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WWII AIR FORCE GUNNER KEN ANHALT REMEMBERS:

By Andrea Ridgeway and Ajay Johnson



WWII Veteran Ken Anhalt and his wife Shirley

Photo by Ajay Johnson

The Sierra Madre community is packed with unique individuals from all walks of life. Some of these individuals are Veterans with incredible stories. We would like to recognize and thank these men and women.

One local man, Kenneth Anhalt, was a Staff Sargent gunner in the Air Force during World War II. He served in the 15th Air Force in Italy between the years of 1942-1945 in approximately 28 - 30 missions. At one point during the war he experienced the life changing event of being saved by the very well-known Tuskegee Airmen.

During his time serving he was given a mission to fly a four engine bomber over the Swiss Alps into Germany, attack, and then return back to Italy. After

hitting their target successfully they were struck by a German attacker causing them to lose half of their engines. With a crippled plane and death seemingly eminent, the men felt like it was their last moments alive.

Suddenly, off the tip of each wing, two "Red Tails" appeared on the horizon. The tails of all Tuskegee Airmen planes were painted in red so they were easy to identify. The bomber pilots were told via radio traffic that there were German fighters in the area, but they did not attack because the Red Tails escorted them back to the landing site.

When bombers reached the target area, they were met with heavy fire from the Germans. The fighters escorts would leave the bombers and re-join them

after they finished their bombing run.

Mr. Anhalt said he was always impressed that the Red Tails did not leave the bombers when they reached their target area, like the other squadrons did. The Red Tails stayed with them the whole way. The Tuskegee Airmen operated their missions with the highest caliber, dedication, and skill. He is forever thankful to the men of the Tuskegee Airmen of the 99th Fighter Group that saved him and his men that day.

Mr. Anhalt's legacy of service and commitment to the Armed Forces has passed on through his family even today. He is the grandfather of a F-22 Raptor fighter pilot.

GIVING THANKS

Story and Photos by Bill Coburn



The Sierra Madre

Kiwanis Club saluted veterans at its weekly meeting on Tuesday, three days prior to Veteran's Day. Members of Sierra Madre's Harry L. Embree VFW Post 3208 were on hand and opened the meeting with a color guard presenting the colors.

Lunch for the day was "Mess Hall" style and featured pot roast and potatoes, chicken, succotash, navy bean soup and SPAM. After lunch, all veterans in attendance stood up, introduced themselves and briefly discussed their service, including branch of the service, era in which they served and the location of their service. Veterans that served in wars from World War II through Enduring Freedom were on hand, representing all branches of the service.

Kiwanian Ann Luke got up and read a poem called "In Flanders Field," written during WWI in 1915 by Canadian physician Lt. Col. John McCrae after he witnessed the death of his friend, Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, 22 years old, the day before:

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,

Loved and were loved, and now we lie,

Sergeant Major Jeffrey Koontz, a veteran of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, spoke to the group about current projects of the Army Corp of Engineers. Below, Sierra Madre Veteran, Marine Corporal Esther Garcia, gets the attention of Veterans Gordon Caldwell and Clem Bartolai.



In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

The poppies referred to in the poem grew in Flanders in the earth of the battlefields and cemeteries where war casualties were buried, and subsequently became a symbol of Remembrance Day, which in the U.S. is also known as Veteran's Day. In keeping with the tradition, poppies were presented to all in attendance at the meeting. (cont. on pg. 3)



Annual Art Festival

Nov. 11, 7-9 pm
Nov. 12, 10-5 pm
Nov. 13, 10-3 pm

65 professional artists • artist demonstrations • Erika Oller at the art center to autograph her "fragments" & calendars opening night • student sale Saturday and Sunday • music and refreshments

Creative Arts Group

108 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre, CA 91024 www.creativeartsgroup.org



The City of Sierra Madre invites you to a Community Input Meeting regarding a Downtown Retail Market Demand Study. The Community Input Meeting is November 15, 2011, at 6:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. The Downtown Retail Market Demand Study is currently being drafted, and will identify opportunities to enhance our residents and visitors' experience when coming to downtown Sierra Madre. The study will develop strategies to assist current businesses by identifying unmet demand for products and services. The study will also assist in attracting and retaining businesses that will enhance downtown Sierra Madre's current village atmosphere.

Buxton, a market planning consultant, is assisting the City with preparing the study and will make a presentation on Sierra Madre's customer profile, a snapshot of customers that live in and near Sierra Madre. This data will be used to assist in identifying a compatible mix of retailers to downtown, understanding the strengths and weaknesses of the local retail sector, and enhancing existing retailers understanding of the local retail demands. The Study's goal is not to change Sierra Madre's downtown, the goal is to help make visiting our Downtown an even more enjoyable experience. If you live, shop or own a business in Sierra Madre, we need your participation and input.

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Fri:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings listed below are held at City Hall 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, Ca. 626-355-7135

City Hall Hours:

Monday - Thursday 7:30 am to 5:30 pm

@ 5:30PM - CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mon Nov 14	Bargain Book Table Sale, Mon-Sat
November 16 @ 7pm -	Tree Advisory Committee
November 17 @ 7pm -	Planning Commission
November 17 @ 7pm	Special Mtg Library Board of Trustees
Fri Nov 18 City Hall -	Alternate Fridays CLOSED
November 21 @ 6pm -	Community Services Commission
NOVEMBER 22 @ 6:30PM -	CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 23 @ Cancelled	Library Board of Trustees
November 24 @ Cancelled	Green Advisory Commission

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.



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



JOIN US FOR LUNCH!
The Sierra Kiwanis Club meeting begins at noon at The Lodge (formerly the Masonic Lodge) and the program begins at approximately 12:30.

The program presentation is free. Lunch is \$10.00.

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**Community Services Commission
is seeking to fill two vacancies
on the SMTV3 Community
Cable Television Programming
Committee**

The City of Sierra Madre's Community Services Commission is looking for two motivated, enthusiastic, creative, and a friendly volunteer to serve on the City's the SMTV3 Community Cable Television Programming Committee. The City welcomes any interested residents to apply.

SMTV3 Community Cable Television Programming Committee - 2 Vacancies for Community Members At Large

The SMTV3 Community Cable Television Programming Committee is an eight (8) member committee comprised of a member from the Community Services Commission, Senior Community Commission and six community members at large. The Community Services Commission plans to appoint the community members at large at their regularly scheduled Community Services Commission Meeting on December 19, 2011.

Applications for the December appointments are due by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2011. Applications received after this date will be kept on file until there is another appointment date. Submit applications to the Community & Personnel Service Department at the Community Recreation Center, 611 E. Sierra Madre Boulevard. For an application, please visit www.cityofsierramadre.com look for commission/committee applications. For more information please call (626) 355-5278.

BARGAIN BOOKS
GALORE!

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library have an overstock of volumes that they will be selling during another Bargain Book Table Sale at the Library, Monday, November 14, through Saturday, November 19, during the Library's open hours. The featured topics will include Fiction, Mysteries and Thrillers, Current Affairs, Contemporary Culture, and books for Children and Teens. Stop by often, as books are replenished daily, and are only \$1.00 each.

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

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

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UUT EXTENSION HEADED TO APRIL 2012 BALLOT

By Bill Coburn

The Sierra Madre City Council asked to have staff bring back a resolution for consideration that would place an extension of the User Utility Tax (UUT) on the April 10th, 2012 ballot.

The current tax, enacted in 2008, increased the rate from a base of 6% to a maximum of 12% before sunseting and returning to 6% in 2016, unless there is a vote of the people to extend it. The rate was to be increased in 2% increments, in 2008, 2009, and 2010. The sunset clause required that in 2014, the rate be reduced to 10% in 2014, 8% in 2015, and back to 6% in 2016. Measure U also required a committee to review the revenue and expenses generated by the tax, and report to the Council, and if it deemed necessary, to recommend to the Council whether or not to raise the tax based on their findings. The most recent UUT Committee recommended to the Council that they increase the rate to 12%, however, the Council decided to hold steady at 10%.

Despite stirrings in the community that the Council was seeking to eliminate the sunset clause, that was never considered. All of the Council members had expressed their desire to see the sunset clause extended at the last meeting, and they were unanimous in their action Tuesday. The sunset clause will remain, it will just be pushed further out.

The largest point of discussion was the cap. Chris Koerber spoke up during public comment and suggested a limit of 10%, noting that our elder residents will be getting their first Soc. Security increase in 3 years and it hardly seems fair to turn around and hit them with

this increase. Councilmember MacGillivray also suggested the cap be limited to 10%, stating that when the cap was initially instituted at 6% in the 90s, the intent was for it to go away, and it has now become the base. She expressed concern that 12% could become the base.

Other Council members all expressed concern that 10% would not be enough to allow the City to run without major cuts in services. Mayor Buchanan flirted with the 10% figure, noting that he felt that might be an easier sell to the voters. In his mind, 12% was the better policy, whereas 10% was better politics.

Mayor Pro Tem Josh Moran said in response to Mr. Koerber's concern regarding seniors on fixed income, that there is a low-income exemption that could be applied for. He expressed a desire to allow the current 12% cap remain in place, noting that future councils can do as this one and keep the rate at 10%, but that capping it at 10% limited the flexibility of future councils to deal with conditions that might arise that require increased revenue.

Councilmember MacGillivray suggested that with a cap at 10%, future councils could exercise flexibility by trying to find new sources of revenue or by finding new ways to make more cuts.

Departing Council member Mosca concurred with Moran, noting that this isn't Sacramento or Washington, with fat to trim in the budgets, that this is a local community that's already been cut to the bone.

In response to concerns that our UUT is one of the highest in the state, Mosca

and Buchanan pointed out that other cities with lower rates have higher fees in other areas. For instance San Marino has a parcel tax to pay for public safety, Monrovia has an assessment to pay for retirement plans for public employees. It was also pointed out that Sierra Madre has chosen to raise revenues via UUT, and other cities use different revenue mechanisms, so comparing rates straight across is comparing apples and oranges.

One factor added to Tuesday's discussion was a new report by staff regarding the per household cost of the UUT. Because there are businesses and institutions that have higher water needs and uses, staff felt it unfair to take the revenue raised and divide it by the number of households to determine an average, so they dug a little deeper and the report states that on average, Sierra Madre households pay \$440/month for utilities, with a 10% UUT representing a \$43.22 payment to the City. Were the tax at the 6% originally levied, the same household would be paying approximately \$26.34, a difference of \$16.88 per month.

Ultimately, Mayor Buchanan decided that he was going to move to enact the best policy over the best political solution, which will allow the voters to determine if they can accept the UUT at the same 12% cap rate they originally voted for in 2008. So the Council consensus (MacGillivray dissenting) was to have the initiative written using the current terms and rates for an extension that the voters will consider. Should they say no, the Council will still have the option of placing a second measure on the 2014 ballot for their consideration.

SM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH THE HELP OF THE SM CERT TEAM 'FILL THE BOOT'

On October 29th, the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department, along with members of the Sierra Madre Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) collected over \$6,300.00 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. That amount exceeded last year's collections of just over \$4,800.00.

Volunteers stood on the corner of Baldwin and Sierra Madre Blvd. between from 9 am until 1 pm, 'filling the boot'. A special thanks was given to CERT volunteers Elsa Saldaña, Nasrat Raouf, Caroline Brown and Melanie Shewmaker at Tuesday's city council meeting.

The Fill The Boot campaign has raised over \$58 million nationwide. If you missed the opportunity to contribute to the Sierra Madre campaign, contact the SMVFD.

COMMISSION SEEKS TO FILL VACANCIES ON THE SMTV3 PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

The SMTV3 Community Cable Television Programming Committee is an 8 member committee comprised of 1 member each from the Community Services and Senior Community Commissions and 6 community members at large. The committee is subject to the Brown Act and therefore must meet in a public place with posted agendas.

The Committee meets regularly at 7:30 a.m. on the first Wednesday of every other month. The Committee has the option of not meeting in January and September of each year. The primary purpose of the committee is to gather information, weigh public opinion and examine issues in depth in order to render a recommendation to the Community Services Commission regarding the programming on the City's government-education cable access channels. Most often the committee reviews matters such as equipment, productions and events to be covered by Community Mountains of the Foothills.

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Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, October 30th, to Saturday November 5th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 245 calls for service. See crimereports.com for updated information.

Sunday, October 30th:

11:02 AM- Concealed Weapons, 100 blk. W. Sierra Madre Bl. This case involves a consensual car search in which the driver was found to be in possession of a crack pipe and a knife with over a 3" blade. The driver was cited and released in the field.

Monday, October 31st:

7:06 PM- Grand Theft/Auto, 200 blk. Mariposa Ave. This case involves a Ford truck that was stolen between the evening of October 30th and the morning of October 31st. A few days before the incident the victim's wife's car and purse were stolen in Pasadena.

Tuesday, November 1st:

2:18 PM- Danger to Self/Others/Gravely Disabled, 500 blk. Sierra Meadow Dr. Officers responded to a burglary in progress and found a disoriented man inside the home. The

suspect was a danger to himself and others and was placed on a 72-hour hold for a psychiatric evaluation.

Thursday, November 3rd:

11:53 PM- Warrant/Outside/Criminal, 100 blk. Kersting Ct. An officer stopped a 34-year old Sierra Madre motorist for a Vehicle Code violation. Further investigation revealed that the driver had three outstanding warrants for his arrest. The driver was cited for two of the warrants, advised on the third warrant and released in the field.

Friday, November 4th:

8:12 AM- Possession of Marijuana/1 oz. or Less, Michillinda Ave and Sierra Madre Blvd. This case involves a 23-year old female being in possession of 1oz. or less of Marijuana. The suspect was cited and released in the field.

Saturday, November 5th:

6:06 PM- Attempted Residential Burglary, 100 blk. E. Grandview Ave. An unknown suspect(s) pried the rear of the bedroom screen off the window. Nothing was taken from the location.

THANKS (cont. from pg. 1)

Kiwanis President Susan Henderson then introduced the guest speaker, Sgt. Major Jeffrey Koontz, who spoke about his service in the Army Corps of Engineers, the Corps, and its mission. Sgt. Major Koontz serves in the Los Angeles District, one of the largest districts in the country, encompassing 226,000 square miles in four states, protecting 420 miles of Southern California shoreline from Morro Bay to the Mexican border. Among the Corps' current missions: flood risk reduction, military construction, emergency operations, engineering design and environmental restoration, including the upcoming renovation of the Los Angeles River.

Surprisingly, the Army Corps of Engineers is comprised of significantly more civilian personnel than service members, according to Sgt. Major Koontz, there are in excess of 800 civilian members of the Corps in the Los Angeles District and only about sixty uniformed members. The USACE website puts the national numbers at approximately 34,600 Civilian and 650 military members.

Sgt. Major Koontz also discussed the Corps' recent role in the construction of a border wall along the US/Mexico border, its ongoing efforts to maintain and strengthen the 14 ports that are in the Los Angeles District, and its collaboration with the Dept. of Homeland Security and other government agencies to keep the region safe.

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STICKING A FORK IN HUNGER

By Dean Lee

Now an official event, organizers have planned a food drive this weekend around the now infamous, and newly reinstalled Fork in the Road—a large guerrilla art piece that first appeared Halloween in 2009.

Word on the street, literally, is that both Mayor Bill Bogaard and Pasadena Police Chief Phillip Sanchez have gotten behind the event. Philip Coombs, the event's organizer said they hope to get five tons of food donated to benefit Union Station's Homeless Services.

Coombs along with other volunteers will be wearing bright orange Caltrans suits at the intersection of Pasadena Avenue, St. John Avenue. The garb symbolizes their original effort spending all night digging and pouring cement getting the 18-foot utensil ready as a birthday surprise for 75-year-old Bob Stane.

Organizers say donations can be given through a drop-off at, "fork plaza," near 200 Bellefontaine Street, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday—rain or shine. The fork has been the location of a number of events including the first food drive in 2009 as a celebration of the fork, at that time organizers, collected two tons of food. The fork has also been dressed up at both Christmas and Valentine's Day.

It was removed June 10, 2010 after city officials, Caltrans and fork supports came to an agreement on what to do with it. The fork spent months being restored in an Altadena backyard, it was reinstalled in the same area, slightly farther back from the street Oct 21. A small crowd gathered to cheer the utensil's return including its creators Coombs, and artist Ken Marshall. Stane was also among the crowd.

The fork has also inspired city officials to create a temporary art installation program in other unusual locations such as traffic islands and medians throughout the city.

Pet of the Week



Mico is an 8-year-old red and white Siberian Husky. She's a lovely older gal and qualifies for our Seniors for Seniors program in which her adoption fee is waived for adopters 60 years old or older.

Mico's adoption fee is waived if she's adopted by someone 60 years old or older. All you pay is the \$20 microchip fee!

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A298025, 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.



PARADE TARGET OF OCCUPY MOVEMENT

By Dean Lee

As the first Rose Parade bleachers go up at TV corner this week, organizers, calling themselves Occupy the Rose Parade, have set their sights on the area calling on demonstrators Jan.1 and Jan. 2 to oppose corporate money behind the parade floats. The parade this year is on Jan. 2 Peter Thottam, the person behind the official website, occupytheroesparade.org, said the goal was to get at least 40,000 protesters to come out. "Hopefully thousands of occupiers will come together with signs to talk about how dysfunctional the economic and political system have become."

Thottam declined to say if they would target any specific floats or parade entrees, He did say this was a national calling.

"We're very clear that this is

not part of occupy LA." He said. "We're asking people from around the U.S. and occupy members around the world to join us at the Rose Parade. The one primary message above all others is, get corporate money out of politics."

Thottam said they plan to take full advantage of the Tournament of Roses' policy of never on Sunday, a long standing practice of pushing the parade one day to Jan. 2 when New Year's falls on a Sunday. The idea is to not have the parade conflict with religious worship in the city. "We are going to start concentrating there the day before," he said. "We are going to have a human float that we will bring together." Thottam said the group plans to organize in front of the Norton Simon Museum but also declined to say if the

group would try and infiltrate the secured grandstand areas. In an unrelated statement Wednesday, Pasadena Police Chief Phillip Sanchez said "parade groups are encouraged to respect the rights of all who attend the parade, many of whom travel great distances with their families."

He added, "As the primary agency responsible for safety, the Pasadena Police Department is well equipped to handle emergencies and unusual occurrences. The vast majority of people who attend this event have little contact with the police, in part because of the mutual respect among those attending the parade."

Thottam said he had contacted members of Occupy Pasadena another unrelated activist group in the city.

Members of the group said Thursday night at an organizing meeting that they have no official plans in place to be part of Occupy the Rose Parade. Esteban Gil, an activist from the group, said they had concerns about disrupting the parade.

Two-Hards To Discuss Film

Finally together at last, will newlyweds Bella and Edward ever find true marital happiness? Or is theirs a love ultimately doomed by forces beyond their control?

Two-hards, the nickname for the most die-hard fans of the incredibly popular "Twilight" series of books and films, are invited to discuss them at Pasadena Central Library, 285 E. Walnut St., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19 – the day after the release of Part 1 of the final movie installment, "Twilight: Breaking Dawn."

Whether you're with Team Edward, Team Jacob or just plain teeming with excitement for the whole "Twilight" saga, here's your chance to meet with other Two-hards and talk it all out.

It's also an opportunity to visit the library's aptly named Teen Central on the fourth floor, a new space devoted entirely to teens and featuring plenty of room to study, hang out and explore the library's expansive selection of teen books, magazines and DVDs.

For more information call (626) 744-4066.

Take the Confusion out of Technology

Are you wondering what is new in the "Technology" world? iPad? Smart Phone? Streaming TV Set-Up Box? The tools made to enhance our lives sometimes confuse it.

