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Sierra Madre Water Enterprise Credit Rating Downgraded *Insufficient Rate Increase Cited*

By Susan Henderson

Sierra Madre made national news this week when a pair of mountain lions decided to take a break in one resident's front yard. That appeared to be the talk of the town until a story broke in the *Pasadena Star News* on Friday regarding the downgrading of the city's water bond credit rating.

The report, which erroneously reported that the bonds were downgraded "from AAA to an A bond rating", lead to allegations that the city had mislead opponents of the water rate increase by failing to disclose the impact of not enacting the rate increase as recommended by staff would have on the water enterprises bond rating. However, that fact was presented to the public on numerous occasions by city staff. Many who opposed the increase were concerned because, "the proposed rate increase covered only the bond requirements and projected operational expenses".

When the council finally passed the increase, after months of re-education of the public and then Mayor Joe Mosca's efforts to bring the community together, it reduced the amount of the increase from the approximate \$8 per month per ratepayer in response to those who objected to the increase. At that time, it was stated that the city would review the impact of the reduced rates in a year. However, that action was the impetus behind the downgrade.

On September 30, 2011, Moody's Investor Service, a leading provider of credit ratings, research, and risk analysis downgraded the City of Sierra Madre's Water Enterprise Revenue Bonds to "A3 from A1". The bonds, which are secured by the net revenue of the city's water enterprise system, have an outstanding balance of \$3.4 million dollars.

According to the letter issued to the city by Moody's states, "Because it failed to reach its rate covenant in 2010, the City Council successfully completed a Proposition 218 Protest Process in July, 2010, a necessary step for adoption of a five year rate increase. The rate increase would have rectified the rate covenant issue within 90 days. However, City Council delayed implementing the rate increase for one year to get residents more aware of the coming rate increase". The notification goes on to list what could make the rating move up: "Significant increases in debt service coverage achieved and maintained over the long term".

Sustained implementation of regular rate increases which would bolster unrestricted cash reserves."

The city's water enterprise, which has been rated by Moody's since 1998, has never had an AAA rating. According to David Jacobson AVP - Communications Strategist, Public Finance Group at Moody's Investors Service, "Moody's has rated the Sierra Madre Water Enterprise A3 since its inception in 1998. When the rating was recalibrated in April 2010, it was recalibrated as an A1 rating. Then the downgrade last week took it to an A3."

According to City Manager Elaine Aguilar, the impact of the downgrade changes the interest rate that the city can borrow money should we have an emergency.

The City's water enterprise is not the only agency whose credit rating is under review. According to Jacobson, the Sierra Madre Redevelopment Agency's rating, along with every other California RDA is under review. That review will be done after the California Supreme Court's ruling on Governor Jerry Brown's effort to dismantle the agencies statewide. That ruling is expected in January, 2012.

**MOODY'S INVESTORS
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Long-Term Obligation Ratings
Moody's long-term ratings are opinions of the relative credit risk of financial obligations with an original maturity of one year or more. They address the possibility that a financial obligation will not be honored as promised. Such ratings use Moody's Global Scale and reflect both the likelihood of default and any financial loss suffered in the event of default.
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Note: Moody's appends numerical modifiers 1, 2, and 3 to each generic rating classification from Aa through Caa.
The modifier 1 indicates that the obligation ranks in the higher end of its generic rating category; the modifier 2 indicates a mid-range ranking; and the modifier 3 indicates a ranking in the lower end of that generic rating category.

SIERRA MADRE BUSINESS UPDATES - Part I

Proposals, Openings, Expansion, Remodels and Recently Listed by Chris Bertrand



BOWDEN DEVELOPMENT REVEALS SM BOULEVARD TOWNHOME PROPOSAL

Bowden Development of Monrovia appeared before the Sierra Madre Planning Commission on September 15 regarding their interest in developing a six unit townhome project on the corner of E. Sierra Madre Boulevard and Sierra Place.

The current configuration, subject to change and the approval process, includes six units in a Craftsman style with current sizes ranging from 1357 square feet to 1522 square feet. All townhomes currently have three bedrooms plus two and one half baths. The four that face Sierra Madre Boulevard have an elevator option, which commissioners liked, as it affords elderly residents the option of "aging in place" in a two story home.

The project's proposal received a favorable initial reception from the commission, with members thanking Bowden for the completeness and detail level of this initial presentation. Project director, Richard Tipping, said, "We were pleased with the city's appreciation of the hard work that went into providing them with a clear picture of what we propose."

Tipping indicated that Bowden is making changes in the plans regarding rooflines, front door direction and other commission requests, and plans to return sometime in October with an updated plan, then to the City Council after that. For more information about the project, contact Richard Tipping at Bowden Development at 626-303-7917 or RTipping@BowdenDevelopment.com.

SIERRA FITNESS EXPANDS INTO FORMER LA BELLE ROUGE STOREFRONT

On Saturday, September 24, Sierra Fitness formally opened their new

Pilates Reformer Studio at 34 N. Baldwin in Sierra Madre, with food, festivities, demonstrations and a day of free classes. The new space will house the private and group classes in Pilates Reformer for up to nine students at a time.

Owner Sandy Lewis-Duvall expanded the main part of the fitness facility just last year, taking over the second floor of their two story building at 20 N. Baldwin, to create a new classroom facility for Zumba, step, Pilates mat, core, yoga and other classes, plus a separate spinning studio. In addition, the facility offers personal training by degreed or certified professionals, nutritional counseling and workout equipment.

Lewis-Duvall also recently opened The Shabby Dog, another nearby business only a block away at 31 E. Montecito, with designer pet items, pet day care and grooming. For more information, including a tour of the new facilities, visit call 626-836-1236 or visit www.SierraFit.com and www.TheShabbyDog.com.

OWNER UPDATING FORMER STEAMERS BUILDING FOR RETAIL/ RESTAURANT AND OFFICES UPSTAIRS

The owner of the two story building at 138-146 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., is in the process of updating and upgrading the property for new tenants. After extensive work with the City of Sierra Madre, the property will have a divisible restaurant or retail space on the street level. This will hopefully extend the foot traffic path further west, as per the city fathers' vision for a revitalized downtown Sierra Madre.

The main floor is being fitted with separate HVAC and electric meters for up to four divisions of the 5500 square foot gross leasable space. The owner indicated that in doing so, he hopes to entice new unique food or retail businesses with a small space

and reasonable rents. He envisions something in the spirit of the uniqueness of Sierra Madre, which first struck him as similar to the European towns of his wife's heritage. He hopes for a "non-franchise" business with an owner-operator onsite, doing what they do best, their unique specialty whether it be desserts, crepes, sandwiches or whatever in a beautiful modern, well lit space with reasonable rents.

The smallest divisible space is approximately 1000 square feet, and the maximum contiguous space is 3000 square feet on street level. He indicated that this smaller space should entice local entrepreneurs to take the plunge into their own businesses without having to commit to rents of \$5000 a month, etc.

Upstairs, the office space will now be accessible by a new elevator, which makes the space better suited to a medical or other office. Updating is expected to be complete and ready for occupancy in March, 2012. For more information, call 310-766-0588.

Facelift in Progress for Former Highland Liquors Building Building owner, Nancy Schollenberger, is updating the interior and exterior of the former Highland Liquors. "The 3400+ square foot building at 303 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard, is currently going through some updating and will be ready to rent November 1, 2011. There are some people interested in renting it, but no lease has been signed and no money has changed hands," she said.

She was hoping for an Italian Deli, "but we... are not sure at this point. This would be a wonderful addition to Sierra Madre, if we can get past the setbacks. Keep watching.....when we have someone definite, the City of Sierra Madre will be told immediately!" The building is one of the larger commercial buildings on the West side of town, and would generate increased foot traffic as an "anchor" for that area of the business district.



Models adorned in Valentino's costumes accompany Sierra Madre's award-winning Tournament of Roses Float Valentine's Day in 2008.

SIERRA MADRE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY TAKES US BACK TO THE WAY WE WERE

As part of its 80th Anniversary Celebration, the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society presents, "The Way We Were: An Historic Adventure with Costumes" on Saturday October 15th at 2 pm. Costume Historian Shon LeBlanc of Valentino's Costumes will narrate this eye-catching show. Tableaus of models will show us how Sierra Madre folks dressed through the ages. A delicious Victorian tea will accompany the fashion revue to be held at Hartzell Hall, 695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., in Sierra Madre.

In addition to the tea and costume presentation, the Society will place a number of silent auction items up for bid. A Leonora Moss floral arrangement, a photographic print by a local artist, and gourmet food and wine pairings are just a

few of the enticing silent auction offerings.

Proceeds from this unique event support a variety of educational activities. The Society hosts several school and group visits at its museums, Lizzie's Trail Inn and Richardson House. The Society also offers walking tours and historical presentations to local schools and organizations. Funding from the Society directly supports the Local History Collection at the Library. This year the Society is providing matching funds for an intern from the UCLA School of Education and Information Studies to render more of its collections online.

Tickets are \$40 each and are available for purchase at Arnold's Hardware, Mary's Market, Prudential Realty, Savor the Flavor, and the Sierra Madre Public Library. Don't miss this opportunity to see "The Way We Were!"



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Fri:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011
6:30 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.



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REDISTRICTING: WHY,
HOW, WHAT AND NEXT STEPS

Redistricting has become a hot button topic as implications of the proposed changes emerge due to population and ethnic shifts. Dramatic changes in political districts have been adopted at the state level, with redistricting also underway for all other jurisdictions that elect representatives from districts.

On Tuesday, October 11, 2011, Marge Nichols from the League of Women Voters will present a program that discusses what's happened to date in redrawing voting districts at the city, county and state level—and what could be the outcome of these decisions.

Tuesday, October 11, 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

IN-N-OUT READING PROGRAM
COMING TO SIERRA MADRE
LIBRARY

Children ages 4-12 are invited to sign up for the In-N-Out Cover to Cover Club beginning Saturday, October 8, 2011, at the Sierra Madre Public Library. Each child must read five books at his or her reading level and note the titles on a reading log. After five books are read, a parent or guardian will sign the reading log and the child will receive a cover to Cover Club reading certificate with a coupon for a free hamburger or cheeseburger. Children too young to read may participate if an adult reads with them. Each child may earn up to three certificates during the program, while supplies last.

The program ends on November 19, 2011. Alternative prizes are available upon request. For more information, please call Meegan Tosh, Youth Services Librarian at (626) 355-7186. The Sierra Madre Public Library is located at 440 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre. www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us.



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Saturday, October 15, 2011

OKTOBERFEST

GOLF AND TENNIS TOURNAMENT

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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)

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

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

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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RESCUE LOG SIERRA MADRE SEARCH AND RESCUE

During the past month Sierra Madre Search and Rescue (SMSR) responded to 13 calls for assistance.

Lost Hikers, Chantry Flat: Two hikers called authorities at nightfall and reported they were lost. Based on the subjects' description of their surroundings, SMSR team members were able to determine high-probability search areas. Search crews were dispatched on foot and found the subjects in one of these areas. The hikers were assessed and assisted back to their car at the Chantry Flat parking lot.

Injured Swimmer, Chantry Flat: The Team received a report of an injured juvenile at a waterfall in the Chantry Flat area. SMSR team members, along with L.A. County Fire Department personnel, stabilized the patient and evacuated them to the Chantry Flat parking lot via litter wheel-out. The patient was then transferred to an ambulance and taken to the hospital.

Missing Hiker, Yosemite National Park: SMSR was requested to help with a search for a missing hiker in Yosemite National Park. Team members spent two days assisting in the search operation before the subject was found deceased.

For 60 years, Sierra Madre Search and Rescue has

answered calls for help in the local mountains and beyond. Funded entirely by private donations and staffed by volunteers, the Team has long been a fixture in the community. To commemorate its 60th anniversary and say "thank you" to the community that has supported it for so long, the Team will host an open house at the rescue station on Sunday, October 16th.

Team members will demonstrate rescue techniques, educate visitors with outdoor safety tips for all ages, and give a special Hug-A-Tree presentation for kids. Hot dogs and cold drinks will be available. This is a unique opportunity for anyone interested in an inside look at how SMSR continues to live up to its motto: "Anywhere in the wilderness that someone needs help..."

The open house will be held Sunday, October 16th, from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. Station 108 is located at 1901 Stonehouse Road at the corner of Grandview Avenue.

SMSR provides a range of public programs on wilderness safety in addition to its search and rescue activities. The Team never charges for any of its services. For more information on the open house event, or details on arranging a wilderness safety demonstration for your school or group, visit www.smsr.org.

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



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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 ljbauction@yahoo.com.

BENEFIT FOR FAMILY PROMISE BIG BAND MUSIC CONCERT & DINNER

The Sierra Madre United Methodist Church is hosting a dinner and concert of Big Band music on Saturday, October 22 in the church's Hartzell Hall. After dinner, the concert will feature the popular local group, Big Band Theory (BBT).

Packed with Ph.D.s, BBT is composed of musicians affiliated with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena. BBT was started in 1998 when the group provided music for holiday parties at JPL. This scientific swing band performs a play list that leans heavily toward the heavens, including "Fly Me to the Moon," "Orange Colored Sky" and "Ja-Da," one of the first songs to be heard in space. The concert benefits the

San Gabriel Valley Family Promise Network. This organization has a mission of caring for homeless families through a network of local churches, including the Sierra Madre UMC.

The evening begins with dinner at 6:00 p.m. The cost for the dinner only is \$15.00 and concert only is \$15.00 per person, or both can be purchased for \$25.00. Dinner reservations are required. Please call Pat Tomlin at the church office, (626) 355-0629, 8:30 a.m. to Noon, Monday through Friday, to make your reservation by October 20.

The Sierra Madre United Methodist Church is located at 695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre (enter the parking lot on Michillinda). For more information, please call the church office: (626) 355-0629.

This Week's Sermon: "Sacred Cows"



San Marino Community Church welcomes you to worship this Sunday! Pastor, Rev. Jeffrey V. O'Grady preaches at both the 9:15 traditional service and "The Gathering" at 11:15 am.

Check out ELEMENT: San Marino Community Church's worship service designed for Middle and High School students. Held in Westminster Hall at 9:15 am, it is led by seminary interns Ryan McKenzie and Karl Hauser.

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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During the week of Sunday, September 25th, to Saturday October 1st, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 268 calls for service. See crimereports.com for updated information.

Sunday, September 25th:

3:46 PM- Use Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc. This case involves an unknown suspect(s) that used the victim's card to withdraw \$400 from her checking account.

Tuesday, September 27th:

7:43 AM – Auto Burglary, 200 blk. Manzanita Ave. A suspect broke a window of a parked car and stole a black Levenger Franklin Covey daytimer and an Apple iPad II.

8:27 AM- Unlawful Display Evidence of Registration, Foothill Blvd and Arbolada St. An officer stopped a 47-year old South El Monte motorist for a Vehicle Code violation. Further investigation revealed that the driver had false registration tabs on the truck. The driver was arrested and released on a written promise to appear.

Wednesday, September 28th:

2:14 PM- Assault with Deadly Weapon or Instrument, 600 blk. W. Montecito Ave. This case involves a woman being placed on a 72-hour hold for a psychiatric evaluation after she fought with and bit her mother.

Thursday, September 29th:

1:45 AM- Danger to Self/Others/Gravely Disabled, 200 blk. W. Montecito Ave. This case involves a woman being placed on a 72-hour hold for a psychiatric evaluation. 3:29 PM- Vandalism/Graffiti, Bailey Canyon Park. The suspect(s) used a white marker to deface trees.

Friday, September 30th:

10:27 AM- Grand Theft Exceeding \$950, 100 blk. E. Highland Ave. This case involves a woman moving out of an apartment while the roommate was away. The suspect took the victim's computer hard drive and computer battery backup.

11:11 AM- Grand Theft Exceeding \$950, 100 blk. W. Sierra Madre Blvd. This case involves a male suspect depositing a \$2,700.00 check at Bank of the West and withdrawing \$1900.00 from his account. The check was later returned to the bank as fraudulent.

Saturday, October 1st:

11:41 AM- Vandalism/Graffiti, Santa Anita Canyon Road. Unknown suspect(s) left graffiti on a road-side barrier wall along Santa Anita Canyon Road.

8:43 PM- Disorderly Conduct/Drunk in Public, 200 blk. W. Sierra Madre Blvd. A 60-year old intoxicated man from Texas came into the SMPD asking for assistance. Officers arrested the suspect and took him to the Pasadena Police Department for booking.

11:44 PM- DUI Alcohol/Drugs, Rosemead and Hastings Ranch Rd. An officer stopped a 42-year old Los Angeles motorist for a Vehicle Code violation and determined that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested and taken to the Pasadena Police Department for booking.



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Arrests Made as Protesters March on Bank

Pasadena police on Wednesday arrested nine protesters including Rose Gudiel, who led a march from city hall to Fannie Mae regional headquarters, in an attempt to stop the mortgage company from evicting her from her Bassett home. Police said over 50 people participated in the march.

In the city of Bassett over 20 protesters remained at Gudiel's home to block the possible eviction by L.A. County Sheriffs, now in its seventh day, protesters defied a court order to leave the property.

According to police, shortly after 2 p.m. protestors from Alliance of California for Community Employment and Service Employees International Union, assembled to protest at Pasadena City Hall.

"The groups were protesting the downturn in the economy and home foreclosures," a statement read.

According to police, at approximately 2:30 p.m. the protestors walked to 135 N. Los Robles Avenue where they continued their protest at the Fannie Mae office. Several protesters entered the lobby of the business.

The Pasadena Police Department, (PPD) was called by Fannie Mae security who indicated the protestors were disruptive to the business. Fannie Mae security requested assistance asking that the protestors leave the building. PPD gave a dispersal order and the vast majority of the protestors left without further direction. Nine protesters refused to leave the lobby and continued to disrupt business. Police officers arrested these individuals for disturbing the peace and removed them from the location without incident. The nine protesters were issued citations with a court date of December 7, 2011.

"The Pasadena Police Department's objective is to maintain public safety and the First Amendment Rights of all concerned," explained Chief Phillip Sanchez. "Protesters have a right to assembly peacefully and businesses have a right to conduct business. There is always a balance."

Gudiel told reporters that she was trying to get the bank to modify her home loan after a family member died causing the household income to drop. She said the bank refused to give her the modification. She also said the bank refused to take house payments because of the modification process causing the house to go into default.

Pet of the Week



Meet Pumpkin. She is one purrfect – oops perfect– black cat. She loves to meow, is very affectionate and enjoys a nice belly rub.

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Group Looks to Revive Iconic Theater

By Dean Lee

A group of over 100 concerned residents came out Sunday afternoon to hear experts give advice on what to do with the iconic 86 year old South Pasadena Rialto Theater now red tagged due to fire danger.

