finalists stand out as model communities in Los Angeles County that are proactively engaging and working with businesses and the private sector to create jobs for their residents,” said LAEDC President and CEO, Bill Allen. “In the midst of prolonged economic crisis, these cities have shown they truly understand the importance of attracting, retaining and growing businesses to create much-needed jobs and generate necessary tax revenue for important public programs,” he said.

The LAEDC also announced finalists in the Business-Friendly City competition in the 60,000 population and over category. They are the cities of Burbank, Carson, Glendale, Torrance, West Covina, and Whittier.

Each of the total 11 cities named as finalists in the competition has created a business-friendly environment that encourages businesses to locate or expand in their respective communities, noted the LAEDC.

Established in 1981, the LAEDC is an economic development leadership organization dedicated to promoting job growth, economic expansion, and the overall global competitiveness of Los Angeles County, it’s surrounding regions, an the state of California.

tic tub and plastic chairs so he could reach the roof of the home. He then climbed onto the roof, pried a screen off a window, and entered the home. The suspect ransacked the upstairs rooms only, and then fled through the same open window. The husband did not hear anything other than a loud bang at approximately 3 p.m. The investigation is continuing.

Suspicious Circumstances - Suspect Arrested

On September 18 at 2:21 a.m., an officer on patrol in the area east of Myrtle and south of Huntington heard what sounded like shots fired. Several other people heard the sounds as well. An area search was conducted, but no victims were found. Two male subjects were observed by the officer walking in the middle of the street in the 200 block of East Cypress. When the officer attempted to contact them regarding the possible shots, one of the two subjects refused to stop. Assisting officers confronted the subject, but he still would not comply with their demands and began cursing at them. The subject was detained and arrested for resisting and delaying a peace officer. He was identified as a documented gang member. Ultimately, no evidence of shots having been fired was found.

Parolee-at-Large - Suspect Arrested

On September 19 at 9:05 a.m., officers responded to the 100 block of North El Norte regarding a subject taking recyclables from the trash. When they arrived, the reporting party told them the subject had taken recyclables and went to the recycling center on Duarte Road. An officer contacted the subject at the recycling yard. A computer check revealed he was wanted by state parole. The subject was arrested and taken into custody.

Domestic Violence - Suspect Arrested

On September 19 at 9:29 p.m., police received a call reporting domestic violence at a residence in the 1700 block of South Fifth. A man was arguing with his live-in girlfriend. She attempted to leave the location in her car. He stood in front of the car as she drove down the driveway. He was hit by the car, causing an injury to his leg. The female subject was arrested for domestic violence.

Residential Burglary

On September 20 at 8:05 p.m., a resident who lives in the 200 block of East Olive reported a burglary to his residence. He left his residence at 5 p.m. and returned at 8 p.m. to discover his television set, DVDs, and CDs had been stolen. It appears the suspect used the victim’s ladder to access an unlocked second-story window to gain entry to the home. Investigation continuing.

Alverno Junior Jumps to Victory on "Havana Knights"

Alverno High School junior Eryn Blakely won three blue ribbons at Showcase Stables' horse show in Redlands. It was her first competition riding Havana Knights. Eryn calls the event a "warm-up" to see where she and the 16.2 hand thoroughbred are in preparation to represent Alverno in the first IEL (Interscholastic Equestrian League) show at the end of October at Hansen Dam.

And a very successful warm-up it was! Eryn and Havana Knights won three blue ribbons in the Baby Green Jumper Division, which is open to horses in their first two years of jumping competition.

She also won a Blue Medal in the Inland Empire Hunter Jumper Association mini-medal competition which is open to all Junior/Amateur riders who have not competed over fences higher than 2'3", and 3rd place in the IEHJA Flat Medal competition for riders who have not competed over fences 2'6" & higher.

"Havana was pretty challenging when he came to our barn, but he's come a long way," says Eryn. This show was a test to see what height he could do. It was a big confidence booster for both of us."

The Alverno mission: to empower each young woman to be exactly the person she wants to be. Alverno High School is the independent, Catholic college-prep high school for girls in Sierra



Madre. Its college-prep curriculum and emphasis on leadership attracts students from public and private schools throughout the San Gabriel Valley. Above: Eryn and Havana Knights

Five Alverno Cross-Country Athletes Medal at Bell-Jeff Invitational

Five Alverno runners climbed the medals platform to receive medals at the Bell-Jeff Cross Country Invitational on September 24. Both Varsity and JV teams improved their times over the year before.

Eryn Blakely ran a fast 19:24 with Katherine Haysbert close behind with a 19:57. Also receiving metals were Rachel Achterman, Adrianna Martinez, and Ashley Haylett. Sophia Villalobos and Brett Richey finished as Varsity runners. The JV team is made up of Victoria Pintado, Reagan Dowd, Bella Daniels-Campos, and Rose Boubion, with all girls showing exceptional times.

"There were more than forty teams participating," says Coach Ken Berry, "with 214 runners in the JV girls' race. We have a young team but they are learning and maturing."

Pictured on the right, Alverno's Reagan Dowd leads the way.
Photo by Lara Laramendi.



YOUNG CALIFORNIANS CAN WIN A CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE U.S. CAPITOL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Entry forms for the statewide drawing must be postmarked by Oct. 7th

Children love Christmas trees and especially turning on the Christmas lights.

Now imagine the thrill for the child who gets a chance to turn on the 10,000 lights that illuminate the 65-foot Christmas tree that's erected in front of the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

The U.S. Forest Service and its partners are inviting all Californians between the ages of 5 and 17 to participate in a drawing to win an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. to participate in the 2011 Capitol Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in early December with Speaker of the House John Boehner.

The trip, which is paid for through private donations, covers the cost of travel for the winning child and an accompanying parent or guardian.

"A young Californian will have the chance to participate in the tree lighting ceremony this year because the Stanislaus National Forest is supplying the 65-foot white fir that will stand on the west lawn of the U.S. Capitol building. The tree is known as the "People's Tree" and is a gift from Californians to the entire nation," said Maria C. Benech, U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree coordinator.

Interested participants must move quickly, however. Entry forms for the 2011 Capitol

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony must be postmarked by Friday, Oct. 7th. Entry forms and other information about the drawing and the history of the U.S. Capitol Tree are available at www.capitolchristmastree2011.org.

The website also includes specifications and shipping directions for handmade ornaments, which are being sought to decorate the Capitol Christmas Tree. Individuals of all ages, including artists and crafters, are encouraged to create and donate ornaments for the Capitol Christmas Tree. Ornament makers are being encouraged to use recycled or natural materials for their creations.



LET THE FESTIVITIES COMMENCE!

The cows and lambs eat pies and jam at the L.A. County Fair! Pet goats and hogs but curb your dogs at the L.A. County Fair!

The fair didn't open until around noon so we took our time getting there. Once we walked through the gates into the campground I felt like a little kid again, with all the game booths, rides, cotton candy, and endless ride band on my wrist. The first activity we checked was when the pig races were and made mental notes of the times. Throughout the day we got deeper and deeper into the fair, hopping on rides and participating in activities along the way. Although our faces were slightly sunburned, our faces were full with kettle corn, deep fried snickers and soda. We ended our day in the science section, looking at all the presentations and the lights of the grounds.

It was a great memory to revisit and experience; another step closer to graduation.

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TAINTED LETTUCE FROM CALIFORNIA BASED BUSINESS

SALINAS, Calif. — California-based True Leaf Farms has expanded its recall of chopped romaine lettuce potentially contaminated with listeria to include nearly 2,500 cartons distributed to 21 US states and Canada, company officials said.

No illnesses have been reported.

Listeria is a frequent cause of U.S. food recalls but concerns over the bacterial contamination are heightened due to an outbreak linked to cantaloupes grown in Colorado, which has already killed 13 people and infected 72 people across 18 states.

There is no connection between the lettuce recall and the outbreak tied to cantaloupes, the Food and Drug Administration spokesman Douglas Karas said Friday.

True Leaf Farms, a processing arm of Salinas, California-based Church Brothers LLC, is voluntarily recalling romaine that was shipped between Sept. 12 and 13 to a food service distributor in Oregon, who shipped it to Washington and Idaho.

The lettuce was shipped to wholesale food distributors in Alaska, Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Vermont.

The romaine lettuce affected by the recall has a Sept. 29 use-by date, company officials said in a release.

"Any time we find listeria in food we would consider that food adulterated and ask for a recall," Karas said in an email. "The finding of

listeria in romaine lettuce was a result of an FDA research program to understand the prevalence of listeria in fresh produce, particularly lettuce and leafy greens."

Story: Tainted cantaloupe likely gone, but more illness expected

Listeria rarely causes serious illness. For it to do so, the organism needs to get onto the food and grow to levels where it can cause disease. Because it can grow at low temperatures, that can happen anywhere along the food chain.

Listeria outbreaks are usually associated with deli meats, unpasteurized cheeses and smoked refrigerated seafood products, rather than fresh produce.

Story: Cargill ground turkey sickens more in salmonella outbreak

Federal health officials say they've gotten better at detecting the germs that cause food poisoning, so they are seeing them in produce more often.

Previous food recalls this month included Queso Fresco's Del Bueno Casero Fresh Cheese in Washington state, Publix Super Markets' spinach dip in Florida and Fine Mexican Food Products Inc's avocado pulp and halves in California.

The Salinas Valley is known as the "Salad Bowl of the World" for its production of lettuce and numerous other crops.

Lettuce currently picked at the farm is safe to eat, said Steve Church, CEO of Church Brothers, which sells and markets the farm's produce. The company is working with the FDA, Church said, to determine if there are any problems at the farm and is taking more time to sanitize its produce.



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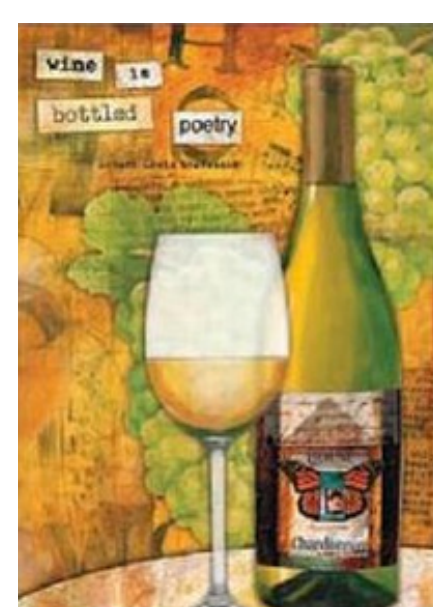
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CALL FOR ENTRIES FOR "WRITE OF PASSAGE" SCREENWRITING COMPETITION

Competition offers writers the chance to screen at the 168 Film Festival
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Los Angeles, CA – The 3rd annual Write of Passage Screenwriting Competition is open for entries, as announced today by John David Ware, founder of the 168 Film Project. Write of Passage is a mentored screenwriting competition, designed to encourage new writers to enter the world of film.

The entry deadline is Oct. 10, 2011. Writing week is October 17th-24th. Screenplay submissions are up to 12 pages in length and based on a foundational scripture with the theme: "Promises, Promises."

