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CITY APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES

Sierra Madre, CA – After an extensive recruitment process, the City of Sierra Madre is honored to announce that Carolyn Thomas has been selected as the City's new Director of Library Services.

Carolyn Thomas comes to Sierra Madre with a rich background in public library services. She has recently worked as a Library Services Manager for the Anaheim Public Library system. While in Anaheim, Carolyn oversaw the opening of a new youth services facility at the East Anaheim Branch Library. Carolyn was instrumental in coordinating the spring 2011 opening of the Ponderosa Library, a joint-use school/public library, as well as, successfully writing a Family Place Grant for new parenting programs at Anaheim's Sunkist Library. Prior to serving as Anaheim's Library Services Manager, Carolyn worked as a Senior Librarian at the Glendora Public Library coordinating children's, teen, and adult programs.

Ms. Thomas has a Master of Library Science degree from San Jose State University, and she is a member of the California Library Association, Public Library Association and American Library Association. She looks forward to utilizing her expertise in navigating the Sierra Madre Public Library through the evolving trends of electronic publishing, emerging technology, and changing community demographics to continue the rich tradition of library programs and services that are at the heart of the Sierra Madre community.

Carolyn Thomas will begin her tenure with the City of Sierra Madre on November 14, 2011. "I am delighted to accept this new position at Sierra Madre and look forward to meeting



Carolyn Thomas

the staff and community members" Carolyn stated. She encourages everyone to stop by the library, say hi, and "tell me what you are reading!"

Carolyn's husband David, an engineer with the Aerospace Corporation, formerly a JPL employee, has been known to offer "Elementary Optics", "Build Your Own Camera" and "Paper Airplane" programs at libraries where Carolyn has worked. Together, they reside in Glendora where they raised their two sons Matthew and Mark, who are now both married. Carolyn enjoys reading – and recommends "State of Wonder" by Ann Patchett – gardening, being with family and friends, and traveling.

City Manager Elaine Aguilar stated, "Carolyn's breath of experience, expertise and friendly personality make her a great addition to the Sierra Madre management team and the community as a whole."

FILLING OF MOSCA'S VACATED SEAT UNDECIDED

With the resignation of Councilman Joe Mosca, effective November 8, 2011, the town is buzzing about when, who and how the seat will be filled.

At Tuesday's council meeting, the City Attorney announced the two choices available.

The council can make an appointment to fill the remainder of Mosca's term which ends in April, 2014. They could also hold a special election allowing the community to choose his successor. If a special election is decided upon, it could be held in conjunction with council race that will be decided in April, 2012. At that time, seats currently held by Mary Ann MacGillivray and John Buchanan are up. It is unclear at this point if either will seek reelection.

At the meeting several residents spoke in favor of holding a special

election.

One suggestion was made that the seat should go to the next highest vote getter in the last council race. If the council were so inclined, that would be former councilmember Don Watts.

There are also numerous residents who feel that an appointment at the council's discretion would be appropriate, thus sparing the additional expense of a special election. The costs involved are not known at this time.

In the staff report prepared for the council, the Government Code is cited which says that "the Council may, within 60 days from the commencement of the vacancy either a) fill the vacancy by appointment for the remainder of the applicable term or b) call a special election to be held at the next regularly established election date which is not

less than 114 days from the call of the special election."

One of the challenges that the council faces should it choose not to fill the vacancy by appointment appeared to be of concern to the Mayor. He asked what would happen with a 4 member council in the event of an emergency meeting is called that requires a 4/5 vote.

He asked if the determination of the whole council be counted against the four seated, or would the lack of the fifth person be an obstacle. The city attorney informed him that in the event of an emergency meeting to approve something that requires a supermajority, the council would have to vote unanimously to approve the item.

After further discussion, the matter was tabled until the next meeting.

AND THE WINNERS ARE.....

The 2011 Halloween Window Painting Contest took place this past weekend, October 21 and 22. There were 52 teams which competed in 4 different age groups with over 150 participating this year! Awards were given to the top three finishers in each age category.

The City of Sierra Madre would like to thank all the downtown Sierra Madre businesses for donating the use of their windows for this event and the Sierra Madre Civic Club for assisting with paint distribution.

Age Group 9-10 Years

- 1st Place – Amy Stapenhorst, Sophia De France and Molly Hourihan at Starbucks Window #2
- 2nd Place – Madison Wilits and Desirae Smotrys at Hygeia Window #1
- 3rd Place – Abby Gagnier and Oge Ogboga at Curves Window #2

Age Group 11-12 Years

- 1st Place – Kate Iko, Claire White, Megan Alle and Jordan Beach at Hair Upstairs
- 2nd Place – Sophia Cimino,



Claire Morrison and Madison Burge at Prudential Realty Window #1

- 3rd Place – Emma Blank, Hannah Blank and Julia Goff at Curves Window #2

Age Group 13-14 Years

- 1st Place – Amadea Tanner and Natalie Olivades at Haynes and Oakley Window #2
- 2nd Place – Brady Harmon, Scotty Lousen and Aaron Nishiwaka at Haynes and Oakley

Window #4

- 3rd Place – Gwyneth Keller, Estefania Fraticelli and Reilly Milton at Wildflour Window #1

Age Group 15-17 Years

- 1st Place – Holly Coates, Carolyn Chalfant and Laura Meijia at Haynes and Oakley Window #1
- 2nd Place – Sadie Goff, Sarah Wong, Maddie Rauhe and Momo Fong at Pantorium Cleaners

MAYOR BUCHANAN CALMS THE WATERS - GENERAL PLAN PRINCIPALS ACCEPTED

Sierra Madre Mayor, John Buchanan, displaying patience and yet insisting on a modicum of civility, was able to lead the community and council to set aside its differences and adopt the General Plan Committee's report on the "Vision and Guiding Principles". The principles will be used to focus the committee on the updating of the Sierra Madre General Plan. The Plan's last update was in 1996 and is, according to California guidelines, overdue.

The 9 member group has been working on the General Plan update for almost two years. Initially, committee members went through the existing plan in its entirety for a better understanding of what was expected and then began to put together the principles that they felt would help them maintain their focus as they move forward.

A heated controversy developed, however, over the committee's leadership and operations. It escalated at the last council meeting when Councilwoman Nancy Walsh called for the resignation of the Committee Chair, Denise Delmar the council liaison, Mary Ann MacGillivray, as well as committee members Colin Broderick and Debbie Sheridan. Walsh citing what she terms as their continued disregard of the committee's accountability to the council. Prior to that, committee members had chastised Former Mayor Joe Mosca and Councilmember Walsh for what they perceived to be 'ill treatment'.

After listening to numerous speakers who wanted to elaborate on the controversy during public comment, Buchanan reminded the audience that the Public Comment period was reserved for comments on items *not* on the agenda and since the General Plan Committee's report was on the agenda, he asked that no further comments be made during public comment. He also noted his patience with the previous speakers who exceeded the 3 minute



time limit. His comments appeared to be understood and accepted, as the meeting was allowed to move forward.

When the agenda finally progressed to the General Plan, the council accepted the report as submitted.

The report listed the Vision and Guiding Principles as:

- To Preserve and sustain Sierra Madre's distinctive character as a historic small town nestled in the foothills, but within a major metropolitan area;
- To Ensure that Sierra Madre is a safe, vibrant place to live, work, and visit by providing City services that match the needs of the community and promote community engagement;
- To Protect and be responsible stewards of the neighboring San Gabriel Mountain Foothills' wildlife, forest, open space, watershed and all other natural resources;
- To Promote and develop a strong diversified local economy and a thriving town center, consistent with the needs of the community; and
- To Ensure development is done in harmony with its neighborhood, while maintaining the character of the town and without unduly burdening existing city services and infrastructure or impacting the environment.

MEET ROSIE...the tarantula?!



Who said girls are afraid of bugs? Sierra Madre's own Marjorie "Mama Pete" Peterson gave Rosie The Tarantula a friendly handshake as entomologist Steven Kutcher observers.

Kutcher gave an enlightening presentation to the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club on 'Spider Wrangling' and other techniques used in the entertainment industry complete with live critters on display.

You can learn more about it at www.bugsaremybusiness.com



HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TO A ZOMBIE WEDDING? WELL, YOUR INVITATION IS ON PAGE 20.

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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, NOVEMBER 8, 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.

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

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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:

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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.myalverno.org and click on "Alumnae Events" from the
"Alumnae" drop-down menu at the top.
Please RSVP by October 25th!

Please join the **Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society**
on **Friday November 4, 2011 at 7 pm**
for



Citrus washing apparatus at the Pegler Ranch, ca. 1900.

California's Second Gold Rush:
The Rise of the Citrus Industry

Local resident **Joe Feeney** will highlight the advent of the citrus industry in California, also known as the Second Gold Rush. The citrus industry generated billions of dollars of commerce. At one time LA County was the biggest agricultural producer (in dollar value) in the United States. It was the citrus industry that established the infrastructure that allowed for the expansion of the population in Southern California after WWII. This illustrated lecture will include slides and objects such as assorted harvesting bags and boxes and advertising.



This presentation is open and free to the public. No reservations are required.

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David Hughes, former in-
ternational banker, real
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owner, and world traveler
will speak on "Finding the
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Places".

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Halloween Creatures!

ELECTRIC LAWN MOWER EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The South Coast Air Quality Management District invites you to participate in its Electric Lawn Mower exchange program, coming to West Covina on Saturday October 29th. You can trade-in your old gas-powered mower for a non-polluting electric model and save money while helping clean the air. Purchase a rechargeable, cordless electric mower for as low as \$100, with the trade-in of a working gas mower.

This year, AQMD has five different models to choose from. Exchange your mower in less than 10 minutes with drive-through convenience when the program comes to Faith Community Church on East Badillo Street in West Covina. Pre-registration is required. For details and to register for AQMD's lawn mower exchange program go to www.aqmd.gov and click on the lawn mower program banner or call 1-888-425-6247 (Tuesday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

Kiwanis Club Offers
"Healthy Halloween"
Snacks

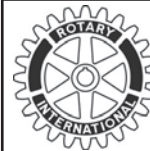
If you'd like to give trick-or-treaters a healthy alternative to candy, Kiwanis can help!

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 31st. 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.



Contact:
Hank Landsberg (626) 355-3656



Sierra Madre Rotary Club

Meets Tuesdays 7-8:30 a.m.

631 E. Sierra Madre Boulevard

Sierra Room of the Youth Activity Center



As part of our club's lively weekly meetings, dynamic speakers are scheduled on Rotary's service interests, local community topics and general appeal subjects.

Sierra Madre Rotary operates an active high school service group, the Interact Club, participates in Rotary scholarship, music and essay competitions, raises funds for local and Rotary Foundation causes, recognizes exemplary teachers, offers mini grants for worthy projects, hosts the yearly Elvis in the Park concert and donates hundreds of service hours to community events like the Wistaria Festival, Dickens Village and July 4th Parade.

While all Rotary Club memberships are by invitation, visitors are heartily welcomed to meetings. For more information, please visit our website or contact our membership chairperson at RudyHayek@gmail.com.

www.SierraMadreRotary.com

END OF THE MONTH BARGAIN BOOK SALE AT
THE LIBRARY

There's harvest of good books to be had at The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library's Bargain Book Table Sale, which will be held Monday, October 31, through Saturday, November 5, during the Library's open hours. Fiction, History, Politics, will be featured, as well as books for Children and Teens. Books are restocked daily, and are only \$1.00 each.

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

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

ATTENTION, ALL VETERANS



The Sierra Kiwanis Club is having a special program to honor local veterans on Tuesday, November 8, at noon, and we want you to join us.

This special event is being held in observance of Veterans Day which is on Nov. 11.

The meeting begins at noon at The Lodge (formerly the Masonic Lodge) and the program begins at approximately 12:30.

Please all Pat Birdsall at 355-7290 to reserve your space. We look forward to seeing you there.



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Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, October 16th to Saturday October 22nd, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 288 calls for service. See crimereports.com for updated information.

Sunday, October 16th:

3:08 AM- DUI Alcohol/Drugs, Rosemead Blvd and Foothill Blvd. An officer stopped a 38-year old Temple City motorist for a Vehicle Code violation and determined that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested and taken to the Pasadena Police Department for booking.

Monday, October 17th:

3:35 PM- Allegation of Child Abuse/Neglect, 100 blk. Esperanza Ave. This case involves a report of suspected child abuse. A two-year old female sustained 2nd and 3rd degree burns to her body, and is currently at Los Angeles County Medical Center pediatric ward.

10:46 PM- Auto Burglary, 400 blk. N. Halstead St. A suspect punched the lock and entered a parked truck. The unknown suspect stole a navy blue tri-fold Velcro wallet, California driver's license, a Wells Fargo debit card, a Wells Fargo Visa, an American Express card, an FAA pilot's license, and \$410.00 dollars. Both of the victim's Wells Fargo cards were used at two different gas stations in the city of Pasadena.

Tuesday, October 18th:

6:48 AM- Petty Theft, 200 blk. S. Sunnyside Ave. This case involves a victim's firearm being recovered during an arrest by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. The victim did not know the gun was missing.

10:42 PM- Receiving/Concealing Stolen Property, Foothill Blvd and Rodeo Blvd. A 23-year old Azusa bicyclist was stopped for a Vehicle Code violation. Further investigation revealed that the bicyclist was in possession of burglary tools. The male was transported to Pasadena Police Department for booking.

Wednesday, October 19th:

12:39 PM- DUI Alcohol/Drugs, Auburn Ave and Sierra Made Blvd. An officer stopped a 42-year old Monrovia motorist for a Vehicle Code violation and determined that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested and taken to the Pasadena Police Department for booking.

9:34 PM- DUI Alcohol/Drugs, Sierra Madre Blvd and Mountain Trail Ave. An officer stopped a 44-year old Arcadia motorist for a Vehicle Code violation and determined that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested and taken to the Pasadena Police Department for booking.

Thursday, October 20th:

12:33 AM- Attempted Arson, 200 blk. Mariposa Ave. This case involves an unknown suspect running out of the victim's driveway. Further investigation revealed that the unknown suspect(s) had poured gasoline on a car parked in the driveway and on the west side and south side of the house.

Friday, October 21st:

4:00 AM- Arson of Inhabited Property/Structure, 200 blk. Mariposa Ave. This case involves a fire on the back area of a house. Arson investigators from Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department were called to the scene. The investigation is ongoing.

5:57 PM- Grand Theft Exceeding 950 Dollars, 100 blk. W. Alegria Ave. This case involves the theft of a Miller welder, a box of carpentry tools and a welder cord. The incidents occurred between the evening of October 20th and the evening of October 21st.

Saturday, October 22nd:

6:24 PM- Disorderly Conduct/Drunk in Public, 200 blk. W. Sierra Madre Blvd. A 60-year old intoxicated man from Texas came into the SMPD asking for assistance. Officers arrested the suspect and took him to the Pasadena Police Department for booking.

DEVELOPER PROPOSING SIERRA MADRE ASSISTED LIVING COMPLEX TO SPEAK AT SM ROTARY

Billy Shields, partner at Fountain Square Properties (FSP), will address the Tuesday, November 1 Rotary meeting in Sierra Madre, according to Rotary Guest Speaker Program coordinator, Dan Alle. His LLC is in contract to purchase and develop an assisted living complex in town. The public is invited.

After the presentation, Shields will open the floor for questions about the proposed project at the site of the former skilled nursing facility on West Sierra Madre Boulevard in town, across from city hall. The site has been vacant for a number of years.

Shields and his partners have appeared a number of times at city planning and council meetings, a public forum held in September at the Youth Activity Center, and at a recent Kiwanis meeting. FSP is in process of applying to build 75 senior assisted living and memory impaired living quarters at Sierra Madre Boulevard and Hermosa. Sierra Madre Rotary meets weekly on Tuesday mornings at 7 a.m. at the Sierra Room of the Youth Activity Center (YAC), 631 E. Sierra Madre Boulevard. The public is welcome for this event, but an RSVP is requested for the \$10 breakfast.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Dan Alle, Program Chair, at DAlle@RedstoneCRE.com or visit the club's website, www.SierraMadreRotary.com.

PUSD REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

The Sierra Madre City Council is seeking interested individuals to serve on the Pasadena Unified School District Redistricting Committee, due to a vacancy created with Councilmember Mosca's upcoming resignation.

The Redistricting Committee is responsible for determining the sub-geographic regions which will make up the voting districts within the Pasadena Unified School District. The Committee began meeting in spring 2011 and is scheduled to complete its assignments by June 2012.

The City of Sierra Madre City Council will make appointment to fill the vacant

seat at the November 8th City Council meeting. If you are interested in being considered for this appointment, please contact one of the members of the City Council at the addresses listed below or contact the City Manager's Office at 626.355.7135.

