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### SIERRA MADRE CHAMBER KICKS OFF HOLIDAY SHOPPING WITH DICKENS VILLAGE FESTIVITIES AS AMERICANS ACROSS THE COUNTRY TAKE PART IN SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

On Saturday, November 26th, Sierra Madre, which epitomizes the concept, will host Dickens Village as its formal kick-off of the holiday shopping season. Small Business Saturday is a day dedicated to supporting small businesses on one of the busiest shopping weekends of the year.

From 3 to 8pm Saturday, the downtown area will host special festivities designed to bring shoppers to the popular shops in the Foothill Village. Beginning at 3pm, there will be an opportunity for kids to snow sled and ride a choo choo train. Local artists will have their work on display and for sale in the "Art Alley" located at Renaissance Plaza. Local non-profit organizations and other vendors will have booths set up in the street at Kersting Court. Beginning at 4pm, horse and buggy rides will be available in a loop around a four -square block area downtown.

Alumni from the Citrus Singers

choral group will be caroling at various locations downtown throughout the day. There will be a silent auction of living mini-Christmas trees decorated by local school children. Later in the day, shortly after dusk, the official tree-lighting will take place, also at Kersting Court. Santa, accompanied by the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association princesses from the 2012 Rose Float, will be available to listen to the wishes of youngsters, from 6 to 8pm.

Another highlight to the event will be the debut of the newly restored Nativity figures in the crèche. Weather damaged figures have been undergoing sanding, molding and painting since August, thanks to local artist volunteers from the Sierra Madre Friends of the Arts. Local churches have pitched in as sponsors of the project.

For more information about Dickens Village, visit the website at [www.SMDickensVillage.info](http://www.SMDickensVillage.info).

### OCCUPIED SIERRA MADRE

**Local Clergy Gather at Sierra Madre Woman's Club Annual Prayer Breakfast** Photo and caption by Susan Henderson



From left to right: Rev. George Crisp, Sierra Madre United Methodist Church; Judge Dorothy Nelson, Baha'i Faith; Deacon John Hall, St. Rita's Catholic Church; Reverend Patrick Brennan, Mater Dolorosa Passionist Community; Very Reverend Michael Bamberger, Episcopal Church of The Ascension; and Rabbi Alan Lachman, of Temple Beth David, all spoke to attendees of the Prayer Breakfast.

### Dickens Village

### Saturday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>

### 3pm to 8pm

#### Support Sierra Madre Merchants

#### Shop Downtown!

- Holiday Gift Vendors
- Santa Claus 6 – 8pm
- Citrus Singers Alumni Carolers
- Snow Sledding
- Horse and Carriage Rides
- Choo Choo Train Ride



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Dickens Village is presented annually by the  
Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce

Among those in attendance were Sierra Madre Police Captain Larry Giannoni, Civic Leader Jan Reed and Former Mayor Joe Mosca.

The delicious breakfast put wide smiles on all those in attendance.

On Wednesday, the Sierra Madre Woman's Club held its annual Community Prayer Breakfast at the Historic Essick House in Sierra Madre. The event featured members of the local clergy

to speak to the diverse crowd of residents, civic leaders and friends. Breakfast included the well known 'Women's Club Quiche' and was prepared by volunteers. Each of the speakers,

who represented a wide range of spiritual and religious beliefs, all spoke of the many things we have to be thankful for and of our responsibilities to our communities.

### GENERAL PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2011

The General Plan Steering Committee (GPSC) will hold a special meeting this Sunday, November 20, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. At this special meeting, the GPSC will review their "first-pass" changes to the 1996 General Plan, discuss the format of the General Plan Update document, and review revisions to the technical background report. The meeting is open to the public and any public input is welcome.

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### A Letter To The Community:

Sierra Madre is a wonderful place to live and raise children, and the people here deserve a safe and healthy environment. I'm writing to raise awareness of a newly formed group called C.A.R.E. (Clean Air Residential Environments) Coalition of Sierra Madre that is working to reduce exposure to secondhand smoke (SHS) in multi-unit housing. My wife and myself are apartment dwelling residents of Sierra Madre and have firsthand experience with secondhand smoke from other apartments finding it's way into our living space. We also know that when our apartment complex was acquired by new ownership and smoking controls where established the problem ceased. However, many in Sierra Madre are not afforded the right to live free of dangerous SHS in their own apartment.

