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## FORMER MAYOR MOSCA RESIGNS *City Loses Its Most Popular and Controversial Civic Leaders*



Mosca celebrates garnering the highest percentage of votes, 20.5% for his second term in 2010. Photo MVNews Archives

City Council member Joe Mosca has announced that he will resign from City Council. Mosca was elected to a second term on the Council in April of 2010, and his term ends in 2014. Mosca's spouse, Matt Bosse, who has been the head of the 4th of July Committee the last few years, has been offered a job in London, and the couple decided to accept the job. They will move with their two adopted sons, Garrett (4) and Devan (9 months).

Mosca was originally elected to the Council in 2006, and in his first evening on the Council alienated many of his backers when he chose to vote to move forward with a draft of the Downtown Specific Plan, with the intent of a citywide vote on the completed

DSP. The backers wanted a vote on the DSP in its draft form.

In 2007, Mosca was served with recall papers, but those backing the recall were unable to gather enough signatures to make it happen.

While the City doesn't have a policy on how Council members are selected Mayor the tradition has been that the seat rotates based upon seniority on the council. When it came time for Mosca to rotate to the Mayor's seat, he was overlooked twice. He was ultimately chosen to be Mayor after the 2010 election, when new members Josh Moran and Nancy Walsh gave him the majority he needed. City Hall was packed with cheering Mosca supporters that night, who cheered his

election to the mayor position. Mosca was the top vote getter in both elections in which he took part.

Mosca sent a letter to the entire population of Sierra Madre expressing how much he has enjoyed serving the community and thanking everyone for their support.

In the letter, Mosca pointed to some of the successes that occurred during his time on the Council, among them the beginning of paramedic services, enhancing hillside zoning to preserve hillside in the future, and a balanced budget.

Mosca's resignation will become effective after the first council meeting in November.

-B. Coburn/S.Henderson

## SIERRA MADRE HONORED..... *Citizens and Employees Commended For Outstanding Service*



Left to right, Gordon Caldwell, George Maurer and Mayor John Buchanan Photos courtesy City of Sierra Madre

began giving back to the community upon his arrival to Sierra Madre in 1958 by joining the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department. Since then he has been involved in various organizations and devoted his time for the good of the community.

A World War II Veteran he is active in the local VFW, an active member of the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club. For the Red Cross, Gordon served first as a disaster volunteer before devoting his time to blood drives. Three times a year he would make over 350 telephone calls in Sierra Madre to recruit blood donors. During the time that called, set-up, and entertained at blood drives more than 2,000 units of blood were collected.

Lydia Kerns, a Pasadena High School Senior and active member of the Rotary Interact Club was awarded the Youth Service Award.

The City of Sierra Madre held its' annual recognition of exceptional volunteers, residents and employees last month at the Villa at Alverno High School. The event was attended by more than 200 volunteers who serve on the many commissions and committees that keep the city running.

Frank Hall was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening and was assisted with the presentations by Sierra Madre Mayor John Buchanan.

One of the many highlights of the evening was when 87 year old Gordon Caldwell was presented with the George Maurer Lifetime Service Award. It is an acknowledgement of significant contributions over an entire career. Its namesake, George Maurer, was first presented this award in 2006 for his selfless acts of dedication, honor and service to the community and City of Sierra Madre. Caldwell, a longtime Sierra Madre resident, businessman and distinguished volunteer,



The Friends of The Library received the The Wistaria Award which is presented to a local business or organization whose major contributions to the City and community of Sierra Madre have demonstrated a true partnership that assists in and provides services and programs, or enhances the general welfare of the Community as a whole.

Toni Buckner was the recipient of the Employee of The Year Award. Buckner recently retired after 34 years of service.

The Public Safety Award was presented to Casey Morrissey (above right) who, on October 31, 2010 saved a woman and child from physical abuse without regard for his own safety and well being.

Officer Jeannette Dabney was bestowed with the Police Chief's Special Award. Dabney, pictured left with Chief Marilyn Diaz, has demonstrated outstanding dedication to duty and service in resolving community law enforcement-related issues.



## SIERRA MADRE BUSINESS UPDATES - Part II *Proposals, Openings, Expansion, Remodels and Recently Listed* by Chris Bertrand

### BOTTLE SHOP BEGINS 990 S.F. EXPANSION

Billy Sullivan, owner of The Bottle Shop at 58 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard, has begun construction on the 990 square foot expansion into an adjacent commercial building on its west side, to create a wine tasting area for the business, which already offers an extensive wine collection. The construction area has been tarped to contain dust from the demolition and reconstruction process. The expansion was (cont. on pg. 3)



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### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

The Mountain Views News has always sought to provide accurate information to its readers. With the exception of an occasional grammatical error, we strive for perfection. We want our readers to be able to rely on the news that we report. We go to great lengths to assure that accuracy.

Last week, in our coverage of the downgrading of Sierra Madre's credit rating, we reported that the city had not fallen from an AAA rating as reported in the Pasadena Star News, and we provided readers with a legend from Moody's explaining their rating system.

This week, the ratings were again misstated in the Star News. On October 6, 2011 and again on October 11, 2011, Star News reporter Brian Charles wrote, ".....downgrade in Sierra Madre's bond rating from AAA to an A rating."

Further, local blogger John Crawford sent the following email to the paper on Saturday, October 8, 2011:

"Just dropped a copy of today's Loony Views off at the Star News. They were howling with laughter. How could you have not known that A3 and AAA (or A1 and A) are the same thing? John"

Because it is important for residents to understand the significance of the downgrade, and not to be misled with misinformation, I again contacted David Jacobson AVP - Communications Strategist, Public Finance Group for

Moody's Investors Service to confirm the Mountain Views story and asked him the following:

"Can you tell me if this is a correct chart of the Moody's ratings based upon the information on your website? (Moody's Investors Service Rating Symbols and Definitions)

AAA  
AA1,  
AA2,  
AA3  
A1,  
A2,  
A3  
Baa1, Baa2, Baa3  
Ba1, Ba2, Ba3 and so on? Questions have been raised that an AAA rating is the same as an A3 rating. Please clarify".

Jacobson responded with the following statement:

"You are correct in your rating ranking.... Aaa is our highest rating and is six notches higher than A3."

As indicated in the response from Moody's, the difference in falling six steps from an AAA rating and two steps from an A1 to an A3 is quite significant. To fall from an AAA rating to A3 would indicate far more serious problems than just a shortcoming in our water rate increase. Fortunately, that is not the case.

H. Susan Henderson,  
Publisher and Editor

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## 5-Day Forecast

Sierra Madre, Ca.

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Wed:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
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](mailto:radio@cityofsierramadre.com).

Sierra Madre's  
Farmer's Market Is Back!

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



You Are Invited!

Alverno High School and Women At Work Present

## Women's Networking Evening!

Wednesday - November 2, 2011

6:00 - 8:00pm at the Villa Del Sol d'Oro

200 N. Michillinda Avenue

Sierra Madre, CA 91024

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Enjoy a buffet and drinks while learning about new jobs available in the area.

Share career and business information with others.

Bring your business card to network with other professionals in your industry.

Enter to win fun raffle prizes including:

\$100 "Dining Dough" gift certificate, an Avon gift basket, a *Women at Work* gift basket, an Alverno High School gift basket, and Jon Donaire Cheesecakes

## Bring a friend and get a free raffle ticket!

\$5.00 per person

Register at [www.mvalverno.org](http://www.mvalverno.org) and click on "Alumnae Events" from the "Alumnae" drop-down menu at the top.  
Please RSVP by October 25<sup>th</sup>!



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## What's the Name of the Game?

Saturday, October 22nd, 2011

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Are You Ready?  
Disaster Education Expo

Friday, October 21, 2011

2:00 – 4:30PM

2:30 – 3:30PM. Speakers' Panel

Arcadia Community Center

365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007

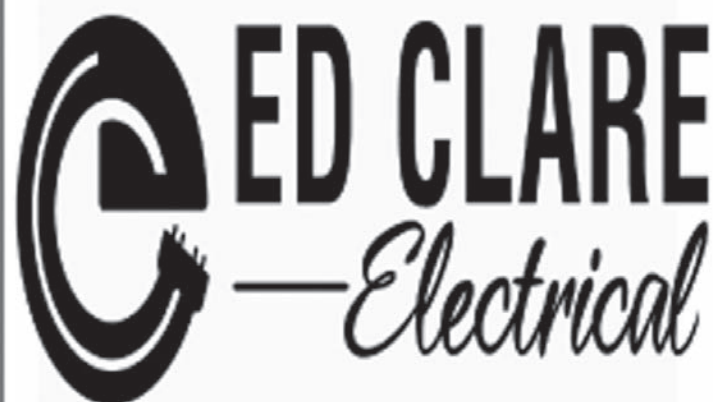


Emergencies and disasters occur without notice. Being physically and psychologically prepared to handle unexpected emergencies is an individual as well as an organization responsibility.

At 2:30pm come, listen to our speakers, collect valuable information and educational literature from various booths and learn how to be prepared for any kind of disaster.

- ❖ Cheryl Osborne, Disaster Coordinator from Methodist Hospital will explain the hospital's emergency preparedness plan.
- ❖ Representatives from the City of Arcadia Fire, Police and Water Departments, Barry Spriggs, Battalion Chief, Jason Davis, Sergeant and Ken Herman, Deputy Public Work Services Director, will discuss the City's disaster contingency plan.
- ❖ American Red Cross Arcadia Chapter will discuss what neighborhoods can do to prepare for a disaster.
- ❖ Information booths and disaster supplies on hand.

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designed by J. Don Crenshaw-Architect, of Monrovia. The façade of the addition will be similar to the existing, with a tile roof. Construction is expected to continue through the end of the year.

**SIERRA MADRE MEDICAL CONSTRUCTION PLANS**

Dr. Hani Sami, of Sierra Madre Community Medical, is continuing the bidding and finance process for his 7000 square foot medical complex, designed by Nardi and Associates of Monrovia. The new construction is planned for the back portion of the site of the current practice at 147 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard, and intended to bring added medical staffing plus pediatric and specialty care to the city, adding better healthcare access for local residents.

According to Elaine Aguilar and Danny Castro at the City of Sierra Madre, “Dr. Sami has all of the entitlement approvals. All that’s remaining is for Dr. Sami’s contractor to pull the building permit.” Dr. Sami commented, “I hope to be able to break ground before the end of the year.”

**Sierra Madre Boulevard Building for Sale**

280 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard, a commercial building with 2052 square feet, has been listed for sale at \$640,000, per the [www.Loopnet.com](http://www.Loopnet.com) website. Both storefronts within the building are currently occupied on a month to month basis. When asked about the property, listing agent, Stephen Queale of Stephen and Associates expressed frustration that two interested parties, including a chiropractor, have been daunted by the cumbersome city process and did not purchase the property.

In a follow-up call to Elaine Aguilar, City Manager, she said, “Our processes aren’t any more cumbersome than any other city. Every city has zoning requirements. If a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) is required, for instance for a chiropractor, the process is not cumbersome and would be processed rather quickly. It’s not that complicated.” Aguilar then looked into requirements for a chiropractic practice, responding later, “The only processing is some paperwork, as medical requires a CUP. Chiropractic is not a difficult to process as it doesn’t involve alcohol or live music. It’s



Artists rendering Sierra Madre Medical

really just a meeting before the planning commission.” Queale can be reached at 714-964-9282. Interested parties can also contact the City Planning offices or the City Manager at 626-355-7135.

**ASSISTED LIVING DEVELOPER TO SPEAK ON PROPOSED PROJECT TO SM KIWANIS AND ROTARY**

Billy Shields, of Fountain Square West Development, will speak on his group’s proposal to build an assisted living complex on Sierra Madre Boulevard, across from City Hall. Shields will speak at Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club meeting at noon on Tuesday, October 18th at The Lodge at Sierra Madre (formerly the Masonic Hall) at 33 E. Sierra Madre Boulevard. The public is invited and the

program is free of charge for guests. For more information contact Susan Henderson, President and also publisher of this paper, at [MtnViewsNews@aol.com](mailto:MtnViewsNews@aol.com).

Shields will return to Sierra Madre, to address Sierra Madre Rotary, at their breakfast meeting at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, November 1, at the Sierra Room of the Youth Activity Center (YAC) meeting room, 631 E. Sierra Madre Boulevard. The public is welcome for this event, too, but an RSVP is requested. For more information, contact Dan Alle, Program Chair, at [Dalle@RedstoneCRE.com](mailto:Dalle@RedstoneCRE.com) or visit their website, [www.SierraMadreRotary.com](http://www.SierraMadreRotary.com).

**SIERRA MADRE ROTARY OFFERS MINI-GRANTS**

Rotary Club of Sierra Madre is once again living up to its motto “Service Above Self” by offering Mini-Grants of up to \$500 each to local individuals, schools or non-profit organizations. The purpose of the grants is to foster and encourage the ideal of community service by providing financial support for projects within Sierra Madre that directly benefit the community.

Those wishing to apply for a Mini-Grant may find more information and an application form on the club’s website: <http://SierraMadreRotary.com>

Rotary Club of Sierra Madre meets once a week at 7:15 a.m. for breakfast--currently at the Youth Activity Center at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Members of the community are invited to attend a meeting to learn about your local Rotary Club. Reservations are required and may be made via the website.

**“YOUR MONEY, YOUR FUTURE, AND YOU”**

Money Management for Teens and Young Adults

This entertaining, hands-on program for teens and young adults headed for college or planning to enter the work force will be presented by investment advisor Clemens Kownatzki on Thursday, October 27, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sierra Madre Public Library. Kownatzki’s user-friendly approach to learning essential financial skills and developing good money habits will include practical tips and real-life principles of sound money management. Participants will learn the long-term financial strategies that will help them avoid the burden of debt and living precariously from paycheck to paycheck. The program is free; no registration required. For more information, please contact Meegan Tosh at 626-355-7186 or [mtosh@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:mtosh@cityofsierramadre.com). The Library is located at 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., in Sierra Madre. [www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us](http://www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us).

**THE SIERRA MADRE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) IS PARTICIPATING IN THE GREAT SHAKE OUT ON OCTOBER 20TH AT 10:20 AM.**

We are respectfully requesting for you to publicize this information on your websites, e-mail blasts that you may have. Disaster preparedness is the primary concern for the CERT group and we would like to keep the residents of Sierra Madre informed when we have such events. Following is the page for the Shake Out, complete with links for more detailed information. <http://www.shakeout.org/login/>

For more information contact melanie Shewmaker (626) 355-7092

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Sierra Madre MOUNTAIN LION SAFETY

Last week, a resident called to report seeing two mountain lions in a yard in the 600 block of Camillo St. An officer responded and saw the two mountain lions resting in the front yard of a home. Both mountain lions walked into the back yard and disappeared.

Police officials called the State Fish and Game Department to ask for assistance. Fish and Game sent three of their volunteers to walk the vicinity of Camillo St. to provide public safety information about the



mountain lions. According to Fish and Game officials, deer is the mountain lions’ primary food, but they will also eat pets. Residents are strongly advised to keep their pets and children inside or closely supervise them outside. It is illegal to feed deer. Doing so will only attract mountain lions. Bring pet food inside to avoid attracting wildlife.

Hikers, bikers, and joggers are advised to avoid using mountain trails when mountain lions are most active---dawn, dusk, and at night. When hiking, do so in groups, and do not allow children or others to stray from the group. If you encounter a mountain lion, face the animal, make noise and try to look bigger by waving your arms. Pick up small children. Some trail users may choose to carry an air horn and use it if encountering a mountain lion. According to Fish and Game officials, the noise will usually frighten animals away.

**IT’S NOT TOO LATE....****Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society 80th Anniversary Celebration Has Tickets Available At The Door!**

Kari Janzen and Joanne Neubig with a sample of the cake they are baking for the tea. The cake is called Ward’s Marmalade Cake. E. Waldo Ward’s has donated all the marmalade for making this delicious cake.

“The Way We Were: An Historic Adventure with Costumes” will be held today, October 15, 2010 at 2:00 pm. A delicious Victorian Tea will accompany the Fashion Revue. Tickets are available at the door. Hartzell Hall at the Sierra Madre United Methodist Church, 695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Free parking behind the church on Michillinda. Tickets are \$40.00 per person

**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.



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## Occupy Wall Street Invades Pasadena

Holding signs that call for a boycott of the big banks and chanting anti-corporate sayings, close to 100 protesters gathered Wednesday in front of two large banks on the corner of Lake Avenue and Colorado Boulevard— all part of growing support for Occupy Wall Street in New York. Many of the protesters were part of, and the event was organized by, MoveOn.org. Protesters said they were fed up with corporate greed, as they held signs, one read “Save the American dream, stop the global corporate feast.” Another read, “Jobs not greedy pigs.”

Protesters said the movement was about the government bailing out the banks instead of helping the people. On the same day, Congress man Adam Schiff released the following statement: “The Occupy Wall Street movement, which began last month with a small number of protesters at a park in New York City, has quickly spread across the nation. The movement puts a human face on the shared frustration Americans across the nation have over these persistently challenging economic times, marked by a struggling middle class, increased poverty, rampant home foreclosures, rising student loan debt, and big banks that have become outsized and out of touch. In order for us to continue to grow economically, we have to have a strong, effective and efficiently regulated financial sector that works for both Wall Street and Main Street. The protests raise legitimate concerns, and policymakers need to respond by continuing to focus on ways to foster an economy that offers stability and economic security for the middle class, and the opportunity for all to succeed. I share America’s frustration with those folks who engaged in reckless decision-making and irresponsible behavior, and that are now trying to roll back Congress’ efforts to prevent the abusive practices that led us into this mess. And I will continue to fight for meaningful reforms that bring manufacturing back to America, invest in the vital infrastructure of America’s future, and bring good paying jobs to our people.”



Pet of the Week

Melody is one cute girl and has a great heartwarming story. She was brought into PHS when she was hit by a car. Since then she’s made a full recovery and is very sweet, charming and a quick learner. She already knows sit, down and stay!

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

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A294190, or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday – Friday, 9-4 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets can be found at [www.pasadenahumane.org](http://www.pasadenahumane.org).



## Seven Coming Up Roses

Tournament of Roses officials announced Monday the seven members of the 2012 Royal Court. The announcement was made at the Tournament House. The court is chosen from a group of 34 finalists. As ambassadors of the Tournament of Roses, the Royal Court members will attend more than 150 communities and media functions leading up to the 123rd Rose.

The seven Rose Princesses are: Morgan Eliza Devaud , 18, La Canada High School; Stephanie Grace Hynes, 18, Maranatha High School; Cynthia Megan Louie, 17, La Salle High School; Kimberly Victoria Ostiller, 17, Flintridge Preparatory School; Drew Helen Washington, 16, Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy; Hanan Bulto Worku, 17, Pasadena High School and Sarah Nicole Zuno, 17, Benjamin Franklin High School.

The announcement follows a month-long process in which approximately 1,000 Pasadena-area young women participated. Selections were based on a range of qualities including public speaking ability, poise, academic achievement, community involvement and personality.

“We could not be more proud of the seven young ladies that will be representing the Tournament of Roses as the 2012 Royal Court,” said Amy Waincott, Chair of the Queen and Court Committee. “They were selected from a pool of the most talented and poised in the Pasadena area. They are outstanding role models and will be wonderful ambassadors for the Tournament of Roses.”

The 2012 Rose Queen will be announced at Tournament House on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. The newly selected Rose Queen and Royal Court will reign for an entire year until the new court is selected in October of 2012.

This year’s parade will be held January 2 keeping with the Tournament’s “never on a Sunday” deal, struck with local churches as to not interfere with local worship. The parade starts at 8 p.m.

The 123rd Rose Parade presented by Honda, themed Just Imagine, will feature majestic floral floats, high-stepping equestrian units and spirited marching bands. Following the parade, the 98th Rose Bowl Game presented by VIZIO will kick off at 2:10 p.m. and feature an exciting match-up between two of the top collegiate football teams in the nation. For additional information on the Tournament of Roses please visit [tournamentofroses.com](http://tournamentofroses.com).

## Local Man Sentenced in 2009 Ax Murder

An 87-year-old Pasadena man who murdered his wife with an ax and attacked his stepson was sentenced last week to 26 years to life in state prison.

James Che Ming Lu was convicted of the first-degree murder of Michelle Lu, 55, and the attempted murder of her 32-year-old son. An allegation that Lu personally used a deadly and dangerous weapon, an ax, also was found to be true.

Deputy District Attorney Amy Murphy of the Alhambra Branch Office prosecuted the case.

On July 26, 2009, Lu bludgeoned his wife to death – striking her repeatedly over the head – with an ax as the victim lay in bed. The couple had been married nine years.

Following the fatal attack, the defendant walked down the hall and tried to use the ax on his stepson. The younger man fought off his attacker.

Evidence presented at trial revealed that Lu harbored feelings of anger because he believed he spent too much money on his wife. The defendant also was incensed because his wife spent too much time away from home at work, the prosecutor said. The couple and her adult son lived in an unincorporated area between Pasadena and Arcadia.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department.