Mayor John Buchanan – jbuchanan@cityofsierramadre.com

Mayor Pro Tem Josh Moran – jmoran@cityofsierramadre.com

Councilmember MaryAnn MacGillivray – mmacgillivray@cityofsierramadre.com

Councilmember Joe Mosca – jmosca@cityofsierramadre.com

Councilmember Nancy Walsh – nwalsh@cityofsierramadre.com



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Bag Ban to Become Law



With three members absent, the city council was still able Monday night to get first reading of an ordinance banning plastic bags passed moving the matter one step closer to becoming law. The vote had to be unanimous by the remaining members or it would have failed.

Absent were Councilmembers, Victor Gordo, Chris Holden, and Steve Madison. The ordinance was introduced by Councilwoman Jacque Robinson.

The new law, similar to one now in effect in L.A. County, would prohibit the use of plastic carryout bags at certain stores within the city. It would also impose a 10 cent fee on paper bags to encourage the use of reusable bags. City staff said there would be limited exceptions and the prohibitions and requirements will become effective on a rolling basis.

The ordinance could take effect as soon as six months according to staff documents. Larger grocers and food marts with gross annual sales of \$2,000,000 or more and stores of at least 10,000 square feet of retail space will have six months to prepare. Smaller grocers, food markets, liquor stores, convenience stores, farmers markets, drug stores, pharmacies and vendors at City sponsored events, facilities, or City property will have a year.

The county is currently being sued over its ordinance, also according to city staff reports, citing violation of proposition 26, requires a two-thirds super majority vote in the California State Legislature to pass many fees, levies, charges and taxes.

During the council's Oct. 3 meeting, Gordo said he was concerned about implanting the ban at the Rose Bowl noting that vendors at the flea market and souvenir concessionaires could be classified as, "retailers."

Vice Mayor Margaret McAustin suggested placing the Rose Bowl under the 12-month category for implementing the ordinance. It was also suggested that vendors use a thinker plastic classifying their bags as reusable.

Vince Bertoni, Director of Planning Department said the Rose Bowl scenario outlined by McAustin would be covered by the proposed ordinance.

City Manager Michael Beck said the charge will be waived for low-income shoppers. The charge will not be applied to a customer participating in some state food programs he said.



Residents of South Lake Avenue heard ideas last week on possible ways into increase business and revitalize the area including what to do with the now vacant Borders Bookstore property.

Councilmember Terry Tornek hosted the meeting Oct. 19, which among other things discussed a study analysis of the area done by the South Lake Business Association.

"The South Lake Business Association kicked off a process in terms of an analysis of some of the strengths and weakness of Lake Ave. in their ongoing

South Lake Discussed

efforts to figure out how to best prepare themselves for the future," he said.

Carl Maese, president of the South Lake Business Association, said the association was a property based improvement district.

"The district is from Colorado Blvd to California Ave, Mentor to Hudson," he said. "It is now an assessment to the property taxes. The advantage to those of us in the district is that the funding is enforceable, consistent and significantly higher, we have a budget of \$465,000."

A discussion focused on how the area could be unique with suggestions ranging from art, to health and fitness to entertainment, such as building a movie theater. Members of the business association said they found it shocking that most people living in Pasadena do not

shop in Pasadena.

"We need to figure out what businesses we need to make us unique, that we will support, to keep us here and give us an identity to brand the street," a member said.

Maese said after the meeting, that although they cannot force a particular type of business, or property owner to move into the area, they have approached both sporting goods store REI and Microsoft about opening a store in the vacant Borders Books location.

"Microsoft said they are looking for a location to compete with the Apple Store in Old Pasadena, Maese said.

Audit of MTA Safety Approved

The MTA Board of Directors unanimously passed a motion by Los Angeles County Mayor and MTA Vice Chair Michael D. Antonovich establishing a "culture of safety" by ordering a full audit of MTA's safety measures.

"The top priority for the MTA Board of Directors must include a vigilant oversight of the bus and rail system to ensure safety for our 38 million monthly passengers," said Antonovich.

Antonovich's motion directs the CEO to conduct an independent safety review with recommendations for safety improvements within 90 days with quarterly safety reports to the Board.

The motion also changes the name of the "Operations Committee" to the "System Safety and Operations Committee" and expands the scope of the committee to include all items related to safety audits, upgrades, and overall system safety issues and monthly reports. Additionally, with each board report and agenda item, the CEO will attach an assessment of the item's impact on system safety and the safety culture.

Department Seeks Input On Local Hazard Plan

From earthquakes to wildfires, Pasadena, its neighborhoods and residents have the potential for being at serious risk in an emergency.

The Pasadena Fire Department wants to hear from the community during a public meeting Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011, at 6 p.m. regarding the adoption of the city's proposed Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The meeting will be held at the Pasadena Permit Center, 175 N. Garfield.

The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is mandated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and California Emergency Management Agency (Cal-EMA). The meeting is designed to inform the community of the outline and general contents of the plan and seek input before it is completed and sent to state and federal officials for approval. Once approved at the state and federal levels, the plan will go before the Pasadena City Council for consideration.

For more information please contact Emergency Management Coordinator Lisa Derderian at (626) 744-7276.

Rose Queen Crowned

The Tournament of Roses crowned the 94th Rose Queen, Drew Washington, Thursday during an official coronation ceremony presented by Citizens Business Bank at the Pasadena Convention Center. The event was supported by Royal Court sponsors Macy's and Mikimoto. Washington was officially crowned by the 2012 Tournament of Roses President Richard Jackson.

"Queen Drew and the six princesses are exemplary role models," said Tournament of Roses President, Richard Jackson. "We are so honored to have them as a part of our Tournament of Roses family.

These beautiful, smart and poised young ladies have been and will continue to be excellent ambassadors of the Tournament of Roses."

The seven young ladies of the Royal Court also debuted the beautiful one-shoulder gowns provided by designer Tadashi Shoji and the dazzling crown and tiaras provided by Mikimoto. "We love them," exclaimed the newly crowned Queen. "The dresses are so regal and the crown and tiaras finish off the look making us feel truly royal."

Washington, 16, lives in Pasadena and attends Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy.



94th Rose Queen, Drew Washington

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 Nov. 1 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.

Bill to Name Post Office after Tuskegee Airman



Adam Schiff announced Tuesday that legislation he introduced to designate the historic U.S. Postal Service office located at 281 E. Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena as the "First Lieutenant Oliver Goodall Post Office" passed the Senate and now awaits the President's signature.

"I am so pleased that legislation to pay tribute to Oliver Goodall, a great patriot who always exhibited perseverance in the face of adversity, is one step closer to becoming law," Rep. Schiff said. "Once signed by President Obama, this bill will honor the more than 50 years of public service that Goodall provided as a Tuskegee Airman, public information officer and postal worker. Goodall's courageous life story, as well as his legacy of service, lives on and inspires us all. His dedication to helping others had a truly positive impact on our community, and for that we are very fortunate."

Goodall entered the service at Tuskegee in February 1943. In October 1944, he graduated as a multi-engine pilot and was assigned to

the 477th Bomber Group at Godman Field, Kentucky, in January 1945, where he attained his First Pilots rating in six months. Goodall was among 60 African American U.S. Army Air Corps officers arrested for trying to peacefully integrate an all-white officers' club, which came to be known as the Freeman Field Mutiny. The 'mutiny' was an important step toward full integration of all U.S. armed forces worldwide in June 1949, serving as a model for later Civil Rights efforts to integrate public facilities.

"For more than 50 years, my grandfather served our community as a Tuskegee Airman, public information officer and postal worker, and dedicating the post office in his name is a great joy and an honor for our family," said Tony Goodall. "I hope that by paying tribute to my grandfather, this will serve as a reminder, not only to our family and friends, but also to our neighbors about the importance of service, as well as an inspiration for young men and women that their contributions to society really will make a difference."

Pet of the Week



Lila is such a sweetie. She is a 4-year-old black and brown Chihuahua. She very curious, gentle, loves to snuggle and loves even more to sit on your lap.

Lila'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 A297219, 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.

City to Hold Halloween Fall Festival Extravaganza



This year, all the fun of Halloween, from costumes and pumpkins to ghosts and games, can be found at one free event for all ages: the Fall Festival Extravaganza at the Pasadena Convention Center, Monday, Oct. 31.

Everyone is invited to celebrate Halloween in a safe, fun environment featuring a haunted house (from 4-8 p.m.),

pumpkin decoration, face painting, live performances, games, a moon bounce, and a costume contest open to all ages.

The Fall Festival Extravaganza, co-sponsored by the City of Pasadena, The Daniel Foundation, and Paseo Colorado, runs on Halloween, Oct. 31, from 2-8 p.m. at the Pasadena Convention Center, 300 East Green Street, Exhibit Hall A.

Parking is available at Paseo Colorado or the Convention Center. The first 200 cars to enter Paseo Colorado may receive free parking validation. All-day parking is just \$9.00. ARTS bus tickets are also available on a first-come basis.

Special note: the costume contest for all ages starts at 7 p.m.!

For more information about this scary good time for the whole family, please call Dolores Mendoza at (626) 744-7507

Halloween Safety Tips from Pasadena Fire Department

Many hallmarks of Halloween – lit Jack o' Lanterns, candle decorations and billowing costumes – pose fire hazards. Halloween is one of the top five days of the year when candles are used, and according to the National Fire Protection Association, candles are the cause of about 15,000 house fires each year, more than 1,200 serious injuries, close to 200 deaths, and \$450 million in property damage.

As children and families select costumes and decorate their homes for Halloween this year, the Pasadena Fire Department encourages everyone to take these simple safety precautions to keep things fun and safe:

When choosing a costume, stay away from billowing or long, trailing fabric. If you are making your own costume, choose material that won't ignite easily if it comes into contact with heat or flame. If your children are wearing masks, make sure the eye holes are large enough so they can see out.

Provide children with flashlights or glow sticks to carry as part of their costumes.

Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs and heaters.

It is safest to use flashlights or battery-operated candles in Jack o' Lanterns. If you use real

candles, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn, and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.

Remember to keep exits clear of decorations so nothing blocks escape routes.

Remind children to stay away from open flames. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. Use flashlights as alternatives to candles and torch lights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters whose costumes may brush against the lighting.

If your children are going to Halloween parties at others' homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

Make sure children go trick-or-treating with responsible adults.

Remind children to stay together as a group and walk from house to house.

Review how to cross a street with your children. Look left, right, and left again to be sure no cars are approaching before crossing the street.

Make a rule that children will not eat any treat until it has been brought home and examined by an adult.

For more information, call the Pasadena Fire Department at (626) 744-7177.



Brown Bag Lunch Talk on the Santa Anita Racetrack

The next Brown Bag Lunch Talk is scheduled for November 17 from noon until 12:30 p.m. featuring the Santa Anita Racetrack.

Bring your lunch and listen to our guest speakers who will present snippets about local history, people, places and events. The Brown Bag Lunch talks take place the third Thursday of the month on the Museum's outdoor patio. Please dress appropriately according to weather conditions.

Monthly Family Fun Nights

Family storytimes for all ages are scheduled for Thursday, November 17 and December 15 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for an evening of stories, crafts, games and surprises for the whole family. No registration is necessary for these special programs but space is limited so come a little

early!

For more information, please call (626) 574-5440, visit our website at <http://museum.ci.arcadia.ca.us> or follow us on Facebook.

The Arcadia Historical Museum is located at 380 W. Huntington Drive, immediately behind the Community Center. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is always free.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, October 16, through Saturday, October 22, the Police Department responded to 855 calls for service of which 130 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, October 16:

1. Between October 14th at 1:00 p.m., and October 16th at 1:30 p.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 300 block of West Lemon Avenue. Suspect(s) entered the location by forcing open a doggie door. Once inside, the suspect(s) stole silverware and jewelry.

2. While on patrol in the area of Albertson's, 298 East Live Oak Avenue, an officer was approached by the manager of the store regarding a suspicious female. An investigation revealed that a 40-year-old Asian female had attempted to steal groceries from the location. She was also identified as the same individual who had taken merchandise on a prior occasion. The female was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail where she was booked for commercial burglary.

Monday, October 17:

3. Between 9:20 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., an auto burglary occurred in the 100 block of North First Avenue. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle by smashing the front driver side window. Once inside, the suspect(s) stole a purse containing a wallet, as well as an i-Phone, and Bose headphones.

4. Between October 15th at 1:30 p.m., and October 17th at 12:00 p.m., a theft occurred in the 11700 block of Clark Street. Suspect(s) pried open the rear door of a multi-unit mailbox and stole an unknown amount of mail.

Tuesday, October 18:

5. At about 10:40 a.m., officers responded to the 500 block of West Foothill Boulevard regarding a residential burglary. The victim told officers that at approximately 9:45 a.m., he was in his driveway and was approached by a male who said he worked for the city. The male said he needed to check the water inside the residence for pollution. While the resident and his wife were distracted, a second male entered the home, stealing jewelry and cash. The first suspect was described as a Hispanic male, unknown age, approximately 6'-00", stocky build, with a dark complexion, wearing dark clothing and a beanie cap. The second suspect was only described as a male of unknown race wearing a white shirt.

6. At approximately 6:00 p.m., officers responded to the 600 block of Gloria Road regarding a fraud investigation. The victim advised officers he received an email offering an opportunity to earn money by placing an advertisement on his vehicle for the "Holmes & Sellers" company. Through a series of emails, the victim agreed to the offer. However, the victim received a check in excess of the agreed payment with instructions to send the overpayment back to the company. The victim felt this suspicious and contacted his bank who told him the check was fraudulent. The victim suffered no monetary loss.

Wednesday, October 19:

7. Shortly after 3:00 a.m., an officer stopped a bicyclist near Holly Avenue and Lemon Avenue for traveling in the opposite direction of traffic. A records check of the 33-year-old Asian male revealed an outstanding felony warrant. The male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. During the booking search, property belonging to two local residents was found in the suspect's possession. Officers conducted follow-up and discovered two thefts from vehicles had occurred during the night in the

900-1000 blocks of Paloma Drive. The property was identified and returned to the victims. The suspect was booked on additional grand theft charges.

8. At about 5:16 p.m., security personnel from the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, reported two Black males had fled the parking lot after acting suspiciously near several vehicles. Officers found three vehicles at the mall had been tampered with and windows had been forced open. One vehicle was forcibly entered into and the steering column had been pried. About 15 minutes later, a similar call was received in the 700 block of Southview Road indicating two Black males were loitering in the carport. An officer located a vehicle with a shattered passenger side window at the location. Within minutes, officers detained two juveniles matching the suspect descriptions nearby. A 17-year-old and a 15-year-old male juvenile were arrested and booked for possession of burglary tools, auto burglary, and attempted auto theft.

Thursday, October 20:

9. Between October 19th at 5:00 p.m., and October 20th at 6:30 a.m., an auto burglary occurred in the 11700 block of Clark Street. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle by unknown means and stole the stereo.

10. Shortly after 7:00 p.m., loss prevention personnel from JC Penney at the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, advised they had detained a male juvenile for theft. The suspect took merchandise into a fitting room, concealed it, and left the store without making payment. Through investigation, it was determined that the suspect had come into the store with the intent to steal. The 17-year-old Hispanic male was placed under arrest for commercial burglary.

Friday, October 21:

11. At about 4:36 a.m., while on patrol in the area of a construction site at 630 East Live Oak, an officer saw a male subject near a vehicle parked by the fence of the closed site. The vehicle pulled out and was stopped by the officer. An investigation revealed that the 43-year-old White male driver had entered the construction site and stole several power cords. The male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail where he was booked for commercial burglary.

12. Between October 20th at 9:00 p.m., and October 21st at 8:30 a.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 300 block of West Duarte Road. Suspect(s) entered both the front and rear houses at the location. The suspect(s) removed a window air conditioner to gain entry into the front house and then removed a window to gain entry into the unoccupied rear house. Suspect(s) stole a television and a cordless drill from the location.

Saturday, October 22:

13. Shortly before 11:00 a.m., officers responded to the 1100 block of Encanto Drive regarding a vehicle tampering report. Sometime between October 21st at 8:30 p.m., and October 22nd at 10:00 a.m., suspect(s) partially removed the two front grills of the vehicle and broke them.

14. Between 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., an auto theft occurred in the parking lot of Just Tires at the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue. Suspect(s) stole a 1990, beige, 4-door, Honda Accord parked at the location.



TWO CAR GARAGE, WORKSHOP AND TWO CARS DAMAGED IN ARCADIA FIRE

By Joan Schmidt

Yesterday, a little after 7:00 A.M., I heard sirens on Myrtle Avenue, a frequent event, as L.A. County Fire Station 169 on Peck Road, just south of Hemlock serves our county area. Usually the first response is Engine #169 and shortly after that, Paramedics #167. (In a future article I will explain in detail our fire service.) The engine and paramedics travel north on Myrtle and usually turn left going into Mayflower Village.

It was different yesterday, I heard an engine coming south on Myrtle Ave. and realized it was an engine from the City of Monrovia's Fire Station north of Camino Real. I thought it must be a large fire of consequence as it appeared the Monrovia Fire Engine was heading into either our county area or the City of Arcadia. Could this be an example of the Mutual Aid Agreement?

Throughout California, many city and county agencies create a "Mutual Aid Agreement" to assist each other in natural disasters-especially those extensive fires in wooded mountain areas. The mutual aid agreement is also utilized in local fires. There could be a fire of great consequence or perhaps the station's engine is on another call.