Writers who wish to enter must complete the registration and submit the entry fee of \$45 (max).

Top scripts compete for awards and \$1,000 cash (which all goes to the writer). Selected scripts are eligible to be filmed as a part of the 10th annual 168 Film Project filmmaking competition. Write of Passage films will screen and compete at the 168 Film Festival in March 29-31, 2012.

The Write of Passage prize package includes a private meeting with Producer Ralph Winter ("X-MEN Wolverine"). In addition, writer/producers Luke Schelhaas ("Law and Order," "Smallville") and Brian Bird ("Not Easily Broken") will provide professional feedback to the top three writers.

Write of Passage applies a team approach to screenwriting. Entrants may sign-up as a Writer

or apply as a Development Executive (DE). DE's give feedback to writers on their team and submit the best entries to the finals in L.A. DE's receive executive producer credit on completed films.

Development Executives must apply for the position by requesting a written application at writeofpassage@168project.com. DE's pay no fee, but they may not enter the contest as a writer. Winners are announced in November 2011. Both finalist writers and DE's get tickets to the 168 Film Festival.

"Pairing a writing contest with a production contest is a dream come true for writers," noted Ware. "Real-world interaction between writers and producers definitely raises the bar. The Write of Passage films we've seen have been tremendous."

"We want positive portrayals of realistic characters in redemptive, thought-provoking stories that honor God," Ware said.

Writers and producers are permitted to participate in both Write of Passage and the 168 Film Project, a creative outlet for more than 500 faith-based short films. The "168" concept allows for fast-paced art creation using "a Theme, a Verse and a Week."

For questions visit <http://www.168project.com> or email writeofpassage@168project.com. Write of Passage FAQ: <http://www.168project.com/news/211.cfm>

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SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS: MINI ALBUM REVIEWS

The Drums sophomore album, "Portamento" is a dark, jangly pop record that excels to the utmost degree. While it feels like a retreat of their debut album, the surf pop outfit has drifted more into a melancholy sound reminiscent of The Smiths (and so many earlier 80s acts). Jonathan Pierce remains a hopeless romantic on "Portamento". However, even with the simplicity of lyrics such as "And I believe, that when we die, we die/so let me love you tonight, let me love you tonight", The Drums are infectiously catchy. Within minutes, you'll be singing along to nearly every gem on this album, as well dancing your little heart out. One thing is for certain, a lot of personal memories and ominous undertones lie embedded within the record. Happy go lucky and let's go surfing type of lyrics have been replaced by the thought of ex-girlfriends, ex-bandmates and the feeling of "right now". The Drums have grown wiser, albeit not quite to the extent of reinventing their sound, but still expanding on a resonance that simply works, most of the time. "Portamento" was released on September 6th, 2011 on Universal Island Records.

Score: 8.3 out of 10.

Cymbals Eat Guitars has such a ferocious sound. With so many new acts these days using electronics, it's quite refreshing (and seemingly old-fashioned) to hear raw, guitar-driven, augmented tunes. Audacious, strong writing, and an amalgamation of garage rock, pure noise rock, and haunting melodies, sophomore record "Lenses Alien" is deeply penetrating to your senses. While the theme of the album feels a bit scattered, each song works nearly flawlessly in its own right. Cymbals Eat Guitars is a band to watch out for and one that both mainstream rock acts and hard rock bands should both envy and be jealous at their stunning conclusions to their songs. "Lenses Alien" was released on August 30th, 2011 on Barsuk Records.

Score: 8.1 out of 10.

NewVillager's sound is pure experimental. Their self-titled debut album has it all—crazy arrangements, pop and R&B influences, but still falls into the elusive indie rock universe. Definitely a sound that defines "alternative", NewVillager may be onto something. They are taking the best parts of each genre and blending them together. At the end of the day, what you end up with is something truly impressive, inventive and awesome. The record has a grand sound, with excellent production values. The record truly hits the mark. NewVillager's sound is different and almost groundbreaking. They may not be creating an entirely new soundscape, but the pastiche of tunes is allowing them to separate themselves from nearly everyone else. NewVillager has the ability to become leaders with their mesmeric sound. They are pushing the envelope in unthinkable ways, but I hope they have the staying power to continue along this path. As long they don't succumb to being merely followers with subsequent releases, the future of NewVillager appears to be unpredictable in the best kind of way. The self-titled album was released on June 20th, 2011 on IAMSOUND Records.

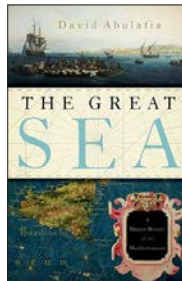
Score: 8 out of 10.

Jeff's Pics The Book Report

by Jeff Brown

THE GREAT SEA: A HUMAN HISTORY OF THE MEDITERRANEAN BY DAVID ABULAFIA

Situated at the intersection of Europe, Asia, and Africa, the Mediterranean Sea has been for millennia the place where religions, economies, and political systems met, clashed, influenced and absorbed one another. He offers a fresh perspective by focusing on the sea itself: its practical importance for transport and sustenance; its dynamic role in the rise and fall of empires; and the remarkable cast of characters, sailors, merchants, migrants, pirates, pilgrims, who have crossed and recrossed it. Ranging from prehistory to the 21st century, The Great Sea is above all the history of human interaction across a region that has brought together many of the great civilizations of antiquity as well as the rival empires of medieval and modern times. Interweaving major political and naval developments with the ebb and flow of trade, Abulafia explores how commercial competition in the Mediterranean created both rivalries and partnerships, with merchants acting as intermediaries between cultures, trading goods that were as exotic on one side of the sea as they were commonplace on the other. He stresses the remarkable ability of Mediterranean cultures to uphold the civilizing ideal of convivencia, "living together," exemplified in medieval Spain, where Christian theologians studied Arabic texts with the help of Jewish and Muslim scholars, and traceable throughout the history of the region. Brilliantly written and sweeping in its scope, The Great Sea is itself as varied and inclusive as the region it describes, covering everything from the Trojan War, the history of piracy, and the great naval battles between Carthage and Rome to the Jewish Diaspora into Hellenistic worlds, the rise of Islam, the Grand Tours of the 19th century, and mass tourism of the 20th. It is the definitive account of perhaps the most vibrant theater of human interaction in history.



STORY OF EDGAR CAYCE: THERE IS A RIVER BY THOMAS SUGRUE

This book is the complete, original biography of the best documented psychic in America. It tells the story of how he discovered his astounding psychic gifts and what led him to a life dedicated to helping others. Cayce's "readings," given in a trance-like state, ranged from phenomenal medical cures to advice on spiritual growth, psychology, and prophecy of world events. A philosophy section covers our origin, purpose, and destinies on the earth, making this book a valuable resource. A classic and a must for all those who desire to expand and honor their heart.



OLD PASADENA HOSTS SAN GABRIEL VALLEY'S LARGEST CULTURAL DANCE & FOOD FESTIVAL

Old Pasadena hosts Southern California's largest free dance festival, the Old Pasadena Cultural Dance & Food Festival, Sunday, October 16 from 1pm to 6pm at De Lacey Ave. and 12pm to 5pm at the Lineage Performing Arts Center. The free, family friendly celebration of music and movement will feature over a dozen award-winning dance companies performing unique dances from around the world.

The all day jam-packed festival is the grand finale to the popular Pasadena Art Weekend, taking place each year in October. The celebration begins with a vibrant performance from Rio Brazil Samba showcasing their colorful Brazilian dance featured on such notable networks as MTV and KTLA. Other exciting performances include Indian Bollywood from acclaimed choreographer Achinta McDaniel of the Blue 13 Dance Company, traditional Chinese dance performed by the local Shining Star Dance Academy, Mexican Folklorico from the award-winning Ballet Folklorico Mixtco, and Hawaiian, Tahitian, and New Zealand dance performed by Le Polynesia. The Ensemble Barynya is returning again this year, performing their audience pleasing acrobatic Russian, Ukrainian and Gypsy dances. The Old Pasadena Cultural Dance & Food Festival concludes with a very special Japanese drum and dance show from the Taiko Center of Los Angeles.

The Old Pasadena Cultural Dance Festival is

one of the few dance festivals in the world where the audience is encouraged to participate in the show. Following each performance at the main stage on De Lacey, the dancers will teach movements from that culture, so audience members can get moving too!

Attendees are also invited to visit the Lineage Performing Arts Center for free dance classes throughout the day. All-ages and levels are welcome to take part in learning African burn, traditional Argentine tango, tap and hip hop dances.

This year, the festival will feature an array of Old Pasadena restaurants serving unique cuisine from around the world including Tibetan, Japanese, Ukrainian, Mediterranean and Indian amongst others. Each ethnic eatery will offer complimentary tastings to audience members throughout the day with larger plates available for purchase.

The Old Pasadena Cultural Dance Festival is the grand finale to Pasadena ArtWeekend, a three-day event that also includes ArtNight, ArtWalk, Art of Food, and ArtRhythm. Pasadena ArtWeekend is a joint venture with the city of Pasadena Cultural Affairs Division and Arts & Culture Commission, Pasadena Convention Center & Visitors Bureau, Playhouse District Association, Old Pasadena Management District, South Lake Business Association, Paseo Colorado and Pasadena CultureNet. For a detailed event listing visit www.pasadenartweekend.com.

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“Why do you keep working so hard? You’ve got enough money.”
- Guest Mike Wallace on “The Jack Benny Program”

“Yes - but - I don’t have it all.”
- Jack Benny

Brothers Charles and David Koch, whose assets include mining, petrochemicals, paper, a controlling interest in the United States Congress, at least two members of the U.S. Supreme Court (Justices Scalia and Thomas) and numerous statehouses (the ones trying to eliminate public employee unions), have been reported to be worth a combined total of \$50 billion.

Charles is 75 years old; David is 71. We could figure each has twenty more years to enjoy life on our planet. I won’t presume to guess how they spend their time, but I could offer a suggestion: they could each spend \$5 million on a worthy cause, or a million each on five worthy causes, every day. If they were to work a five-day week, with two weeks’ vacation a year, from their individual fortunes of \$25 billion apiece they’d each have enough to donate \$5 million dollars every day for the next twenty years (not counting accumulated interest).

Funding for new schools, scholarships, program endowments and research grants for the eradication of poverty and disease, inner-city parklands, broadband access for remote rural classrooms, commissions for symphonies from promising 21st-century Gershwins - could all be an easily affordable goal of the Koch brothers - for the first week of those remaining twenty years.

They’ve got enough money - but they don’t (yet) have it all.

We used to have a tax system which encouraged making money by producing things, whether manufactured products or raw materials. Corporate heads knew they’d be taxed heavily if they cashed out with exorbitant salaries and bonuses, so profits instead were invested in expansion, development and a well-paid workforce.

Now, the Koch brothers’ assets in congress threaten to shut down government if the tax rates of the Bush years (a period of 0.45% annual growth) are allowed to return to what they were under Clinton (with 1.6% growth) - when rates for the wealthiest were still 10 points below what they were under Reagan.