The "Encore! Rialto" symposium hosted by the South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce was a pep rally, of sorts, for the theater said South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce CEO Scott Feldmann.

"We're just bringing it to people's attention," Feldmann said, "Hey, if you want your theater brought back, then we need to do something. Now what is that something?"

The "something" Feldmann said were three experts invited to speak, Ed Kelsey from The Orpheum on Broadway in L.A., John Clifford from Friends of

the Pomona Fox and Barry McComb from The Alex in Glendale.

"I'm hoping someone from our community will, maybe, bring one of these ideas forward," he said.

The three men gave examples of how both private and public ownership of a historic theater can work. What came up most was renovation cost which fluctuated from \$4 to \$5 million up to \$40 million.

Kelsey said the "for profit" model works for them suggesting it may also work for the Rialto being privately owned. "During renovation keep the costs under control, make sure you have a real justification, don't skimp on comfort, convenience and cleanliness," he said suggesting they also keep it local with community productions.

McComb explained problems the Alex had in being a

nonprofit and controlled by the city, he said it made the renovation process move slowly, he suggested the Rialto be renovated in phases, "the Alex is always a work in progress." Clifford said the Pomona Fox was newly renovated in 2009, but said a well-kept theater can revitalize a downtown area something they all agreed with.

Feldmann later pointed out that the Rialto owners were not at the meeting, "They may have someone else they are taking to, all I know is until they publicly announce that they have got some plans for the theater, we're just fishing trying to find someone who will come up with an idea.

Assistant City Manager Sergio Gonzalez said the pressing issue is fire code violations something he said could be easily fixed. Until then no one is allowed in the building he said.

Scientist Mark Helmlinger to Speak at PCC

Scientist Mark Helmlinger will be speaking at Pasadena City College on Oct. 10, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in Creveling Lounge as part of the California Industry Speaker Series.

Helmlinger is a remote sensing scientist and end-to-end Electro-Optical/Infrared calibration specialist at Northrop Grumman Space Technology. He is especially interested in alternative energy and propulsion. The focus of his talk will be on engineering and science.

For more information, please call at (626) 585-7530.

Annual Golf Tourney to Help Youth Program

The Pasadena Police Activities League will host the 12th Annual Golf Tournament Oct. 21 benefiting the Pasadena "PAL" Program. If you like to golf and want to support local youth programs that provide safe, positive activities, then make plans now to take part in this golf tournament.

Youth outreach programs offer positive academic and athletic environments to middle and high school students in the Pasadena area. PAL has served more than 3,000 youths over the years.

Co-sponsoring the golf tournament with PAL is the Pasadena Police Athletic Association (PPAA).

The tourney will take place at Brookside Golf Course, 1133 Rosemont Boulevard, in Pasadena. Registration starts at 11:00 a.m., with golfers teeing off at 12:30 p.m.

The registration fee includes 18 holes of golf with Mulligans, a cart, spectacular Goodie Bags, an awards dinner following the tournament, and several fun prizes and raffle opportunities, including the chance in a 10-person hole-in-one shoot out to win a 2011 Porsche Carrera, valued at \$120,000, courtesy of Rusnak Porsche Pasadena.

For more information about this event go to <http://cityofpasadena.net/> police and click on Charity Golf Tournament.

Woman Killed in Fire Named

Police on Monday released the name of an adult female who died in an apartment fire contained to a single unit in the 00 block of Meredith Avenue Friday. Police also said they arrested a 28 year-old Los Angeles man in connection with the death although the suspect was later released.

Maria Donnelly, a 28 year old Pasadena resident, was discovered inside an apartment police said.

Pasadena arson investigators and police detectives conducted a preliminary investigation to determine the cause of the fire as well as the victim's death. After the

completion of an autopsy the Los Angeles Coroner's Office has classified Donnelly's death as a homicide.

On Saturday Pasadena police detectives developed a person of interest. Detectives determined the location of the individual and as a result, Corey Green, 28, was arrested for the homicide at his residence in Los Angeles. Police said green was released from jail Monday afternoon although still remains a person of interest.

"This investigation remains ongoing as detectives continue to analyze and collect evidence related Donnelly tragic death," police said.

Pollster Jumps from Colorado Street Bridge

Andre Pineda, a Pasadena pollster and communications strategist died late last month after jumping off the Colorado Street Bridge, he was 46.

According to police, Pineda leaped from the bridge Sept. 27 shortly before 7 a.m. Investigators said his motive was personal problems.

Pineda had worked on a number of presidential campaigns including Barack Obama working on boosting Latino support. He was also



a pollster for New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson's presidential campaign.

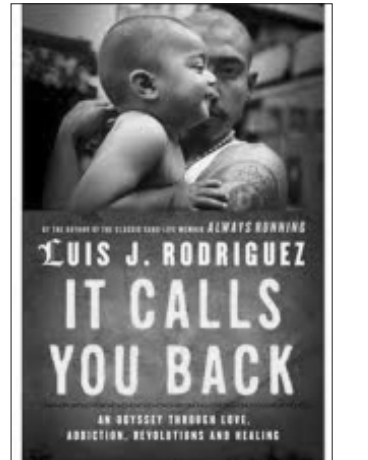
Pineda also taught a class on polling at USC and had his own consulting firm in Pasadena.

Activist, Journalist, Author Rodriguez to Speak at PCC

As part of Pasadena City College's First Year Experience Pathways Program speaker series, Luis J. Rodriguez, an activist, journalist, and author of "Always Running," will be speaking on campus on Oct. 14 at 11:30 a.m. in Harbeson Hall.

The author will read from and discuss his new memoir in a talk titled, "It Calls You Back: An Odyssey Through Love, Addiction, Revolutions, and Healing."

Rodriguez is one of the leading Chicano writers in the country, with 14 published books in memoir, fiction, nonfiction, children's literature, and poetry. He is best known as the author of "Always Running: La Vida Loca, Gang Days in L.A.," a



memoir that he wrote as a cautionary tale for his son.

The First Year Experience Pathways Program is designed to increase student success and retention for incoming students from high school. For more information, please call (626) 585-3046.

Citizen Journalism Meet-up

Learn not just how to blog but how to report the news

The Pasadena Community Network and this newspaper are holding a workshop on Citizen Journalism.

This group is the place where aspiring journalists can learn from trained professionals and support their local community by covering what's really happening in their neighborhoods.

We will put the news in your hands. Learn how to find the story, the tools needed to capture the story and the means to tell the story using the power of video, audio and print along



with online social media The next meeting is Oct. 11, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Pasadena Community Network - Studio G, 2057 N. Los Robles Ave. For more info call 626.794.8585 or visit pasadenan.com.

City Vending Goes Healthy

The healthy choice is now the easier choice for residents and employees now that city officials unanimously passed a healthy vending and procurement policy Monday night that eliminated sodas, diet sodas, sports drinks and energy drinks from all vending machines on city property.

The new policy requires 100 percent of snacks and beverages sold in vending machines located on city property, served at all city meetings, programs and events that use city funds to meet specified nutrition standards set forth by the USDA 2010 Dietary Guidelines.

"The City of Pasadena wants to be a model for children and families who use our facilities and are enrolled in our programs," said Dr. Eric Walsh, Director of the Pasadena Public Health Department. "Sugar-sweetened beverages, and high-calorie, fat-laden snacks are hindering our efforts to reduce childhood obesity in our city."

He added that health care and lost productivity resulting from overweight or obesity

cost public and private sectors in the county nearly \$6 billion annually.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's RENEW LA County initiative is working with the Pasadena Public Health Department to establish policies that will promote health for all residents. Additionally, RENEW LA County is working with other cities throughout the county to increase access to healthy options.

Earlier this year, Pasadena joined the Healthy Eating Active Living Cities Campaign (HEAL), a statewide campaign led by the California Center for Public Health Advocacy (CCPHA) that supports city policies and environments to reduce local obesity and physical inactivity rates.

Program Coordinator Mary Urtecho-Garcia said, "We strongly believe that we need to take a stand against diabetes and the high obesity rates in our community. Obesity is easier to prevent than to treat and this epidemic is threatening the future health of our children."

"What's Going On?"

News and Views from Joan Schmidt

**ARCADIA: AWESOME FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS**

Photo and Story By Joan Schmidt

This past Sunday, I was driving down Baldwin Avenue by the Los Angeles County Arboretum and saw two peacocks on a grassy area. I pulled into the parking lot and was surprised. There is a great grassy area and picnic tables which are available even if the Arboretum hasn't opened yet!

It was only 7:00 a.m., but I needed to send photos of peacocks to an old friend in Jersey. I wanted to show him what makes San Gabriel Valley so unique! (I am STILL trying to get close-ups of our parrots!) I had a blast taking photos of the peacocks. Then I noticed a small shallow "pool" area. On the other side of it was a flock of geese. They were a riot! The whole group came to the edge of the pool and honked at me! I wished I had my 3 year old grandson, Jacob with me! The next time he comes to visit, I must bring him over. Even if a person has only an hour or so, this section can be enjoyed!

After taking photos of the peacocks and geese, I looked at the beautiful trees. Signs on them tell exactly what they are. When time permits, I plan to return to go into the Arboretum, and see more!

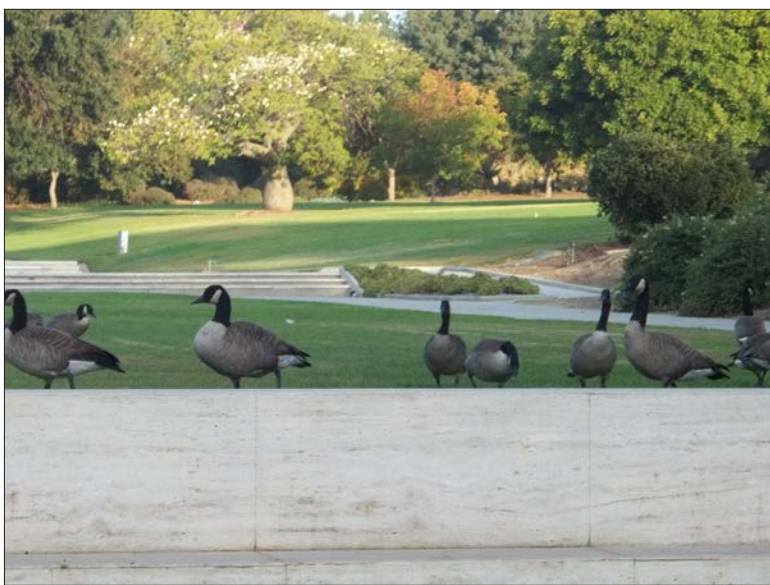
Besides this grassy area and picnic tables, the Arboretum has a wonderful gift shop accessible to the public. I am looking for a special unique gift for an old friend Meg, in Goshen, New York. She may be blind, but loves beautiful colorful things. The gift shop not only has plants, postcards, books, tote bags, mugs and shirts with the Arboretum logo, but a wide selection of woman's hats! I can't wait to view the selection and find something for Meg!

Are you aware the Arboretum has a library with 35,000 books and 300 current periodicals? It can be used during hours, but it's a non-circulating library. There's even a special "Bookworms" free story-telling program for children.

The Arboretum's mission is to foster an awareness and appreciation of the role of plants in nature and human affairs. The admission fee is reasonable, and there are tram tours on all days except Tues-

days. The 3rd Tuesday of the month is free, but no tram service. There is a wonderful café available for a meal, but those on a tight budget could have a picnic prior or after touring the beautiful grounds and enjoying the geese and peacocks. Hope to see you there!

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PET OF THE WEEK: BUDDY: A4343462**Buddy: Animal ID #A4343462**

Meet the cutest fuzz ball at the Baldwin Park shelter, Buddy (A4343462). Buddy is a happy-go-lucky three-month-old yellow male Terrier mix puppy who came to the Baldwin Park shelter as a stray from Baldwin Park on September 22nd. Weighing fifteen pounds, Buddy hasn't had any formal training yet but is highly treat-motivated and "will work for food". That is a very good sign. Attentive and incredibly smart, he loves other dogs and wants to play with all of them; his tail never slows down whenever he's taken out to play! Buddy will be the perfect indoor pet for anybody in any living situation whatsoever. To watch a video of Buddy interacting with a volunteer, please visit: www.youtube.com/watch?v=-hr-vNLK8IY

To meet Buddy 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. For any inquiries about Buddy, please reference his animal ID number: A4343462. 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 Buddy 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/>.

**Special Report - It Matters To You:****STATE BUDGET – TRIGGERED REDUCTIONS – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IMPACT**

As reported in the July 5, 2011 Sacramento Update, Governor Brown signed the \$86 billion FY 2011-12 State Budget Act, which redirected State sales tax and vehicle license fee revenue to counties to fund realignment, as well as addressed the State's remaining \$9.6 billion deficit through a number of expenditure reductions, revenue solutions and the assumption of \$4 billion in projected revenue the State may receive in FY 2011-12.

The State Budget Act authorizes the Director of the Department of Finance to make up to \$2.46 billion in additional expenditure reductions beginning in January 2012 if the projected \$4.0 billion in revenue does not materialize this fall. State tax revenue through August lagged \$596 million behind the State's projections. However, the most important data — the state's fall economic forecast for example — are still yet to come.

Estimated County Impact

Based on a preliminary analysis, if the trigger cuts are enacted, the impact to the County would be approximately \$380,000. This is in addition to the \$363.3 million in reductions previously enacted in the FY 2011-12 State Budget Act, for a total estimated County loss of \$363.7 million in the budget year.

County Programs Impacted by the Trigger

Most of the trigger cuts would be imposed on K-12 education, community colleges and higher education. However, the following County programs would be impacted if Tier 1 trigger cuts are enacted.

Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan.

Reduction of \$15.0 million for the Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan payments for counties. The Department of Health Services estimates that this trigger cut would result in a County loss of \$1.0 million in FY 2011-12.

In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

Anti-Fraud Initiatives. Eliminates \$10.0 million for

IHSS fraud prevention, detection, referral, and investigation activities. According to the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), the trigger cut would result in a loss of \$8.5 million in State and Federal funding currently supporting the County's IHSS Anti-Fraud initiatives. DPSS indicates that the trigger cut also would eliminate the County's share of cost for IHSS fraud activities for a net County savings of approximately \$1.5 million in FY 2011-12.

Across-the-Board Reduction to IHSS Service Hours.

Reduction of 20 percent in assessed service hours for all IHSS recipients for a State General Fund (SGF) savings of \$100.0 million in FY 2011-12. The State has not yet developed the details on how this cut will be implemented; however, the State Budget Act establishes an IHSS Supplement application for recipients who may be at-risk of out-of-home placement due to the reduction in hours. According to DPSS, the County could lose receipt of an estimated \$37.4 million in SGFs and \$55.9 million in Federal funds for IHSS benefits. DPSS estimates that this trigger cut could impact most of the 184,000 individuals who currently receive IHSS benefits here in Los Angeles County. Additionally, DPSS estimates that these reductions in funding would result in a net County savings of approximately \$20.1 million in FY 2011-12, which represents the County's 17.5 percent share of IHSS provider payments.

Youthful Offenders.

Increase of \$72.1 million in county charges for youthful offender placements in Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). The provision shifting responsibility for supervision of all juvenile offenders was removed from the Public Safety Realignment legislation passed earlier this year. However, juvenile justice supervision was included as a Tier 1 trigger in the 2011-12 State Budget. If the trigger reductions are enacted, beginning January 1, 2012, the State would charge an annual rate of \$125,000 to house offenders committed from counties to a DJJ facility.

This would be a significant increase in the amount currently charged to Los Angeles County to house youth in DJJ, which has averaged \$77,000 per month for approximately 300 youth over the previous six months. While the number of youth committed to DJJ is entirely under the jurisdiction of the court and is variable, under the trigger reductions, the Probation Department would be charged between \$18.0 and \$20.0 million by the State in FY 2011-12 for the period January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

Vertical Prosecution.

Elimination of Vertical Prosecution Grant managed by the California Emergency Management Agency with SGF savings of \$15.0 million. In Los Angeles, the District Attorney's Office uses this grant to help support staffing for its Major Narcotics Vertical Prosecution Program and the Elder Abuse Vertical Prosecution Program. Together, the programs received an allocation of \$682,253 for FY 2010-11. The District Attorney's Office indicates that the loss of this critical grant funding would eliminate fiscal support for six Deputy District Attorneys assigned to these vertical prosecution programs. The District Attorney's Office estimates that this trigger cut would result in an estimated County loss of approximately \$680,000 in FY 2011-12.

Public Library Grants.

Reduction of \$15.9 million statewide for local assistance programs for public libraries. The Public Library indicates that this would result in an estimated County loss of approximately \$300,000 in the budget year to purchase books and other library materials. This is in addition to the \$15.2 million in reductions previously enacted in the FY 2011-12 State Budget for local libraries, which the Public Library indicates resulted in an estimated County loss of approximately \$1.0 million in the budget year to purchase books and other library materials.

Source: Ryan J. Alsop
Assistant Chief Executive Officer
Intergovernmental and External Affairs

ARMENIANS OF PASADENA MEET STATE ASSEMBLY CANDIDATE CHRIS HOLDEN

The Armenian Community Coalition of Pasadena (ACCP) invited state assemblyman candidate Mr. Chris Holden on Thursday night to meet with leaders of the Armenian organizations of southern California. The event was very successful and everybody left content.

The ACCP is comprised of twelve Armenian organizations and Mr. Chris Chahinian of the fourth district is the active chairman at present. The gathering was aimed to introduce candidate Holden to the Armenian community. Pasadena is home to about thirty thousand Armenian residents with an estimated 6000 election votes.

The gathering occurred at the Tekeyan cultural center (1901 Allen). Mr. Holden's

presentation of his goals and visions were followed by a few questions and concerns from the attendees. Mr. Holden's positive and motivating presentation was equally matched by the attendees' excitement and approval of his future aims. Among the attendees were active community members Mr. Robin Salzer, Mr. Nat Nehdar, and Ms. Roberta Martinez, all of them being very supportive and friends of the Pasadena Armenian community. After a short biography of Mr. Holden was read by a member of the ACCP, Mr. Robin Salzer took the podium and introduced the "future assemblyman" to the audience. Mr. Salzer introduced Chris Holden as a close friend, honorable family man, and a person of high integrity and moral values.