On a local level, I know that the Cities of Arcadia and Monrovia work with L.A. County Fire Department. Years ago, the neighbor behind me on Shrode Ave. had a fire. Our Engine #169 was on another call. Immediately, the Monrovia City Fire Engine arrived - it's only a few blocks north of us. Then shortly after, Engine 167 (County) responded. When I was on the Town Council, I

constantly had to explain our Fire Station was 169 because we were in the county. Everyone would get angry that the Monrovia Fire Station wasn't ours. First, county service is excellent. Secondly in any REALLY dangerous fire, Monrovia will respond. Lastly and MOST IMPORTANTLY, it was the ORIGINAL HOMEOWNERS in Mayflower Village who DID NOT want to pay city taxes for city services. I actually have WRITTEN PROOF. (In the future article about Fire Service in the county article, I'll explain what happened)

At yesterday's fire Glendale, in addition to Monrovia, responded to the Arcadia Fire. In the afternoon, I went over to the Monrovia Fire Station and met the personnel. I also asked about the "Yellow" fire engine. I had noticed them on the news. They are on loan from the state and are used in situations like the extensive fires in the mountains and wooded areas.

Yesterday's fire began in a double garage/workshop, and there were two cars parked inside. Neighbors heard explosions, but investigators believe that noise could have been from tires popping. Damage was estimated at \$150,000. It is just fortunate that the house structure was not attached to the garage and no one was injured, and the fire was extinguished in 30 minutes.

In conjunction with "Breast Cancer Awareness", the Monrovia Fire personnel are wearing pink for a week. I would like to thank ALL the public safety officers who provide us with such great service!

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NOVEMBER 8TH ELECTIONS: A PRIVILEGE AND AN OBLIGATION

by Joan Schmidt

Tuesday, November 8th is Election Day and I am urging EVERY citizen to vote. It is not merely a PRIVILEGE, but an OBLIGATION. So many people will go around whining and complaining about what is going on in their city or community, but they don't vote. There is much apathy on a local level. When I took a sociology course in college, our professor proposed a question on "your local official". I raised my hand, but I was the ONLY one in a class of 25, and I loved politics. But the point he was trying to make was most people don't even know who their local officials are!

When we lived in Korea, everyone had a "maid". Basically, she was your babysitter - there was no such thing as daycare in Taegu. She asked to leave early one day, and ALL the maids/houseboys on Camp Walker left to go vote. They explained to us they HAD TO VOTE and FOR A SPECIFIC CANDIDATE! I mean, there was NO CHOICE! "Wow", I thought, "at least we can choose who we vote for or choose not to vote!"

At the Duarte City Council Meeting, October 25th, the three School Board Challengers, David Hall, Tom Reyes and Dolores Ortiz addressed the Duarte City Council.

Mr. Hall talked about test scores obtained from the COUNTY. He was tired of being called a liar and accused of making up statistics/scores.

Mr. Reyes had papers that PROVED current school board members get MORE medical insurance funds than the TEACHERS! WOW! That made me angry and I don't even live in Duarte! I was a teacher for 32 years! I spent 2 hours EVERY DAY at home grading papers in the evening or getting up at 4:00 AM to do so. And EVERY SATURDAY, up at school at least THREE hours on comprehensive lesson plans (EACH box had to show WHAT CA State Standard was met by that lesson) and XEROXING supplementary materials for reinforcement of the lessons.

Ms. Ortiz was unhappy with the programs at Northview and the High School - I cannot make a comment as I am not familiar with their

programs. In all fairness, over the years, former Annunciation students have gone there and done all right.

Also attending the meeting were Liz Reilly and Henry Baltizar, City Council Candidates.

Ms. Reilly spoke of a "Downtown Duarte" on Huntington Drive, bringing in more businesses. I had spoken to her last month and said there is SUCH A GREAT NEED for a bookstore in our areas.

Mr. Baltazar also spoke of a "Downtown area. What caught my eye a few months back was his statement that he was proud of his Hispanic heritage and loved Mexican food, but there were TOO many Mexican Restaurants in Duarte! My sentiments exactly, but I never said it, for fear of offending someone. What happened to our "Crystal's Café" at Santo Domingo and "La Parisienne"? He also said the parks in northern Duarte had bathrooms and those in southern area did not. I haven't gone to all the parks, but if this is true, that's a shame.

A gentleman also addressed the City Council with complaints about an "invisible" Council no one walks the area. He had an article about Hilary Clinton knocking on 2000 doors.

In Monrovia, all we have are School Board elections. Rob Hammond adopted our area school, Plymouth. As Mayor of the City of Monrovia, I saw firsthand that he is a tireless worker committed to improving our community. He came down to Town Council Meetings and supported us.

Terrance Williams had been my neighbor since June, 1987! He is a devoted husband and parent and attends Second Baptist Church where he participates in all their worthwhile programs. I also have seen firsthand what a hard worker he is and know he is committed to improving education in Monrovia.

There are five other candidates. The two incumbents are Bryon Wong and Ed Gilillain. The three other challengers are David Crabtree, Janeane Covarubias and Ed Mcarthy. See you at the polls!

Monrovia Police Blotter

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 551 service events, resulting in 91 investigations. Following are a few of the last week's highlighted events:

Vehicle Burglary

On October 13 at 9:49 a.m., a vehicle burglary was reported at a hotel parking lot in the 300 block of West Foothill. During the investigation, the officer checked video surveillance of the location. The officer observed a male Hispanic subject approach the victim's vehicle and enter through the passenger door. The window had been left cracked open and the suspect reached in and unlocked the door. He then removed the car stereo and a cell phone, which was left on the passenger seat. The suspect was last seen getting into a tan SUV and leaving the area. The investigation is continuing.

Homicide Investigation

On October 14 at 5:18 a.m., the Monrovia Police Department received a 911 call from a resident in the 200 block of North Mayflower reporting a shooting. The Monrovia Police Department responded to the location and discovered a 63-year-old male had been shot inside the house. The Monrovia Fire Department also responded. The victim was pronounced dead at 5:29 a.m. The Los Angeles Sheriff Department Homicide Bureau was called and assumed the primary investigative responsibility, with the Monrovia Police Department's detectives assisting. There were no arrests made and the case will be presented to the District Attorney's office for filing consideration once the investigation is complete.

Attempted Strong-arm Robbery

On October 14 at 1:29 p.m., an attempt robbery occurred at a fast food restaurant in the 300 block of West Huntington Drive. A female subject was sitting by herself inside the location with her purse on the table in front of her. A male Hispanic in his late teens entered the restaurant, approached the female, and grabbed her purse. The female immediately grabbed her purse as well, and the two were struggling for it. The female was pulled to the ground during the struggle, at which time the suspect gave up and ran outside. A witness followed the suspect outside and saw him get into the rear passenger side of a newer-model, blue four-door Nissan Altima driven by a male black. The suspects fled east on Cypress, out of sight. The suspect had facial hair and was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt with "Monrovia" printed on the front in white, as well as black shorts and black Vans-type shoes. Officers, including the Special Enforcement Team and the Foothill Air Support helicopter, searched for the suspect vehicle, but it was not located.

Driving Under the Influence - Suspect Arrested

On October 15 at 12:40 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 900 block of West Duarte Road regarding a possible drunk driver. The reporting party followed the vehicle off the freeway and informed dispatch of

his direction of travel. Officers located the vehicle in the 900 block of West Duarte and, after investigation, determined the driver to be under the influence. The driver was arrested.

Medical Assist / Drug Overdose

On October 15 at 1:42 a.m., officers responded to a medical assist in the 300 block of North Encinitas and found the victim had overdosed on heroin. He was transported to a hospital for treatment. Officers recovered drug paraphernalia, along with heroin, which was next to the victim when they arrived. He was charged with possession of a controlled substance, being under the Influence of a controlled substance, and possession of a syringe.

Traffic Collision / Driving Under Influence - Suspect Arrested

On October 15 at 4:30 a.m., a traffic collision occurred in the area of Mountain and Olive involving a possible drunk driver. Officers arrived on scene and determined the driver was intoxicated and he was arrested for driving under the influence.

Mental Evaluation

On October 15 at 12:50 a.m., a subject entered a night club in the 300 block of South Myrtle without paying and immediately became aggressive with the patrons. Security guards had to physically remove him from the location. When officers arrived and contacted the subject, he was extremely delusional and continued to exclaim that everyone was going to die. The officers detained the subject and he was taken to a hospital, where he was held for 72-hour mental evaluation.

Medical Assist / Air Rescue - Monrovia Falls

On October 16 at 2 p.m., a medical assist was requested for a female adult who was hit in the head with a rock at Monrovia Falls. Monrovia Fire Department paramedics responded and handled the call. Police were called back to the falls regarding a 49-year-old male subject who decided to climb above the falls to find the subject(s) who dislodged the rock. The male subject got stuck on a ledge and could not go up or down. The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department responded with a helicopter and removed the male subject from the rocks.

Embezzlement

On October 19 at 9:52 a.m., the victim/owner of a business in the 300 block of West Maple and a witness came into the lobby of the police station to file an embezzlement report. On October 14, they found a piece of paper in their copy machine that had been altered to the benefit of a female employee. They became suspicious, conducted audits, and put together packages of checks from different banks that had been altered to the benefit of the same employee. The employee has defrauded the company of a large sum of money. The investigation will continue.

MONROVIA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE WINS NOBEL PRIZE

From staff and wire reports

What an honor for the City of Monrovia and its residents! Thomas Sargent, a 1961 graduate of Monrovia High School, along with another American, Christopher Sims, have just been awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics.

This past weekend, Monrovia High held its 50th reunion and Thomas Sargent didn't show. His former classmate, Don Samuels said, "Tom was scheduled to attend, and we wondered what happened...now we know why."

Samuels also commented that "Thomas Sargent was an extremely bright student and we knew he would do well." That is obvious as school district records indicate Thomas Sargent graduated from Monrovia High School after only three years!

When asked about Thomas Sargent, a Monrovia High graduate receiving such a prestigious award, current Monrovia School District Superintendent Linda Wagner felt this achievement was "impressive" and "wonderful".

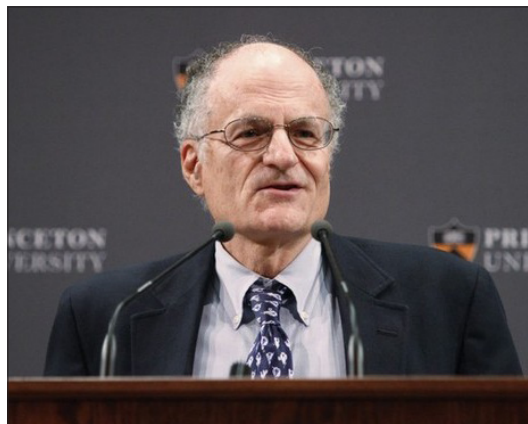
Sargent and the co-winner, Christopher Sims had been friends for years. They met in the 1960's when they both were Harvard School graduates. In later years, they taught at the same time at the University of Minnesota. Sims now teaches at Princeton, while Sargent is at NYU, but is a visiting professor at Princeton. Currently, they are co-teaching a graduate-level macroeconomics course at Princeton.

These two professors, both 68 were honored for their research in the 1970's and 1980's on the cause-and-effect relationship between the economy and government policy. Over the years, they have worked separately, but they have devised tools to analyze how changes in interest rates and taxes affect growth and inflation.

Their work is not going to give instant solutions for today's economy problems. What they have achieved is to create mathematical models that central bankers and other leaders can use to devise policy proposals.

On the Nobel website, Sargent explains, "We're just bookish types that look at numbers and try to figure out what's going on."

Sims said he had no surefire advice to offer policymakers in the U.S. and Europe: "If I had a simple answer, I would have been spreading it



around the world."

However, Sims felt "the methods that I have used and Tom (Sargent) has developed are central to finding a way out of this mess ... I think they point to a way to try to unravel why our serious problems develop, and new research using these methods may help lead us out of this mess."

Over the years, Americans have dominated the Nobel economics category. Recently, thirteen out of fifteen winners of the prize have been American!

University of Chicago economist Robert Lucas won the Nobel in 1995. He feels the work of Sargent and Sims is timely now when policymakers are debating whether to do something to stimulate the US economy.

Sargent related, "We want to know what happens if we do it, what happens if we don't, what are the long-term consequences." Sargent and Sims "got their hands dirty, using data, trying to forecast, trying to see what works, what doesn't."

In the citation the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said Sargent showed how statistical models could help analyze how household and companies adjust their expectations as conditions and policies shift.

The Nobel Awards will be presented on December 10th, the anniversary of the death of Alfred Nobel, the prizes' founder. Congratulations to both fine professors! All these years, all their hard work has paid off. I know all Monroviens will be very proud when the presentations are made.

City of Duarte Recognized as Leader in Energy Conservation For City-Wide Energy Efficiency Lighting Project

The City of Duarte will be honored for outstanding commitment to improving its energy efficiency and the environment at the 3rd annual San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership Awards Luncheon, Dec. 6 at the Hilton Hotel in San Gabriel.

Duarte will be presented with the 2011 Energy Savings Impact Award by the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership, a collaboration between the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) and Southern California Edison. The award is presented to a city deemed a leader in energy conservation. Duarte was selected for the award because of its city-wide energy efficiency lighting project that resulted in a 142,757 kilowatt-hours savings this year.

Energy efficiency improvements undertaken by the City included lighting and heating, ventilating and air conditioning replacements and upgrades for City Hall, Community Center, Fitness Center, South Maintenance Yard, Senior Center and Fitness Center; Building Control optimization for the City Towne Center, North and South maintenance yards, Senior and Teen

Center, and two Recreation Center buildings. The City utilized stimulus grant funds, rebates and a low-interest loan to finance the \$358,171 project. Of the total cost, \$122,117 was paid from Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and \$17,208 from Southern California Edison rebates. The remaining \$218,846 is financed through a California Energy Commission low interest 3% loan to be repaid over 15 years with funds derived solely from the energy savings generated by the project.

"The purpose of the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership is to bring energy savings to the San Gabriel Valley through innovative public education and energy usage in our region. Duarte has been at the forefront of these achievements," said SGVCOG Executive Director, Nicholas Conway.

Duarte will also be recognized for its achievement in advancing to Silver Level in the Partnership's Energy Leader Model which recognizes cities that have demonstrated energy savings and a commitment to energy efficiency.

Police to Host Prescription Drug "Take-Back"

MONROVIA - On October 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Monrovia Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public another opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

Bring your medications for disposal to the Monrovia Community Center at 119 W. Palm Avenue, Monrovia CA 91016. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last April, Americans turned in 376,593 pounds—188 tons—of prescription drugs at nearly 5,400 sites operated by the DEA and more than 3,000 state and local law enforcement partners.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs.

Studies show that a majority of abused

prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

Four days after the first Take-Back event in September 2010, Congress passed the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010, which amends the Controlled Substances Act to allow an "ultimate user" of controlled substance medications to dispose of them by delivering them to entities authorized by the Attorney General to accept them.

The Act also allows the Attorney General to authorize long term care facilities to dispose of their residents' controlled substances in certain instances. DEA has begun drafting regulations to implement the Act, a process that can take as long as 24 months. Until new regulations are in place, local law enforcement agencies like Monrovia Police Department and the DEA will continue to hold prescription drug take-back events.

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Fall Theatre Production of Twelfth Night

The nearly 40 students performing in La Salle's Visual and Performing Arts Department's production of William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night; or, What You Will" know about finding their passion.

Connor Duffey caught the acting bug as a sophomore at La Salle when he was performing in "Lend Me a Tenor," and now, as a senior, he is planning on being a theater major in college.

"I found the thing I'm good at," he said during a break in rehearsal for "Twelfth Night," which is being performed at the Linda M. Grin stead Theatre this month. "I was first apprehensive, but I found my passion here."

Like the rest of the cast, Connor spent long hours after-school and on weekends clutching his script, rehearsing his lines as the prankster Sir Toby Belch in "Twelfth Night," a comedy about mistaken identity, deceit, and love.

Nicole Carlos, a senior who has been in drama as a four-year arts program student, said that she sees herself as a "science girl" but plans to continue acting as an extracurricular college activity.

"The arts builds moral character and allows us to think creatively and to solve problems in a different way," said Carlos, who will be portraying Maria, the conniving chambermaid.

To provide as many opportunities for our students to perform in "Twelfth Night," Jude Lucas, the department chairperson and the show's director, has double and triple, and in some case quadruple cast the show. The production will have a Victorian "Steampunk" costume and set design.

The cast includes Tomas Dakan and Chris Tse as Duke Orsino; Dani Pomeroy, Sophie Nelson and Cheyenne Williams as Olivia; Meaghan Allen, Amelia Garrison, Nicole Carlos and Maddie Corwin as Maria; Eric Braun and Adam Riancho as Sebastian; and Emily Bannon, Josette Maskin, Allysa Breda and Tesia Meza as Viola.