Do you have one of these devices? Are you wondering what to do with it? Join us on Saturday, November 19 at 11 a.m. at the Hastings Branch Library, 3325 East Orange Grove Blvd. as we help you take the confusion out of technology. For more information, call (626) 744-7262.

Incumbents Win Reelection

All four incumbents easily won reelection during Tuesday's race for sets on the Pasadena City College Board of Trustees, unofficial results show.

In a contentious race



Mann

incumbent Jeanette Mann beat Brian Fuller with 67.87 percent of the vote for area 2 which includes, Sierra Madre, Altadena and east Pasadena. Mann and Fuller both made recent headlines after Fuller accused Mann of voter fraud filing a complaint with the District Attorney's Office.



Thomson

John Martin won representation of Area 6 with 65.33 percent beating out Chris Cofer, a community college teacher.

William Thomson led Area 4 with 84.67 percent, by far the largest percentage, win beating M.A.C. "Maestro" Enriquez-Marquez.

Linda Wah ran unopposed.

Mann has been on the board since 1983. She was recently elected president of the California Community College Trustees (CCCT) Board and will serve on the 21-member board whose

members provide guidance for the districts and colleges that constitute the system. The board meets five times a year to take action on education policy issues.

Thomson was first elected to the board on November 2007 to represent Area 4, which covers most of Pasadena. He currently serves as the boards president.

Martin represents Area 6, which encompasses Temple City, and portions of Arcadia, Rosemead, and El Monte. He has been a member of



Wah

the PACCD board since 1979.

Wah was selected to fill the Area 5 (San Marino, South Pasadena, Temple City) vacancy created by the departure of Dr. Hilary Bradbury-Huang in July of 2010. Wah, a San Marino resident, currently serves as a director at large for Women at Work, a non-profit career counseling center that helps women and men find employment.



Martin

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. 15 from 6 p.m. to 8p.m. at the Pasadena Community Network - Studio G, 2057 N. Los Robles Ave.

For more info call 626.794.8585 or visit pasadena.com.

Children's Chorus to Showcase Music from Around the Globe

Los Angeles Children's Chorus shares music from around the globe at its popular annual Winter Concert December 4 and 11, 2011, 7 PM, at Pasadena Presbyterian Church. The chorus performs works by Sir David Willcocks, Gustav Host and Andrew Carter, as well as folk songs, sacred and secular compositions from Hungary, Germany and Camaroon; lullabies from Holland and Philippines; lively carols from France, England and Catalonia; and the moving Hebrew prayer setting of Idor vador.

The program opens with the 16th century carol El Noi de la Mare, popularized in recent times by guitarists Andres Segovia and Christopher Parkening. Other choral gems featured are the festive Cantemus!, composed in 1977 by Bárdos, who was among Zoltan Kodály's first students; Mädchenlied, a set of songs written by Brahms in 1878 and set to the poetry of Siegfried Kapper's "Songs of Serbia"; Gustav Holst's Hymn to the Waters, composed in 1910 and based on Sanskrit texts that Holst himself translated; Maria Walks Amid the Thorn, a 16th century work that tells the story of a creation miracle; and Noël Nouvelet, dating from 17th

century France and one of the oldest European carols still in modern usage.

Additional highlights include The Glories of Shakespeare, which features five settings of texts from the plays composed by well-known British organist, choirmaster and composer David Willcocks; the traditional Philippines lullaby Caturog na, Nonoy; and Idor vador, an ancient Hebrew prayer set by Cantor Meir Finkelstein, a noted film and television composer as well and one of the most popular contemporary Jewish liturgical composers in the country.

LACC Artistic Director Anne Tomlinson conducts the chorus' renowned Concert Choir and Chamber Singers. Associate Artistic Director Mandy Brigham leads the Intermediate Choir, Larissa Donnelly leads the Apprentice Choir, and Dr. Steve Kronauer conducts the Young Men's Ensemble. The choirs will perform separately and combined.

Tickets are \$26, \$38 and \$44; children 17 and under are half price. For tickets and information, please call (626) 793-4231 or visit www.lachildrenschorus.org. Pasadena Presbyterian Church is located at 585 East Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91101.

“What’s Going On?”

News and Views from Joan Schmidt



Update on the Duck Farm and More

By Joan Schmidt

This past Saturday, I attended a meeting at San Angelo Park, Basset, for an update on the “Duck Farm”. I’m sure all of our readers have driven north or south on the 605 Freeway and can remember the unpleasant stench as you drove past the duck farm. It’s been several years and a lot has happened. In 2005, the Duck Farm was purchased by the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA), which is planning to eventually create a river park to be enjoyed by us.

The Watershed, was established in 2003, is a joint powers agency between the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC), a state agency, and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. (LACFCD) Its mission is to improve the availability and accessibility of open space in the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles River watershed. Currently the WCA owns and manages five properties that will one day be open to the public. Of these five properties, today’s focus is on the Duck Farm site, located on the eastern bank of the San Gabriel River. This 57 acre site lies at the overlap of key regional wildlife habitats and highly urbanized areas. Phase 1A started this past spring.

Our “Update” session was held at San Angelo Park. Ms. Deborah Enos, Project Manager, provided an excellent overview of what the WCA was, and informed about the Duck Farm purchase in 2005. The planning process geared up between 2006-2009, with extensive community outreach and meetings - what did residents want? Beginning 2010-2011, the land is being phyto-remediated, utilizing the EPA’s Environmental Program funds. This year, 2011, the park design and entitlements are completed. Sometime between 2012-2013, park construction will be completed and there will be a Grand Opening.

During this meeting, much was explained. For instance, a very high nitrogen level was found in the soil, which could be explained by the many years’ presence of the duck population. Wildflowers and grass mixes were planted to help remove nitrogen from the soil and restore riparian (banks of a natural waterway) habitat, so that native plants can be reintroduced. This park will be so unique. I have never been to a river park. When we went on the walking tour, we went down Proctor Street, Bassett. Between two houses was a dirt road/trail for access for emergency vehicles. We proceeded on the dirt road/path under the tunnel to the site. (This may sound like a lot, but it wasn’t. Even with my arthritic knees, I was fine!) When we reached the other side, it was amazing. There were many walking paths, and the original barn had been painted blue.

They have so many great plans. This will be a neighborhood entry park with a river overlook. There will be a demonstration garden, picnic areas, an outdoor classroom, and an amphitheater. The riparian areas will include seasonal streambed and wet meadow bioswales. Along the 1.5 mile trail there will be interpretive stations and seating areas.

In the future, there are plans for a Native Plant Nursery, Dog Park, Energy Garden, and Equestrian Center!

At this meeting were Dr. Richard Shope and Mr. and Mrs. Chang from Youth Science Center. Dr. Shope LOVES science. He was VERY excited about the future river park and all the opportunities of learning that it will bring. The Youth Science Center provides so many different services such as Community Science Outreach, Teachers’ Science Workshops, Inquiry Science Expeditions, Hands-on Science Exhibits, Summer Science Programs, Action Science Theater, Youth Science Alliance and Urban Science Corps. Instructors at the Youth Science Center not only inform and instruct but also inspire. Their diverse group of instructors consist enterprising and collaborative Scientists, Engineers, Educators and Community Leaders dedicated to transforming science, engineering and math (stem) education by providing a wide selection of science education services and inquiry projects. For more info: www.youthsciencecenter.org.

This was a most interesting and informative session. I knew the Duck Farm no longer existed, but I had NO idea this wonderful river park was being planned. There will even be 250 parking spaces! To keep abreast of the progress, or for more information, please contact Deborah Enos, (626) 815-1019, Ext. 112, or denos@wca.ca.gov.

Monrovia’s public officials and staff work tirelessly to attract and retain businesses in this city of nearly 40,000. With a diverse portfolio of businesses ranging from nationally known technology firms to “mom and pop” shops in Old Town, Monrovia offers an array of services and incentives for businesses.

Monrovia offers financial relocation assistance, lease/tenant subsidies, broker bounties, the Old Town business development assistance and facade improvement programs, two redevelopment project areas, no utility user tax assessment and regionally low city fees. Monrovia was a finalist in 2008 and 2010.

In addition to announcing the winners of its Most-Business-Friendly City in Los Angeles County award, the LAEDC also recognized Dominic Ng, Chairman and CEO of East West Bank for his leadership in economic development in the region, and the Los Angeles World Airports for its \$4 billion capital improvement project at LAX, which will create tens of thousands of jobs, as its individual and corporate honorees, respectively. h of the finalists has created a business-friendly environment that encourages businesses to locate or expand in their respective communities.

CITIES WITH POPULATIONS OF 60,000+
Burbank The City of Burbank, aptly known as the “Media Capital of the World,” is home to some of the world’s largest media companies, including The Walt Disney Company, Warner Bros., NBC, ABC, and 700 other media related businesses. The City is served by an excellent transportation system, including the Bob Hope Airport, connecting Burbank to the LA metropolis and beyond. Burbank’s “Team Business” links the best resources for training, consulting and access to capital with those looking to start a business in addition to business owners who are poised for growth or are seeking stability in today’s promising economy. Burbank was a “Most Business Friendly City” finalist in 2006 and 2007.

WIDE-RANGING COALITION SEEKS TO SECURE INITIATIVE ON NOVEMBER 2012 BALLOT

SACRAMENTO, CA – The grassroots Committee For the Right to Know, a wide-ranging coalition of consumer, public health and environmental organizations, food companies, and individuals submitted the California Right to Know Genetically Engineered Food Act to the State Attorney General for title and summary, prior to circulation as an initiative measure for the November 2012 election.

The initiative would require genetically engineered foods (also known as Genetically Modified Organisms, or GMOs) and foods containing GMO ingredients to be clearly labeled, similar to current labels with other nutritional information.

Genetically engineered food is usually plant or meat product that has had its DNA artificially altered in a lab with genes from other plants, animals, viruses, or bacteria, in order to produce foreign compounds in that food. This genetic alteration is experimental, and is not found in nature.

The risk of genetically engineered foods is unclear, and unlike the strict safety evaluations required for the approval of new drugs, the safety of genetically engineered foods for human consumption has not been adequately tested. Recent studies show that genetically engineering food can create new, unintended toxic substances and increase allergies, cancer risks, and other health problems, especially for children. Experts agree that by labeling genetically engineered food, we can help identify foods that cause health problems.

“Because the FDA has failed to require labeling of GMO food, this initiative closes a critical loophole in food labeling law. It will allow Californians to choose what they buy and eat and will allow health professionals to track any potential adverse health impacts of these foods,” says Andy Kimbrell, Director of the Center for Food Safety.

The two most common genetically engineered traits are the expression of an insecticide in the tissue

of “Bt Corn” and the expression of a compound in “Roundup Ready Soy” which enables high doses of Monsanto’s Roundup® weed killer to be sprayed while the plant survives. As much as 85% of corn in the U.S. is genetically engineered. BT Corn is currently regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency as an insecticide.

Robyn O’Brien, author and founder of the Allergy Kids Foundation says, “I support labeling genetically engineered foods because allergy-sensitive people can exercise caution with essential information to make informed decisions about what they eat.”

Fifty countries including the European Union and Japan have laws mandating that genetically engineered foods be labeled, but the United States does not have such a requirement. Public opinion polls indicate that over 90 percent of California voters support the labeling of genetically engineered foods.

Efforts to enact labeling laws in Congress and the California legislature have been blocked by big food and chemical company lobbyists. This measure will take the issue directly to the people to decide whether genetically engineered foods should be labeled.

“These genetically engineered foods have been allowed into our food supply without warning, and they aren’t labeled,” says Pamm Larry, founder of the grassroots movement and the Committee For the Right to Know. “The bottom line is Californians have a right to know what’s in the food we eat and feed our children. It’s time to send a strong, direct message to those who govern us, whether they be agency or elected, that we want genetically engineered foods labeled.”

The California Right to Know Genetically Engineered Food Act was carefully and specifically written to avoid any unnecessary burden or cost to consumers or producers. California voters are expected to have the chance to vote on the initiative in November 2012.

Pet Of The Week

Nala: Animal ID #A4355750

Meet the stunningly beautiful Nala (A4355750). Nala is a graceful and effusively friendly nine-month-old tan Shepherd/Great Dane mix puppy who was found as a stray in West Covina on October 21st and brought to the Baldwin Park Shelter. Weighing seventy-six pounds, this affectionate girl gives kisses and hugs, walks okay on leash, sits on command, appears to be housebroken and is good with other dogs. She also has a gorgeous coat, a sweet face and spectacularly expressive ears. Nala is a medium-energy dog who will be a perfect indoor pet for an active individual or family living in a private home. To watch a video of Nala interacting with a volunteer please click here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=odKRx_CkUWs

To meet Nala in person, please see her at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378). She is currently available now. For any inquiries about Nala, please reference her animal ID number: A4355750. The shelter is open seven days a week, 12 pm-7 pm Monday-Thursday and 10am-5pm Friday-Sunday. This is a high-intake shelter with a great need for



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

VETERAN PILOT PROGRAM LAUNCHES IN LOS ANGELES

Through a \$700,000 grant from the County of Los Angeles Department of Community and Senior Services Workforce Investment Act, Goodwill Southern California opened its first service center dedicated to assisting veterans throughout Los Angeles. The Veteran’s Pilot Program (VPP) will expand the organization’s job training, placement and employment services and programs to thousands of American veterans. This timely program comes on the heels of President Obama’s announcement that there will be a complete drawdown of U.S. troops from Iraq by year’s end, and an urgent call from First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden asking all Americans to do more to help serve the nation’s military families.

Goodwill is proud to be one of the first organizations to respond to the increased need for veteran support by launching the VPP. As of September, the program has placed 48 veterans in new employment and plans to serve hundreds more in the following months. Program Specialists, former vets themselves, are uniquely qualified to respond to and address the special needs of those men and women who have served our country and now face the challenges of reintegrating into a civilian world currently suffering massive unemployment rates.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate for veterans who served in the military at any time since September 2001 was 12.1 percent in October.

VPP staff members offer one-on-one career counseling and access to employment preparation courses, educational and technical skills classes, and work tools; all aimed at assisting veterans find meaningful employment so that they may advance beyond their military careers and regain a sense of pride, dignity and purpose. Program Specialists match job seekers with job opportunities through targeted recruitment services and job fairs.

Based at the Metro North WorkSource Center in Los Angeles, 342 N San Fernando Rd Los Angeles, CA 90031, the VPP team performs as a highly mobile unit reaching all corners of Los Angeles

County (North of Rosecrans), including the San Fernando Valley, West LA, the Southeast, East Los Angeles and the San Gabriel Valley. These communities offer different resources and their veteran communities present different needs. By developing relationships with various community and service organizations, colleges and businesses, the program has increased its visibility and is able to offer participants access to additional services such as health screenings, grooming services, assistance with transportation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, Veterans Benefits Assistance and more.

Through its unique social enterprise business model, Goodwill raises money from items sold at 67 retail stores, dedicating 93% of its budget to fund job training, employment placement services and other community-based programs. These services and programs are designed to help individuals with disabilities or vocational challenges become self-sufficient through the power of work. The organization also provides valuable on-the-job experience by directly employing thousands of people at its retail stores around the country.

“For nearly a century, the focus on serving American veterans has been a part of our mission, and we are dedicated to increasing our efforts at this crucial time of transition for our country,”

said Doug Barr, President and CEO of Goodwill Southern California.

About Goodwill Southern California

Transforming lives through the power of work. We serve people with disabilities or other vocational challenges, as well as businesses, by providing education, training, work experience and job placement services.

In 2010, GSC served 92,353 individuals, including those with disabilities and vocational disadvantages and 5,581 businesses. We placed 7,490 people in new jobs through programs and services offered at three campuses, three WorkSource centers and 23 job service centers throughout Los Angeles (north of Rosecrans Ave.), Riverside and San Bernardino counties. GSC supports its mission of “Transforming lives through the Power of Work” with proceeds generated from 68 retail stores and 44 attended donation centers. Charity Navigator, an independent charity evaluator has awarded GSC its highest four-star ranking for 10 consecutive years; largely due to the fact GSC spends 93 percent of its budget on programs and services. Committed to caring for the earth, last year GSC diverted 42.8 million pounds of reusable or recyclable goods from landfills. Goodwill is Good For Everyone!

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“NATIVE PLANTS FOR FOOTHILL GARDENS”

Native Plant Sale hosted by the San Gabriel Mountains Chapter of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS)

Date: Saturday, November 12, 2011
Time: 9 am to 2 pm
Location: Eaton Canyon Nature Center,
1750 N. Altadena Drive,
Pasadena, CA 91107

A variety of California native plants and wildflower seeds will be available for sale, including many that are hard to find in most nurseries, and all are appropriate for gardens in the Los Angeles Basin. Many of the plants are drought tolerant and will survive summers with less water than most other garden plants. Knowledgeable chapter members will be on hand to answer questions and offer recommendations. Only cash or checks will be accepted at the plant sale. CNPS members will receive a discount. For more information please visit <http://cnps-sgm.org>.

AUTHOR BRUCE HAGEN TO MAKE SPECIAL APPEARANCE AT OAKS SEMINAR

PASADENA, CA—Renowned fire expert and author Bruce Hagen joined the list of speakers for California Oaks: Planting & Protecting Our Urban Forests. The seminar is schedule for November 17 from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM at Descanso Gardens in La Canada Flintridge. Bruce W. Hagen is the co-author of the book Oaks in the Urban Landscape: Selection, Care, and Preservation. Bruce’s expertise on fire protection and oaks has put him at the forefront of California fire specialists and authorities. Come and join us for this special one day seminar!

California oaks are a keystone species in sustainable urban landscapes. They provide many valuable services and multiple benefits that require basic knowledge and skill. All too often, improper care and maintenance threatens their existence and results in hefty fines for property owners and contractors. Yet, with proper care, California Oaks can last for centuries.

This seminar will focus on the increasing presence and role of native oak trees in urban landscapes. Southern California oak experts will present cutting edge information and lead engaging field activities focused on design and care strategies for successfully managing oaks in urban landscapes. Advanced registration for the seminar is required. To register, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/CWHOakseminar> or call (213) 229-9945. For more information, visit www.watershedhealth.org.

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ARCADIA POLICE

For the period of Sunday, October 30, through Saturday, November 5, the Police Department responded to 894 calls for service of which 140 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, October 30:

At approximately 2:42 a.m., an officer observed a vehicle lane-swerving on Santa Anita Avenue at Huntington Drive, almost striking another car. The officer conducted a traffic stop and made contact with the driver, a 20-year-old Asian male. The officer noticed an odor of alcohol emitting from his breath and person. Through investigation, the officer determined the suspect was driving under the influence of alcohol and other controlled substances. He was arrested for DUI and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Shortly after 6:20 p.m., an officer responded to the 800 block of West Duarte Road regarding a theft report. The victim explained his bike was stolen from his garage on October 22nd and his home surveillance camera caught the incident on video. The suspect is described as a possible White or Hispanic male, 25 to 35-years-old, approximately 6', 170 lbs., shaven head, wearing a dark t-shirt and khaki pants.

Monday, October 31:

At about 12:30 p.m., an officer responded to the 1000 block of Loma Lisa Lane regarding an attempted residential burglary report. After leaving their home, the victims received a phone call from their alarm company stating their kitchen window alarm had activated. When the residents returned, they found their pedestrian gate open and observed the screen removed from a kitchen window and two windowpanes cracked. The suspect(s) fled undetected.

A short time later, a suspicious circumstances case was reported about one-half mile away, in the 1000 block of Don Robles Drive, wherein a victim believed a subject was attempting to burglarize her home. The victim explained at approximately 12:20 p.m., a maroon SUV with three occupants pulled up to her home and parked. The rear passenger, a Black male, about 5'-10", wearing a baseball cap, black shirt, and blue jeans, exited the vehicle and walked to her front porch. The subject knocked on the front door and from an open side window, the victim asked what he wanted. The subject asked for a person's name and the victim explained no one by that name resided at the residence. The subject walked back to the vehicle and the driver proceeded eastbound on Foothill Boulevard. The vehicle appeared to possibly have paper plates or an out of state license plate.