## Parsons to Assist in Transporting Space Shuttle

Parsons Corporation announced Wednesday they will play a crucial role in the transfer process of the Space Shuttle by preparing the Endeavour Final Placement Logistics Plan—a key document supporting the title transfer— NASA completed the transfer of title for the Space Shuttle Orbiter Endeavour to the California Science Center Foundation on October 11.

Parsons assembled a team of local consultants to contribute their expertise and resources to assist the Science Center in developing the Logistics Plan. Following an investigation of possible approaches and routes, the plan identifies how Endeavour will be received at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and transported to Exposition Park. Multiple organizations and government agencies will be involved in this major logistical effort, which also will include public outreach and events.

“Endeavour’s wings, underside, and other portions of its body are covered with more than 24,000 surface insulation tiles, and our team was challenged to devise a logistics approach and find a route that will allow the orbiter to be moved to the Science Center with its body, wings, and tail intact,” said Marty Fabrick, Parsons Senior Vice President and Director of Global Business Solutions who led the Endeavour Final Placement Logistics Plan team. “Endeavour will be an amazing sight as it is moved along urban streets to its new home at the California Science Center, cheered on by thousands of people along the route.”

Endeavour is approximately 122 feet long, with a wingspan of 78 feet, a height of 54 feet to the top of its tail on its transporter, and it weighs about 175,000 lbs. It will be moved to the Science Center on a special transporter along 13 miles of urban streets through the cities of Los Angeles and Inglewood. It will be housed and displayed in a temporary building adjacent to the Science Center while Phase III of the Center’s 25-year Master Plan is designed and constructed to house an entirely new gallery devoted to aeronautics and space exploration, including the permanent display of Endeavour.

## Charisma Floats Builders Calls it Quits

By Dean Lee

After 25 years of building floats for the Rose Parade, including last year’s tribute to 9/11, Charisma Floats announced earlier this month they were forced to close their doors after not receiving any business this year —the move leaves just three professional builders for all the floats in the parade. “Usually we average around three floats a year,” said Katie Rodriguez who co owns the business. “We could have made things work with even one float but not to have any.”

She explained that most of their clients were cities that have had major budget cuts in the last year and not buying floats, “Nonprofits are also having a lot of trouble fundraising,” she added.

“Neither of our clients were able to fundraise enough money to come back this year and we were not able to attract a large corporate client and without any contracts there is nothing we could really do.”

Rodriguez said this year would have been their 25 anniversary. She said the company also does floral decorations for the Academy Awards. “We are going to try and see if we can put something together so we could bid on that again.” Rodriguez said winning that bid could hold the company together.

She said this year could see a large downscaling in floats across the board.

“Even corporations are a little resistant to spend as much money on their advertising, the trend is to spend money on smaller advertising chunks than on one big one,” she said.

She said past volunteers have banned together helping out on some of the self-built floats such as Burbank and Sierra Madre. “They are calling themselves the Charisma Refugees.”

In a statement Jerry Thompson, sponsor of last year’s 9/11 Tribute Float said, “I along with my wife, Merrie will cherish Charisma’s friendship. I remember meeting Katie and Matt Rodriguez, discussing the tribute float. Going and meeting other float builders, I kept thinking about Charisma and how Katie and Matt made me feel that our float would not be another number, but be a float that would catch the eye of America. Looking back, I made the right choice.”



Katie Rodriguez



## 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. 18, 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](http://pasadenan.com).



## Technology Week Honors Local Entrepreneurs

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Los Angeles Technology Week will be held October 17-21, 2011 at the Altadena-based Business Technology Center (“BTC”). The BTC is a project of the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC), and the largest technology business incubator in California.

“L.A. TechWeek has become known as a ‘don’t miss event’ among venture capitalists and both fledgling and veteran technology entrepreneurs,” explains Dr. Mark Lieberman, cofounder of Technology Week and director of the BTC. “It’s a rare local opportunity for this peer group to gain introductions, swap war stories and hear what’s new in their world.” The event showcases the innovations of high-tech companies, connects technology leaders and entrepreneurs with strategic resources and honors a local technology entrepreneur with the Technology Leader of the Year award.

This year’s theme is “Where Innovation Meets Implementation.” TechWeek’s signature symposium on October 20, 2011 features seven panel discussions with nationally-recognized business entrepreneurs addressing topics ranging from the sales, legal and funding issues facing start-ups, to opportunities technology provides in the fields of entertainment, medical devices and green energy. Tickets to the symposium include lunch and are \$85 and \$40 for students. Event details and registration are available at [techweek.ticketleap.com](http://techweek.ticketleap.com).



**"What's Going On?"***News and Views from Joan Schmidt***THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

On October 4th, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi is generally celebrated by Catholics around the world. Francis was born around 1181 to a wealthy family in Assisi, Italy. In his youth, he bought many clothes and attended many parties. His

only concern was having a good time; he had no interest in studying or his father's business.

After two illnesses, he changed his life around. He gave away his fine garments and wore rags. His father was furious with him, beat him and locked him in their house.

Nothing could deter Francis. He went out and preached the word of God, while leading the life of a beggar. His food was what kind people gave him. Soon others realized how close to God Francis was, followed him and became his disciples. This is how the Franciscan order of priests and brothers began. They helped the poor and sick and preached everywhere.

Francis soon had the power of working miracles—even birds and animals obeyed him. That is why he is the Patron Saint not only of the Poor, but also Animals!

Did you know that Francis had the stigmata, which means Jesus' wounds in his hands and feet? Also at Christmas we can thank Francis for our beautiful Nativity scenes with the crèches. This custom originated in Italy in 1223. Francis was inspired by the sight of shepherds in moonlit fields— it brought to mind, images of the first Christmas!

In conjunction with St. Francis being the Patron Saint of Animals, a special celebration was held at

the Immaculate Conception Campus. A beautiful



Mass was co-celebrated by Father Tran, IC's Pastor and Father Herbert, Annunciation's Pastor. Despite the rain, the ICA students were in great spirits and walked quickly to the Hall. Parents brought the animals in, and the students were standing along the walls with their treasured pets. Deacon Mike Salcedo was in charge of festivities. He asked the children whether animals were "good" or "bad". Scripture from Genesis was read, acknowledging God had created animals and they were good. Deacon Mike then walked around the hall and blessed EVERY animal personally—much to the delight of the students, parents and teachers. And what an array of animals! Dogs, cats, birds, turtles, (all sizes) gerbils, gecko, (1st time I ever saw one) and a snake! Thanks to all the Immaculate Conception-Annunciation Priests, Deacon Mike, Staff and parents for making this a Special Day for the ICA students!

## "PEOPLE FOR PARKS" HONORS ANTONOVICH WITH 2011 "PARK HEROES" AWARD

"People for Parks" honored Los Angeles County Mayor Michael D. Antonovich with the 2011 "Park Heroes" award for his efforts in acquiring, expanding and developing county parks, gardens, golf courses, trails and open space areas.

"Our public parks and trails are a vital component in our effort to improve the quality of life for County residents," said Antonovich. "Despite challenging economic times, our county has been able to keep our parks open while expanding and improving our parks and trails infrastructure."



Mayor Michael D. Antonovich with Russ Guiney, Director of the L.A. County Department of Parks and Recreation.

## 2012 Women of the World Awards Call for Nominations

50/50 Leadership renews call for nominations for 2012 Women of the World Awards.

Nominate someone who makes an international impact in the lives of women and girls and deserves recognition for their work.

PASADENA, CA—50/50 Leadership and UNA-USA Pasadena, today, renewed its call for nominees to the 4th annual Women of the World Awards (WOW), the organizations' annual award that honors women of all ages, heritages, nationalities and professions that have an impact in the lives of women and girls in other countries. Between now and November 15th, people can email [WOW@5050leadership.org](mailto:WOW@5050leadership.org) to submit nominations of the people they think are making a difference in the lives of women and girls in other countries.

The two non-profit organizations are soliciting nominations for individuals who have done inspiring work benefiting women and girls throughout the globe. In order to nominate a woman, nominations must contain the following specific elements:

1. The nominee's name, organization, title, email address, phone number and postal address
2. A summary, 250 words or less, of the impact this leader has
3. Your relationship to the nominee, your contact information: name, email address, phone number, and postal address
4. Send your nominations to [WOW@5050leadership.org](mailto:WOW@5050leadership.org)

## Pet of the Week: Jimbo: Animal ID #A4347163

Meet a stunningly handsome gentleman, Jimbo (A4347163). Jimbo is a magnificent four-year-old black and fawn male purebred German Shepherd who was discarded at the Baldwin Park shelter on September 30th because his former owner said it was too expensive to have a dog.

A little overweight at ninety-four pounds, this spectacular, gentle boy walks well on the leash and gets along with dogs of all sizes. Responsive, treat-motivated and intelligent, Jimbo takes treats gently and volunteers who have met Jimbo think he will be amazing with kids. A grand prize in the doggie lottery, Jimbo will be an enviable indoor pet for an individual or family living in a private home. To watch a video of Jimbo interacting with a volunteer, please visit: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=k3PWersZcDo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k3PWersZcDo)

To meet Jimbo 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 Jimbo, please reference his animal ID number: A4347163. 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 Jimbo or the adoption

process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at [samanthasayon@gmail.com](mailto: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/>.*



## WORKING TOGETHER AT THE WIGGLE WAGGLE



Jeannie, Sammy and Maddie Case, and Shelby Lewis cheer on the dogs and their excited parents!

The National Charity League, Inc., Pasadena Area Chapter (NCL Pasadena) partnered once again with the Pasadena Humane Society and SPCA (PHS) for their main fundraiser. The annual Wiggle Waggle Walk, held recently at Brookside Park, raises funds to support animal rescue and welfare operations and help the Pasadena Humane Society find new and loving homes for the thousands of animals taken in every year.

This year, sixty-three of NCL Pasadena's Patronesses and Ticktockers (mothers and daughters) supported the Wiggle Waggle Walk and contributed more than 327 hours, the most extensive contribution of any participating volunteer organization. They volunteered as course guides, water bowl monitors, greeters, cheerleading, and even poop detail. They assisted with set-up for the event and the distribution of T-shirts and prizes, and also made signs to help cheer on participants. Earlier in the year, NCL Pasadena members helped promote the Wiggle Waggle Walk by distributing posters and brochures to

local businesses.

Kathy Lewis, current NCL Pasadena Liaison to the Humane Society said, "My daughter, Shelby, and I have volunteered for the Wiggle Waggle Walk since we joined NCL Pasadena. It is our favorite event to do as a mother-daughter team. We especially love being out on the course with the walkers and the dogs. As the Chapter Liaison this year, I would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped make this year's walk so successful. I would also like to thank the NCL, Inc., San Marino Chapter as this was truly a team effort."

"NCL is an integral part of the success of the Wiggle Waggle Walk," said Nicole Ring, Events Coordinator at PHS. "With the girls volunteering for the event it allows the Pasadena Humane Society and SPCA to save the money it would have otherwise had to spend on hiring temporary staffing for the event. NCL's help enables thousands of dollars to be saved and used to help the animals! We are so grateful for their participation." NCL

Pasadena's members further contribute to the PHS year long, baking and delivering fresh dog bones and making cat toys for the sheltered animals.

National Charity League, Inc., Pasadena Area Chapter was founded in 1998. Today NCL Pasadena has more than 400 members, serves 22 local philanthropies, and contributes over 17,000 hours to our local community each year. For more information, please visit [www.nclpasadena.org](http://www.nclpasadena.org).

Established in Los Angeles, California in 1925, and incorporated in 1958, National Charity League, Inc. is the premier mother-daughter organization, serving women and their daughters in grades 7-12. Currently the membership of nearly 50,000 consists of 160 Chapters that thrive in 17 states, providing valuable philanthropic, leadership, and cultural experiences to its members and striving to meet critical needs of local communities through hands-on volunteer support. For more information, visit [www.national-charityleague.org](http://www.national-charityleague.org).

## BILL AB 109: OVERCROWDING IN COUNTY JAILS AND FUNDING PROMISES NOT HAPPENING

By Joan Schmidt

For the last several months, there have been several articles about the state prisons, overcrowding in county jails, transfer of felons from state prisons into county jails and Governor Jerry Brown not providing funding on a permanent basis for the influx of these 30,000-40,000 felons into county jails over the next few years.

The problem began with California's chronically crowded state prisons. As recent as 2009, our state's prison system was at 178% of design capacity, far in excess of the national average of 110% among states. This was the reason for the proposed transfer of felons from state prisons to county jails. The other argument was presented by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Their Secretary Matt Cate said, "California state prisons took in 47,000 inmates last year who were parole violators sentenced to 90 days or less...it makes no sense to go through elaborate intake process, which takes an average of three months for inmates who are going to spend only a few months behind bars." This reasoning seems to make sense.

On April 4, of this year, Governor Jerry Brown signed AB 109 into law, which amends the state's option for imprisonment of felons. Previously, felons were sent to state prison to serve out their time. The bill would generally provide that felonies are punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for 16 months, or 2 or 3 years. The exceptions would be serious and violent felonies and felonies requiring registration of a sex offender.

There were several opponents of this bill. Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley stated, "County Jails are also crowded, and were never designed to offer the same rehabilitation programs as state prisons. Public safety requires appropriate incarceration for both of these who will suffer."

A second unhappy person was Mike Antonovich. He plan to level California result of several years of is a realignment program shrugs the state's financial shoulders of cash-strapped governments...this shift for convicted felons from the state prison. Transferring the state's overcrowded jails and agencies-without fully Los Angeles County's the nation is already violence and illness and severe overcrowding of jails operate under strict ACLU monitors, who root cause of problems Central Jail."

Glendora City Court Police Chief of Monterey a commentary on this September 24th, "The submitted a resolution to Cities General Assembly action at their annual of the resolution was focus their legislative governor and Legislature that a full and cost funding source be provided."

to shift its responsibility for public safety to local government." (The resolution was unanimously supported.)

As thousands of state prisoners transferred to county jails, Sheriff Lee Baca is expanding education programs to help inmates turn their lives around. A new program has deputies mentor inmates. This program involves teaching them skills and decision making to assist them from turning back to a life of crime after they are released.

"We have to do this, because we know these inmates are going to leave our custody at some point, and the sheriff is very energetic and enthusiastic about making sure that the jail environment isn't just idle time for them to waste," Assistant Cecil Rhambo said.

The Education-Based Incarceration System began independent of Governor's Brown transfer of thousands from state prisons to county jail. Now it is being expanded.

After October 1st, we are now getting 700 inmates a month into the county jail system. Before AB 109 was signed, those inmates would have gone to state prisons.

The newest county program has 30 deputies; many have teaching experience or master's degrees. They discuss decision-making and critical thinking, personal relationships and conflict management, and stress management and coping.

Lieutenant Brian Fitch who help develop the curriculum said "It's based on cognitive behavioral therapy, which has shown promising results in reducing recidivism. It focuses on improving inmates' skills in critical thinking, decision-making and life management...the research is very clear."

## This Week's Sermon: "God's Backside"



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.

Attend Growing Families: Story-Formed Families with Lisa & Rich Lamb at 10:30

am. Participants will learn to harness the power of stories to strengthen family bonds. Learn to infuse ordinary spaces like the dinner table with grace and spiritual significance, to listen for the activity of God in their everyday stories, and to cast vision for being a family that is on a mission together.

- 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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## AAR TO HOLD ANNUAL BUMPER BOWLING CHARITY EVENT

On Saturday, October 22nd starting at 9:00 a.m., the Arcadia Association of REALTORS® will be hosting its annual Bumper Bowling charity event at Bowling Square Lanes in Arcadia. Both REALTORS® and members of the public alike are invited to attend. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. Join us for a continental breakfast, drawings, prizes and lots of fun!

Cost is \$20 for adults and \$17 for children under age 14. Lane sponsors are \$50 each. If you are interested, please visit [www.TheAAR.com](http://www.TheAAR.com) or

call CD's Paniagua at (626) 622-7174.

The Arcadia Association of REALTORS® is a full-service real estate Association servicing the needs of local REALTORS® in the east San Gabriel Valley. They are the local advocate for their REALTOR® members and work to enhance the professionalism, integrity and competency of their members and to promote private property rights for the community. The Arcadia Association of REALTORS® can be reached at (626) 446-2115.

## ARCADIA DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Emergencies and disasters occur without notice. Being physically and psychologically prepared to handle unexpected emergencies is an individual as well as an organization responsibility.

At 2:30pm come, listen to our speakers, collect valuable information and educational literature from various booths and learn how to be prepared for any kind of disaster.

❖ Cheryl Osborne, Disaster Coordinator from Methodist Hospital will explain the hospital's emergency preparedness plan.

❖ Representatives from the City of Arcadia Fire, Police and Water Departments, Barry Spriggs, Battalion Chief, Jason Davis, Sergeant and Ken Herman, Deputy Public Work Services Director, will discuss the City's disaster contingency plan.

❖ American Red Cross Arcadia Chapter

will discuss what neighborhoods can do to prepare for a disaster.

❖ Information booths and disaster supplies on hand.

❖ Register for this informative educational EXPO by calling 626.574.5130. Light refreshments will be served.

City of Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department

Senior Citizens Services Division

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Friday, October 21, 2011

2:00 – 4:30PM

2:30 – 3:30PM. Speakers' Panel

Arcadia Community Center

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## Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, October 2, through Saturday, October 8, the Police Department responded to 927 calls for service of which 132 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

### Sunday, October 2:

1. Between September 29th at 8:00 a.m., and October 2nd at 11:00 a.m., a theft occurred in the 100 block of Genoa Street. Suspect(s) removed the lock to a storage shed located in the carport area of the apartment complex and stole two rolls of electrical wire.

2. At about 1:08 a.m., officers responded to the Tea House, 1108 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a man with a gun. After an earlier verbal altercation with a group of male subjects, a 28-year-old White male returned looking for them with a loaded firearm and brandished it to patrons at the location. The suspect was arrested for carrying and brandishing a loaded weapon.

### Monday, October 3:

3. Between September 30th at 12:00 p.m., and October 3rd at 7:30 a.m., suspect(s) lit a trash dumpster on fire and burnt remnants were discovered outside of Arcadia Fast Print, 19 La Porte Street.

4. Shortly after 11:00 p.m., officers observed an unoccupied vehicle parked to the front of the Motel 6, 225 Colorado Place. Through a records check, it was learned that the car had been reported stolen on October 2nd. Officers watched the vehicle and at about 11:23 p.m., two male subjects entered the vehicle and drove out of the parking lot. A felony traffic stop was conducted and the male driver fled on foot and was able to escape through the adjacent wash basin. The 38-year-old White male passenger was detained and taken into custody for taking a vehicle without the owner's consent and an outstanding warrant. The driver is still outstanding and a follow-up investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.

### Tuesday, October 4:

5. A residential burglary occurred in the 200 block of Laurel Avenue between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The resident returned home and found her bedroom had been ransacked and clothing had been taken. The resident suspected a friend was responsible and through investigation, a 17-year-old White female was found in possession of the stolen property. The female was booked at the Arcadia City Jail for residential burglary and additional charges.

6. At about 1:00 p.m., officers responded to Arcadia High School, 180 Campus Drive, regarding a theft. Two students reported property was stolen from them: an I-phone and a wallet with cash. An investigation revealed three male students, all age 16, had stolen the property. The cash and I-phone were recovered and the three male juveniles were placed under arrest for petty theft.

### Wednesday, October 5:

7. Between 8:30 p.m. and 9:05 p.m., an auto burglary occurred in the 100 block of North First Avenue. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle by smashing the front driver's side window. Once inside, the suspect(s) stole a purse and wallet.

8. At approximately 5:13 p.m., Halloween City at the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, reported a suspicious circumstance. The manager at the location told officers that at about 4:42 p.m., an armored car

guard had attempted to pick-up a deposit from the location. However, the business does not use an armored car service for their deposits. The subject was described as a Hispanic male in his late 20's, 6'-02", 240 lbs., muscular build, clean shaven, black spiky hair, a small piercing below his bottom lip, wearing a charcoal gray security uniform, with the pants tucked into the boots, and a pancake style leather holster with a black semi-automatic handgun.

### Thursday, October 6:

9. A residential burglary occurred in the 400 block of East Duarte Road between 9:40 a.m. and 9:52 a.m. While in her bedroom, the resident heard noises in the kitchen. The sliding glass door to her bedroom opened and a 32-year-old White male came inside. The resident then told the suspect the police were on their way and the suspect fled the location. Officers located and detained a subject that matched the description provided by the resident, and after being positively identified, he was taken into custody for residential burglary.

10. Sometime between September 22nd and October 6th, a vehicle theft occurred in the 800 block of Arcadia Avenue. Suspect(s) stole a 2009, white, Toyota Sienna, which was parked at the location.

### Friday, October 7:

11. Between October 6th at 11:30 a.m., and October 7th at 8:00 a.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 200 block of East Colorado Boulevard. Suspect(s) cut the tent placed over the residence while being fumigated, as well as numerous window screens, and entered the home. Once inside, the suspect(s) stole several electronics, a water cooler, and a briefcase.