The evening started with a social hour when all the guests were treated to snacks and refreshments sponsored by Corfu restaurant of Sierra Madre. After introductions and welcoming words Mr. Holden presented a Proclamation of



the Armenian Independence to ACCP chairman Chris Chahinian and then spoke to the audience, followed by a few questions and answers. Mr. Holden's responses were very well received and an overall positive attitude was noticeable in the hall. For additional information, please contact the ACCP offices at (626) 398-4520. P.O. Box 70548 Pasadena, CA. 91117 info@acc-us.org

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ARCADIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NAMES TALMADGE JONES “TEACHER OF THE YEAR”

by Joan Schmidt

At the October 4th Arcadia City Council Meeting, High School Science Teacher, Talmadge (Tal) Jones was honored as the “Teacher of the Year” for the Arcadia Unified School District. This fine man has worked in the Arcadia- Unified School District for twenty-seven years. Mr. Jones received a degree in zoology from Brigham Young University. His career began in middle school, where he taught for a few years and went on to Arcadia High School. Mr. Jones has taught not only science courses- biology, biophysical science, anatomical physics, but also leadership dynamics. He also was moderator for two stage productions at Arcadia High School. The Mayor of Arcadia, Gary Kovacic read the Proclamation for Mr. Jones and it was quite lengthy. This fine teacher has also been recognized twice by the Arcadia Rotary Club as “Teacher of the Year.” The Mayor commented how Mr. Jones had gotten the Mayor’s son through an advanced science course!

Behind every great man is a great woman. Mr. Jones mentioned his lovely wife Deborah who was in attendance and had lead the Pledge of Allegiance for the Council Meeting. He felt

he could not have accomplished all he had if it weren’t for Deborah’s support and love these last thirty-six years!



The Mayor also had a Proclamation, declaring, October 9th-15th as “Fire Prevention Week”. “Fire Prevention Week” occurs during the week time of the great Chicago fire, which actually lasted from October 8th -10th. Mayor Kovacic presented the Proclamation to Arcadia Fire Department Chief, Tony Trabbie. He was grateful and thanked the Mayor for his support. Also in attendance were Fire Marshall Mark Krikorian and Fire Inspector Jill Perumean. The Fire Marshall spoke of fire prevention and gave the website for

further information: www.ci.arcadia.ca.us. The Fire Inspector, Jill Perumean pointed out that Daylight Savings Time is coming up in a few weeks, and this is the perfect time to check smoke detectors and replace batteries if necessary. Ms. Perumean reminded everyone of the new law that every home MUST now have a carbon monoxide detector.

It was a great evening to see such a fine teacher honored, and to be reminded of important fire prevention tips.

ARCHBISHOP SPEAKS AT RALLY IN ARCADIA

by Joan Schmidt

Most Reverend Archbishop Jose Gomez, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles came to Annunciation Catholic Church, Arcadia to address a Pro-life Rally.

There was standing room only as many Church members from various parishes came to meet the recently appointed Archbishop and hear the Church’s teachings in regard to the sanctity of life and what it means to the pro-life movement.

Annunciation Pastor, Father Eugene Herbert began the opening prayer. Also in attendance were Father Michael Callanan of Annunciation Parish; Father Hung Ba Tran, Pastor of Immaculate Conception, Monrovia; Father Michael Gutierrez, Pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, Baldwin Park; and several Carmelite

nuns from Santa Theresita, Duarte.

Prior to the program, there was Christian music; some selections were slow-paced while others were lively and people clapped in unison. During the music, there was an opportunity for attendees to view the many display tables representing various organizations. .

There was a testimonial followed by the Archbishop. A highlight of his address is from Sacred Scriptures. He points out how the Visitation followed the Annunciation. “When Mary walked into the room, the baby in Elizabeth’s womb leaped for joy.” He explained the Church’s position on the sanctity of life.

Lastly, everyone was given a calendar of upcoming events. If anyone is interesting in the Pro-life movement, more information is available on the internet.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, September 25, through Saturday, October 1, the Police Department responded to 982 calls for service of which 129 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, September 25:

1. At about 2:11 a.m., a traffic stop was conducted on Santa Anita Avenue at Alta Street for speeding. The 31-year-old Hispanic male was found to be intoxicated and was placed under arrest for D.U.I.

2. Officers responded to the 1100 block of Highland Oaks Drive regarding a vandalism report. The victim told officers that at approximately 4:27 a.m., he heard a loud crash and immediately looked out his window and saw a male, possibly White or Hispanic, 18-20 years old, wearing a dark colored sweatshirt, standing next to his vehicle. The male then walked over to a white, 2-door vehicle and entered the rear driver’s side passenger seat before the vehicle drove away. The victim went to inspect his vehicle and discovered both the rear window and rear driver’s side window had been broken. No property was reported missing.

Monday, September 26:

3. Several acts of vandalism that were similar in nature were reported to have occurred sometime over the weekend in the 900 block of Santa Anita Avenue, the 100 block of West Lemon Avenue, and the 100 block of West Longden Avenue. Graffiti was found in spray paint along the west side walls of each location, however, the victims and locations are not related, and do not appear to be specific targets of these acts of vandalism.

4. Between 1:00 p.m. and 1:10 p.m., a theft occurred in the 600 block of West Camino Real Avenue. Suspect(s) stole a lawnmower through an open gate in the backyard.

Tuesday, September 27:

5. Between September 24th at 4:30 p.m., and September 27th at 7:30 a.m., suspect(s) lit newspapers on fire near a bench, and burnt ashes were discovered outside of the Arcadia Historical Museum, 380 West Huntington Drive.

6. At about 6:32 p.m., officers responded to the lobby of the Arcadia Police Department regarding a fraud report. The victim advised that on Saturday September 24th, she received a letter in the mail from an individual claiming to be an investment banker. The letter solicited personal information with an offer to split an alleged inheritance. The letter also contained a phone number that appeared to be from outside the United States and the victim believes it to be fraudulent.

Wednesday, September 28:

7. Between September 26th at 7:00 a.m., and September 28th at 2:00 p.m., a theft occurred in the 400 block of North Altura Road. Suspect(s) forced open the rear gate to an unoccupied home

listed for sale and stole the swimming pool pump.

8. Officers conducted a pedestrian check at the intersection of Duarte Road and Mayflower Avenue at about 11:05 a.m. A records check of the 40-year-old Hispanic male revealed an outstanding misdemeanor warrant, for which he was placed under arrest.

Thursday, September 29:

9. At about 2:36 p.m., officers responded to Firestone, 1500 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a vandalism. Sometime between September 28th at 5:00 p.m., and September 29th at 2:00 p.m., suspect(s) fired a pellet or BB gun at the location damaging several windows.

10. At approximately 7:00 a.m., officers responded to the 2300 block of South Fourth Avenue regarding a theft. The victim told officers that at about 6:45 a.m., he noticed the trunk and rear passenger side door to his vehicle open. Through surveillance video at the location, officers learned that an unknown male wearing a light colored long sleeve shirt and light colored pants walked up and entered the unlocked vehicle at about 3:48 a.m. and stole cash. The vehicle was parked in the driveway of the residence.

Friday, September 30:

11. Two similar acts of vandalism were reported in the 200 block of East Santa Clara Street: Sometime between 12:30 p.m. and 3:45 p.m., suspect(s) scratched two separate vehicles parked at the location. The marks appeared to have been caused by a sharp object, and it is unknown if the victims were specifically targeted.

12. A victim came to the station at about 8:00 p.m. to report the theft of a package from the 100 block of Las Tunas Drive. The victim reported seeing a Hispanic male in a white T-shirt and dark pants, in his 30’s, pick up a box from her front porch and enter a green, medium size sedan, possibly a Toyota with a license plate similar to 4KZ800 CA, and drive away. A Hispanic female, approximately 30-years-old, was seen in the passenger side of the car. The crime occurred at about 3:15 p.m.

Saturday, October 1:

13. At about 11:43 p.m., officers responded to the area of Santa Anita Avenue, north of Arno Drive, regarding graffiti. Several words were found spray painted along the east guardrail in red spray paint.

14. Shortly before 1:00 p.m., loss prevention personnel from JC Penney at the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, detained a male juvenile for theft. The suspect took merchandise into a fitting room, concealed it, and walked out of the store without making payment. Through investigation it was determined that the 17-year-old Hispanic male came into the store with the intent to steal, and he was placed under arrest for commercial burglary.

BIG CHANGES AT SANTA ANITA

Cut Backs and Restructuring To Impact More Than 300 Employees

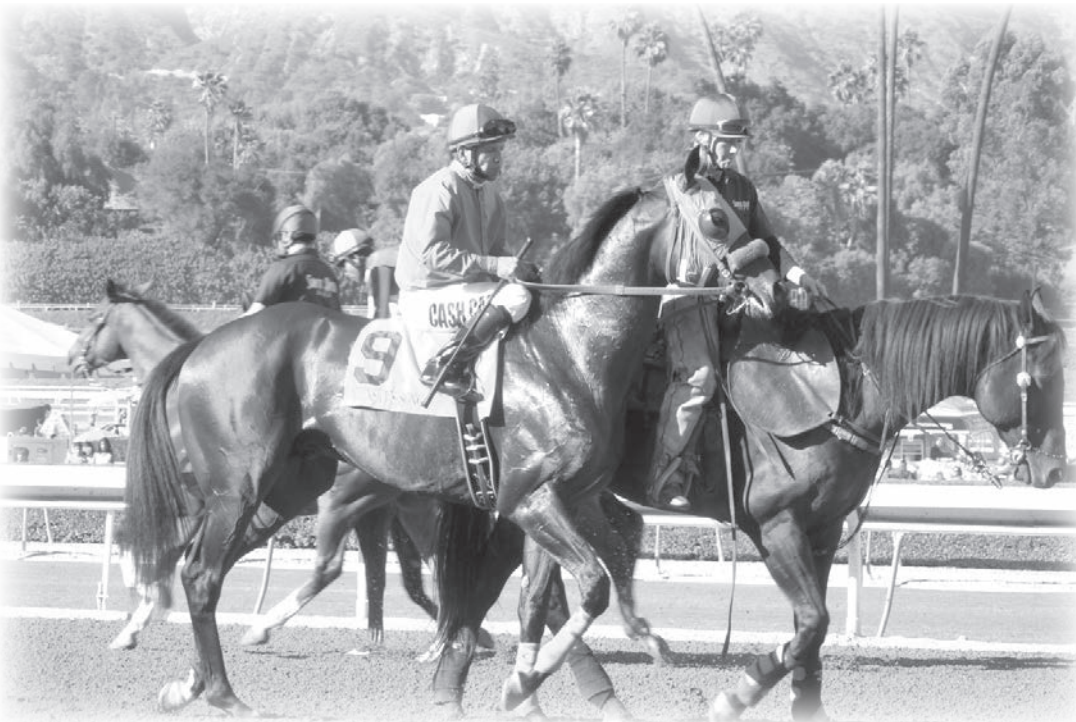


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– By Scott Hettrick, Arcadia’s Best

The first of what is said to be several phases of severe cutbacks at Santa Anita Park will result in layoffs of about a third of the approximately 300 employees at the track.

Officials announced Wednesday that 100 full-time and part-time workers will be terminated as part of a major restructuring under new Stronach Entertainment CEO and President Greg Avioli. Stronach Entertainment recently became the new parent company of Santa Anita.

Longtime VP of marketing Allen Gutterman is stepping down as part of the reorganization.

Former head of group sales Chris Quinn has been promoted to Vice President of Sales and Marketing and will oversee the merger of three departments, marketing, sales and public relations.

Avioli said in Wednesday’s announcement that in addition to racing-related sales and marketing, Quinn will be charged with expanding the track’s entertainment offerings.

Santa Anita won approval only last month from the Arcadia City Council to stage all manner of entertainment events at the track — on the parking lot and in the infield.

“We are focused on making Santa Anita a better racing facility and, at the same time, expanding its profile as a regional entertainment center offering other amenities in addition to racing and during our off-season,” Avioli said.

The moves come only days after Santa Anita opened its first Autumn Meet without Oak Tree Racing since the 1960s. After a very sparse crowd on Opening Day — dubbed Arcadia Day — on Friday, officials announced crowds of 16,000 on Saturday during another popular Food Truck Festival, and 8,000 on Sunday.

The track is only open three days a week during the one-month Autumn Meet.

Santa Anita was recently awarded the industry’s biggest global weekend racing event, the Breeders’ Cup, in fall 2012.

The reorganization includes merging of some departments, streamlining of finance and operations departments and a reduction in management and seasonal workforce, officials said.

“This is the first phase of an initiative to

position Santa Anita to compete in today’s economic climate and to provide the best possible racing and entertainment product for our customers,” said Avioli. “We are confident that our restructuring will benefit our organization, California horsemen, racing fans and other local stakeholders. We also want to thank those people whose positions are being consolidated or eliminated for their service and work on behalf of Santa Anita.”

Quinn is a veteran of sports marketing, having begun his career at Steinberg Sports. He has worked in professional boxing and tennis in addition to his horse racing experience.

“In a time of industry consolidation and when more and more handle is being generated off-track, new approaches are needed to move the industry forward,” said Avioli.

“Chris has done an outstanding job over the last few years as an ambassador for Santa Anita to the local business, media and entertainment communities and to generate sponsorships and revenue through creative uses of our facility. The timing was right on this as Allen had indicated to me this summer that he was considering other opportunities and was looking to make a change before the end of the year. Allen has done a tremendous job in his six years at Santa Anita and we are grateful for his contributions.”

Also, as part of the reorganization, long-time Santa Anita racing secretary Rick Hammerle will become Vice President, Racing and Racing Secretary. Hammerle has been a fixture on the Southern California racing circuit for years and has also worked as a senior racing official at Gulfstream Park, Golden Gate, Del Mar, Monmouth Park and the Meadowlands.

“Rick enjoys the respect of the horsemen of Southern California who we rely upon to produce our racing program as well as his peers in the Thoroughbred racing industry for his creativity and work ethic,” said George Haines, Santa Anita’s President and General Manager.

Stronach Entertainment, a subsidiary of The Stronach Group, also owns and operates Golden Gate Fields, Gulfstream Park and Casino, the Maryland Jockey Club, including Pimlico and Laurel race tracks, Portland Meadows, XpressBet and HRTV.

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From the desk of the City Manager Scott Ochoo

GRAND AVENUE PARK VANDALISM SPARKS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Speaking of parks, we have been dealing with increased amounts of vandalism on the play equipment at Grand Avenue Park. Etching, tagging, burning the plastic surfaces of the play equipment, etc., have been observed over the last several weeks. Part of the problem at Grand Avenue Park is the lack of visibility from the street (the west side of the park drops off from Grand and is shielded by heavy foliage, while the east side is accessed by walkways stretching from Valle Vista Avenue). Though park rangers patrol the area on a daily basis, they have not been able to apprehend whoever is responsible for the

damage.

In response, we need to get the neighbors involved in helping alert rangers and police when people are in the park at night or if individuals appear to be using the equipment in an unsafe and/or inappropriate manner. A Neighborhood Watch meeting is being scheduled and will be noticed at the Park, although the meeting itself may be held off-site (with the time change, it will be difficult to hold a meeting after folks return home from work; and folks' weekends are always jam-packed with activities). We will keep you posted.

“MONROVIA CELEBRATES THE ARTS IN M.A.F.A’S 48TH ANNUAL JURIED FINE ARTS CELEBRATION HAPPENING OCTOBER 8TH & 9TH!”

Carol Curtis is honored as featured artist!

Monrovia Association of Fine Arts presents its 48th Annual Juried Fine Arts Exhibition “Celebrate the Arts Festival” in Old Town Monrovia on this coming Saturday & Sunday, October 8th and 9th from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm at Monrovia Library Park, located at 321 South Myrtle Avenue, Monrovia, California. This year's opening ceremony will include an introduction to the Marine Corp for the flag salute and Steve McCarthy will sing the Star Spangled Banner.

Every year, an artist is recognized for their important contributions to their art field and this year, Carol Curtis has received that honor for her work in photography. Carol Curtis has been making fine art photographs for 20 years. She graduated from the University of California, Riverside with a degree in Fine Art – Photography in 1986. She participated in several group exhibits at UCR, won several grant awards and had work published in Photographer's Forum magazine. Her portfolio, The Many Faces of Lisa, is part of the permanent collection at the California Museum of Photography. Most recently she has shown work in the Los Angeles County Fair and local MAFA events. To see some of Carol Curtis' work, please visit her website www.carolcurtis.com or check out www.monroviafinearts.org

Events featured by MAFA artists throughout the weekend at the Celebrate the Arts Fine Arts Festival will include local and regional fine artists, who will display, sell and demonstrate their artwork such as painting, collage, ceramics, photography, jewelry, and sculpture. There will be Hands-on art experiences for children, adults

and family friendly activities available as well as Student Art Displays and a Silent Auction to benefit the MUSD. Also don't forget to check out the Village Booth as well!

MAFA's art events not only promote local and regional artists, but also help support arts education in public and private schools. In recent years, when budget cuts adversely affected schools, MAFA's donations of more than \$50,000 have supported art education in after-school and in-school programs. MAFA has also funded schoolteachers through mini-grants in Monrovia, Sierra Madre, Duarte and Arcadia. Other local organizations and non-profit organizations supported by MAFA are Foothill Unity Center, Boys and Girls club of Monrovia and the YMCA. The public is invited to celebrate the fine arts! This event is FREE and OPEN to the public.

Local art is featured in a number of MAFA supported venues such as the PAINT N PLAY ART GALLERY located at (418 South Myrtle Avenue, Monrovia) and FIRST CITY FINE ARTS GALLERY (404 East Huntington Drive, Monrovia) as well as a number of additional supporting vendors who continue to create an inviting and nurturing environment for the artists and their arts. The Monrovia Association of Fine Arts is an all-volunteer organization with goals to enhance the lives of those within the community through interaction with the arts and to increase the opportunities of the children through art education. The Monrovia Association of Fine Arts is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For more information, please contact Lisa Barrios at 626-802-7873 Or visit www.monroviafinearts.org

2011 MAP Neighborhood Leadership Classes Begin

The annual Monrovia Area Partnership's Neighborhood Leadership Academy began on Thursday, September 29. A series of six weekly classes, the Academy is free to all Monrovia residents and covers everything from public speaking, leadership qualities, how to navigate and get the most from government, understanding the role of police and code enforcement and how to engage neighbors in building community. Over the last three years, there have been 60 leaders graduate from the program; several have gone

on to become community advocates, frequent volunteers and appointed City commissioners. The 2011 Academy promises to be no different. Each class will be held on Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Monrovia Community Center and is taught by various City Staff and community leaders. Participants in the Academy will graduate in front of City Council on November 15. To find out more about the Neighborhood Leadership Academy contact Neighborhood Services at (626) 932-5584 or email CLOAKING .

Duarte Accepting Applications to Fill City Commissions

DUARTE, CA, October 5, 2011 – The City of Duarte will begin accepting applications on October 13, 2011, to fill 19 positions on its six commissions. The expiration of terms for current commissioners is as of December 31.