4. At roughly 3:00 p.m., officers responded to the 800 block of Arcadia Avenue in reference to a son having vandalized his father's Mercedes. Officers contacted the father who explained his son became upset after he was asked to pay rent. Officers observed the vehicle to have shoe foot prints and a dented hood. Further investigation revealed the shoe prints matched the bottom of the son's shoes. The son admitted to stomping on the car, however the father requested for his son to be counseled rather than prosecuted.

Tuesday, November 1:

5. Around 11:54 a.m., an officer responded to the area of Second Avenue and Camino Real Avenue regarding a report of a male and female subject fighting. The officer made contact with the 24-year old White male, who explained he and his pregnant girlfriend had a verbal argument that resulted in a physical altercation. He said the female subject grabbed and ascratched his face, and bit his arm while driving. Because the male subject began to lane-swerve, he stopped the vehicle and exited, at which time the female subject drove off. Further investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau to obtain a statement from the girlfriend as the officer was unable to contact her at the time of the report.

6. At about 10:00 a.m., a student at Arcadia High School, 180 Campus Drive, found a note near a trash can that threatened the safety of students. School officials contacted the Arcadia Police Department and the school was placed on lockdown. Students were released late afternoon after a search of the school met with negative results. Further investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.

Wednesday, November 2:

7. At approximately 1:00 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 1500 block of North Santa Anita Avenue in reference to a mail theft having just occurred. Officers made contact with the victim who explained the mail she placed into her curbside mailbox, a business check payment, was stolen. While driving toward his home, a neighbor observed a White female adult remove mail from the victim's mailbox and enter a gray station wagon, driven by a White male adult with dark hair and a goatee. The neighbor confronted the suspects and recorded the vehicle's license plate

number as it took off west on Orange Grove Avenue. The female is described as 25 to 35-years-old, tall, with shoulder-length blonde hair. Through investigation, officers matched the car to a 2002 Audi. Further investigation is being conducted on the vehicle's registrants.

8. Around 4:00 p.m., loss prevention personnel from Sephora at the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, advised they had detained a female adult for theft. While on her lunch break, the mall employee concealed several cosmetic items inside her purse and left the store without making payment. A private person's arrest was made, and the 21-year-old Hispanic was taken into custody for Petty Theft.

Thursday, November 3:

9. Shortly after 10:00 a.m., a traffic stop was conducted on Third Avenue at Genoa Street for a cracked windshield. The officer asked the adult male driver for his driver's license, and he explained he left it at home. The subject verbally identified himself, and through investigation the officer determined he provided false information. The 43-year-old Hispanic was arrested for Driving Without a License and Failure to Provide Identification. During the booking process, the officer discovered his true identity and learned his license was suspended. The suspect was also charged with Providing False Identification to a Peace Officer and Driving with a Suspended License.

10. At about 12:47 p.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a fraud report. The victim explained she received a phone call from who she thought was her nephew, explaining that he had just been involved in a traffic collision with a Spanish diplomat in Madrid, Spain, and needed a large sum of money in cash to pay for damages or face legal consequences. The caller put an "attorney" on the phone who explained the matter had to be taken care of quickly. The victim borrowed money from a friend and wired the money via Western Union. After completing the transaction, the victim called her nephew who was unaware of what she was talking about, and realized she had been tricked.

Friday, November 4:

11. At approximately 6:56 a.m., an officer responded to Arcadia Methodist Hospital, 300 West Huntington Drive, regarding a report of battery. The officer made contact with the victim who was being treated for a shoulder injury. The victim explained he was sitting with his dog on the west-side of McDonalds, 143 East Foothill Boulevard, when a man approached him and grabbed his dog's collar. The victim stood up and struggled with the suspect to maintain hold of his dog while the suspect verbally demanded the dog and then pushed him to the ground. The victim held tight to the dog's leash, and the suspect eventually gave up and walked away. The suspect appeared to be a 40-year-old Hispanic male, 5'-11", 220 pounds.

12. Between 9:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., a home was burglarized in the 900 block of Rodeo Road. The two victims left their residence unlocked and found two of the living room windows fully opened when they returned. The loss included a watch, four air-guns, Apple iPhone, and laptop computer. The suspect(s) fled undetected.

Saturday, November 5:

13. Around 5:15 p.m., an officer was traveling southbound on First Avenue in the area of Colorado Boulevard, and conducted a traffic stop on a bicyclist traveling on the sidewalk. After making contact with the subject, the officer learned he was on parole for possession of narcotics. A search revealed the subject was in possession of marijuana, illegal narcotics, and paraphernalia. The 46-year-old White male was arrested for the listed charges and placed on a parole hold.

14. Shortly after 10:00 a.m., an officer responded to the 1100 block of West Duarte Road, in reference to a residential burglary that had just occurred. The officer made contact with the victim who explained he heard a crashing noise coming from his garage. When he went to investigate, he saw a Hispanic male, approximately 18-years-old, 5'-06" to 5'-08", thin build, wearing a blue shirt and blue pants, ride away on his wife's bicycle. The victim chased the suspect who eventually abandoned the bicycle and fled on foot, dropping his backpack. The officer searched the contents of the backpack and found a GPS device. The officer made contact with the last location listed, an apartment complex in the 1000 block of West Duarte Road, and advised the manager to contact APD if any residents discover any thefts. Later that day, the officer returned to the location in reference to a burglarized car. Through investigation, the officer determined some of the items in the backpack were stolen from the victim's vehicle, including the GPS device. Both parties are desirous of prosecution if the suspect is located.

From Arcadia's Best:

Former Mayor John Wuo has confirmed he will run for Arcadia City Council in the April 2012 election.

Meanwhile, former School Board President Mary Dougherty is said to be strongly considering entering the race as well, which could mean at least five candidates for two open seats, including a former and current Mayor.

Former Mayor John Wuo (w/ tie) at Mayor's Breakfast April 2010

Wuo, who was termed out in 2010 after winning the first of two consecutive four-year terms in 2002, has sat out the required two years before being eligible to run again. He told the Sing Tao Daily newspaper recently that he will file to run again in 2012.

Current Mayor Gary Kovacic is also expected to run for re-election as he completes his first four-year term since being re-elected in 2008 after sitting out for two years.

Candidates can begin filing papers for Council candidacy in December.

Wuo will be trying to fill the seat being vacated by Councilman Roger Chandler when his second consecutive four-year term expires.

The seats of Chandler and Kovacic are the only two seats that will be up for election in April on the five-seat Council that is currently made up

entirely of Caucasian men for the first time in many years. No women ran for the Council in 2010, and all three Chinese-American candidates were defeated in 2010, including Sho Tay, who got the most votes of the three and plans to make a fourth run at a Council seat in this election.

Developer Henry Nunez told ArcadiasBest.com last month that he plans to run for election.

Mary Dougherty

A fifth potential candidate may emerge in Mary Dougherty, a multi-term President of the Arcadia School Board who was unsuccessful in her first bid for City Council in 2000. In that election there were six candidates for two seats, including Vince Foley, former Councilman Gino Roncelli, former Mayor Dr. Sheng Chang, and current Councilman and former Mayor Mickey Segal.

Dougherty has remained very active in many local organizations, leading homeowners association issues with the City and co-chairing the Government Affairs Forum of the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce, among other activities.

She has long lobbied for new faces on the City Council and is believed to be weighing a run at the job herself, though is not ready to publicly discuss the matter as yet.

– By Scott Hettrick

ARCADIA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY

On Friday, October 28th, the Arcadia Educational Foundation held a small reception to celebrate its thirtieth anniversary. In attendance were many current and past trustees, as well as guests, staff, and a number of Past Presidents of the foundation, including Bob Harbicht (City Council Member), Jan McEachern, Jim Eberhardt, Doug Failing, Pat Gibson and Bill Klipstein. Mayor Gary Kovacic presented a proclamation declaring it "Arcadia Educational Foundation Day".

Arcadia Educational Foundation was founded in 1981 by a group of concerned community members who saw the needs of the Arcadia Unified School District and were looking for a way to support the District.

Arcadia Educational Foundation is operated by community volunteers in order to provide funding to enhance AUSD programs. AEF works in partnership with AUSD to identify high value funding opportunities in need of support and provides funding directly to the District to support these activities. AEF runs the annual summer school program and recently raised over \$840,000 to help prevent layoffs due to budget cuts.

For more information on the Arcadia Educational Foundation and opportunities to help, please contact the AEF office at (626) 447-2165 or arcadiaeducationalfoundation@gmail.com.

2nd Annual Family Fun Night at Holly Avenue a Great Success!

Over 300 children and adults attended the first ever "Family Fun Night" at Holly Avenue Elementary School the Friday before Halloween. They enjoyed trick or treating, bake sale goodies, crafts, games, and music under a beautiful evening sky, followed by a screening of "Scary Buddies" in the school auditorium.

"Everyone had a great time," said Laurie Yamashiro, Event Chairperson. The Asian Cravings food truck, a recent participant at the Santa Anita Racetrack Food Truck Festival, served their specialty Asian fusion cuisine which was enjoyed by many of those attending.

Holly Avenue PTA wants to thank all of those attending, as well as all of the volunteers, including forty Arcadia High School students who came over to lend a hand and everyone who donated candy and baked goods. They also want to thank Asian Cravings who contributed 10% of their sales back to the Holly Avenue PTA and MF Construction and Design for the banner stands material and labor.

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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!

The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd. Arcadia. For more information, please call (626) 821-5566, visit the Library's website at <http://library.ci.arcadia.ca.us> or follow us on Facebook.

Winter Mini-Series Art Classes with KT Boyce Available!

It's not too late to sign up for the Winter Mini-Series Art classes with KT Boyce for youth ages 3-12 years. Classes range from Holiday Ceramics, Candy Wreath & Card Making and Decorative Tin & Treats. Classes are available for Mommy/Daddy & Me levels as well and take place on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the Arcadia Community Center. The Art Mini-Series

classes begin the week of Monday, December 5th, class fees range from \$10 to \$20 for one and two week sessions plus a \$10 materials fee paid to the instructor at the first class meeting.

For more information, contact the Recreation and Community Services Department at 626.574.5113.

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Monrovia Police Blotter

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 502 service events, resulting in 96 investigations. Following are the highlighted issues and events. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monrovia> for crime mapping.

Trespassing - Suspect Arrested

On October 27 at 11:24 a.m., a 19-year-old male subject was placing pizza advertisements on the front door of houses when he came across an unlocked door in the 200 block of Sunset. He decided to enter the home. He was found loitering in the kitchen by the housemaid and, when discovered, he ran out of the house and out of sight. Police responded and he was apprehended on the next street over, continuing his work. He was placed under private person's arrest for trespassing.

Fire

On October 27 at 3:40 p.m., a fire was reported on the railroad tracks behind the 700 block of Montana. Officers responded and discovered a cloth towel on fire. They put out the fire. Witnesses saw two junior-high-school-aged, male subjects, leaving the area of the tracks, walking west along the tracks out of sight. Both had skateboards. It is unknown if they were the subjects who started the fire. Officers searched the area, but did not locate any suspects.

Attempted Burglary

On October 27 at 6:16 p.m., police were dispatched to a residence in the 200 block of North Myrtle. The victim estimates the suspect attempted to enter the property between 8:15 a.m. and 5:35 p.m. A rear window screen was cut, allowing access to the door handle. There was no loss. The suspect may have been scared off prior to completing the burglary. Investigation continuing.

Residential Burglary

On October 27 at 7:19 p.m., an officer responded to the 500 block of East Olive regarding a burglary report. The victim saw that her jewelry box appeared to be tampered with earlier in the week, but due to being in a rush, did not investigate further. She later discovered that five gold rings and a bottle of Brandy were missing. There was no forced entry or evidence discovered. Investigation continuing.

Warrant / Gang Injunction Service - Suspect Arrested

On October 28 at 5:39 p.m., Monrovia Police Department received a call from San Gabriel Police Department advising they had a female in custody for a no-bail warrant out of Monrovia. The female is a documented gang member named in the gang injunction, but had not been served. Her warrant was for felony vandalism she had committed in the City of Monrovia. An officer responded and served her the gang injunction papers and took her into custody for the warrant. She was transported to the Monrovia Police Department jail.

Driving Under the Influence / Traffic Collision - Suspect Arrested

On October 28 at 10:02 p.m., an adult, male subject left a World Series party on Beechwood and collided with a parked vehicle; both vehicles were heavily damaged. Police responded to the scene and the driver was determined to be driving under the influence. He was arrested and taken into custody.

Traffic Collision

On October 29 at 4:57 a.m., police received the report of a traffic collision with a vehicle rolled over at Myrtle and Huntington. A driver had grown impatient waiting at the traffic light and drove north on Myrtle to make a u-turn. The driver failed to see an approaching vehicle and struck it. The driver of the second vehicle lost control and the vehicle rolled over. Injuries were complaint of pain only and one person was transported to a hospital by paramedics.

Domestic Dispute / Suicide

On October 29 at approximately 12:01 p.m., officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of South Myrtle. When officers arrived, they found a man holding a woman at gunpoint. Officers immediately confronted the male suspect and ordered him to put down the gun. The suspect then turned the gun on himself and took his own life. The investigation revealed that the suspect was the woman's ex-husband and they had one child together. The suspect had followed his ex-wife and child and had confronted them where the incident occurred. The woman and child were not injured. The investigation is continuing and is being conducted by the Monrovia Police Department Detective Bureau.

Outside Assist - California Highway Patrol

On October 29, a caller reported a drunk driver on the 210 Freeway, striking walls with his vehicle and driving on the rim of one tire. Another caller then reported a traffic collision with the vehicle rolled over in the area of Myrtle and the 210 Freeway. The driver had exited the freeway at Myrtle, striking the cement construction barricades. He lost control of his vehicle and went through the fence for the freeway embankment. The vehicle struck a large light standard with such impact it sent the light fixture flying off the pole and bent the pole severely. The driver was found unconscious trapped inside his vehicle. Monrovia Fire Department personnel responded and extracted the driver by cutting off the top of the car. The subject was taken to a hospital by ambulance.

Felony Vandalism

On October 30 at 2:53 a.m., officers were dispatched to the area of Magnolia and Genoa regarding a subject who was using a realty signpost to vandalize two cars. On arrival, the officers found the suspect had fled. Two vehicles parked on the street were heavily damaged. A search was conducted for the suspect, but he was not located. Investigation continuing.

Vandalism

On October 31 at 7:32 a.m., a School District employee called to report graffiti on the District warehouse in the 400 block of Almond. An officer responded and located the graffiti on the warehouse east-facing wall and on a small retaining wall. The graffiti is gang related and was written in black spray paint. Investigation continuing.

Vandalism

On October 31 at 9:16 a.m., an officer on patrol in the 1200 block of South California was flagged down by a resident. The resident reported that the north-facing wall of a house had been vandalized with graffiti. The graffiti is gang related and was written in green spray paint. Investigation continuing.

Vandalism - Suspect Arrested

On October 31 at 9:45 a.m., a witness called police to report a male subject vandalizing a stop sign at Ivy and Walnut with yellow paint. The witness stayed on the phone and helped direct police to the suspect's location, and the suspect was detained. The subject was positively identified by the witness and arrested. The reporting party was notified that they would be eligible for Monrovia Police Department's Stop Graffiti Bounty Program for reporting the incident that led to an arrest. See below for program information.

Vandalism / Petty Theft / Curfew / Trespassing - Suspect Arrested

On November 1 at 2:10 a.m., officers responded to a call of three subjects throwing pumpkins in the 200 block of North Encinitas. Officers discovered pumpkins broken up on several streets in the area, but no suspects were located. At 3:33 a.m., a caller reported hearing someone throwing pumpkins in the area again. Officers arrived and located a subject dressed in all black. When officers attempted to detain him, he fled the area, jumping fences. The 17-year-old male subject was eventually detained. There were no other suspects located. The suspect was arrested for the above listed charges. He was eventually cited out and released to his mother.

Grand Theft Auto

On November 1 at 7:30 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a residence in the 800 block of West Duarte regarding the report of a stolen vehicle. The victim parked his vehicle in his assigned carport stall and locked it. Sometime between 2 and 4 a.m., the vehicle was stolen. The vehicle is a black, 1995 Nissan Maxima. All keys are accounted for. Investigation continuing.

Vehicle Burglary

On November 1 at 7:59 a.m., a subject from the same complex in the above incident approached the officer and reported that someone had broken into his vehicle. This vehicle was parked across from where the stolen vehicle had been parked. The vehicle was found with the trunk ajar and the two front doors open. The loss was undetermined. Investigation continuing.

Vehicle Burglary

On November 1 at 9:06 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1000 block of Maurice regarding a vehicle burglary. The victim reported that she parked her Lexus in the driveway at 6 p.m. The vehicle was secured and locked. She returned to her vehicle the next morning at 9 a.m. and saw the front passenger window smashed. She looked in the vehicle and noted her purse was missing from the front passenger seat. The victim did not hear or see anything during the night. Investigation continuing.

Vehicle Burglary

On November 1 at 9:57 a.m., a vehicle burglary was reported in the 1500 block of Pilgrim Way. The victim parked his vehicle on the street in front of his house at 6 p.m. The vehicle was secured and locked. The victim returned to the vehicle at 9 a.m. the next morning and noticed the inside had been ransacked. The stereo, navigation system and an iPod were taken. The victim did not hear or see anything during the night. Investigation continuing.

Vehicle Burglary

On November 1 at 10:07 a.m., a resident in the 300 block of Norumbega called police to report a vehicle break-in. The vehicle was broken into sometime between 5 and 7:30 a.m. in the morning. The victim's purse was taken from the vehicle.

Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance - Suspect Arrested

On November 2 at 1:47 a.m., a resident in the 900 block of South Primrose called police and reported unknown subjects on his roof. Officers responded, but no subjects were located on the roof. The officer noticed that the reporting party was displaying signs of drug usage. After checking the subject further, the officer determined that he was under the influence. The subject was arrested and taken to Monrovia Police Department, where he was charged with being under the influence of a controlled substance.

KIDNAPPING INCIDENT A HOAX AND MORE NEWS FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

By Joan Schmidt

This morning I stopped at Temple Station to drop off some newspapers and had a short visit with Captain Christopher Nee, new Commander of the station. When I was at the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce meeting earlier in the week, Mayor Gary Kovacic lamented that misinformation is often reported in the press. I had seen a "Bleep" that the "kidnapping suspect in our area was released and the boy not truthful." I am referring the six-year old on Graydon Ave, in the Monrovia County area. (Temple's Area "57" called the "MAD" area.) I went to the TOP to get the correct information. Captain Nee told me the boy had gone outside of the gate, of his yard. When questioned by his parents, he had to have an answer, so he fabricated the story. What was amazing was that he gave such a good description, a composite sketch was drawn and released to the public. From that sketch, a resident recognized a person. There were SIX people in the lineup and the boy actually chose the suspect! Well now the suspect has been released. There was no kidnapping attempt and all of us can breathe easier. However, this incident does remind us to keep an eye on our children and keep our gates secure.

Transit Policing Services

Last week, I was at the Duarte Wal-Mart early in the AM and spotted a Sheriff's car. I asked him what time Duarte Public Safety Officer Brian Villalobos was coming to work, as I had a few questions. The deputy had no idea who Brian was, and wasn't from Temple Station or ANY station! He is assigned to the Transit Bureau. "What is that?" The Sheriff's Department's Transit Services Bureau provides exclusive contract police services to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) that operates the public transit system serving Los Angeles County. Deputies provide police services for both the light rail and bus transportation systems throughout 1,433 miles.