12. Units responded to the 400 block of California Street around 8:23 p.m., in reference to an armed robbery just occurred. A woman was walking from her vehicle to her apartment complex when a male Hispanic, 20-30 years of age, 5'-08", thin build, wearing a dark jacket, approached, and demanded her purse at gunpoint. He grabbed her purse and fled in a tan pick-up truck with an open bed. Officers searched the area, but were unable to locate the suspect or the vehicle.

### Saturday, October 8:

13. At about 5:03 a.m., officers responded to McDonalds, 143 East Foothill Boulevard, regarding a vandalism that just occurred. Two male Hispanic subjects were seen breaking the windshield of a parked vehicle at the location. Officers located and detained two subjects fitting the description, and after being positively identified, a 33-year-old Hispanic male was placed under arrest for vandalism and drunk in public. The second suspect, a 21-year-old Hispanic male, was also placed under arrest for drunk in public.

14. At about 12:00 p.m., loss prevention personnel from Sephora at the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, advised they had detained an adult female for theft. The suspect hid merchandise in her purse and left the store without making payment. Through investigation, it was determined the suspect had come into the store with the intent to steal. The 26-year-old Hispanic female was placed under arrest for commercial burglary.



## NUNEZ RUNS FOR COUNCIL 2012?

– By Scott Hettrick

Local developer Henry Nunez is starting to spread the word that he is planning to run for Arcadia City Council — the election is April 2012.

He is expected to join at least three other candidates for two seats, including incumbent, Mayor Gary Kovacic, former Mayor John Wuo, and Sho Tay, who was a candidate two years ago when six candidates ran for three seats.

Nunez caused a stir during the last City Council campaign with his stunts such as a hunger strike and laying on railroad tracks to

challenge incumbent candidates to make more changes and progress in Arcadia. But he decided just before the deadline not to file to run his own campaign.

Nunez was on the recent General Plan Action Committee of volunteers tasked to lay out a growth strategy for Arcadia for the next 25 years and became disgruntled during the process when the City Council did not endorse all the initial mixed-use residential/retail building options the GPAC recommended. He returned to express some of that frustration last November when the Council unanimously approved the final proposal.

## SCHOOLS MULL PARCEL TAX

– By Scott Hettrick

With revenue to Arcadia School District dropping at a rate of about \$5 million annually since 2007-08 — now down about 20% — and with AUSD losing about 100-120 students per year for this past five years, the District is considering asking voters to approve a parcel tax that could result in annual taxes of anywhere from \$50 to \$250 or more.

At a recent school board / study session, consultants for the District presented many scenarios of possibilities for elections that could be held anywhere from as early as March with an all-mailed ballot, to general elections in June or November 2012.

A tax of \$50 would generate \$748,000 while a tax of \$250 would raise \$3.7 million, still far short of the \$5 million loss. Taxes of \$118 and \$148 would raise \$1.7 mil. and \$2.2 mil., respectively.

Several school and city leaders strongly urged the District to go after a tax that would cover the entire \$5 mil., but consultants said that a survey of 480 Arcadians indicated that as the amount of the potential tax rate increased incrementally in the survey from \$98 to \$118 to \$148, responses indicated that the likelihood of getting the required two-thirds favorable votes for even a percentage of the \$5 mil. declined significantly with each increased rate of potential tax.

And as one consultant pointed out, if the vote fails by even one vote, the District gets no additional money at all. So, is it better to ask for less money to be sure to get something, or more money with the risk of getting nothing?

Superintendent Dr. Joel Shawn has repeatedly emphasized in various presentations to local groups that the \$218 mil. in bond money being spent on improvements to schools currently under construction, cannot be used on anything else at the District.

But he has noted that Arcadians are really getting their money's worth with that bond passage, with state matching funds raising the actual dollars available to spend to \$300 mil., and with the competitive climate created by the poor economy resulting in the District getting a value of \$400 mil. worth of improvements for the \$218 mil. they are spending.

Of the potential election date options, the consultants said the November 2012 Presidential election ballot would bring more voters and more of them would likely be in favor of passing a parcel tax, but it would also be a more crowded ballot and the issue may get lost, while revenue — if it passed — would not be available until the 2013-14 school year.

An all-mailed ballot in March 2012 would be more expensive and probably generate more negative votes.

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Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:30-11:00am

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# MONROVIA - DUARTE

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From the desk of the City Manager Scott Ochoo

## MONROVIA: City Secures Additional Block Grant Recovery Funds for GREEN Grants

The City of Monrovia recently secured an additional \$42,932 in Community Development Block Grant - Recovery (CDBG-R) funds. The Los Angeles County Community Development Commission (CDC) allocates CDBG-R funds for LA County. The City of Monrovia received an initial formula allocation of \$112,745 based on census data. Monrovia then competed for a secondary round of funding and secured an additional \$50,000 of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds (ARRA). An unexpected third funding opportunity recently became available and we were chosen by the CDC to receive an additional \$42,932. This makes our total budget for the CDBG-R program \$205,677. Neighborhood Services Coordinator Dan McConnell, who manages these grants and submitted the applications, said that the County was impressed by our administration of the GREEN Grant program and believed that we were best suited to manage the surplus funds

successfully.

The GREEN (Green Residential Energy Efficiency Neighborhoods) Grant is a multi-level approach toward improving the energy efficiency of residential units. GREEN Grants focus on energy efficient home improvements for income qualified homeowners. All improvements will be conducted by a licensed contractor. A limited number of grants are available to single family, owner occupied residential properties on a first come first served basis. The GREEN Grant benefits the environment through installation of energy saving measures in residential structures and it also creates "Green Collar" jobs. This project has created training positions for unemployed and low-income youth. They receive skill development and on the job training in the installation of residential energy saving devices. Those interested in participating in this last round of GREEN Grants should contact Dan McConnell at (626) 932-5504.

## "GO MAKE A DIFF'RENCE, WE CAN MAKE A DIFF'RENCE GO MAKE A DIFF'RENCE IN THE WORLD"

By Joan Schmidt

A few years back, an Annunciation School Mass ended with these lyrics, "Go make a difference, We can make a difference, Go make a difference in the world." I thought of our M.A.D. Town Council-how less than twelve volunteers spent many hours to form a group-a "Town Council" for the citizens of the unincorporated areas, dubbed "No Man's Land." Our Town Council has served as a liaison between our residents and various county agencies, the Sheriff's Department and Highway Patrol. With their help and Supervisor Antonovich, many issues have been resolved and much improvements to the area. WE did make a difference.

This past week, I was elated to hear two unpleasant situations being resolved, and in both cases it was the residents who "did make a difference".

The first issue involved the City of Duarte, rezoning from commercial to residential and the placement of low cost housing on the north side of Huntington Drive, east of Buena Vista. I attended the September 13 meeting addressing this issue and there were MANY angry residents. The majority felt businesses, bringing in revenue, need to be built in that prime location. A few said they had no problem with low cost housing, but not at that site! Residents were angry that the city had voted to change the zoning. They felt the proposed housing project was being "Snuck in". What I found out, is the City has to put the proposed project in its "General Plan" which is available for anyone to read. However the General Plan can be very lengthy and most would not read it! That evening, residents left the meeting angry feeling, that they weren't heard.

On September 20, I attended the third council meeting dealing with this issue. After Certificates were given to Parade volunteers, there was a special presentation by Air Quality Control, which was very interesting and informative. This was followed by a presentation by the City planner. He presented three alternative plans for the low cost housing project to be built on Huntington Drive. The first two proposals dealt with a smaller structure and more parking. The third plan suggested changing the site of the proposed low cost housing.

Now, it was time for the City Council members to make comments. Mr. Reyes and Mrs. Gaston locked horns. Mrs. Finlay came to the rescue. She related how many approached her about the housing and advised her to explain all aspects. Mrs. Finlay explained everything. It began with Proposition 13, good for us homeowners, bad for a city's economy. This plus budget cuts by the state left cities needing more revenue. So cities brought in more businesses. The downside was less affordable housing. So the state mandated that a certain amount of affordable housing MUST be available, or receive a fine. That is why the City of Montebello recently received a hefty fine!

Now it was time for residents to speak. Most reiterated comments made at the September 13th meeting. Then a resident called for the recall of the Mayor and three of the Council members. However, the meeting ended with a 5-0 vote approving a different site for the low cost housing! Duarte residents had made phone calls, contacted local newspapers, passed out

flyers and attended city meetings in force angrily addressing the Council. Duarte residents, you did go out and made a difference!

The second issue involved the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the supervisorial redistricting. There was a choice of three plans. Plan A-3 submitted by Supervisor Don Knabe was supported by his district and that of Zev Yaroslavsky and Mike Antonovich. This plan involved only small changes. The plans submitted by Supervisors Gloria Molina and Mark Ridley-Thomas involved the movement of 3.5 million people!

Our area favored A-3 as we didn't want to lose Antonovich. He has helped the M.A.D. area in so many different issues, brought in so many wonderful programs and our gym at Pamela Park. Our surrounding cities felt the same way. We have developed a rapport and none wanted to be pulled away into a different district. Knabe's people felt the same way; their arguments to stay in his district were similar. Knabe listens to them, helps solve problems and has brought in so many positive programs. One of my favorites involves Rancho Los Amigos in Downey, which has inspired so many handicapped artists. Yaroslavsky's supporters spoke of their unique areas with its unique problems. They include Malibu, Agorra Hills, San Fernando, Calabassas and North Hollywood to name a few. They had fires, flooding and mudslides. He is aware of their issues and how to resolve them.

On September 20th, I attended the 2nd meeting dealing with the supervisorial issue. During a three hour time frame, I listened to MANY 1-minute addresses pushing for Plan A-3, and learned a lot. However I wondered how ANY resolution could occur. Four votes were needed to pass a plan and only three supervisors supported A-3.

The third and final meeting was September 27. I thought NOTHING could top the 800 attending the September 20th meeting. However, OVER 1000 did and there were FOUR other rooms being used and STILL an overflow outside! I went to bed that night very discouraged. There seemed to be NO way plan A-3 could get passed. I resolved myself to that with the idea I would write letters to the Sheriff, District Attorney and Count Assessor urging Plan A-3! (The vote was to go to them if it wasn't resolved by the supervisors!) But in the morning I found out A-3 passed.

How could this happen? Supervisor Ridley-Thomas cast the winning vote! He still believed in his plan. But he knew this issue could not be resolved. Enough time had been spent on it. There are other important issues for the supervisors to deal with, and it was time to move on.

On Facebook, Knabe thanked everyone who gave support. That would be not only be THOUSANDS who attended the meeting and spoke, but also wrote letters, emails, and made phone calls! Yaroslavsky could not believe the overwhelming response on this issue and how it brought so many people from different areas together! And of course Antonovich was grateful and pleased. I congratulate you, the THOUSANDS of L.A. County residents who made this happen. All your hard work, efforts and sacrifices did pay off! You went out and made a "difference"!

## Monrovia Police Blotter

*During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 518 service events, resulting in 114 investigations. Following are the last week's highlighted issues and events:*

### **Battery With Serious Bodily Injury / Resisting and Delaying a Peace Officer - Suspect Arrested**

On September 29 at 8:41 p.m., callers reported a fight in the 400 block of Hurstview. Two male subjects were arguing and began to fight. The suspect moved aggressively toward the victim, and the victim struck the suspect once in the head to defend himself. The suspect then grabbed the victim and viciously bit the victim multiple times causing visible wounds that may require further treatment. Officers arrived and detained both subjects. While being detained, the suspect suddenly raised his arms in an attempt to go after the victim again and struck the officer in the face with his arm. The suspect was arrested and taken into custody without further incident. The officer was not injured.

### **Driving Under the Influence - Suspect Arrested**

On September 30 at 1:58 a.m., officers observed a vehicle straddling lanes while sitting at the light on Duarte at Myrtle. They watched as the light cycled three times without the driver moving. The officers approached the car and observed the driver slumped over in his seat. They alerted the driver and he jolted awake. They told him to turn the car off, but he put it in neutral and the car rolled slowly back and bumped the police unit behind it. No damage was sustained after the slight bump between vehicles. The driver was determined to be under the influence of alcohol and arrested.

### **Fight in Progress**

On September 30 at 2:37 a.m., callers advised dispatch a fight was in progress in the 300 block of Norumbega. Officers arrived and detained four subjects. They determined the subjects were family members and had been involved in a heated discussion, which resulted in one family member getting extremely upset. As they tried to get him back into the car in which they had been driving, he resisted them. The investigation revealed that no crime had occurred and there were no injuries, and no one desired prosecution.

### **Commercial Burglary - Suspects Arrested**

On September 30 at 8:52 p.m., police responded to a business in the 500 block of West Huntington regarding a burglary. Store loss prevention observed a male and female subject enter the store. The male subject selected a pair of shorts and put them on under his pants. He then left the store without paying. He went to a car outside the store and waited. The female concealed about \$400 worth of jewelry on her person and entered the dressing room. Officers arrived and detained the male suspect, locating the stolen property. The female continued to shop and was seen removing tags and concealing more items. The female was detained inside the store. All of the items she had removed tags from were concealed in a bag she was carrying. Neither subject had money or any means of paying for the items. After review of the facts and interviews with the suspects, they were both arrested and charged with commercial burglary.

### **Vandalism**

On October 4 at 11:12 a.m., a City employee reported vandalism at a park in the 300 block of

East Lime. An officer responded and found gang graffiti at several locations throughout the park. Investigation continuing.

### **Vehicle Tampering**

On October 4 at 3:15 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 700 block of South California. The victim reported that her white Honda, which was parked in the rear carport, had been tampered with during the night.

### **Grand Theft Auto**

On October 4 at 3:33 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a residence in the 1400 block of South Shamrock regarding a stolen vehicle. The reporting party last saw the vehicle on Sunday, October 2. The vehicle is a black, Chevy Silverado truck with no license plates.

### **Receiving Stolen Property - Suspect Arrested**


On October 5 at 3:30 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop at Foothill and Mountain for a traffic violation. The officer obtained consent to search the vehicle from the solo occupant. A Kindle electronic book was found, prompting a suspicious story from the driver. Evidence indicated the device belonged to a female from Duarte. The female subject was contacted and confirmed her Kindle was reported stolen to the Sheriff Department a week prior. The suspect was arrested for receiving stolen property.

### **Suspicious Circumstances / Possession of Narcotics Paraphernalia - Suspect Arrested**

On October 5 at 4:50 a.m., an officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation at Foothill and Mountain. He contacted the two male occupants, who said they were from Covina. The subjects had no reason to be in the area at that time of the morning. The driver was driving on a suspended license and was found to be on parole for receiving stolen property. He had a large butcher knife in the door panel of the driver's side door. The passenger was found to be in possession of a methamphetamine pipe. The vehicle was searched and the following suspicious items were found: a realistic-looking black pellet pistol, bandanas, a baseball bat and both subjects had latex gloves in their possession. State parole was contacted. The passenger was arrested for possession of narcotics paraphernalia and the vehicle was impounded. Investigation continuing.

### **Detective Bureau Case Follow-up: Receiving Stolen Property Arrest**


On the morning of October 1, an officer and eight police explorers canvassed an area of Monrovia in an attempt to locate the victim of a crime, wherein two stolen bicycles were recovered when a suspect was arrested. They covered a large portion of the northeastern part of town handing out flyers and speaking with residents. The area covered streets east of Canyon and north of Foothill. At noon, a subject from the 200 block of Valle Vista called to report he had arrived home and found the flyer in his mailbox. He reported that he had two bicycles stolen from his porch on September 16. He stated that the bikes had been secured with a blue cable lock that was cut some time during the night. He was able to describe the colors of the bicycles from a black and white photograph he was shown. The cable lock was recovered by the officer and a supplemental report completed. The bicycles will be returned to the owner.



City of Monrovia Department of Community Services  
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[www.monroviapubliclibrary.org](http://www.monroviapubliclibrary.org)


## Steps to Employment

Sponsored by Friends of the Monrovia Public Library



This timely workshop teaches how to file an online unemployment application, create electronic resumes and access a multitude of free resources for job hunters.

A demonstration of the Library's new *Career Transitions* resource walks users through the entire job search process. An added bonus - a representative from either Economic Development Department or LA Works will attend to answer questions and give helpful advice.



### Tuesday, October 18

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
 Library's Community Room  
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Gary R. White, DVM



## Aveson Charter School To Receive CALIFORNIA GREEN SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AWARD

Aveson School of Leaders, an Altadena based K-5 public charter school, is the most recent school that has teamed up with Waste Less Living, Inc., a local environmental company specializing in zero waste consulting and organics recovery. In collaboration with Waste Less Living, the school's Green Environment Action Team (GREAT) spearheaded by Debrah Lemattre, have instituted various initiatives around campus. Projects have ranged from designing and building a recycling center on campus known as the ARC, introducing monthly recycling drives, coordinating e-waste drives, switching to reusable trays and utensils for their hot lunch program to implementing Waste Less Living's signature Organics Recovery Program (ORP) campus wide. Their recycling efforts have generated revenue for the school while the ORP has made a significant improvement in how they manage their waste. Students have reported upwards of an 88% organics recovery rate all destined for composting not landfilling.

For their efforts, they have been selected by the California Green Schools Summit Advisory Board to receive the Green School Leadership Award in the category of Green Campus to be presented on Monday, October 17th from 4:00pm-6:00pm at the Pasadena Convention Center. The summit is scheduled from October 17th from 10:00am - 4:00pm to October 18th from 10:00am - 1:30pm. Several dignitaries are expected to attend including Senator Fran Pavely and CalEPA Secretary Matthew Rodriguez. For more information on this event, visit: <http://www.green-technology.org/gcschools/>

"Aveson is a great example of school-wide, community wide sustainability efforts and creating a green culture," said Racquel Palmese, Managing Editor of Green Technology, the producers of the conference.

The 'green' programs are intended to respond to an ever increasing concern over trash and landfills and their direct impact on the environment. Parent of Aveson and founder of Waste Less Living, Ms. Christine Lenches-Hinkel, said "the purpose of the recycling center and composting program is to put in place a working and daily solution to our waste



problem and to offer an opportunity for engagement and environmental action by both the students and parents. Both programs are strategically aligned with the school's teaching philosophy as they foster student involvement and participation as well as real life learning experiences that are solution driven."

"The Aveson Recycling Center and Waste Less Living Program are excellent examples of what can happen when schools involve parents through their passions and strengths. Debrah and Christine are leading the Aveson vision of healthy living by engaging and educating students and families in our campaign to take care of the

Earth", said Kate Bean, Executive Director of Aveson Charter Schools.

Waste Less Living will be an exhibitor at the California Green School's Summit in Pasadena this coming October 17-18th. For more information on Aveson School of Leaders GREAT, contact: Debrah Lemattre at 626-797-1451/323-428-8379 or [debrah@me.com](mailto:debrah@me.com)

*For more information on the Organics Recovery Program and the products and services Waste Less Living provides, contact: Christine Lenches-Hinkel, Founder/CEO at 626-786-5947 or [wastelessliving@gmail.com](mailto:wastelessliving@gmail.com)*

## A HARD DAYS WORK AT THE PUMPKIN PATCH



*On Saturday, October 1st, Girl Scout Cadette Troop 1242-1, from Sierra Madre School, hosted and managed a Pumpkin Patch Festival for the community. There were over 30 booths run by fellow Girl Scout troops offering food, games and crafts. The event raised money for the individual Girl Scout troops running the various booths, and the Service Unit that oversees all Girl Scout troops throughout Altadena, Pasadena, and Sierra Madre. Eight months of planning, working and public speaking went into making the event possible.*

*The Pumpkin Patch 2011 was the final project towards earning their Silver Award, the highest award a Cadette Girl Scout can achieve.*



## Time

When I began school in August, all my teachers said that the school year was going to blow right on by. I remember thinking, "Yeah right. We have college applications." Now, here I am in the middle of October with two of my most important college applications due in roughly two weeks and I have yet to write a stellar personal statement. Or that the fall play (Shakespeare's Twelfth Night), which I felt we only started yesterday, is beginning at the end of this month. But it's not only the looming application deadlines and opening night, but the fact that it is OCTOBER.

Next month will be November, and no, I am not mocking Rebecca Black. What I am trying to get at is that despite my denial to the year moving quickly, it is; but I still feel like I have all this time that I really don't.

And after our little tease of fall last week, the weather is not helping the approaching holidays seem any closer. A 100o heat wave makes me feel as though it is still summer, not pumpkin carving, house decorating season, cookie baking season. Starbucks Pumpkin Spice Latte can't even help me fight against the time crunch, no matter how delicious they are. So I guess that what I am really trying to say is that Fall is here, it came on September 23, and that time is going to move quickly. I just have to try my best to keep up and not get lost in time.