Also performing are Maddie Pfefferle and Camille Torres as Valentine; Connor Duffey and Liam Doyle as Sir Toby Belch; Nathan Bautista and Angus McKay as Antonio; Carina Henry and Ashley Duell as Currio; and Connor Duffey and Liam Doyle as Captain.

Others in the cast are Joaquin Barlow and Nico Garcia-Corona as Malvolio; Angus McKay and Nathan Bautista as Sir Andrew Aguecheek; Judah Lacey and Jessica Messineo as Feste; and Mechi Lakatos and Maddie Corwin as Fabian. The ensemble includes Johnny Consiglio, Ethan Gauthier, Luke Bolle, Joely Zucker and Ashley Duell.

"Twelfth Night" will be performed October 30 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., November 3 at 3 p.m. for the faculty and middle schools, November 5 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., November 6 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., November 11 at 7 p.m., November 12 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and November 13 at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students. For reservations, call the La Salle Box Office at (626) 696-4415.

PASADENA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION'S "ADMISSION MATTERS"

College Forum Takes Place on November 3rd

The Pasadena Educational Foundation invites all area students and parents to its free public forum, Admission Matters: What Students and Parents Need to Know about Getting into College. The forum takes place at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 3, at Marshall Fundamental School, 990 North Allen Ave. Pasadena, CA 91104.

Workshops will be held on the admission and application process; SAT/ACT testing; financial aid and scholarships; Applying to the UCs, Cal-States, and Junior Colleges; applying to private colleges; and high school courses to take to be college ready. Presenters include noted author Jay Douglas as well as other noted experts in the field of higher education.

For more information call the Pasadena Educational Foundation at 626-396-3600 ext. 88350 or visit www.pasedfoundation.org.

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Know your A-G's Requirements needed for graduation and college admission.
Presenter: Nancy Heusser

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HYSTERICIS

At school our fall production is *Twelfth Night* by William Shakespeare. It's about a girl dressed as a man who loves a man who loves another man who loves the girl dressed as a man — *She's the Man* with Amanda Bynes, but the original version. It is absolutely hilarious, partially because the events that occur seem impossible, like they would never occur in real life, and also because many of the characters are so absurd and ridiculous you can't help but smile. I believed that the absurdity would stop after rehearsal. I was wrong.

Going to Starbucks to help friends write their personal statements after a long day of painting props for our fall

rally, Colleen and I thought working on our essays would be a good way to calm down. Then I tried to prepare my coffee. As I was pouring my sugar in, the lid fell off and an entire container of sugar spilled into my cup, splashing coffee all over the counter, floor and my skirt. I laughed so hard I couldn't breathe and ask Colleen to help me clean up. Then, remembering it was our friend's birthday, we went to Albertson's to buy her a cake and gift, running around like obnoxious teenagers. Then, as if I was destined to have something go wrong, Colleen spilled her drink, splashing ice and tea all over me and the floor. Telling a worker at the store, we probably looked half-drunk we were so hysterical. Coming home and calming down, I was surprised by how similar the play was and how we acted. I learned that humor almost always has truth in it, and that the play is so funny because of its truth. And also, to always make sure that the sugar lid is screwed on tightly before pouring.

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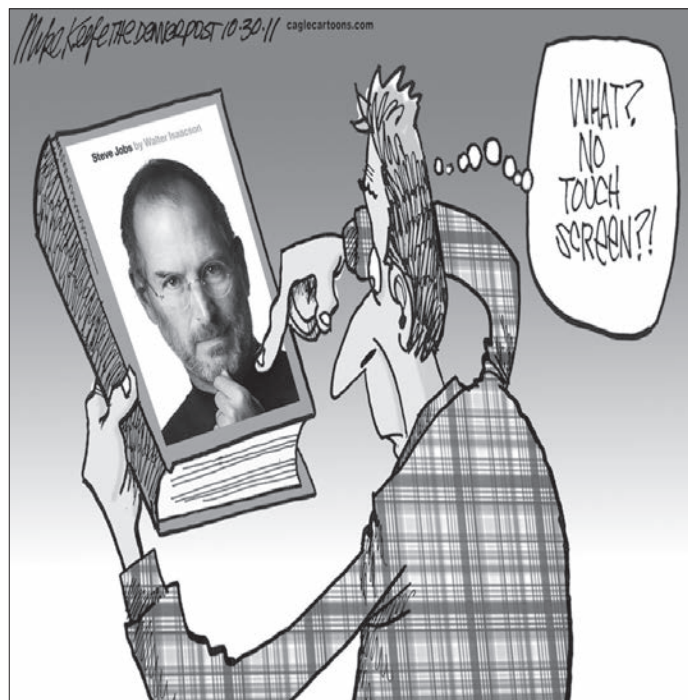
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Halloween Haunts & Things



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.



HALLOWEEN TO BECOME A "FALL FESTIVAL EXTRAVAGANZA" AT PASADENA CONVENTION CENTER

This year, all the fun of Halloween, from costumes and pumpkins to ghosts and games, can be found at one free event for all ages: the Fall Festival Extravaganza at the Pasadena Convention Center, Monday, Oct. 31. Everyone is invited to celebrate Halloween in a safe, fun environment featuring a haunted house (from 4-8 p.m.), pumpkin decoration, face painting, live performances, games, a moon bounce, and a costume contest open to all ages.

The Fall Festival Extravaganza, co-sponsored by the City of Pasadena, The Daniel Foundation, and Paseo Colorado, runs on Halloween, Oct. 31, from 2-8 p.m. at the Pasadena Convention Center, 300 East Green Street, Exhibit Hall A. Parking is available at Paseo Colorado or the Convention Center. The first 200 cars to enter Paseo Colorado may receive free parking validation. All-day parking is just \$9.00. ARTS bus tickets are also available on a first-come basis.

Special note: the costume contest for all ages starts at 7 p.m.! For more information about this scary good time for the whole family, please call Dolores Mendoza at (626) 744-7507.

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 31st. 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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Youth of Church of Ascension Invite All to a Halloween Party - Spooktacular

Sierra Madre's Village Church (Ascension) is hosting an all ages Halloween Party & Potluck, Sunday, October 30th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome for food, fun and fellowship.

There will be a "little-kid" friendly Haunted House, games, adult and kid costume contest as well as a good old fashioned pumpkin carving contest (BYOP bring your own pumpkin). Event is sponsored by the Ascension Senior Youth group. Advisors Scott Callihan and Jobi Harrell.

Church of the Ascension is located at 25 East Laurel on the corner of Baldwin and Laurel in Sierra Madre.

This event makes for a wonderful family outing to meet new neighbors and check out a wonderful community church. For more information, please call (626) 355-1133 or visit: www.ascension-sierramadre.com.

ARCADIA'S

Haunted Halloween Happenings



The City of Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department is excited to announce the eighth annual Haunted Halloween event at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007! On Monday, October 31st, elementary school students can roam the haunted hallways of the Community Center and enjoy activities like the Ewey Gewey Room and Scary Crafts. Come dressed in your best costume to enjoy Trick or Treating, Goblin Games and outdoor activities. This event is free of charge and open to the public. The festivities run from 4:30-6:30pm. For more information please call 626.574.5113.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

By Martha Randolph Carr

Halloween is one of my favorite holidays of the year. It's simple, to the point and involves large quantities of chocolate. Decorations and planning don't start months in advance like Christmas and the cost of the candy won't break my budget.

If I go all out and get the regular-sized candy bars at Costco I can even be a real hero in my neighborhood. There's nothing like the news passed from feverishly running pint-sized Batman to a passing blue Power Ranger that there's full-sized Starburst two houses down on the left. I've seen kids pass up fancier houses as a rumor when viral and spread across the lawns.

Unfortunately, these days I live in a secure building, which means there's a big iron gate out front and kids don't even bother to come this far down the block. I can see all of the Jasmynes and firemen just up the street, floating from door to door.

No worries. I took the show on the road last year and moved myself, a table and chair and big bowl of candy to that corner. My friend, Mimi came with me and brought witches' hats for us to wear.

The neighbors nearby eyeballed us a little but we look harmless and soon we had a chat going about the neighborhood and Chicago winters. That's always a conversation starter.

I have some dreams of getting a little dry ice this year and putting it in a plastic cauldron I own to draw an even bigger crowd but so far I've come up dry on finding that ice.

The excess candy goes to a nearby men's shelter and hopefully this year all of the Kit Kats will make it safely over there too.

The other big event in our household this time of year is my son, Louie's birthday. He was born prematurely the day before Halloween and spent his first weeks in the NICU where

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two tiny preemies were dressed in tiny mouse costumes provided by their grandmother.

My two favorite memories of taking Louie door to door are the first time when he figured out that a knock on the door resulted in candy and he started plowing through bushes to get to front doors faster. And when he was a motorcycle cop and an elderly gentleman pretended to be worried about having a police officer at his door.

Louie looked disgusted and let him know he was just a kid, it was only a costume.

We always visited my dad's house in those days too and I would wait on the street while Louie rang the door. Most of the time Dad didn't realize he was looking at his own grandson, which made Louie feel like he'd really put one over on Granddaddy. Dad had helped raise five kids by then and was famous for calling one of us by using everyone's name in order of birth till he got to the one he wanted, so he may have been a little easy to fool.

This year Louie had a Wear Anything But Clothes party, his clever way of saying 'costume', to celebrate his birthday and came dressed as the zombie version of Dr. Kevorkian. His Halloween costumes have become far more ironic than back in his bumblebee or Power Ranger days.

I will be at what is becoming my traditional spot on the corner slowly freezing, drinking a lot of hot tea, talking about the Chicago winters while getting to know my neighbors just a little better. Happy Halloween everyone! More adventures to follow. Tweet me @MarthaRandolph and tell me your best Halloween memories. www.MarthaCarr.com.

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To be safe, follow these simple safety precautions to keep things fun and safe:

- When choosing a costume, stay away from billowing or long, trailing fabric. If you are making your own costume, choose material that won't ignite easily if it comes into contact with heat or flame. If your children are wearing masks, make sure the eye holes are large enough so they can see out.
- Provide children with flashlights or glow sticks to carry as

part of their costumes.

- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs and heaters.
- It is safest to use flashlights or battery-operated candles in Jack o' Lanterns. If you use real candles, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside Jack o' Lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or utility lighters. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn, and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.
- If you choose to use candle decorations, be sure to keep them well attended at all times.
- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations so nothing blocks escape routes.
- Remind children to stay away from open flames. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice stopping

immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their faces with their hands, and rolling over and over to put out the flames.)

- Use flashlights as alternatives to candles and torch lights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters whose costumes may brush against the lighting.
- If your children are going to Halloween parties at others' homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.
- Make sure children go trick-or-treating with responsible adults.
- Remind children to stay together as a group and walk from house to house.
- Review how to cross a street with your children. Look left, right, and left again to be sure no cars are approaching before crossing the street.
- Make a rule that children will not eat any treat until it has been brought home and examined by an adult.



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PASADENA SANDWICH COMPANY... SECOND OF A TWO PART SERIES

I hope you know that we are just a few days away from National Sandwich Day. Do Foodie's look at this as our Christmas? With a beautiful package all wrapped and ready for eating. As a little kid I mark my calendar! Last week I visited Connal's on E. Washington and this past week I visited an old friend. You know it's always my intention to give you the best of the best. There are so many restaurants in the area. I stumble upon a few and you my readers e-mail me some



to finish an entire sandwich. Take the challenge yourself! Here are a few of my recent lunches: The Big "B" Roast Beef - cheddar, lettuce, tomato with Russian dressing on a French Roll; The "Chicago" Corned Beef - Pastrami, Swiss, cole slaw (it's triple decker on rye); and again, good luck in finishing one!!! The Shepherd - Corned Beef, Pastrami, Turkey, Salami, Swiss - It's a triple-decker on Rye.

You can mix and match meats and breads or you can "Trust The Cook," whatever the cook feels as a fancy for the day. My suggestion, bring a friend to share.

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1 cup sour cream
salt to taste
ground black pepper to taste
1 cup crumbled buttery round crackers (like Ritz)
1/2 cup butter

DIRECTIONS

Poach chicken in a large pot of simmering water. Cook until no longer pink in center, about 12 minutes. Remove from pot and set aside. Bring chicken cooking water to a boil and cook pasta in it. Drain. Cut chicken into small pieces, and mix with noodles.

In a separate bowl, mix together mushroom soup, chicken soup, and sour cream. Season with salt and pepper. Gently stir together cream soup mixture with the chicken mixture. Place in a 2 quart baking dish.

Melt butter in a small saucepan, and remove from heat. Stir in crumbled crackers. Top casserole with the buttery crackers.

Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for about 30 minutes, until heated through and browned on top.

SCARY TRUTH ABOUT HALLOWEEN CANDY: IT'S A TRICKY TREAT

Whatever age you are, if you have a sweet tooth, Halloween is your kind of holiday. But before you start indulging in all those sugary treats, be aware of the consequences too much candy can have on your health and weight.

"A typical candy is high in sugar, dextrose, fructose corn syrup, as well as artificial color and flavor," says Rob Yontz, a personal trainer at True North Fitness & Health in Ventura, CA. "None of it is good for you because it is high in sugar (and sometimes fat) and calories but has virtually no nutrients."

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that the average American consumes almost 26 pounds of candy each year - a large percentage of it around Halloween. Why is this bad? Because according to the USDA National Nutrient Database, just one piece of candy almost exceeds the USDA recommended daily values for empty-calorie foods and added sugar.

"If you add to this all the other junk food and drinks that many people consume on daily basis, it should not be a surprise to anyone that a high-calorie diet, whether from fat or sugar, will lead to weight gain," Yontz notes. "And obesity carries its own set of risks, including heart disease and type 2 diabetes." Can you still enjoy Halloween without gorging on candy and other sweets? Absolutely, Yontz says.

"It's all a matter of being creative and finding tasty snacks that will satisfy you, without piling on extra pounds or decaying your teeth," he says. "For example, small boxes of raisins, pretzels, mixed nuts, or unsalted and unbuttered popcorn are all better choices." Still craving something sweet? Turn to dark chocolate, Yontz suggests. "Recent research shows it is rich in antioxidants - vitamins, minerals, and other substances that protect the body from harmful free radicals. Of

course, you should not eat chocolate in excessive quantities - a single square is sufficient for health benefits," he notes.

If, despite all these warnings, your willpower on Halloween is zero and you end up consuming lots of candy, get into the "damage control" mode as soon as possible.

"The next day eat light, drink a lot of water, and make sure to do some metabolism-boosting workouts," Yontz advises. "Your trainer can show you exercises that will continue to burn fat and calories even after you finish your workout."

While an occasional splurge will probably not hurt you, a Swedish study released last year showed that even a brief period of excess food consumption can have long term effects on body weight and fat storage.

"That's why we should all be conscious of what we consume and how this impacts our health and weight," Yontz says. "And that's why it is so important to work out regularly and eat healthy on continuous basis - even on Halloween!"

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Jazz and Blues Performer Ray Bailey Receives Multiple Grammy Nominations

Sierra Madre Concert In The Park performer, Ray Bailey, has just received word that his latest album, Cruisin' for a Bluesin' has received five Grammy nominations including: Best rock song "I'm gonna keep on loving you" Best Jazz Improv "Cruisin' for a Bluesin' " Best Jazz Instrumental "Cruisin' for a Bluesin' " Best Blues Album "Cruisin' for a Bluesin' " and Producer of the year, Jonathan Hodges, " Cruisin' for a Bluesin' "

Bailey performed at the invitation of the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club and the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library in August during the summer Concert In The Park Series.



SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS: REAL ESTATE

Real Estate's latest effort, "Days" is breezy, tight, sharp and laid back. It's a bit more upbeat than their previous eponymous record back in 2009. This time around, the band finds themselves on a bigger label (Domino Records) with higher production values to boot. However, they don't always fully utilize the higher production sound and often revert back to their lo-fi sonic landscape. One thing is certain; Real Estate has a very unique sound, even if it's simplistic. There is both a cool and collective vibe to their disposition. The songs here are wistful, 60s inspired (Beach Boys style) and guitar-driven. From track to track, the record has this strange ability to lift you from your bed (where you'll be when enjoying this kind of album) and have you floating aimlessly in mid air. "Days" is more comprehensive than Real Estate's first record. However, more times than not, the songs here seem interchangeable to those on their debut. While not a terrible thing, it shows Real Estate displaying smaller growth than previously anticipated.

The biggest problem I have here is that while the record is ten tracks, two of the tracks actually debuted well over a year ago. What we're left here is eight brand new songs. Given the nature of Real Estate's arrangements (and sometimes repetitious sound) the record flies by. I mean, of course none of this matters if this is your first introduction to the band. By the end of the album, Real Estate sort of staggers to the finish line. "Younger Than Yesterday", which made its first appearance on a previous EP record, feels a bit limp. It drags and

Artist: Real Estate
Album: Days
Label: Domino Records
Release Date: October 18, 2011
Key Tracks: "It's Real", "Out Of Tune", "Municipality" and "Wonder Years"
Grade: 7.4 out of 10

aftermentioned song. "Out of Tune", which debuted last year, is a different story. Even a year later, this may be the best Real Estate song in their personal repertoire. Not surprisingly, the two stronger tracks off "Days" are the ones under three minutes. "It's Real" and "Wonder Years" are the songs why you're a fan and true believer of this band in the first place. Real Estate was built for quick, chill, 3-minute plus tunes. In the end, "Days" is no groundbreaking affair, but it's ingrained with wistfulness, warmth and a soul. Airy, light, and reflective, the surf-pop/garage-pop resonance surprisingly works better in the brisk fall season than it would have in the glory days of summer. It may not grasp new listeners, but certainly please the ears of previous fans.