Transit policing presents unique challenges and requires unique policing strategies. With more than 2,300 vehicles in the fleet, there are 185 bus routes with 18,500 bus stops. MTA buses have an annual boarding in excess of 377 million riders! The Metro Rail system consists

of the Blue, Green, Red and Gold Line light rail commuter trains, with a total of 73 miles of rail. With 250 commuter rail cars and 55 stations, the Metro Rail has 69 million riders annually!

L.A. County Sheriff's Department Now Responsible for County Parks

Last week when I attended the special update on the Duck Farm at San Angelo Park in Bassett, I noticed two police cars across the park and thought it might be interesting to interview the "County Police" who are responsible for the Los Angeles County parks. When I approached, I saw a deputy in a Sheriff's Unit and walked around to the other car and it was the same! They told me that now the Sheriff's Department was responsible for County Parks. That seems to make more sense. First there had been two special assignment deputies at the parks who work with the youth, do a lot of community service and encourage residents' involvement. Also in an emergency, the regular patrol deputies would respond immediately in an emergency.

When did this change occur? Back in December, 2009, at a Board of Supervisors Meeting there was a recommendation that, "For economic reasons, approve the consolidation of the Office of Public Safety (OPS) duties and functions into the Sheriff's Department and eliminate OPS effective June 10, 2010; direct County Counsel to prepare an ordinance authorizing the consolidation of OPS' duties and functions; and designate the Sheriff's Department as the agency responsible for providing all law enforcement and security services within the county." This was approved and the agencies consolidated. I want to mention the County Police Officers were given the opportunity to become members of the Sheriff's Department.

Over ten years ago, I wrote a lot about the Sheriff's VIDA and COPS Programs. I met Deputy Brian De Ruyter who did their computer programs. Deputy DeRuyter was actually a former Marshal. Previously the Marshals had provided services in the L.A. County Court System. But in 1994, the Marshals merged with the Sheriff's Department, and could come on board if they chose to.

Besides Deputy DeRuyter, Commander Luis Najera, a former Marshal provided great service for LASD till his retirement.

MONROVIA NAMED MOST BUSINESS FRIENDLY CITY

LOS ANGELES, CA – Monrovia is the most business friendly city in Los Angeles County, according to an award given by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) on Thursday.

The 2011 "Most Business Friendly City Award" in the category of cities with a population of 60,000 and less was presented to Monrovia Mayor Mary Ann Lutz and Mayor Pro Tem Joe Garcia by LAEDC officials at the 16th annual Eddy Awards at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Thursday night.

"Receiving the award for 'Most Business Friendly City' for 2011 is indeed an honor for our community. We've been fortunate to have an outstanding city staff that ensures that every business, new or current, receives excellent service," said Mayor Mary Ann Lutz. "Our focus on economic development began more than 40 years ago, and we have, and will, continue to improve upon it well into the future. Monrovia has always been known in the business community as a business friendly city, and this award confirms it!"

This was the third time that Monrovia had been named a finalist. Monrovia was competing against four other cities: Commerce, Duarte, Gardena and La Mirada.

"It's an honor to be recognized by the LAEDC for achieving the status of Most Business Friendly City in L.A. County with cities with a population under 60,000. This is an award that is coveted by every city that displays leadership in economic development, and it is a testimonial to our commitment towards attracting and retaining businesses which provide quality jobs for our residents," said Mayor Pro Tem Joe Garcia. "Along with the finalists from Commerce, Gardena, La Mirada and Duarte, we are in exceptional company and after being finalists previously in 2008 and 2010, the third time truly is a charm."

Inaugurated in 1996, the Eddy Awards gala has become one of the most important economic development award programs in the state of California, and is attended by more than 600 of the region's business, government and education leaders.

In 2006, the LAEDC created the Most Business-Friendly City in Los Angeles County award category to recognize cities within the

County that are proactively promoting business-friendly programs and services in the interest of attracting and retaining good quality jobs for their residents.

The winners were selected based on the following criteria:

Demonstrated commitment to economic development as a priority

Excellence in programs and services designed to facilitate business entry, expansion, and retention

Economic development activity over the past three years

Competitive business tax rates and fee structures

Availability of economic incentives

Among the economic development activities in Monrovia that impressed LAEDC officials included the city's ongoing efforts to attract and retain businesses, the City's diverse portfolio of businesses ranging from nationally known technology firms to "mom and pop" shops in Old Town and the array of services and incentives for businesses.

Monrovia offers financial relocation assistance, lease/tenant subsidies, broker bounties, the Old Town business development assistance and facade improvement programs, two redevelopment project areas, no utility user tax assessment and regionally low city fees. Monrovia was a finalist in 2008 and 2010.

In addition to Monrovia, West Covina won the "Most Business Friendly City" award for in the category of cities with populations of more than 60,000.

"We are delighted to recognize the cities of Monrovia and West Covina with this year's Eddy Award," said Bill Allen, LAEDC President and CEO. "Both cities stand out as model communities in Los Angeles County by proactively engaging and working with businesses and the private sector to create jobs for their residents. Each year, this competition reveals that more and more cities in the county are proactively implementing strategies that are in alignment with L.A. County's first-ever Strategic Plan for Economic Development that will ensure a strong, diverse and sustainable economy for L.A. County."

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LA SALLE RECEIVES INAUGURAL CHARTER FOR THE SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



Some of the charter members of the Science National Honor Society are, left to right, back row, Zhenni Zhu '12, Ms. Elizabeth Mullen Moderator, George Pearman '12, Kenny Ma '12, Mrs. Chijia Bauer Moderator, Mr. Brian Miller '79, P'03 Department Chair. Front row, left to right, Jasmine Giang '12, Alex Farhang '12 and Charlotte Van Noppen '12.

La Salle High School of Pasadena is a charter member of the Science National Honor Society. La Salle is one of the first ten high schools in California to receive this distinction. The Science National Honor Society recognizes students who have demonstrated a proficiency in the pursuit of educational excellence in the field of science. Only 192 high schools nationwide hold a charter in the SNHS.

"This society gives us the opportunity to reward students who are working at a very high level in science," said Elizabeth Mullen, La Salle's SNHS co-moderator. "The club officers and selected members are required to do research, write papers, create charts and displays and make presentations that are virtually college level." Mullen continued to say that we (secondary schools) no longer can assume that the basic high school classes will support young people in the

future. "With the advances in technology and science, our students are looking at a world that is changing day-by-day.

We need young Americans that can take advantages of these new technologies." Membership in the SNHS is initiated by student application during the fall of both their junior and senior years. Eligibility requires that a member be enrolled in at least one honors or Advanced Placement science class, at least one second year honors or Advanced Placement science class during or prior to the twelfth grade year.

A member must maintain a B+ average (3.5 on a 4.0 scale) across all science courses. A member must complete 15 hours of tutoring in science during both the junior and senior years. These hours of tutoring service are acceptable for service requirements met for member-

ship in CSF and/or NHS.

La Salle believes we need to look at the future possibilities in science for our students. "The Science National Honor Society is a great vehicle to help our high science achievers reach the next academic level as they prepare to go off to college," said Principal Pat Bonacci, AFSC.

A SNHS gold seal will be placed on the diploma of students who complete the membership requirements for the Science National Honor Society and the graduate will wear the purple, green and gold honor cord at graduation ceremonies to commemorate their membership in the new Science National Honor Society.

Being an American Essay Contest Deadline Approaches

Students Can Win Up to \$1,000 in National Essay Competition Focused on the Constitution

Arlington, VA – The deadline for high-school students and their teachers to submit essays for the Bill of Rights Institute's national Being an American Essay Contest is fast approaching. The Contest asks students to explore the Founding principles outlined in the Constitution by answering the question: "How does the Constitution establish and maintain a culture of liberty?"

The Contest, which has quickly become the largest high-school essay competition of its kind, totaling over 80,000 submitted essays, is administered by the Bill of Rights Institute, a non-profit educational organization in the Washington, D.C. area devoted to educating young people about the Constitution and Founding principles.

"This contest is unique in that it gives students the opportunity to think about the important Founding principles communicated in our Constitution," said Dr. Jason Ross, Bill of Rights Institute Vice President of Education Programs. "This contest is vital to helping students see the Founding principles as a meaningful part of the American experiment of self-government."

The top three student winners from each of five geographical regions will be awarded cash prizes of \$1,000 (First Place), \$500 (Second Place), and \$250 (Third Place). Teacher sponsors of each student winner will also receive a cash prize of \$100.

Essays must be submitted online at www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Contest by 11:59 P.M. PST on December 15, 2011. Supporting contest materials, including lesson plans meeting Common Core standards, are provided at no cost to teachers who want to incorporate the Essay Contest into their classroom.

The Contest is sponsored by the History Channel. "We are pleased to support the Bill of Rights Institute's Being an American Essay Contest," said Dr. Libby O'Connell, SVP, Corporate Outreach and Chief Historian, History Channel. "The contest encourages students to think critically and truly makes the past relevant in their lives today."

The Essay Contest serves as a key part of the Bill of Rights Institute's mission to educate young people about the words and ideas of America's Founders, the liberties guaranteed in our Founding documents, and how our Founding principles continue to affect and shape a free society. Complete contest details can be found below:

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: Bill of Rights Institute, Arlington, VA.

The Bill of Rights Institute, founded in 1999, is a nonprofit educational organization. The mission of the Bill of Rights Institute is to educate young people about the words and ideas of America's Founders, the liberties guaranteed in our Founding documents, and how our Founding principles continue to affect and shape a free society.

FUNDING PROVIDED BY: History Channel (New York City, NY).

CONTEST GOAL: To help promote dialogue among students and teachers about American Founding principles. The Essay Contest serves as a key part of the Bill of Rights Institute's mission to educate young people about the words and ideas of America's Founders, the liberties guaranteed in our Founding documents, and how our Founding principles continue to affect and shape a free society.

ESSAY QUESTION: "How does the Constitution establish and maintain a culture of liberty?"

ELIGIBILITY: Students in grades 9-12 who are U.S. citizens or legal residents and are either attending public, private, religious, or charter schools, being home-schooled, or participating in a GED or correspondence school program but are no older than 19 years of age. Military bases and U.S. territories are also invited to participate.

ESSAY LENGTH: No more 1,000 words.

JUDGING CRITERIA:
Adherence to Essay Question
Originality
Organization
Writing Style
Depth of Analysis
JUDGES: High school teachers

STUDENT CASH PRIZES:
Three cash prizes per region will be awarded to students:

First Prize: \$1,000 each
Second Prize: \$500 each
Third Prize: \$250 each
TEACHER CASH PRIZES:
Cash prizes of \$100 will be awarded to the teachers of all winning students:

DEADLINE FOR ESSAY SUBMISSIONS: December 15, 2011 at 11:59 p.m. PST. All essays must be submitted at www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Submit.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED: February 2012

WEB SITE AND CONTEST GUIDELINES: www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Contest

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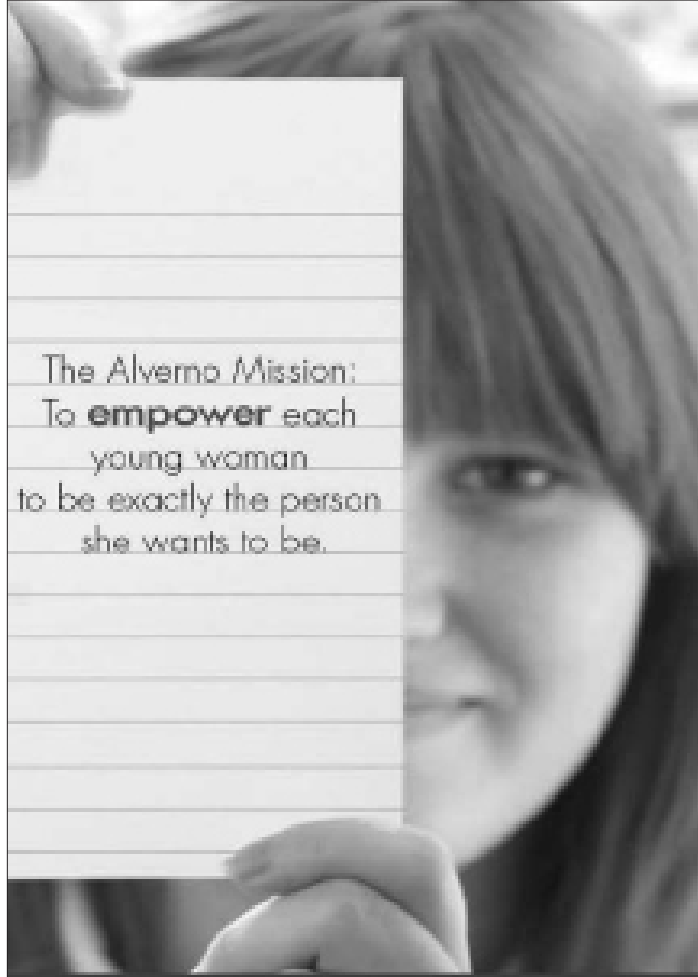
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WHAT IS ART?

This past week I went on a field trip with my AP Art class to the Getty Museum to look at the Pacific Standard Time (1945-1980) exhibit. The exhibit consisted of artwork by Karl Benjamin, David Hockney, Peter Alexander, and many, many more. Before visiting, I had been one of those who think that modern art is not art, but overanalyzed and overpraised works that an eight-year-old could create. I was pleasantly surprised. Although there were still some works that went completely over my head (For People Who Know the Difference by John McCracken), I greatly enjoyed the art in the exhibit.

Peter Alexander's Cloud Box, made out of cast polyester resin was an extremely unique and interesting piece of art. I also really enjoyed Lyn Foulkes' Flanders, a mixed media piece with wax that looks like cloth; George Hermes' The Librarian composed of books, paper, and wood; and De Wain Valentine's Red Concave Circle, also made of cast polyester resin, that when looked through felt as though you were looking into another dimension. These pieces, among others, were interesting because they were thought provoking and changed when you moved around them. And although undoubtedly art, it was interesting to transition to photography and Impressionist/European art afterwards because the styles and emotions were so different. Unlike a van Gogh that evokes a sense of whim and reminiscence, Edward Kienholz's The Future as Afterthought was creepy and dark, with multiple doll heads' missing eyes stared at you. The wide scope of style, feeling and thought amazed us and made us realize that art is something that is always changing and expressing society, even if it is a painting with two black lines, but exactly why and how it is art is something inexpressible.

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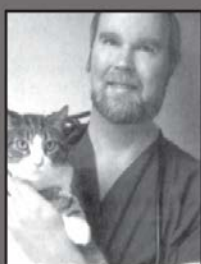
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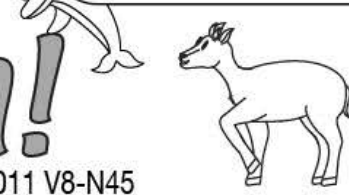


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Colors in the Spotlight!

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4. on maps: yellow = land, blue = water
5. to trick the eye, in printing
6. flower bed, fruit bowl, cosmetics
7. red = hot, blue = cool
8. to make blend into the surroundings (soldiers in jungle)
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INGREDIENTS

2 cups all-purpose flour
2 tsp baking powder
1/4 tsp baking soda
1 tsp cinnamon
3/4 tsp ground ginger
1/8 tsp ground allspice
1/8 tsp ground cloves
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 cup unsalted butter, melted and cooled
3/4 cup packed light brown sugar
3/4 cup canned pumpkin purée
1/4 cup buttermilk
2 large eggs
1 tsp pure vanilla extract
1/2 cup dried cranberries

CRANBERRY CARAMEL SAUCE

1 cup sugar
3 tbsp heavy cream
3 tbsp unsalted butter
3 tbsp dried cranberries

GARNISH

1 cup whipped cream
1/4 cup dried cranberries

DIRECTIONS

To make the sticky toffee puddings, preheat your oven to 400F. Spray a muffin tin pan with non-stick cooking spray. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, spices and salt in a large bowl. In a separate bowl, whisk together the butter, brown sugar, pumpkin purée, buttermilk, eggs and vanilla. Add to dry ingredients and stir until just until combined. Divide the batter among the muffin cups. Bake until a tester comes out clean, about 20 minutes. Cool slightly in the pan before turning them out for serving. Meanwhile, make the sauce. In a medium saucepan, cook the sugar over medium-low heat, stirring slowly with a fork until melted and pale golden. Cook the caramel, gently swirling the pan, until deep golden. Remove from heat and carefully add the cream and butter. Return to heat and simmer, stirring until the caramel is dissolved. Remove from heat and stir in dried cranberries. To serve, slice the puddings horizontally in half. Pour the cranberry caramel sauce between the layers. Top puddings with a large spoon of whipped cream and a sprinkle of dried cranberries.

Makes 12 servings of pudding. *Recipe provided by Canadian chef Lynn Crawford.*

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REVIEWS:
NEW MUST HEAR MUSIC

M83 – “New Map” – Anthony Gonzalez, the brainchild of M83, has recently released his sixth studio album, “Hurry Up, We’re Dreaming”. The versatile musician has always demonstrated a strong affinity for shoegaze, pop, reverb effects and soft vocals over loud instrumentals. “New Map” is no different as it’s a glorious, dreamy, and explosive song that journeys to the unknown. The unknown, in this case, is wherever this song takes you (the listener) personally. It’s a special song that comes off a double album which the central theme is dreams; the ones you have as a kid, teenager and adult. To hear this song is to love this song. That’s a personal guarantee of mine.

Girl In A Coma – “Smart” – The all female rock band hailing from San Antonio, Texas have just put out their fourth LP, “Exits and All The Rest” for Black Heart Records. Their latest sound is a slight departure from previous efforts. More poppy, catchy, and new wave-ish, these girls may just rise to the next level with this new record. “Smart” is the radio-friendly single that borrows right from The Smiths’ back catalogue (where the band’s name is originated from). Despite the heavy influence, this tune stands toe-to-toe with the best pop songs of the year. With distressingly intended vocals that are both stunning and delicate, “Smart” is a throwback to the 80s, but also a song that compliments this band as being potential rising rockstars for this day and age.

A Classic Education – “Can You Feel The Backwash” - This brand new song is off the debut album, “Call It Blazing” from the three-piece alternative rock band, A Classic Education. These young men hail from Italy, but their sound is a mixture between The Beach Boys and Band Of Horses. However, the resemblance doesn’t stop

there. You can definitely hear the influences from 50s and 60s rock. This hidden treasure is one of the stronger tracks off their new LP and really differentiates itself from other indie rock acts. A Classic Education may not be poised for total world domination just yet, but their presence should be known because this record is a warm embrace that’s gentle, gracious and tender. It’s hard to find a beating heart in music these days, but this one feels everlasting.

Keepaway – “Cake” – Keepaway will finally be releasing their long awaited debut LP, Black Flute this January. They’ve just dropped “Cake”, a glimmering, multi-vocal, electronic drenched pop song that shouldn’t be mistaken for Animal Collective revisited. Honestly, this band fell off my radar after their mid 2010 EP, “Baby Style”. Over a year later, I can proudly say I’m so pumped for their full length. This new song feels more structured than anything they’ve put out in the past. They’re definitely sporting more lyrics/singing this time around and it just adds to the wonderment that this song truly is. Ranging from R&B influences, conversational type singing, and beats that are as hot as girls rocking skirts in the summer, “Cake” is a lavishly and glistening tune that’s sure to give you some heat during this cold wintertime.