Secondhand smoke doesn't respect the confines of a home; it drifts, it permeates, it prevents people within its reach from having a smoke-free environment. SHS carries toxins and carcinogens; it delivers them to our lungs and bodies. Residents in multi-unit housing should have the means by which to prevent others from making unwanted personal health decisions for them by exposing them to these carcinogens in their own home. Everyone who lives in multi-unit housing deserves the right to keep their living environment free of toxic SHS; this includes pets, children and those living with asthma and other health issues.

According to data from the Centers for Disease Control, secondhand smoke is the 4<sup>th</sup> leading cause of preventable death in the United States and kills roughly 65,000 Americans every

year. The 2006 U.S. Surgeon General's Report states that secondhand smoke is toxic and poisonous and scientific evidence indicates that there is no risk-free level of exposure. Breathing even a little SHS can be harmful to your health. According to the National Cancer Institute there are at least 250 chemicals in SHS known to be harmful. At least 69 of the toxic chemicals in secondhand tobacco smoke cause cancer.

Many residents of Sierra Madre are health minded and supportive of a smoke-free housing policy in the city. Public opinion surveys conducted among 500 Sierra Madre residents between July 2010 and February 2011 showed 92.6% of respondents believe that secondhand smoke is harmful to people's health. Over 90% of respondents would prefer to live in a non-smoking section of a building. Over 80% would be in favor

of a law prohibiting smoking in indoor common areas of residential buildings and 80.7% would be in favor of a law prohibiting smoking in some units of residential buildings.

The C.A.R.E. Coalition of Sierra Madre urges the city to protect its residents in multi-unit housing from exposure to second-hand smoke. Numerous cities in the area such as Glendale, South Pasadena, Calabasas, and Pasadena have passed smoke-free multi-unit housing ordinances in recent years. C.A.R.E. Sierra Madre is working to protect residents from the dangers of secondhand smoke in multi-unit housing and encourages the involvement and support of our community. For more information about upcoming meetings of C.A.R.E. Sierra Madre, feel free to contact us at [caresierramadre@gmail.com](mailto:caresierramadre@gmail.com)

Seth Hansen, Sierra Madre resident

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## 5-Day Forecast

Sierra Madre, Ca.

<b>Mon:</b>	Sunny	Hi 60s	Lows 40s
<b>Tues:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
<b>Wed:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
<b>Thur:</b>	Showers	Hi 60s	Lows 50s
<b>Fri:</b>	Ptly Cldy	Hi 60s	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

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 Committee

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

## 1630 AM

## Free on-air publicity for local events

Sierra Madre's new community radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

Any local non-profit or non-commercial organization can have their event information broadcast to the public on *Sierra Madre Community Information Radio*. This new radio station covers the city of Sierra Madre, plus surrounding areas of Pasadena, Arcadia, and Monrovia.

In a nutshell, your event must:

- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
- Be open to the public
- Be of general interest to local citizens

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to [radio@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:radio@cityofsierramadre.com).

Sierra Madre's  
Farmer's Market Is Back!

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



**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](mailto:RudyHayek@gmail.com).

**[www.SierraMadreRotary.com](http://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.

If you would like to meet unlesg call Pat Birdsall at 355-7290 to reserve your space. We look forward to seeing you there.



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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](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com) look for commission/committee applications. For more information please call (626) 355-5278.

ASCENSION  
INVITES THE  
VILLAGE  
TO GIVE  
THANKS

Soon, the American tradition known as Thanksgiving will be upon us. As we gather together with great enthusiasm for amazing food and fellowship let us remember to be grateful for all the blessings in our lives.

Sierra Madre's Village Church (Ascension) invites the community for celebration of the liturgy of Thanksgiving and worship during the Thanksgiving Mass on November 24th at 9:00 a.m. at Church of the Ascension, 25 East Laurel Avenue in Sierra Madre.

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

ALTERNATIVE  
GIFT FAIR

Sierra Madre United Methodist Church is holding an Alternative Christmas Gift Fair on Sunday, December 4, 2011 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm following the 9:30 am worship service.