With the current system, the Koch brothers no longer have to produce things to acquire wealth; they can simply suck money out from the economy. Almost a third of all corporate profit in this country now comes from the financial sector, where wealth is not “created” but extracted from the pockets of the many and funneled into the hands of the few.

Koch developed the first oil-related financial derivatives, proceeding to make billions through market manipulation. In the final weeks of the Clinton Administration, an amendment was slipped into a spending bill deregulating the market in energy-related commodity futures.

According to the NY Times, the amendment was written by lobbyists for Koch, Enron, Goldman Sachs and Semptra (parent of our local gas company).

Soon, two-thirds of the traders in oil futures were pure speculators, while only a third actually used the product. When price spikes in 2008 were attributed to this trading, Koch lobbyists had Republican assets in the Senate kill legislation to again regulate the market.

The Koch front group, Americans for Prosperity, argues the need to expand drilling and gut environmental protections, moves that would have nothing to do with what we pay (domestic production is at its highest level since 2002), but everything to do with the Koch brothers extracting billions more from the economy. With oil running a little above \$80 a barrel, Goldman Sachs estimates \$20 of that is due to oil speculators - with Koch counting themselves among the top five in the world.

They still don’t “have it all”, so they’ll go after where it is - like the Social Security trust fund. There’s nothing wrong with Social Security. It hasn’t missed a payment in almost seventy years. Right now it’s good to pay full benefits for another 26 years, and if the ceiling under which taxes are assessed (currently \$106,800 a year) is raised, it’s good for at least another 75.

In 2002 they spoke of “privatizing” Social Security, but that term didn’t test well with focus groups, so now it’s “individual accounts”. It means the same thing; entrusting our retirements to the Wall Street players who tanked the economy three years ago, who’ll be guaranteed their fees and bonuses whether they make the right bets with our funds or not. The risk of returning to the days before Social Security, when a third of our seniors lived in poverty, is of no concern.

To “have it all”, they’ll go after the billions we spend on healthcare, as they did in pushing through the Medicare Advantage program under President Bush - where taxpayers pay a surcharge of 40% to pad corporate profits. Now, they’ll do whatever it takes to kill the Affordable Care Act, and its provision that 85% of our healthcare premiums actually goes for healthcare.

They’ll even go after the Postal Service. In 2006, Republicans pushed through a requirement that healthcare benefits for postal workers be prefunded for 75 years - prefunding benefits for workers not yet hired (and not even born), something unheard of in any other public or private organization. According to a Ralph Nader group, were it not for that requirement, the USPS would be showing a surplus of \$1.5 billion.

This has nothing to do with protecting, but rather with killing the institution so more taxpayer funds can be shifted from public service to private profit.

Among their acquisitions, the Koch brothers can boast 70% of this year’s freshman class of Republican legislators. But they still “don’t have it all”, so they’ve already pledged \$88 million to buy the 2012 elections.

In the meantime, I’ll remember the sign at a recent Wall Street protest: “It’s only ‘class warfare’ when we fight back”.

GREG Welborn

TALKING TURKEY ABOUT TAXES

So much for any hope that President Obama would seek re-election by tacking to the center or by returning to his original lofty goals of healing our political divisions. Instead in speeches that should have been substantive we got the first salvos of his re-election campaign, and it was pure pandering to his left with lots of falsehoods about who pays how much in taxes. Allow me to shine the light of truth into the darker corners of the President’s absurdities.

One of the president’s most repeated phrases is “middle-class families shouldn’t pay higher taxes than millionaires and billionaires”. The president claims that his statement is “pretty straightforward” and that “it’s hard to argue against that”. In reality, the statement is anything but straightforward, and it’s pretty easy to demonstrate its falsehood.

According to the IRS, those who earned \$1 million in adjusted gross income paid an average federal income tax of 23.3%. Those earning \$100,000 to \$200,000 paid an average federal income tax of 12.7%. Those with an adjusted gross income of \$30,000 to \$40,000 paid an average of 7.2%. These statistics are fairly consistent from year to year and clearly demonstrate that millionaires pay a tax rate roughly 3 times higher than the average middle class family. If you want to look at this in terms of dollars actually paid (instead of percentage tax rates), the disparity is even greater.

That shouldn’t be a surprise if you run some simple math. \$1 million at 23% is \$230,000 in taxes. 7% on \$40,000 is \$7,200 in taxes. So in terms of dollars, the average millionaire pays 32 times as much as the middle income earner. According to the National Taxpayers Union, the breakdown is as follows:

- The top 1% of earners pay 38% of total federal income taxes
- The top 5% of earners pay 58% of total federal income taxes
- The top 10% of earners pay 69% of total federal income taxes
- The top 25% of earners pay 86% of total federal income taxes

Any claim that the rich or super-rich aren’t paying their fair share is a blatant lie. If there is any unfairness in our tax code, it is the fact that these people are paying so much more than their fair share. This is especially true when you consider that the bottom half of the country’s earners pay only 3% of total federal income taxes.

But what about Warren Buffet’s claim you might ask. Didn’t he say that he paid a lower rate than his secretary? Yes, he did say that, but he’s not unbiased in this debate. Warren Buffett is an ardent supporter of President Obama’s. Putting that aside, though, let’s look at the details of his assertion and how he manipulated the facts.

Mr. Buffett, like many of his peers in the super-rich category, derives most of his income

from capital gains, rather than from salary. The capital gains tax rate is 15%. That would seem pretty low and perhaps lend some credibility to the accusation that the rich can escape taxes that you and I, as middle income earners, have to pay. What’s missing here is the understanding that capital gains are double taxed. The total tax rate on this type of income approaches 45%, according to the Wall Street Journal. Here’s how the math works out.

Most of these capital gains are coming from the sale of stock. The corporations which issue these stocks pay an income tax of 35%, which by the way is the second highest in the industrialized world. So if a rich investor owns corporate stock, he sees the earnings from that corporation taxed at 35%. Then if he decides to sell his stock in the company, he gets hit with an additional 15% capital gains tax. There are a few offsets to the calculation, so the effective tax rate becomes about 45%.

There is also one other hidden tax imposed on the “rich”. The capital gains tax isn’t indexed for inflation, but the income tax is. So, if the capital gains are a result of inflation, rather than a real increase in value, the rich investor still has to pay a 35% tax on inflated earnings. We middle income earners paying regular income tax rates get to index our income for inflation, and we don’t have to pay taxes on inflated earnings.

Beyond the factual inaccuracies of the President’s class warfare campaign rhetoric is a more destructive misunderstanding of basic economics. Every study and every real world example has shown that when you raise tax rates, people at the top end of the scale simply stop producing income to be taxed. Thus, total tax receipts go down. When you reduce tax rates, the rich generally increase the amount of income they produce, and tax receipts go up. If you doubt this, answer the following question. If we taxed 100% of what was earned on Tuesday and Thursday but only 20% of what was earned the rest of the week, how much income do you think would be earned on Tuesday and Thursday?

Our president is clearly campaigning to keep his job. But with each statement, accusation and policy proposal directed against “the rich”, he’s simply showing how unqualified he actually is to hold the job.

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RICH Johnson



World Peace Through Cribbage

If you ever wonder how I got started writing for this august publication, it revolves around a chance meeting with the editors and myself at the coffee shop now known as

Fresco’s.

Editors Katina Dunn and Susan Henderson spotted me in the corner of this coffee shop with a cribbage board, a deck of cards and adversaries. The ladies cautiously approached our table inquiring as to what we were doing. (If you have no idea what cribbage is, it’s a card game that employs a deck of cards, a board with little holes in it, and pegs.)

I told them we had an organization committed to world peace through cribbage. I went on to explain if we could only get warring factions to play cribbage, say in the midwest, all would calm down. It really shouldn’t surprise you that our efforts brought about peace in Northern Ireland, and the fall of communism in Europe. Our biggest hope is that someday, cribbage might end strife right here in Sierra Madre (a long shot I know, but let’s have faith.)

In an effort to gain added credibility for our benevolent organization I have mentored two Ph.D’s in the game of cribbage. Jealous of their considerable mental ability I decided to try and increase my intellectual capacity. I stumbled upon a test that gauges intellectual prowess. I pass this test on to you so we all might get smart-

er. Please take the test yourself and administer it to your friends and family. Next week I will provide the answers. Here goes:

Johnny’s mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. What was the third child’s name?

There is a clerk at the butcher shop who is five feet ten inches tall and wears size 13 tennis shoes. What does he weigh?

Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?

How much dirt is there in a hole that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?

What word in the English Language is always spelled incorrectly?

Billy was born on December 28th, yet his birthday is always in the summer. How is this possible?

In California, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. Why not?

What was the President’s name in 1975?

If you were running a race, and you passed the person in 2nd place, what place would you be in now?

If a farmer has 5 haystacks in one field and 4 haystacks in the other field, how many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in another field?

When administering this test to friends and family, pass out paper and pen or pencil, and ask the participants to write down their answers. Then you can compare answers at the end. It will give you a good indication of where everyone is intellectually. Have a good week.

SUSAN Stamper Brown

SOCIAL INJUSTICE



Some of my fondest childhood memories include times when my father and I served meals to those in need at our town’s local Rescue Mission. Coming from humble beginnings as the daughter of a hard-working blue-collar worker, helping the homeless, sick, hungry, abused, and addicted taught me there would always be someone a little less fortunate than I out there who was in need of a helping hand. I came to understand was it not for my father’s self-determination and sense of personal responsibility, given his personal circumstances, Dad could have been on the other end of that kitchen counter, and I’d probably be a registered Democrat today.

These lessons are the reason why I have knee-jerk reactions when I hear statements suggesting that government should do for us what we should be doing for ourselves. Progressive Democrats’ sacrosanct belief that the government was created to control how wealth is spread around is nothing more than a modern-day attempt to reinvent Robin Hood, only without all the chivalry and green tights.

Those supporting the president’s new plan to “ask” (Progressive-speak for mandate) the wealthiest Americans to “pay their fair share” romantically embrace the concept of social justice - the idea that progressive taxation and wealth redistribution will result in some sort of economic egalitarianism - and to get there, we must take from some and pass it on to those whom “should have had it in the first place.”

Offering a helping hand to the needy is right, but the ends must always justify the means.

Democrats do not own the market on charity. I know many charitable Conservatives who combine their compassion with common sense. They bring food in one hand and a fishing pole in the other. How true the saying, “Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime.”

In contrast, preaching the gospel of wealth redistribution, Progressives bring food in one hand and a voter’s registration card in the other. Seizing the opportunity to convert victims into non-thinking entitlement aficionados, Progressives will stop at nothing to lead their followers to some mystical Shangri-La, where rich people roam the earth laden with bags full of loose cash, desperately looking for a place to unload it.

Warren Buffett, as the left’s favorite compassionate rich guy, is like Robin Hood in reverse, in that he cannot seem to give his money away

fast enough - with the exception of a little back-tax “http://www.newsmax.com/InsideCover/buffett-irs-back-taxes/2011/09/01/id/409520” squabble they say he has going on with the IRS - to the tune of an estimated \$1 billion. Of course, all rich guys are wicked, unless they agree, as an act of obedience to the government, to help bankroll the administration’s spending addiction by signing onto the proposed “Buffett Tax.”