Duarte citizens interested in serving on a commission will have until November 30, 2011 to apply. Applications must be received by the City Manager's Office at Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Dr. by 6 p.m. Application forms will be available at City Hall, Public Safety, the Duarte Teen and Senior Centers, or on the City's website: www.accessduarte.com. City Council members will interview applicants beginning at 4 p.m. on Dec. 5 and Dec. 6. Appointments will be announced at the City Council meeting

on Dec. 13, and the new commissioners will formally take their oath of office at the first meeting in January, 2012.

Six commissions offer interested citizens a variety of opportunities to serve their community in an advisory capacity to the City Council. Positions are available on the Planning Commission (2), Public Safety Commission (4), Parks and Recreation Commission (4), Economic Development Commission (4), Traffic Safety Commission (2) and Public Services Commission (3).

For more information about how to apply for a commission post or commissions in general, call the Duarte City Manager's office at (626) 357-7931, ext. 221.

Westminster Gardens to hold Duarte City Council, School Board Candidates' Forum

Candidates for the Duarte City Council and School Board will speak at a Candidates' Forum at Westminster Gardens at 3:30 p.m., Thurs., Oct. 13. The community is invited to attend the event in Packard Hall at the “retirement oasis” located at 1420 Santo Domingo Ave., Duarte. Ample free parking is available.

Candidates for the City Council in the upcoming Nov. 8 election, listed alphabetically, include Henry Baltazar Jr., John Fasana, Lois Gaston, Anil Gunaratne, and Liz Reilly.

Vying for the School Board positions are Rose Brooks-Mitchell, Francisco Figueroa, Dave Hall, Pamela S. Kawasaki, Dolores T. Ortiz, and Tom N. Reyes.

Each candidate will offer a brief statement of his or her platform. Time will be allowed for them to answer written questions.

Sponsoring the political presentation is the Public Policy Committee of the Westminster Gardens Residents' Association.

COUNCIL VOTES TO RELOCATE PROPOSED AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT TO FUTURE TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT SITE

DUARTE, CA October 3, 2011 - The Duarte City Council at its September 27, 2011 meeting approved relocating a proposed affordable housing development from Huntington Drive to the future Transit Oriented Development adjacent to the City's Gold Line Station at the intersection of Highland Ave. and Duarte Rd. Specifically, they passed two resolutions that would remove properties located at 1415, 1423 – 1437 Huntington Drive from the list of sites to be rezoned for affordable housing and move the requirement for State required affordable housing. Reflecting Council consensus, Councilmember John Fasana said, “Abode, did bring a high quality project.” Adding, “However, I will also say I have spoken with a number of residents and haven't found anybody who likes the proposed project and most want to move in another direction.”

Staff was also instructed to bring back for consideration a process to develop a specific plan for the designated downtown Duarte area and the creation of an ad hoc committee. The committee will assist the Economic Development Commission by providing input during the specific planning process. “I want to keep a vision for downtown alive at that intersection,” said Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci.

“Council made this change in course based on new information received from state housing and community development, and new cost estimates that would require an added \$2 to \$3 million in City subsidy due to project redesign. Additionally, input was received from business owners and neighbors living next to the proposed development regarding the affordable housing development,” noted Councilmember

Margaret Finlay.

At a previous August meeting, the Duarte City Council had approved a Disposition and Development Agreement and conducted the first of two readings on ordinances for an affordable, 66-unit rental housing development on 2.3 acres entitled “Duarte Oaks” proposed by Abode Communities. The City of Duarte has participated in similar successful affordable housing projects in the past, working with Southern California Presbyterian Homes on its 80 unit Andres Duarte Terrace that has already been completed and the soon to be built Andres Duarte Terrace West project approved for the southeast corner of Huntington Drive and Pops Road.

Duarte, like all California cities, is required to address housing needs in its community for all levels of income. The property at the center of the Council discussion was one of four sites identified in the City's General Plan Housing Element to address the City's affordable housing shortfall. The units proposed for this development would have contributed toward the City's unmet affordable housing needs as required under the City's State mandated, Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). In addition to the regional housing needs requirements, the City must also provide funding for affordable housing as a part of its redevelopment requirements. Specifically, for all redevelopment funds that are collected, 20% of the funds must be set-aside for affordable housing and spent within a time specific framework.

For additional information on this project, contact the City's Community Development Department at 626 357-7931.

Monrovia Police Blotter

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 546 service events, resulting in 94 investigations. Following are the last week's highlighted issues and events:

Theft from Vehicle

On September 22 at 9:08 a.m., a resident in the 600 block of Vaquero reported a theft from his vehicle. The victim had parked his vehicle during the late night, leaving the vehicle unlocked. The resident returned to his vehicle in the morning and discovered his vehicle had been ransacked and his wallet was missing. The wallet contained credit cards and cash. No suspect(s) were seen or heard.

Petty Theft from Commercial Business

On September 22 at 10:47 a.m., a business in the 1500 block of California reported three pressure washers stolen from the property. The pressure washers were being stored outside the building in the parking lot adjacent to Evergreen. The equipment was last seen at the close of business. When they opened in the morning, employees discovered the loss.

Injury Traffic Collision

On September 22 at 3:36 p.m., a Honda Civic was traveling west on Duarte Road. The driver fell asleep and collided head-on into a pickup truck, which was traveling east. Both drivers sustained injuries. The driver of the pickup truck had to be extracted from the vehicle by cutting the driver's door with the “Jaws of Life.” Both drivers were taken to a hospital with moderate injuries.

Missing Person Located

On September 24 at 4:55 p.m., an officer on patrol in the area of Foothill and Canyon observed a vehicle impeding traffic. The officer stopped the driver. A check on the license plates returned a hit for a missing person, a 78-year-old female out of Cathedral City, last seen two days prior. The female appeared disoriented and was brought to the police station. The woman had no family in the area. Cathedral City Police Department was contacted and took custody of the woman.

Spousal Battery - Suspect Arrested

On September 25 at 1 a.m., officers responded to a family disturbance in the 400 block of Genoa. When the officers knocked on the door, it was answered by the 14-year-old son, who appeared nervous. The son directed the officers to his parents' bedroom, where they found the father hiding under the bed. A subsequent investigation revealed the father had battered his wife. He was arrested. When the suspect was placed in the backseat of the patrol vehicle, he began to bang his forehead against the Plexiglas divider. Officers had to restrict his movement to prevent him from harming himself. He was then taken to Monrovia Police Department without further incident. The suspect did not sustain any injuries.

Public Intoxication - Suspect Arrested

On September 25 at 2:15 a.m., officers were contacted by a citizen who reported three male subjects causing a disturbance in the 100 block of West Lemon. One of the subjects was punching street signs. Officers located and contacted the subjects. Two of the subjects were found to be intoxicated and unable to care for themselves and they were arrested. The third subject had been drinking, but was not found to be intoxicated. He was identified and released at the scene.

Commercial Burglary

On September 26 at 7:20 a.m., an officer went to a church in the 100 block of East Foothill regarding a burglary. The reporting party showed the officer a hinge louver window that had been

left unlocked. This is where the suspects made entry. The suspect(s) then used a screwdriver or similar type of pry tool to force a number of interior doors open; however, according to the reporting party, nothing appears to have been taken.

Gang Vandalism

On September 26 at 8:30 a.m., an officer went to a business in the 900 block of South Myrtle regarding a vandalism report. The reporting party showed him the north wall of the building, which had gang graffiti written with green spray paint. The vandalism seems to have occurred between September 24 and 26.

Possession of a Controlled Substance / Violation of a Court Order

On September 26 at 5:10 p.m., officers saw a female subject sitting on the curb in front of a residence in the 200 block of East Cherry in violation of a court order. She was arrested. A pat down search revealed a small rock of “crack” cocaine in her pant's coin pocket. She was arrested and taken into custody.

Grand Theft Auto

On September 27 at 1:16 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 1300 block of South Fifth regarding a stolen vehicle. The victim reported that her vehicle was stolen from the street sometime overnight. The vehicle was locked, but does not have an alarm. There was no broken glass on the ground where it was parked. The vehicle is a white, four-door, 1994 Honda Civic.

Death Report

On September 28 at 6:25 a.m., police responded to a residence in Hidden Valley. The caller reported her 61-year-old sister in the bathtub not breathing. Monrovia Fire Department paramedics responded and pronounced the woman deceased. Los Angeles County Coroner's Office was contacted and responded to the scene.

Theft from Vehicle

On September 28 at 12:10 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a residence in the 100 block of North Mayflower. The reporting party had parked his vehicle off the alley by his garage in the evening, but left it unlocked. He returned to his vehicle at about 11 a.m. the next day and found his prescription glasses and GPS missing from the center console. Investigation continuing.

Child Molestation Suspect Sentenced to 155 Years

The suspect was arrested on December 15, 2009, for child molestation. The suspect, a registered sex offender, allegedly had repeatedly molested his live-in stepdaughter over an eight-year period, beginning when she was only four years of age. The case was assigned to a detective for further investigation and the District Attorney's review. During the course of the detective's investigation, he was able to locate a previous victim of the suspect, an ex-girlfriend's daughter. She, too, was the victim of repeated sexual molestation by the suspect, which began when she was 6 years old. This case occurred in West Covina in 1995, while the suspect lived with the victim's mother. Three felony charges were filed against the suspect for the Monrovia case by the Pasadena Superior Court and a jury trial began on August 10. On August 16, the case went to the jury, and in a short 60 minutes, they returned with a verdict of guilty on all counts. Each of the three counts holds a 25-year-to-life sentence, due to his prior felony sexual assault conviction. On September 23, the suspect was sentenced to 155 years to life for molesting his stepdaughter. This case is a result of detailed investigative work by Monrovia Police Department detectives.

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PUSD WINS MAJOR ARTS EDUCATION GRANT

\$1 Million Three-Year Grant Connects Arts Education with Math

The Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) Superintendent Jon R. Gundry today announced that the district, in partnership with Pasadena's Armory Center for the Arts, the Pasadena Educational Foundation (PEF), and UCLA, has been awarded a three-year \$1 million U.S. Department of Education grant to fund a program that connects arts education with math. PUSD's grant is one of only 13 federal Professional Development for Arts Educators (PDAE) grants awarded across the country this year. School districts must partner with local non-profit agencies to qualify.

"Connecting arts instruction with mathematical concepts develops the critical thinking skills that are so important for the jobs of tomorrow," said Superintendent Gundry. "Coming on the final year of the PUSD/Armory Center for the Arts Artist/Teacher Collaborative, this grant continues to provide access to high quality arts instruction and to closely connect our students with the nationally recognized arts resources of Pasadena."

The federal grant will fund Artful Connections with Math, a project that was co-designed by PUSD's math coach and Arts Education Department, with the Armory Center for the Arts. The UCLA National Center for Research on Evaluation, Standards, and Student Testing (CRESST) is the project's evaluation partner. The Pasadena Educational Foundation

supported the application process.

The grant expands a program piloted at San Rafael Elementary School in the last two years by the district's math coach and teaching artists from the Armory that uses innovative standards-based visual arts lessons to target key math learning standards. The program has yielded notable improvements among underperforming students based on pre- and post-test findings at the second and third grade levels. The pilot was funded with a seed grant from the Clarence E. Heller Charitable Foundation, which also provided the seed funding for the Armory/PUSD pilot that won the Artist/Teacher Collaborative federal grant three years ago.

Artful Connections with Math transforms the program into a professional development model that builds competence among elementary school multi-subject teachers to use the visual arts as a vehicle for providing memorable and engaging experiential learning opportunities that deepen students' understanding of the way that math works.

"Art can play a transformational role in student achievement by opening the door to learning. Within math, art helps to make abstract concepts more concrete, understandable, and approachable," said Scott Ward, Executive Director of the Armory Center. "The Armory's vibrant and long term partnership with PUSD allows this effort and others to flourish and this

partnership will again be proven to be a true key to student success."

Armory teaching-artist specialists are all practicing artists with advanced degrees chosen for their teaching ability. They will collaborate with participating PUSD classroom teachers to develop skills and strategies that support effective and sustained delivery of California and national standards-based arts education instruction, in alignment with the visual and performing arts curriculum adopted by PUSD in 2007.

"Award of the grant for Artful Connections with Math reflects upon the high quality work completed through over the past two years in the previous federal arts professional development," said Patrick Conyers, Executive Director of PEF, the foundation that provides grant-writing services for the district. "The PUSD, Armory, and UCLA CRESST teams have maintained both a careful stewardship of the federal funding and a productive and collaborative working relationship between the three organizations. The success of their earlier work augurs well for the future of arts education in our public schools."

The federal grant will benefit an estimated 1,800 elementary school students at 16 Title I schools in PUSD. Schools are designated for the federal Title I program when more than 81 percent of students participate in the free and reduced school lunch program.

ALVERNO XCOUNTRY SPIKERS WIN LEAGUE OPENING MEET

By Lara L. Larramendi

Led by its top two runners, Eryn Blakely and Katherine Haysbert, Alverno's Cross Country Varsity team bested Bishop Conaty with a score of 33-79 at the Horizon League opening meet held on Wednesday September 28th at the Griffith Park course. To earn the varsity win, Alverno's runners finished 1, 2, 7, 11, and 12. They were in order of finish, juniors Eryn Blakely & Katherine Haysbert both clocking in at 19:08, freshman Rachel Achterman (23:33), sophomore Jessica Lopez (25:14) and junior Adrianna Martinez (25:20). Junior Ashley Haylett and sophomore Brett Richey helped their varsity teammates by finishing ahead of Bishop Conaty runners that counted towards their team's final score. The Junior Varsity runners led by freshman Sophia Villalovos, sophomores Victoria Pintado and Bella Daniels-Campos, freshman Rose Boubion and sophomore Reagan Dowd, also scored a win over Bishop Conaty, 39-42.

On Monday, October 3rd, Alverno and Westridge School (Pasadena) met at Crescenta Valley County Park. Once again, Alverno was led

by its top 2 varsity finishers, Katherine Haysbert and Eryn Blakely, both with a winning time of 20:58 besting Westridge 20-32. Rachel Achterman, 4th, Ashley Haylett, 6th, and Sophia Villalovos, 7th. Brett Richey, Victoria Pintado and Rose Buobion finished 10th, 13th, and 14th respectively.

Coach Berry is very optimistic about Alverno's chances of continuing its winning ways in League meets. The team has progressively improved its finishing times as they race. This past week's meet against Holy Family was cancelled due to too much rain and has been re-scheduled for a very busy week of racing in mid-October.

That week, the Alverno spikers will race on Wednesday, October 19th against San Gabriel Mission High School; participate on Friday, October 21st at the rugged and challenging Mt. Sac Invitational and the following morning, Saturday October 22nd at 8 A.M. against Holy Family at Crescenta Valley County Park. Coming up next Wednesday, October 12th at 4:00 P.M. is the League meet hosted by Sacred Heart of Jesus at a new course at Griffith Park. Alverno XCcountry runners will be ready!



Alverno's Katherine Haysbert and Eryn Blakely finished with identical times of 19:08 to capture 1 & 2 for Alverno against Bishop Conaty in the varsity race.



Turning

The faintest hint of the fall is in the air. The nights are cool and have a small chill that nips at your heels to let you know that autumn is coming. The days are either crystal clear or overcast; but both have an almost reminiscent feeling of turning leaves and soft breezes that bring the smell of pumpkins and nutmeg to mind. My body warms at the thought that soon we will be wearing scarves and jackets, tights and boots to celebrate the season and embrace the knowledge that the holidays are coming ever closer. This is my absolute favorite time of the year because it feels as though the world has stopped to take a breathe; that the calm is only the world trying to remind us to appreciate the gifts that we have in our lives and remember those who are far from us.

The leaves as they turn and fall are tiny gifts that the world is presenting so that we may jump in them and take our breathes from the busy and hectic world. That we may forget tests, college applications, and work and instead walk through the crisp leaves or have tea in the evening against the clear starry nights. This is the calm before the rush of shopping, cooking, baking and family – the calm before the storm.

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PUSD COLLEGE FAIR TAKES PLACE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

The Pasadena Educational Foundation invites students and parents to a PUSD College Fair that takes place Saturday, Oct. 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pasadena City College's Galloway Plaza. The College Fair is free and open to the public.

With college reps on hand from more than 80 colleges and universities from around the country, including the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), students and families can explore a diversity of higher education opportunities. Institutions will include UCLA, USC, UC Berkeley, St. Johns University, University of Arizona, Morehouse, Tuskegee University, Morgan State University, Oregon State University, University of New Mexico and many more.

Participants can attend a variety of workshops to prepare for the college admission process and meet experts who can answer questions about the process, financial aid and more.

Jack & Jill of America Inc. will host several workshops that include: "Advantages

of Applying to HBCUs," "Find out the Secrets Others Have Used for Making it Through College Successfully," and "Navigating Financial Aid Sources and Deadlines. (How to get institutions to bid for your admission.)"

Information on the location and time of each workshop is listed on the PEF web site: Pasedfoundation.org.

The free event is sponsored by the Pasadena Educational Foundation in partnership with the Pasadena Unified School District, Pasadena City College, and Jack & Jill of America, Inc.

WHAT: PUSD 2011 College Fair
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by Christopher Nyerges

Every now and then during one of my walks, someone will tell me that they have a headache. I peel off two slivers of bark from that ubiquitous plant of the streams, willow, and hand it to them.

"Take two pieces of bark and call me in the morning," I'll tell them. Most people laugh when I say this, but some people don't get it because they aren't familiar with willow or its history. The inner bark of willow contains salicin and is the original aspirin. The bark of the younger shoots is strongest, and it is fairly easy to harvest. When steeped in water, willow tea is good for headaches, fevers, and even hay fever. Due to its strong antiseptic properties, the tea can also be used as a good mouthwash, or used externally on wounds. A willow wash is said to work wonders on rheumatism sufferers.

Willow plants are somewhat diverse in appearance. Some are small and bushy, and others are tall trees. Their leaves are nearly all thin and lance-shaped, and the plant is always found along streams. I have seen them at sea level and higher than 8,000 feet.

They are found throughout North America. You might not know offhand how to identify a willow, but I can assure you that you have driven by one or hiked by one each time you were by a stream.

Willow is also one of the best sources of craft material. Whenever I collect willow, I go into the thickest patches and I carefully cut only those

LET'S GET TO KNOW THAT VERSATILE, UBIQUITOUS WILLOW



branches I need with a sharp ratchet cutter. In all cases when I have returned to those areas, I find the best and healthiest growths of new willow where I had done my careful pruning.

I collect straight dead pieces of willow branches for use in the primitive bow and drill for fire-making. Dried willow makes the best drill for fire-making. It is also an ideal wood to use for the baseplate in fire-making -- the flat piece of wood onto which the drill is spun.

Willows make interesting looking, lightweight walking sticks, and I have made many of these. Willow is a soft wood, so the walking sticks can be easily carved with either faces or your name or anything that your abilities allow.