Celebrate the spirit of the holiday season by giving a gift that truly "gives back." Your donations help support the relief efforts of local organizations such as San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity, Friends in Deed, Foothill Unity Center, Family Promise, and global efforts such as Heifer International and Imagine No Malaria. Fair Trade items from Equal Exchange, SERRV, and the Ten Thousand Villages store in Pasadena will be available for purchase.

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## Pet Of The Week

Galahad: Animal ID #A4356704

Meet an outstanding young lad, Galahad (A4356704). Galahad is an amazing five-month-old red neutered male Chihuahua mix puppy who was found in La Puente on October 24th and brought to the Baldwin Park shelter. Weighing eight pounds, and likely to weigh ten pounds when full grown, he hasn't had any training yet. Galahad adores other dogs and we think he will be good with children. This medium-energy pup absolutely loves sitting in your lap and giving kisses and then running off to play with his doggie friends. Galahad will be a perfect indoor pet for an individual or family living in an apartment or condo. To watch a video of Galahad interacting with a volunteer, please visit: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJfOnZgWb3U](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJfOnZgWb3U)

To meet Galahad in person, please see him at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378). He is currently available now. For any inquiries about Galahad, please reference his animal ID number: A4356704. 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 Galahad or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at [samanthasayon@gmail.com](mailto:samanthasayon@gmail.com) or 661-309-2674. To learn more about United Hope for Animals' partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter through its Shelter Support Program, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.

## Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, November 6th, to Saturday November 12th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 282 calls for service. See [crimereports.com](http://crimereports.com) for updated information.

### Sunday, November 6th:

7:50 pm- Auto Burglary, 600 blk. E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Unknown suspect(s) entered a parked car on Saturday November 5th, between 10:30 AM and 12:30 PM and removed the victim's Chase debit card from the car. The card has been used in three different transactions. Total loss \$685.00.

### Tuesday, November 8th:

5:41 PM- Petty Theft, 100 blk. Kersting Ct. An unknown suspect entered a shop at Kersting Ct. and stole an iPhone 4 that was left unattended by an employee.

### Wednesday, November 9th:

1:04 PM- Grand Theft Exceeding \$950, 500 blk. Woodland Dr. This case involves an advertising company that misrepresented advertising information that the victim purchased. Total loss \$1330.00.

### Thursday, November 10th:

6:45 PM- Alter/Forge/Falsify Certification of Ownership, 400 blk. Highland Ave. This case involves a call of a 50-year old Arcadia motorist disturbing the peace. Further investigation revealed that the driver had a suspended driver's license, a \$2,500 warrant and false registration tabs.

### Saturday, November 12th:

12:04 AM- DUI Alcohol/Drugs, Baldwin Ave and Foothill Blvd. An officer stopped a 70-year old Pasadena motorist for a Vehicle Code violation and determined that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested and taken to the Pasadena Police Department for booking.

8:15 PM- Suspicious Circumstances, 700 blk. W. Sierra Madre Blvd. This case involves two suspicious men caught on video from the victim's surveillance camera. Both men appeared to look inside the gate and attempted to open the gate.

9:51 PM- DUI Alcohol/Drugs, Colorado Blvd and Michillinda Ave. An officer stopped a 42-year old Walnut motorist for a Vehicle Code violation and determined that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested and taken to the Pasadena Police Department for booking.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY KICK OFF THE HOLIDAYS Great Gifts Available

With the holidays fast approaching, the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library are offering several opportunities for you to purchase the best holiday gift of all books. On Wednesday, November 30, from 5:00-8:00PM a Friends' members only book sale will be held in the basement of the Sierra Madre Library. This event features holiday books, newer fiction and non-fiction, lots of coffee table books, cookbooks, collectibles, DVDs, and audio books as well as books for children and teens so you're sure to be able to find something for everyone on your list. Not a member of the Friends? There

will be an opportunity for you to join that night.