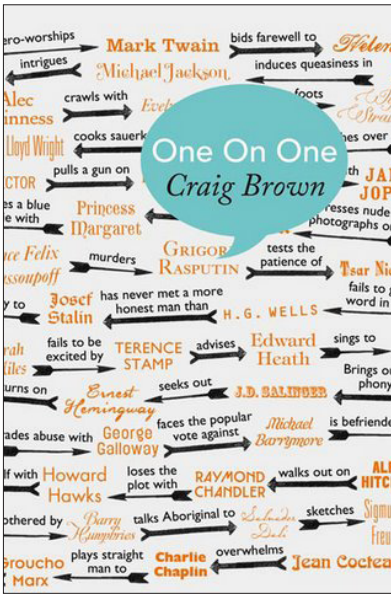
Weird Dreams – “Joan” – East London lads show off their sensitive side on their new song, “Joan”. Apparently, this awesomely hazy gem is not making the cut for their debut record hitting the digital world in February. While it’s easy to dismiss the cluster of guitar-pop bands in the indie-sphere, there are a few that deserve a deeper look. Based on this tune alone, Weird Dreams rank among those worthy of your time. “Joan”, while wistful and soothing three-fourths of the way into the song, picks up momentum in its final stages. What starts out sounding good, ends up being magnificent upon completion. Be on the lookout early next year for Weird Dreams first full length album.

Jeff’s Pics The Book Report
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ONE ON ONE

by Craig Brown with Simon Russell Beale and Eleanor Bron

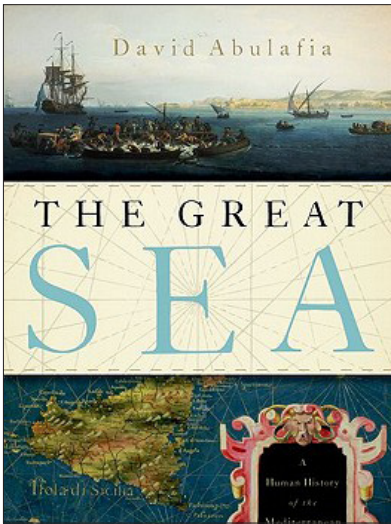
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HOWARD Hays As I See It



"One message rang loud and clear tonight in Ohio and across the country: those who spend their time scape-goating workers and pushing a partisan agenda will only strengthen the resolve of working people."

- AFL-CIO President
Richard Trumka

By "loud and clear", Trumka meant a 61% to 39% defeat last Tuesday of a measure to preserve Ohio's SB5, a bill passed last March stripping 350,000 government workers of their rights to bargain for healthcare, sick time and pension benefits. The vote was a major rebuke of Republican Gov. John Kasich - former congressman, Fox News host and Managing Director at Lehman Brothers when it crashed in 2008 (and owner of a current 36% approval rating). He had made gutting public employee unions a major goal of his first term - even after those same workers were hit with \$250 million in cuts the year before.

The bill itself had a tough time squeaking through the Ohio State Senate. When a Republican committee chair objected to a provision mandating that disputes between unions and elected officials be automatically decided against the union, he was replaced as committee chair by party leaders so the bill could advance. Despite Republican support, Democrats failed in attempts to have the bill read on the floor as it was rushed through. A concession allowing police and firefighters to bargain for safety equipment was added to get it through the House.

Becky Williams, president of SEIU District 1199, recalled the efforts of her own group and the umbrella organization, We Are Ohio; "We marched in the spring, circulated petitions in the summer and now, this fall, we delivered a win for all working people. . ."

Evidence of Tea-Bagger-overreach was found across the country. In Mississippi, Republican Gov. Haley Barbour expressed qualms about Proposition 26, a measure to constitutionally define "personhood" as existing "from the moment of conception". This would not only criminalize abortion in all cases (including rape, incest and to protect the life of the mother), but would also outlaw most common forms of contraception, as well as in-vitro fertilization and stem cell research. (It would also add confusion to a legislature's redistricting efforts, and in determining one's number of dependents at tax time.) In the middle of the Bible Belt, the measure was defeated by more than 55% of the vote.

As voter sentiment turns against the oligarchs, a frequent response is to simply try and make it harder for people to vote - while stoking fears of "voter fraud" where none exists. Such was the case in Maine when Republican Gov. Paul LePage signed a bill last June repealing a law allowing same-day voter registration. The law had been in

effect for nearly forty years, with no problems of "voter fraud", and with Maine achieving one of the highest voter turnout rates in the country.

The very day of the signing, the Maine League of Women Voters went to work and filed the paperwork to overturn it. A people's veto campaign was launched and petitions circulated. Republicans fought back with ads urging voters to consider the fact that among donors to the effort to bring back same-day registration was Equality Maine - a group backing gay marriage.

Last Tuesday, supporters gathered at Bayside Bowl in Portland and cheered as returns came in showing their measure passing with well over 60% of the vote.

Maine Republicans should've known that stirring resentment against gays is no longer the issue it was back when Karl Rove used it to boost conservative turnout. In Traverse City, Michigan, voters rejected an effort to overturn the city's ban on discrimination based on sexual orientation by a two-to-one margin. Also last Tuesday, Indianapolis, Denver, Houston, Cincinnati and Charlotte, N.C., elected their first openly gay and lesbian city council members.

Discrimination of another kind figured in the successful recall of Arizona Republican State Sen. Russell Pearce, architect of Arizona's constitutionally-challenged "show me your papers" immigration law. The victor, an opponent of the law, was another Republican, but in the words of Petra Falcon of the immigrant organizing group Promise Arizona, "We appreciate candidates of all parties who care about the future of our great state: those who respect and bring together diverse communities, focus on education, job creation and building a better Arizona."

Sen. Pearce blamed his defeat on "far-left anarchists". (He wasn't helped by his efforts to repeal Arizona's Citizens Clean Elections Act, meant to aid candidates who refuse special interest money.)

Another State Legislator lost his job in Michigan, where Republican Rep. Paul Scott was the target of the Michigan Education Association. The main issues were cuts in school funding and teacher benefits, but voters in the working-class Flint area were rebelling against the policies of Republican Gov. Rick Snyder. According to MEA spokesman Doug Pratt, "It's a victory for every Michigan voter who feels misled by Republicans this year."

Americans have voted in other ways. Heeding a call echoed by the Occupy Wall Street movement, 650,000 joined credit unions last month, more than in all of 2010. On "Bank Transfer Day" last Saturday, 40,000 opened accounts - 24 times the average. \$80 million on that one day was kept from the big banks as Americans voted with their savings.

As for the significance of last Tuesday's elections, the Maine Democratic Party chairman said it best: "This wasn't the last vote of 2011, it's the first vote of 2012."

CAIN'S RUSH TO JUDGMENT GREG Welborn

The most powerful aspect of Herman Cain's challenge to President Obama is the fact that his candidacy as the Republican candidate would rob Obama of the last best hope he has to retain his job. Because of that, it's pretty clear that no technique, tactic or treachery will be sparred to derail and bury him.

Poll after poll shows Obama losing the hearts and support of the American people. It is so pronounced that by historical standards he may almost be unelectable. Since 1989 when NBC began running its poll, no president has won re-election when 74% of Americans say within a year of the election that we're on "the wrong track". No president has won re-election when only 13% of Americans are "satisfied" with his performance. And finally, since 1945, no president has been re-elected when his job-approval rating one year out is 43%. The prospects of President Obama running on his record, his accomplishments or his charm are so low that the only potentially persuasive argument is the scurrilous accusation that if you oppose Obama, you must be a racist. Indeed, this is already being trotted out for a test run.

That's exactly why Herman Cain is so dangerous. Herman Cain, in addition to having some pretty good ideas about how to fix this country (along with most of the Republican field, by the way), also eliminates the race card as a potential political strategy. Think about how ludicrous it would be - should Herman Cain be the Republican candidate - for the Liberal political and media elite to accuse the American public of racism when the two major candidates for the most powerful job on the planet are both black!! It's enough to stroke out three-quarters of the staff writers at the New York Times. The prism through which all media elites, all Liberal politicians and most college professors see America is as a still-racist nation. Any slight, and statistic showing the least discrepancy between the races, is pounced upon as proof once again of our inherent conscious, unconscious, private

and institutional racism. All that becomes ludicrous should the right-wing, neo-Nazi, Republicans nominate a black man. Even more devastation would be done to the Liberal dogma of the last 50 years if the independents rally around the man and, together with Republican voters, actually vote the man into the White House.

No, Herman Cain must be stopped, and with every uptick in the polls that becomes more and more critical. The only thing surprising about the sexual harassment allegations directed at Herman Cain is that the media hasn't at least tried to appear unbiased and objective. I would have thought that they would be more subtle given how badly they attended to the story of President Clinton's proven sexual perversions and abuses of power.

From the time of the first publication of the accusations against Herman Cain to the present day, we have had no fewer than 100 published pieces from the print media, and 99 from the TV networks in the first nine days. In the spillage of all that ink, the press has given us only one concrete fact: that two women filed sexual harassment complaints against the man when he was head of the National Restaurant Association. The rest amounts to rumor, innuendo and character assassination.

Much, of course, is made of the Restaurant Association's out-of-court settlement with two accusers, but if we are to judge guilt by the willingness of some corporations to pay the lesser cost of nuisance settlement vs. full legal defense in a court of law, then we'd have to indict half the executives and managers in American business. If the Cain situation is going to teach us anything, it's more likely to show how badly lawyers abuse the justice system in search of extortion payouts. The federal antidiscrimination statute, Title VII, recognizes and governs "hostile environment" harassment claims. Its definition was purposely drafted to prevent its abuse. For harassment to be proven, the conduct in question must be "A) unwelcome, B) based on



gender, and C) severe or pervasive enough to create an abusive work environment as judged by an objective reasonable person". That's a pretty tough threshold to meet, and yet it could easily cost \$100,000 to defend against a spurious claim. Lawyers know this, as do corporations, so too many times the cheapest course of action is to settle.

Now let me dispel any concerns as to my insensitivity to abuse, harassment or discrimination. If Herman Cain did abuse or harass a woman (let alone 4), he would be unfit in my book to serve as President of the United States. But, by that standard, so would Bill Clinton, and I find it fascinating that those who defended Clinton against both rape charges and harassment charges are now doing everything they can to validate similar charges against Herman Cain. When one considers the history of Herman Cain's accusers, the connections to the Democratic Party and the similarity to the attacks David Axelrod (Obama campaign architect) used to destroy candidates who ran against Obama in his Illinois' races, one has to wonder who's really the one being harassed.

If the accusations are true, Herman Cain doesn't deserve to even be in the race. If the accusations are false, Herman Cain's candidacy may well be the final nail in the Obama campaign coffin.

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THE TROOPS AND OCCUPY WALL STREET

You may have heard the Occupy Wall Street protesters are being paid to camp out. I heard it; they're being funded by a shifty billionaire and that's why they're demanding billionaires be taxed more. Seems likely. Also they're all Communists and ACORN. And whatever you've been scared of before - probably that. Sharia Law, maybe? Anti-Semites? Anarchists?

The weirdest dismissal of the encampments that has sprung up across the country is it's just a bunch of homeless people - who'd be sleeping on the streets anyway. As if homeless people should have no voice in a discussion about economic justice. As if huge groups of homeless people shouldn't warrant media attention.

I asked a protester in New York, Ashley Anderson, about this very thing: where is their rapid response to deal with all the rumors and accusations? Where is their team of media people? "This here," he pointed to the crowded GA or General Assembly at Zuccotti Park in lower Manhattan a few feet from where we were standing. Every night hundreds participate in a slow all-inclusive assembly to figure out a consensus on what to do next. "This is like a healthy immune system. It can handle it." He then said if anyone didn't like what they're doing, all are welcome to come down and tell them.

I've now been to four Occupations in two countries (I had a trip to Canada planned months ago) and the lamest rumor I've heard by carefully coifed talking heads is that the protesters are *all* something: are all Ron Paul fans; or all union; or all liberals; or all white; or all illegals; or all students who don't want to pay their loans back; or all "the people who always show up to a protest." Occupy Wall Street and its solidarity encampments are more a lot of *everything* as opposed to all of anything. That's why the rumors keep going - those who wish to discredit the movement pick out one person to identify with the movement and then they're *all* Neo-New Redux Black Panthers.

At the (very crowded) Zuccotti

Park I saw people with children in strollers but no one has accused all Occupiers of being overly fertile. Yet.

The under-reported story to me is how many veterans are at these Occupations. I spoke at length with a Canadian vet who served in Somalia in the '90s and is now "pitching in" at Occupy Toronto. In the U.S. I met several vets from Iraq and Afghanistan. They volunteered to fight for a country they now feel has fewer opportunities for them and their families. Vets are the middle-class. It was the vets who created the suburbs and the Baby Boomers after WWII. They are as big of stakeholders in the country as anyone and they've been given a rotten deal just like the rest of the 99 percent. Vets have the distinction of being deified by the right-wing on occasion. That's until it comes to having their benefits cut ... then they should blame themselves for not being rich.

Meet the new face of Occupy Wall Street: Scott Olsen, a 24-year-old Marine and Iraq War vet who was shot in the head with a "non-lethal round" during a raid on Occupy Oakland last week. His skull was fractured and it put him in a coma. He has since woke-up to being a rallying cry for the movement. I followed a march in Toronto to the U.S. consulate to denounce police brutality in Oakland. I counted two national news trucks and a local reporter there to cover the demonstration. There was even a solidarity march to the U.S. Embassy from Tahrir Square in Egypt.

Olsen's story is compelling. Not just because he fought in a foreign war and while in his home country, utilizing his first amendment right to peaceful assembly he was fired on by police. His may be the name you know from Occupy Oakland, but like Rosa Parks, he's part of a bigger story. He's a symbol for something we've managed to not talk about. Which is we've had two (sometimes three) wars in this country in the last 10 years and those who've fought overseas are coming home to an America with a shockingly high poverty rate. An America with the worst economic inequality in four generations. An America with less for those who work and fight and die.

Which is why they're camped out and asking the question: "What have we been fighting for?"

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BUSINESS TODAY

The latest on Business News, Trends and Techniques

By La Quetta M. Shamblee,

Prepared for Too Much Business?

Probably the only thing worse than not having any business growth is having more business than you can handle. Hopefully if you find yourself in that situation, you'll have already considered your options to capitalize on the moment and increase your revenue.

I recently attended a graduation dinner for a program honoring entrepreneurs who had completed a 16-week business development course. The business owner seated at my table shared his challenges with securing enough money to fill orders for large department stores. Fortunately, he had been able to borrow \$10,000 to \$30,000 from friends and acquaintances on several occasions to purchase and deliver the inventory. If he had not had that option, he would have damaged the reputation of his company after accepting orders that he couldn't process.

He shared that he'd never really given thought to how he would handle large orders until they started coming in. This story is common to many small businesses. The neighborhood restaurant that doesn't seem to realize that hiring and scheduling just one more server during peak business hours may result in more overall sales and profits. The reputation for slow service may prevent potential diners from patronizing. Both of these examples provide lessons about the importance of planning.

Business owners should always have a contingency plan or creative options for how to handle unexpected increases in sales. There are a number of options, including rain checks, a special discount, or a similar offer for customers to use in the future. This also acknowledges any inconveniences to customers caused by not having adequate staffing or products as expected. It also demonstrates attentiveness to customer service.

Generating the maximum possible sales may not be the

most appropriate goal. Striking a balance of generating the maximum sales that can be handled by your current level of staffing and resources is important. Major retail stores have historically hired extra staff to ensure there are enough hands on deck to assist during the busy holiday season. The investment in hiring each additional staffer is more than offset by the increased capacity to capture and generate increased sales in a timely manner. It is no different for small businesses, particularly entrepreneurs who are flying solo.

It starts with listing and describing all of the functions necessary to operate the business. Next, going down the list to identify each function that could be performed by another individual and determining the cost for extra staffing, even if it's temporary. By adopting some of the standard practices of big business, small enterprises will be able to keep the money flowing when good times are rolling in the sales department.



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HAIL Hamilton My Turn



government should seriously consider. I hope you laugh as hard as I did.

"I am over 60 and the Armed Forces thinks I'm too old to track down terrorists. You can't be older than 42 to join the military. But they've got the whole thing ass-backwards. Instead of sending 18-year-olds off to fight, they ought to take us old guys. You shouldn't be able to join the Armed Forces until you're at least 40.

"For starters, researchers say 18-year-olds think about sex every 10 seconds. Old guys only think about sex a couple of times a day, leaving us more than 28,000 additional seconds a day to concentrate on the enemy. Young guys haven't lived long enough to be cranky, and a cranky soldier is a dangerous soldier. 'My back hurts! I can't sleep, I'm tired and hungry.' We are impatient and maybe letting us kill some terrorist bastard who desperately deserves it will make us feel better and shut us up for awhile.

"An 18-year-old doesn't even like to get up before 10am. Old guys always get up early to pee, so what the hell. Besides, like I said, I'm tired and I can't sleep and since I'm already up, I may as well be up killing some fanatical son-of-a-bitch. If captured we couldn't spill the beans because we'd forgot where we put them. In fact, name, rank, and serial number would be a real brain teaser.

GOOD ADVICE FROM AN OLD WARRIOR

A Vietnam vet friend of mine sent me this bit of humor, and I thought I'd share it with you this Veterans Day weekend. It is an hilarious new direction for fighting any war, and something the

"Boot camp would be easier for old guys. We're used to getting screamed and yelled at and we're used to soft food. We've also developed an appreciation for guns. We've been using them for years as an excuse to get out of the house, away from the screaming and yelling. They could lighten up on the obstacle course however... I've been in combat and never saw a single 20-foot wall with rope hanging over one side, nor did I ever do any push ups after completing basic training. Actually, the running part is kind of a waste of energy, too... I've never seen anyone outrun a bullet.

"An 18-year-old has his whole life ahead of him. He's still learning to shave, to start a conversation with a pretty girl. He still hasn't figured out that a baseball cap has a brim to shade his eyes, not the back of his head. Moreover, no baseball player would ever wear his cap with the brim flattened out and cockeyed to the side of his face.

"These are all good reasons to keep our kids at home to learn a little more about life before sending them off into harm's way. Let us old guys track down those dirty rotten coward terrorists. The last thing an enemy would want to see is a couple million pissed off old farts with attitudes and automatic weapons, who know that their best years are behind them.

"And hey! How about recruiting women over 50... in menopause!!! You think old MEN have attitudes? Ohhhhhhhhhh My God!!! No one is more dangerous or terrifying than a 50-year-old women suffering acute estrogen withdrawal! If nothing else, put them on border patrol. They'll have it secured the first night!"

OUT TO PASTOR A Weekly Religion Column



VISITING MY FAMILY IS A RELATIVE EXPERIENCE

By Rev. James L. Snyder

I was reminded recently that the only thing growing in my family tree are fruits and nuts. Personally, I am not sure if I am a fruit or a nut. Just do not ask my wife.

I had been away for so long I had forgotten many things about my family. My recent visit served as a refresher course reminding me why I had moved away in the first place. Memory sometimes pays little tricks causing us to remember the "good old days" and forgetting that sprinkled in among the good are ample portions of what I call good-challenged moments and characters.

I cannot speak about anybody else's family; my family seems to run the gamut between good and bad. I certainly have some wonderful relatives but then, I also have those who are on the other side of that description. Overall, they serve to make my family what it is today.

I enjoyed visiting with some of my relatives I had not seen for years. In fact, I could not remember the last time I had seen some of them. For the most part, it was a wonderful time of family reunion.

I had really forgotten about good old Aunt Bessie. She has always been one of my favorite aunts. Nobody knows how old she really is, and she ain't telling. Confering with some of my older relatives none could remember a time when good old Aunt Bessie was not around. Some of us have guessed her age and we figure she is probably our oldest living relative.