Long straight willow stems are perhaps the single most useful plant in basket weaving. Willow is one of the most traditional materials used in baskets because it is light, easily worked, and it becomes flexible when soaked in water for about five minutes. Always scrape off the bark before using willow in your basketry projects.

Because of willow's flexibility and common availability, I typically use willow whenever I make a sweat lodge frame. The sweat lodge frame is dome shaped. Once the perimeter of

the sweat lodge is drawn in the dirt, I dig holes into which I secure the willow poles. Then I bend them down and lash them together at the top to create the desired dome shape. The sweat lodge is covered with tarps and very hot rocks are brought inside. Once everyone enters the lodge, it is closed up so that it is dark inside, and water is slowly poured onto the rocks, creating a high temperature sauna or steam bath. This was and still is a tradition among Native American peoples from North America through South America.

I have used the long dried willow stems as pipes, and -- following in the tradition of Native Americans -- I dry the bark of red willow and add it to my smoking mixture. I have sat outside my shelter made with a framework of willow, after sweating in my willow sweat lodge, and sat around the fire which was made with a willow drill, smoking some willow bark in my willow pipe. Indeed, willow is a good friend.

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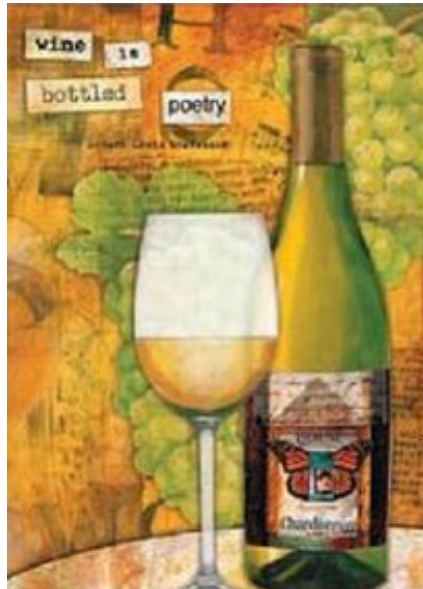
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Spirits and Murder, a Halloween spectacular dinner and interactive murder mystery, will unfold on Saturday evening, October 15, at the Monrovia Family Restaurant. Reservations to the event, presented by the Renaissance Murder Mystery Players in the Monrovia banquet room, are \$60 per person. All proceeds will go to Foothill Unity Center programs for local families in need.

The setting is the 1930s (guests are invited to wear period attire). The occasion is a gathering of friends, associates and family of Jonathan W. Bixby III to partake of dinner and hear the reading of Mr. Bixby's will. Among the guests are the family's solicitor and accountant, a duke and duchess, Bixby's nephew and his girlfriend, and the deceased's caregiver. One of them — possibly more — won't survive beyond the salad.

Guests at Spirits and Murder will be treated

to a lighthearted, involving entertainment experience while enjoying a three-course dinner. During the salad course, guests will meet the characters and witness a baffling murder. At the entrée, a Scotland Yard detective will arrive to question the characters as intriguing clues begin to emerge. By dessert, the baffling mystery may just be solved — with the audience's help.

Part of the fun is that the audience and actors interact, says director Ken Salzmann of the Renaissance Murder Mystery Players. "Guests play a major part in helping the investigator examine the clues and guess "who done it."

The Monrovia Family Restaurant is at 534 South Myrtle Avenue, Monrovia. For reservations to the murder mystery dinner, call Gerald at the Center, (626) 358-3486. For more about The Renaissance Murder Mystery Players, contact SanZman Productions, (626) 862-9086.

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SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

50/50

50/50 is the story of an affable 27-year-old guy who becomes diagnosed with a rare form

of spinal cancer and the events that take place afterward. Now you're probably thinking a movie about cancer, how depressing. While it certainly has those moments, the movie is quite upbeat. It's safe to say you can now abandon any trepidation you may have had and devote your time to a truly special film. With strong performances from its key players, 50/50 is both endearing and good-hearted. Never is it cloying or heavy handed in its presentation of cancer. Will Reiser took his own real life experiences and adapted them into an incredibly strong screenplay. The third act of this movie will surely test your emotions while never feeling inauthentic, but remarkably honest. 50/50 is one of those rare films that can jungle both comedy and drama in perfect synchronicity. While it may not completely stick with you after it's all said and done, odds are you'll find something to like about 50/50 within its 99 minutes duration.

Joseph Gordon Levitt plays Adam, an amicable guy that works in radio. He currently has intimacy issues with his girlfriend, but other than that life seems to be going fairly copasetic. Seth Rogen, (who's undoubtedly way better as a supporting character than a leading man) plays Kyle, Adam's perpetually horny best friend. Rogen is actually quite great here playing the comedic relief character. He's never overbearing nor does he try to steal the show. A rather low key and restrained performance by a guy who can be either really funny or just plan annoying in movies. Levitt, on the other hand, plays the character with sharp precision and a great amount of self-awareness of the disease. Bryce Dallas Howard, portrays Rachel, Adam's girlfriend who seems reluctant to care for him to the fullest. This leads to a few poor decisions on her part, which inevitably leads Adam not being able to deal with it anymore. Howard is great in her subtle performance, but there's not much to like about her character (or the things her character ends up doing). She claims this cancer thing is too much for her to handle, but really, it's the person diagnosed with it that has a hell of a lot harder time coping with

it than any of the spectators. Anna Kendrick effortlessly slips into the character of Katherine, Adam's super young therapist. You can get a sense that Katherine starts to show an affinity toward Adam, but knows that it's unprofessional to do anything about it besides help him with his condition. If the movie takes any misguided steps, it's the very "Hollywood"-esque outcome

50/50

Release Date: September 30, 2011

Directed by: Jonathan Levine

Screenplay by: Will Reiser

Rated R for language throughout, sexual content and some drug use

Grade: 4.5 out of 5

to what occurs between them. However, I can't say that it doesn't work. It's what you'll want in the end even if it feels a bit cliché.

Surprisingly, the movie is more about how others close to the person with the disease react, rather than the one actually diagnosed with it. Adam finds himself breaking down in the third act of the movie when everything is on the line. He feels alone, scared, anxious and confused. Everything you could imagine about dealing with such a horrible (and unjust) disease. Despite these moments, 50/50 still remains rather optimistic. It carefully knows when to strike with flashes of sadness and positivity. 50/50 doesn't hit you over the head with the idea of cancer and all it's dreadful baggage, but shows you that the best medicine is both the love and support of the people close to you. The relationships and friendships of those in your life will ultimately prove to be the greatest healer of all.

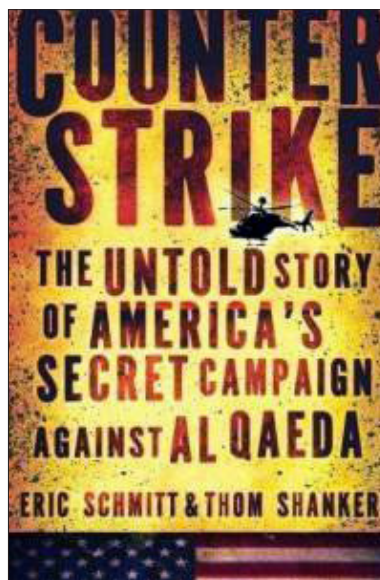
Director Jonathan Levine has progressed further along in his filmmaking abilities. Levine has a perennial future in Hollywood, that's for sure. While 50/50 may not be his best film (The Wackness is undeniably a superbly underrated film), it is, however, one of the best of the year. Despite a few minor issues with the romantic aspects of the film, there's little to knock about it as a whole. Honest, sincere, emotional when needed and genuine all around, 50/50 is simply just a great film. The odds are definitely stacked in your favor that you'll come out of the theater feeling like a winner. What is it that you won, you may ask? That really just depends on how much you've invested into the movie.

Jeff's Pics The Book Report

by Jeff Brown

Counterstrike: The Untold Story of America's Secret Campaign Against Al Qaeda by Eric Schmitt & Thom Shanker

In the years following the 9/11 attacks, the United States waged a "war on terror" that sought to defeat Al Qaeda through brute force. But it soon became clear that this strategy was not working, and by 2005 the Pentagon began looking for a new way. Schmitt and Shanker of the New York Times tell the story of how a group of analysts within the military, at spy agencies, and in law enforcement has fashioned an innovative and effective new strategy to fight terrorism, unbeknownst to most Americans and in sharp contrast to the cowboy slogans that characterized the U.S. government's public posture. Adapting themes from Cold War deterrence theory, these strategists have expanded the field of battle in order to disrupt jihadist networks in ever more creative ways. They take readers deep into this theater of war, as ground troops, intelligence operatives, and top executive branch officials have worked together to redefine and restrict the geography available for Al Qaeda to operate in. They also show how these new strategies, adopted under George W. Bush and expanded under Obama, were successfully employed in planning and carrying out the dramatic raid in which Osama bin Laden was killed. Filled with startling revelations about how our national security is being managed, Counterstrike will change the way Americans think about the ongoing struggle with violent radical extremism.



Liberation from the Lie: Cutting the Roots of Fear Once and for All by Eric Gross

Despite the plethora of research and writing in the field of mental and emotional health, despite our vast wealth and consumption, despite the availability of so much technology and convenience, people are more unhappy than ever. This book offers a radically different approach to living that reveals the source of our unhappiness and insecurity. Our families, our institutions, and our culture at large are agents of invalidation, repeatedly delivering the message that we are not good enough to be loved for our original selves. We come to believe that we are inadequate, insufficient, worthless, that in order to be happy, we must change. Liberation helps readers break free of the endless transformation trap. By seeing through the shame that drives self improvement, we can end the interminable process of seeking and discover our innate resilience, strength, and passion. Eric Gross received a National Institute of Justice Fellowship to evaluate the efficacy of Navajo Peacemaking in reducing interpersonal conflict, and has been affiliated with Navajo traditional healers for more than a decade. The U.S. Department of Justice hailed his work as a milestone in the community justice movement.



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HOWARD Hays As I See It



"We're going to close the unproductive tax loopholes that allow some of the truly wealthy to avoid paying their fair share . . . they sometimes made it possible for millionaires to pay nothing, while a bus driver was paying ten percent of his salary, and that's crazy. It's time we stopped it. . . Do you think the millionaire ought to pay more in taxes than the bus driver, or less?"

- Ronald Reagan

Last week, Greg Welborn wrote he considered President Obama's statement that "middle-class families shouldn't pay higher taxes than millionaires and billionaires" to be "anything but straightforward", and promised to "demonstrate its falsehood". I read his column, and failed to learn whether he agreed with the premise, shared by both Presidents Reagan and Obama, that one's tax liability shouldn't depend on the wherewithal to afford armies of tax attorneys and lobbyists to skew the tax code in one's favor.

President Reagan clearly understood the inequity, and in fact took steps to address it shortly into his second term, with the Tax Reform Act of 1986. Greg accuses President Obama of having "manipulated the facts" in referring to Warren Buffett's assertion he pays taxes at a higher rate than his secretary. Reagan told a luncheon crowd in Chicago Heights about "... a letter from a man out here in the country . . . a He wrote me in support of the tax plan because he said, 'I am legally able to take advantage of the present tax code . . . paying a smaller tax than my secretary pays.'" (Reagan described him as "an executive who's earning . . . well above \$100,000 a year." This was 1985.) Reagan moved to equalize the rates between capital gains and ordinary wages and salaries, between rates paid by wealthy investors and middle-class families.

All this changed under President George W. Bush with his second round of tax cuts in 2003. The rate on capital gains was dropped to 15%, less than half what it was under Reagan. Dividend income, which was taxed as ordinary income throughout the Reagan years, was dropped to the 15% rate as well. What Greg refers to as Obama's "pandering" and "absurdities" are, in fact, suggestions we return to rates not nearly as high as they were under Reagan.

Averaging tax rates of certain groups, as Greg does, can be useful, but doesn't always reflect reality. (Bill Gates and I have an average net worth in the billions of dollars.) There's the "carried-interest loophole", for instance, which allows investment managers to treat income from their services as capital gains. It's been calculated that closing this loophole for the top 25 hedge-fund managers, who collectively took in \$22 billion

last year, would increase revenue by \$4 billion a year - if only they were taxed at the same rate as a teacher, firefighter or factory worker. (It would take 440,000 middle-class families to match the income of those 25 individuals.)

Another distortion is to focus on income tax rates. For 80% of taxpayers, the income tax constitutes less than half of all federal taxes paid. It's a distortion to characterize, as Greg does, our 35% corporate tax rate as the "second highest in the industrialized world". While other countries have moved to close corporate loopholes, we've expanded them - resulting in our effective corporate tax rate being one of the world's lowest. Among 26 industrialized countries, in corporate taxes as a percentage of GDP, we rank second from the bottom (right above Iceland).

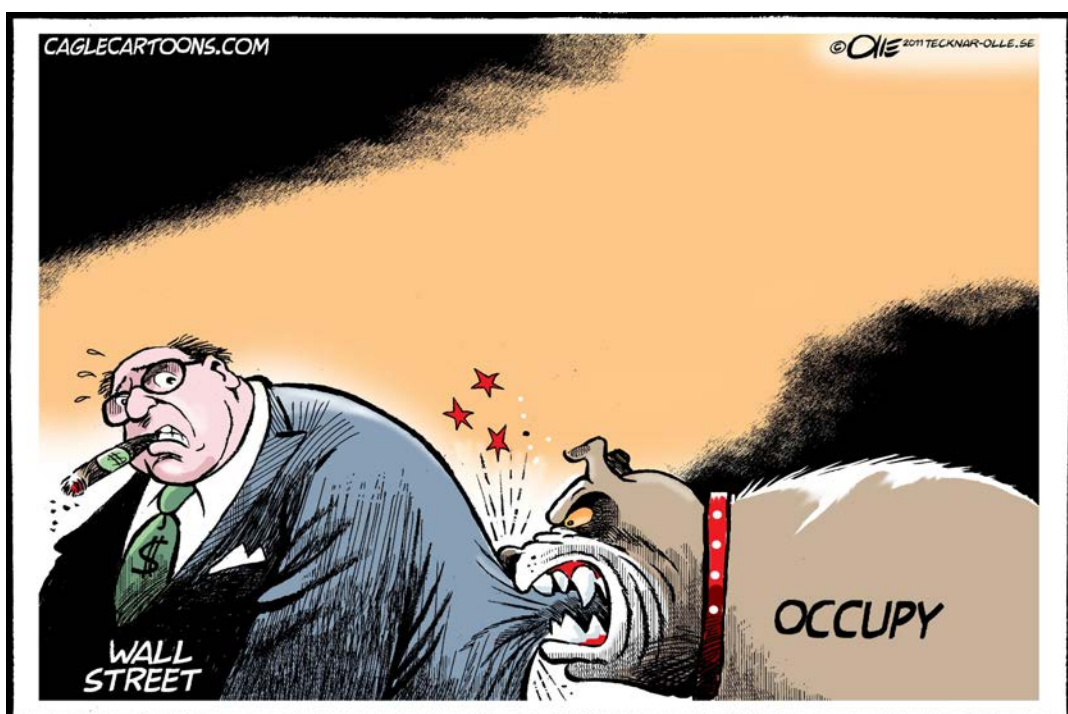
The biggest distortion, though, is suggesting easing the tax burden for most Americans is a concern of those opposing President Obama. Last fall, the Republican minority in the Senate threatened to hike taxes for 98% of American families, those with incomes under \$250,000 a year, and cut off unemployment insurance for those really struggling, unless the top marginal rate of the wealthiest 2% was kept at 36% instead of being allowed to return to the 39% it was under President Clinton. (According to the Tax Policy Center, that cut in the top marginal rate alone has cost the Treasury \$2.3 trillion since it was enacted.)

Greg refers to "Every study" showing "When you reduce taxes . . . tax receipts go up." I'm not sure what "study" he's referring to, but the facts are easily accessible. President Bush reduced taxes, and receipts, comparing his first year in office with his last, went up 27%. Clinton raised taxes, and receipts went up 75%. He also left a history of unprecedented economic expansion and a budget surplus of \$236 billion, allowing us to begin paying down our national debt. It will take a generation to recover from the history left by the Bush Administration.

Arguments being made today for lowering taxes on the wealthiest at the expense of the rest of us are the same ones used in recent history. They're no more valid now than they were then. The advantage we have today is we can go back and recall the consequences when those arguments prevailed.

Going further back, there was an evocation of the history of feudalism in the accompanying column by Susan Stamper Brown. In her advocacy of a continued redistribution of wealth from those who merely work for a living to those who once were referred to as "our betters", she warns that unless we acquiesce to this concentration of wealth into the hands of the oligarchs, they may not deem us worthy of their charity.

It's not a history I want to be a part of. It's not a history those who founded and built our nation wanted to be a part of, either.



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MARKETING ANGLES FOR SMALL BUSINESS

by La Quetta M. Shamblee,

It just takes a little time and a dose of ingenuity to come up with low-cost marketing ideas to promote your business. Sole entrepreneurs and small businesses can benefit from two activities employed by large corporations: 1) Collaborating and 2) Donating.

The definition of collaborating has historically been tied to literary works, or cooperating with any enemy nation as demonstrated by the Merriam Webster definition for "collaborate" - to work jointly with other or together especially in an intellectual endeavor, and to cooperate, usually willingly with an enemy nation, especially with an enemy occupying one's country.

Fortunately for business use, the contemporary notion of collaborations has expanded to include projects and activities that involve one or more parties cooperating for mutual benefit. The nonprofit sector uses both formal and informal collaborations extensively.

An example is Foothill Unity Center, a nonprofit headquartered in Monrovia. One of their many collaborations is with Santa Anita Race Track each year to host a regional Back-To-School event that provides school supplies, hair cuts and

other items for children of low-income families. The families receive items they can't afford to purchase, and Santa Anita Park and the companies that donate goods and services are acknowledged in press releases and other announcements about the event. Businesses can also can use the venue for photo opportunities to incorporate into their marketing materials and they can place their banners and distribute other information during the event. It's an ideal model for "grass roots" promotion.

Collaborating can increase your revenue if you do it right. There's much to be said for the tradition of local businesses that have historically supported little league teams and school events in their neighborhoods across the county with cash donations. In this instance, the community-based organizations and schools get much needed cash to support their activities. The businesses that donate can increase their visibility and gain exposure to potential customers. This is a good example of a traditional model of marketing a business through community activities.

A donation is defined as "an act or instance of presenting something as a gift, grant or contribution, however, when it comes to making donations on behalf of your business, it's important to be strategic with your generosity. Another

example is Corfu Restaurant in Sierra Madre offering a discount to customers who present a ticket stub from an event at Sierra Madre Playhouse. Owners Vic and Amy were also receptive to posting promotional materials in their establishment. As a result, the Instrumental Women Project has collaborated with them throughout a series of jazz theatre productions at the Playhouse this year. In addition to paying Corfu to provide lunch for the artists and production crew, the restaurant has received a full page ad in each of the program books, and on two occasions the producer hosted the after-show for the band there as well.