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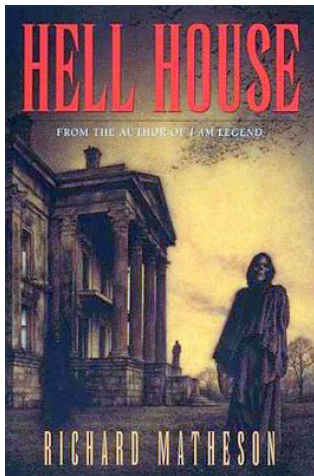
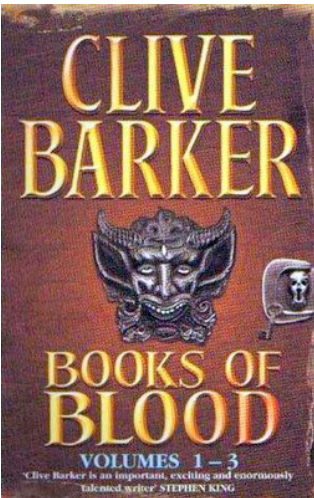
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- "Koko", by Peter Straub
- "Dark Gods" by T. E. D. Klein
- "The Cipher", by Kathe Koja
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- "The Rats,The Fog, The Dark", by James Herbert
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HOWARD Hays As I See It



"A relatively strong economy crashed, seemingly overnight . . . "
- Greg Welborn, 2011

"I just know that at some point that reality is going to come crashing down on all of us and we're going to have to deal with it."

- Former Sen. Tom Daschle (D-SD), 2001

"I worked ten years for my 'overnight' success."
- Barbara Streisand

The crash Greg referred to last week as having happened "seemingly overnight" occurred in 2008. The warning of former Majority Leader Daschle was issued seven years earlier. (At least Greg added the qualifier, "seemingly".)

Greg decries higher education, and its "subject areas which are totally irrelevant to the working world." It's not necessarily a Liberal Arts education the right finds threatening, but rather the skills developed; to do one's own research, reach one's own conclusions, and practice critical thinking - or as we used to call it, a resolve to "question authority".

Putting those skills to work would reveal the crash didn't happen "seemingly overnight"; some saw it coming and others remained (at least publicly) blissfully unaware. It would expose the fallacy of that mortgage crisis canard, repeated by Greg in his column that, "government had required that loans be made to people who couldn't be reasonably expected to pay them back". No loan officer ever approved an otherwise deficient applicant because the government made him do it.

Private lenders, not government, pressured Fannie Mae in 1999 to relax underwriting standards to allow high-interest, subprime loans to count towards goals in serving underserved communities. Private shareholders, not government, pushed Fannie Mae (a publicly traded company since 1968) to loosen standards to better compete against private lenders raking in billions by securitizing mortgages and passing the risk to others.

Warnings of the housing bubble came from the National Association of Realtors, which noted that 23% of homes bought in 2004 were for investment, and another 13% for second homes. Problems came with the relaxing of government regulation, not its imposition. At a 2005 congressional hearing, the NAR president warned against allowing banks to become brokers; "All the firewalls in the world won't cool off the zeal of the money-center lenders trying to sell their most profitable loans to people who should not be taking such risks . . . nothing will stand in their way,"

Sen. Daschle issued his warning in reference to Bush's 2001 tax cuts. More warnings came with more tax cuts in 2003; columnist David Broder predicting, "Youngsters yet unborn will see their choices limited and their prospects blighted by the decision of today's politicians to press ahead with an unaffordable tax cut even while the costs of war and reconstruction make earlier spending estimates wildly unrealistic."

Former President Clinton added, " ... you and

I are getting a tax cut from the Social Security retirement fund of middle class people ... We don't need it and you know it's not right. It can't be justified and it's not good economics."

Americans agreed; a 2003 NBC/WSJ poll showed 56% supporting paying for Iraq's reconstruction by cancelling tax cuts for the wealthy.

Warnings were issued about neglect of needed investment at home. Following the awarding of a \$7 billion no-bid contract for rebuilding Iraq's oil infrastructure to Vice President Cheney's old company, Sen. John Kerry (D-MA) remarked, "I wish Halliburton built schools and streets in America -- maybe then, Bush would invest in them."

Warnings came of the consequences of repealing the New Deal's Glass-Steagall Act, which kept commercial and investment banking separate. "I think we will look back in 10 years' time and say we should not have done this, but we did because we forgot the lessons of the past, and that that which is true in the 1930s is true in 2010", said Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-ND) in 1999.

Warnings came in the 2008 presidential campaign; "By the time the Glass-Steagall Act was repealed in 1999, the \$300 million lobbying effort that drove deregulation was more about facilitating mergers than creating an efficient regulatory framework ... a winner take all, anything goes environment that helped foster devastating dislocations in our economy", said candidate Barack Obama, six months before the crash.

Jeffrey Garten, Undersecretary of Commerce under President Clinton, warned that if the new "megabanks" were to fail, "they could take down the entire global financial system with them." Ralph Nader predicted, "We will look back at this and wonder how the country was so asleep ... It's just a nightmare."

Some saw warnings as partisan fear-mongering. A national chairman of the Media Research Center wrote in 2005, "Coverage of the Bush economy reads like a collection of Democratic Party press releases, calling a strong economy everything from struggling to volatile or dicey ... That kind of ignorance makes homeowners fear that their most expensive possession could turn worthless overnight. That won't happen." Three years later, the housing market collapsed. Six years later, that national chairman, Herman Cain, wants to be president.

Many in the Occupy Wall Street movement are highly educated. They do their own research. They come to their own conclusions. They practice critical thinking and question authority. They're concerned for the future for themselves, their families and their country. They've done their homework - and aren't about to allow a repetition of the history that got us into this mess.

Finally, I'll take a cue from colleague Rich Johnson and mention I attended a housewarming for neighbors up the street, and had the pleasure of meeting members of the band Old Californio - a captivating confluence of roots and rock, freshness and familiarity, tradition and timelessness. Check them out November 19 at T. Boyle's Pub on Catalina Ave off Colorado in Pasadena and catch the vibe of "Sundrunk Angels". Then, if anyone reminisces about how Sierra Madre used to be a Mecca for creative people, you can assure them things haven't changed.

Profits And People



Perhaps taking their cue from Michael Moore, who once again is making the media rounds, the Occupy Wall Street, Occupy Los Angeles, Occupy Oakland, Occupy Whatever crowd is demanding "people before profits" as if this would guarantee a future of progress and prosperity. As is so often the case with this misinformed lot, the truth lies in the opposite direction.

Perhaps some basic definitions and economic education will help clear the air. In a loose sense of the word, a profit is what remains after covering costs. The business owner who buys a widget for \$10 and sells it for \$15 earns a \$5 profit. But in this same sense, the worker who provides his labor and receives payment is earning a profit. In the worker's case, he isn't buying something and selling it for more, but the effort he puts into his labor does cost him in terms of taking time away from what he might otherwise do. If he hadn't worked, he could have slept, or gone to a ballgame, or spent time with his kids. The worker has incurred a cost but does so willingly because he believes that the money he will receive is greater than the cost he will incur. He has earned a profit.

If we're going to complain about the business owner's profit, we should logically complain about the worker's profit. Indeed, anyone who receives more than what he gives up is earning a profit. The great irony here is that the proportion of "profits" earned by workers far exceeds the "profits" earned by business owners. On average out of every dollar of revenue earned by a company, somewhere between 50 and 60 cents will be paid to workers, while only 5 to 8 cents will be paid to the company's owners. If magnitude is to be our guide, picketing the blue collar suburbs would make more sense than Wall Street.

But let's consider a stricter definition of profits. From an accounting perspective, we have decided to use different names to describe different types of profit. When someone is paid a salary or punches a time clock, we call the compensation they earn a wage. Whatever is left over after paying for the materials needed to run a business and paying the wages needed to attract workers, is called an accounting profit. This is the strict definition of profit.

But here, too, there is confusion. Many a start up company has found itself unable to attract the needed workers because it couldn't afford to pay "wages" at the going rate. In order to induce quality people to work in the start up, the owners have typically given workers stock in the company. In these cases, we have the situation where what would normally be 100% "wage" is now some part "wage" and some part "accounting profit". If the start up is successful, then the workers are going to earn some profits too.

There is another use of profits which must be considered because in many ways it is the most important reason for their existence.

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MEASURING SUCCESS BEYOND THE BOTTOM LINE

By La Quetta M. Shamblee

"The bottom line is the bottom line" is the statement that refers to the fact that making a profit is the end goal of a business operation. In the face of providing a quality product or service and being attentive to the evolving cultural norm of being socially responsible and environmentally friendly, at the end of the day a business must generate profits to maintain its existence. The amount or percent of profit, in comparison to the expenses to create that profit, is one of the primary measurements of success for a business.

Making an attractive profit is a reasonable goal for any business, however "It takes money to make money" is another business adage that speaks to the need for ongoing investment to support the business. Businesses that thrive have learned to maintain a balance between a healthy profit margin and a reasonable level of investment to maintain sound business practices. Business owners whose only focus is on making a profit are in danger of establishing reputations for substandard products, services and staff. In an economy where there are more applicants than jobs, some business owners lower the bar for employee compensation to a level that squeeze out more profit. Surely, there are times when it is necessary to cut expenses, however, it is important to determine the minimal investment

should not ever be reduced for certain items because of the adverse impact it would likely have on the business.

"Profit in business comes from repeat customers, customers that boast about your project or service, and that bring friends with them" was stated by W. Edwards Deming, an American statistician, professor and business consultant who was best known for his work in Japan that eventually led to their domination in a number of key industries. Successful businesses understand the ongoing necessity of certain expenses to establish and sustain revenue and profits for the long haul. Failure to embrace this concept has a direct, and often immeasurable, impact on the bottom line. One example would be a restaurant owner refusing to hire additional staff (even if on a part-time, temporary basis) to ensure there are sufficient "hands on deck" during blocks of time the restaurant is busy, like lunchtime or happy hour. The owner will never be able to know or count the number of customers who will never return because of the slow service, or those who leave because they had to wait too long for tables to be bussed. Word-of-mouth "bad press" from those unhappy customers translates into potential revenue and profits that will be spent to benefit some other restaurant well into the future.

James Rouse, a successful entrepreneur who built his real estate empire on the east coast summarized it well, "Profit is not the legitimate purpose of business. The legitimate purpose of business is to provide a product or service that people need, and do it so well that it's profitable."

TINA Dupuy



Americans See Themselves as Homesteaders...Not the Eventual Rich

I spoke with a thirty-something mother of two residing in suburban New Jersey about the Occupy Wall Street movement. She was disgusted by their antics. "Our business failed, our house was foreclosed on, we lost everything and

you don't see us blaming someone else for it!" she exclaimed. "It's about personal responsibility!"

She lost everything as a result of the economic meltdown and yet still puts it on herself for not having anticipated or planned properly beforehand. I tried to explain that protesting a rigged system isn't the opposite of personal responsibility. Doing what you can about the cards being stacked against you and 99 percent of your fellow Americans is, personally, responsive. And that is what Occupy Wall Street and their international - viral solidarity demonstrations say they are there to do.

There's a bastardized quote attributed to John Steinbeck that says socialism never took root in America because we all think we're just temporarily embarrassed millionaires. The actual quote, which Steinbeck wrote in America and Americans, is more pointed, "I guess the trouble was that we didn't have any self-admitted proletarians. Everyone was a temporarily embarrassed capitalist."

We're not really a culture of delusional dreamers who all believe someday we will be wealthy. There are some, sure. Their escapist fantasy involves a windfall and a secluded island. There are also those who (still) actually become rich. But for the vast majority of Americans - the myth is less we are going to be rich - the myth which led us to the extreme wealth distribution debacle we're now in - is that we're all homesteaders.

You don't have to grow your own food, build your own house or "paint your own wagon" to believe you could if you really wanted to. And really, did in some indirect way.

We're a society full of pioneers, pilgrims and immigrants. We were a religious freedom sanctuary from England and then penal colony for England - insulted, neglected and over-taxed by the empire. This led us to tell the King of England off, then engage the most powerful army

in the world at the time for our independence. And we succeeded at it.

Then people from all over the world flocked here to find refuge and opportunity. It has led Americans to have a bit of bravado about who we are as a people. We think of ourselves as rugged individualists. Because it takes courage and determination to leave your country and forge a new life in this one - and most of us are descended from those people.

It's not so much that we think our destiny is to be rich - it's that we believe our destiny is ours. We make our fortunes or we don't make our fortunes. We block out of our minds that roads aren't a naturally occurring phenomena; that buildings take legions of workers to erect or that energy comes from somewhere. We think we do it all and when we fail - it's our fault.

So when things don't go our way, we don't blame outside factors. When we fail, we don't see that the game is fixed. We tug at our bootstraps and feel anguish at our own deficiencies.

The reason why Occupy Wall Street is resonating still with Americans is because there are those who've been living with shame for what they see as not being self-sufficient...enough. They're not "embarrassed capitalists," they're mortified homesteaders. They've been laid off, they've lost their homes, their retirement is gone - they feel personally humiliated that (according to their personal creed) they didn't do the right thing and maybe could have avoided this defeat.

Occupy Wall Street is letting people who've been in the shadows know that they're not alone and they didn't cause this. It's something Americans at their core don't usually believe. It's actually a tough sell. But the movement is growing so apparently there are some converts

Americans in general, and the downtrodden specifically, are figuring out they're not alone. They are, in fact, The 99 Percent.

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HAIL Hamilton My Turn



AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOLS ARE FAILING OUR CHILDREN

American High schools are not preparing students for the real world. They are not efficient or effective for many of their students.

Indeed, a large number of students in high school do not end up going to college, and some of the reasons stem from lack of finances, low morale and poor grades. Out of every five high school graduates, two of them seem to indicate that there is a gap between the education they receive and the skills they need for college and work.

The school system is set to allow students to graduate in four years with a monotonous one-size-fits-all curriculum that has nothing to do with succeeding in the outside world.

Some students don't have to spend that long in school because some are smart enough to graduate within three years, while others have to wait longer and work harder. Effective programs should be set in place to allow students to make the choice of a faster graduation as long as they are mature enough for the next step, college life.

When President Bush was in control of the nation and the education system, the ritual was to have more testing in schools. This is still being done under the President Obama. Someone needs to take a closer look at this to see if so much testing is really necessary. It may just not be what kids need to succeed.

American high schools are required to do a lot of testing, right up to graduation. Students get overwhelmed in keeping up with this entire testing process, and some will usually drop out of school because of it.

Instead of more testing, the school system needs to address different strategies that will prepare the students for how they will behave

after high school. No one is thinking about administering this preparation process. Too much testing only adds more anxiety for a student. Testing really doesn't offer results that are not already known.

American high schools should afford students an opportunity to at least finish and be able to collect their diplomas. This is not usually the case, since there are so many drop-out students from high school. Why do they drop out? Some cannot take the rigorous curriculum being thrust upon them. Others will choose the hard life of drugs and gangs. If parents are more involved, there may not be so many high school drop outs.

Poor work ethics instilled in the home also affects how a student handles the pressure of the high school curriculum. Students are lazy and don't want to finish what they started. Therefore, again, it is the parent that needs to encourage their child to complete their tasks in the home, and it will over-flow into the classroom. Unfortunately, many parents are high school drop out themselves; this is a vicious cycle that must be stopped.

When students have an educational goal, it puts them in a better place to make decisions that include college after high school. Having a goal to accomplish will help the student to keep on track and reduce the chances of becoming a drop out. In the words someone much wiser than myself:

"Our children should believe in the impossible, hold tight to the incredible, and live each day to its fullest potential. They should above all else know that they are important as individuals, and that they can really make a difference in the world."

OUT TO PASTOR A Weekly Religion Column



IS IT JUST ME, OR DO OTHERS HAVE TROUBLE CATCHING UP?

By Rev. James L. Snyder

Just when it looks like I am almost caught up with some project or my to-do-list, something

happens setting me back a few paces. One step forward, as they say and for me 17 steps backward. Or, so it seems.

I don't have any problem whatsoever catching a cold. I once even caught a fly in my mouth while preaching, and it is as easy as New York style cheesecake to catch the dickens from the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Catching up is another matter all together.

Two things happened last week that brought this to my attention.

First, I took someone out to lunch. That in itself is not outstanding. My wife tells me I am out to lunch all the time.