## Mindspring Education Center Presents:

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- **Limited to 5 students per group**
- **Topics include: Pre-writing, Drafting, Revising, Editing, Post-writing, Publishing**
- **Format: Expository (reports, essays, etc.)**
- **3-Part Series, held on consecutive Saturdays in November 2011**

**When:** Nov. 5, Nov. 12, Nov. 19: 9 - 10:30 a.m. (4th-5th)  
Nov. 5, Nov. 12, Nov. 19: 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (6th-8th)

**Where:** Mindspring Education Center (Sally Morrison, Owner)  
37 Auburn Ave. Suite 7A • Sierra Madre, CA 91204  
[www.mindspringeduc.com](http://www.mindspringeduc.com) • (626) 355-1972

**Cost:** \$120 for new students; \$105 for current Mindspring students (cost is for all 3 days combined)

**Instructor:** Phoebe Conn is a CA credentialed teacher who has taught for more than 25 years. In addition to her vast teaching experience, she is the bestselling author of more than 30 published novels. She holds a BA in Art and an MA in Education.

**RSVP** to reserve your space; deposit required



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### Arcadia High School

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(626) 798-8901 Principal: Gilbert Barraza, Jr.  
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### Sierra Madre Elementary School

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## PUSD News This Week

Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) Superintendent Jon R. Gundry announced the appointment of Brian McDonald, Ed.D., as Chief Academic Officer, filling a key leadership position essential to implementing strategies that consistently raise student achievement. An experienced elementary and secondary school principal, Dr. McDonald joins PUSD from the Houston Independent School District, where he was the School Improvement Officer.

PUSD, 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.

As announced last month, Amin Oria was appointed principal of Jefferson Elementary School. She was formerly principal of two elementary schools in the South Whittier School District. James A. Albanese was appointed principal of Focus Point Academy, the structured special educational program for students in grades 1-12 diagnosed with emotional disturbances and learning disabilities. Mr. Albanese is a former assistant principal and was most recently with the L. A. County Office of Education.

Hundreds of PUSD students, families and staff participated in International Walk to School Week October 3-7 at five campuses to promote physical activity and pedestrian safety.

PUSD is investigating an incident at Muir High School involving a staff member and a student. Superintendent Gundry will issue a statement once the investigation is complete.

McKinley K-8 School received the 2011 performing arts grant from the Pasadena

Showcase House for the Arts, the five-week jazz program that culminated with a performance on October 5.

In October, high school seniors complete college applications, take SATs, and finalize plans for their future. A number of college awareness activities are planned in and around PUSD for students of all ages. This month, high school students take the PSAT, the preliminary SAT test that can qualify students for the National Merit Scholarships.

October is Energy Awareness Month, and PUSD's Energy Education program is working with school staff to turn off lights, save water and take other conservation measures to both save money and stay "green."

The PUSD Districting Task Force has submitted proposed charter reform language to the Board of Education for action on Tuesday, October 11. The Task Force is charged with review of the 1999-2000 City Charter Amendment proposal (Measure BB) for sub-geographic district elections of PUSD Board Members to determine what changes are necessary to forward to the voters and, through the use of 2010 Census data and community input, to also determine the geographic regions for the seven PUSD Board of Education seats, ensuring compliance with State and Federal Voting Rights Act provisions. To learn more, visit [www.districting-task-force.pasadenausd.org](http://www.districting-task-force.pasadenausd.org)

*The San Gabriel Valley Literacy Council, which serves adult English language learners in the Pasadena area, offers English as a Second Language (ESL) tutoring classes at La Casita, Villa Parke Community Center, and the Pasadena Senior Center, among others. For more information, call (626) 795-7987 or visit [www.sgvlc.org](http://www.sgvlc.org)*



# Halloween Haunts & Things

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Mountain Views News Saturday, October 15, 2011



## SIERRA MADRE HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

The Community and Personnel Services Department, in conjunction with the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club and Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce presents Halloween Happenings. Halloween activities include: trick-o-treating, costume parade along Sierra Madre Blvd., and a costume contest in Memorial Park.

### Monday, October 31, 2011

3:30-5:00pm: *Downtown Sierra Madre Trick-o-Treating*  
Sierra Madre businesses are handing out candy in and around Kersting Court. Participating businesses will have a trick-o-treating sign posted in their window. This portion of Halloween Happenings is arranged by the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce.

### 4:00-5:00pm Costume Contest Sign-Up

The Costume Contest is sponsored by the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club. Registration may only be done in Kersting Court prior to the start of the costume parade.

### 5:00pm

#### Costume Parade

Everyone is invited to participate in the Sierra Madre Costume Parade, no registration is required! The start of the parade begins in Kersting Court. The Sierra Madre Fire Department is once again leading the parade down Sierra Madre Blvd. to the finish at Memorial Park.

### 5:30pm

#### Costume Contest

Once parade participants arrive at Memorial Park, the Costume Contest begins shortly at the Bandshell. Participants will be judged in the following age categories: walking-2 years, 3-4 years, 5-7 years, 8-10 years, and 11 and up. Awards for the top three contestants will be presented immediately following the judging of each age category. Remember youth must pre-register in Kersting Court to be eligible.

### ARCADIA Halloween Happenings

#### Monday, October 31, 2011



The Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department is hosting the Annual Haunted Halloween Happenings Event! Elementary school students can roam the haunted hallways of the Community Center and enjoy activities like the Eewey Goopy Room, Scary Crafts, Trick-or-Treating and Goblin Games. Undercover Costume Judges will roam the event and award prizes, so be sure to wear your Halloween Best! This event is from 4:30-6:30pm, free of charge and open to the public.

For more information, please call 626.574.5113.

Want to see a fun Sierra Madre Halloween video?  
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## COME JOIN US FOR A FREE, FRIGHTFULLY FUN TIME AT THE OLD PASADENA HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

Bring the family for a wicked good time with free Halloween fun in Old Pasadena, Saturday, October 22 and Monday, October 31. Spooktacular activities throughout the district include kids pumpkin decorating, store-to-store trick-or-treating, costumed character meet and greet, outdoor screenings of *Monsters Inc.* and *Corpse Bride*, free haunted photos, kid-friendly haunted house, and much more!

The celebration begins *Saturday, October 22 from 12pm to 3pm* at the One Colorado Courtyard with free Halloween pumpkin decorating. Decorate and take home your own Halloween Jack-O-Lantern. The fun activity is suited for kids and kids at heart with witches and goblins welcome, pumpkins will be provided.

On Halloween eve, *Monday, October 31* over 75 stores and restaurants in Old Pasadena open their doors for free store-to-store trick-or-treating starting at 4pm. Merchants will supply a variety of festive candy and confections for all the dressed up little ones in attendance. Free caramel apples will be given out on Colorado Blvd and bring the little ones to the One Colorado Courtyard for free haunted professional photos against a festive background and hundreds of pumpkins. One Colorado will also host outdoor screenings of the popular kids' movie *Monsters Inc.* at 6pm and *Tim Burton's Corpse Bride* at 8pm. Guests can enjoy a unique opportunity to meet and greet with various popular Halloween costumed characters who will be roaming Old Pasadena on Hal-

loween evening.

The spooky fun continues into the late evening as teenagers and adults are invited to visit the Old Town Haunt, Pasadena's award-winning scary haunted house. Descend into the darkness at the basement of the historical Union Savings Bank Building where rumor has it, mysterious occurrences have taken place in the buildings' deadly 109 year

and walk-thru is also available from 12pm-4pm on Sunday, October 30.

The Old Pasadena Halloween Celebration is presented by Old Pasadena Management and One Colorado with partnership from the Old Town Haunt. All activities are free except the Old Town Haunt which is \$15 general admission. For more information on the Old Town Haunt the public can visit [www.old-pasadena.org](http://www.old-pasadena.org)



history including reports of hideous screams, and odors of decay. Now the building is open to the public for chilling tours into the catacombs where ghosts and goblins meet from 7pm-12am. A lights-on, child friendly tour

townhaunt.com, for more information regarding all other Halloween activities the public is invited to visit [www.old-pasadena.org](http://www.old-pasadena.org) or call 626.356.9725.

## Frighteningly Frugal Fun!

The average American family spends over \$100 per year on Halloween goodies. As your kids drag you through aisles full of ghosts and goblins, the scariest thing about Halloween is threatening to leave bite marks in your pocketbook. No wonder so many moms flee screaming from the store... It can be much less expensive and a lot more fun to devise your own chilling creations.

Here are a few tips that you can use to save off the green-back gremlins and exercise your creative muscle. It won't hurt a bit! These and other free frugal tips are available at [www.LivingOnADime.com](http://www.LivingOnADime.com).

#### Face Paint

1 tsp. cornstarch  
1/2 tsp. cold cream  
1/2 tsp. water  
food coloring  
Mix all ingredients together in an old muffin pan and you are ready to paint. This amount is for each color.

#### Deviled Eyeballs -

Make deviled eggs. Then add a green olive with pimento in

the center for an "eyeball".

**Radioactive Juice-**  
Mix equal parts Mountain Dew and blue Kool-Aid

**Toxic Juice-**  
Add some green food coloring to lemonade for a spooky color!

**Bloody eyeballs-**  
Boil cherry tomatoes 30 seconds. Allow to cool; then peel skin.

**Fake blood-**  
mix 2/3 cup white corn syrup, 1 tsp. red food coloring, 2-3 drops blue food coloring to darken and 1 squirt dish soap (helps blood to run well).

**Brains-**  
scramble eggs with some green, yellow and blue food coloring

**Bloody Popcorn-**  
Add red food color to melted butter and pour over popcorn.

Use the tape from old cassettes or black yarn to make spider webs.

## Kiwanis Club Offers "Healthy Halloween" Snacks

If you'd like to give trick-or-treaters a healthy alternative to candy, Kiwanis can help!

The Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club is selling peanuts and trail mix in Halloween-size bags, perfect for the hungry trick-or-treaters who'll come to your door on October 31<sup>st</sup>. These healthy treats are being sold in downtown Sierra Madre at Podley Real Estate, 30 N. Baldwin Ave. They're priced at \$20 for 50 bags or \$35 for 100 bags.

Peanut and trail mix sales are a fundraiser for the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club. Proceeds will provide scholarships for local students and support for Sierra Madre's schools and library.

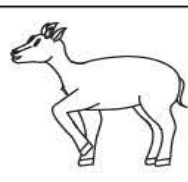
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## Goats Rock!



Hi Everyone,

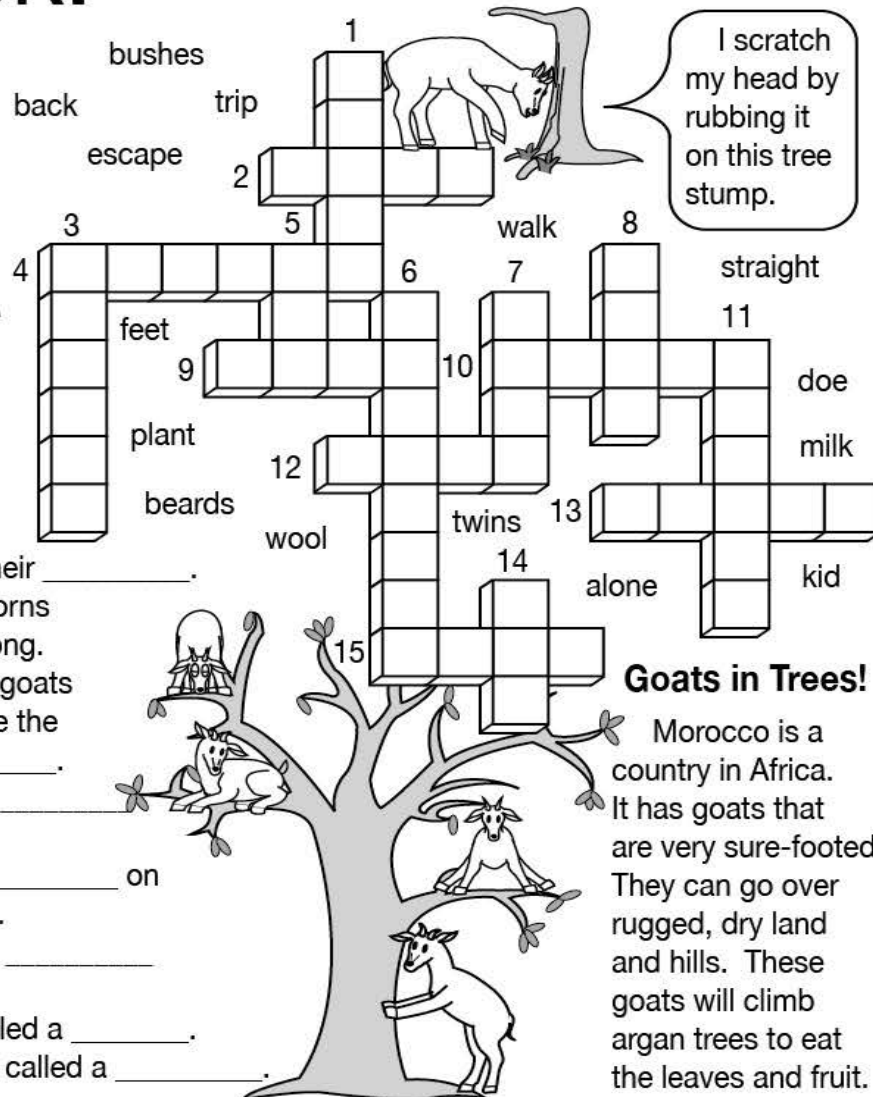
As you know, my name is **Peak**. My job is to represent the farms, grassy hills and rocky, mountainous areas of the world. I see readers everywhere I travel! One of my favorite stories is **The Three Billy Goats Gruff**. **The Goat Lady** by Jane Bregoli is one of my favorite books.

My family lives on a farm, but we have relatives all over the world. Some live wild in hot, stony regions and others live in cool, grassy fields, watched over by goatherds. We help humans by providing goat milk for drinking and making cheese. Our wool is used to make warm blankets and clothing.

**Read all my facts about goats to help you fill in the puzzle!**

1. Goats are born one at a time or in pairs of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Dairy goats can produce 2 to 3 quarts of \_\_\_\_\_ each day for drinking and cheese-making.
3. Wild goats will eat leaves, moss, tree bark and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Both male and female goats can have \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The name for a female goat is a \_\_\_\_\_.
6. A male goat's horns are usually \_\_\_\_\_.

7. Some hikers put packs on a goat's \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Goats are raised for milk, meat and their \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Some bucks have horns over two \_\_\_\_\_ long.
10. Female and young goats travel in herds while the males roam \_\_\_\_\_.
11. A clever goat can \_\_\_\_\_ wire fencing.
12. Some goats can \_\_\_\_\_ on very narrow ledges.
13. They will eat all the \_\_\_\_\_ life in an area.
14. A young goat is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
15. A group of goats is called a \_\_\_\_\_.



### Goats in Trees!

Morocco is a country in Africa. It has goats that are very sure-footed. They can go over rugged, dry land and hills. These goats will climb argan trees to eat the leaves and fruit.



## BURGER CONTINENTAL

If you have lived in Pasadena long enough, you will remember there was no 210 Freeway; there was no Old Pasadena. Back then the center of attention was South Lake Ave., where Macy's stands today. Bullock's was the trendy shop where the who's who of Pasadena and San Marino did their shopping. Jurgensen's was the beautiful Gourmet Grocery Store. Long before Whole Foods thought up the concept. I do miss those unfor-

the Saturday Night Live Skit, where he says. Cheese Burger – Cheese Burger - Cheese Burger. I guess some of you may be too old to remember that classic.

Don't let the name deceive you. Yes, they have burgers, giant burgers in fact, but they are anything but a burger place. When the belly dancers come to your table you will know exactly what I mean.

They have a Sunday Brunch, a Breakfast -Lunch Special - seems as though there is always some type of special going on no matter the time of day.

On my visit this week, I had the Loin Lamb Chops "Salonica" with roasted garlic (\$14.99). They were so tender and delicious that I wish they were all you can eat. It happened that Gary, one of the brothers, was there, so I asked him the secret. Gary said that once a month he gets a secret supply of spices flown in from the Middle East and that only Customs Agent "Bob" knows what they are.

I had no idea that my meal needed a passport. I will stamp that passport any day! My friend Kevin, the bartender extraordinaire from Parkway Grill, joined me and was quite pleased with his Lula Kebab (\$11.99). He gave it two thumbs up. A little secret, the pizza (\$10) may be

one of the best in town. I think their secret is that they have a very old and seasoned pizza oven that adds incredible flavor to their pies.

Check out the Sunday Champagne Brunch: it's a buffet with just about everything on the menu. Plus, on any given Sunday you'll find Crab Legs and Sushi. There is the always reliable fresh fruit and an omelet station. It's (\$19) for adults and (\$10) for kids, great place for a large party and families. Gourmet? I would not go that far, but a real value in these times when your dollar needs to be stretched.

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## Peter Piper Picked a Profoundly Plump Pumpkin -- Now what does he do with it?

### HOW TO ROAST A PUMPKIN

You can only do this with a freshly carved pumpkin! Do not use on a pumpkin that has been carved and sitting out for several days.

To bake a fresh 6 to 7 pound pumpkin, halve the pumpkin crosswise and scoop out the seeds and strings. Place halves, hollow side down, in a large baking pan covered with aluminum foil and add a little water. Bake, uncovered, at 375 degrees for 1 1/2 to 2 hours or until fork-tender. Remove. When cool, scrape pulp from shells and puree, a little at a time, in food processor or blender. Mix with a little salt.

To freeze pumpkin puree. Put 1-2 cups in freezer bags along with spices and use in pies.

To use pumpkin puree for recipes: Line a strainer with a double layer of cheesecloth or a flour sack dish towel and let the pumpkin sit to drain out the extra moisture BEFORE cooking with it. Pumpkin is very moist, so in order for your recipe to come out correctly, you MUST strain it.

### Roasted Pumpkin Seeds

Boil seeds in water for 5 minutes. Drain well. Sprinkle with salt or seasoned salt. Place a thin layer on a cookie sheet. Bake at 250 degrees. Stir after 30 minutes. Bake 1/2-1 hour more or until crunchy.

\*Squash seeds may also be used.

### Pumpkin Smoothies

1/2 cup pumpkin  
3/4 cup milk or vanilla yogurt  
1/4 tsp. cinnamon  
1/8 tsp. nutmeg  
2 tsp. brown sugar  
4 ice cubes  
whipped cream (optional)  
sprinkles (optional)

Place all ingredients in a blender. Blend until smooth.

Pour into 2-3 glasses. Serve with a small amount of whipped cream on top. You may also add orange sprinkles if you like. Serves 2-3.

### Pumpkin Crunch

1 package yellow cake mix  
1 can (15 oz.) solid packed pumpkin  
1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk  
3 large eggs  
1 1/2 cup sugar  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1 tsp. salt  
1/2 cup nuts  
1 cup butter, melted

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Mix pumpkin, milk, eggs, sugar, cinnamon, and salt in a large bowl. Pour into a greased 9x13 pan. Sprinkle dry cake mix over pumpkin mixture. Then sprinkle with nuts. Drizzle with butter. Bake for 50-55 minutes or until golden brown. Cool, served chilled. Serve with



whipped topping.

### Homemade Pumpkin Muffins

1 cake mix (any flavor works, but chocolate is our hands down favorite!) 1 can pumpkin or 2 cups mashed cooked pumpkin

Beat together with electric mixer until smooth (It will be really thick). Add 1 cup mini chocolate chips and stir. Line muffin tins with paper muffin cups and spray with non-stick spray. Use an ice cream scoop to put batter into muffin cups (I can get 24 muffins from one box of mix). Bake at 350 degrees for around 20 minutes. Cool and frost if desired. My family likes them just as they are when they are

hot from the oven.

Spice cake mix is great - add white chocolate chips, peanut butter chips or butter-scotch chips.

I have made pumpkin muffins with white cake mix and yellow cake mix too. They have around 120 calories apiece with the mini chocolate chips and are virtually fat free. If you are on weight watchers, they only count as 1 point.

This is a fabulous way to sneak some vitamin A rich veggies in on the kids. Just don't let them see you put the pumpkin into the muffins and they will never know it is there. These are more moist than very expensive name brand double chocolate chip muffins.

### Pumpkin Pancakes

2 cups flour  
2 Tbsp. brown sugar, packed  
1 Tbsp. baking powder  
1 1/4 tsp. pumpkin pie spice  
1 tsp. salt  
1/2 cup pumpkin  
1 large egg  
2 Tbsp. vegetable oil  
1 cup milk  
1/2 cup nuts, chopped (optional)

Combine ingredients. Stir just until moistened; batter may be lumpy. Heat griddle or skillet over medium heat. Brush lightly with vegetable oil. Pour 1/4 cup batter onto hot griddle. Cook until bubbles begin to burst. Turn and continue cooking 1 to 2 minutes. Serve with Pumpkin Maple Sauce and nuts.

### Pumpkin Maple Sauce

1 cup maple syrup  
1 1/4 cups pumpkin  
1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon or pumpkin pie spice Mix together until well blended.