Instrumental Women sent out e-announcements to promote the shows that informed patrons of the great food and discount offered at Corfu, along with encouraging people to come early to stroll and dine throughout Sierra Madre.

This model of collaboration has great marketing and revenue potential for businesses both individually and working in groups. It is the strategy that leads to the development of travel and tourism associations to promote small cities, large regions, states and even entire countries. Think of these activities as an alternative means of advertising your business on a shoestring budget.

STIMULUS AND OTHER FAIRY TALES

Here's a trick question for you - trick because the title of this article gives a pretty good clue as to the right answer. When was the last time a targeted, temporary stimulus package from Washington increased employment and boosted the economy? Answer: never! I realize a lot of the President's supporters and base would like another answer, but history is absolutely consistent in showing that such policies have never worked.

Let's start with good old Gerald Ford. A truly remarkable, hard working and honest president, but one who received very bad advice. When he took office, we were in the midst of a recession. He proposed a temporary tax rebate, a temporary increase in social security benefits and a tax credit for home buyers. Sounds a bit familiar doesn't it? The results were unimpressive to say the least. Economic growth rose at the outset and then within months slipped right back to where it was (abysmal), and unemployment got worse.

Jimmy Carter took advantage of these economic doldrums and landed the job on the basis of fixing what ailed us. His plan was a one-time tax rebate, social security bonuses, temporary grants and one-time aid payments to the states to get things going at the local level. Sounds a bit familiar doesn't it? So were the results.

There was a temporary increase in activity, some mildly good readings in the national economic data, and then the downward pace accelerated. Carter's own internal economic gurus started noticing what the rest of the nation felt. The economy went into a deep recession. Carter did manage to add something new: massive, widespread inflation along with recession. We commonly refer back to those terrible days as "the Carter years".

George W. Bush took a sip of this cool-aid as well. In his first term, there were some signs of economic deterioration. This frightened the new president a bit, and so he scaled back his promise for permanent tax relief and went with a program of temporary reductions in taxes and some nice rebates. Sounds a bit familiar doesn't it? It didn't work. We remember the 2001 economy as recessionary, and then we got 9-11 thrown in the mix.

We need to fast forward here to the end of Bush's second term. The financial crisis prompted another frightened response from the president's team. President Bush implemented temporary tax rebates in 2008. By their own reckoning, White House economists concluded that the stimulus had no positive affect. Bush, of course, left office, and Barak Obama stepped in. Despite have made great political hay about doing things differently than "the previous administration", Obama's approach was -sounding familiar again, isn't it? - temporary, targeted stimulus with tax rebates, grants to the states and local governments and the now well known \$800

'OCCUPY WALL STREET' DEMONSTRATIONS COULD SPREAD - AND SPARK BACKLASH

An Independent's Eye by Joe Gandelman

Was that a long ago-echo in my ears? The other day I caught video of a big protest with demonstrators shouting, "The whole world is watching!" as police approached.

Wasn't that chant from 1968 when Chicago Mayor Richard Daley unleashed his police on anti-war demonstrators at the ill-fated Democratic convention? In the same video, some chanted "Un pueblo unido jamas sera vencido!" a worldwide protesters' phrase stemming from a slogan used by the equally ill-fated leftist Chilean leader Salvador Allende in 1970 and popularized worldwide in a 1972 recorded song. Wasn't that the chant I heard covering a demonstration in Franco's Spain?

Then I heard a young woman explain that wealth is bad. She used more 60s style clichés in a defining moment at the end of the day. But those weren't echoes. They were from demonstrations by the anti-corporate, pro-fairness Occupy Wall Street protests, which snarled traffic on the Brooklyn Bridge and ended in some 700 arrests. The protests sparked copycat demonstrations in cities such as Los Angeles, Denver Chicago and Boston with future protests being planned in Washington D.C. and elsewhere.

Just as the summer of 2010's conservative Tea Party protesters screeched "We want our country back!" from the forces that propelled Barack Obama into the White House, Occupy Wall Street protesters are saying "We want our country back!" from corporations, banks and the campaign-donation-greased politicians who kowtow to them.

Many leftists and some centrists yearn for a movement to counterbalance the Tea Partiers who check mated chunks of Barack Obama's agenda. Progressives are now trying to organize groups to offer better pushback and advocacy. Enter Occupy Wall Street demonstrations which reportedly attract college kids and aging hippies united

in their outrage over the kind of country and dreams they see being lost and the political and financial forces that did big damage getting away consequence free.

Protests have often impacted on their times, changed history or sparked backlash. Mahatma Gandhi's non-violent civil disobedience demonstrations helped free India from the British. Martin Luther King Jr. took a page from his book, successfully using the same tactics in the civil rights battle. The 1960s anti-Vietnam war protests changed public perceptions of the war but also triggered polarization, angry "silent majority" backlash and helped elect Richard Nixon - the first step in undercutting the New Deal, Great Society and Democratic Party dominance of the courts and bureaucracy.

Opposition demonstrations I covered in India in 1974 inspired then-Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to temporarily suspend Indian democracy. Demonstrations I witnessed in post-Franco Spain gave then-young King Juan Carlos the support he needed to help quietly steer Spain into a democratic era. Deep spending cuts by the United Kingdom's coalition government led to widespread austerity protests in early 2011.

And then there's the "Arab Spring," which made Twitter and civil disobedience potent political tools in fomenting revolution in Egypt and Tunisia and inspiring protests in Northern Africa and Middle East Arab majority states aimed at changing or toppling the existing order.

Many commentators on the left now suggest that Occupy Wall Street demonstrations could be the catalyst for a new "Arab Spring" in the United States. Filmmaker Michael Moore predicts it will soon involve thousands -- although with Moore's political prediction accuracy record perhaps he's referring to an Arab spring mattress, while the reality is that it will take more than some noisy dem-

GREG Welborn



billion of new spending President Obama followed it with even more spending and deficits, and the affect has been pretty much what we should have expected.

Despite the promise that all this spending, granting and rebating would save some number of millions of jobs, unemployment grew to 10%. That number itself is a little fuzzy. If we include people who have just given up trying to find a job, credible estimates of total unemployment top 15%.

The point here is that our current situation should feel familiar because it is. We have been down this path many times before - always with the same result. The reason is that most politicians - almost by definition - are reluctant to give up power. Most seek more power, and exercising "control" over the economy, even if it is an illusion, gives them a sense of significance in their own mind and certainly stature within the Washington beltway.

The solution to our problem should also be familiar, because we have gone down that path before. Every once in awhile, we get a president who understands that allowing people the freedom to exercise their own industriousness will generate lots of economic activity. People are for the most part rational beings. We take steps to achieve our goals. They react to various stimuli in very logical ways. If you give them a "temporary" tax break, with the implicit or explicit intention of raising the tax later, we shouldn't be surprised if they don't invest or act for the long term. Most business owners will reduce economic activity because of the threat of higher taxes.

The familiar solution to our problem was most recently implemented by Ronald Reagan. Inheriting a much worse crisis than Obama, he responded with permanent reductions in tax rates and regulatory burdens. People reacted rationally to this stimulus. The recession ended quickly, and people went back to work. George W. Bush, in the middle years of his presidency, also followed the Reagan way with similar positive results. The way forward is familiar. We just need to choose that path. Sadly, Obama seems allergic to even considering it, so we may just have to wait 2012 for a turning point.

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onstrations to get Wall Street's attention.

But there are dangers. If demonstrations grow, a divide will grow over the protester's points, tactics, and society's right to respond and crack down on protesters disruptions. There could be counter demonstrations by those who don't like the protesters tactics, plus pressure on local and national politicians to either denounce or express solidarity with the protesters. It could impact some 2012 votes.

Those who want demonstrations say that's the idea but they seem to forget: The 1968 American anti-war version of the "Arab spring" led to the 1969-1974 Republican winter of Richard Nixon and a long period of Republican presidencies bookmarked by occasional Democrats.

When the whole world is watching that also includes the country's disorder-hating center.

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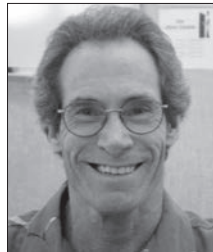
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HAIL Hamilton My Turn

SOUTHERN COPS DO HAVE A WAY WITH WORDS!



good laugh. I sure did. Reality really is funnier than fiction.

1. "You know, stop lights don't come any redder than the one you just went through."
2. "Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch after you wear them a while."
3. "If you take your hands off the car, I'll make your birth certificate a worthless document." (My Favorite)
4. "If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."
5. "Can you run faster than 1200 feet per second? Because that's the speed of the bullet that'll be chasing you." (LOVE IT)
6. "You don't know how fast you were going? I guess that means I can write anything I want to on the ticket, huh?"
7. "Yes, sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor, but I don't think it will help. Oh, did I mention that I'm the shift supervisor?"
8. "Warning! You want a warning? O.K, I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."
9. "The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?"
10. "Fair? You want me to be fair? Listen, fair is a place where you go to ride on rides, eat cotton candy and corn dogs and step in monkey poop."
11. "Yeah, we have a quota. Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven."
12. "In God we trust; all others we run through NCIC." (National Crime Information Center)
13. "Just how big were those 'two beers' you say you had?"
14. "No sir, we don't have quotas anymore. We used to, but now we're allowed to write as many tickets as we can."
15. "I'm glad to hear that the Chief (of Police) is a personal friend of yours. So you know someone who can post your bail."

AND THE WINNER IS....

16. "You didn't think we give pretty women tickets? You're right, we don't. Sign here."

NEVER SAY THESE THINGS TO A COP... PERIOD!

1. I can't reach my license unless you hold my beer. (OK in Texas)
2. Are you Andy or Barney?
3. If you'd try the stuff I had, you wouldn't be so damn uptight.
4. Gee, Officer! That's terrific. The last officer gave me a warning, too!
5. Do you know why you pulled me over? Okay, just so one of us does.
6. I was trying to keep up with traffic. Yes, I know there are no other cars around. That's how far ahead of me they are.
7. When the Officer says, "Gee Son... Your eyes look red, have you been drinking?" You probably shouldn't respond with, "Gee Officer... Your eyes look glazed, have you been eating donuts?"
8. What? You need a license to drive?
9. Yes, I know my driving isn't 100% perfect, but you have to agree that it's still pretty good for someone who is completely drunk.
10. Whoops, that's the fake one... here ya go, this is the one.
11. Do you have any idea how much of a hurry I'm in?
12. You're lucky this car needs a tune-up or you'd never have caught me.
13. In California we drive like that all the time, what's the problem?
14. I thought you had to be in relatively good physical condition to be a police officer.
15. Aren't there any REAL crooks somewhere you should be catching?
16. Just had to try out that new siren, didn't you?
17. Can you come back in 5 minutes? I'm in the middle of an important telephone conversation.
18. Give me a break Officer, I pay your salary!
19. Do you have any idea who you're talking to?
AND THE WINNER IS....
20. So what if I was speeding? Whatcha gonna do about it Mr. Hotshot?

OUT TO PASTOR A Weekly Religion Column

I'M HAVING AN OUT-OF-CASH EXPERIENCE!



Rev. James L. Snyder

I have read of people who testified to the fact that they have had an out of body experience. After meeting some of these people I can understand why they would want to abandon their body if only for a

moment. My question is, why did they return? Whether this was a real experience or not, only their hairdresser knows for sure.

I have made it one of the primary purposes of my life to stay in my body as long as I live. In fact, I have so developed my body so that there is ample room for my La-Z-Boy chair and me. I like to be comfortable.

Truth compels me to say that I have never experienced an out-of-body experience. Every night when I go to sleep, I am unconscious until morning but I do not think that counts except when it comes to sheep, but who gives a baa-baa about sheep. I have a hard time relating to these people with such esoteric experiences. I do not doubt them, I just do not relate to them.

One thing that I can relate to is "an out-of-cash" experience. There, I said it. Confession is good for the soul. For many years, I was ashamed of having these kinds of experiences. I thought I was the only one in the whole world that ever experienced such trauma in their lives. I kept it a secret for many years.

But all that has changed. I am ready to come out of the closet and confess that when it comes to cash, I am simply out of it.

It's not that I have always had an over abundance of cash. Throughout the years, it has come in a little here and a little there but mostly nowhere. I can never remember a time when my life was flooded with so much cash I did not know what to do with it all.

Being out-of-cash must not be as bad as it sounds. I suppose the terrible thing is how a person gets to that point in life.

I wanted to write a book about my out-of-cash experience but I only got up to chapter 11.

From everything I can gather, everybody seems to be out-of-cash. Even our government has come to such a perilous place as this. The government used to say, "I feel your pain," and now they are really feeling our pain. The government is not broken as some people attest; the government is simply broke. Now they know how I really feel.

Being out-of-cash does have some advantage. Last Tuesday, for example, was a long hard day and I was glad to get home. When I did get home, my wife greeted me at the door and said, "Let's go out for supper tonight. I don't feel like cooking."

RICH Johnson



I like to provide comic relief for the city. And I am thankful for those of you who tell me I brighten your week with my column.

According to others I have managed to brighten people's days through another medium: That of live music. The band, JJ Jukebox, of which I am fortunate enough to be part, has been applauded for playing good music, BUT also also being funny and entertaining (At least that is what several people have told us).

As any regular readers of my column know, I do occasionally get impacted by some serious matters and feel compelled to comment. One happened this week on Facebook. (I love Facebook because it gives you opportunity to be in touch with people you would have never seen again.) Also, pictures of family members pop up instantly, even from across the world. I

have nieces and a nephew in Australia whose photos I see regularly. Yay! That being said, there are some down sides. Some people post incredibly bad stuff on Facebook. It was a disgusting slur from one side of the political spectrum against the other that got me. Fortunately, my opinion on this helped me create a short statement that sums up a major problem in our society. That statement: POLITICIANS NO LONGER GOVERN. THEY CAMPAIGN!

I know it's a generalization. But with the advent of the 24 hour a day news media, everything that utters forth from a politician seems to be campaign posturing. And the rhetoric is designed to keep those in power, in power, and/or push those who are in someone else's way out of power. The level of rhetoric has been growing more and more intense, angry and vitriolic. We need to start a movement that tells politicians: WE NEED YOU TO GOVERN, NOT CAMPAIGN!

Okay, I'm done. Pass it on if you agree with me. If not, pass it on anyway. :)

Okay, the important stuff. Here are the answers to last weeks test: 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?

JOHNNY
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?

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

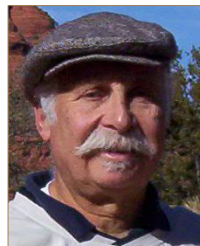
MT. EVEREST
How much dirt is there in a hole that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?

NONE, IT'S A HOLE
What word in the English Language is always spelled incorrectly?

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

HE LIVES IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE
In California, you cannot take a picture

STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE CONNECTIONS TO MYSELF



In the morning when I wake up and struggle to the bathroom mirror I find myself face to face with some unfamiliar scowling fat-faced bald old man. Who is this guy? Whoever he is, I feel little connection with him. He looks nothing like the way I feel inside, and I generally try and avoid that face and race out of the house as fast as I can.

Once outside I look at the sunrise and begin my walk around the circle wondering what neighbors and what kind of day I will encounter. The canyon in which I am lucky to live is filled with a host of interesting people. Yesterday I encountered three early-rising neighbors and managed to have interesting conversations largely about my week end drive up to Santa Cruz.

During this drive I happened to go through the little town of San Juan Batista and as I passed the Mission in that town I thought of the old Alfred Hitchcock movie, Vertigo, the climactic scenes of which were actually filmed in the Mission. As I looked at the Mission, I sort of thought back to the person I was about forty-five years ago when I first saw the movie. What I really want to remember is how it felt to be me forty-five or fifty years ago. In my head I am still connected to that person, worrying about the draft, worrying whether I would ever fit in to the adult-professional world,, worrying whether any woman would ever like me and hoping I would be able to raise a family, and really wondering what other people thought of me. Perhaps as one gets older it is natural to be more concerned with how one feels inside rather than caring about what others think.

Now, who cares? I know more about me than outsiders know; but I used to care and thought that others could see me better than I saw myself. Fortunately, through the miracle of Facebook, this woman whom I used to know at Berkeley 48 years ago decided to contact me and we have shared memories. Well, we sort of have shared memories, because I really don't remember much about her but she remembers all sorts of things about me. Really, all I remember is the way she walked, the clothes she wore, and the way she spoke. She was this Gentile person and spoke slowly in a refined manner.

In High School I had mainly hung out with anxious Jews like myself, who had no time to wait for others to finish their sentences. This is, of course, my simplistic view of the difference between aspiring Jews and refined and, what I took to be, secure Gentiles. Probably this view is nonsense; but, as I remember this girl, one of the first Gentiles I ever got close to, she spoke slowly, never interrupted, and seemed to take what I said seriously. Strange, unexpected behavior. I don't want her to know this but I think I thought she was this kind of conformist person who was cute but did not have all that much to say.

It turns out that I missed out on experiencing who she really was and who she would become. I now have learned that she was the valedictorian of her High School, a Regent Scholar, Phi Beta Kappa clerk in the Federal Court, future Peace Corps Volunteer, a Law School Professor for 25 years, and the Dean of a Law School that I probably could not have gotten in to. (Maybe that's an exaggeration), sailing and horse-jumping expert and author of lots of books.. Who cares about her accomplishments, I hear you cry.

Well, the point is that this rather accomplished woman describes me, yes me, as a person worth knowing. I turned her on to Russian novels, I taught her to stand back from the ping pong table and slam the ball, I hitch-hiked with her across the bay and we both ushered at plays in San Francisco, and then went to delicatessens, a thing she had never done before (Remember she's a Gentile) and best of all I was a man who was easy to talk to and with whom she felt comfortable. Pretty good for her first year of College!

All in all, even though in the end I disappointed her and didn't stay in touch, and even though I was too stupid to know that she was interesting and smart, she feels that she gained a lot from knowing me.

I just went and looked in the mirror, it's now midnight, and I think I now see the remnant of the thin interesting young man in the reflection of the old, but sort of mischievous looking guy I see. I think I am now more connected to the realization that I am much closer to becoming the kind of person that I always wanted to be. In fact, perhaps I always was and just didn't quite know it. Hooray for old friends and old memories that become part of the present!