Have you ever tried to impress someone by taking them out to lunch and insist on paying for lunch? That is exactly what I did this past week. Why I ever try to impress anyone is beyond my wife's wildest imagination, but I try, much to her chagrin.

With a couple of hours to spare, my friend called me. Immediately I set into action a plan to meet him at the restaurant for lunch – on me.

We had a grand time catching up on each other's life. Personally, I was thrilled to Catch Up on something. Unfortunately, I thought I was on a roll with ham and cheese. It was delicious to enjoy this brief time if only for a moment, but all good things do end.

Things were about to turn ugly. No, someone did not bring me a mirror. Instead, the affable waitress brought me the check.

Normally, this would not be a problem. I would accept the check after some friendly banter with the waitress complaining about the amount and threatening not to tip her and she threatening to tell my wife. We all smiled and then it happened.

I casually reached around to my back pocket to extract my wallet containing my credit card with which I would pay the check. My back pocket was as empty as a politician's promises.

At first, a slight streak of panic raced through my person causing me to freeze in petrifying fear. My first thought, I had someone else's trousers on. But whose? More important, where was the man wearing my trousers?

I smiled one of those smiles that says, "Oops, I'm in trouble but I don't want anyone to know."

My friend sensed something was wrong; friends are like that. Looking at me he said, "Is anything wrong?"

Being the truthful person I am, I said, "Wrong? What could be wrong? We've just enjoyed a great time together. No, nothing's wrong. Absolutely nothing is wrong."

One problem with friends is they always

know when you are lying. My friend was no different. He just looked at me and said, "OK, what's wrong?"

I may have trouble catching up but I have no trouble whatsoever being caught with my pants down. Well, maybe not quite down but certainly empty. Nothing is sadder than a man wearing empty trousers.

"Did you forget your wallet?" my friend asked with delight dancing in his eyes.

He happily paid the tab but I will never live it down.

The second incident also had to do with my wallet. Although this time, I did not forget my wallet.

I had an early morning meeting across town. I knew my car was running on fumes but no need to worry. I left the house early enough to stop and gas up.

Pulling out of my driveway, I noticed the gas gauge was lower than I remembered it being the night before. A tinge of terror gripped my mind and I earnestly prayed I would get to the gas station on time.

I sighed with relief as I approached a gas station. The station had just opened and the sign on the pump informed me I needed to pay for the gas before pumping it.

No problem. I ambled in, presented my credit card and purchased \$20 worth of gas. There is a good feeling associated with a schedule well in hand. I glanced at my watch and noticed I was two minutes ahead of schedule.

With a whistle on my lips and air between my ears, I got into my car and drove away.

Two miles later, I glance at the gas gauge and noticed it had not moved. I tapped the gauge and nothing happened. At that time, the car sputtered and coughed ominously.

Then, like a bolt of lightening, it struck me. I had paid for the gas and drove away without pumping it into my car. By this time, the car engine stopped and I had just enough momentum to pull to the side of the road.

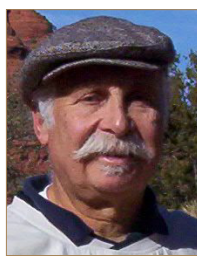
I sat there a few minutes pondering my dilemma. I knew what I had to do but I did not want to do it. Slowly, I picked up my cell phone and dialed the dreaded number. The phone rang and in a moment, I heard myself speaking into the phone, "Honey, can you..."

Waiting for my wife to bring a can of gas I thought of a verse of scripture. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17 KJV).

Good intentions must be accompanied with appropriate action.

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STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE



OVERCOVIDENCE

The Illusion of Validity

It happened a g a i n yesterday! It's World Series Time and I'm

ready. Ready because if there's one thing I should know how to do it's how to watch a baseball game. I've been watching baseball games for over sixty years and this year I'm extra-prepared. I bought a new-used copy of my favorite baseball novel, *Underworld*, by Dom DeLillo that describes in its Prologue the famous homerun by Bobby Thomson, (notice no P in Thomson because I know what I'm talking about) that happened exactly sixty years and a couple of weeks ago. This was the 'shot heard 'round the world' never to be forgotten by true baseball fans like me.

Yesterday's game was a tense 1-0 battle between the Rangers and the Cards as it moved into the bottom of the eighth, The Cardinal manager, Tony La Russa, as knowledgeable a player manipulator as there is, had a big decision in front of him. No pitcher had pitched a shutout in the World Series for about twenty years and here it is in the eighth inning and his pitcher hadn't allowed a run. Should he leave him in there or bring in a fresh reliever? It is a dramatic moment and the highly experienced announcers are speculating as to what La Russa would do. The pitcher walks a hitter and LaRussa takes off his glasses and wipes the sweat from his face. The announcer assures us that when La Russa takes off his glasses he is going to take the pitcher out; but no, he's signaling to the catcher to call a pitch as if he intends to leave the pitcher in. The announcer wisely guesses that this is all just a ploy to give the relief pitcher more time to warm up.

The announcer knows what he is talking about because, after the pitcher makes a fake move to hold the runner on base, the manager puts his glasses back on and emerges from the dugout and approaches the pitcher. Meanwhile I am going through my own drama. The tension has gotten to me and I really need to go the bathroom. In my mind's eye I see my father thirty five years ago who suffered from diabetes and the sudden urgent need to urinate, just as I do now, struggling with the same kind of decision—what is the right moment to go without missing anything. I see the manager decide to take the pitcher out and I am confident that he knows what he is doing. He will bring in a new pitcher who will keep the ball away from the power hitting batter at the plate for at

least a few pitches. This is what he is paid to do and this is the moment for me to go. I leap up from the couch and make my move to the bathroom. I am closing the door when suddenly I hear a tremendous roar from the home-town Texas Ranger fans.

Yes—first pitch—BLAM—tremendous three-run home-run and I missed it. How could I have been so wrong? How could LaRussa have been so wrong? How could the Angels managed by the supposedly super-knowledgeable Mike Scioscia have given away this batter who has hit 30 homeruns and batted .320 only to keep a replacement who has not hit above .200 and never will?. DOESN'T ANYBODY, INCLUDING ME, KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING?

I'm afraid that the answer, according to a New York Times article I read on the web this morning, the answer is no, nobody really knows what they are doing. The article entitled Don't Blink! The Hazards of Confidence by the Nobel Prize winner Daniel Kahneman explains "that we human beings are prone to think that the world is more regular and predictable than it really is, because our memory automatically and continuously maintains a story about what is going on, and because the rules of memory tend to make that story as coherent as possible and to suppress alternatives. An individual who experiences high confidence probably has a good story, which may or may not be true."

For me this article helps to explain something which I have never before been able to understand. How do people believe the absolute nonsense that they profess to believe, even when these beliefs are in complete conflict with seemingly all reasonable knowledge and perceptions? Not only do they believe it, they are certain of it. As Kahneman, says "Overconfidence arises because people are often blind to their own blindness and absent a great struggle they will remain in the grasp of their illusions"

Well, now that I understand I can't say that I feel any more optimistic about the future, but at least I can hope that maybe the way people think is sort of like a dream, and that at some point a light of truth will shine so brightly that it cannot be ignored and we will all wake up and realize that we have to do what has to be done.

Maybe one of the first things we can do to wake ourselves up is to notice if writers of articles even have the competence to correctly spell the title of the article.

RICH Johnson



Huntington Hospital-ity

If you were trying to get a hold of me last Monday the 24th I was really busy. Actually I wasn't all that busy; didn't have much to do other than show up, strip down, cloak up, and ride the gurney into what turned out to be la-la land.

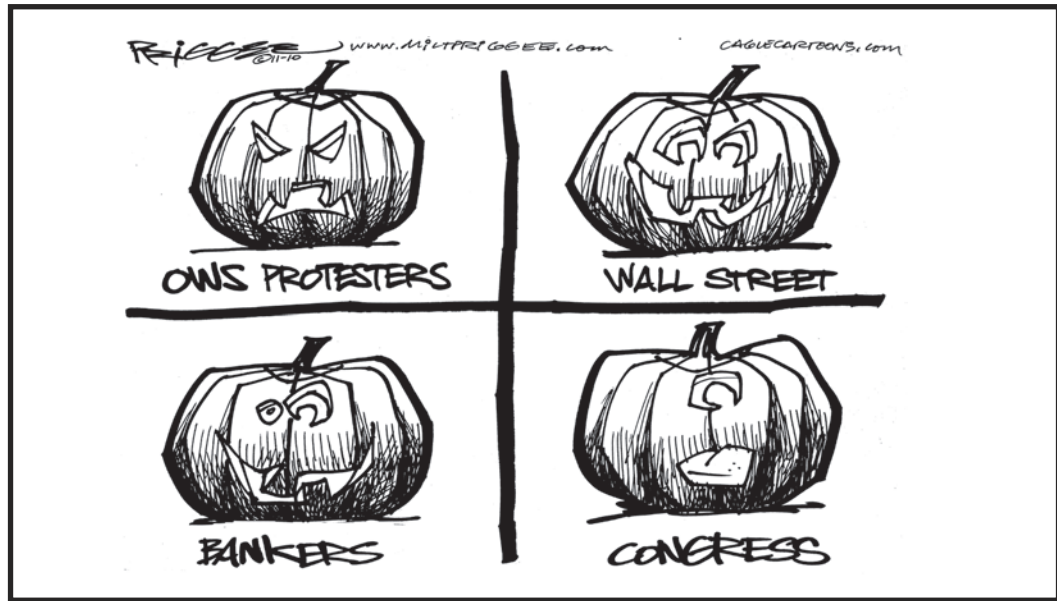
I had a recurrence of an atrial fibrillation. What's that? It's the top two chambers of my heart beating to their own drum and out of whack with the lower two chambers. I had it fixed in 2008 with a simple cardioversion. What's that? You know the paddles (you see in every episode of "House" where they shout "CLEAR" bang the paddles on the patient's chest and never cure the problem). Well the cardioversion scared my two top chamber bad guys into alignment. But alas, I guess I didn't get the extended warranty as my Afib (insiders term) came back in 2011.

This time my Electro Cardiologist, Dr. Rashtian, decided to step up to the next level of fixit. It's called a catheter ablation. A catheter is a microscopic tube they can insert in the body (in this case my veins, left and right). They snake the catheters up into the heart, find the misbehaving tissue and somehow vaporize it. I saw the six big screen TVs to the left of the operating table in the cath lab. I'm sure it's like a video game.

Well, on the day in question, the 24th I arrived at the Huntington Hospital at precisely 6:00. Went up to the same day surgery center (what's next? Drive through surgery?) Was met by the same wonderful RN who was there for my 2008 cardioversion. Betsy, easily identifiable by her Bostonian accent and fetching blonde hair. Ushered into my cubicle and ordered to strip down and put on the ever-present backless gown. Len, the PCA (patient care associate, I think) was ever so helpful (He's almost an RN and will be a good one.) Next, a delightful

Nobody, and I mean nobody, was cold, dispassionate, and disinterested in my well being. I hope you folks in administration realize what a wonderful crew you have there. And it is my joy to express it. Thank you Betsy, Gloria, Len, William, Carter, Theresa, Valerie, Rose, Sam, and especially that wonderful bear of a cardiologist Dr. Rashtian.

I would love to see all of you again. Well ... under different circumstances :)



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FILE NO. 11-109459
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: SERVPRO OF MONROVIA, 119 LA PORTE ST., UNIT B, ARCADIA, CA 91006. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 11/05/2007, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2011/09460. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/03/2011. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: HARPER KERRI/OWNER.
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FILE NO. 11-109465
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: SERVPRO OF MONROVIA, BRADBURY AND DUARTE, 119 LA PORTE ST., STE B, ARCADIA, CA 91006. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 11/19/2008, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2011/09466. The business was conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/03/2011. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: MBD RESTORATION, INC/OWNER.
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File No. 2011-110929
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SUDZ 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. AND YVETTE AMBROZE, 1384 N. CHESTER AVE., PASADENA, CA, 91104. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. 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
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: REGIONAL POWER SERVICES, 80 W. SIERRA MADRE BLVD., NO. 73, SIERRA MADRE, CA, 91024. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RICHARD AGUIRRE 2216 E. MOUNTAIN ST., PASADENA, CA, 91104. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RICHARD AGUIRRE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/21/11. 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
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT LOS ANGELES 75 ESPERANZA #M SIERRA MADRE, CA, 91024. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VERONICA ESTRADA 977 S. EUCLID AVENUE, PASADENA, CA, 91106. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: VERONICA ESTRADA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/21/11. 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
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Requirements: People, computer, and organizational skills are a must; and familiarity with church operations is a plus. Knowledge of basic bookkeeping procedures is required. A minimum of two years office experience is required. The Parish Administrator must not be a member of the congregation.

For more information and application materials, please contact the Parish Office at (626) 355-1133 or email or mail resume to:

Episcopal Church of the Ascension
Parish Administrator Position
25 E. Laurel Avenue
Sierra Madre, CA 91024
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Parish Administrator

Under the direction of the Rector, or the Rector's designee, the Parish Administrator performs a variety of clerical and bookkeeping work of average difficulty involving the following standardized procedures; has general contact with a variety of staff members, parish members, and volunteers; and performs related work as required.

Duties

The Parish Administrator performs a wide variety of work related to assigned functions: Generates memos, reports, correspondence, and other brief items

Answers questions and gives out information in regards to procedures, general policies, and church activities;

Assists the Rector in organizing functions and church activities;

Maintains the church master calendar;

Distributes, opens and answers mail/email as needed;

Maintains parish records and files;

Verifies and checks information

Produces the weekly church bulletin and monthly newsletter;

Maintains the parish website; answers the phone, takes messages, and transmits information to others as needed

Operates standard office machines and maintains and orders office supplies

Keeps fiscal records;

Prepares account payables checks and records deposits;

Prepares monthly, quarterly, and year-end financial reports in conjunction with the Parish Treasurer

Types a minimum of 45 words per minute

Is proficient in operating Microsoft Office Suite and other church related software products

Possesses knowledge of modern office, bookkeeping, and secretarial practices

Files and indexes accurately

Performs a variety of clerical work accurately

Is able to spell correctly and use standard English grammar and punctuation;

Answers the telephone intelligibly and gives information either over the telephone or in person in such a way as to be understood

Is able to learn, apply and explain regulations, policies, and general rules

Must be able to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other staff members, church leaders, parishioners, and the general public

Is able to follow written and oral directions. maintains a neat and tidy desk and inviting office atmosphere

Dresses neatly and professionally

Additional Characteristics

Instructions or guidelines are fairly specific; however, when the employee has learned the process, supervision may be more general and infrequent. The Parish Administrator works within a well-defined framework of procedures but is expected to use good judgment in planning work to meet deadlines and in determining what information he/she may give out and what decisions can be made without checking with the supervisor. The administrator meets and deals with volunteers, church members, and other employees in situations which require tact, discretion, and courtesy. The employee must be able to keep information confidential.

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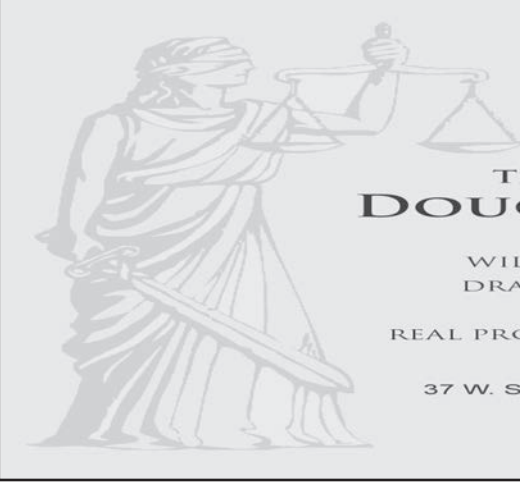
As you know, my name is **Peak**. My job is to represent the farms, grassy hills and rocky, mountainous areas of the world. I see readers everywhere I travel! One of my favorite stories is *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. *The Goat Lady* by Jane Gregoli is one of my favorite books.

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.

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Looking Up
with Bob Eklund

Frankenstein's Moon: An Astronomy Detective Story

Detective work by a team of moon-struck astronomers from Texas State University–San Marcos may have finally laid to rest lingering doubts about the date when the legendary horror story Frankenstein was conceived—and about the honesty of its author, Mary Wallstonecraft Shelley.

Texas State physics faculty members Donald Olson and Russell Doescher, English professor Marilynn S. Olson and Honors Program students Ava G. Pope and Kelly D. Schnarr publish their findings in the November 2011 edition of Sky & Telescope magazine, on news-stands now.

A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT — The story begins in June 1816 at Villa Diodati overlooking Switzerland's Lake Geneva. Here, on a dark and stormy night, Mary - only 18 at the time - attended a gathering with her fiancé Percy Bysshe Shelley, her stepsister Claire Clairmont, Lord Byron, and John Polidori. To pass the time, the group read a volume of ghost stories aloud, at which point Byron posed a challenge in which each member of the group would attempt to write such a tale. "The chronology that's in most books is that Byron suggested they come up with ghost stories on June 16, and by June 17 she's writing a scary story," Olson said. "But Mary Shelley has a very definite memory of several days passing where she couldn't come up with an idea."