The following weekend, the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library's Best Used Book Sale is being held on Friday, December 2, from 3:00-7:00PM and Saturday, December 3, from 10:00AM-2:00PM in the library basement and on the back parking lot. Open to the public, this sale features classic literature in a set of the International Collector's Library and some unusual coffee table books, including cooking and contemporary culture. These items and many other adult fiction and non-fiction books, children's books, audio books, CDs, and DVDs will be available to purchase for your reading and listening pleasure. Tables outside the library will feature hardback and trade fiction

and non-fiction for \$1.00 each and paperbacks for twenty-five cents each (or five for \$1.00). All children's books outside are now only 25 cents.

These sales offer high quality, slightly used books that are culled from our library shelves or donated, books that you'll be proud to place in your own library or to give to friends and family. So come early and come often to see what treasures you can find. Proceeds from the Members Only and Best Used Book Sales will be donated to the Sierra Made Public Library to support program and equipment needs. The library is located at 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in the city of Sierra Madre and there is parking on the street and behind the library.

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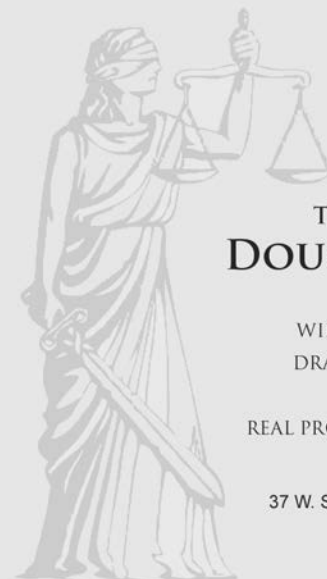


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POLICE  
DETONATE 3  
PIPE BOMBS



Police said Wednesday that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Bomb Squad detonated three items that resembled homemade explosive devices, possibly pipe bombs, after conducting a follow-up investigation from the previous night.

Investigators were searching an apartment in the 200 block of S. Oak Knoll Avenue around 7:30 a.m. when they discovered the bombs they said. Officers immediately secured and evacuated the building and two adjacent apartment buildings. Approximately 10 residents were evacuated from their apartment.

Police said the Bomb Squad removed and detonated the items, by using their remote safety robot. The bomb technicians believed the three items were pipe bombs, however will conduct a further analysis on the materials that were collected at the scene.

One person, Eginton, Beau, 29, was taken into custody for possession of an explosive device.

According to officers they had responded earlier to the Oak Knoll location and arrested Clint Brian Macias, 30, who had fled from the area of Lake and Walnut, when officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop. The officers pursued the suspect to Cordova and El Molino, where the driver abandoned the vehicle and fled on foot into the yards. Officers set up a containment and after searching the area, located the suspect in the apartment of an acquaintance. Macias was taken into custody for evading and possession of methamphetamine. Police said Macias is a parolee.

Detectives are still conducting their investigation. Anyone with further information is asked to call police at (626) 744-4620.

Pet of  
the Week



Julian is a seven-month-old black domestic short hair kitten. He had a prior leg injury, but has made a great recovery during his stay at PHS. He loves to purr while lounging in your lap.

Julian's adoption fee is \$70. His fee includes spay/neuter surgery, a microchip, the first set of vaccinations, as well as a free follow-up health check at a participating vet.

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A293099, or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday -Friday, 9-4 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets can be found at [www.pasadenahumane.org](http://www.pasadenahumane.org).



MIXING  
MESSAGES

*Occupy supporters rally at local fire station in support of earthquake retrofits.*

Local protesters on Thursday held signs with messages opposing corporate greed as part of a national "Occupy, Day of Action," choosing the city's fire station 33 as a focal point saying public tax money should go to community needs and not banks.

"We're out here for several of reasons," said Patrick Briggs, who organized the event with his wife. "One, is to show solidarity for the 'occupy' movement and the second, is because we want to show support for the fire department here in Pasadena for its infrastructure needs."

Briggs added, "We need to spend some money to upgrade and earthquake retrograde seven out of the eight stations in the city."

California Library Association  
Names Senator Carol Liu  
'Legislator of the Year'



The California Library Association, the association representing the public, academic, and specialty libraries in the state, has awarded Senator Carol Liu (D-Pasadena) its "2011 Legislator of the Year Award." The award was presented to Liu last Friday by Pasadena Public Library Director, Jan Sanders, at the CLA Annual Conference at the Pasadena Convention Center.