I know, the devil is always in the details, but I’ll go ahead and say it anyways. Buffett’s billions are his. Not the government’s. Not mine. Not yours. The money is his. Those inclined to contribute their resources to help the poor, should. It’s called charity. People are generally more inclined to be charitable when they do it on their own.

The truth is, when the government takes money from the rich, it simultaneously hurts the poor when charitable organizations, like rescue missions, dependent upon gifts from society’s successful find themselves with fewer resources to share with those in need. There is a cascading series of events, which leads to more poverty and less prosperity. Likewise, high taxes choke the life out of creativity, undermine manufacturing, and weaken the middle class. In contrast, lower taxes enable business owners to increase job creation, salaries, and benefits.

Forced “charity,” only creates animosity between the less fortunate and those being charged with their fortune, under penalty of prosecution. There is a power in authentic generosity that no amount of government social-engineering will ever match.

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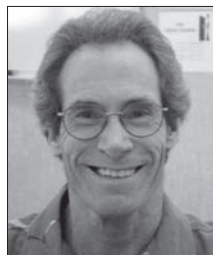
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HAIL Hamilton My Turn



9/11--ASK QUESTIONS, DEMAND ANSWERS!

An enigma of troubling questions continue to surround the attacks on 9/11, including the negligence of military officials in reacting to the hijackings, collapse of WTC1, 2, and 7 at near "free-fall" speed, supposed "airliner" crash into the Pentagon, proven links between the hijackers, Pakistani intelligence (ISI) and the CIA, the role of oil and natural gas in the Eurasian conflict, and the impact of post-911 legislation on American civil liberties.

At first, those who questioned the official explanation of the 9/11 attacks were lambasted as kooks and conspiracy nuts, but as time passed and more and more unanswered questions emerged, people the world over - including academics, scientists and experts in many fields - began to feel extremely uneasy about 9/11 and the subsequent political and military agenda which it was used to justify. Things just didn't add up from what the government & network media were "spinning."

U.S. Air Force, lieutenant colonel, a fighter pilot, former instructor at the USAF Fighter Weapons School and NATO's Tactical Leadership Program, Guy S. Razer said:

"I am 100% convinced that the attacks of September 11, 2001 were planned, organized, and committed by treasonous perpetrators that have infiltrated the highest levels of our government

.... "Those of us in the military took an oath to 'support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic'. Just because we have retired does not make that oath invalid, so it is not just our responsibility, it is our duty to expose the real perpetrators of 9/11 and bring them to justice, no matter how hard it is, how long it takes, or how much we have to suffer to do it.

"We owe it to those who have gone before us who executed that same oath, and who are doing the same thing in Iraq and Afghanistan right now. Those of us who joined the military and faithfully executed orders that were given us had to trust our leaders. The violation and abuse of

that trust is not only heinous, but ultimately the most accurate definition of treason!"

The use of the events of 911 was a catalyst to execute the Neocon's Project For A New American Century (PNAC), plans whose National Security Strategy were developed in 1997 by the same Neocons who later played central roles in the Bush Administration. These plans included attacking possible future competitors first, assuming regional hegemony by force of arms in the Middle East, controlling energy resources around the globe, maintaining a permanent war strategy, ignoring treaties and world opinions that the US don't like, and establishing military bases in foreign countries.

One of PNAC's authors, Dov Zakheim, a former comptroller for the Defense Department, called for a "catastrophic and catalyzing event - like a new Pearl Harbor" being necessary to foster the frame of mind needed for the American public to support a war in the Middle East that would politically and culturally reshape the region. He, as a member of PNAC, did this one year before the attacks on 911 occurred.

The theme of "unending wars" with Afghanistan and Iraq as the first casualties of those wars was part of the Neocon's PNAC plan back in 1997, long before 911 happened. The goal has always been to control the huge oil reserves of Iraq and the trillions of dollars worth of Central Asian natural gas to be piped through Afghanistan. Moreover, these wars were to be "pre-emptive wars." In other words, whenever the U.S. thinks a country may be amassing too much power and/or could provide some sort of competition to our "benevolent hegemony" in the region, it would be attacked, without provocation.

Of course, if the American public needs convincing of the righteousness of such a war, a provocation could be fabricated, as many believe was the case with 9/11.

So where do we go from here? We must keep pressing our elected officials for the truth about 9/11; we must insist on a new investigation led by a independent special prosecutor with subpoena powers. Most importantly, we must continue to ask questions and demand answers. Only then will justice finally be served.

OUT TO PASTOR A Weekly Religion Column



IT'S REALLY QUITE A CHATTY WORLD AFTER ALL

Rev. James L. Snyder

I must be the only one in this world of ours that truly appreciates quietness. Maybe it's old-age stomping its tired old boots, but I think the world has gotten just a little bit noisier. As I got older, I thought my hearing would begin to diminish. I assure you, I am hearing more today than I have ever wanted to hear in all my life.

I remember my grandfather and his hearing aid. When there was a family gathering and he was sitting quietly smiling, I came to understand he had turned his hearing aid off. How I envy him now. If only I could turn my hearing aid off.

I have tried ignoring my wife, but I can assure you that was not a very good plan. To ignore your wife is to place your health in dire jeopardy. Who wants Alex Trebek breathing down your neck? "I'll take American history for \$100, Alex."

Not long ago I had to take a trip flying the friendly skies. I do not mind flying, but it is not my favorite mode of travel. I would rather stay at home and dream of traveling. On a recent trip, I happened to sit next to an elderly man.

We exchanged pleasantries and I settled down with a book hoping to get in a few pages before the trip ended. I had selected a very special book for this trip. My elderly friend settled down with the full intention of rehearsing to me his entire autobiography. For an old gentleman, he had a fantastic memory. I think, but do not quote me here, he recited to me every blessed day of his life. If my recollection is correct, and I know I was brain fuzzy during the whole process, he related one incident at least four different times. Either he is the father of "Groundhog Day," or many things in his life happened repeatedly.

Last week I went to get my haircut at a local hair salon. I usually go to a particular one near my house and I stopped in for my regular haircut. A few people were ahead of me, so I sat down, picked up a magazine and was going to have a pleasant time waiting my turn.

Not paying too much attention to the clientele, there was sitting next to me today very nice little girl. I made one mistake. I looked at her and said, "And how are you today, little girl?"

That was the last sentence I got in for the next hour. She talked so much I thought her tongue would fall out. Then she talked some more and I thought my ears would fall off. How can anybody so young have so much to say? I am 10 times her

age and I do not have one 10th as much to say to her, as she had to say to me. Who in the world is teaching these children to talk?

Then, in the middle of her chat diarrhea, she looked at me and said, "What do you think about that, mister?" Not expecting it and not really knowing what she was talking about, I hesitated for a moment.

My second mistake.

Before I could take a good breath, she began her chat diarrhea as though she was just beginning. She was probably about six years of age with not a very large vocabulary but she knew how to use every word in her vocabulary a multitude of times. Some of her sentences were five minutes long, and at the end, I had no idea what she was saying. The end of her sentence had no apparent relationship to the beginning of her sentence. And the middle, well, who could follow that.

Oh, how I pity her English teacher.

I date back to the time before cell phones. I know not many people are living today who dates back that far. We have become a generation of cell phones. Before the cell phone era, that was the day, I could sneak off somewhere and nobody could find me.

Oh, how I envy those glorious days of yesteryear.

Now I pack one of those blasted cell phones wherever I go. No matter where I am, somebody can get a hold of me. When I say somebody, I am actually referring to my wife. As it stands now, I am within dialing distance of her Majesty.

Thinking about this I have come up with, maybe not a solution, but at least a little reprieve for those of us who are tired of the noise. I propose a national noise-free-day celebrated every year. For 24 hours, nobody would be permitted to say anything.

I know this would hit the politicians rather hard. Everybody knows if a politician does not speak for a 24-hour period the fickle electorate would forget about him or her. And, for a politician not to say anything for a 24-hour period it would cause him or her to die of suffocation.

Actually, in either case the American public wins.

This brings me to my favorite Bible verse. "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth" (Psalms 46:10 KJV).

It is in the stillness that we begin to know God. What would happen if for a brief moment each day we became still before the presence of God?

STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE WEAPON CONTROL



Last Friday on Real Time with Bill Maher a kind of amazing thing happened. This is one of the few shows actually produced for the benefit of Liberals; oh excuse me, Progressives like me. Usually the show's guests and the host spend a lot of time bemoaning the fact that the general public is so ignorant that they often vote against their own economic self-interest. What ignorance - how can the public be so stupid? This time though, all at once Bill Maher seemed to realize that he himself voted against his own economic interest. "Hey, I'm a millionaire. How come I'm voting against my own interest?" he said. Probably this was all planned and non-spontaneous and his realization was never discussed, but the question remains, "How come Bill?"

My view is that a real discussion would have isolated the power of the only truly influential factor influencing people's economic and political behavior, THE POWER OF IDEAS. In this my 200th article, I maintain, as usual, that awareness is the only weapon available to fight against the raging, continuing, destructive influences which are destroying civilization.

Perhaps this business about the destruction of civilization seems exaggerated and overblown to you. Well, it doesn't seem that way to me and a number of pretty distinguished and responsible thinkers are expressing similar fears. Really, I think it is legitimate to say that there is a fifty-fifty chance that modern civil society will not be around after this century. What do I think is killing us? Is it global warming, water shortages, air pollution, over-population, probable nuclear war, plagues, disease, natural disasters like volcanoes and hurricanes and tsunamis, mind destroying drugs, budget deficits and economic chaos? Look, the list could go on and on..

I think this is where the discussion should have gone on the Bill Maher show. How and why we, all of us, are influenced by ideas and how we can separate the good ideas from the bad ideas. The idea for this article came to me right after I read in the column next to mine in last week's paper an article by Hail Hamilton. (September 24, 2011 page 12 of the Mountain Views News entitled Conspiracy Theory and the Crime of Conspiracy). In that article Mr. Hamilton described a plot in 1933 by a group of tycoons, including Prescott Bush, the father and grandfather of our recent Presidents, which involved the creation of an army of ex-veterans led by a military hero which would demand the resignation of the President or would effectuate his public assassination if he refused to comply with their wishes. Moreover, and most frightening, these business leaders believed the American Public would accept a new government because these tycoons controlled the press and the world of ideas.

I have spent a good part of today checking out this story at the Pasadena Public Library and on the Internet. Look it up on Conspiracy-gov.com. and read about how influential power pawnbrokers, led by Prescott Bush, sought to overthrow the U.S. government and implement a fascist dictatorship in the U.S. based around the ideology of Mussolini and Hitler. Interestingly enough another name involved was Heinz, the present-day company of which is associated with Mrs. John Kerry whose husband opposed George Bush in the Presidential election of 2004.

According to the information that I've gleaned, the military hero, Smedley Butler, the twice-awarded Medal of Honor recipient the tycoons tried to manipulate into leading their assault, realized the true horror of the evil intentions of the conspiracy and blew the whistle on the ringleaders. The threat was averted and everything was covered up and the world continued on.