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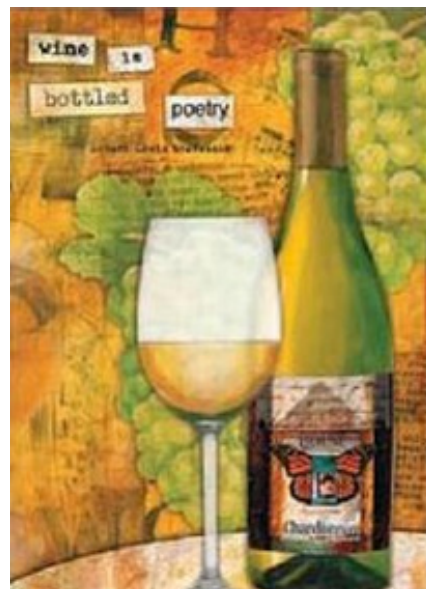
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HALLOWEEN MURDER MYSTERY DINNER TO BENEFIT  
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Renaissance Murder Mystery players Chris Sands, Kent Vaughan, Isaac Deakyne, Karyn O'Bryant and Brian Alexander (standing) and Georgan George and Nancy Bryant (seated) at the crime scene interrogation in *Spirits and Murder*, a dinner and interactive murder mystery to be presented at the Monrovia Family Restaurant Saturday evening, October 15. All proceeds benefit Foothill Unity Center.

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 Salzman 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.



SEAN'S SHAMELESS  
REVIEWS:  
THE FALL MIX

Family of the  
Year – "St.  
Croix"

"St. Croix" is the perfect jam for this fall season. Warm and upbeat,

there's no denying the magic. This is the ideal song to transition from the summer season into the autumn season. Songs like this make me believe how cool indie rock really just is. I can't get enough of this joyous and indelible tune that is so light and breezy, it'd be a crime not to find it appealing in some way. "St. Croix", which appears on Family of the Year's latest EP album with the same name, is an ebullient tune that you really can't go wrong with this fall season. Your ears will thank you and yes, you're welcome.

Heavenly Beat – "Desire"

"Desire" is the first song from bassist John Peña of the group, Beach Fossils. "Desire" is slightly reminiscent of the classic Beach Fossils sound, but much more polished and rhythmic. Despite its short duration (2:18), the song goes through a number of tempo changes. Silky smooth vocals, infectious drum beats and a delicate arrangement, "Desire" is the latest hidden gem of the season. It's hard to imagine something more eloquent, pristine, and striking as this subtle and pensive tune is.

Weekend – "Hazel"

"Hazel" is a new song off Weekend's EP album, "Red". It's the follow-up from their debut record, "Sports". Hazel provides all the goodies—gush bass chords, clamorous guitar hooks and a

flawless melody that would have most pop bands foaming at the mouth. This track is wall-to-wall reverb central that supplies the ideal amount of aggression, abrasiveness and boisterous sound to make it a must hear. Heavy on tempo, dark undertones and just all around badass, "Hazel" will have you hooked faster than heroin. The same euphoric feeling, but with none of the side effects. So, what are you waiting for?

Surfer Blood – "I'm Not Ready"

The aforementioned track comes off Surfer Blood's upcoming EP, "Tarot Classics". It's undeniably catchy is a ridiculous understatement. This is a well-crafted tune that follows in the footsteps of Surfer Blood's debut album, but far more laid-back. The 90s inspired indie rock act seems to be in top form with "I'm Not Ready". It's definitely an indication Surfer Blood is continuing down the right path. "I'm Not Ready" is a heavily guitar driven tune that's as piercing as it is zealous. The song may be called "I'm Not Ready", but I'm absolutely ready for some more Surfer Blood.

Big Troubles – "You'll Be Laughing"

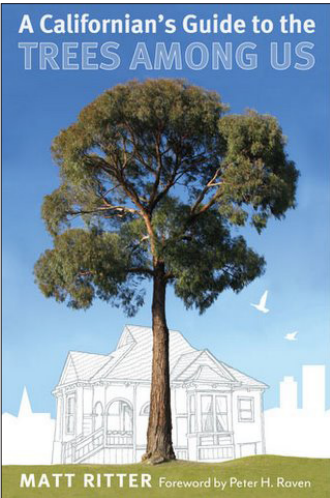
This retro-pop treasure comes off the Big Troubles' recent sophomore album, "Romantic Comedy". Light on comedy, heavy on romantics, "You'll Be Laughing" is a dreamy, 80s inspired tune that's polished and divine. It will move you, tantalize all your senses and put you in a state of utter bliss. Saturated with autumn vibrations and flourishing, swooping hooks, "You'll Be Laughing" is the cure to your post-summer blues. If you fall in love with this track, just wait until you hear the entire album.

Jeff's Pics The Book Report

by Jeff Brown

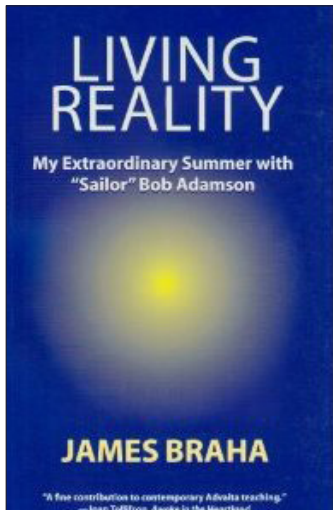
Californian's Guide to the Trees among Us  
by Matt Ritter

We bring the strength and beauty of the natural world into our urban landscapes by planting trees, and California is blessed with a rich horticultural history, visible in an abundance of cultivated trees that enrich our lives with extraordinary color, bizarre shapes, unusual textures, and unexpected aromas. A Californian's Guide to the Trees among Us features over 150 of California's most commonly grown trees. Whether native or cultivated, these are the trees that muffle noise, create wildlife habitats, mitigate pollution, conserve energy, and make urban living healthier and more peaceful. Used as a field guide or read with pleasure for the liveliness of the prose, this book will allow readers to learn the stories behind the trees that shade our parks, grace our yards, and line our streets. Rich in photographs and illustrations, overflowing with anecdote and information, A Californian's Guide to the Trees Among Us opens our eyes to a world of beauty just outside our front doors.



Living Reality: My Extraordinary Summer With "Sailor" Bob Adamson  
by James Braha

After thirty years of seeking liberation, James Braha had nearly given up on finding fulfillment. His mind began to change, however, when he encountered the Hindu/Vedic philosophy of non-duality. Upon reading "Sailor" Bob Adamson's book, "What's Wrong with Right Now Unless You Think About It?", James immediately invited Bob to come from Australia to share his knowledge with Americans. For five glorious weeks in the summer of 2004, Bob and his wife stayed with the Braha family at their home in Florida. Spiritual talk with arguably the greatest non-duality teacher alive continued from morning till night, as James' dearest friends and spiritualists from around the country joined the investigations into the truth of reality versus the illusion of appearance. This is a story of liberation, friendship, humor, and love, as Sailor Bob takes spiritual aspirants beyond the need for help, just as Nisargadatta Maharaj did for him thirty years ago. It is one of the warmest, most heartfelt treatises on non-duality ever written.



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On Friday, November 4, at 8 p.m., in the sanctuary of First Church of the Nazarene, Pasadena (PazNaz), Suzanna Guzman will be the featured soloist with Pasadena Community Orchestra, performing Gustav Mahler's Songs of a Wayfarer (1897). This song cycle is one of the late Romantic Austrian composer's most well known pieces from his early period. Inspired by the conclusion of an unhappy love affair, the songs present the contrasting moods of life's struggles and delights. Also featured on the program will be Vaughn Williams' Norfolk Rhapsody, Bartok's Rumanian Folk Dances, and Prokofiev's Lieutenant Kije. A reception will follow the concert, at which audience members will have the opportunity to meet the artist and the musicians. The church is located at 3700 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena, just west of Michillinda Avenue, and there is plenty of parking. For further information, please call



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## CAIN'S HALF-BAKED CANDIDACY

Barack Obama has a permanent place in history as the man who proved Americans would elect, and likely re-elect, a black president. Whatever else historians conclude about Obama, the racial breakthrough is certain to grow in significance over time.

Herman Cain's legacy, although lesser, will also be noteworthy because he has morphed into the nation's first truly post-racial presidential candidate. Despite his meteoric rise in the polls, Republican voters will ultimately reject Cain without any nagging concerns that they are doing so because he's black.

Obama proved he is smart enough, compassionate enough and - despite the destructive partisanship of the moment - politically savvy enough to lead the nation, regardless of his race. Cain, on the other hand, is so unqualified and so lacking in the expertise needed to lead the nation, that he can be easily dismissed without any hint of racial bias.

Herman Cain has no chance whatsoever of being the Republican nominee for president. His surprising poll numbers reflect the deep division within the party. By telling pollsters they favor Cain, few voters mean they want him as president - they mean they're unhappy with a remarkably lackluster field.

In the early stages, every presidential campaign has its share of pretenders. Some, like Donald Trump, flirt with running to exercise their egos. Others, like Michelle Bachmann, are angling for face-time in the national spotlight and, perhaps, a shot at the vice presidency. In Cain's case, the pizza executive launched his campaign to promote his book. He had no serious political organization, and his schedule was tailored more to selling books than winning primaries.

Numerous factors disqualify Cain from serious consideration as a presidential candidate, but there's little need to look beyond his centerpiece tax plan known as 9-9-9. Cain would replace the

current system with a 9 percent income tax, a 9 percent corporate tax, and a 9 percent national sales tax. There would be few exceptions in any of the three categories - although Cain's handlers are already adding them, such as an exception for selling "used" things, including houses.

As widely noted on both sides of the aisle, Cain's oversimplified plan would wreck the already troubled economy. It would, incredibly, serve to further reduce the tax obligations of the wealthy, while dramatically increasing the burden on the poor and middle class.

Cain's tax plan, like his entire candidacy, is only relevant to the extent that it underscores the nation's problems. The current tax system is unjust and sorely in need of simplification. Beyond that, however, the nation will never adopt a 9-9-9 formula, nor will it have a President Cain.

Even most conservatives will reject Cain after fully digesting the fact that he opposes abortion in cases of rape and incest, plans to privatize Social Security, and has said that Muslims would have to take a loyalty oath to serve in his administration.

Referring to his unexpected jump in the polls, Cain wondered, "Will I be the flavor of the week?" Then, answering with a quip that sounded as half-baked as his campaign, he said: "No, because Haagen-Dazs black walnut tastes good all the time." (The company has discontinued the flavor, saying it failed to meet expectations.)

In an interview with CNN, Cain said black voters have been "brainwashed" into voting for liberals and are not "open minded" when it comes to considering a conservative point of view. The remark is calculatingly designed to attract white support.

Cain is merely a token of the frustration Republican voters feel with the state of the nation and the state of their party.

If nothing else, it's a sign of progress that Herman Cain can be referred to as a "token" without even a hint of racism.

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GREG Welborn

## THE THIRD APPLE AND THE AMERICAN WAY

I've spent a lot of time thinking about Steve Jobs' death and what his life meant to all of us. As the title of this article implies, I've come to the conclusion that Steve's Apple was one of three which dramatically changed the course of human history. This is not my own idea; I borrow it from an unknown admirer who, according to the columnist Fouad Ajami, penned it on a short note left at Apple's store in Palo Alto, California. The note read, "Three apples changed the world: Adam's apple, Newton's apple and Steve's Apple". It's as true a historical statement as one is liable to find, but what lesson to draw from it is another, and more important, issue altogether.

Much of the popular press would attach significance to Steve's Apple through the lens of his apparent Arab ethnicity. For those who don't know the story, Steve Jobs is the biological son of the Syrian-born Abdulfattah Jandali. Mr. Jandali travelled to America early in his adulthood to earn a PhD at an American University. During this time of his life, he met and fell in love with a woman. Their union resulted in a pregnancy and birth. Given their circumstances, they lovingly decided to put their son up for adoption, and Paul and Clara Jobs adopted the boy who would be named Steve Jobs.

Steve never met nor talked with Mr. Jandali, and to his great credit he was steadfast in his statements that Paul and Clara were his true parents. Mr. Jobs wanted no part in the politically correct mantra that our identity is only truly complete and fully realized when we "identify with" our biological cultural or ethnic heritage. Steve was, and remained, clear in the knowledge that he was the son of the Jobs family and as American as apple pie.

With his death, however, the Arab world has been quick to claim him as one of their own, with one Arab newspaper referring to him as the "grandson of Homs" in reference to the Syrian town of his father's birth. But if credit for all that Steve Jobs created is to be attributed back to his Syrian/Arabic ancestry, then we have to be honest in asking why is it that Apple was created in America? Furthermore, why is it that no substantive economic, scientific, cultural or political development has sprung from the Arab world's geography in the last several hundred years? The answer to these questions go to the heart of the nature vs. nurture debate, answering them in a way that is strikingly uncomfortable for today's fashionable, liberal, politically-correct formulations.

You see, if Steve's genius was attributable to his Syrian ancestry - his blood or nature, in popular parlance - than why haven't there been more such geniuses from the Arab world? Why haven't we seen computer, medical, or financial innovations of the quality and magnitude of Apple come from Syria, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Yemen, Libya, Iran, or Iraq? When one looks at the miraculous innovations of the last several decades, or even further back over the last several centuries, one finds that geniuses of all ethnicities and nationalities exist. More importantly, though,

one also finds that regardless of the ethnicity or nationality of the inventor, the invention most typically springs from American soil. That is to say, the geniuses of all ethnicities and nations typically come to America to pursue their passions and dreams, and in so doing create the marvels of the modern world in America.

There is no way escaping the conclusion that nurture is the key ingredient. Nature supplies ample and fairly equal genius to all ethnicities and nationalities. But not all cultures are the same. Many cultures don't appreciate, encourage, or even allow their geniuses to flourish. It is American culture which nurtures the genius, the maverick, the inventor, and the dreamer. It is here that we tell people to pursue what drives them, and we give them the freedom to follow that. Some fail - that's the price of dreaming - but many succeed and make the world a better place far beyond the fortunes the inventor often amasses in the process.

The fact that Steve's biological father came from the town of Homs is also prophetic. Homs in many ways has become the center of opposition to the regime of Syrian dictator, Bashar al-Assad. In response, Assad has subjected this town to an unrelenting and wilting military siege. One Arab writer stated that "if you want another Steve Jobs, stop killing Syrian children". Herein lies the critical difference between how we do things and how so much of the rest of the world does things, and thus what is liable to spring forth from each culture.

If Steve's parents had been in Syria and if Steve had been born in Homs, Syria, he still would have been Steve Jobs in the quality of his intellect. His future, however, would have been dramatically different. The odds overwhelmingly inform us that his parents would at some point have had to retrieve their son from a Syrian jail or the morgue. That is the typical fate of Syrians who are smart, courageous, willing to question the status quo, and who stay in Syria. Those who do all these things, but do them in America, live full and productive lives.

Steve Jobs has changed the world at a level commensurate with Adam and Newton. He did this, however, not because he was Arab, not because of his nature, but because he was American and lived in a culture which encouraged and rewarded the risk-taking, swashbuckling, outlandish dreaming that geniuses pursue. The world should thank America that it nurtured Steve "Jandali" Jobs.

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## CRISIS OR OPPORTUNITY? FINDING THE REAL WORLD BEYOND THE MONETARY WEBBERY



Money. Greed. Fear. The three horsemen of the new apocalypse. Everyone wants a scapegoat - the bankers, Bush, Obama, The Fed, the highly-

paid CEOs. But in our zeal to find someone to crucify, we forget that all of us played a role in this economic crisis. Greed fueled the "housing boom" that had to inevitably crash.

An acquaintance told me during the height of the dizziness, "I can't afford to NOT use all that equity in my home," as he refinanced his way to debt. "That's MY equity," he assured me, not even realizing that "home equity" is a phantom asset. Where did we lose the notion that it is sound and wise to pay off our loans?

In our book "Extreme Simplicity: Homesteading in the City," we shared in the last chapter some of the illusions of money that most of us carry around with us every day in our brains. We shared our perspective of something called "the four illusions of money," which we originally read about in the 1979-80 Co-Evolution Quarterly.

One of these illusions is that if we have a lot of money, we will be free to do whatever it is that we feel we want to do. Of course, few people who are victims of this mental illusion ever define what they mean by "a lot" of money, and - amazingly - few take the time to specifically define those things that they "want to do." I say amazingly, because how can one ever achieve any goal if you have not carefully and specifically defined the goal? And the reason this idea is an illusion is because when we focus upon money - an abstraction - we tend to then lose sight of the fact that money is a tool to achieve some other goal. How and when did the acquisition of money become a goal in itself?

Of course, in a modern society, everyone has daily needs which are most readily met by money: paying rent or mortgages, buying food, medical needs for the family and children, insurance, gasoline for the car, clothes, etc. These are not the things I am speaking about.

I am referring to the need for us to define, personally, our short-term and long-term goals. Also, we should - perhaps even daily - continue to ask ourselves: What is the meaning of life? Why do I do what I do all day? Am I fulfilling whatever it is that I was born to do? If not, what can and should I do?

I strongly urge you all to read these details in the "Extreme Simplicity" book - and you can get the book from our store at [www](http://www).

ChristopherNyerges.com, or you can get it at Amazon, or any bookstore which can (or will) order it.

But here is one way to break free from this particular monetary illusion. List several of your important goals in life. You cannot list "making more money" as one of your goals. Yes, money may help you to achieve your goals more quickly, but you cannot list earning more money as a goal. List those things that you want to do, or achieve, or those skills that you want to master.

List each of these goals on a separate piece of paper. Next, write a simple series of steps that you can see yourself actually doing that leads you in the direction of achieving that goal. Do not list money on this list.

Your steps for achieving your goals should include some of the following: Asking others to work with you to achieve your goals. Asking others to give you things that you need to achieve the goal, or barter with you for objects you need. Consider ways to trade your time or labor so that someone else can give you things or trade consultation or labor so that you might achieve your goals. See?

Begin to see the real world, apart from the webbery of money, and see the people in your life who can work with you to achieve your goals.

Those of you who take these steps, and move forward towards your goals, will find that world seems like an entirely different place. You will discover your brother, and you will find that when two or more of you are working cooperatively towards a meaningful goal, your life will be richer, more meaningful, and your fulfillment will come in the journey.

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## BUSINESS TODAY

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## Working Together for the Greater Economic Good

by La Quetta M. Shamblee, MBA

With all of the talk about stimulating the economy and creating jobs, the time is ripe for a conversation about what can be done on the local level. In addition to large venues like the Annual Tournament of Roses Parade and the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, and Santa Anita Race Track in Arcadia, the adjacent cities clustered along the foothills north of Los Angeles basin have a lot to offer tourists throughout the year. However, the other remaining cities and unincorporated areas of Altadena, Duarte, Monrovia and Sierra Madre are not benefitting as much as they could, individually or collectively. Travel and tourism is the largest industry in the world, with consumers shelling out more than \$1 trillion annually - and it is a simple matter of will, planning and cooperation to bring more of those dollars to these communities.

Increasing revenue by focusing on tourism opportunities is a no-brainer. The only thing preventing this is the lack of fresh perspective, coupled with a seeming reluctance of city leaders and resident to collaborate with neighboring cities for mutual financial benefit. Each city has a list of annual homegrown events and community activities, with some steeped in its unique, rich individual history - Altadena's Summer Concert Series in Farnsworth Park; Duarte's Route 66 Parade & Classic Car Show; Monrovia's Summer Art Walk and their weekly Family Festival & Farmer's Market every Friday; Sierra Madre's

Wisteria Festival and the Mt. Wilson Trail Race - this is a mere sampling of activities hosted throughout the year.

In terms of the financial success and viability, each community stands to gain more by considering the untapped marketing potential of a collaborative travel and tourism plan. This local region has the infrastructure in place to establish a combined presence as a travel destination for tourists from Southern California and beyond. Three commercial airports are within close proximity, LAX, Ontario and Burbank. Amtrak and the Metrolink stop at the regional transportation hub in El Monte and at Union Station in downtown Los Angeles, with options for shuttle service or transportation to the Pasadena-Foothills area. The Metro Gold Line that now stops at the Sierra Madre Station at the 210 and Madre Blvd. is being extended to include stops in Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Irwindale and Azusa, with scheduled completion in 2015. Eight hotels with more than 1,200 rooms are located adjacent to the 210 Freeway and Huntington Drive exit.

Guests at the Double Tree, Sheraton Four Points, Hilton Garden Inn, Hampton Inn, Marriott's Residence Inn and other hotels can choose from brightly colored brochures touting regional attractions like Disneyland, Universal Studios, Hollywood Wax Museum other venues well-travelled, but what do they know about the great restaurants, wine shops, family-friendly activities and other amenities just a few minutes away? Unless they're familiar with the area, Café 322 in Sierra Madre won't benefit from the jazz fan who'd welcome the opportunity to dine and listen to music right up the hill from the hotel, or to enjoy a tasting at California Wine & Cheese in Monrovia. A spouse brought along on a business trip could have a great time strolling, window shopping and purchasing clothing, jewelry and unique gift items in the pedestrian friendly downtown areas of Arcadia, Monrovia or Sierra Madre.