One of the oddities about good old Aunt Bessie has to do with her physical appearance. As far as anybody could remember, she was always consumed with her looks. Not just her clothing but her face as well. The one thing that was anathema to her was a wrinkle. She has what we all said behind her back, a wrinkle-phobia. If I had the money she spent on wrinkle creams I could retire and live a life of luxury.

I do remember a time (and I had forgotten it until now and I just hoped she did) when I was not Aunt Bessie's favorite nephew. It was years ago and I had not seen her for a while and when I did see her, I said, half jokingly, "Is that a new wrinkle, Aunt Bessie?"

You would have thought I had shot her only child. She shrieked and then went to the bathroom to examine her face. She was so irate with me that she did not speak to me for over a year. Of course, looking back, there was no downside to that. I was tempted to remind her of that incident, but I remembered the old hymn, "Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin."

CURBING BAD BEHAVIOR



Ron Carter

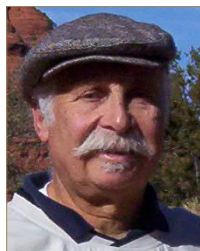
a candidate is involved in will not be shared with the media. Moreover, in today's information driven environment, the details of controversial stories usually unfold in a manner which doesn't correlate with the office seeker's agenda. My suggestion is if it's bad news, own it and get control of it. No Comment is not an option. Otherwise, the issue which should have been in the news cycle for two days could end up being there for two weeks. In journalism parlance, it's called the "drip," "drip," "drip" syndrome.

In 1989 when the Exxon Valdez oil tanker spilled 11 million gallons of oil into Alaska's Prince William Sound, Exxon's officials made the error of not addressing the spill immediately. It took Exxon's chairman two weeks before he visited the site. His action resulted in a backlash that today is very memorable

in the public's consciousness regarding Exxon's bad behavior. Besides Enron, the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill is the poster child for how not to handle a crisis. In contrast, former New York Governor, Eliot Spitzer, when he was caught engaged in a prostitution scandal in 2008, came forward and addressed the media regarding his involvement with the illegal ring. In less than two days, he scheduled a press conference, apologized to his wife, family, friends and staff and retreated out of the public's view. A month later, he resigned from his position as governor free of any criminal prosecution. In 2010, CNN hired Mr. Spitzer and Kathleen Parker as co-hosts of the political talk show, "Parker Spitzer." After Ms. Parker left the show, it was renamed "In The Arena," hosted by Mr. Spitzer. His stint at CNN has helped with the rehabilitation of his image. In my opinion this occurred, because he took control of the crisis and immediately set about repairing his image.

If one is planning to run for public office, don't try to sweep your not so pleasant past transgressions under the rug, because someone is always anxious to tell your story. My suggestion is apologize, be honest, show humility and take control of the story, because "No Comment" is not an option.

STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE



MODERN PROBLEMS

One of the unique things about the present protest movement is the absence of a specific list of demands. I think this absence of demands is a manifestation of the fact that there is great dissatisfaction within our modern technologically advanced world, resulting from the fact that we no longer fit into the world we have created. What I am trying to say is that in many ways modern technology has created a world that presents a question that perhaps is reminiscent of problems existing within the Garden of Eden. What are people supposed to do if all their needs are met and there is no need to do anything? WHAT ARE PEOPLE FOR?

It seems to me that there now exists within the world the resources to provide the entire world population with sufficient food, shelter, and everything else to meet at least the physical needs of the population without requiring a great percentage of the population to do anything to receive these gifts. All we need do is stand there with our hands out and receive the benefits that are handed to us. Of course, that is not what is happening now. Most of us are racing around filled with stress as we try to cope with the seemingly endless demands of modern life. A startling segment of the population requires a daily administration of numbing drugs to combat the depression inherent in their complicated and ultimately unsatisfying lives. Yes, I know the way the present problems of the developed world are usually described is that there is too much poverty—I am saying THERE IS TOO MUCH WEALTH.

I know this statement seems like lunacy but really I think we are all working hard at doing nothing. We are all pushing papers around—in fact the papers are beginning to disappear—we are all pushing around something that exists only in cyber-space. Simply put, very few of us do any work that in actuality is connected to our own survival. What we do is compete with one another in a life-long desperate game, the goals of which are very difficult to identify - perhaps because they are illusory. The way we keep score in the game is with money. Somehow we all think we must accumulate more and more money and that it is imperative that we use that money in some pretty strange ways, like entertaining and adorning ourselves. We need more and more diversions. More clothes, bigger houses, more and newer video and audio diversions. We are in a race for diversions. Diversions from what? To me modern live seems like the continuous pursuit of our own tails as a way of occupying ourselves from the unaltered fact that we are all going to die and that there is nothing that can be done to alter this fact.

Really, I think a huge segment of our population is unable to adjust to the reality that rich, celebrated, fairly young public personalities die. How could Michael Jackson die? Yesterday the jury found that someone killed him. Right- what killed Michael Jackson was mainly the way he lived. Public adoration strangely enough is not a guarantee of immortality. How could Steve Jobs die? It's hard to accept that all his vision and his wealth was insufficient to do something that the rest of us do kind of without noticing it—we stay alive.

In the midst of our continued attempts at diversion, we humans still have to cope with the same demands that humans have always faced. How do we care for our children? How do we responsibly treat our loved-ones in loving ways? Why do domestic partners keep hurting one another? How do we deal with the grief inherent in the loss of loved ones? How do we gain the discipline necessary to stop destroying elements necessary for our own survival? Elements like the air we breathe, the water we drink. It really is not too hard to notice that, in the past couple of centuries, we have been too successful at survival—we have been too rich. Two centuries ago there were about one billion people on the Earth; now there are seven billion. Today, we are drowning in our own waste and it is very difficult for we humans to acknowledge this and to stop our diversions and do something about it.

In conclusion, I am trying to say that demonstrations around the world—not just the Occupy movements, but also political movements in the Middle East and North Africa and around the world, are all about one thing. It is time for humanity to WAKE UP and stop playing games of distraction and wealth. There are real needs to be met, and creating more and more imaginary wealth and more and more babies will not meet these needs. Yes, perhaps every new baby is a new dream—unfortunately it's time to stop dreaming and to wake up and inhabit this world responsibly. Sure, each of us will still die but our lives will have been lived differently. The gift of life we present to coming generations will then be a testament to our human capabilities for survival, rather than a reminder of our human ability to mindlessly destroy. To me this is a game worth playing.

THIS IS WHAT PEOPLE ARE FOR!

RICH Johnson



THE ENCROACHING POLITICAL CLIMATE

Well, we are knee deep in the 2012 presidential campaign already. And it is becoming more and more difficult for me to follow the press coverage, the latest of course being the sexual harassment charges against Herman Cain. Does it seem to you that when the accused is on one side of the political spectrum, the pundits of the other side are the ones interested in fanning the flame of press coverage? In this case, the Democrats can sit back and say nothing. They can simply let the Republicans slug it out and rely on the media to fan the flames. The Republicans aren't so lucky when it comes to relying on the media to keep the fires burning in reverse of the situation.

There does seem to be somewhat of a disconnect when it comes to media coverage. The latest Herman Cain accusations have received plenty of coverage by all the networks both in their evening and morning news shows. But back when Paula Jones accused Bill Clinton in 1994 of inappropriate behavior, CBS and NBC ignored her and ABC gave scant attention to her press conference. NBC news anchor Tom Brokaw dismissed Jones saying, "It didn't seem to most people, entirely relevant to what was going on at the time. These are the kind of charges raised about the President before." NBC today host Bryant Gumbel said, "It's a little tough to figure out who's being harassed." ABC anchor Charles Gibson asked fellow ABC'er, Sam Donaldson, after he interviewed her, "Why does anyone care what this woman has to say?" Gibson went on to add, "Bottom line, Sam: Is she not trying to capitalize on this, in effect to profit from impugning the President?" Newsweek editor Evan Thomas said this describing Paula Jones, "...some sleazy woman with big hair." In the first five days after Anita Hill's charges against Clarence Thomas the network evening shows aired 67 stories on the charges. In the first five days after Juanita Broadrick accused Bill Clinton of rape, the number of evening news stories was 2. 67 for Anita Hill and 2 for Juanita Broadrick. Double standard? You do the math. Taking a step back into history let's look at a few comments from those who have commented on our political system:

"A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul." George Bernard Shaw

"A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money." G. Gordon Liddy

"Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner." James Bovard (Civil Libertarian)

"Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries." Douglas Casey (Bill Clinton's classmate at Georgetown)

"Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you." Pericles (430 B.C.)

"Talk is cheap...except when Congress does it." Anonymous

"A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have." Thomas Jefferson

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LA DUL, 11900 W. OLYMPIC BLVD. #620, L.A., CA 90064. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ADAM SOSTRIN, 1733 ELLINCOURT DR. #A, SO. PASADENA, CA 91030. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ADAM SOSTRIN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/20/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct 22, 29, Nov 05, 12, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2011-117957
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MBC INTERNATIONAL, 2185 MONTE VISTA ST., PASADENA, CA 91107. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HONGMEI WU, 2185 MONTE VISTA ST., PASADENA, CA 91107. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: HONGMEI WU. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/18/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct 22, 29, Nov 05, 12, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2011-115966
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PEDRO RENE MARTINEZ TRUCKING, 9266 ALDER AVE., FONTANA, CA 92335. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PEDRO RENE MARTINEZ, 9266 ALDER AVE., FONTANA, CA 92335. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: PEDRO RENE MARTINEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/14/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct 22, 29, Nov 05, 12, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2011-119663
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PONCE DE LEON APARTMENTS, 1143 S. LAKE ST., L.A., CA 90006-3607. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARTA ALICIA RUTHER, PAUL RUTHER, 1143 S. LAKE ST., L.A., CA 90006. This Business is conducted by: HUSBAND AND WIFE. Signed: MARTA ALICIA RUTHER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/20/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/20/2011. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2011-119970
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: R.M.C CIRCUIT BREAKERS, 3814 FLOWER ST., CUDAHY, CA 90201. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RICHARD MOISES CHURON, 3814 FLOWER ST., CUDAHY, CA 90201. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RICHARD MOISES CHURON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/20/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/20/2011. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct 22, 29, Nov 05, 12, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2011-119712
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: REGRED PACIFICO DIST., 8603 SOUTH GATE AVE., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MELISSA RODRIGUEZ, 8603 SOUTH GATE AVE., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MELISSA RODRIGUEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/20/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct 22, 29, Nov 05, 12, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2011-118503
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RELAX I CAN FIX IT, 6425 S. EMIL AVE., BELL GARDENS, CA 90201. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FRANCISCO SOLORZANO, 6425 S. EMIL AVE., BELL GARDENS, CA 90201. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: FRANCISCO SOLORZANO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/19/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct 22, 29, Nov 05, 12, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2011-119373
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

SEW SWEET DESIGNER, 1177 W. VENTON ST., SAN DIMAS, CA 91773. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LAURA DESIMONE, 1177 W. VENTON ST., SAN DIMAS, CA 91773. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LAURA DESIMONE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/20/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct 22, 29, Nov 05, 12, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2011-119646
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SOLEIL BEAUTY LOUNGE, 901 S. MAIN ST., L.A., CA 90015. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GAREGIN KHACHATRYAN, ALINA KAROYAN, 1401 VALLEY VIEW RD. #317, GLENDALE, CA 91202. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: GAREGIN KHACHATRYAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/20/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/19/2011. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct 22, 29, Nov 05, 12, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2011-118788
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SPEED KILLS, 5482 WILSHIRE BLVD. #181, L.A., CA 90036. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MITCHELL LYONS, 5482 WILSHIRE BLVD. #181, L.A., CA 90036. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MITCHELL LYONS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/19/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct 22, 29, Nov 05, 12, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2011-115965
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VIET TRUCKING, 9311 HAZARD AVE., WESTMINSTER, CA 92683. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DAVID VAN BUI, 9311 HAZARD AVE., WESTMINSTER, CA 92683. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DAVID VAN BUI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/14/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2011-120193
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 Dates Pub: Oct 29, Nov 5, 12 and 19,2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2011-120192
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 Dates Pub: Oct 29, Nov 5, 12 and 19, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2011-125414
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MP HUNTER JUMPERS 135 CIRCLE DRIVE, BRADBURY, CA, 91008. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PAMELA J. HARREN 135 CIRCLE DRIVE, BRADBURY, CA, 91008. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: Pamela Harren. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/01/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Nov 12, 19, 26, Dec 03, 2011

City of Sierra Madre

ORDINANCE NO. 1323

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE ADDING CHAPTER 17.61 TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO BE ENTITLED “REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS”

WHEREAS, The Federal Fair Housing Act and the California Fair Employment and Housing Act require local governments to provide reasonable accommodations from existing standards in their zoning and other land use regulations when such accommodations may be necessary to afford persons with disabilities equal opportunity to access and enjoy their dwelling unit and/or place of business;

WHEREAS, the City of Sierra Madre should establish specific procedures whereby people with disabilities can request modifications or exceptions from zoning regulations, and provides details regarding application requirements, the criteria for granting accommodations including findings and conditions, the review authority and information regarding discontinuance of rights granted under the Ordinance;

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

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing on August 18, 2011, and thereafter recommended that the City Council approve this Ordinance;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Municipal Code Amendment. Chapter 17.61 is hereby added to the Municipal Code to provide as set forth in Exhibit A to this Ordinance.
Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its passage and adoption pursuant to California Government Code section 36937.
Section 3. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published according to law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 25th day of October, 2011.

AYES: Buchanan, MacGillivray, Mosca, Walsh NOES: None ABSENT: Moran ABSTAIN: None

EXHIBIT A

Chapter 17.61 Reasonable Accommodation

17.61.010 Purpose.

In accordance with the federal Fair Housing Act and the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (“the Acts”), it is the policy of the city to provide people with disabilities reasonable accommodations as necessary to ensure equal access to their dwelling unit and/or place of business. The purpose of this section is to provide a clear and defined process for people with disabilities to make reasonable accommodation requests from existing standards in the city’s development code.

17.61.020 Application – General.

Any person with disabilities, or his or her representative, may request a reasonable accommodation from the application of a land use or zoning regulation, policy, practice or procedure when necessary to afford such persons equal opportunity to use and enjoy their dwelling unit or place of business. A person with a disability is a person who has a physical or mental impairment that limits or substantially limits one or more major life activities, anyone who is regarded as having such impairment or anyone who has a record of such impairment. This Chapter is intended to apply to those persons who are defined as disabled under either of the Acts.

A request for reasonable accommodation may include a modification or exception to the rules, standards and practices for the siting, development and use of housing or housing-related facilities that would eliminate regulatory barriers and provide a person with a disability equal opportunity to housing of their choice. Requests for reasonable accommodation shall be made in the manner prescribed by Section 17.61.030 (Application - Contents).

17.61.030 Application – Contents.

- A. Application. A person with disabilities or his/her representative who desires to request a reasonable accommodation may file an application with the department. A reasonable accommodation may be approved only for the benefit of one or more individuals with a disability. An application for a reasonable accommodation from a land use or zoning regulation, policy, or practice shall be made on a form provided by the department. No fee will be required for a request for reasonable accommodation, but if the project requires another discretionary permit and environmental review, then the prescribed fee shall be paid for that discretionary permit and environmental review.
- B. If a project for which a reasonable accommodation request is made requires another discretionary approval, then the applicant may file the reasonable accommodation request together with the application for the other discretionary approval. The processing procedures of the non-reasonable accommodation discretionary approval shall govern the joint processing of both the reasonable accommodation request and the non-reasonable accommodation discretionary permit.
- C. Application Contents. In addition to the materials required under other applicable provisions of this code, the applicant is required to submit the following information with the application:
1. The applicant’s name, address, and telephone number;
 2. If not the applicant, the identity of the person(s) with disabilities, and the applicant’s relation to the person(s) with disabilities;
 3. Identification and description of the disability which is the basis for the request for reasonable accommodation. The applicant shall include current written certification of the disability and a description of the disability’s effects on the individual’s medical, physical or mental limitations;
 4. The current actual use of the property;
 5. The specific exception or modification to this development code, or other land use or development regulation, policy, or practice requested by the applicant;
 6. Documentation that the specific exception or modification requested by the applicant is necessary to provide one or more individuals with a disability an equal opportunity to use and enjoy his or her residence or business. Where appropriate, the applicant shall include a summary of any alternatives to the reasonable accommodation;
 7. Copies of memoranda, correspondence, pictures, plans, or background information reasonably necessary for the review authority to reach a decision regarding the need for reasonable accommodation;
 8. Other supportive information deemed necessary by the city to facilitate proper consideration of the request so long as any request for additional information complies with state and federal law.

17.61.040 Criteria for granting accommodations.

A reasonable accommodation request will be reviewed in accordance with the following procedures:

- A. Findings. The written decision to approve, conditionally approve, or deny a request for reasonable accommodation shall be based on the following findings, all of which are required for approval:
1. The requested accommodation is requested by or on behalf of one or more individuals with a disability protected by federal or state law;
 2. The requested accommodation is necessary to provide accommodation as requested by or on behalf of one or more individuals with a disability protected by federal or state law;
 3. The requested accommodation is necessary to provide one or more individuals with a disability an equal opportunity to use and enjoy their dwelling or business;
 4. The requested accommodation will not impose an undue financial or administrative burden to the city;
 5. The requested accommodation will not result in a fundamental alteration of a neighborhood’s character or will not substantially undermine any express purpose of the General Plan or any applicable specific plan;
 6. The requested accommodation will not, under the specific facts of a case, result in a direct threat to the health and safety of other individuals or substantial physical damage to the property of others.
- In making these findings, the review authority may approve alternative reasonable accommodations which provide an equivalent level of use and enjoyment.
- B. Conditions. Any modifications granted for an individual with a disability may, at the discretion of the review authority, be considered as a personal accommodation for the individual applicant and may, at the determination of the review authority, not run with the land. The conditions of approval may, where deemed appropriate, provide for any or all of the following:
1. Inspection of the affected property periodically, as specified in the conditions, to verify compliance with this chapter and with any applicable conditions of approval;
 2. Prior to any transfer of interest in the property, notice to the transferee of the existence of the modification, and the requirement that the transferee apply for a new modification as necessary. Once such transfer takes effect, the originally approved modification shall have no further validity;
 3. Other necessary conditions deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

17.61.050 Review Authority

- A. Director’s review. Requests for reasonable accommodation shall be reviewed by the director, or his or her designee, if no discretionary approval is sought other than the request for reasonable accommodation. The director shall issue a written decision on a request for reasonable accommodation within forty five days of the date of the application and may either grant, grant with modifications, or deny a request for reasonable accommodation in accordance with the required findings set forth in Section 17.61.040.
- If necessary to reach a determination on the request for reasonable accommodation, the director may request further information from the applicant consistent with fair housing laws, specifying in detail the information that is required. In the event that a request for additional information is made, the forty five day period to issue a decision is stayed until the applicant responds to the request.
- B. Concurrent review. A request for reasonable accommodation submitted for concurrent review with another discretionary land use application shall be reviewed by the authority reviewing the discretionary land use application. The written determination on whether to grant or deny the request for reasonable accommodation shall be made by the review authority in compliance with the applicable review procedure for the discretionary review. The written determination to grant or deny the request for reasonable accommodation shall be made in accordance with Section 17.61.040 of this section.

17.61.060 Appeal of Determination

A determination by the reviewing authority to grant or deny a request for reasonable accommodation is appealable to the Planning Commission in compliance with Chapter 17.66 (“Appeals and Calls for Review”).