Who knows? It's almost eighty years later and maybe the evil-ones have already triumphed at our expense. Our government bailed out General Motors (which was also mentioned as part of the conspiracy) and we gave billions and billions to bail out the banks. (Yes, J.P. Morgan connected to present day Morgan-Chase was part of the conspiracy) while the middle-class has been left to struggle on its own. Right now, though, we're still kicking and have begun to scream. Perhaps this is a new beginning and our fight may well spill into the streets. Sure the media is even more controlled now than it has ever been and perhaps the initial coverage, like the coverage of the Wall Street demonstrations will be minimal. Maybe the profusion of legal mind-numbing drugs prescribed for the middle class and powerful damaging mind-destroying drugs frequently shot, sniffed, smoked, and swallowed by the poor have render us incapable of carrying on the struggle.. Our only weapon is our minds and there is a question as to whether this weapon can be salvaged and made battle-ready. I do think the times they are a-changing, and as they do, let's try and take care of our own minds and notice how we live our own lives and just see what happens.

CURBING BAD BEHAVIOR



Ron Carter

PULL YOUR PANTS UP!

Over the last six months, I have travelled to several states within the United States of America. During my journeys, I continue to be baffled and piqued by the fashion trend that is sweeping the nation. Young men and women of all ethnicities, Caucasian, African-American, Hispanic, Asian, wearing their trousers in a vulgar manner. These individuals chose to wear

their trousers showcasing their underwear. Some of them wore their trousers below the buttocks revealing parts of the anatomy which should always be covered up in public.

When and where did this fashion trend became so prevalent in our communities? I was told it started in the prison system with prisoners who because of safety reasons were not allowed to wear belts, so their trousers fitted them on the hips. Why then do young men and women wearing belts in their trousers still wear them below the buttocks? Have you noticed how these individuals walk? It is comical watching them walk while using one hand to hold their trousers up or strutting their legs to a wider stance to keep the pants from falling to the ground. Their strut reminds me of the way ducks move. And, no offense to duck lovers, but we all know how smart ducks are.

I don't have the answer to this issue, but the behavior is so disturbing that even a song, "Pants On The Ground," which admonished young men and women to "pull their pants up," recorded by a contestant on the widely watched TV show "American Idol" created a world-wide rave. Our collective voices must continue to impress upon our youth that most of the times in life you do not get a second chance to make a first impression. And, while it may seem hip to them to wear their pants beneath the buttocks, the majority of our society view this fashion trend as adding no value to one's appearance and it projects a negative self-image.

So young men and women, pull your trousers up, please!

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: INTERPRESS VERTICAL SOLUTIONS; VERTICAL SOLUTIONS, 1002 S. RODILEE AVE., WEST COVINA, CA 91791. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KEVIN KHUU, 1002 RODILEE AVE., WEST COVINA, CA 91791. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: KEVIN KHUU. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/06/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/06/2011. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Sept 10, 17, 24, Oct 01, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 11-094885
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: KILLING COMPETITION, 1429 E. 25th ST. #2, L.A., CA 90011. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RICARDO RIVERA, 1429 E. 25th ST. #2, L.A., CA 90011. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RICARDO RIVERA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/06/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/06/2011. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Sept 10, 17, 24, Oct 01, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 11-094470
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: L.A. CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP RAM AT LAX; L.A. CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE AT LAX, 333 HINDRY AVE., INGLEWOOD, CA 90301. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) AIRPORT AUTOMOTIVE, LLC., 970 W. MANCHESTER BLVD., INGLEWOOD, CA 90301. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: JEFFREY ZWERLING. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/06/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Sept 10, 17, 24, Oct 01, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 11-094147
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: L. & D TRUCKING SERVICE, 306 YOUNG CT., POMONA, CA 91766. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LORENA GOMEZ, 5191 REVERE ST. UNIT 5, CHINO, CA 91710. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LORENA GOMEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/02/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Sept 10, 17, 24, Oct 01, 2011

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 11-093974
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: L A FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS, 9900 LAKEWOOD BLVD., DOWNEY, CA 90240. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LIDIA ALVAREZ, 9900 LAKEWOOD BLVD., DOWNEY, CA 90240. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LIDIA ALVAREZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/02/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/02/2011. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Sept 10, 17, 24, Oct 01, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 11-094525
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LINKS & BRIDGES, 6215 N. GALANTO AVE., AZUSA, CA 91702. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RAYMOND KALBAKJI, 831 E. HAMPTON ST., GLENORA, CA 91740. LIMA KAKISH, 6215 N. GALANTO AVE., AZUSA, CA 91702. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: RAYMOND KALBAKJI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/06/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Sept 10, 17, 24, Oct 01, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 11-092820
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LOKWERKZ FABRICATION, 2746 N. DUFEE AVE. STE H, EL MONTE, CA 91732. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TONY PUANKOSOOM, 519 N. ELECTRIC AVE. #5, ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TONY PUANKOSOOM. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/02/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Sept 10, 17, 24, Oct 01, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 11-093679
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MCJEWELRY, 650 S. HILL ST. BOOTH J6, L.A., CA 90014. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MENG UNG, SALLY UNG, 1447 ALLISON AVE., L.A., CA 90026. This Business is conducted by: HUSBAND and WIFE. Signed: MENG UNG. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/02/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Sept 10, 17, 24, Oct 01, 2011

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 11-093518
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MUNOZ'S CONSTRUCTION, 1207 W. 39th PL. #205, L.A., CA 90037. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARIA S. GONZALES, ERICK N. MUNOZ, 1207 W. 39th PL. #205, L.A., CA 90037. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: ERICK N. MUNOZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/02/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Sept 10, 17, 24, Oct 01, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 11-094210
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ORACLE ESCROW SERVICES, 8043 2nd ST. STE 102, DOWNEY, CA 90241. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUDITH GALLARDO, MARIA GALLARDO, 8043 2nd ST. STE 102, DOWNEY, CA 90241. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: MARIA GALLARDO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/02/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Sept 10, 17, 24, Oct 01, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 11-094872
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TROPICAL BAMBOO PARADISE, 533 ADELE AVE., WHITTIER, CA 90601. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CARLOS GONZALEZ, MICHAEL OCHOA, HENSON OCHOA 533 ADELE AVE., WHITTIER, CA 90601. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: CARLOS GONZALEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/06/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Sept 10, 17, 24, Oct 01, 2011

FILE NO. 11-094082
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: GR-MOLD, 13258 BLODGETT AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90242. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/02/10, in Los Angeles. The original file number of 2011094081. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 09/02/2011. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: NAZMY REHAM/OWNER.

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FILE NO. 11-093938
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: LA FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS, 9900 LAKEWOOD BLVD., DOWNEY, CA 90240. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 07/31/2008, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2011093937. The business was conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 09/02/2011. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: ALVAREZ, LIDIA/OWNER.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2011-096380
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE SPEEDY CHEETAH 80 W. SIERRA MADRE BLVD., NO. 257, SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PAULI NAFTALIS 353 N. HILL AVE. NO. 206, PASADENA, CA. 91106. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: PAUL NAFTALIS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/08/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/18/2006. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Sept. 24, Oct 01, 08, 15, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2011-096581
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HAPPILY EVER AFTER CONFECTIONARY, 45 N. BALDWIN AVENUE, SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DARYL MANESE 18915 E. LANGSTON PLACE, ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CA. 91748, MELISSA SACCHETTO 41 BONITA ST. ARCADIA, CA. 91006. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: MELISSA SACCHETTO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/08/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/20/2011. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Sept. 24, Oct 01, 08, 15, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2011-087425
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SIERRA MADRE TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS 45 N. SIERRA MADRE BLVD., SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PAULINE GRAY 83 W. SIERRA MADRE BLVD., SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: PAULINE GRAY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/24/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Sept. 24, Oct 01, 08, 15, 2011

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: VIRGINIA LOUISE MCBRIDE AKA VIRGINIA L. MCBRIDE AKA VIRGINIA MCBRIDE CASE NO. GP016239

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of VIRGINIA LOUISE MCBRIDE AKA VIRGINIA L. MCBRIDE AKA VIRGINIA MCBRIDE.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ROBERT M. MCBRIDE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION requests that ROBERT M. MCBRIDE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act . (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 11/18/11 at 8:30AM in Dept. A located at 300 E. WALNUT ST., PASADENA, CA 91101

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
To: Citywide
From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT 11-02 (MCTA 11-02)
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider a text amendment to the City's Zoning Code (Title 17). In accordance with the Federal Fair Housing Act and the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, local governments are required to provide people with disabilities reasonable accommodations as necessary to ensure equal access to their dwelling unit and/or place of business. The purpose of the new Ordinance is to provide a clear and defined process for people with disabilities to make reasonable accommodation requests from existing standards in the City's Zoning Code. At the August 18, 2011, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed amendment to the City Council.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING
City of Sierra Madre
City Council meeting
Tuesday, October 11, 2011
(Hearing begins at 6:30 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING
City of Sierra Madre
City Council Chambers
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA

All interested persons may attend this meeting and the Planning Commission will hear them with respect thereto.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to Sections 15301 (Minor Alterations to Existing Facilities), 15305 (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations), 15311 (Accessory Structures) and 15061(b)(3) (Review for Exemption) of the California Environmental Quality Act, as the proposed Ordinance would allow for reasonable accommodations from the application of zoning regulations limited to those required to ensure equal access to a dwelling unit and/or place of business and which would have less than significant impacts on the environment.

APPEAL: If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the City Council in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Development Services Department at (626) 355-7135.

By Order of the City Council

Danny Castro, Director of Development Services

CELEBRATING WOMENS EQUALITY DAY

Takes center stage with fun and humor on October 10, 2011

The most dangerous women in America -- then and now -- take center stage Oct. 10 in a show to celebrate when women took their rightful place in democracy in California 100 years ago by winning the right to vote. The League of Women Voters Pasadena Area is co-sponsoring the event with Pasadena City College in cooperation with other civic organizations, including 50/50 Leadership, American Association of University Women, Pasadena/Altadena Links, Inc., National Women's Political Caucus, and Zonta Club of Pasadena.

Amy Simon, a cultural "herstory" actress and producer, will present "She's History: The Most Dangerous Women in America, Then and Now," to celebrate Women's Equality Day at Creveling Lounge, Pasadena City College, 1570 E. Colorado Blvd. The performance is 7 p.m., a reception with the

artist and the women's civic organizations follows at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$7. Due to limited seating, reservations are advised.

In her one-woman show, Simon keeps everyone laughing with her wry spin on ordinary and extraordinary women throughout history with her fast-paced impersonations. She engages, educates and entertains as she honors and celebrates American women, hoping to inspire tomorrow's heroines.

Her play "Cheerios in My Underwear (and Other True Tales of Motherhood)," holds the record as the longest-running solo show in Los Angeles. As a writer, and entertainer, she is a frequent guest on local and national radio.

For reservations, please call the League office, 626-798-0965 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on weekdays.

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Dolphin Talks to Humans!