There's gold in these here hills, but the question is, "Do the leaders or residents of these cities have interest in collaborating to develop and mine it for the greater economic good?"



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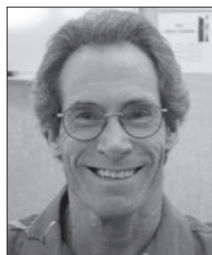
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## HAIL Hamilton My Turn



### A Dream Come True or Political Pandering?

Although the intentions of the California Dream Act are admirable in the sense that it attempts to grant a chance at success to undocumented students who are already paying tuition, the legislation is problematic on a number of

grounds.

Take for instance, the fact that the fiscal impact, according to the news report, is still undetermined. With a state that is sinking due to its fiscal irresponsibility over the years, not knowing the fiscal impact of the act is certainly not a good start. While Brown has gotten off to a good start as governor by proposing massive cuts to the state budget, which also includes \$1 billion in cuts to the education budget, the unknown impact of the bill would seem to only cancel out the efforts of getting this state back on track.

One of the criticisms of the bill from anti-illegal immigration activists is that it rewards bad behavior by enlarging the pool of those having to compete for state financial aid, thus forcing legal students to struggle with illegals in an already cash-strapped education system. The issue here is not that academic competition is a bad thing. Competition in the classroom, after all, is what spurs students to strive for the best.

The bigger issue here is the kind of message that the California Dream Act sends to future illegal immigrants. On the one hand, it may demonstrate that the American Dream can be achieved by those that come here. On the other hand, it also sends the message that one can illegally come here without any real consequences.

Finally there's the aftermath of such legislation. One of the justifications for the bill is that it will inject qualified students into the California workforce. Currently experiencing a 12.1 percent unemployment rate, what good will it be to enlarge the number of participants in a resource-constricted financial aid pool if there's not bound to be a job waiting for them when they graduate?

Giving undocumented students access to state student aid is seen as particularly important, by advocates for such students, for a number

of reasons. Many have very low income levels (because they cannot legally hold jobs), and they are ineligible for federal aid. So state aid, combined with access to in-state tuition rates, can make a big difference in their ability to enroll. The bill would cover only those who graduated from a California high school and who affirm that they are taking all possible steps to legalize their immigration status.

Despite Gov. Brown's earlier reservations about the wisdom of funding this subsidy in our current economic state, he said Saturday in a statement about his decision to sign the bill, that it is estimated that about 2,500 students would become eligible for Cal Grants, at a cost of \$14.5 million -- or only 1 percent of the \$1.4 billion the state provides for the program. Opponents say this estimate is unrealistic and low since no one really knows how many undocumented students will be eligible to apply.

In an op-ed in The Daily Californian, one of the leading critics of the law Tim Donnelly, a Republican member of the State Assembly, called the bill "a cruel hoax" because anyone who graduates from a state university with the aid will still be unable to work. Further, he charged that it will take money away from legal residents, and will encourage more undocumented people to move to California.

"By creating a new entitlement for those who are in the country illegally, we are engraving an invitation to those who have not yet come what are you waiting for? Not only do we offer a K-12 education, a myriad of welfare programs and in-state tuition, but now we will tax the citizens of California to provide additional financial aid for your child's college education. In the end, though, the dreamlike promises still fall short," he wrote.

Although the California Dream Act will not take full effect until January 2013, that date could change if there is a referendum as planned by some opponents. Assembly member Donnelly has already indicated that he may try to put the issue on the state ballot.

All things considered, does the the California Dream Act really make sense? Or is it an indication that the new governor isn't serious about setting priorities and reining in the budget, and is just engaging in more of his usual political pandering?

## OUT TO PASTOR A Weekly Religion Column



### My grandfather and that new contraption... the telephone

I was sitting in a restaurant on a Friday afternoon enjoying a leisurely repast with some friends. Somewhere in the middle of our conversation, my cell phone went off.

Without even thinking about it, I reached into my shirt pocket, pulled it out and answered it.

It was then I was struck with an awful thought. I am now a child of this contemporary technological world. I never thought I would succumb to this sort of thing. But here I am; I'm not the man I used to be, and I'm not even sure I'm the man I want to be.

On my way home, I thought about how far I have come in this modern world. Then, for some reason I thought of my old grandfather. He died in 1974 and every once in a while I think about him. This was one of those times.

What came to my mind this particular time was when my grandmother got a new contraption for their home. Grandfather was not enthused about some of these modern advances.

My grandfather allowed grandmother to get electricity in the house, but when it came to indoor plumbing he was dead set against it. He had used the old outhouse in the back as far as he could remember. His father had used it before him. As far as grandfather was concerned, he was going to use that outhouse until he died. He did not need any of this newfangled indoor plumbing. And that was that.

My grandmother said to him at the time, "Pap, is that your last word on the subject?"

"It sure is," my grandfather responded.

Grandmother looked at him and said, "Great, the plumber is coming tomorrow and I won't have to put up with any more of your guff."

The next morning, right on grandmother's schedule, the plumber came and fitted the house with indoor plumbing. Just to be spiteful, my grandfather never used the indoor plumbing. He showed grandmother that he was boss in some certain regard, and used the outhouse for the rest of his life.

Then the time came when the telephone line went down the valley where grandmother and grandfather lived. Knowing the hard time grandfather gave her with the indoor plumbing, she decided not to tell him about the installation of the telephone. She knew he would disapprove, so why ask.

Grandfather came home that night, as usual, and sat down to a very nice supper. So far, he had not noticed the addition in the living room. Grandmother, the diplomat that she was, did not bother to point it out to him.

Grandfather, as was his custom, settled down to read the evening newspaper in the living room completely unaware of the change that had come to this sanctuary of his.

Grandmother was in the kitchen busy cleaning off the table, washing the dishes and getting her kitchen back into shape before retiring to the living room for an evening of relaxation.

Suddenly, a ringing noise exploded in the living room. Grandfather, not knowing what had happened, jumped out of his chair and exited the living room faster than he had ever done so before.

In the kitchen, grandmother had been so busy with her work she forgot about this new contraption. She too was

scared.

The ringing continued without stopping. Grandfather was beside himself and considered getting his shotgun not knowing who or what had invaded his living room.

Then it dawned on grandmother. "Oh," she said with a sigh of relief. "That's the telephone ringing."

"The what?"

"Telephone."

"Who's Phone, and what the world do you want to tell him?"

"No," grandmother said and ran into the living room to answer the phone. "It's the telephone ringing."

By this time, she had got to the telephone and had answered it.

My grandfather stared at her as she talked into the telephone receiver.

"Woman," he said with a great deal of alarm, "what in the world is wrong with you?"

Grandmother ignored him and continued talking on the telephone.

Now grandfather was worried. Watching his wife talk to someone who was not there and even at times laughing when there wasn't anything funny, caused him alarm.

Finally, out of sheer desperation, he went over, took the contraption out of her hand and taking her by the arm and, "Now, dear. There's nothing to worry about. Just come over and sit down here in your chair and everything will be all right."

"But I'm talking to..."

"I know, I know. But you see, dear, there's nobody there. You're just having one of your spells."

Grandfather never came to terms with grandmother's newfangled contraption. To my knowledge, he never used it, never spoke to anybody on it, never listened to anybody talking to him on it. As far as he was concerned, it was one of grandmother's hallucinations.

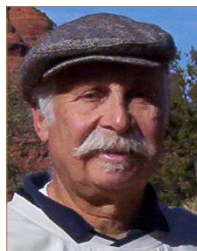
It has been a long time since I thought about grandmother's telephone. On my way home from my luncheon meeting I thought about all the inventions that have come into our world. I thought of what the Bible said, "Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions" (Ecclesiastes 7:29 KJV).

We seem to be quick on our inventions, but rather slow on connecting with God. With all our inventions, are we any better off? Instead of seeking inventions, we would be better served in seeking God.

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## STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE THE DAY OF ATONEMENT



Because their religious practice prevented two friends from attending the UCLA game on Saturday, I was able to purchase their tickets. The game was played on the highest of Jewish Holidays, the Day of Atonement, and traditional Jewish practice forbids secular pleasures like attending football games. My view of the Holiday is that what is meant by Atonement is the recognition of the quality of one's life. Am I enjoying this precious gift?

I gave one of the tickets to a friend and one to my son. They sat together and I observed them from a row below where I sat with another friend. My son is a learning-disabled adult who has little opportunity to actually associate with the non-labeled members of the world who are not his relatives or his social workers. I knew that he would relish the opportunity of sitting with this friend of mine who is a big powerful man and is an athlete and a Coach. Today, my friend left a message on my answering machine thanking me for the ticket and the opportunity to sit with my son. I think it was a great adventure for them both and a great experience for me to see them high-fiving strangers seated near them as we all celebrated a rare UCLA victory.

You know I spend a great deal of time wondering what my son feels about things and yet I have no more insight into him than I have into anyone else. I know my son experiences himself as caring for other people rather than being cared for. He always worries that his social worker's car will break down or that she will get lost. He worries about his girl friend's health and carries a lot of burdens with him. When he first came to live with me I think he was seven and told his workers that he was coming to take care of his Dad. I do not dispute that truth and when his younger sister came to live with us a couple of years later I think she felt that she was coming to take care of us both. It still feels that way now thirty years later that we all live to take care of each other and I think it is a good way to be. Just after my daughter went off to College and my son moved into an apartment with a friend I began a new relationship with the woman who three years later became my wife. Now we are all linked as mutual caretakers. Today the whole family hiked, together with our dogs, up a pretty steep trail behind Eagle Rock. Really, I could feel everyone, including the dogs, caring about everyone else as we enjoyed the walk.

My wife is a kind of wonderful person who has joined and completed our family of mutual care-takers and I cannot imagine living a life a part from my family. I don't exactly understand why we have not had the problems so typical of most other families, but I think I have had something to do with it. I am very proud that my first wife, the biological mother of my children from whom I have been separated for thirty six years, has chosen to dedicate the two books that were published last year to our two children, my present wife, and me. Strange isn't it? I am just learning to acknowledge positive things about myself; I don't know if this is acceptable—acceptable to whom I do not know. Today, I think I'm doing a pretty good job of approving of myself and I'm proud to tell you about it. This takes some courage.

Right now things are going pretty well; but, of course, this was not always the case. My first marriage broke apart before my daughter's first birthday. Thirty years later my first wife lives in New Mexico but stays in contact with my wife and me and the children. I think it's fair to say we are friends, but there is no doubt that our separation had negative and lasting effects upon our children.

Really, I think more unhappiness and genuine harm result from domestic problems than are caused by the bad economy, or the wars, or the overall deterioration of the planet or anything else. Can't anything be done? As a part of perhaps a National Day of Atonement I think it would be a good idea for everyone to stop blaming others for individual problems and instead take responsibility for our own lives. Herman Cain, one of the Republican seekers for Presidential nomination, says if we are unemployed or even not rich it is our own fault. No, I can't go that far; but if we are not happy with ourselves it really is our own fault. No more blaming anybody else. Let's begin by making ourselves worthy of our own admiration. That's what I believe is proper Atonement.

## RICH Johnson



### The Frogs of Sierra Madre

The frogs are back in Sierra Madre. And they are being led around by a Frog Prince. These frogs can best be spotted at 11:00 am Saturday mornings inside the Sierra Madre Playhouse.

I think it was CNN that recently reported an incredibly good looking prince angered an evil witch who proceeded to turn him into a frog. Apparently the remedy the Frog Prince needs to get back to princely form is for a princess to give him a kiss. Good luck on that.

Parents, these plays are the type of experiences your young children will never forget. So, either accompany your youngsters, or in the absence of little ones, bring yourself and your friends. The performances are only a hour long and the plays are interactive, with the cast engaging the audience throughout the play. At the end of each performance the entire casts assembles outside the theater to meet the kids and sign autographs. The shows are being performed October 15th, 22nd, 29th, November 5th, and 12th. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$12 for children 12 and under.

Call (626) 355-4318 for reservations.

Now for some useless, mindless trivial sayings. You may probably wish I kept them to myself. Oh well, here goes:

To write with a broken pencil is...pointless  
When fish are in schools they sometimes...take debate  
A thief who stole a calendar...got 12 months  
When the smog lifts in Los Angeles...U.C.L.A.  
The batteries were given out...free of charge  
A dentist and a manicurist married...they fought tooth and nail  
A will is a...dead giveaway  
With her marriage, she got a new name...and a dress  
You are stuck with your debt if...you can't budge it  
A boiled egg is...hard to beat  
When you've seen one shopping center...you've seen a mall  
A bicycle can't stand alone...it is two tired  
He had a photographic memory...which was never developed  
Acupuncture...a jab well done  
When she saw her first strands of gray hair...she thought she'd dye  
If you take a laptop for a run you could...jog your memory  
Those who get too big for their britches will be...exposed in the end  
The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine...was fully recovered  
Police were called to a day care where a 3-year old was...resisting a rest.  
Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you...A-flat miner.  
And finally: Did you hear about the fellow whose whole left side was cut off?...He's all right now.

Have a good week despite this brief diversion.







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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 11-106487  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TIM JOHNSON POOL SERVICE, 1338 BENDER AVE., COVINA, CA 91724. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TIM JOHNSON, 1338 BENDER AVE., COVINA, CA 91724. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TIM JOHNSON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/27/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law. (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct 01, 08, 15, 22, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 11-107895  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TOUGH TECHNICIANS, 10826 S. CENTRAL AVE., L.A., CA 90053. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EDWIN CORDERO, 5451 11<sup>th</sup> AVE., L.A., CA 90043. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EDWIN CORDERO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/29/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law. (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct 01, 08, 15, 22, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 11-102887  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 3<sup>RD</sup> PLANET LOGISTICS, 15540 LA SUBIDA DR., HACIENDA HTS., CA 91745. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EFREN LOPEZ, 15540 LA SUBIDA DR., HACIENDA HTS., CA 91745. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EFREN LOPEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/20/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/01/2006. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law. (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: 24, Oct 01, 08, 15, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 11-104302  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AMARIS HOSPICE, 17100 PIONEER BLVD, STE 110, ARTESIA, CA 90701. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALL AMERICAN HOSPICE, LLC, 17100 PIONEER BLVD, STE 110, ARTESIA, CA 90701. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: JOSE HUIZAR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/22/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law. (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: 24, Oct 01, 08, 15, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 11-102916  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BELLA EYEBROW THREADING, 4433 S. ALAMEDA ST., L.A., CA. 90058. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SHARADA SHRESTHA, 18410 CARBY AVE., #5, ARTESIA, CA. 90715. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SHARADA SHRESTHA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/20/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law. (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: 24, Oct 01, 08, 15, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 11-104284  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BIEN ESTAR FAMILIAR, 4554 E. SLAUSON AVE., #5, MAYWOOD, CA 90270. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE HUIZAR, 1419 PAINTER AVE., WHITTIER, CA 90605. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSE HUIZAR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/22/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law. (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: 24, Oct 01, 08, 15, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 11-104258  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CE ME HI TECH, 1434 HUNTERS TRAIL, GLENDDORA, CA 91740. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CECIL E. WATTS, MARJORIE E. WATTS, 1434 HUNTERS TRAIL, GLENDDORA, CA 91740. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL and WIFE. Signed: CECIL E. WATTS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/22/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law. (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: 24, Oct 01, 08, 15, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 11-101169  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CHINA GREAT BUFFET, 11860 VALLEY BLVD., EL MONTE, CA 91732. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EL MONTE GARDEN, INC., 11860 VALLEY BLVD., EL MONTE, CA 91732. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DI YUN WANG. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/16/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/30/2011. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law. (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: 24, Oct 01, 08, 15, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 11-102748  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CURVES, 137 N. MONTEBELLO BLVD. UNIT K, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DELMI L. PRISMANTAS, 137 N. MONTEBELLO BLVD. UNIT K, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DELMI L. PRISMANTAS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/20/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law. (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: 24, Oct 01, 08, 15, 2011

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 11-103425  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DATASPAN, 127 W. 111<sup>th</sup> PL., L.A., CA 90061. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JAMES JENKINS, 127 W. 111<sup>th</sup> PL., L.A., CA 90061. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JAMES JENKINS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/21/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law. (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: 24, Oct 01, 08, 15, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 11-101919  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DATASPAN, 2033 E. 115<sup>th</sup> ST. #130, L.A., CA 90059. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DAYTRION BRANCH, 2033 E. 115<sup>th</sup> ST. #130, L.A., CA 90059. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DAYTRION BRANCH. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/19/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law. (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: 24, Oct 01, 08, 15, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 11-101919  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GENESIS RESTAURANT, 5529 VANBURAN BLVD., RIVERSIDE, CA 92503. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALFONSO MORENO, 1003 GALEMONT AVE., HACIENDA HTS., CA 91745. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALFONSO MORENO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/19/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/01/2010. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law. (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: 24, Oct 01, 08, 15, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 11-103209  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GREAT WALL CHINESE FOOD, 1415 N. CITRUS AVE., COVINA, CA 91722. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PHONG SAY LAU, 2712 DELTA AVE., ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: PHONG SAY LAU. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/21/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law. (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: 24, Oct 01, 08, 15, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 11-103272  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: L-3 LOGISTICS, 14 68<sup>th</sup> PL., LONG BEACH, CA 90803. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FRANKIE YU, 14 68<sup>th</sup> PL., LONG BEACH, CA 90803. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: FRANKIE YU. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/21/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law. (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: 24, Oct 01, 08, 15, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 11-103939  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LOCOMOTION TRANSPORT, 232 N. ALMA AVE., L.A., CA 90063. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SILVANO C. TELLECHEA, 232 N. ALMA AVE., L.A., CA 90063. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SILVANO C. TELLECHEA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/22/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law. (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: 24, Oct 01, 08, 15, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 11-101114  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MODERN CHINA, 12515 CARSON ST., HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CA 90716. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) YUNG K. CHEN, 12515 CARSON ST., HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CA 90716. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: YUNG K. CHEN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/16/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law. (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: 24, Oct 01, 08, 15, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 11-103280  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ONE DAY TREE SERVICE, 459 E. LEWIS ST., L.A., CA 90042. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE CHAVEZ, 459 LEWIS ST., L.A., CA 90042. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSE CHAVEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/21/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law. (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: 24, Oct 01, 08, 15, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 11-102824  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RAGS PLUS, 10677 SAN FERNANDO RD., PACOIMA, CA 91331. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DAVID LUNA, 10677 SAN FERNANDO RD., PACOIMA, CA 91331. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DAVID LUNA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/20/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law. (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: 24, Oct 01, 08, 15, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 11-099282  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SEAL SERVICE, 2301 CHICO AVE., #3, S. EL MONTE, CA 91733. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HUNG THANH DINH, 2301 CHICO AVE., #3, S. EL MONTE, CA 91733. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: HUNG THANH DINH. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/14/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law. (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: 24, Oct 01, 08, 15, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 11-103057  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SO CAL AUTO SALES, DEALER CHOICE AUTO SALES, 18706 ARLINE AVE., ARTESIA, CA 90701. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JYOTIKA INTERNATIONAL, INC., 18706 ARLINE AVE., ARTESIA, CA 90701. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: NIRAJ AGNIHOTRI.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/20/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/20/2011. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law. (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: 24, Oct 01, 08, 15, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 11-103546  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THEHOUSEPLANTSTORE.COM, SHOPGREATVALUE.COM, 15503 ALLINGHAM AVE., NORWALK, CA 90650. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CHRISTOPHER WALKER, 15503 ALLINGHAM AVE., NORWALK, CA 90650. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CHRISTOPHER WALKER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/21/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law. (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: 24, Oct 01, 08, 15, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 11-102893  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WACKY TOBACCY SMOKE SHOP, 1555 W. WILLOW ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90810. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) AMBER E. SMITH, 45 N. BALDWIN AVENUE, SIERRA MADRE, CA 90731. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) AMBER E. SMITH, 45 N. BALDWIN AVENUE, SIERRA MADRE, CA 90731. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: AMBER E. SMITH. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/20/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/26/2011. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law. (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: 24, Oct 01, 08, 15, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-096580  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE SPEEDY CHEETAH 80 W. SIERRA MADRE BLVD., NO. 257, SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GREAT WALL CHINESE FOOD, 1415 N. CITRUS AVE., COVINA, CA 91722. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PHONG SAY LAU, 2712 DELTA AVE., ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: PHONG SAY LAU. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/21/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/18/2006. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law. (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: 24, Oct 01, 08, 15, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-096581  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HAPPILY EVER AFTER CONFECTIONARY, 45 N. BALDWIN AVENUE, SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DARYL MANESE 18915 E. LANGSTON PLACE, ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CA. 91748, MELISSA GRAY, 41 BONITA ST., PASADENA, CA. 91106. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: MELISSA SACCHETTO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/08/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/20/2011. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law. (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Sept. 24, Oct 01, 08, 15, 2011

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

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-101929  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SUZD MOBILE AUTO SPA 1384 N. CHESTER AVE., PASADENA, CA. 91104. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RICHARD AMBROZE, 1384 N. CHESTER AVE., PASADENA, CA. 91104. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SUSAN NIX, 1429 PALOMA STREET, PASADENA, CA. 91104. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SUSAN NIX, 1429 PALOMA STREET, PASADENA, CA. 91104. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RICHARD AMBROZE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/05/2011. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law. (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct 08, 15, 22, and 29, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-101930  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LET SUSAN NIX COOK FOR YOU, 1429 PALOMA STREET, PASADENA, CA. 91104. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SUSAN NIX, 1429 PALOMA STREET, PASADENA, CA. 91104. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SUSAN NIX, 1429 PALOMA STREET, PASADENA, CA. 91104. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SUSAN NIX. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/05/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law. (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct 08, 15, 22, and 29, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
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## City of Sierra Madre

### SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 1323 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE ADDING CHAPTER 17.61 TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO BE ENTITLED "REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS"

In accordance with the Federal Fair Housing Act and the California Fair Employment and Housing Act ("the Acts"), it is the policy of the City 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 Ordinance No. 1323 is to provide a clear and defined process for people with disabilities to make reasonable accommodation requests from existing standards in the city's development code. Any person with a disability, or his or her representative, may request a reasonable accommodation from a land use or zoning regulation, policy, practice or procedure when necessary to afford such persons equal opportunity to use and enjoy their dwelling unit or place of business. A person with a disability is a person who has a physical or mental impairment that limits or substantially limits one or more major life activities, anyone who is regarded as having such impairment or anyone who has a record of such impairment. This Ordinance is intended to apply to those persons who are defined as disabled under either of the Acts.