"Senator Liu is being recognized for her unwavering leadership in helping to preserve vulnerable public library funding in this year's state budget. As the Chairwoman of the Senate Budget Subcommittee on Education Finance, and as a member of the Senate Budget Committee, she fully understood the 'real world' impacts of the devastating cuts that were being proposed for three major library programs," said Ms. Sanders.

The Governor's January Budget proposed total elimination of \$30.5 million in state funding

Demonstrators said firefighters fit into the occupy movement because tax money does not come in enough from the wealthy. They said firefighters (and police) are part of the 99 percent.

"That's part of the message of occupy, is that, the one percent need to pay their fair share," Briggs said as the crowd of about 50 people chanted the exact words behind him.

Briggs said they planned the event on the two month anniversary of "Occupy Wall Street," an ongoing series of demonstrations that begin Sept. 17, in New York City's Zuccotti Park in the Wall Street financial district.

"We also did it because we're anticipating that the Democratic and Republican congress members in the supper committee are going to make a ruling at some point about [\$1.4 Trillion] cuts. We are trying to focus on [for the wealthy] raising taxes."

Briggs said the firefighters gave them an area to use in front of the station away from the exits as a safety precaution, "and we have been pretty clear about

for libraries, which would have had the consequence of eliminating the California Library Services Act (a seamless, cooperative statewide loaning and lending program between library branches), the California Library Literacy Service program (affecting 20,000 adult literacy learners who learn how to read with tutors at library branches), and the Public Library Foundation (which provides funding for the purchases of books, materials, bookmobiles, etc.). Ultimately, the 2011-12 Budget that was signed by the Governor reflected a fifty percent cut to the public library funding, instead of complete elimination.

CLA President Paymaneh Maghsoudi said, "The legislature and the Governor are to be commended for saving the library programs from total destruction. Protecting 50 percent of the funding this year in the budget was a huge moral victory for CLA. Senator Liu is to be particularly applauded for her willingness to take a broader look at these library programs, to recognize their importance to communities where not everyone has a computer at home or the ability to buy expensive books from a bookseller. She continued this leadership by convening a working group of library leaders, who have been charged with the development of a plan for the sustainable funding of public libraries going forward."

The "Legislator of the Year" is a prestigious honor within CLA and was last given in 2003 to Senator Joe Simitian.

Gallery Presents 'The Shape of the Universe'

The Pasadena City College Art Gallery will host the exhibit, "The Shape of the Universe" beginning Nov. 30. The exhibit is a collection of deep space photography, curated by artist David Em. It features recent images captured by NASA's Hubble, Spitzer, and Chandra space telescopes, as well as several ground-based telescopes.

"The Shape of the Universe" presents the high-resolution prints for consideration as both objects of fine art and as documents of new discoveries in cosmology. This includes insights into the age and size of the

universe, and the surprising revelation that the expansion of the universe is speeding up rather than slowing down. Colliding galaxies, stars and planets, and close-up views of our own Milky Way are all pictured. Perhaps most intriguing of all is the photographs' contribution to the discovery of Dark Energy, an invisible force that makes up two-thirds of the universe.

Em began making digital art in the 1970s, before the emergence of personal computers. He worked as an independent artist in several research laboratories until 1994, when he set up his

that."

On Tuesday demonstrators clashed with New York police as officers in riot gear evicted the Occupy movement from Zuccotti Park. Thousands of people took to the streets, across the country, Thursday to show support for the movement demonstrators said.

"What they did in Zuccotti Park, where they broke that up and said no more tents and sleeping bags creates another opportunity for the occupy movement to sort of reset and maybe find a new way of getting their message out," Briggs said.

Castle Green  
Christmas Tour  
Canceled

Organizers of the annual Castle Green Christmas Tour announced this week that the event has been canceled.

"Due to circumstances beyond the control of The Friends of the Castle Green, sadly and with much regret, we have been forced to cancel the annual Christmas Tour of the Castle Green which was scheduled for Sunday, December 4th from 1pm-6pm. Thoughtful consideration has been given to the handling visitors who might miss the notice. We plan to be back for the annual Spring Tour and Christmas Tour in 2012. Thank you."