A friendly dolphin talked to human beings after saving the life of a sailor who was knocked off his ship by a huge wave Thursday night.

Sailors claim that the young dolphin had been spotted following their ship off the Virginia Beach coastline for weeks. The saved sailor had been swimming with the dolphin daily, but claims the dolphin never spoke to him.

"We couldn't believe our ears," declared one stunned crew member after hearing the dolphin's calls for help. "If this dolphin can talk, then maybe others can too!"

The dolphin has not been sighted since he rescued the sailor from drowning by grabbing onto his arm and pulling him back to the side of the ship. Then, the dolphin called out to the men on watch. Think of all the things we could learn about the oceans and our world if we could make contact again!

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Looking Up

with Bob Eklund

Huge Sunspots Unleash Solar Flares

A severe “geomagnetic storm” in Earth’s outer atmosphere followed the impact last week of a coronal mass ejection, or stream of charged particles, resulting from a solar flare that occurred on Sept. 26. The Goddard Space Weather Lab reported a strong compression of Earth’s magnetosphere resulting from this impact. Simulations indicate that solar wind plasma has penetrated close to the altitude of geosynchronous satellite orbits. Stationary satellites (such as those used for satellite TV communications) could therefore be directly exposed to solar wind plasma and magnetic fields, resulting in serious disruption of service.

At the peak of this disturbance, auroras were sighted around both poles and in more than five U.S. states including Michigan, New York, South Dakota, Maine, and Minnesota.

A huge sunspot group, designated active region (AR) 1302, has been unleashing a series of solar flares over the past several days, recorded as extreme ultraviolet flashes by NASA’s orbiting Solar Dynamics Observatory (SDO).

None of the blasts have been directed squarely at Earth, but this could change as the sunspot

turns toward our planet as the Sun rotates in the days ahead. Active region AR1302 is growing in size and intensity and shows no immediate signs of quieting down.

Each of the Sun’s current active regions, or spots, is larger than Earth, and the entire area of activity stretches more than 40,000 miles from end to end. The sunspot’s magnetic field is currently crackling with sub-X-class flares that could grow into larger eruptions as the sunspot group continues to rotate toward Earth. The Sun takes about one month for a complete rotation on its axis.

Solar observer Steve Padilla at Mount Wilson Observatory, where the Sun has been continually monitored since 1905, notes that we’re still at least a year away from the time of peak activity in the current 11-year sunspot cycle.

“Every Saturday and Sunday, we open the 150-foot solar tower telescope to the visiting public on Mount Wilson’s weekend walking tours, and show them the projected, magnified image of the Sun—and the people been really excited to see these large sunspots,” said Padilla.

“But even though the current spots seem large,

they are dwarfed by the image we show the visitors of the largest sunspot ever recorded—photographed on April 6, 1947,” Padilla added.

Sunspots are temporary phenomena on the Sun’s surface that appear visibly as dark spots compared to surrounding regions. They are caused by intense magnetic activity, which inhibits convection and produces areas of reduced surface temperature.

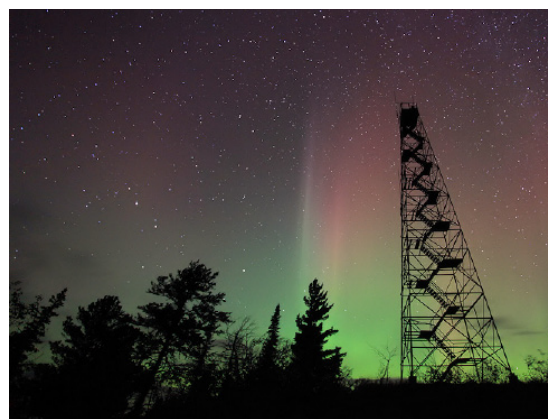
Although sunspots have temperatures of roughly 3000–4000°C, the contrast with the surrounding material (which is at about 6,000°C) leaves them clearly visible as dark spots. If a sunspot were isolated from the surrounding solar surface it would appear brighter than an electric arc.

As a result of their intense magnetic activity, sunspots produce secondary phenomena such as coronal loops (prominences), solar flares, and coronal mass ejections, which usually originate in magnetically active regions around visible sunspot groupings.

Similar phenomena, varying in intensity in cycles like our Sun, have been indirectly observed on stars and are commonly called starspots. Starspot cycles were first observed at Mount Wil-

son Observatory, by Olin Wilson half a century ago. The magnetic nature of sunspots was also discovered at Mount Wilson, by the Observatory’s founder George Ellery Hale in 1908.

If you want to see a sunspot for yourself, take one of Mount Wilson’s public walking tours, held every Saturday and Sunday through the end of November. Tours begin 1:00 p.m. at the Cosmic Café, which overlooks the parking lot. Tour info: www.mtwilson.edu.



Ask jai.....

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

Is it a good idea to attend networking events that are designed for people who are unemployed? I am unemployed, an introvert and very uncomfortable meeting new people. What should I do to prepare?
T. J.

Dear T. J.

Attending networking events is a great way to find job leads, expand your network of contacts and hopefully find a position. Think of networking events as a group interviewing session and not just as a social event. Dress professionally or business casual. Hand out networking cards instead of your resume. Networking cards are similar to business cards. Networking cards should include your name, contact information and anything that you feel would be relevant. Networking cards should be inexpensive and can be printed in black and white. Hand out networking cards to people that you meet and be sure to ask them for their card or contact information. You can drink alcohol at these events but don’t get drunk. Networking events are not a party. You are there to find job leads and increase your referrals.

Develop an “elevator speech” to introduce yourself at networking events. The speech should be short enough (about 2 minutes) to say your full name, your experiences and accomplishments. This should help open up dialogue and begin discussions. Prepare and practice your elevator speech with family members or friends until you are comfortable.

Good manners, eye contact and a firm hand shake are important at networking events. Show honest interest in the person you are meeting. This is the right time to ask a person “What do you do?” Show genuine interest in the person you are meeting and hopefully they can assist you or you might be able to assist them in their job search. Everyone should be there to network so spend enough quality time with each person, eventually excuse yourself and then move to the next person or group of people.

Always follow-up and stay in contact with people you meet at networking events. Ask them to let you know about any positions that they may come across that fits your profile and that you will be more than happy to do the same for them. Keep in touch with them by e-mail, social internet sites or telephone at least once a month. You should attend at least two networking events a month. Enjoy yourself but do not let them turn into social events for you. Networking events can result in a position if you have an objective, stay focus, smile, shake hands, give and take information, and follow-up.

Everything you ever wanted to know about how to get a job...but did not know who to ask. Ask jai. Send your questions to [HYPERLINK “mailto:jai@resumeandcareerservices.com”](mailto:jai@resumeandcareerservices.com) jai@resumeandcareerservices.com or [HYPERLINK “http://www.resumeandcareerservices.com”](http://www.resumeandcareerservices.com) www.resumeandcareerservices.com.

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc.
Canyon Canine Dog
Walking & Pet Sitting Services



When I heard the breaking news that the city of Toronto, Ontario Canada succeeded in passing new legislation banning the sale of commercially bred dogs and cats in pet stores this past week, I literally jumped for joy! Toronto’s new law prohibits pet stores from selling any cats or dogs other than those adopted from a shelter, a Humane Society or a registered rescue group. The main goal behind the new law is to help curb commercial “kitty & puppy mill” breeding activities by restricting sales and, hopefully, shrinking the market demand for commercially bred pets. The Toronto city council was prompted to pass this legislation soon after a shocking discovery of mass animal cruelty at a puppy mill in Quebec, leading to the arrest of the owners, confiscation of over 500 dogs and closure of the facility. The pets were taken to the Humane Society for medical treatment and emotional nurturing before they were ultimately put up for adoption.

Several other similar cases of neglect and cruelty had occurred previously in the city of Toronto, but apparently the epically tragic case in Quebec proved to be the “last straw” for many animal rights activists who had been ‘pounding’ the pavement for the cause in Canada’s largest city for years. I am so proud of our fellow Canadian North Americans for setting a precedent and a fine example for others, such as ourselves, to follow with regard to the protection and humane treatment of domestic animals.

So, what’s up with our legislation in California? I have always held our state in high regard for being the cutting-edge trend setters when it comes to promoting important environmental causes, yet I cringe when I think of the bare-bones pet protection by-laws that exist in our state and more locally, in LA County. Countless initiatives, for which numerous avid animal lovers and activists have worked very hard to gain support over the past several years, made it all the way to Sacramento only to be tabled or shot down by the powers that be. It is simply unbelievable! Where is our sense of priority when it comes to protecting the most vulnerable members of our society - the

VIVA, LA TORONTO!

ones who depend on us the most? I realize not everyone loves animals as much as I do, but legislation against cruelty toward the ones who bring us so much joy in our lives should be a no-brainer, even for passive citizens who are less apt to take action. The law makers in Canada, who took part in passing this epic law are very dear to my heart.

There are many such members of our local and state governments as well, so please believe me when I say I do not mean to bash those who do have the right motives and goals with regard to animal rights in this state, however it seems we animal lovers are outnumbered by those with motives that are more money-related. Regardless of the frustration that comes with losing a battle, we all must remember that we have not lost the entire war.

Animal lovers in California must unite and continue the quest for humane treatment and proper care of all pets and wildlife in this state. Although I am a supporter of several non-profit organizations that benefit animals, I plan to get on-board in a more meaningful way this coming year, by working with my local fellow animal rights activists in collecting signatures for the animal rights initiatives currently underway, and possibly even drafting a few initiatives of my own. The folks on the Toronto city council, who ensured that this new law



would be put into place, have no idea what kind of Pandora’s box they opened all the way over here on the opposite corner of the continent!

I hope this news incites a similar reaction from other animal lovers in California. Get on board, and do what you can to show the rest of our nation that we love and respect our animals. If we can be a fore-runner as nature lovers, why can’t we show that much love for the wildlife that lives in the wilderness? I challenge all citizens of LA County and the State of California to stand up and take action. We say we love our pets, and I believe we really mean it, so let’s follow Toronto’s example and prove it by continuing the fight for their rights, eh?

On Line
By PJ Carpenter
Paul is on vacation...
I'll be back next week.



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KATIE Tse.....This and That
Pardon My Mirth!

“Rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep.” Good advice from Romans 12, but not always easy to follow. Weeping comes easily, but when your friend is rejoicing over something you have no hope of attaining in the foreseeable future, rejoicing takes effort. I have many friends and relatives in education, and it’s around this time of year that new retirees can get particularly gleeful in a snide sort of way.

The other day I had to meet with a co-worker with whom I rarely have contact. He managed to sneak into the conversation his joyous proclamation that he is retiring this year. He informed me that the company is offering an impressive retirement incentive, and, with the tanked economy, such a generous bonus is not likely to occur again in the next 50 years or so. I congratulated him and tried not to think about the 30+ years in the saddle remaining for me.