POLITICAL OBSERVATIONS AND TEST ANSWERS

of a man with a wooden leg. Why not?
YOU NEED A CAMERA TO TAKE A PICTURE OF A MAN
What was the President's name in 1975?
BARACK OBAMA

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

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?
ONE

If this large "DUH" sound comes out from the back of your brain don't feel bad. I missed a bunch of them myself. This is a devilishly fun test to give your friends and family at parties. It works best if you give them the test orally. Distribute blank paper and pencil, and have them write the answers down as you ask them. If you feel particularly evil, have them write their names at the top of the paper and then exchange their completed tests amongst themselves to be graded.

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City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

To: Citywide
From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT
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

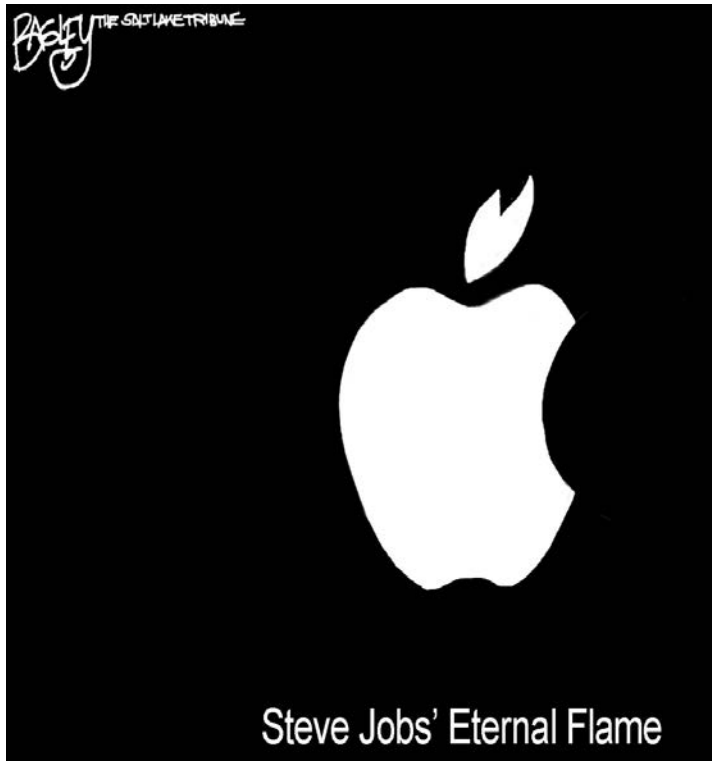
All interested persons may attend this meeting and the Planning Commission will hear them with respect thereto.

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 "herstorian," 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.

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 FOR PROBATE 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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Employee 2	\$30,000.00	\$7,500.00	10.00%	Employee 2	\$2,500.00	2.27%
Total	\$300,000.00	\$75,000.00	100.00%		\$110,000.00	100.00%

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Employee 1	\$25,000.00	\$6,250.00	16.13%	Employee 1	\$3,125.00	3.78%
Employee 2	\$30,000.00	\$7,500.00	19.35%	Employee 2	\$3,125.00	3.78%
Total	\$155,000.00	\$38,750.00	100.00%		\$82,750.00	100.00%

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Hey, you sound like that **other** bear. What's his name? Smokey! Yeah, that's it.

Read our fire safety and prevention words scattered about this puzzle. Notice the letters already placed in the puzzle. Use them to help you fit the fire words into the puzzle.

Do you know any firefighters? Everyone likes to talk to them about their jobs. It's fun to visit the firehouse or have firefighters come and talk at school. They like to talk about preventing fires and display pieces of their equipment. Three safety messages that firefighters share with students are:

- Get out of the house quickly if there is a fire.
- Call the fire department from a neighbor's house.
- If your clothes catch on fire remember to **STOP, DROP AND ROLL!**

Cut out the list and talk with your family about each idea.

Family Fire Safety Checklist

- ☐ Cook in the **kitchen** only when an adult is helping you.
- ☐ Don't touch matches, lighters or candles. They are for **adult use only**.
- ☐ Do you have **smoke detectors** on every level of your home? Test them monthly. Change the batteries at least once a year.
- ☐ Do you know **two** or more ways out of the house?
- ☐ Never use elevators (**stairs** are much safer) if there is a fire.
- ☐ Smoke rises. If there is a fire, stay low: **crawl** under the smoke.
- ☐ Have you picked a place to **meet** the rest of your family once you are all out of the house?
- ☐ Once you are out of the house, **stay out** of the house.

Millions of people go hiking and camping each year? How great is that!? Hikers and campers can help keep wildfires from starting by making sure that they put out any campfires they make!

So...are **you** that fire bear? Are ya? Are ya?

No! Please stop asking.

Looking Up with Bob Eklund

Alma Opens Its Eyes

Humanity's most complex ground-based astronomy observatory, the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA), has officially opened for astronomers at its 16,500-foot high desert plateau in northern Chile. Thousands of scientists from around the world are competing to be the first few researchers to explore some of the darkest, coldest, farthest, and most hidden secrets of the cosmos with this new astronomical tool.

"We went to one of the most extreme locations on Earth to build the world's largest array of millimeter/sub-millimeter telescopes having a level of technical sophistication that was merely a dream only a decade ago," said Dr. Mark McKinnon, North American ALMA Project Manager at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO) in Charlottesville, Virginia. "And, now, here we are at the start of ALMA Early Science. We made the impossible possible. This truly is a great occasion!"

For the start of the "Early Science" phase of operations, around one third of ALMA's eventual 66 radio telescopes will make up the growing array, with two-thirds of those delivered by NRAO.

Even while still under construction, ALMA has become the best telescope of its kind—a fact that was apparently well known to the astronomers who requested to observe with it.

Considering the limited number of hours allocated to this first phase of science, ALMA could only take about a hundred projects. "It was absolutely tremendous to receive more than nine hundred project proposals from astronomers from throughout the world wanting to use ALMA in this first ever science period!" said Dr. Lewis Ball, ALMA Deputy Director and NRAO's ALMA Chief of Staff. "That represents a level of demand which is unprecedented across any ground-based or space telescope." The successful projects were chosen based on their scientific value, their regional diversity, and also their relevance to ALMA's major science goals.

"The 'M' in ALMA stands for 'millimeter/submillimeter' waves, because ALMA views the Universe in these long wavelengths of light, much longer than the optical light we see with our eyes," said Dr. Alison Peck, an NRAO astronomer serving as ALMA Deputy Project Scientist during construction. "With millimeter



and submillimeter waves, we can watch planet formation, investigate astrochemistry, and detect the light that is finally reaching us from the Universe's earliest galaxies. ALMA's first projects will flex the telescope's capabilities in all of these fields and many, many more."

The millimeter/submillimeter waveband lies between the far-infrared and microwave portions of the electromagnetic spectrum—at the border between light waves and radio waves. The term usually refers to wavelengths between a few hundred micrometers and a millimeter.

During its Early Science observations, ALMA will continue its construction phase in the Chilean Andes, high on the remote Chajnantor Plain in the harsh Atacama Desert. Each new

climate-armored telescope will join the array and be linked via fiber optic cabling. The views from each distant telescope are assembled into one large view by one of the world's fastest, special-purpose supercomputers, the ALMA Correlator. Designed and built by the NRAO Technology Center in Charlottesville, Virginia, the ALMA Correlator performs 17 quadrillion operations per second.

By 2013, ALMA will be an 11-mile-wide array of 66 ultra-precision millimeter/submillimeter wave radio telescopes, built by ALMA's multinational partners in North America, East Asia, and Europe, working together as one.

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Ask jai.....

Ask jai is a weekly column that will strive to honestly answer your job search questions relating to job searching techniques, networking skills, resume writing and interviewing. The employment situation is getting better, however, it is still a challenge finding where the jobs are located and how to get 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.

I have heard some employers will not consider you for employment if you have been unemployed for more than one year or more. Should I take any old job that is offered me or wait for the right one? Shemeka

Dear Shemeka:

You should always apply for positions that you want. Why waste your time pursuing jobs that you really do not want? Why waste an employer's time screening, interviewing and hiring someone who is only taking a job because they feel destitute? This usually results in a disgruntled employee and a very dissatisfied employer. The employment term is usually very short and it becomes a "lose-lose" situation. Employers are looking for a "win-win" hiring situation and that can only happen when the employer is looking for candidates that match their requirements, truly interested in the position and working for their company. You should do the same and only look for employers and positions that you would be willing to accept an offer. Spend your time searching only for positions that match your interest, experience and skill sets. Than you will only receive offers for the right job and not just any old job.

I know all the "can't find a job" stories and quotes out there are very discouraging: "there are not any jobs out there", "no one is hiring", "I can't find the right position", "there are so many people looking for jobs that I don't have a chance". NETWORK! Yes, I have said it again...and so do all the recruiters and career advisors. Over 80% of jobs are filled by employee referrals, friends, neighbors and strangers who know about jobs through their employer or someone who knows someone. You must get out there and start hand shaking and introducing yourself at events, job and hiring fairs, parties, everywhere, and let people know that you are job searching. Use the social internet (i.e., Facebook, twitter, LinkedIn, etc.). Use the telephone. Do whatever it takes to find the appropriate and satisfying position for you. Do not just take any old job. Because that is how you will always feel about it and that will most likely show up in your job performance. This is the "lose-lose" situation that I mentioned before.

I can tell you to not take just any old job. However, only you can make that decision based on your financial need and circumstances. The positive note here is that employers are very aware that a large percentage of job seekers have been out of work for more than one year. Keep in mind that they are looking for the ideal candidate and they are taking their time to hire. Continue to be diligent in your job search and believe that your time will come. Who knows...you could be creating a timely kismet for yourself and an employer.

Everything you ever wanted to know about how to get a jobbut did not know who to ask. ASK jai. Send your questions to: jai@resumeandcareerservices.com or visit website www.resumeandcareerservices.com, or call 310-858-85821.



Steve Jobs (1955 – 2011)

"Remembering that you are going to die is the best way I know of avoiding the trap of thinking that you've got something to lose."

"When I was 17, I read a quote that went something like: "If you live each day as if it was your last, someday you'll most certainly be right." It made an impression on me, and since then, for the past 33 years, I have looked in the mirror every morning and asked myself: "If today were the last day of my life, would I want to do what I am about to do today?" And whenever the answer has been "No" for too many days in a row, I know I need to change something."

"Stay Hungry, Stay Foolish."

"Do you want to spend the rest of your life selling sugared water or do you want a chance to change the world?"

"We're gambling on our vision, and we would rather do that than make "me too" products. Let some other companies do that. For us, it's always the next dream."

"It's more fun to be a pirate than to join the navy."

"What a computer is to me is the most remarkable tool that we have ever come up with. It's the equivalent of a bicycle for our minds."

"Being the richest man in the cemetery doesn't matter to me ... Going to bed at night saying we've done something wonderful... that's what matters to me."

"If I were running Apple, I would milk the Macintosh for all it's worth — and get busy on the next great thing. The PC wars are over. Done. Microsoft won a long time ago."

"I think if you do something and it turns out pretty good, then you should go do something else wonderful, not dwell on it for too long. Just figure out what's next."

Steve Jobs' Eternal Flame



KATIE Tse.....This and That Man the Pumps!

I recently "house sat" for my parents while they went on their first vacation as carefree, retired people! Their instructions were undemanding. Get the paper and mail, turn the porch light on in the evening and off in the morning, water any anemic-looking

plants, and feed the birds. This last detail requires some finesse if you want to keep all your digits. My parents have two parrots (lovable, but often vicious) and a "killer" finch. Thankfully the finch is only dangerous to his (or her?) roommates, which we concluded after noticing a pattern of suspicious serial deaths of Killer's cage mates. Needless to say, Killer is now in solitary confinement.



I've developed a special trick for changing out the parrots' food and water. It involves distracting them with one hand, while deftly withdrawing or inserting food or water bowls with the other. Killer's beak is too small to break human skin, so his (or her) only recourse is to give an evil stare. If it had lips, it'd snarl.

Yes, this time my house sitting was rosy and bright, but it wasn't always that way. It was roses, in fact, that caused a previous house sitting to turn disastrous. My parents had taken one of their long retreats up to Cambria ("Sierra Madre by the sea"). Again, my instructions were easy, but I figured that since I was there, I could do "more." So I dead-headed the roses and commenced watering the flower beds. And that's where it all hit the fan. I turned on a faucet in the backyard, only to be answered by violent shuddering of the earth beneath me. Thinking this can't be right, I quickly turned the faucet off, but the damage was already done, unbeknownst to me.

I was soon ready to leave, but Fate, or the home owners' angels, caused me to check the hallway. Barely visible, a soft mist emanated from the utility closet and steadily showered upon the floor (hardwood!). This in itself could be bad, but seeing as my parents were in the habit of stacking excess books on the floor lining the hallway, it was even worse. I saw, in horror, that copies of my parents' favorite crime novels and health guides turned to mush as the geyser continued to spray. Opening the closet didn't help much; all I discovered was a leaking pipe above the water heater (big surprise, right!).

Much as I hated to admit defeat, I called my dad in Cambria. He was cool about it, despite the irreparable damage to the hardwood, and told me to call Gem Plumbing. This I did. God bless them! The nicest guy came out, went back to the shop to get the right replacements (I couldn't describe them accurately over the phone), and patched it all up like a surgeon for a very reasonable price!

I'll always be thankful for Gem Plumbing coming through in my hour of need. However, from that time forth, I've always been careful to avoid that faucet. It's no trouble watering the roses by hand!

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc.

Canyon Canine Dog
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With all the excitement of having 2 enormous mountain lions sitting on the front porch of my neighbor's house the night before last, the subject matter of this week's Happy Tails somehow became much more pertinent than when I started this article last week. Whether or not domestic cats should be kept indoors "24-7", verses being allowed to wander in and out of the house at will, has been an on-going debate for many years, and I am still unsure which side of the fence I am on with regard to this issue.

In fact, I guess you could say that I am sitting on the fence. On one hand, I acknowledge that our furry feline friends are safer from harm and more secure indoors than out, but on the other hand, I also realize that cats, even those domesticated and bred to be pets, possess the natural instinct to want to explore the great outdoors. Are cats really happy being pent up in a home constantly? Are they ever truly content with taking part in the daily life activities of only the human being? Or, are they quite frustrated living the domestic life, looking through a glass window and seeing trees, grass, and other creatures, including neighboring cats, scampering about outside while they sit idle within the confines of four walls? Wouldn't they rather be out enjoying the fresh air, sunshine, sounds and smells of nature? And finally, would the freedom they so naturally long for give them a healthier, more balanced, satisfying experience in life, and perhaps even prolong their lives by instilling in them a stronger will to live? These are very good questions to which I do not claim to have the correct answers, however I will admit that my experiences with cat ownership have always included a "kitty door", and up until earlier this year, I was very lucky to never have lost any of my cats to a coyote or a car, nor did any of them simply go missing...until earlier this year. For the first time in my long life of owning pets, I lost a kitty to the great outdoors, and it broke my heart.

THE INS AND OUTS OF FELINE FRIENDSHIP

I found "Schatt" in the garden department at Home Depot one Saturday morning while shopping for flowers to plant in the yard. I kept hearing a high pitched screech coming from somewhere in the corner of the warehouse where they keep all the gardening supplies, and at first I was sure it was a bird in distress. I followed the sound until I discovered the tiniest black kitten I'd ever seen, yelling at the top of his lungs from inside a shopping cart covered with cardboard. Apparently one of the ladies who worked in the garden department found him wandering in the parking lot when she arrived early that morning, and put him in the cart to keep him safe until someone came along to take him home. When I opened the cart, that tiny kitty jumped up on my chest and put his nose to mine with his brilliant green eyes bulging desperately. He then proceeded to crawl up on my shoulders and wrapped himself around the back of my neck. He didn't scratch me at all, he just muscled himself up under my chin, then slid behind my neck with his face hidden under my hair, as if he knew he'd found the right person to take him home. I was immediately smitten by that little kitten, I must say, so I didn't even bother calling my husband to ask if it was OK, I just carried him out to my car and off we went! In case you're wondering why his name became "Schatt", it was inspired by a little accident that happened on the back seat during the ride home - use your imagination! Schatt lived indoors for the first couple of days, then in keeping with my philosophy that a cat must be a lot happier when allowed to roam outdoors, I decided I would have to trust this new found friend to stick close to home, and I opened the bathroom window just enough to allow him to go out during the day. For several years it proved to be a successful setup. That little cat lived a very exciting life. He was quite the hunter, bringing home all sorts of trophies such as mice, rats and unfortunately a bird or two now and then. As he grew older, he would leave the house for longer periods of time, but he always came home for dinner. Then, one day he did not return home,

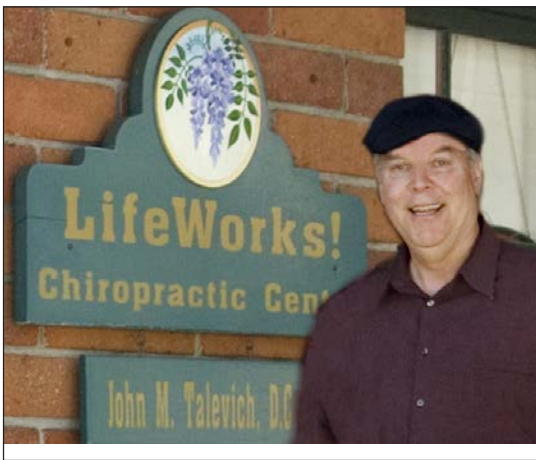
and I called to him until midnight. The next morning and called to him again, but there was no sign of my precious cat. After the second day of his absence I started making calls to my neighbors and placing "LOST" signs around the block, hoping that someone had found him and taken him in, but unfortunately I never saw Schatt again. He was such an important part of our lives for several years, and he will always be missed in our home. At first I struggled with the guilt factor of having allowed him to run free, but I eventually had to let it go, knowing that I rescued him from a parking lot. What kind of life would he have had, if not for me taking him home to begin with? I would love to have another cat, but I hesitate to adopt one because I am not fully comfortable with the idea of keeping it inside on a constant basis. So, therein lies my dilemma.

There are a few facts that I think should play an important part in deciding whether or not to keep an open door policy with a feline friend. I believe that each cat should be understood and treated like an individual. Some felines have a stronger sense of danger or risk when wandering outside, while others have a more trusting spirit and are less likely to be aware of their surroundings. Also, some feline breed characteristics are more conducive to handling the challenges of nature than others. These variables should be considered when the final straw is drawn. Another part of the equation is whether or not the cat has been de-clawed. This brings on a whole new subject matter that is constantly under debate, I know, but one thing is for sure, no de-clawed cat should ever be allowed to roam free. Every cat owner must make their own decision as to whether they will allow their pet to enjoy the great outdoors, or be kept inside. Take the time to get to know your pet, and do what you feel is right. Use consistent commands such as the cat's name, a specific whistle call or a yelp that he or she gets to know well enough to respond to. And, in the worst case scenario that your cat does go missing, don't beat yourself up for it. Give them the best life they could possibly have, and enjoy them while they are there.

YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Today's Subject:

PRAYER AND HEALING



Dr. John Talevich, D.C. has practiced in Sierra Madre for thirty years. His clinic, LifeWorks! Chiropractic, offers patient-specific approaches to the alleviation of pain and individually tailored wellness programs.

For the last seven years, I have been involved in the prayer and healing gathering at Malibu United Methodist Church. Started many years ago by Dr. John Thie, D.C. and his wife, Carrie, this group has continued meeting since his passing in 2005. The gathering is open to all, and attracts individuals from many faiths and backgrounds.

The reason I devoted this week's column to this subject is that, in many cases, such a gathering is just what the doctor ordered. Pioneer practitioners such as Larry Dossey, M.D., and Norm Shealey, M.D., have utilized and researched the effects of various types of prayer for years. In our class, it is clear that the process of coming together with good intention creates a field of grace benefiting those present and those who are held in our mental intention. Our group

in Malibu often serves as a refuge for people who need to come in from the cold and be heard, acknowledged, and appreciated. Just this simple act can provide enough support for a person to move on in his life.

Gathering

My daughter, the anthropology/folklore student, will tell you that the act of gathering for comfort, protection and survival is hardwired and that the rituals associated with all religions evolved from this. In other words, the spirit of our ancestors and of life itself is remembered and celebrated through coming together. When I reflect on the faces of our group, it becomes clear that something profound is afoot. In our core group, there are five people that have had cancer. One of them is an 83-year-old woman who was diagnosed last year, underwent treatment, came out the other side, and just finished participating in a triathlon. Did our group have anything to do with the recovery of these people? I'll have to ask them.

In Closing

We have a saying at our office: "That which has been done to people by people can be undone by people with people." For many, the act of going into a group is a minefield filled with painful memories. Dean Ornish, M.D., has pointed out in his research with heart disease, the absolute importance of creating a community healing space. With this in mind, we may see that prayer and healing can go hand in hand, often being an essential ingredient in our quest for wellness.

To your healthy week ~
Dr. John

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HOW TO PICK THE BEST MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN FOR YOU

Dear Savvy Senior:

I recently received a letter from my Medicare "Part D" prescription drug plan provider notifying me that my premiums and co-pays will be increasing next year, and they are dropping coverage on one of the drugs that I take. How can I find a better drug plan?

Frustrated Senior

Dear Frustrated: Because Medicare's prescription drug plans can change their costs and benefits from year-to-year, comparing Part D plans every year during the open enrollment season (which is now Oct. 15 - Dec. 7) is always a smart idea. Here are some tips and resources to help you find the best drug coverage at the lowest price.

Do It Yourself

If you have a home computer and Internet access, comparing your current Medicare drug plan with the many other plans that are available, and enrolling in one, is something you can do yourself.

Just go to Medicare's online Plan Finder Tool at www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan, and type in your zip code or your personal information, the drugs you take and their dosages, and select the pharmacies you use and you'll get a cost comparison breakdown for each plan available in your area. This tool also provides a five-star rating system that evaluates each plan based on past customer service records, and suggests generics or older brand name drugs that can reduce your costs.

When comparing drug plans don't judge a plan strictly by its monthly premium cost. Low-premium plans are often associated with higher prescription co-payments and may end up being more expensive. So take a look at the whole pricing package, including premiums,

deductibles and co-pays. Also, be sure the plan you're considering covers all of the drugs you take



with no restrictions. Some plans may require you to get permission or try a number of cheaper drugs before they will cover certain prescriptions.

Need Help?

If you need some help with this or if you don't have Internet access to compare drug plans, you can call Medicare at 800-633-4227 and they will do the comparing for you over the phone for free, and enroll you in a new plan when you're ready. Some other great resources that can help you are the Medicare Rights Center (medicarerights.org), a nonprofit consumer service organization that maintains a hotline at 800-333-4114 to help answer your Medicare questions. And, your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), which provides free one-on-one Medicare counseling in person or over the phone. To find a local SHIP counselor visit shiptalk.org, or call 800-677-1116.

If you want even more help, consider Allsup Inc. (866-521-7655, medicare.allsup.com). This is a national fee-based company that offers a Medicare Advisor Part D plan selection service that takes your information over the phone or online and does the comparing and analyzing for you, and then helps you choose and enroll in a plan that best meets your needs and budget. The fee for this service is \$75.

NO NEED TO HANG UP THE CAPE

Some of the strongest and most youthful superheroes to jump from the pages of comic books to the silver screen in recent years are old enough to be receiving full Social Security retirement benefits. Whether standing before the bat-computer or going online at the fortress of solitude, these guys were certainly wise enough to apply for retirement benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Superman may be America's most popular superhero, and also the oldest to hit the screen in recent years. The man of steel was created in 1932. The guy's 79 years old and he has a new movie coming out in 2012. Superman does mostly volunteer work, but even if he earns wages as Clark Kent, his benefits won't be offset since he reached his full retirement age.

Batman made his debut in 1939, and he's about to star in another feature film, running around like a 30-year-old. Also in his 70s, Mr. Wayne is getting full retirement benefits — and Robin too. The same can't be said for the Joker or Penguin; you can't collect benefits while you're in prison. The Green Lantern and Captain America made their silver screen debuts this year. They were "born" in 1940 and 1941, and also are of retirement

age. One would expect Captain America to look a little more like Uncle Sam these days, but as is true with many Social Security retirees today, staying active keeps him young.

For the "silver age" of comic book heroes, retirement isn't quite here yet. Spider-Man slung his first web in 1962, the same year the incredible Hulk burst into being. Iron Man and the X-Men first appeared in 1963. They may not be ready to retire just yet, but it's a good time for them to take a look at the online Retirement Estimator, where they can get an instant, personalized estimate of future retirement benefits. Come to think of it, if the Hulk or any of the X-Men ever get severely injured, they may qualify for disability benefits through Social Security. The place to go for more information is www.socialsecurity.gov.

Ask any of these superheroes about retirement plans, and you're likely to get an earful. They won't be sitting around — they'll be staying active even as they collect retirement benefits. You don't have to have a bat-computer or be a superhero to harness the power of the Retirement Estimator at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator, or to apply online for benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov. Up, up, and away into an active retirement!

SENIOR HAPPENINGS

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

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:

Monday: *City Hall Closed October 11th*

- 12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café: Come enjoy a hot meal with others. Donation for seniors (60+) of \$2.00; visitors \$3.75. Please call 355-0256 to make your daily reservation.
- 1:00 pm to 1:45 pm: Strength training with Lisa Brandley. FREE class of stretching with light hand weights while you sit.

Tuesday:

- No FREE blood pressure checks by Methodist Hospital this month; join us October 11th at 11 am
- 12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256
- 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm: BINGO; cards are only 25 cents each so stop by & play
- 5:15 pm to 6:45 pm: Yoga; \$6.00 - 50 & over. Please call 355-5278 for more information

Wednesday:

- 11 - 11:45 am: Balance Class with Teryl. FREE class designed to improve balance & refresh the joints
- 12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256
- 2nd Wednesday of the month: FREE Legal Consultations: 10-11:30 am. Appointments call 355-7394
- Wii Wednesday - 1:00 pm or call the senior desk at 355-7394 to arrange another time & day to learn how to play. No previous experience or skills required and it is great exercise.

EXCURSIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND -

Big Bear Oktoberfest . Join us for a deluxe coach ride to Big Bear to enjoy a traditional German lunch and lots of Oktoberfest music. Cost per person is \$36 and includes transportation, lunch & tip. Tickets are limited so please register now. Bus leaves the Recreation Center at 9 am and returns approximately 6:30 pm.

SAVE THE DATES
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

New date: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH - Historic Castillo Isabella Castle Tour & Lunch at the Mission Inn, Riverside. You will travel by deluxe coach to Riverside to tour the medieval-Spanish style castle and then enjoy a buffet lunch at the Riverside Inn. Cost per person is \$34 for both the tour & lunch. The bus will leave at 9 am and return at 3 pm.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH - Candlelight Pavilion Christmas Show in Claremont. Cost is \$59 per person for the lunch & the show. TICKETS ARE VERY LIMITED so register early. Departure time is 10:30 am and the bus will return around 4 pm.

Registration can be done either by coming to the Community Recreation Office, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. in person (M-TH 8:30 am to 6:30 pm) or online at www.cityofsierramadre.com/online-registration

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TICKETS

Tickets can now be purchased at:
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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

King Ranch Chicken Casserole

INGREDIENTS

1 (4 1/2- to 5-lb.) whole chicken
 2 celery ribs, cut into 3 pieces each
 2 carrots, cut into 3 pieces each
 1 1/2 to 3 tsp. salt
 2 tablespoons butter
 1 medium onion, chopped
 1 medium-size green bell pepper, chopped
 1 garlic clove, pressed
 1 (10 3/4-oz.) can cream of mushroom soup
 1 (10 3/4-oz.) can cream of chicken soup
 2 (10-oz.) cans diced tomatoes and green chiles, drained
 1 teaspoon dried oregano
 1 teaspoon ground cumin
 1 teaspoon Mexican-style chili powder*
 3 cups grated sharp Cheddar cheese
 12 (6-inch) fajita-size corn tortillas, cut into 1/2-inch strips

PREPARATION

1. If applicable, remove giblets from chicken, and reserve for another use. Rinse chicken.
2. Place chicken, celery, carrots, and salt in a large Dutch oven with water to cover. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat; reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer 50 minutes to 1 hour or until chicken is done. Remove from heat. Remove chicken from broth; cool 30 minutes. Remove and reserve 3/4 cup cooking liquid. Strain any remaining cooking liquid, and reserve for another use.
3. Preheat oven to 350°. Melt butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion, and sauté 6 to 7 minutes or until tender. Add bell pepper and garlic, and sauté 3 to 4 minutes. Stir in reserved 3/4 cup cooking liquid, cream of mushroom soup, and next 5 ingredients. Cook, stirring occasionally, 8 minutes.
4. Skin and bone chicken; shred meat into bite-size pieces. Layer half of chicken in a lightly greased 13- x 9-inch baking dish. Top with half of soup mixture and 1 cup Cheddar cheese. Cover with half of corn tortilla strips. Repeat layers once. Top with remaining 1 cup cheese.
5. Bake at 350° for 55 minutes to 1 hour or until bubbly. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

*1 tsp. chili powder and 1/8 tsp. ground red pepper may be substituted for Mexican-style chili powder.



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DREAMING BIG *Envisioning a New Park and Lake at New York Drive’s Eaton Canyon Wash*

“If you don’t think big, nothing will happen,” quipped Capt. John Mc Dannel, retired United Airlines pilot, NE Pasadena resident and the visionary who already got the Pasadena section of New York Drive dedicated as a memorial to 9-11, in conjunction with the memorial event he and a volunteer team created last month on New York Drive. At seventy, Capt. Mc Dannel is still a do-er, thinking, envisioning and following through on visions of a better Pasadena.

Mc Dannel’s vision is to utilize currently unimproved land on both sides of New York Drive near Eaton Canyon Dam, approximately half way between Sierra Madre Boulevard and Altadena Drive. He dreams of developing a Memorial Park to remember 9-11.

Permanent signage, estimated at \$25,000, has already been donated by the Tamkin Foundation, former owners of Hastings Ranch Plaza, where the local Sears is located. These will replace the green highway signs now installed on the median.

He would like to see the City of Pasadena, LA County, Altadena, Sierra Madre and other entities work together to develop a 9-11 memorial park. It could feature a manmade lake with perhaps a fishing area for trout and bass, light boating, lakefront picnic areas, additional AYSO Soccer Fields, and open space rather than the vacant unimproved wash in its current state.

Mc Dannel reflects, “Imagine a beautiful park, a shallow lake and trails which connect the mountains all the way to the beach. Current and future generations would be able to enjoy these connected park lands, bike paths and green space from the San Gabriel Mountains continuing along the Whittier Narrows all the way to Long Beach.”

This dedicated volunteer was only slightly daunted by the news last week, that Pasadena’s New York Drive Memorial was one of hundreds of applicants who did not receive some of the I-beams from the wreckage of the twin towers for the Memorial’s signage. After a breath or two of disappointment, Mc Dannel considered that this might be an opportunity to do something even more meaningful, in a different way, and is now considering ways to encourage other ideas or concepts on the signage, perhaps even through a competition.

In a walk with Mc Dannel along the busy New York Drive roadway, he pointed out the 140 oak trees he has already planted in the area. Mc Dannel and his wife still hand water the trees from barrels donated by E. Waldo Ward some



years back. Those barrels get hoisted onto his 1960’s vintage pickup truck, filled with water, then driven down to New York Drive.

Beyond that, on the east side of the road, is an undeveloped parcel that he can already see in his mind’s eye as a perfect site for the Memorial Park.

On the west side of the street, Mc Dannel would like to see the accumulated mountainous debris of boulders, silt, decomposed granite and gravel washed downstream into Eaton Canyon repurposed into creating a walking/riding path for pedestrians, bikers and horses around a manmade lake. He points out that about once every decade, the area is scheduled for debris removal. Mc Dannel envisions using this decade’s debris to create both, instead of hauling it away somewhere.

The idea of a recreational or sports use is not without precedent. Mc Dannel points out that his research shows that the area was once considered as a site to create an Olympics venue when Los Angeles planned to host the worldwide games decades ago.

As far as new parks in Pasadena, Arlington Drive residents, Charles and Betty Mc Kenney, worked hard and long to make the empty lot next to their townhome into a garden and park for all of Pasadena to enjoy. A large estate home was razed there in 1962, and then the rough graded homesite was left to accumulate weeds for four decades. Today it has gone from “rather unlovely” in its former unkempt and weedy state, the Arlington Garden is now a place of tranquility and refuge from the city of Pasadena. So it CAN be done.

Sparkling Mc Dannel’s hopes and dreams further was a Star News report in September noting that Peck Park in Arcadia, with a lake created from a former gravel pit, would receive a \$600,000 upgrade via the San Gabriel and Lower Low Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, plus \$200,000 of in-kind amenities provided by the county Department of Park and Recreation. The little known, 210 acre park already received \$350,000 in grants and park improvements from a group names Amigos de los Rios in 2009-10, per the same Star News report.

The same article refers to the Emerald Necklace of green space, access and parks that connect Arcadia to the Whittier Narrows. Mc Dannel sees the Eaton Canyon as a link to widen that “necklace” to Pasadena, the Rose Bowl and beyond. In the white paper dated August, 2011 at the Memorials’ website, Mc Dannel says the Eaton Canyon park would provide, “A permanent Pasadena lake that will eventually support recreation and provide refuge for local wild life. There will be co-located facilities for bikers, horse riders, joggers and walkers. Creating a new lake and new recreational facility in Pasadena will dovetail nicely with the Emerald Necklace concept being developed in Pasadena. This exciting vision will be a lasting legacy to Pasadena’s heritage long into the future. This concept will be a complimentary addition to Pasadena’s legacy. These improvements will add valuable open space for our community, enhance property values and increase economic benefits by bringing more visitors to our lovely city.”

In response to an inquiry on the topic, Pasadena Mayor, Bill Bogaard, commented that

he is interested in ... park possibilities in northeast Pasadena.” Further, he said, “Pasadena is in the final stages of completing a Parks and an Open Space and Conservation element of the General Plan... These policy documents will provide a framework regarding parks, open space, and recreation for the years ahead... My approach will be to use the new General Plan elements as a starting point for planning and decisions regarding parks, open space and recreation not only in the area of Eaton Canyon Wash, but throughout the City. One of the advantages of having a broad policy document is to facilitate the coordination of the community’s needs and opportunities, and also to assist in making a fair allocation throughout the community of resources available.”

Undaunted, Mc Dannel keeps a stack of business cards a couple of inches high, a kind of Rolodex of sorts delineating all the people he’s met with, from state legislators and their staffs, public works, planners, community coalitions, county engineers, Rose Bowl representatives and the like.

He welcomes support and interest in the park. Want to know more? Have an idea for funding, design or someone Mc Dannel to contact to further the cause, turning vision into reality? Visit www.Pasadena911Memorial.org or contact Mc Dannel directly at 626-600-6911.

If you don’t think big, nothing will happen.

Know of an interesting property, garden or person who helps create them, that might be of interest to our readers? Send the contact information today to C.Bertrand@MtnViewsNews.com.



Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by *Luther Tsinoglou*

PHOTOGRAPHY 101

They say a picture is worth a thousand words, but in real estate, a picture could be worth a thousand dollars (or more). Most agents aren’t photography professionals, but there is an understanding that better photos get listings more attention, and ultimately, a higher selling price.

The absolutely best photos are taken not with “point and click” cameras, but with SLR (single-lens-reflex) cameras. Without getting too technical, just know that SLR cameras give the photographer more control and produce higher quality images.

While an SLR camera costs more than your average point-and-click shooter, consider that a recent study found that listings with high quality photos sold for anywhere between \$934 and

\$116,076 more than their average listing photo counterparts. If your agent doesn’t have an SLR camera, then you could easily recoup your investment by purchasing one yourself.

Even though better photos attract more online attention, only about 15% of listings make use of the superior technology. Obviously, high-end listings stand to reap the greatest benefits, so if you’ve got a million dollar home, why would you skimp on such an important facet of marketing it?

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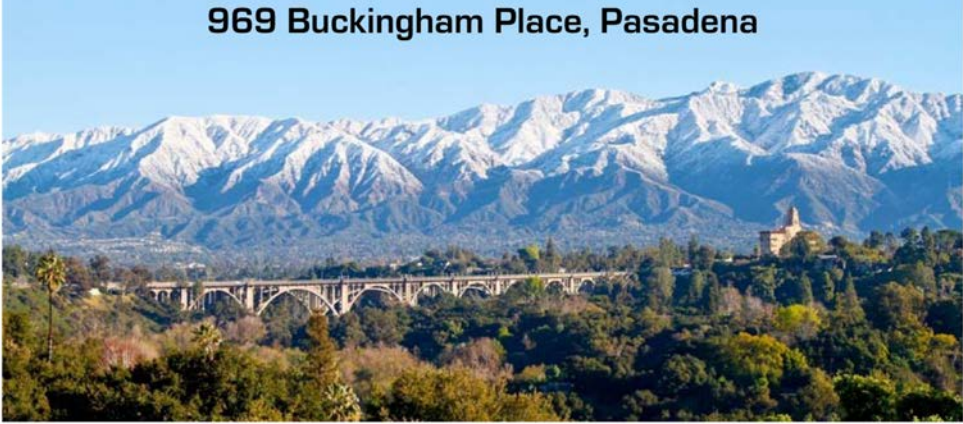


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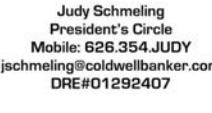


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