Which account is correct? Moonlight is the key. In Mary's account, she was unable to come up with a suitable idea until another late-night conversation - a philosophical discussion of the nature of life - that continued past the witching hour (midnight). When she finally went to bed, she experienced a terrifying waking dream in which a man attempted to bring life to a cadaverous figure via the engines of science. Mary says she awoke from the horrific vision to find moonlight streaming in through her window, and by the next day was hard at work on her story.

DOUBTING MARY SHELLEY — Although the original gathering and ghost story challenge issued by Byron is well-documented, academic scholars and researchers have questioned the accuracy of Mary Shelley's version of events to the extent of labeling them outright fabrications. The traditionally accepted date for the ghost story challenge is June 16, based on an entry from Polidori's diary, which indicates the entire party had gathered at Villa Diodati that night. In Polidori's entry for June 17, he reports "The ghost-stories are begun by all but me."

Critics have used those diary entries to argue that Mary didn't agonize over her story for days before beginning it, but rather started within a span of hours. Others have suggested that she fabricated a romanticized version for the preface of the 1831 edition of Fran-



kenstein solely to sell more books. Key, however, is the fact that none of Polidori's entries make reference to Byron's ghost story proposal.

"There is no explicit mention of a date for the ghost story suggestion in any of the primary sources—the letters, the documents, the diaries, things like that," Olson said. "Nobody knows that date, despite the assumption that it happened on the 16th."

FRANKENSTEIN'S MOON — Surviving letters and journals establish that Byron and Polidori arrived at Villa Diodati on June 10, narrowing the possible dates for the evening of Byron's ghost story proposition to a June 10–16 window. To further refine the dates, Mary Shelley's reference of moonlight on the night of her inspirational dream provided an astronomical clue

for the Texas State researchers. To determine which nights in June 1816 bright moonlight could have shone through Shelley's window after midnight, the team of Texas State researchers traveled in August 2010 to Switzerland, where Villa Diodati still stands above Lake Geneva.

The research team made extensive topographic measurements of the terrain and Villa Diodati, then combed through weather records from June 1816. They then calculated that a bright, gibbous Moon would have cleared the hillside to shine into Shelley's bedroom window just before 2 a.m. on June 16. This calculated time is in agreement with Shelley's "witching hour" reference. Furthermore, a Polidori diary entry backs up Shelley's claim of a late-night philosophical "conversation about principles" of life taking place June 15. The "ghost story" proposition could have taken place several nights earlier.

"Mary Shelley wrote about moonlight shining through her window, and for 15 years I wondered if we could recreate that night," Olson said. "We did recreate it. We see no reason to doubt her account, based on what we see in the primary sources and using the astronomical clue."

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Ask jai.....

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

I have been out of work for almost 5 years taking care of my family and raising two children. I want to return to the workforce. I have a finance degree and over 10 years work experience as a financial analyst. My husband is employed by a large corporation and they always have jobs listed on their website that I am interested in pursuing. I have asked my husband to talk to the Personnel Department about me and give them my resume. Which he has done. It has been over six months with no result. My husband has a good work history and has been with the corporation for 15 years. We are getting frustrated. What should we do to get me into their system to be considered for employment? Marika

Dear Marika,

First, find out what husband's employer's policy is regarding hiring spouses and family members. Next, there is no "we" when "you" are looking for employment. You are placing a lot of stress on your husband to assist you in finding employment, especially with his employer. You need to take on full responsibility for finding employment, and that should be with any employer that is looking for someone like you with your skills and experience. Start by letting your family, friends and former co-workers know that you are seeking employment. I am assuming that you are seeking employment in finance and as an analyst. A cover letter will be your key document when applying for any position. Your cover letter should explain why you are transitioning from family life back into the workforce. Be sure to include a referral name, the position you are seeking, why you are returning the workforce, why you feel you qualify for the position and some outstanding accomplishment statements. Do not focus your cover letter on your family or family activities. You want to communicate to the employer that you will be completely focused on their needs and that your skills and experience will add value to their organization. I would also suggest that you write a chronological resume, include an objective heading and what you have been doing for the past 5 years. Any volunteer work, school activities and some hobbies all count as work experience and are appropriate to include on your resume into order to bring it up to date.

However, if you are set on finding employment at your husband's company you should find out if they have an employee referral program. Then ask your mutual friends who are employed there if they would refer you for positions at his company. I strongly suggest that you try to bypass the Personnel Department and go directly to the person who is making the decision to hire. Ask your husband to find out the name of that person and, instead of him contacting and giving them your resume, you do it. Call or e-mail them directly, start with who referred you and if you feel it would be appropriate mention your husband's name. Continue looking for employment with other companies until you are employed.



Last week proved to be a rather challenging and frustrating one for me. As hard as I try to avoid tuning into daily headline news that might be less than positive or up-lifting, there are times when I find myself accidentally face-to-face with reports of vicious violence, needless neglect or gross greed, delivered by talking heads who are able to voice such news as if it should be expected and accepted. I try to absorb and digest those 'hard-to-hear' reality stories when they do sneak in, but when I hear reports about animal cruelty, it makes it very difficult for me to remove myself emotionally and carry on with my daily tasks as if nothing happened.

I do admit that I am a bit sensitive, so I tend to let things that are sad or oppressive sort of get to me. In the wake of news reports about animal neglect or cruelty, I find it extremely challenging to ignore and move on. It becomes overwhelming for me at times, but fortunately I surround myself with friends who share my love and respect for animals, and they typically come along side with me, offering encouragement and hope. Those relationships play a big part in keeping me from plunging to the depths of depression when headlines news of animal abuse, misuse or exploitation succeed in penetrating my space. Sincere and heart-felt appreciation go out to all my friends & family who helped keep me from "going off the deep end" this past week!

Just when I think we humans are on a happy, healthy path and heading in the right direction with regard to kindness and compassion toward other species, something happens to make me realize that we still have a lot to learn and a long way to go to achieve a healthy balance. It is as if we take one step forward in the process, only to take two steps back. Therein lies my frustration this past week.

When I read the news headline and watched the sad, grossly graphic video showing footage of a mindless, massive mishap of a massacre including 50 exotic big cats and other wild animals in Zanesville, Ohio last week, it hit me like a ton of bricks. I felt as though I had been punched in the stomach when I saw those gorgeous, lifeless beasts being dragged through the mud by tractors as if they were nothing but garbage. I realize the police were probably afraid of being attacked, so they reacted quickly with very little time to think, but all I could think

ONE STEP FORWARD,
TWO STEPS BACK?

was, "Why were those animals in Ohio to start with, and why didn't they try calling other agencies more familiar with wild animals, to come and assist? They might have been able to capture and contain at least some of them, rather than shooting them all down in cold blood."

I believe in God as sole Creator of the universe, and I believe that God's creations include all living beings and life forms on this planet. I also believe that God gave the human respectful dominion over other animal species, but most importantly, along with the authority He granted the human, came the expectation of stewardship for the well-being of those over which He granted us dominion. I am willing to accept the consequences of voicing my true inner feelings about the loss of human life and I pray that my God in Heaven will forgive me for feeling more remorse over the lost lives of those beautiful big cats than that of the one who caused their demise. I guess you could call this article my open, honest public confession.

To be perfectly honest, in retrospect I wish I had ignored that news link and continued to my e-mail box last Wednesday morning, although it would have eventually made its way to my consciousness, and while you can run, you cannot hide from reality, as those beautiful animals proved clearly with their tragic deaths. We cannot keep hiding our heads in the sand with regard to the inappropriate breeding and captivity of wild animals outside of their natural indigenous environment.

For this reason, I have managed to turn my tears into anger, which has driven me to take action. I spent the rest of the week researching initiatives currently on the table that will help prevent such a tragic incident from occurring again in the future. I found several items of proposed legislation on several websites which I signed, and posted info to my Facebook page for others to also become aware, and hopefully to sign as well.

Following are two sites that were very helpful in my quest to get on board with this important movement, and I appeal to all animal lovers who wish to make a change for the better, to sign the petitions and initiatives they have listed: socialcompassioninlegislation.org, change.org. Let's do what we can to support these efforts and ensure that what happened in Ohio last week will never happen again.



Windows XP turned 10 this year after its debut a decade ago in August 2001. In computer terms, 10 years is just about the equivalent of forever. According to market researchers, Windows XP is the most widely used desktop OS used for accessing the Internet, accounting for a 36% market share for the time period monitored (September 2003 – July 2011) and at its peak accounting for 76% market share in January 2009. For all of its shortcomings, Windows XP worked well enough to command the loyalty of large numbers of computer users.

Time can be cruel to old software - it can make its shortcomings, its missing features and clumsiness, all the more apparent - but it can also be kind. With time, even the most sluggish and oversized of programs can become lightning quick. Windows XP was never bloated, and as hardware improved, it became downright lightweight. Its system resource usage was basically negligible. It did its job well enough, and it did so with a minimum of burden.

XP did itself the biggest favor of all by earning the love of Enterprise (business). It took companies a while to warm up to XP, mostly because there was nothing wrong with its predecessor, Windows 2000. For the home user, 2000 wasn't much to look at and it didn't always play well with the "toys" that home users often want to run on their machines, but for those of us tasked with supporting Enterprise environments, 2000 was more than sufficient. After a while the Enterprise user base was clamoring for XP in the workplace to match the XP they used on their home machines. The transition was seamless and XP became the workplace desktop standard.

Vista came with the promise of an even better desktop experience, but after failing to get widespread driver support with much of the industry, it missed its window of opportunity to replace XP.

Windows 7 is definitely a better product than Vista, but in order to compete, it had to include Virtual XP as an option in all versions of Windows 7 as a promise to its customers that 7 would work just as XP did. That actually was a nice use of technology to lure people over, but it really is time to move on. Blind allegiance to XP, and OS's that promise to work just like XP, means that users are missing out on what could be better computing experiences.

Today's marketplace offers technologies and options that weren't available in 2001 when XP debuted and today's computing environments - meaning an increasingly hostile Internet - require a far more secure OS than XP did when it debuted. Whatever the final word is on XP, it will go out the way that it came in. Working.

KATIE Tse.....This and That



Oktoberfest!

October's almost over, so guess what I did this weekend! Yes, I made my annual visit to Alpine Village's semi-authentic Oktober Fest! In writing about it, I'm doing something I've never done before --recycling" an old article. Technically, I'm merely updating my previous Oktoberfest piece. And I'm keeping the cartoon, because this one took me a long time to draw! Check out the wood grain on the barrel! So here goes...

As we descend deeper into the slog of fall and winter, we appreciate the rituals that unite, and distract, us from the cheerless cold and dwindling daylight. And one of the first of these celebrations is Oktoberfest! Spanning over a month (we hope, given the economy!), this beloved inclusive festival, along with St. Patrick's, assures us that whatever your ethnic background may be, you're Irish or German today and welcome!

As we entered the large makeshift tent that annually transforms one corner of the village's parking lot into a Bavarian beer hall, the din of the 110 freeway was overcome by the hearty oompah-pah's of the band. It's about a ten-person group, flown in from Germany for the occasion. We were somewhat saddened that a younger band leader replaced the older, seemingly ageless mustached man of Oktoberfests past. But the younger version was equally entertaining!

This year the dining choices were widely expanded! There was still the bratwurst and darker sausage, which we discovered was "spicy chicken." There was also my beloved sauerkraut. In place of the German potato salad, the potatoes came as either thick hash browns or home style fries. The once skinny pretzel ballooned into a veritable plate of salty, twisted bread. You definitely need a couple of friends to conquer one of those! (I made little sauerkraut/mustard sandwiches out of pieces of it). And this year they doubled their beer options! They had Hefeweizen (supposedly imbuing notes of banana and cloves), some other light stuff, "Oktoberfest" beer, and "Marzen,"--dark and murkily promising, which I, of course, ordered. I've never been to Alpine Village on Friday or Saturday night, but was amused at their following restrictions: "Due to safety concerns, no glass will be allowed inside the tent on Friday and Saturday night. Drinking vessels: You can bring your own cup, stein, vase, Tupperware or other drinking vessel to Oktoberfest as long as it doesn't shard (like glass) and/or doesn't have high potential to be used as a weapon." "Yeah, I'll take mine in this fluted casserole, if you don't mind!" I didn't see the wine choices listed. All I know is that when my mom ordered white zinfandel, they had to rummage around for a bottle.

Beer and sausage/ sauerkraut/ pretzel in hand, we sat at long communal benches and soon found ourselves swaying along with the music. Our table partners became like old friends, and we toasted together to the bandleader's shout of "Zicke Zacka Zicke Zacka Hoi! Hoi! Hoi!" We don't know what this means, but that's okay.

Some of the older folks, decked out in Alpine hats and lederhosen, begin to dance. It seems they've been waiting for an excuse. The ratio is typically three women to one man, who must persevere through a round with all of them, unless two women decide to dance together. If the band is feeling particularly energetic they climb up on empty tables. The older women giggle mischievously stuff a few singles into the lads' calf-high socks. God bless them, I hope I'll be that uninhibited when I'm their age. Auf weidersehen for now!



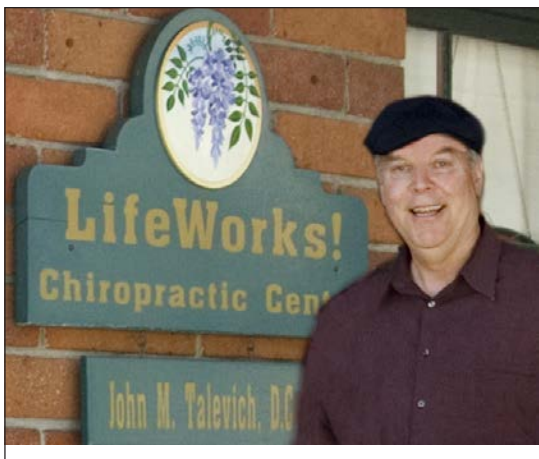
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YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Today's Subject:
Modern Miracles

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.

Medicine used to be all about proving that something worked. If you couldn't prove it through lab testing and additional human and/or animal trials, it probably didn't work. At least, that was the general concept. Never mind that in many cases, the action of a drug was not fully understood ~ it was sufficient to demonstrate a certain degree of success. The proof was in the pudding, so to speak.

Now, in the Harvard Medical School Newsletter, we are asked to consider the possibility that "fake" treatments might actually work!

You may well ask, "How can a fake treatment

do anything at all if it's fake?" Originally, doctors assumed that if a placebo worked, it was because the patient was faking the symptoms in the first place. Recent studies, though, indicate that pain-reducing endorphins are released as a result of taking a pill or undergoing a procedure. This effect has been noted in conditions as complicated as Parkinsons. Such observations open up a whole new way of looking at healing.

Primarily, the placebo effect expands our concept of healing to include the mind-body connection. This was formerly relegated to the "woowoo bin." Secondly, it calls on us to look at traditional healing systems a little differently. The old standard was along the lines of, "If we don't understand how it works in the light of modern science, then it must prove itself." A more constructive way of looking at this is that we do not yet fully understand how it works, but we can appreciate that it does. This perspective eliminates the condemnation of demonstrably effective approaches such as acupuncture, chiropractic, and herbal therapies.

In Closing ~

The report concludes with the statement that the placebo effect is "a manifestation of the mystery of vital energy and the beauty of nature's restorative power," and that understanding how this works "is a truly important mystery to unravel." Nicely said.

Have a healthy week!
~Dr. John

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How to Find a Good Handyman or Contractor

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you offer us seniors any tips for finding a good handyman to do some work around the house? I'm 71 and have had some bad luck lately with handymen who either don't show up or don't finish what they start.

Searching Senior

Dear Searching,

Hiring a local handyman can be a bit of a crapshoot. How do you find someone who will return your calls, show up on time, do the job right and finish it, all at a fair price? Here are some tips and resources that can help.

Who to Call

While it may seem obvious, your first step in finding a good handyman or trade specialist is to determine what all you need done. If, for example, you have a small home repair or improvement project that doesn't require a lot of technical expertise, a handyman may be all you need. But if you have a job that involves electricity, plumbing, or heating or cooling systems, you're probably better off going with a licensed tradesman. Bigger jobs like home renovations or remodeling may require a general contractor.

Locating Services

Whatever type of work you need, the best way to find it is through referrals from people you trust. If your friends of family don't have any recommendations turn to professionals in the field like local hardware or home improvement stores, or even real estate agents.

The Internet can also help. Websites like servicemagic.com (877-800-3177) can put you in touch with prescreened, customer-rated service professionals in your area for free. Or try angleslist.com (888-888-5478), a membership service that will connect you with high quality contractors and service companies with various types of expertise for a small monthly fee of \$7, or \$25 for a one-year membership. Angie's list will also provide you with ratings and reviews of local professionals who've done work for other members in your area, plus details about the type of work they've done, prices, professionalism and timeliness.