Some retired teachers rub salt in the wound by parking outside the school and waving to the staff on their first week back. Then there are those who listen blissfully to horror stories of students in the upcoming class. “I had to bench Frank again for pushing a girl to the ground and yelling profanities to the yard duty aides,” a fourth grade teacher might bemoan. The retiring fifth grade teacher nods sympathetically... and later snickers that some chump, other than she herself, will be getting the infamous child in the fall.

This being the season for Back to School Night, retirees enjoy basking in their freedom from meeting another crop of parents. It’s not that they don’t like them; oddly enough, most teachers

I know dread speaking in front of large groups of adults. One teacher said she believed the anxiety came from actually having an audience paying attention to you --something many teachers rarely experience with their students.

This is my mom’s first year of retirement, and I couldn’t be happier for her! I am literally her alarm clock when I call her on my way to work (hands free, of

course). Otherwise she sleeps in until ungodly hours, such as 9 or 10:00. But at least she’s busier now than she was when she was working; helping my dad with the remodeling plans for their home, re-viving the garden, weaving, experimenting with new vegan oil-free recipes, and a host of other creative endeavors.

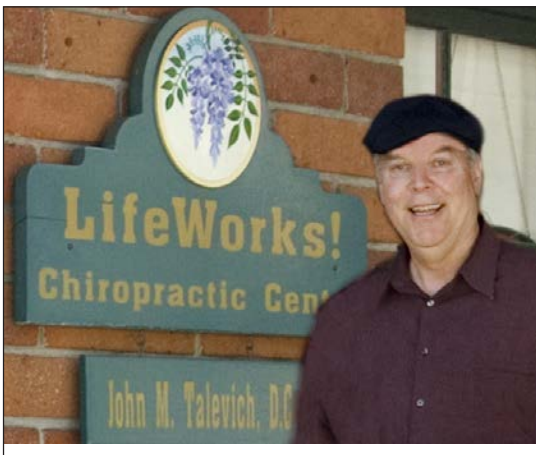
One of her coworkers turned in his spurs the same time my mom did. She told me that she received an exuberant call from him in Golden River, Colorado, his retirement paradise. My mom felt the need to send her old coworkers at school some “thinking of you” gesture, and decided upon a picture I snapped of her and my dad sitting on the porch, cracking up at some joke one of us told. My mom asked if she shouldn’t send it because it might look as if she were gloating at them. “Naw...” I told her, “Go for it!”



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YOUR HEALTH MATTERS
Today's Subject:
THE BIG FIVE, THE SENSITIVE SEVEN AND SNAACS



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.

Dr. Elson Haas, M.D., is a bay-area physician who has been writing and teaching on the subjects of preventative medicine, nutrition and detoxification for over thirty years. His unique work combines natural, oriental, and western medicines into the new specialty of Integrated Medicine. This information offers the general public an effective, often drug-free, approach to wellness. Part of his genius is to highlight various aspects of daily living which contribute significantly to our health or disease process. The Big Five, Sensitive Seven and SNAACS are good examples of this.

The Big Five

One of the promises of modern medicine, both spoken and implied, is “we can fix it, we will be there for you.” This is a tremendous comfort, and yet it asks very little of the patient. In fact, this somehow gets translated into “we will do it for you.” Dr. Haas’ work combines the best of technology with self-care. By looking at, and

possibly reducing or eliminating the Big Five, he asks us to try on an approach that will give us the tools for long-term health, quality aging, and great vitality. What are the Big Five? Sugar, caffeine, alcohol, wheat products, and dairy foods.

The Sensitive Seven

It’s safe to say that many of us are just dragging ourselves around, while others fall into the “vertically ill” category, suffering from persistent symptoms such as headache, joint pain, or skin and digestive problems ~ not yet seriously sick. By being aware of the Sensitive Seven, we can experiment with how they may affect us and eliminate the source of our symptoms. The Sensitive Seven are: Wheat, cow’s milk products, sugar, corn and corn sweeteners, eggs, soy and peanuts. Often, just one or two of these foods on a regular basis can cause chronic discomfort.

The SNAACS

In Dr. Haas’ book, The Detox Diet, he discusses how to let go of the big offenders of our food universe: sugar, nicotine, alcohol, caffeine, and other chemicals are covered in depth. If the very idea of letting go of one or more of these “best friends” makes you break out in a low level case of the d.t.’s, then perhaps a peek at the relationship that you have to them is a good idea. After all, a little bit of information never hurts.

In Closing

While we live in a world of miraculous medical technology, real wellness cannot come from any other source than oneself. Dr. Haas is a true visionary when it comes to inspiring us to embrace this principle. Check out his many books and take on your own healthy life.

To your healthy life! Dr. John

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NEW FLU VACCINE FOR SENIORS PROVIDES BETTER PROTECTION

Dear Savvy Senior,

I've read that there is a new extra-strength flu vaccine being offered to seniors this year. What can you tell me about it, where can I find it, and does Medicare cover it?
Flu-Conscious Connie

Dear Connie,
The new extra-strength flu vaccination you’re inquiring about is called the Fluzone High-Dose, and it’s designed specifically for seniors, age 65 years and older. Here’s what you should know.

Fluzone High-Dose

Manufactured by Sanofi Pasteur Inc., the Fluzone High-Dose vaccine was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in Dec. 2009, and was first made available last flu season on a limited basis.

The main difference between the Fluzone High-Dose and a regular flu shot is its potency. The High-Dose vaccine contain four times the amount of antigen (the part of the vaccine that prompts the body to make antibody) as a regular flu shot does, which creates a stronger immune response for better protection. This extra protection is particularly helpful to seniors who have weaker immune defenses and have a great risk of developing dangerous flu complications. The CDC estimates that the flu puts more than 200,000 people in the hospital each year and kills around 24,000 – 95 percent of whom are seniors.

As with all flu vaccines, Fluzone High-Dose is not recommended for seniors who are allergic to chicken eggs, or those who have had a severe reaction to a flu vaccine in the past.

To locate a vaccination site that offers the Fluzone High-Dose, ask your doctor or pharmacist, or check the online flu-shot locator at flu.gov for clinics or stores offering flu shots. Then, contact some in your area to see whether they have the High-Dose vaccine. CVS, Walgreens, Safeway, Kmart, Rite Aid and Kroger are among some of the chains offering the High-Dose shot.

You’ll also be happy to know that if you’re a Medicare beneficiary, Part B will cover 100



percent of the cost of your High-Dose vaccination. But if you’re not covered the cost is around \$50 to \$60 – that’s about double of what you’d pay for a regular flu shot.

Pneumovax

Another important vaccination the CDC recommends to seniors – especially this time of year – is the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine for pneumonia and meningitis (the vaccine is called Pneumovax 23). Pneumonia causes more than 40,000 deaths in the U.S. each year, many of which could be prevented by this vaccine. If you’re over age 65 and haven’t already gotten this one-time-only shot, you should get it now before flu season hits. Pneumovax 23 is also covered under Medicare Part B, and you can get it on the same day you get your flu shot. If you’re not covered by insurance, this vaccine costs around \$75 to \$85 at retail clinics.

This vaccine is also recommended to adults under age 65 if they smoke or have certain chronic conditions like asthma, heart disease, lung disease, kidney disease, diabetes, sickle cell disease, have had their spleen removed, or have a weakened immune system due to cancer, HIV or an organ transplant.

Savvy Tips: In addition to getting vaccinated, the CDC reminds everyone that the three best ways to stay healthy during flu season is to wash your hands frequently with soap and water, cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze and stay home if you’re sick. For more information on the recommended vaccines for older adults see cdc.gov/vaccines.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of “The Savvy Senior” book.

This Week’s Sermon: “Under Orders”



San Marino Community Church welcomes you to worship on World Communion Sunday! Pastor, Rev. Jeffrey V. O’Grady preaches at both the 9:15 traditional service and “The Gathering” at 11:15 am. The Lord’s Supper will be celebrated.

Attend “Myths of Weight Loss and Healthy Eating” at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

This potentially life-changing presentation on nutrition and healthy eating features special guest, nutrition counselor Lisa Fishman, M.S. R.D., whose private practice over the past 24 years has helped many.

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

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SENIOR HAPPENINGS

SEPTEMBER IS SENIOR CENTER MONTH

NCOA's National Institute of Senior Centers has designated September as Senior Center Month

“It Happens at My Senior Center”

Even though the Hart Park House Senior Center is under renovation, things are still “happening” at the center’s temporary home in the Community Recreation Center (611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.)so please join us:

September 2nd - The Senior Lunch Café is serving a special menu of Cheese Burgers with all the fixings & apple pie for dessert in celebration of Labor Day; Noon . \$2 donation- advance reservations required by calling 355-0256.

September 7th - Community meeting regarding the proposed assisted living facility being built in Sierra Madre. Come to the Recreation Center at 6:30 pm to hear more or to ask questions.

September 15th - Senior Excursion to the Historic Graber Olive House (see below for more details).

September 21th - Lunch & Learn; 12:20 pm. Join us for this special presentation by Lending a Paw, Therapy Dogs & meet some of their certified dogs. A special dry dog food collection will take place so please bring a bag to donate to families facing financial difficulties (donation not required to attend).

September 24th - Wellness in the Park; 9 am to 12 noon in Memorial Park. Free information including hearing & osteoporosis screenings and flu shots (Medicare participants - \$25 for others) plus the Senior Commission will be handing out the File of Life medical information packet to residents. *Come early and enjoy the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast 7 am to 11 am at \$5 per person*

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

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

EXCURSIONS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th - Historic Graber Olive House in Ontario. Participants will get a short tour & history of the Graber Olive as well as learn more about how they are harvested. After the tour you will venture to a local restaurant to have lunch before heading back to Sierra Madre.

The bus will leave the Community Recreation Center at 10 am and return around 2 pm. Cost is \$8 per person (transportation & tour only) so please bring additional money for lunch.

SAVE THE DATES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND - Big Bear Oktoberfest ; \$36 per person. Registration begins September 7th online or in person.

***THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH** - Historic Castle Tour & Lunch at the Mission Inn, Riverside.

***THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH** - Candlelight Pavilion Christmas Show in Claremont. Reservation for this excursion will start on September 26th either by visiting the Recreation Center in person or going online at www.cityofsierramadre.com/onlineregistration

DIAL - A - RIDE TICKETS

Tickets can now be purchased at:
Sierra Madre City Hall
Sierra Madre Recreation Center
Sierra Madre Library



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 at the Sierra Madre Recreation Center while the Hart Park House is under remodeling. 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

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Banana Apple Bread

INGREDIENTS

2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup butter, melted
2 cups white sugar
4 eggs
1 cup plain Greek yogurt
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
3 large very ripe bananas, mashed
2 apples, cubed
3/4 cup chopped walnuts (optional)
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup white sugar
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
3 tablespoons butter, softened
banana slices for garnish
apple slices for garnish

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Grease 2 7x3-inch loaf pans.
In a bowl, whisk together 2 3/4 cups of flour, 2 teaspoons of cinnamon, the baking soda, and salt until thoroughly combined. In a large mixing bowl, beat the melted butter with 2 cups of sugar until smooth, and mix in the eggs, one at a time, followed by the Greek yogurt and vanilla extract. Stir in the bananas, apples, and chopped walnuts until well combined; do not over mix. There should be small chunks of banana visible in the batter. Pour half the batter into each prepared loaf pan.
Mix the brown sugar, 1/2 cup of white sugar, 1 tablespoon of cinnamon, 1/4 cup of flour, and 3 tablespoons of softened butter together in a bowl until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Sprinkle half the crumb topping over each loaf. Garnish each loaf with banana and apple slices.
Bake in the preheated oven for 30 minutes, then remove and cover each pan with aluminum foil. Return to oven, and bake an additional 15 or 20 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the loaves comes out clean. Allow to cool before serving.