The Ordinance provides the contents required to be submitted with an application for a reasonable accommodation. No application fee will be required for a request for reasonable accommodation, but if the project requires another discretionary permit and environmental review, then the prescribed fee shall be paid for that discretionary permit and environmental review. The Ordinance provides the criteria for granting accommodations. Review of requests for reasonable accommodation shall be reviewed by the Director of Development Services. A determination by the Director to grant or deny a request for reasonable accommodation is appealable to the Planning Commission.

On October 11, 2011, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 1323 for first reading. Pursuant to Sections 15301, 15305, 15311, and 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Ordinance No. 1323 was determined to be exempt from environmental review. The City Council will consider a second reading of Ordinance No. 1323 on October 25, 2011.

This summary is published pursuant to Government Code Section 36933(c)(1) and a full and complete copy of the text of Ordinance 1323 is available at the Sierra Madre City Manager's Office located at City of Sierra Madre City Hall, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA.

## SB 161 SIGNED INTO LAW DESPITE UNION OPPOSITION HEALTH & SAFETY NEEDS OF CALIFORNIA SCHOOLCHILDREN PUT FIRST

SACRAMENTO: Ground-breaking student safety legislation authored by Senator Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar) has been signed by the Governor. The Governor's signature on SB 161 means that California school employees, who volunteer and are properly trained, will be authorized by law to provide emergency medical assistance to pupils with epilepsy who suffer a seizure while on campus.

SB 161 was sponsored by the Orange County Office of Education and the Epilepsy Foundation of California. It faced heavy opposition from powerful union special interests during nearly every legislative committee hearing. The Huff legislation will help protect the lives and health of nearly 94,000 California children who suffer from epilepsy.

"The Governor's signature on SB 161 marks the victorious end to a long and bitter fight to provide the safety net that children with epilepsy desperately need in our schools," said Senator Huff. "This victory proves that a determined group of parents, doctors, schools and other citizens can overcome even the most powerful of special interests."

Children who suffer from epilepsy are at risk of dangerous and prolonged seizures and must have immediate

access to life-saving emergency medication. Diastat Acudial is a pre-dosed preparation of diazepam gel and is the only standard, out-of-hospital treatment that has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to successfully treat prolonged seizures. It is also the only FDA approved medication that was specifically developed to be administered by people without medical training and is considered the fastest, safest and most effective way to treat epileptic seizures.

"If the medication is not administered within a matter of minutes following a seizure, children can begin to suffer severe brain damage and even death," said Senator Huff.



# Looking Up

with Bob Eklund



## Subtly Shaded Map of Moon Reveals Titanium Treasure Troves

A map of the Moon combining observations in visible and ultraviolet wavelengths shows a treasure trove of areas rich in titanium ore. Not only is titanium an extremely valuable element (a metal used extensively in aircraft due to its strength and light weight), it is key to helping scientists unravel the mysteries of the Moon's interior.

"Looking up at the Moon, its surface appears painted with shades of grey—at least to the human eye. But with the right instruments, the Moon can appear colorful," said Arizona State University's Mark Robinson. "The maria appear reddish in some places and blue in others. Although subtle, these color variations tell us important things about the chemistry and evolution of the lunar surface. They indicate the titanium and iron abundance, as well as the maturity of a lunar soil."

The Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter's Wide Angle Camera is imaging the Moon's surface from lunar orbit in seven different wavelengths. Specific minerals strongly reflect or absorb certain parts of the electromagnetic spectrum, so the wavelengths detected by this instrument help scientists better understand the chemical

composition of the lunar surface.

The multi-wavelength mapping technique also shed light on how space weather changes the lunar surface. Over time, the lunar surface materials are altered by the impact of charged particles from the solar wind and high-velocity micrometeorite impacts. Together these processes work to pulverize rock into a fine powder and alter the surface's chemical composition and hence its color. Recently exposed rocks, such as the rays that are thrown out around impact craters, appear bluer and have higher reflectance than more mature soil. Over time this 'young' material darkens and reddens, disappearing into the background after about 500 million years.

### COMPARISON WITH MOON-ROCK SAMPLES

Robinson and his team previously developed a technique using Hubble Space Telescope images to map titanium abundances around a small area centered on the Apollo 17 landing site. Samples around the site spanned a broad range of titanium levels. By comparing the titanium in the Apollo moon-rock samples with the Hubble images, the

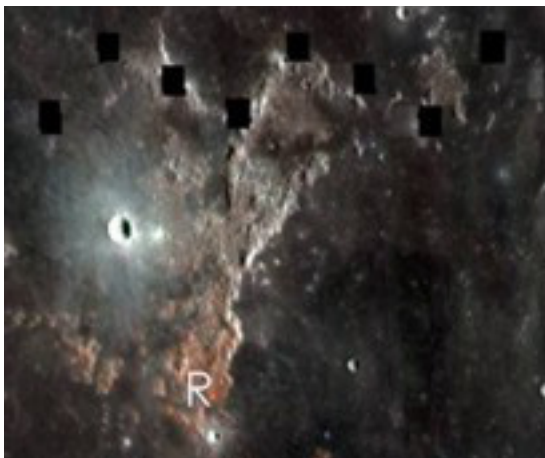
team found that the measured titanium levels corresponded to the ratio of ultraviolet to visible light reflected by the lunar soils—the more titanium, the more ultraviolet was reflected.

The highest titanium abundances in similar kinds of rocks on Earth are around one percent or less. The new map shows that in the Moon's maria (the dark areas called 'seas'), titanium abundances range from about one percent to a little more than ten percent.

"We still don't really understand why we find much higher abundances of titanium on the Moon compared to similar types of rocks on Earth," said Robinson. "What the lunar-titanium richness does tell us is something about the conditions inside the Moon shortly after it formed, knowledge that geochemists value for understanding the evolution of the Moon."

Lunar titanium is mostly found in the mineral ilmenite, a compound containing iron, titanium and oxygen. Future miners living and working on the Moon could break down ilmenite to liberate these elements.

"The new map is a valuable tool for lunar exploration planning," said Robinson. "Astronauts



will want to visit places with both high scientific value and a high potential for resources that can be used to support exploration activities. Areas with high titanium provide both—a pathway to understanding the interior of the Moon and potential mining resources."

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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.

**How do I get motivated to search for a job? I've been unemployed for a long time. I did finish High School and I have completed a medical billing program from a private trade school. I have never worked for more than a couple of months in a medical setting yet I would like to get a job doing what I was trained to do. Where do I go? Myra**

Myra,

The words 'money' and 'survival' have always been great motivators for me. I am making an assumption you are surviving financially and therefore not in a desperate need for a job ... at least not yet. And I hope you will never be in a desperate situation, either financially or to survive. To say all that ... I am guessing you really want to find work in the field you love and for which you paid for an education. Fortunately for you, the medical and healthcare fields are the key areas to find employment. You did not indicate why you have only worked a few months, and how long you have been unemployed.

I would strongly suggest you contact the school where you completed the medical billing program and ask for their assistance in finding a position. Trade schools are constantly contacted by employers searching for people to hire. Go on-line and do some research for jobs in your local area. Type in the browser Medical Biller and Healthcare as a few of your keywords. Contact all the hospitals and medical facilities in your area. Then contact Doctor, Dentist and other medical offices. Don't forget to look for medical billing positions with Insurance companies (that could be another infinite number). Use the telephone to call and make contact with key decision/hiring makers. Send your resume and cover via e-mail. Register with all temporary agencies. I am sure Work-At-Home is possible as long as you have the technical equipment. Your resources and employment (how about the word "potential") as a Medical Biller should be never-ending. To further encourage and motivate you I have reprinted statistical information from the U.S. Department of Labor-Bureau of Labor Statistics [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov) :

Current and Projected Employment for Medical Billers:

2008 Employment	528,800
2018 Employment	609,600
Employment Change (Increase)	80,000
Growth Rate	15%

Employment is expected to grow faster than average. Automated and electronic billing processes have streamlined billing departments, but job growth is expected due to an increasing number of transactions, especially in the rapidly growing healthcare industry.

The following websites should be useful in further assisting you in your job search: Medical Biller Associations websites: [www.ambanet.net](http://www.ambanet.net), [www.pmbausa.com](http://www.pmbausa.com), [www.physicians.com](http://www.physicians.com), and [www.aapc.com](http://www.aapc.com). A Medical Biller is a secure profession and obviously an excellent career path and job security.

Everything you ever wanted to know about how to get a job ..... but did not know who to ask. ASK jai! Send your questions to: [jai@resumeandcareerservices.com](mailto:jai@resumeandcareerservices.com) or visit the website at [www.resumeandcareerservices.com](http://www.resumeandcareerservices.com).

## Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc.

Canyon Canine Dog  
Walking & Pet Sitting Services



## Molly's Miracle

I will never forget the day I first met "Molly". She had just been adopted by my dear friend and neighbor Frederick, who fell in love with her the very moment he saw her. I had asked Fred to call me when she arrived, so I could meet her and be the first to welcome her to the neighborhood. Somehow, I already knew that Molly was going to play a very important part in Frederick's life, but I had no idea that she would have such a positive impact on mine.

If you have never visited an SPCA facility, I highly recommend it, even if you are not ready to adopt a pet. Although it can be an emotional and somewhat sad experience, if you are an animal lover one thing is for sure, it will prompt you to do whatever you can to play a part in saving homeless animals in your community. Frederick's visit to the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society last year proved to be a life-changing experience for him. It had been a few months since he had said goodbye to his beloved four-legged friend of many years, "Chelsea" who died of bone cancer, and Fred was finally ready to adopt a new companion. After a walk down the isle between the fenced kennels housing numerous adult dogs waiting to be claimed, he asked the caretaker if there were any puppies available for adoption. He was taken to the puppy department, where he stepped through the doorway and immediately locked eyes with a brown-eyed babe who looked up at him as if to say, "We were made for each other"! Frederick didn't even bother to walk over and take a closer look at her before he told the lady at the desk, "I definitely want that one". He later confided in me that he felt as though Chelsea was there, telling him to take that little girl home; "She is the one for you". Chelsea had played such a big part in Frederick's life over the past several years, and that would be a tough act to follow for sure, but his instincts told him he had made the right choice.

My first impression of Molly was that she had the most darling, honest face and an amazing ability to show her appreciation for having been invited to live in such a cozy home, with a big yard where she could romp and play freely. I remember thinking that she somehow knew she would be loved unconditionally for the rest of her life!

Within a couple of days after her arrival home, Molly became quite ill. The veterinarian diagnosed her with kennel cough, and treated her accordingly. This was

not great news, but with the proper treatment, we knew Molly would recover and grow strong and healthy. Unfortunately, Molly did not respond to treatment as expected, and soon it became clear that there was something radically wrong with her. She was re-evaluated and re-diagnosed with a much more serious disease ... Molly had distemper. Canine distemper is a contagious, very serious viral disease with technically no known cure. The disease affects dogs, and certain species of wildlife such as raccoons, wolves, foxes, skunks and ferrets. Young, unvaccinated puppies and non-immunized older dogs tend to be more susceptible to the disease. Molly had been vaccinated by the SPCA after being rescued, but unfortunately it was too late. She had already been infected with the disease before she received the vaccination.

This news broke Frederick's heart. After the trauma of losing Chelsea earlier that year, he was just not ready to let go of his new-found friend. When I got the news about Molly's real diagnosis, it was all I could do to hold back the tears. I have always been a praying person, believing that God listens and answers our prayers. However, it had been quite some time since I had prayed to God, and I was way over-due for a good long talk with Him. I guess sometimes it takes a traumatic experience to drive us to our knees. I did get on my knees that day and I prayed that God would grant a miracle for Molly. I thanked Him for people like Frederick who are willing to care for the animals he created. I asked God to let Molly live, mostly for Frederick's sake, because he clearly needed her in his life.

Things got worse before they got better. There were moments when it seemed Molly would die, then she would get stronger and show signs of recovery. This went on for several weeks, but with continued medical attention and consistent tender loving care, Molly did indeed recover. She now lives a full, very happy healthy life and she brings smiles to the faces of all of the neighbors who greet her during our daily walks together. I don't know what I would do without seeing that open, honest little face with those perky ears peering up at me each morning before our walks. I believe that God did indeed grant Molly a miracle, not the least part of which is manifested in the joy that little girl brings to Frederick and to me, as well as so many others who know and love her! Thank God for "small" miracles!

## On Line

By PJ Carpenter



### REAL TECHNOLOGY, REAL PROBLEMS

In Superman III, Richard Pryor played the role of a slightly warped computer programmer with a certain prowess at using computers to develop financial programming schemes. His morally-compromised employer plotted to use this ability to develop a computer system whose ultimate function would be the control of financial markets world-wide. Fast-forward to 1987 and the very real stock market crash now known as "Black Monday" can be traced to the stock trading computers and software in use at the time all beginning to dump assets in unison in response to a unusual set of input data. By the time the closing bell rang, the Dow had lost almost 23 percent of its value in just one trading day. Fast-forward to today and the massively powerful computer software and hardware used to run our modern stock markets are far more advanced than any machines imagined in either of the two previously mentioned scenarios. On the modern financial battlefield cutting-edge computer systems running complex mathematical formulae trawl through mountains of data looking for patterns indicative of movement in areas of interest so that one system can gain a millisecond jump on other similar systems in placing buy or sell orders. Other machines engage in semi-secret data-gathering and still other systems poll each other for pricing information about various commodities and financial derivatives and complete the transactions in fractions of a second. The profit on these deals is often only cents or fractions of a cent per trade but multiply those razor-thin gains against the thousands of transactions completed daily and these small numbers add up to big numbers in little to no time. No small amount of time, effort and often pure genius goes into the development of the computer systems that control the financial fates of world markets but the real question remains as to what have we might be missing when we look at the big picture. Often the technology we see may be masking a flawed system of conducting business. After the most recent stock market troubles there was no shortage of factors that could be assigned blame for the various meltdowns but even as the dust still settles it has become quite evident that many of the processes and methodologies in use made it very difficult for those who had the most to be concerned about to get a clear view as to what was really happening before their very eyes.

In the very best of circumstances our use of technology advances knowledge of ourselves and the world around us beyond what was thought possible just a few short years ago. In the worst cases, it enables us to do bad things or stupid things faster and on a larger scale than ever before possible. With the exception of movie plots, people rarely set out to do evil using advanced technology and more often than not where real harm has been done, it has often been the result of unintended consequences or unattended operation. Those charged with monitoring the system were either not doing so or paying attention to the wrong things. With any system sufficiently advanced most external analysis quickly devolves into guesstimation and post-mortem commentary because there may be simply too many variables to account for in the equation.

Technology remains first and foremost a tool to be used with a definite purpose in mind and in the pursuit of a definite goal. In the best cases this tool can make existing systems more efficient but there is always the chance that the pursuit of efficiency can cause us to miss the fact that sometimes the underlying processes of a system may be in need of drastic repair and reform before the application of layers of complex technology that would in effect enable us to make bad business models bigger and big mistakes faster.

## KATIE Tse.....This and That



### Professional Development

Gee, can you guess what I did this week? Yes, I attended another "Professional Development" meeting. I don't routinely follow Dilbert, but from what I've read, it seems creator Scott Adams and I share similar views regarding meetings. There are many kinds of meetings. Some are "staff meetings," or "workshops," or "professional development." Don't get me wrong, I'm all for person-to-person communication, but most of the meetings I've attended have contaminated this interplay with a lot of wasted time.

Parked and waiting for my carpool buddy, I called my mom on the morning of this most recent meeting. She asked what the topic of the meeting was, and I told her the staff didn't know yet. (Ooh! The suspense!) "It doesn't matter," she said. "First they'll break you into groups. There'll be bottled water and Halloween candy at each table, with a box of markers." "I don't think we'll have candy," I interrupted; "our budget is shot." "Okay, just water then. In your groups, you'll have to choose someone to be a recorder, and a spokesperson. They'll have big chart papers..." She went on to list other elements of the many teachers' meetings she'd attended. As a new retiree, her chipper descriptions had the slightest bit of teasing. It was only the appearance of my carpool buddy that broke her flawless prediction of the day ahead of me.

As I've mentioned, there are many kinds of meetings. Sometimes our company hires someone to speak to us. This person is usually highly confident and gives the impression of a salesman delivering a hard pitch, seeing as they've honed their performance over their numerous gigs. Occasionally they have the scary ability to recall everyone's name (from the nametags --a meeting staple), and single out individuals at random. You can't doze off in those meetings. But if you write your name real small or messy, they might not be able to identify you. (That's what I do, anyway.) Hired presenters sometimes pass out pens (while the teachers just pass out) or other trinkets bearing their company's logo. These gifts don't come close to compensating for my day-long fear of being summoned to speak. Then there are the meetings for which the company uses its own employees. You can always measure these folks' level of nervousness by the amount of audience participation they require. Some presenters even laughingly admit to their fear before beginning their speech. "We're going to have a lot of getting up and moving around to brainstorm with your coworkers today. I'm not going to stand up here and do all the talking!" To which we silently ask ourselves, "Why not?"

This time, our presenter, Susan, was one of the company's people. She did not appear intimidating (as some can), and she flashed brilliantly white teeth in a big smile as we filed in. I thought I detected a twitch in her eye. But it was morning and I hadn't finished my coffee, so my perception wasn't at its peak. As my mom predicted, there was bottled water to greet us, and the chairs were ominously arranged around five tables. The Halloween candy was absent, but the markers were present. I sleepily looked around for the oversized paper. Apparently she was hiding it until later.

Once we'd all entered the room, Susan encouraged us to get seated quickly so that we could "start early and leave early." You said it, sister, I thought. She began reading a literary passage vaguely relating to our topic (the mystery solved!) She spoke in slow, measured tones. I imagined she thought this could eat up some time, although it was just the start of a very, very long day. Too long, in fact, to be covered in one installment. Tune in next week to discover the riveting topic and other thrilling professional development activities!

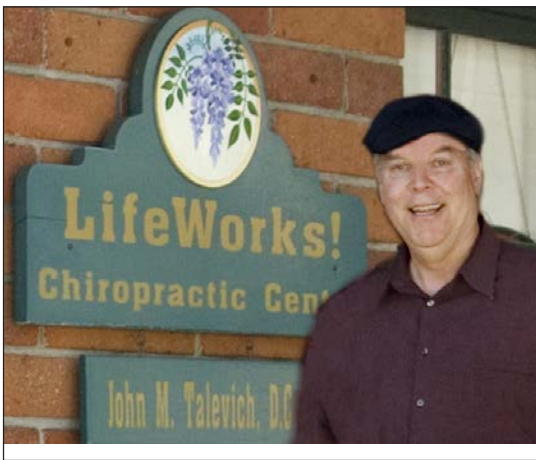




## YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Today's Subject:

## PAIN FROM THE INSIDE OUT



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.

"Let me help you with that purse, Mrs. Smith." I am offering assistance to one of my patients who has come in for neck and lower back pain. As I pick up her handbag, it becomes clear that she is hefting around a good ten pounds on her shoulder without realizing it. Her "homework" is to clean out her purse and, perhaps, purchase a smaller one.

Mr. Smith comes in a week later and, while his leg length is being checked, it becomes clear he's had these shoes for a long time. "How old are these shoes?" He tells me he's had them for a couple of years. The heels are worn down at the outside edges and are contributing to his back problem, causing an imbalance. His homework? New shoes or new heels.