Officials Warn  
of Phony Fire  
Inspectors

Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley warned today that scam artists claiming to be fire inspectors are targeting businesses in Los Angeles County and throughout the state.

The District Attorney, in a Consumer Alert, advised businesses and their employees to be on the lookout for the phony inspectors who claim to be inspecting fire extinguishers, smoke alarms or sprinkle systems.

Cooley said the "inspectors" trick employees into signing documents that are used to bill the business owner. The District Attorney noted that local fire departments conduct such inspections. They do not charge fees.

Those who suspect suspicious activity were urged to contact local law enforcement or fire departments, or the Los Angeles County Fire Department's Public Affairs Section at (323) 881-2411.

The latest Consumer Alert is available on the Los Angeles District Attorney's website.

own electronic studio in Los Angeles.

Em's art has been displayed internationally and featured in many publications. He is the first digital artist to have his working papers acquired by the Smithsonian Institution's Archives of American Art.

"The Shape of the Universe" will run from Nov. 30 to Feb. 9. There will be a reception Nov. 30 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the PCC Art Gallery.

For more information, go to [www.pasadena.edu/artgallery](http://www.pasadena.edu/artgallery) or call (626) 585-7238.

POLICE ADDING THERMAL  
CAMERA TO HELICOPTER FLEET

The city council unanimously approved Monday night allocating \$650,000 in Homeland Security Grant Funds to purchase a thermal imaging camera and other related equipment for its police helicopter fleet.

According to city staff the new equipment, which also includes video downlink technology, interoperable radio systems, quiet technology tail rotor blades, and main rotor blades for a regional helicopter will allow officers to better locate someone who may be evading police. They also said the technology can be used to fight against drug trafficking.

Pasadena police currently have two other helicopters with the

same technology.

The thermal imaging camera alone will cost \$235,000.

The camera will be purchased from FLIR Systems, a civilian contractor with a current contract with the City of El Monte. Downlink equipment will be contracted though Broadcast Microwave Services.

The City will be required to spend funds upfront and submit reimbursement no later than January 31.

Three helicopters Glendale/Burbank are also equipped with similar equipment.

As part of the Homeland Security-funded project, Pasadena as well as other agency's must share the equipped helicopters.



Pasadena Police Helicopter

COMMUNITY INVITED TO  
HERITAGE SQUARE MEETING



On Nov. 8 the Pasadena City Council gave the go-ahead for BRIDGE Housing Corporation to develop and lease the planned Heritage Square affordable senior housing project at 750-790 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

The community is invited to help move the project forward by attending a meeting Saturday, Nov. 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the auditorium at Jackie Robinson Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

The developer needs community input on how best to achieve the local benefit requirements that call for 20 percent local hiring, 20 percent local subcontracting and 20 percent local purchasing of materials.

For more information contact Jim Wong in the Pasadena Housing Department at [jwong@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:jwong@cityofpasadena.net) or (626) 744-8316.

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

For more info call 626.794.8585 or visit [pasadenan.com](http://pasadenan.com).

FIRE DEPARTMENT ENCOURAGES  
DONATIONS TO TOY DRIVE

To help bring smiles to thousands of children who otherwise would find no presents on Christmas morning, the Pasadena Fire Department, ABC7 and Southland Firefighters are partnering for their 19th year on the Spark of Love Toy Drive.

New, unwrapped toys, sports equipment and gift cards for infants, children and teenagers may be dropped off at the following Pasadena fire stations through Dec. 24:

Station 31, 135 S. Fair Oaks Ave  
Station 32, 2424 E. Villa St.  
Station 33, 515 N. Lake Ave  
Station 34, 1360 E. Del Mar Blvd.  
Station 36, 1140 N. Fair Oaks Ave.  
Station 37, 3430 E. Foothill Blvd.  
Station 38, 1150 Linda Vista Ave.  
Fire Department

administrative offices, 199 S. Los Robles Ave., Suite 550

Community partners with Spark of Love Toy Drive boxes in Pasadena can accept donations as well, including Paseo Colorado, Western Asset, Plaza Las Fuentes, Pasadena Federal Credit Union, Gold's Gym, Honda of Pasadena, Victory Park Pasadena, First Tee Pasadena (Brookside Golf Course), Pasadena Central Library, Bob's Big Boy and Pasadena Water and Power.