17.61.070 Discontinuance

Unless the review authority determines a reasonable accommodation runs with the land, a reasonable accommodation shall lapse if the rights granted by it are discontinued for one hundred and eighty consecutive days. If the person initially occupying a residence or business vacate, the reasonable accommodation shall remain in effect only if the director determines that (i) the modification is physically integrated into a structure and cannot easily be removed or altered to comply with the municipal code; (ii) its removal would constitute an unreasonable financial burden; and (iii) the accommodation is necessary to give another person with disabilities an equal opportunity to enjoy the dwelling or business. The director may request the applicant or his or her successor-in-interest to the property to provide documentation that subsequent occupants are persons with disabilities. Failure to provide such documentation within ten days of the date of a request by the director shall constitute grounds for discontinuance by the city of a previously approved reasonable accommodation.

Looking Up

with Bob Eklund



City Lights Could Reveal E.F. Civilization

In the search for extraterrestrial intelligence, astronomers have hunted for radio signals and ultra-short laser pulses. In a new paper, Avi Loeb (Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics) and Edwin Turner (Princeton University) suggest a new technique for finding aliens: look for their city lights.

“Looking for alien cities would be a long shot, but wouldn’t require extra resources. And if we succeed, it would change our perception of our place in the universe,” said Loeb.

As with other SETI (Search for ExtraTerrestrial Intelligence) methods, this technique relies on the assumption that aliens would use Earth-like technologies. This seems reasonable because any intelligent life that evolved in the light from its nearest star is likely to have artificial illumination that switches on during the hours of darkness.

How easy would it be to spot a city on a distant planet? Clearly, this light will have to be distinguished from the glare from the parent star. Loeb and Turner suggest looking at the change in light from an exoplanet as it moves around its star. As the planet orbits, it goes through phases

similar to those of the Moon. When it’s in a dark phase, more artificial light from the night side would be visible from Earth than reflected light from the day side. So the total flux from a planet with city lighting will vary in a way that is measurably different from a planet that has no artificial lights

Spotting this tiny difference in brightness would require future generations of telescopes. However, the technique could be tested now on objects closer to home—at the edge of our own solar system.

Loeb and Turner calculate that today’s best telescopes ought to be able to see the light generated by a Tokyo-sized metropolis at the distance of the Kuiper Belt—the region of our own Solar System occupied by Pluto, Eris, and thousands of smaller icy bodies. So, if there are any cities out there, we ought to be able to develop techniques that could see them now. By looking at these closer objects, astronomers can hone the techniques and be ready to apply them when the first Earth-sized worlds are found around distant stars in our galaxy.



“It’s very unlikely that there are alien cities on the edge of our solar system, but the principle of science is to find a method to check,” Turner says.

As an example of how important it is, in science, to find methods that can test accepted beliefs, Turner adds that “Before Galileo, it was conventional wisdom that heavier objects fall faster than light objects, but he tested the belief and found they actually fall at the same rate.”

As our technology has moved from radio and TV broadcasts to cable and fiber optics, we have become less detectable to aliens. If the same is true of extraterrestrial civilizations, then artificial lights, rather than radio signals, might be the best way to spot them from afar.

Loeb and Turner’s work has been submitted to the journal Astrobiology and is available at arxiv.org: <http://arxiv.org/abs/1110.6181>

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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 were the jobs are located and how to get pass the “gate-keepers”. As an Executive Recruiter I was privy to working directly with Corporate Recruiters and understanding their process in selecting which candidates to interview and hire. I will candidly answer your questions, possibly bluntly answering your questions, but I will be totally honest. My objective is to help you achieve your employment goal.

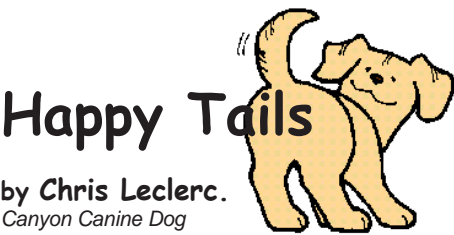
The Career Center at my college suggested that I use an Objective Statement at the top of my resume. However, several company recruiters that I have met at job fairs stated that I should not include an objective on my resume. What should I do? Reinaldo

To use or not to use an objective statement? That is the question. There is a consensus among company recruiters and HR professionals that objective statements are old fashion, and show a lack of experience and un-professionalism on the part of the job seeker. I am not really that crazy about using objective statements on resumes either. However, there is always a time and place for everything, and there is for objective statements. I believe objective statements should be used when you are a job seeker who is: entry-level, re-entering the job market, changing careers or industries, recent High School or College graduate; and who have little or no work experience, or have worked at a variety of jobs.

An objective statement is always placed on the resume right after your name and contact information. It is placed in this position to grab the attention of the reader (or resume screener). It should be considered a dynamic opener to your resume and engage the employer to read and review your entire resume. The objective statement should be short and to the point. No more than 2-3 sentences. The objective statement should clarify your employment goal and what you have to offer. Take your time when writing your objective statement. It is that important. The real trick to this is making sure you tailor your objective statement specifically for each position and employer.

Here is an example of a poorly written objective statement: “To obtain a position that will offer me a challenge, experience and an opportunity for growth.” This person’s resume will be tossed, period! The reviewer will assume the job seeker does not have experience, they want the employer to decide where they would fit in the company, and they bring no added value to the success of the company. The job seeker should state the position they are seeking, their experience and how they would fit in. The following objective statement will also get your resume overlooked: “Seeking an entry-level position where I can learn and grow with a progressive and growing company.” Again, state the position you are interested in applying. Note employers do not want to feel they are paying you to learn at their company. State your experience. Next, obviously employers feel their company is progressive and always growing, or they would not be recruiting and hiring. Really try to always put yourself in the shoes of an employer and read your resume from their perspective. Then ask yourself, would you hire you? Finally, only you can decide when and when it is appropriate to use an Objective Statement.

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A WHISPER CAN SPEAK LOUDER THAN A SHOUT
Learning from the Heart of a Horse

As a youngster, I begged my parents to let me have a horse. I had several other pets and small farm animals, and I spent lots of time at the local barn riding and playing with my friend’s horses, but my lifetime dream was to have a horse of my own. My father had left the aerospace industry years before, to pursue his dedication as a Christian missionary, so we were not exactly what you would call “rich”, financially. When I think back on those days growing up as the baby of seven children in a family with limited monetary resources, it amazes me that I never realized how poor we really were. It never seemed to mattered because my parents always ensured that we had everything we needed, and most importantly we were wealthy in love. My mother sewed most of my clothes, my father did all the yard work and home improvement projects himself, and we kids were expected to perform chores to earn our weekly allowances. My six siblings and I never experienced a lack of affection or compassion in our home, so I guess we just assumed we were as “rich” as any one else, if not more. In retrospect, I now realize what a wonderful childhood I had.

At the age of 13, my father finally broke down and bought me a pony. Unbeknownst to me, had been watching the classified ads in the local newspaper, hoping to find a horse that we could afford, and finally came across a Welsh pony for sale at a nearby farm. The owner wanted \$75 for “Coco”, and even at that rock-bottom price, I know my dad was going out of his way to accommodate my desire to be a horse-owner. Coco came with nothing more than a halter and lead rope, so I learned very quickly to ride bareback and handle him without the force of a bit and bridle. My sister, Vicki and I had so much fun doubling up on Coco and traipsing about the rural parts of our neighborhood, riding on the local mountain trails and playing in the back woodlands surrounding our town. Those are some of the best memories I have from my youth and I would trade them for nothing.

When I realized how much responsibility went into owning a pony, it was a rude awakening for me. Every day after school, I had to go out and find Coco in the field, rope him and bring him back to the barn, groom him, clean out his stall, feed him, and let him rest a while before I could finally enjoy the fun of taking him out for a ride. Coco was a bit of a curmudgeon, if you know what I mean, so it was a challenge and a physical work out for me to perform the daily ritual with him at the barn. I later learned that Welsh ponies are known to be head strong compared to some other equines, so they require a lot of patience and loving discipline to help keep them in line. According to my memory, I suppose I did OK working with Coco,

considering he was my first pony and I had little previous experience with horsemanship and all that went into it. I bonded with Coco immediately when I brought him home, which made it easier for me to be patient and understanding when he tried to buck or kick. Little by little the two of us had an understanding of what to expect from each other and how to respect each other.

Caring for Coco and learning about his way of thinking was such an important part of my life as a youngster. My folks used a good balance of encouragement and discipline in raising us kids, and I was lucky enough to have had an excellent school education, but there is nothing like working with a horse to teach a human how to live gracefully.

All these memories flooded back to me this week, after watching a documentary entitled “BUCK”, a bio-pic focused on the life of a gentleman named Buck Brannaman, who inspired the story behind the film, “Horse Whisperer”. I remember seeing “Horse Whisperer” when it first came out and being very impressed and emotionally affected by the story, but until I watched the ‘Buck’ documentary this past week, I had no idea that the “Horse Whisperer” had been based on a real life character named Buck Brannaman. “Horse Whisperer” is about a man who has a unique ability to communicate calmly with horses, and he uses that ability to train and handle them in a very humane manner. Ultimately, the character in the film succeeds in bringing new life to not only his equine subjects, but also to the humans who are involved. It was such a heart-warming story for me because it validated what I always believed to be true about the relationship between humans and other animals. If we as humans are willing to take the time to understand the mind and heart of other species, we are far more apt to succeed in living our lives with grace and dignity.

Many important lessons in life are learned while sitting in a classroom with curriculum and constant correction, but some of the most important lessons can only be learned by spending time in a dusty field under an open sky with beautiful beasts of burden who have ages of knowledge ready to share with someone who will show them due respect. If we have the desire to know, and the willingness to communicate patiently and calmly, we will benefit greatly from what horses and other animal species have to offer. I don’t know about you, but I myself am on a constant quest to learn from the animals, and I believe one must communicate calmly and show due respect in order to gain age-old knowledge that can come only from the heart of a horse. Thank you, Buck Brannaman for being an excellent example of this way of life for others to be inspired by.



This week I completed a task which involved setting up a new Macbook for a co-worker who then gleefully gushed that she could hardly wait to get to Starbucks so she could join the ever-present group of people there enjoying coffee and free Wi-Fi. After a good chuckle she then asked if there were any “rules” she should be aware of when coffee shop web surfing as she wanted to fit in like a pro. I couldn’t think of anything off the top of my head at the time other than “buy some coffee” but after further introspection I found that I probably could offer some tips now that I think about it. Here are a few:

1. Keep a Power Strip Handy and Offer to Let Others Use it As Needed - Leave a power strip in the car or backpack as a contingency plan in case you walk into a coffee shop and see one power outlet with both plugs occupied. Offer to plug your power strip in; usually everyone is okay with it as many times there are 3-4 laptop users nearby who would like to charge their rigs.
2. Offer Part of Your Table To Other Users If You Can Spare the Space - Yes I know - this is America and it’s all about space - but if you were the unlucky soul to walk into a completely full coffee house, wouldn’t you feel good knowing someone is willing to share his/her table? We gotta help each other out!
3. Eyes Front! – Nobody likes a snoop so you may want to consider concentrating your gaze on your own screen unless invited to do otherwise. What you’re doing on your computer is probably far more interesting than what anyone else is doing, anyway.
4. Headphones, Please - If what you’re doing requires audio, your neighbors will appreciate your consideration.
5. Squat Not - Out of courtesy and basic respect to your fellow commuters, you should budget your time, get your work done, and then relinquish your seat for the person who needs a table to get work done (just as you probably did before him/her). However, if you insist on camping out for the entire day at Starbucks, the least you can do is buy more than a cup of coffee every 2-3 hours as a sign of good faith that you’re not a moocher!
6. Clean Up After Yourself – It would probably suck if you spotted a great seat by the window in your favorite chair and found out after you plopped down your gear that the person before you left the table a stealthy, sticky mess. Surprise! Don’t be the person that does this kind of thing. You fellow surfers will appreciate your consideration.

KATIE Tse.....This and That
But WHY?

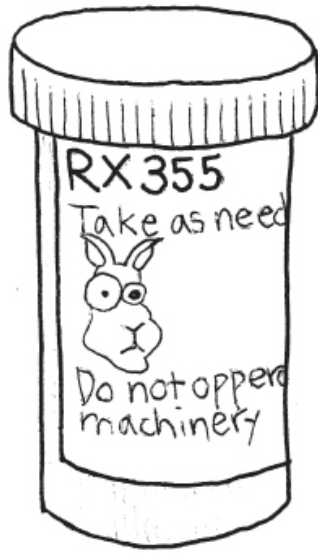


“But why?” It’s an incessant query of young children and sometime rebellious teenagers. Asking “why” is part of the human psyche. (A radio show host I listen to said animals don’t go around contemplating the purpose of life, but I disagree; my parrots often look undeniably pensive.) So, asking “why” may exist in the animal kingdom, but it’s definitely inherent in humans. As Americans, we’re especially proud of our democratic right to “ask why” and express disagreement. Heck, you could even say America was born when some colonists questioned why they should pay taxes to England. If demanding reasons wasn’t a natural predisposition, communists and dictators wouldn’t need to spend so much energy squelching it. (Okay, this is getting a little too political for my column, flip back a couple pages for greater minds.) We’ll just leave it that searching for reasons is essential to healthy human functioning.

So, why is it that we Americans (I’m speaking broadly) have forgotten about asking this question when it comes to our health? “What!” you might say, “Maybe I’m stuck with only the doctors listed on my HMO, but when I do get to see them, I always ask questions!” Really? Have you asked your doctor if and when you can go off your blood pressure medicine or stop taking daily “baby” aspirins? (Another disclaimer --These views don’t apply to all doctors and patients.) One of my coworkers was taking estrogen medication well into her 50’s, and suffered multiple hemorrhages requiring emergency care, before she finally asked her doctor why she had to keep taking these pills. He didn’t give a clear answer, and would only “release” her from the regimen after she signed a liability waiver. By the way, she’s fine now.

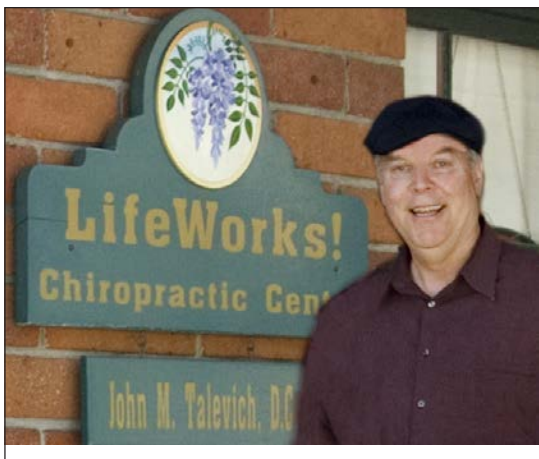
On a less drastic note, when reading your med instructions, do you ever wonder why you can’t, say, eat grapefruit, walnuts, or bask in the sun? It’s not so much that I can’t live without my walnut fix, but it’d be nice to know what would happen to me if a forbidden walnut entered my system hidden inside a fudge brownie. Would my vocal folds lock together causing asphyxiation, or would I possibly break out in hives? Just how much sunlight do I need to avoid? Will I spontaneously combust like a vampire? Okay, I can guess tanning booths are out (they were never in for me). But I’m not going to start staying indoors in the summer, wearing long sleeves, pants, and Lindsay Lohan eye wear if I don’t have to. And is it that I can’t have grapefruit at the same time I take this medicine, or is grapefruit consumption permissible at other times of the day? Maybe I can’t go on a grapefruit binge, but would a section or two be okay?

My mother actually got an answer to this question at her weaving class, (an unlikely source of medical information). One of her fellow weavers is a retired nurse and explained to my mom that, in the case of Zocor, grapefruit can cause the medication to be less effective that day. So, one might presume that, if you’re taking a cholesterol-lowering drug, a (monthly?) grapefruit won’t kill you. But be warned: The views expressed by “This & That” are not intended to substitute for the judgment of your physician, pharmacist, or other healthcare professional. Consult your physician before using grapefruit, walnuts, or sunlight.



YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Today's Subject: How Now, Brown Cow?



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

In Andrew Weil's new book, Spontaneous Happiness, he discusses the relationship between the demands of modern life and the level of happiness prevalent in our world today. He observes that the more we have in terms of material wealth, the less likely we are to be contented. The constant demand for ever greater accumulation, along with the perceived need to seek endless distraction, contribute to soaring rates of depression. One answer to this complex set of problems? Nature.

If you think about it, most of us don't spend a lot of time outside anymore. Gone are the vacant lots and woods, replaced by indoor activities and

structured play. Researchers, such as Richard Louv, Stephen Ilardi, and Martin Seligman, believe that we are hard-wired to spend time in a natural environment and that, without it, we lose focus and vitality. A simple solution in the form of a daily walk can offset the development of these problems.

The combination of "nature deficit" and information overload creates an environment that our ancient biological systems are having a hard time coming to grips with. In order to balance out these influences, Dr. Weil recommends these five simple tips for modern life:

1. How now, brown cow? Check in to the moment. Breathe. Ask yourself, "Where am I? Where am I going? Where have I been?" Mindfulness calms the mind.
2. Sleep in complete darkness.
3. Get out. Socialize. Have some fun!
4. Keep it quiet. Cultivate times of silence.
5. Set limits on media exposure. Put that cell phone down and back away slowly! How much television news do you need, really?

In Closing

This is a great new book by Dr. Weil. In it, we find plenty of solutions to the root causes of stress-related disorders. With a little bit of practice, we will find that the answer to the question, "How now, brown cow?" will be, "Very well, thank you!"

Have a healthy week!
Dr. John

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EYE CARE COVERAGE AND SERVICES FOR RETIREES

Dear Savvy Senior,
Does Medicare cover eye care? I had excellent vision insurance through my employer for many years but lost it when I retired, and now am confused as to what Medicare actually covers. What can you tell me?
Living on a Budget

Dear Living:

Many retirees are confused with what Medicare will and won't cover when it comes to eye care. Here's a breakdown of how Medicare handles different types of vision care services, along with some additional tips that can help you get affordable care when needed.

Medicare Coverage

If you have original Medicare (Part A and B), it's important to know that "routine" vision care like eye exams, eye refractions, eyeglasses or contact lenses are generally not covered. But, "medically necessary" eye care usually is. Here's a list of what is covered:

- Eye surgeries: Any surgical procedure that helps repair the function of the eye like cataract removal, cornea transplant, glaucoma surgery, etc.

- Eyeglasses or contacts: Only if you've had cataract surgery.

- Medical eye exams: Only if you're having vision problems that indicate a serious eye condition like macular degeneration, retinopathy, glaucoma or dry eye syndrome.

- Glaucoma screenings: Annual screenings for those at high risk (have diabetes, a family history of glaucoma, are African-American or Hispanic).

- Diabetic eye exams: If you have diabetes, yearly exams for diabetic retinopathy.

- Macular degeneration: Certain treatments are covered.

You also need to be aware that of the eye care services that are covered by Medicare, you're still responsible for 20 percent of the cost – Medicare pays the other 80 percent. To help with this out-of-pocket expense, some Medigap supplemental policies provide gap coverage. Or, if you have Medicare Advantage, some plans provide eye care benefits. Be sure you check with your plan administrator.

Ways to Save

If you find your eye care needs aren't covered, or you can't afford the 20 percent out-of-pocket that Medicare doesn't cover, there are other ways to save. For starters, if you need a refractive eye exam or a new pair of eyeglasses, many optometrists and eyeglass dealers offer discounts – usually between 10 and 30 percent – to seniors who request it. Memberships in groups like AAA and AARP can also provide lower rates.

Another way to get low-cost eye care is at an optometry school. Many offer affordable care provided by students that are overseen by their professors. See opt-ed.org for a directory of schools and their contact information.

Assistance Programs

Depending on where you live, there may also be some local clinics or chari-

table organizations that provide free or discounted eye care or eyeglasses. Put in a call to your local Lions Club to see what's available in your area. To reach your local club, visit lionsclubs.org or call 800-747-4448 to get the number to your state Lions Club office, which can refer you to your community representative.