Another option for finding handyman services

is through a local or national service company like mrhandyman.com and housedoctors.com. You'll probably pay more going through a company than you would with an independent handyman, but service companies typically promise professional workers who are screened, licensed, bonded and insured. To find these types of services in your community check your



yellow pages or go to any Internet search engine and type in "handyman" plus your city and state.

Things to Know

Once you've located a few candidates, your next step is to get written estimates that list the materials, costs and details of the project. It's a good idea to get at least three estimates from different sources to be sure you're getting a fair deal.

You also need to find out if your candidates have an approved contractor or tradesman license. Using an unlicensed worker in a state that requires a license is dangerous ~ you'll have little legal recourse if the job goes south. (To see which states license contractors, visit www.contractors-license.org.) Contractorcheck.com is another good resource for researching local contractors.

Also, ask to see their proof of insurance which covers any damages they may cause while working on your home, and ask for several references from past jobs and check them. You can also check up on your candidates by contacting the Better Business Bureau or your local state consumer-protection agency to see if they have a history of complaints.

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/online/registration

October Birthdays



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Talk About Investments To Help Parents Avoid Fraud

(NAPSI)—Most children turn to their parents for financial guidance. Sometimes, however, it's the parent who needs help.

Older people are regularly targeted by fraud criminals because they have money, whether it's retirement savings, home equity or steady forms of income. Experienced investors may also believe they're too smart to be scammed. Research funded by the FINRA Investor Education Foundation shows, surprisingly, that financially savvy, self-reliant investors are more likely to be victims of fraud than those who are less knowledgeable.

"Investors who are overconfident about their ability to spot a 'great opportunity' are less likely to ask for help and advice from others," said Gerri Walsh of the FINRA Foundation. "And that's exactly what fraud criminals want."

Adult children should talk to their parents about investment fraud and be sure they are familiar with the tactics that fraud criminals use, Walsh said.

"Trick\$ of the Trade: Outsmarting Investment Fraud," a documentary produced by the Foundation and airing on public television stations, explains these tactics and the steps that investors can take to protect

themselves. Free copies of the movie can be ordered on the Foundation's fraud-fighting website, www.SaveAndInvest.org. The website also offers information on how to check the background of a financial professional and the legitimacy of securities.

"It may be hard for some people to talk about money," Walsh said, "but getting your parents to come to you or someone else they trust for a second opinion before making an investment decision is a good way to avoid trouble."

It is a discussion Robert Kalinowski, a 25-year veteran of the Vermont State Police, wishes he had had with his father.

The older Kalinowski was befriended by a financial advisor. The two would go to high school sporting events together—but the friendship was a ruse to steal \$100,000 in an investment scheme.

"I did not see this happening," Kalinowski said. "I felt rotten. I was supposed to protect everybody...but I did not see this coming."

Checking the advisor's registration to sell securities would have revealed that he was no longer licensed. The advisor was eventually charged with embezzlement and grand larceny but died before the trial.

"No matter what, it can happen to anybody," Kalinowski said. "They have to check before they invest their money, ask questions, ask the experts, do research. If it could happen to our family, it could happen to you."

Kirkin' O' The Tartans



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

Celebrate Reformation Sunday with a special service of worship at 9:15 am that honors the Presbyterian Church's Scottish, Irish, and Welsh heritage. Worship elements will include a processional with bagpipes, reading of the Scots' Confession, and a processional of members presenting their clan tartan and family name for the pastor to read and bless. Bagpipes will also be featured at "The Gathering" at 11:15 am.

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



BOWDEN DEVELOPMENT, LONG ESTABLISHED IN THE MONROVIA COMMUNITY, JUST COMPLETED THEIR MOST RECENT PROJECT OF SEVEN DETACHED HOMES NEAR DOWNTOWN MONROVIA.

Just a couple of blocks from Myrtle and Huntington, living at the new Cypress Villas easily allows one to walk over to the Friday night community festivities when this downtown street is closed off for food, music, a certified farmers market, kiddies' activities, fun and camaraderie in Old Town, every Friday from March through Christmas, according to the city's website.

Since the company's inception in 1971, Bowden Development has built hundred of units in about thirty projects in the community, according to project director, Richard Tipping. A longtime Bowden team member, on board at Bowden since 1988, Tipping took me on a tour of their Cypress Villas, located at the corner of Cypress and Magnolia.

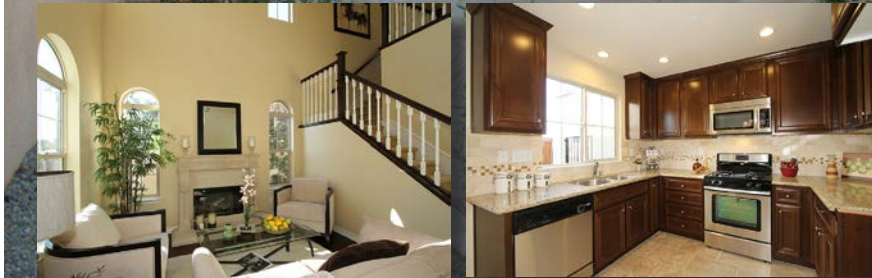
The project was designed by architect, Robert Tong, of Arcadia. Well known locally, Tong has designed many upscale homes and projects in the area.

"It's pretty much the only new project in Monrovia right now," said Tipping. Proudly pointing out the many high quality features at Cypress Villas, Tipping started with the flexible floorplans. One of the two floorplans offers the option of a main floor bedroom adjacent to a ¾ bath, or a family room open to the kitchen.

This gives buyers the best of both worlds. Some may need a main floor bedroom for an elderly family member or a home office. Others may prefer the dual living spaces of a formal living room with a separate casual living area. All the homes offer three second floor bedrooms, which include a master suite with private bath.

Top notch amenities were evident throughout. Starting at the exterior, decorative detailing includes cast concrete pillars instead of just stucco or foam detailing. Up top, the roofs are red concrete tile, not just asphalt shingle.

The driveways feature a diagonal pattern, certainly not hard to do, but speaks volumes about the level of aesthetics planning and attention to detail. Required rain and runoff percolation areas are landscaped with huge pots



and trees, providing a distinctive and beautiful green entrance on Cypress, rather than just a gravel or decomposed granite area.

The yards, though small, as one would expect in this type of Planned Unit Development (PUD) are well designed and private. Even the gates are the iron style with privacy screens, instead of flimsy wood gates that can look tired in a couple of years.

Each upscale, 1500 square foot home comes with granite kitchen counters, built-in appliances, nicely functional bathrooms, balconies and flower pot holders, a fireplace, hardwood and tile floors. The two car garages are attached, with direct access to the homes, and a security system is included with each home.

The listing agent, Espi Bagwell of Sotheby's, has staged several of the homes, so buyers can envision how the living spaces will feel with

furniture in place. "Espi is very talented at this," reflected Tipping. "We have worked with her for a decade, and she really knows how to pull the staging together for her clients. It's so important."

The Cypress Villas location is very attractive to those who'd like to leave their car in the garage, at least some of the time. It's in an urban neighborhood close to the action of restaurants, The Krikorian 12 Movie Theater, the new, 28,000 square foot Monrovia Library, technology corridor employers and much more. If you decide you do need to drive there, the city has provided for ample free parking in many city lots.

Within a quarter mile, you can even walk to two grocery stores, including the well received, Henry's Farmers Market. I popped in the address at www.WalkScore.com to get a full picture of what's available nearby. Yet, it's a residential neighborhood, a block back from the busy-ness of

Huntington.

Nearby, the Pottery Ranch, a rambling business on Huntington, site is slated for redevelopment shortly, so even more new construction will change the face of this area soon.

Some finishing touches to the seven home neighborhood are still under way, according to Tipping. Additional landscape trees were just added to the front courtyards on the homes facing Magnolia and some back yards, and the project will become a gated community shortly, pending city approval of the gates.

Cypress Villas homes are currently listed at \$499,950, and will be open on Sunday from 1-4 p.m. For more details, visit the project's website, www.CypressVillasMonrovia.com or contact the listing agent, Espi Bagwell of the John Aaroe Group at Sotheby's International Realty, 626-824-2267.



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

THINKING OF SHRINKING?

It's not just the economy - there are lots of reasons that people choose to downsize. It could be retirement, a recently emptied nest, or just plain "maintenance fatigue." Whatever the reason, plan your new lifestyle carefully.

When you search for a smaller home, don't forget that Location is still the key ingredient. Even if you don't have kids or they've flown the coop, a good school district and proximity to public transportation and recreation are still the best bets for retaining value.

If this will be a retirement move, think about the future and seek out homes on one level, or at the very least, with the master bedroom on the ground floor. For practicality's sake, at least

one bathroom should be handicap-accessible or easily remodeled as such. Even if you don't think you'll need it later on, your visitors might appreciate the convenience.

If downsizing to you means less maintenance, you may be tempted by town home or condominium living, but be aware of "hidden costs," like annual or monthly homeowners association fees. Check recent association meeting reports to see if there is a building renovation planned, as you could be hit with an assessment fee in the future, too.

There are a lot of considerations in advance of your move, so ask an agent for more advice and enjoy your new lifestyle!

Local REALTORS® Receive Transnational Referral Certification at the Arcadia Association of REALTORS®

The Arcadia Association of REALTORS recently hosted a Transnational Referral Certification (TRC) course on October 20th by the International Consortium of Real Estate Associations (ICREA). This organization is comprised of over 30 national real estate organizations that represent over 2 million real estate practitioners throughout the world. This fantastic certification provides benefits to both brokers and agents by assisting them in facilitating their transactions in the global real estate market. The training for this unique certification prepares Brokers and REALTORS to work with real estate practitioners in other countries so that they might give and receive client referrals and grow their business to a global level. After a full day of study

and training, the Arcadia Association is happy to welcome nineteen new certification recipients!

The following REALTOR® members have successful joined the TRC community. They are (in no particular order): Christine Beaur-Morteziae, LjiLjana Grozdanic, May Wan, Aihua Ji Craven, Brian Wahlbrink, Yuling Lee, Adelina Oyama, Ly Hua, Jane Wangsawidjaja, Frank Tripicchio, Simon Darvish, Nancy Weckwerth, Henry Liu, Olga Anoshechkina, Donna Johnston, Carmen Liu, Jan Thompson, Karen Rosenbaum and Tommy Thai.

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ALVERNO XCOUNTRY SPIKERS CAPTURE HORIZON LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Lara L. Larramendi



Alverno's Katherine Haysbert and Eryn Blakely running down by the "Field House" on their way to 4th and 6th place finishes respectively in Division 5 (small schools) Varsity Race # 38 at the 64th Annual Mt. Sac Cross Country Invitational on October 21st

sophomores Victoria Pintado, Bella Daniels-Campos and Regan Dowd.

Posting their best finish ever, Alverno's Varsity team finished 6th overall at the 64th Mt. Sac Cross Country Invitational held Friday, October 21, 2011 at the Mt. San Antonio campus in Walnut. The rugged 3 mile course with a diverse surfaces and terrain of hills aptly named "Poop Out Hill", "Reservoir Hill" "Valley Loop" and "Switchbacks" is a challenge to the runners. Alverno runners were among the 114 runners that competed in Division 5 (small schools) Varsity race # 38.

They were led by freshmen Rose Boubion, Sophia Villalovos and



Freshman Rachel Achterman, running in her first Mt. Sac Cross Country Invitational varsity race, approaches the finish line.

Official results listing top finishers for Alverno were juniors Katherine Haysbert, 4th (20:04) and Eryn Blakely, 6th (20:22). Adding to Alverno's score were freshman Rachel Achterman, 47th (24:34) and juniors Adrianna Martinez, 85th (26:44) and Ashley Haylett 86th (26:48). Only the Varsity Team's top 5 finishers count towards the team score. Sophomore Brett Richey, running her first race on the Mt. Sac course finished 103rd (30:39). Haysbert and Blakely were awarded medals for finishing in the top 20.

In the crowded Division 5 Freshman Race # 26 with a total of 190 runners finishing and competing for the first time at Mt. Sac were Sophia Villalovos, 138th (28:50) and Rose Boubion, 139th (28:52). In Division 5 Sophomore Race # 29, Alverno runners Victoria Pintado, (31:50), Bella Daniels-Campos (32:07) and Reagan Dowd (33:58) competed amongst 188 runners.

The next Horizon League meet for the Jaguars is hosted by San Gabriel Mission and will be run at the

Crescenta Valley County Park Course. On Wednesday November 2nd, it's the League Finals at the Eaton Canyon Park course at 4 P.M. Come over and cheer on the Jaguar runners!!!



HUDDLE UP!

By Harvey Hyde
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



It seems to me that student participation in extra-curricular activities on the high school level continues to decline, and that teachers and administrators don't encourage it like they should.

And I'm not just talking about sports. I'm also talking about playing in a band, being a flag girl or drill team member, joining a drama or art club or debate team -- whatever may be of interest.

I realize there are still many young people who are involved in high school extra curricular activities. I know about Arcadia High's outstanding band. I know about the success of that school's government debate team under advisor Kevin Fox and the national championship it won in Washington, D.C., in February 2010.

But I think that overall the emphasis on high school extra curricular activities isn't what it used to be.

I attended Pasadena High School. Yeah, that was a long time ago, but I have recruited high school student athletes during my many years as a junior college and college football coach.

High school athletes wore letterman jackets and letterman sweaters. Bands had hundreds of members, counting the song girls and flag girls. Campuses were clean. There were no fences, no security guards. School pride was everywhere. It was shared among students, parents, alumni, faculty members and school board members.

There was a sense of everyone working together on a common goal. There was unity. And it was all done for the benefit of tomorrow's leaders.

Everyone cheered for their school, be it the

red and white of Pasadena High School, the blue and gold of Muir, the green and white of Blair, the cardinal and gold of Arcadia or the green and white of Monrovia.

It was important to represent your school with your appearance, attitude and enthusiasm. Whatever happened to the importance of school pride? Much of that pride came from extra-curricular activities and interests.

Extra curricular activities can be for just about everyone. You don't have to be an athlete to learn how to compete and share. You can learn through a drama class, debate team or student government.

Winning isn't the most important thing. The group effort to succeed is. There are no shortcuts. What happened to the good old hard way of doing things? Pride can come from doing things the "hard way."

Academics are important for individuals. We all know that. But learning how to win in life and how to work with other people is also important. Learning to care about other people's efforts and feelings is important. Learning as part of a team, to say please and thank you, yes sir and yes ma'am, is important.

I have always loved coaching and teaching. I love watching young people grow up. I love to see young people reach their goals. What I like to tell young people is this: You can have a lot of ships at sea but you only have to land one of them. Your effort will help you land that ship.

And remember: You never get a second chance to make a first impression for your school, your team, your family, yourself. When you shake hands, look the other person in the eye. And don't be afraid to assist someone who needs assistance.

This kindness is not a weakness. It is a way of gaining both pride and respect.



ADD 15 MORE YARDS TO YOUR TEE SHOT IN 90 DAYS

If you want to add 15 more yards to your tee shot-in three months, do what I did. I have a confession to make. Less than 24 months ago, my great friend Harvey Mackay asked me if I wanted to play 18 holes the following week. I had cut way back on my golf both playing and practicing for the past couple of years and I was not looking forward to this round of golf.

By the time I reached the 12 hole he (74 year old) Harvey had outdriven me four times. Harvey was playing to a 9 at the time and he is a great driver of the golf ball. I should say straight driver of the golf ball with an average of 225 yards. If I hit it well I was maybe 15 yards past him. However if I missed the tee shot a tiny bit, I was hitting first onto the green.

When I walked up to the 13th tee, I remember it as thou it was yesterday, I decided that I was going to do something about my golf game. The first thing I needed to do was start practicing and the second thing was to CATCH UP with the game. It was passing me by. The game was changing (getting longer) and I was stuck in neutral.

The next morning I ordered a Momentus Heavy Hittable Driver off of the internet with overnight delivery. I could hardly pick it up. I took it to the range, swung it five times and almost feel over. That is when I decided that I needed to come up with a routine so I could take advantage of my new club.

I decided that I was going to swing the club 25 times, three days a week whether I was at the golf course or not. In the backyard I went every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Once I started using it at the practice facility I then came up with another way to use it. During practice sessions I swung it three times for every six balls I hit. I like to hit three draws, three fades, three straight shots and then three swings with the heavy driver.



On days that I play, I have another routine that I have used for years. I hit three shots with every club in my bag. Now my routine includes swinging the heavy driver one time every time I change clubs.


OK, I know you are dying to hear the results. The only reason I am not going to tell you how much further I am hitting the ball is that everybody is different. The one thing I will tell you is that I am back. I have caught up with the sport and...well ok, I am at least 20 yards further off of the tee and 1.5 clubs longer with my irons. BUT, I have been VERY committed to this process. I have not missed a day in two years.

VERY IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- #1. Warm up before you pick up a heavy driver and start swinging it.
- #2. Even thou it says it is a HITTABLE club, make 200 practice swings with it before you start hitting balls. You have to get use to it first.
- #3. This is NOT an overnight fix for short tee shots. Stay committed to see results.
- #4. I added 15 yards in the first three months, I kept going so I can keep what I have!!! www.bobbyeldridgegolf.com

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