These are just a couple examples of ordinary, everyday objects that contribute to ongoing pain. How is your pillow? Your mattress? Mold in the shower? Sensitive to the perfume your significant other is wearing? How about that wallet in your back pocket - is it the thickness of a phone book? Do you get nauseated after eating your favorite food? Are you a couch potato? Does your big toe hurt when the weather changes? Do you stop and breathe or push through? Is "easy does it" for sissies? Do you spend a whole lot of time texting? Do you sit hunched at your laptop for hours on end without breaks?

Many of our daily activities contribute directly and indirectly to stubborn pain patterns. By being more mindful of these influences, it is possible to change and, sometimes, even eliminate the problem.

Check in as you go through your day and see what you can improve. You'll be surprised!

Have a wonderful week, Dr. John

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## FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR SENIORS

Dear Savvy Senior,  
 Can you write a column on fire safety tips for seniors? With winter approaching, it's important that seniors know that home fires are far more common and deadly among the elderly, but there are things they can do to guard against it. Thanks for your help. Fire Safety Council

Dear Council:

You're right! Because of physical limitations and slower reaction times, seniors are particularly vulnerable in home fires. In fact, according to the U.S. Fire Administration, seniors over the age of 65 are twice as likely to die or be injured in a home fire, than those younger. For those over 75, the risk nearly triples. But with a little awareness and a few precautionary tips (see firesafety.gov), seniors can go a long way in protecting their property and themselves.

## Fire Hazards

While there are many possible causes of accidental home fires, the three most common among the elderly are caused by smoking, cooking and alternative heating devices. Here's a breakdown of what seniors can do to protect themselves in each of these key areas.

Smoke Safely: Careless smoking is the leading cause of home fire deaths and the second leading cause of injuries among seniors. For those who smoke it's important to remember:

- Never smoke in bed.
- Put your cigarette or cigar out at the first sign of feeling drowsy while watching television or reading.
- Don't leave your lit cigarette or cigar unattended.
- Use deep ashtrays and put your cigarettes all the way out.
- Consider switching to fire-save cigarettes (firesafecigarettes.org) that self-extinguish when they're not being smoked.

Cook Safely: Home cooking fires are the number one cause of fire injuries among the elderly. Tips that can help include:

- Never leave food cooking on a stove top unattended. When leaving the kitchen, take a wooden spoon or potholder as a reminder to turn off the oven or burners, or consider installing an automatic stove shut-off device as a safety precaution. Cookstop.com, homesensors.com, stoveguardintl.com and pioneeringtech.com sell them.

- Avoid wearing loose clothing with hanging sleeves when you cook and keep towels and pot holders away from flames or burners.
- Never use the range or oven to heat your home.
- Double-check the kitchen before you go to bed or leave the house.

Heat Safely: Alternative heating devices like



space heaters, stoves and fireplaces are another potential fire hazard for seniors. Seniors who use these devices should keep these tips in mind:

- If you use a space heater, keep anything that can burn at least three feet away and always turn it off when you leave the house or go to sleep. Also, if you're buying a new space heater, look for one with a safety feature that automatically shuts off the power if the heater falls over.
- If you use a fireplace that burns wood, be sure you have a glass or metal screen front to catch the flying sparks and rolling logs, and have the chimney flue inspected annually and cleaned if needed.
- If you use a heating device fueled by gas, oil, wood or kerosene purchase and install carbon monoxide detectors to alert you to potential toxic gas problems.

## Home Tips

Around 75 percent of seniors who die in fires each year don't have working smoke alarms in their homes. Seniors or caregivers should make it a priority to install smoke alarms on every level of their house outside their sleeping area, and change the batteries at least once a year. It's also important to have an escape plan in the event of a fire.

For seniors who are hearing impaired, companies like Silent Call (silentcall.com) and Harris Communications (harriscomm.com) sell smoke and carbon monoxide detectors that work with flashing strobe lights and bed vibrators to alert you when a problem arises. And, there are also home smoke and fire monitoring services like ADT (adtfireprotection.com) that can alert seniors, caregivers and the fire department if a fire happens.

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

## 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/onlineregistration](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/onlineregistration)



## October Birthdays

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## MEDICATIONS 101: HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

(NAPSI)—While everyone needs to be careful when taking medication, older adults face particular challenges. Often, they take more than one medicine at a time and they may not metabolize drugs as well as they once did, raising the risk of complications.

Answering these true or false questions from leading home care company Interim HealthCare may help reduce side effects and improve the efficacy of any medications being taken:

True or False:

1. Filling your prescriptions at the same pharmacy is a good idea.
2. All drugs need to be refrigerated.
3. If you miss a dose, the best thing to do is wait for the next time you need to take one.
4. Stop taking the drug once you feel better.

5. If you can't remember to take your medicine at the right time of day and in the right amount, use charts, calendars and weekly pillboxes.

6. Certain foods can interact with medications.

Answers

1. True. That way, your records are in one place. This allows the pharmacist to know what you are taking and tell you if a new drug may cause interactions if taken with another drug at the same time.
2. False. However, all drugs should be stored away from children and animals. Many must be stored away from heat and direct light and not in the bathroom or other damp place. If a drug is not stored correctly, it can reduce its effectiveness.
3. False. Some drugs should be taken as soon as you realize you

missed a dose; with others, you should wait until the next dose. Be sure to ask your doctor or pharmacist how to proceed with the drug you are taking.

4. False. Take the medicine until you are finished or until the doctor tells you to stop.

5. True. All these reminder systems can work, but if you become more forgetful, supervision may be required.

6. True. Grapefruit juice can increase the levels of some medicines in your blood. Eating a calcium-rich dairy product can stop antibiotics from working. These are just two examples. Check with your physician or pharmacist for more insight.

Always ask your doctor what each prescribed drug is, why you are taking it, when you should take it and what side effects to watch for. Supervising medication is one of the many jobs a home health care aide can perform.  
 For more information, visit [www.interimhealthcare.com](http://www.interimhealthcare.com).



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

### DIVIDE, PLANT, SPLASH OCCASIONALLY AND ENJOY!



Everyone is telling us gardeners to reduce our water usage. Here's an easy idea to spur this on.

Find a neighbor with succulents. Ask for some cuttings. Most gardeners with established succulent gardens are usually happy

to trim their collection, and share cuttings. It's that time of year, when the year's growth may have spilled over the allotted area for their display.

I trimmed my own succulents last week, planting the cuttings in a friend's four planter boxes. In a few months, they should fill in beautifully, with low worry, low maintenance color and texture.

Last week's first rain has probably loosened the soil around it, but with succulents, you don't usually even need roots to get established! Just cut a stem with a couple of extra inches to insert into the soil, using a garden clipper or even a scissors. I usually soak the trimmings for a day or two, to hydrate them well, before planting.

If the cutting destination is a pot instead of directly in the ground, take some cactus mix and fill the pot, making sure to allow for drainage. Plant densely... When they are a bit crowded, snip some starts for a friend or another pot!

Water deeply at least weekly for the first year. After that, a splash about twice a month will keep the display going.

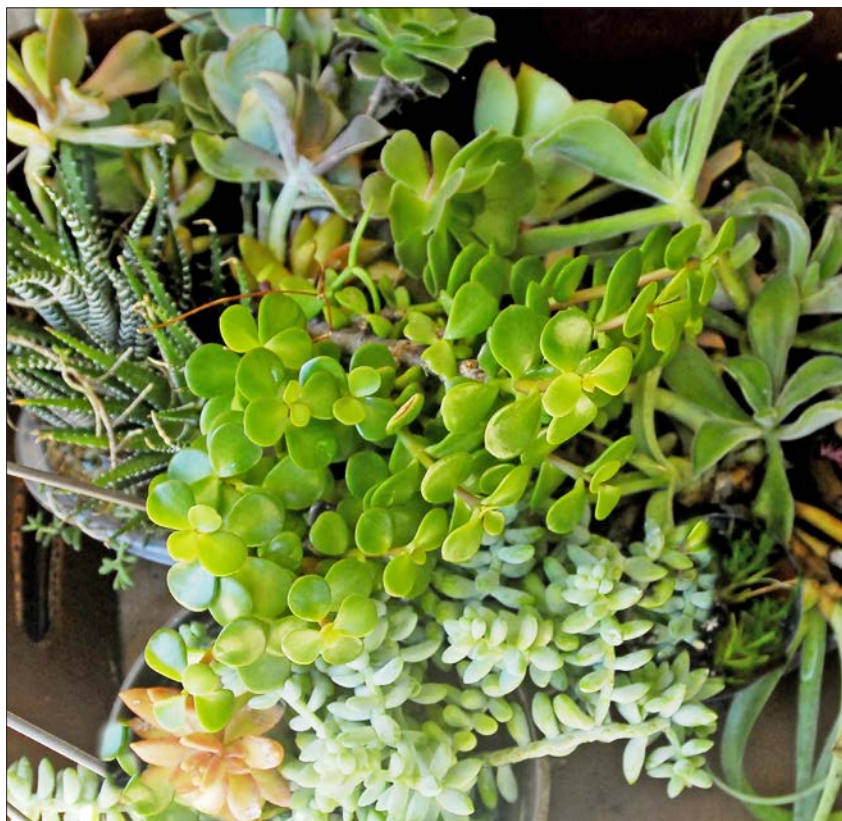
Hanging pots on a sunny gate did quite nicely for three years on this plan. This summer, they were repotted, more due to the disintegration of the cocoa mat cover, than for the plants' health.

Succulents are so water thrifty once established, that rediscovered pots tucked in a forgotten corner of the yard and deprived of water for months will usually revive quickly. A few splashes of water and a week or two of time, and they're ready for use again.

If the ground or the pot is rather unforgiving, grab a big thick screwdriver. Make a little hole and insert the succulent stem. Plant. Splash occasionally. Enjoy!

If you need a more hands on instruction, today, Saturday, October 15 at Arcadia's LA Arboretum from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Oak Room, Steve Gerischer will take you through the steps. According to the Arboretum's press release:

Do you want to switch over to a drought tolerant garden but were wondering just how to do it? There are some easy things to learn about converting a traditional garden into a



water sipping landscape. We will cover basic design, simple soil testing, and irrigation strategies for turning your yard - or just parts of it - into a more California friendly environment. This will be a step by step process for understanding the basic needs of a less thirsty garden and what that means in terms

of maintenance, choice of plant material and even how to welcome birds, butterflies and insects into your yard.

Pre-registration preferred; please call 626.821.4623 or email jill.berry@arboretum.org to register for classes. \$25 for Arboretum members and \$28 for non-members. www.

Arboretum.org

Happy water thrifty gardening!

*Know of an interesting home, building or garden, public or private, that might be of interest to our readers?*

*Send the details to C.Bertrand@MtnViews-News.com.*



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

**DON'T GO HOME WITHOUT IT**

These days, particularly with so many foreclosures on the market, ordering an inspection when you've made an offer is not only recommended, it's critical. Otherwise, you're relying on the seller (in some cases, the bank) to provide you with a list of defects.

An inspection provides an objective report about the home's exterior, interior, and "internal organs" - the wiring, the plumbing, the heating and cooling system, etc. While your agent may supply a list of recommended inspectors, you are free to select any professional you wish.

The seller and their representative will not see the report without your permission. The inspection of a 2,000 square foot home should

take two to three hours to complete, and once the report has been delivered to you, you can discuss the findings with the inspector.

Expect your home inspector to walk the roof and explore the attic and crawlspace (if present). Electrical panels, outlets and switches will be tested. Drains, water pressure, toilets and pipes will all be checked in the plumbing system. Walls, ceilings and floors will be inspected and all the doors and windows will be checked for functionality.

All the items in the report will depend on the particular home's features, but the findings give you an opportunity to estimate repair costs and renegotiate your offer. Never bypass this critical aspect of a purchase.

### Plant Now for Spring Beauty

*Add bulbs this fall for a colorful spring display*

*by Melinda Myers, gardening expert, TV & radio host, author and columnist*

Don't miss a chance to color up your spring landscape. Get busy now planting spring flowering bulbs like daffodils, tulips, and hyacinths.

Look for creative ways to use bulbs in your landscape. Plant a massive ribbon of blue squills or grape hyacinths to create the illusion of a river in your spring landscape. Or fill the front lawn with shorter bulbs for added color. Just wait until they are done blooming to mow the grass at its highest possible setting.

Mix bulbs to double the bloom power or extend their flowering beauty. I like to mix the equally assertive daffodils and squills for a double layer of color. Try combining early blooming crocus with mid spring daffodils, late spring tulips, and even later blooming allium for months of enjoyment.

And force a few to enjoy indoors or outdoors in areas where you can't plant bulbs in the ground. Give these bulbs 15 weeks of temperatures between 35 and 45 degrees to initiate bloom. Forcing bulbs video

Plant spring flowering bulbs outdoors in fall, so winter's chill can set the flower buds for the beautiful spring flowers. Those gardening in the south need to look for bulbs that require minimal chilling or are pre-cooled for winter planting. Northern gardeners have until the ground freezes to get their bulbs in the ground.

Plant bulbs 2 to 3 times their vertical height deep in properly prepared soil. Add a low nitrogen slow release fertilizer like Milorganite to the soil at planting. Water thoroughly as the bulbs are putting down roots before the ground freezes.

Those tired of battling the animals may want to plant resistant bulbs such as daffodils, hyacinths,

Fritillaria, alliums, Camassia, glory-of-the snow, snow drops squills, and grape hyacinths.

Or protect animal favorites like tulips, lilies, and crocus with a bulb dip of Bobbex. Start with a pair of waterproof gloves for this task. Bobbex is safe and natural, but not a fragrance you want to wear all day long. Carefully remove the papery cover and soak the bulbs for 3 to 5 minutes in Bobbex. You will have the best results using the concentrated formula of Bobbex-R Animal repellent. Allow the bulbs to dry before planting. The scent of Bobbex masks the smell of the bulbs protecting them from hungry critters throughout the winter.

Then next spring apply Bobbex to your bulbs and other landscape plants as soon as they emerge and leaf out, protecting them from hungry rabbits, deer, and other animals.

So get a jump on the spring season with a bit of fall landscape care.

*Nationally known gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including Can't Miss Small Space Gardening. She hosts the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment segments which air on over 89 TV and radio stations throughout the U.S. and Canada. She is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and writes the twice monthly "Gardeners' Questions" newspaper column. Melinda hosted "The Plant Doctor" radio program for over 20 years as well as Great Lakes Gardener on PBS. She has written articles for Better Homes and Gardens and Fine Gardening. Melinda has a master's degree in horticulture, is a certified arborist and was a horticulture instructor with tenure. Her web site is www.melindamyers.com*

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Alverno's Brandstater Wins Blue in SWSL Competition



Alverno Sophomore Tessa Brandstater has brought home two blue and one red ribbon in the Saddleseat and Western School League (SWSL) competition at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center.

After a blue ribbon year in Novice Saddleseat, Tessa has now moved up to the Freshman division. Riding Aura, a saddlebred Palomino, Tessa brought home two blue ribbons; the first was in the Freshman Division Saddleseat Equitation (where the rider is judged) and the second was in the Freshman Saddleseat Pleasure Class (where more emphasis is placed on how the horse is showing).

"Moving up a division means a higher skill level," Tessa explains. "You must do more difficult patterns in the ring. You also earn privileges like getting a wear a jacket and ride more advanced horses." This was Tessa's first time cantering her horse in a show and she did very well.

Tessa has been riding for three years and we are proud to say she rides for Alverno High School. She trains with Bennett Farms in Burbank.

The SWSL is a fairly new league that is a United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) affiliate. This means that riders have to perform to the highest standards. The USEF has just introduced a high school varsity letter program, and Tessa will be working towards achieving this. She is required to put in over 100 riding hours each year to earn her letter while keeping her grades up.

The Alverno mission: to empower each young woman to be exactly the person she wants to



be. Alverno High School is the independent, Catholic college-prep high school for girls in Sierra Madre. Its college-prep curriculum and emphasis on leadership attracts students from public and private schools throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

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La Salle Lancers 17 vs St. Bernard High School 49.



BURBANK ROAD KINGS RETURN OCTOBER 16, CLASSIC CARS, LIVE MUSIC IN SANTA ANITA INFIELD



ARCADIA, Calif. (Oct. 10, 2011)—Santa Anita Park's picturesque infield area will play host to the annual Burbank Road Kings Classic Car Show on Sunday, Oct. 16. Hot rods, modifieds, street rods, sports cars, restored classics and muscle cars will all be on display and be complimented by live rock and roll provided by Captain Cardiac and The Coronaries.

"The Burbank Road Kings always put on a good show," said Santa Anita President George Haines. "It's great to see such a wide variety of cars and it's a lot of fun every year. Throughout the world, classic cars and horseracing go hand in hand and our infield area is a perfect place to stage this event. We see a lot of families at this show every year and with the live music and other activities we'll be offering, there's something for everybody."

Awards will be presented to the owner of cars in all categories, with celebrity and professional

judges determining winners.

The Burbank Road Kings Car Show is free to all with paid General Admission. Show hours are from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kids 17 and under are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Pony rides, face painting and other family activities will also be available throughout the day.

For those wishing to enter a vehicle, the pre-registration deadline is Oct. 7, and the fee is \$20.00. Vehicle registration on the day of the event is \$25.00. A free Burbank Road Kings t-shirt will be provided to all pre-registered entrants.

Admission gates will open at 11 a.m. and first race post time is 1 p.m. For more information on the Burbank Road Kings Classic Car Show, fans are encouraged to visit their website, [www.burbankroadkings.com](http://www.burbankroadkings.com), or to call (818) 842-KING



With Harvey Hyde

Writing a newspaper column is something new for me.

In this space each week, I plan to offer my opinions on hot sports topics and also offer advice to young athletes. Those are my main objectives.

But in this first column, I want to provide readers with my background. So please forgive me if this comes off a little self-centered. I just believe it is important that readers know who I am.

After serving as the head football coach at the University of Nevada Las Vegas in the 1980's, I went into radio work. I host a daily sports show on a Las Vegas station, plus I am an analyst on the USC football pregame show and the "Trojan Brunch" show on Sunday mornings on 710 ESPN.

I'm a native of Pasadena and first moved to Arcadia in 1979. I love this area. Where else is there a backdrop like the San Gabriel Mountains? And there are so many great places to visit. Bean Town in Sierra Madre is one of my favorite

hangouts.

I started my coaching career at Notre Vista High School in Riverside in 1963, serving as that school's defensive coordinator. I became Pasadena City College's defensive coordinator in 1965 and after a brief stint at the University of Hawaii, I returned to PCC in 1968 and fulfilled a dream by becoming co-head football coach with my good friend Myron Tarkanian at the junior college where I was a student and a football player.

Coaching at UNLV, a Division I school, fulfilled another dream of mine. In 1984, I had future NFL stars Randall Cunningham and Icky Woods on my team and we won a conference championship and defeated the University of Toledo in the California Bowl in Fresno. It was UNLV's first-ever Division I bowl game.

In 1990, I coached for one season with the legendary George Allen at Long Beach State.

What I enjoyed most about coaching was helping young people transition into adulthood, both athletically and academically. I'm now enjoying my work in radio.

It's been a great ride for me, so hop on board and follow this weekly column. I hope you will enjoy it and find it informative, entertaining and at times even helpful.



HOW TO CHIP THE GOLF BALL WITH PRECISION

If you want to improve your short game you have to learn how to chip the golf ball with solid contact. I am going to explain to you exactly how to just that. The address position for chipping the golf ball has three components. Today I am going to tell what they are and how to apply them.

#1. Ball position is critical for consistent impact. It has to be in the middle to middle back of your stance. If it is too far forward you will hit up on it and top the ball or hit it thin most of the time. The other reason you want it in the middle to middle back of your stance is so the clubhead will approach the ball on a steep angle.

#2. The second part is to make sure you have 75% of your weight on your left foot at address. Once you place the weight on your left side, leave it there during the backswing and downswing. If you stay put during the swing the clubhead will swing steep into the back of the golf ball and it will have the same flight and roll every time.

#3. After you have placed the ball in the center of your stance and you leaned over to the left with 75% of your weight on your left leg, it is time now to move the handle over to your left side. Remember when you address the golf ball the handle of the club is in the center of your

body. When you moved your weight over to the left, the center of your body is now on your left side. That is why YOU HAVE TO MOVE THE HANDLE OVER TO THE CENTER OF YOUR BODY.

When you move the handle over to your left leg it will allow the club to swing UP in the backswing and DOWN in the downswing, thus creating a steep and consistent impact.

If you follow these steps you will chip the golf ball better than ever.

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## The Pasadena Area Community College District Board of Trustees

invites the community to an outreach meeting on

**Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at 6 p.m.**  
**Sierra Madre Elementary School Auditorium**  
**141 W. Highland Ave., Sierra Madre, CA 91024**



Dr. Mark W. Rocha  
Superintendent-President,  
Pasadena City College



Dr. Jeanette Mann  
Member, Pasadena Area  
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### Topics of discussion include:

- PCC's Educational Master Plan
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