The program is also supported by Ruth Management, Operating Engineers, Frostig Center, Bolton and Company, Pro Bit Bank, Optical Research, Rotary Club and Chancellor Place.

For more information contact A.C. Brown, administrative captain and community liaison for the Pasadena Fire Department, at (626) 744-7201.



### “What’s Going On?”

News and Views from Joan Schmidt



Thorsen Park, Duarte, was the site of a special Honoring Those Who Serve ceremony and festivities, Thursday, November 10, for our Veterans. This event was well attended. Dignitaries included Congress Member Judy Chu, Senator Ed Hernandez, Assemblyman Anthony Portantino, and Brian Mejia, representing Supervisor Mike Antonovich. From the city of Duarte were Mayor Tzeitel Paras Caracci, Mayor Pro Tem Lois Gaston, Council Members Margaret Finlay, John Fasana and School Board Member Reyna Diaz. Mayor Caracci welcomed everyone and said how much our Veterans have done to protect our country and continue to do so. The Invocation was by Carlie Medina, a Native American Korean War Vet who read a special Native American prayer. Duarte Veterans posted colors followed by a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem by Melinda Smith. Earlie Sweeney from Monrovia Post 44 lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

The keynote speaker was Richard Hettish, a retired US Navy Chaplain from World War II, and what an interesting life he has lived! He told of his background-not only had his father served in the military, but his older brother flew B-24s during World War II. From an early age, Richard had a calling to serve God, but he also wanted to serve our country as a Chaplain. He was ordained and was an associate Pastor in Ohio, because he first wanted experience working as a religious with people before entering the military. After four years as an Associate, there was a need for the Pastor, so Richard stepped up. He still had the wish to be a Navy Chaplain, but the cut-off age had been 32! Then it was raised to 36. Richard attended Navy Chaplain School. After all, there was a “new language” to be learned-an array of ship terms for the various locations on a ship-such as a passageway-not a hallway, Richard spoke of hardships being away from the family and dangers not only during war, but even in times of peace protecting various areas. There was time on a carrier in Pearl Harbor and then to Viet Nam. What an awesome career!

After Richard’s most interesting and so informative narrative, Congress Member Judy Chu was introduced. She revealed her father was also a Veteran from World War II. He was proud of our country, being a Veteran and every Veterans Day participated in Veterans Day ceremonies. Judy felt honored to be part of this special celebration and presented a Proclamation to Mayor Paras Caracci for the City of Duarte and this great program honoring Veterans.

Assemblyman Portantino’s father was from Brooklyn, but came to Santa Anita Park, Arcadia to train and also participated in World War II. Anthony read the long list of Duarteans who gave their lives for our country. Among those was Francisco Martinez Flores, son of Martha and Samuel. Martha was in attendance. Francisco was actually the fourth American serviceman to die in Iraq- one of the early tragedies.

Senator Ed Hernandez also expressed gratitude to be included in the special ceremony

### SPECIAL CEREMONIES HONORING OUR VETERANS IN DUARTE AND MONROVIA

that shows love of God and our country, and also had a Certificate to present as well as Brian Mejia on behalf of Supervisor Antonovich.

Following a beautiful rendition of God Bless America by Melida Smith, which brought tears to her eyes, Mayor Paras-Caracci thanked our Veterans and all for attending this special event.

Friday, November 11, my family and I drove up to Library Park in Monrovia for another special observance honoring our Veterans and dedicating a special Memorial to the Veterans of the Korean War. Over 55,000 men and women gave up their lives in the Korean War and I felt privileged to attend this special ceremony.

Both Monrovia Mayor Mary Ann Lutz and Arcadia Mayor Gary Kovacic were present as well as Monrovia Council Members Tom Adams, Becky Shevlin and City Treasurer Steve Baker. (Everyone’s FAVORITE historian)

Scott Sinclair, President of the Allied Veterans Council welcomed everyone. This was his first official function and he did a fine job, welcoming everyone. Colors were posted by the Color Guard of the Arcadia/Monrovia VFW Post #2070, led by Commander Willie Williams. (They are an awesome group who assisted us greatly in a memorial service for my former spouse. Do not hesitate to call them if you need to.)