October Birthdays



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



Meals-On-Wheels

Meals are delivered to home-bound seniors by volunteer drivers through the YWCA Intervale Lunch Program M-F (with frozen meals for the weekend.)

Meals are delivered to the home-bound seniors by drivers through the YWCA Interval Lunch Program M-F (with frozen meals for the weekend.)

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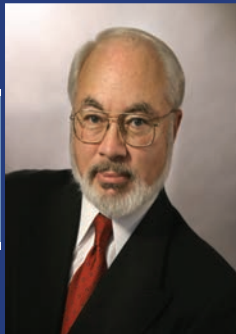
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FROM HACIENDA HEIGHTS TO THE GREEN ACRES OF ILLINOIS



Pulling Up Stakes in LA for Retirement in the Heartland

When Tom and Jan Dovidio announced their unusual plans for retirement relocation, the attorney-journalist/writer couple may have raised a few eyebrows. There aren't many who retire from LA to rural Illinois. On the other hand, how many couples have all their children migrate to Chicago?

The draw to family, including the current count of eight grandchildren, was irresistible. So were the housing prices and the charm of historic Woodstock, Illinois, established in 1842. The town of about 20,000 has long enjoyed commuter train service to downtown Chicago fifty one miles away, a critical advantage in a megalopolis with gridlock issues similar to LA.

Woodstock was named one of the nation's Dozen Distinctive Destinations 2007 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, "an annual list of unique and lovingly preserved communities in the United States," per their website. Their community analysis indicates, "A real, living, dynamic town, Woodstock appreciates and capitalizes on its rich past while keeping a watchful eye on the future."

The town "starred" in the 1993 movie, Groundhog Day, which featured many scenes there, including the famous recurring dream sequence centered on the town's All-American town square, complete with Opera House and century old buildings full of vintage character. Today, it celebrates its celluloid celebrity status with "Woodstock Willie" filling in for Punxsutawney Phil at the yearly Groundhog Day festival.

The Dovidios researched, eventually focusing on a small neighborhood outside of town, with about fifty homes around a small lake, one of the myriad in this area's Chain-O-Lakes. They initially set their sights on building there because no home had been listed for years. Then, earlier this year, a home finally did come up for sale. They took the plunge, buying a home on two acres adjacent to active farms, for less than half the price of their equivalently sized LA home.

Despite the weak economy, their Hacienda Heights home of thirty plus years sold almost immediately. They wrapped up Tom's legal practice and Jan's weekly San Gabriel Valley Tribune column about Whittier and Hacienda Heights.

Then the real work set in, to cull over three decades of accumulation then hit the road, actually the skies, for Middle America. In true Midwest August, fashion, "The weather that day was in the nineties, with about 90% humidity," said Jan. "It took 5 men about 13 hours to unload our 30,000 pounds of stuff!" Then it took two

weeks to sift through enough of that "stuff" to find the television controls, and phone calls to the packers to find the sofa legs and treadmill key.

In their first of two lengthy updates to family and friends, their first paragraph references nearly invisible, yet pesky Woodstock inhabitants. Jan Dovidio penned "As I write this, I am looking out the window at a completely clear beautiful blue sky - not a cloud in sight - and enjoying the view of the many trees and flowers in our new back yard. Hard to believe that lurking in all that beauty are the thousands of mosquitoes that feasted on us this past week!"

We are learning some of the patterns of life in this rural area of Illinois: much slower pace of life, very friendly and genuine people, and the need to learn to manage a different kind of property: septic system, water softener, well water, 2 acres of grounds to maintain, and how to fight those pesky mosquitoes.

Another major learning curve was driving the local roads. Since we are in an area that combines small towns between large farms, roads have speeds of 55 outside of town, then down to 30 or 35 through town. Policemen have very creative hiding spots for those who do not slow to 35 right away. As for getting to know our local roads, we often slow down a bit to look for an intersecting street's name, since they are still unfamiliar to us. The minute we do slow down, the car behind is right on our tail. I have never seen so much tailgating! We have now learned to put on our turn signal long ahead of a turn off one of the high-speed roads.

We are finding that we need to allow some extra time for errands - not because the destinations are far away, but because the folks serving us or helping us in stores or restaurants just want to spend some time in small talk... We are constantly answering the question: "...and why on earth did you leave California?"

In late September, "A gentle steady rain has been falling... Perhaps 2 days a week have brought either light or heavy showers, often with thunder and lightning. Life and its activities do go on; you just learn to dress for it and always keep an umbrella in the car. So much different than the predictability of California weather, where there are 7 day forecasts; here we have perhaps 7-hour forecasts."

Ensuing details continued, including their new "best friends" the arborist, handyman, mosquito abatement and pest control for removal of beehives.

By far, our biggest frustration is poor internet connection. We are constantly knocked off the internet - that is, when we can even get a connection. Our big beautiful trees block a clear sightline to any local tower. AT&T offers internet



access to communities about 500 yards from us, but refuse to extend it to our area because it is only 50 homes in the middle of farms. I think my lawyer husband plans to plead his case with AT&T soon.

The best part of our move is learning the pace and way of life in a farming area. There are farmers' markets everywhere with the ultimate in fresh produce, or you can stop at many farms to pick your own apples, pears, or raspberries. The corn is so very sweet. Every weekend is some kind of festival. A neighboring town hosted a weekend of competitions like watermelon toss and tractor races. We went to Woodstock's annual Harvest Festival today in its beautiful town square, with very creative crafts booths.

My favorite was our stop at a broom booth (You read that correctly!). Did you know that a certain kind of corn is grown just to produce strings of grain to make brooms? No ear of corn; instead, the plant grows to 14 feet tall with long strands of grain inside the husk. The farmer actually showed us how he makes the broom on a pole

that he carved himself from a local oak tree. I felt like I was part of a Charles Kuralt, human interest report.

We experienced a different kind of "rain" about 2 weeks ago. We began to hear thumping noises on our back deck, which became more frequent each day. It was the sound of acorns hitting the deck from a huge oak tree. The little critters would stuff their cheeks, staring as if to challenge you to take them back, then scurry quickly away.

Those darling little chipmunks are a mixed blessing. Yes, they take up some of the acorns. But, they can also burrow up to 40 feet under your foundation to eventually undermine it. It appears that this may be what happened at our front porch, as the ground level has sunk about 6 inches. Our neighbors have recently suggested we set traps.

It is said that one needs to keep learning new things to remain "young" in retirement. It seems there will be no lack of subject matter for new learning at the Dovidio's new Woodstock chapter, in life's slow-er lane!

**Tips of the Trade:
Real Estate Revealed**
by Luther Tsinoglou

IF THEY SHOULD ASK

When you tell friends and family you're going to buy or sell a home, and they ask, "Why are you working through a real estate agent when you can just use the internet," how will you respond? Your first answer should be to have a professional handle all the paperwork - disclosure forms, inspection reports, deeds and titles, settlement statements... they'll get the picture.

You could describe your representative's knowledge about the area - schools, zoning, and property values. You want to know that the neighborhood matches your needs, and that your home holds resale value for the future.

Tell them there's more to advertising than websites, and that your agent will more likely find a buyer instead through their relationships

with other agents and past and current clients. Not to mention the fact that you don't want complete strangers visiting your home, and you're more comfortable knowing that your representative has screened and qualified all potential buyers.

And once you're on either side of an offer, you trust a professional's ability to negotiate successfully when it comes to terms like price, financing, inspections and repairs, and other contractual commitments.

Your final argument might be that most people may buy or sell a handful of homes in their lifetime, but your agent has been successful hundreds of times, on both sides of the transaction. *Case closed!*

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SIMPLE STEPS TO KEEP THINGS LOOKING UP AROUND THE HOUSE

(NAPS)—Painting the ceiling is a great way to complete a room and give it a polished look.

By using the ceiling as a fifth wall, you can add a splash of color to make small rooms seem larger and cavernous ones cozier and give a fresh, clean appearance to every room. Moreover, painting the ceiling can be easier than some homeowners might think.

Here are a few hints to help from the experts at Behr Paints:

Picking the Perfect Ceiling Paint Color

Most people paint their ceiling white or off-white because these shades reflect light and coordinate well with other colors. Ceilings, however, can be one of the best places to use a fun splash of color. High ceilings can benefit from a lightly tinted color to make rooms that might appear too large and expansive feel more human and cozy. Painting low ceilings with semi-gloss paint, on the other hand, will make them seem higher. Crown molding in a darker color can draw the eye upwards.

How to Paint a Ceiling

1. Pour thoroughly mixed paint into a bucket and dip a quality 2" to 2 1/2" wide nylon/polyester brush into it. When using more than a gallon of paint, combine the containers for better uniformity of color. This is called "boxing."
2. With your brush, paint (cut in) along the perimeter of the ceiling surface. To avoid drips, tap off the excess paint against the inside wall of the bucket.
3. From the bucket, pour paint into a paint tray and work a roller into the tray until it's fully loaded. Use a 3/8" to 1/2" roller cover for light texture and a 1/2" to 1" cover for heavy texture. For large areas, use a 5-gallon bucket and bucket grid.
4. Starting in a 3' x 3' section at a corner of your project area, roll the paint onto the ceiling in a "W" formation. For an even application, begin 3" to 4" away from the cut-in section.
5. Work the roller back and forth across the section until the "W" is completely filled in. Roll over the cut-in area, too. Reload the roller when necessary to maintain a wet edge.

6. Continue working in 3' x 3' sections across the width of the ceiling. To blend the sections for a uniform finish, lightly pass the roller over the newly painted area.

7. Repeat the process of painting and blending the sections until the project is complete.

What You'll Need to Paint a Ceiling

One thing that can make painting ceilings quicker and easier is a new addition to Behr's paint and primer in one line: Behr Premium Plus Ultra Stain-Blocking Ceiling Paint. When dry, it forms an extra protective shell that resists moisture, stains and mildew and has a flat sheen to minimize surface imperfections and provide a uniform appearance.

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To transform the look and feel of a room, the paint can be tinted to a wide range of light colors or left pure white for a more traditional look. In addition, colors can be custom matched using Behr's advanced computer matching system.

Where to Find Ceiling Paint

It's available in all The Home Depot stores. You can find more at www.behr.com, including how-to information, design inspiration and 8-oz. paint samples. Fans can go to www.twitter.com/behrpaint and www.facebook.com/behrpaint. And, the ColorSmart by Behr Mobile application, available as a free download for the iPhone, helps do-it-yourselfers find the perfect colors for any home decorating project at the touch of a finger.

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