Or, if you need medical eye care, check into EyeCare America. This is a national program that provides comprehensive medical eye examinations to seniors age 65 and older, and up to one year of treatment at no cost. They accept Medicare or other insurance as full payment. And if you don't have insurance, care is free. To learn more or to find out if you qualify, visit eyecareamerica.org.

If you're under age 65, some other services that can help include Mission Cataract USA (missioncataractusa.org), which provides free cataract surgery to low-income people who don't have insurance. Vision USA (aoa.org/visionusa.xml, 800-766-4466), which provides free vision care to uninsured and low-income workers and their families. And the Knights Templar Eye Foundation (214-888-0220, knightstemplar.org/ktef), which provides financial assistance for eye surgeries to low income people who don't have private insurance.

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

NOVEMBER 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

SAVE THE DATES
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

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

SPECIAL LUNCH & LEARN Are You Prepared?

Join us on Wednesday, November 9th 12:20 pm at the Community Recreation Center 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. The Presentation by Earthquake Solutions is FREE but if you wish to have lunch first, please call Darlene at (626) 355-0256 to make advance reservations - lunch is served at 12 noon.

November Birthdays



Alberta Curran, Carmela Frontino, Lena Zate, Valerie Howard, Janice Kacer, Flo Mankin, Dollie Morant, Joan Ruggles, Michael "Mike" Ruggles, Lois Stueck, Jean S. Wood, Shirley Yergeau



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San Marino Community Church welcomes you to worship this Sunday! Pastor, Rev. Jeffrey V. O'Grady preaches at both the 9:15 traditional service and "The Gathering" worship service at 11:15 am. The annual Christmas Mission Market will be held from 9 am to 12 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Check out SMCC's children's and family ministry. Sunday Church School is offered for all ages at 9:15 am. Music & Discovery provides musical education and fun for children K to 5th. A parents of young children small groups meets twice monthly. Learn more at www.smccpby.com.

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11:15 am "The Gathering" worship service

Casual worship, multi-voice ensemble, childcare provided

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- Bake sale to benefit Ministry of Hope in Malawi, Africa

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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.



FINDING FALL COLOR IN SOCAL AT THE LA ARBORETUM

Coming from the Midwest where Fall color in the maples and other deciduous trees is a highlight of the season, I really hadn't thought much about finding and enjoying the change of season's display right here in LA. I just thought it didn't get cold enough

to see any significant color, other than the gold, coral and burgundy of the Liquidambar down the street from me, and the brilliant, late November orange of the Fuyu Persimmon I inherited in my back yard.

Looking down from a hillside perch about a mile above the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden, I noticed some significant fall color emanating from the 127 acres of this haven and respite from city life. The folks at The Arboretum were gracious enough to arrange a tour of the highlights. Planted with thousands of varieties of trees and shrubs from around the world, the garden actually does offer a breathtaking display of Fall color each year.

For my Fall color tour of The Arboretum, I was fortunate to meet with Frank McDonough, a fifteen year veteran at the garden as their Botanical Information Consultant, as well as an avid photographer, video blogger. The entrance to this plant guru's office, located in the garden's library building proclaims simply, "Plant Advice Office."

Since one of the park's carts wasn't available, we took off at a brisk pace, enjoying the newly paved paths have been striped to separate pedestrians and work vehicles as well as widened in some areas through the garden. Soft and even under the feet, the new macadam, completed just a couple of months ago, was a joy to walk on, without worry of traffic (except for the occasional work vehicle).

Our first photographic stop was for a grouping of maples at the north end of a large meadow. These Acer x freemanii 'AutumnBlaze' have been in place only about five years, yet are already giving a fiery display. The photo shot could have been a picture postcard for The Arboretum, with visitors busy snapping the pea hens and peacocks exhibiting their own colorful display.

I was under the erroneous impression that maples wouldn't successfully grow in our microclimate around the Arboretum, but McDonough tempered that impression. While maples and other cold winter climate natives can grow here, he explained, their lifespan is usually shortened due to the lack of deep cold weather. The freeze allows this type of tree to acquire immunity to some diseases and pests, and to kill off others. Instead of a century, most cold climate trees last half the native lifespan or less, depending on irrigation.

In a week or two, the adjacent Ginkgo trees will complement the maples, or succeed them, depending on the weather, with bright iridescent yellow on their uniquely identifiable fish tail shaped leaves.

Next we spied a Pistacia chinensis 'Sarah's Radiance' on its way to full brilliance in about a week. With a lovely bench beneath it, it's the perfect place to sit under bronze to red leaves and contemplate the pond and fountains of the Celebration Meadow near the park's entrance.

A tree from the Tupelo family, Pepperidge Nyssa sylvatica, also from the Eastern US, is already spectacular in bronze-tipped yellows. Late afternoon walks through the Arboretum at this time provide the additional benefit of side lighting the leaves, for some breathtaking photo opportunities. Competing for first place in the yellow category, the Tulip tree lirlodendron

tulipifera, a Magnolia family tree also from the Eastern US, comes up a close second place in my book with its vaguely maple shaped leaves with smaller, less defined edge angles and veins.

At the far end of one of the ponds along the south perimeter of the paved path, a native grapevine in color now provides double the visual display as it is reflected in the still waters of the pond below. The vine likely dates back to the native population living on The Arboretum's site before Lucky Baldwin's ownership of the acreage a century ago.

Shortly after, we came upon an American Elm, expected to deliver a respectable display of yellows very soon. It was like glimpsing a long lost friend, after all the street trees were lost in the Chicago neighborhood of my youth. I was unaware that some of this type of tree still existed after the Dutch Elm disease of the 60's and 70's. McDonough remarked that the disease did not travel this far west, allowing this remnant of magnificent street trees from many Eastern cities to survive unscathed.

Off the beaten (or in this case off the paved) path, McDonough recommended forging toward the edge of the park adjacent to Golden West. There we viewed a Zelkova Sniederian on display; then as we ventured on the unpaved path along the fence line at Golden West, other spectacular displays were complemented by the darkness of the background foliage, a key to highlighting fall color leaves while on the tree, according to McDonough.

On the way back to the park's entrance, McDonough pointed out other high points of Fall color in the garden, including Chorisia speciosa, Shag bark Hickory, Walnut, White Oak, Coral Bark Japanese Maple with feathery, itsy bitsy yellow leaves right now. Happily, the list goes on quite extensively.

For a treetop view, McDonough suggests making a stop at Tallic Knoll. In order to get more information on Fall color trees at The Arboretum, McDonough created this link, which offers the names and most locations of the colorful trees: <http://arboretumplantinfo.blogspot.com/>

Touching back on my assumption that Liquidambar was one of the few reliable landscape choices for SoCal Fall color, McDonough warned that a "scorch" or what seems to be burned leaves, seen rampant in the Inland Empire, is headed westward to our area. There is no known cure for the problem, which already shows up as die off in seemingly random branches on local as well as Arboretum Liquidambar. As a result, McDonough warns against the purchase of any of this tree for the foreseeable future.

According to Jill Morganelli, Horticultural Supervisor at the Arboretum, "The week of Thanksgiving and the one after are my favorite weeks of the year at The Arboretum; the fall color from both trees and perennials is exceptional!"

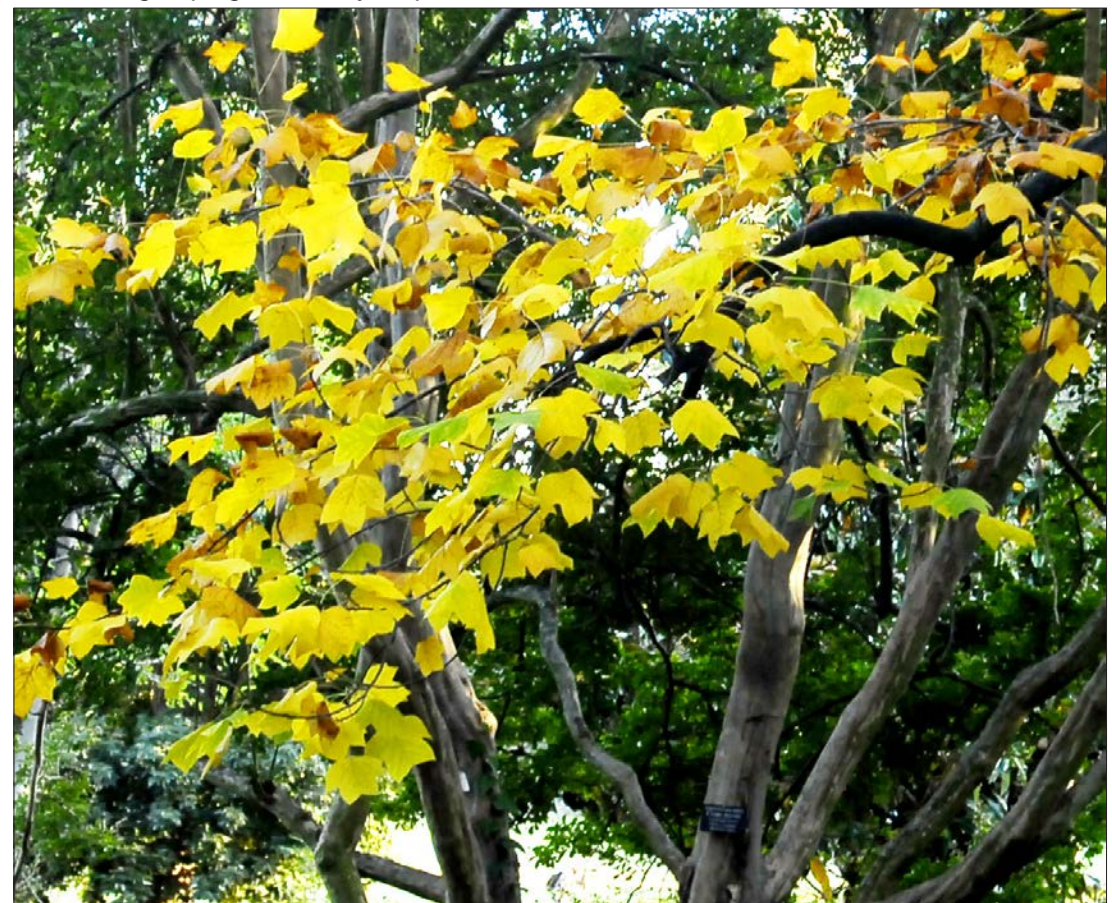
McDonough agrees that the high point of the season should come in the next week or two, provided our weather doesn't bring more heavy rain or high winds that could strip the colorful trees quickly. If you happen to miss one of the tree's on-limb displays due to weather, take the time to let the kiddies and the kids at heart shuffle through the brilliant carpet of leaves that fell under the host tree!

Every year, weather and temperatures factor into when the highlight will occur. Apparently, according to McDonough, last year's displays at the park were extraordinary, partly due to an exceptional weather pattern. Usually, he explained, LA's fall weather spikes back and forth from 100 degrees to sixty in the fall. Last year, however, we benefitted from a steady

decrease of temperatures, which promoted of the pink "Let's Move at the Arboretum"



Fall color grouping of Norway Maples at the Arboretum



Fall colors of the Tulipa at the Arboretum

better color display.

This year, he said, we didn't have a hot summer so the display has been delayed, and we're not sure whether all the plants will color up as expected, according to McDonough.

So if you're looking for something out of the ordinary and memorable to do with houseguests, or to walk off that Thanksgiving pecan pie and extra serving of Grandma Ruth's stuffing, consider a Fall colors walk at The Arboretum soon! If you prefer to hoof it a little faster, and perhaps burn a few more calories during your Fall color expedition, pick up one

maps for the "Extreme Arboretum hike of two miles and 72 steps to climb. Pass the pumpkin pie!"

The Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden is located at 301 North Baldwin Avenue in Arcadia. Open daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except Christmas Day. General admission is \$8; seniors and full-time students \$6 and \$3 for children 5-12. Arboretum memberships offer unlimited visits and enjoyment for a year, and make great and very easy holiday gifts. For more information, visit www.Arboretum.org.



Tips of the Trade:
Real Estate Revealed
by Luther Tsinoglou

BENEFITS ON BOTH SIDES

There are new rules regarding short sales meant to improve the experience for both sellers and buyers, but the legalities and legwork can overwhelm even the most savvy. Of course, that's where the real estate agent shines, handling the paperwork and the phone calls, leaving you to focus on your move.

Keep in mind that if you're expecting to buy a home on short sale, you can get a great deal, but don't expect miracles from a bank that has agreed to accept a price lower than what the sellers owe on their mortgage. These short sales often generate multiple offers, and if a home has been approved to sell for \$200,000, don't expect to waltz in and offer \$125,000.

The real advantage of a short sale deal is that the home will likely be in much better physical condition than its foreclosure counterpart. Often, a foreclosed home will have been abandoned for months, and perhaps trashed before being vacated. A short sale property in better condition is in and of itself a benefit with real value that offsets any lower price you could offer on a foreclosure.

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By Harvey Hyde

FRIDAY NIGHTS ARE FOR HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

As I was watching the USC-Colorado football game last Friday night, I thought to myself, "Usually, I'm going to a high school game or even watching more than one game on TV. This doesn't seem right. This night should be for high school football, not college."



My feeling is that college football is hurting high school programs by playing on Friday nights. High school football feeds athletes to college and these high school athletes deserve our Friday attention. It's unnecessary competition. It's like biting the hand that feeds you

Back when I was coaching high school football and for years after that, the high school game was the main event on Fridays. We didn't have college football going up against high school football. Friday night was always a sacred night for high school games. Parents and fans; grandparents and girlfriends did not have to decide between going to a high school game or staying home to watch a college game (alma mater or not) on television.

That changed in 2004. That's when ESPN2, and sometimes ESPN, began televising college games on Friday nights – and impacting the schedule. Of course, it's easy to blame television for this situation, but how about college administrators and conference executives who put such importance on the dollar and sign the contracts that permit Friday night games? Where is that "academic emphasis" for our student athletes?

High school football already has enough trouble staying afloat. To support high school football, students, athletes, band members and cheerleaders have to wash cars, sell donuts or raffle tickets for uniforms, supplies and travel and do whatever else they can to support their school's football team.

High school football is important for schools and communities, not only for those who participate. Most of these athletes will not get the opportunity to play college ball on Saturdays or pro-ball on Sundays. This is their time to shine and experience defeat or victory with the sound of a cheering crowd.

As some say, amateur athletics have turned into a money-making business. Let the high school kids have their night and at the same time don't require college kids to miss more classes because of another weekday spent on the road.

Friday nights should be blacked out for college football. That way we don't have to make a decision. We just go out to an early dinner and then to the high school game, enjoy the plays and the cheers with families and fans who are there supporting their teams -- live and in person.

EXPANDING HORIZONS FOR BLINDED VETERANS

(NAPSI)—Taking advantage of programs designed for blinded veterans was a life-changing experience for Jeff Henson.

Henson was a recent trainee at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Southeastern Blind Rehabilitation Center (BRC) in Birmingham when he mentioned to social worker Sonya Graham that he wanted to attend the upcoming Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic in Snowmass Village, Colorado. Graham didn't waste a moment in trying to help Henson.

"Sonya made dozens of calls to help me get information and funding," said Henson. "I also received a lot of help and encouragement from my instructors."

It was a turning point for Henson. "After participating in my first sporting event, I was hooked," he said. "I felt in my heart that I could compete with anyone on any level."

Such confidence and motivation were quite a reversal.

"I had been active in athletic activities all of my life," he said, "but I stopped doing things after I lost my vision because I did not know there

were adaptive sports programs out there."

Participation gave him the confidence to compete once again at age 50 against sighted athletes in nonadaptive events.

Since the Winter Sports Clinic, his activities included the Georgia Golden Olympics, which led him to the

The VA residential BRC programs that restored Henson's self-confidence were the result of the advocacy efforts of the Blinded Veterans Association, or BVA, of which Henson is a member.

Since 1945, BVA has been the impetus behind congressional funding and VA implementation of rehabilitation programs to help blinded veterans and their families adjust to the challenges of blindness.

"Most blinded veterans know very little about what's available to them in adaptive sports and in so many other areas—things that can literally change a life and bring hope to a person with vision loss," said Henson.

Chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1958, BVA links veterans with the services they've earned. Membership is open to all legally blinded veterans who have served in the U.S. military. Membership is not required for veterans to receive assistance, which is free of charge. For more information, call BVA at (800) 669-7079 or visit www.bva.org.

National Golden Olympics in San Francisco. He competed there in two events against sighted athletes. He also rode a tandem bicycle from Miami to Key West.

Upcoming plans include a tandem ride from the White House to Gettysburg and the Normandy Challenge, a 10-day trip to France for a ride through World War II D-Day battlefields.



Jeff Henson, right, riding in tandem with Army veteran and friend Shawn Howard. Henson lost his sight but regained self-confidence through VA blind rehab programs advocated by BVA.



THE PROPER GOLF GRIP - CHECK YOUR KNUCKLES

In order to hit the golf ball further and more consistent, after you grip the club-check your knuckles EVERY TIME. I have a question for you that you have to answer in two seconds. Is gripping the golf club an art or a science? Think about it for 10 seconds if you want to. Do you know why I am giving you 10 seconds to think about it? Ten seconds is longer than you take to think about gripping the club when you're on the golf course.

When most amateur golfers struggle with their golf game it can be traced right back to the grip the golf club. What I have heard for the past 35 years is "I am really struggling with my swing" -DON'T TOUCH MY GRIP. "I keep coming over the top" -DON'T TOUCH MY GRIP. "I can't stop hooking the ball" -DON'T TOUCH MY GRIP.

Here is the problem. Changing your grip can be a nightmare. I don't care if you have played for six months or 30 years, for you to make a grip change, it can be a long and painful process. I started playing golf when I was 2 years old, by the time I was 13 I was bigger and stronger and I had a very strong grip. I hooked the ball way too much. My mom told me it was time to weaken it, it was the longest year of my life.

I am going to let you in on two little secrets that nobody talks about. If you slice the golf or if you hit weak fades to the right, changing your grip will be the most exciting and rewarding thing you will do for your golf game. You will fall in love with me in five minutes. (OK, maybe a little overboard-can you tell I am excited)? On the other hand. If you hook the ball you will want to wrap that driver around my neck for about three months AND then you will also fall in love with me.

That is secret number one. Now for secret number two. Whether you are a slicer or hooker of the golf ball, changing your grip

can be very uncomfortable. I have a saying that I have used with my students for 20 years. As soon as they change their grip and make solid contact they always say to me "it doesn't feel good". And I always say to them "you have a choice, you can either hit it poorly and feel good or hit it great and feel poorly".

Let me tell you why the knuckles are so important. Let's talk about slicing first. After you grip the golf club and address the golf ball, when you look down at your left hand, you probably don't see any knuckles. Of the left hand. You see the top of the left thumb. The problem is the clubface will not close in time for you to hit a draw. This next part is really important. Before you start your backswing, simple turn BOTH hands to the right the same amount. Do it in baby steps. Turn the hands on the club so you can see one knuckle, and hit some balls from this position. If you get rid of your slice then stop. You have hit gold, that is the correct grip for you. This is a very powerful change, that is why you will love it.

On to the golfers that hook the ball. After you grip the club and address the golf ball you will look down and see three or four knuckles of the left hand. The clubhead will close way too fast in the downswing from with this grip. You have to move BOTH of your hands to the left the same amount. Do it in baby steps, one knuckle at a time. The reason this is more painful than the grip change above is because you are going from a stronger position to a weaker position. You will not feel the love for some time. I know you can do this, I did.

In closing after you grip the club-check your knuckles EVERY TIME and you will begin to see the ball start flying straighter and further.

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