The Monrovia High School Band, led by Daniel Magallanes, Band Director played the National Anthem, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Scott Sinclair. Chuck Keen, Service Officer, American Legion Post #44 prayed the Invocation, followed by the introduction of the two fine Mayors.

Mayor Lutz gave a little background, recalling that Veterans Day began as Armistice Day under President Woodrow Wilson. Both she and Mayor Kovacic said how grateful we all are to our Veterans and to the men and women who continue to serve us. I was extremely proud to be sitting next to TWO Korean War Veterans. He told me he served in Guam and that was where this wonderful couple met and served our county!

There was another patriotic selection by MHS band followed by the recognition of ALL Veterans present by Lt. Col. Charles West, Civil Air Patrol Vice-President, Allied Veterans Council. He asked all Army Vets to stand. Everyone clapped. Then he went down the list, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and Merchant Marines. My daughter said she loved that he did that and gave each group a chance to stand up and be recognized. It was very heartwarming.

The Korean Wall Memorial was dedicated, and the Blue Star Families were recognized. (They have a family member serving in the military.) The Memorial Wreath was placed, and another patriotic selection.

Then came the surprise. A VERY SPECIAL SIERRA MADRE resident, Mitsuo Kunikiro came to the podium and showed us his Congressional Gold Medal from his service in World War II! He just received this a few weeks ago. After the Veterans Day Observance concluded with Benediction, Taps and a moment of silence, everyone flocked around Mitsuo. He was so gracious. He posed for photos and told me he had training at Ft. Knox!

I also learned two facts. He received a “Nisei” Veterans Award. In Hawaii, there is actually a special LIVING Nisei Veterans Memorial



Center! It not only honors the Veterans, but has classes and teaches history to all! When I first saw, “Nisei”, I thought it was perhaps a special Combat Group. But “Nisei” means second generation. Mitsuo was one of many American-born children of Japanese parents who had emigrated from Japan and served our country during World War II. (Over 33,000 in the Army alone.) That was no easy task. The US was fighting against Japan, so some of our Japanese servicemen were poorly treated.

I also learned that Mitsuo has lived in Sierra

### PASADENA BUSINESS GIVES FREE CAR AND NEW HOPE TO LOCAL HOMELESS FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

For any family trying to survive the current economy, this may be a challenging holiday season. But for one homeless San Gabriel Valley family, the surprise gift of newly refurbished car will provide more than a way to get around; it will offer a ride to a better future.

In a surprise presentation ceremony, Pasadena-based Holmes Body Shop is giving away a car to a specially chosen homeless family, Monday, November 21, 2011. The festive, uplifting event takes place at 12:00 noon at Holmes Body Shop Headquarters, 1095 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena.

Tom Holmes, owner, said, “Holmes Body Shop is committed to giving back to the community we serve. Repairing and donating this vehicle is just one more way to give back. We are very excited to take part in Recycled Rides, and help a family rebuild their lives”. The family does not know it has been selected. Recycled Rides is a nationwide community-service project in which Holmes Body Shop and other members of the National Auto Body Council (NABC) repair and donate recycled vehicles to families and service organizations in need, in their own communities. Holmes Body Shop and California Casualty Insurance partnered to select a suitable vehicle to be donated to the needy family. Holmes employees donated their time and talents to get the vehicle in gift-giving condition. The vehicle was provided by California Casualty Insurance. All materials were



donated by local parts suppliers Keystone/LKQ and Copart and paint supplier, Akzo Nobel.

The family who will receive the vehicle is a graduate of the Door of Hope program in Pasadena. Door of Hope is a non-profit organization, whose mission is to equip homeless families to rebuild their lives.

The Holmes Body Shop holiday surprise car giveaway, Monday, 11/21, promises to be an emotional, heartwarming event. Above: Tracy and Tom Holmes, owners of Holmes Body Shop with the special gift.

## NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT



### ON PERMACULTURE

by Christopher Nyerges

*NOTE: For my Thanksgiving this year, I’ll be practicing some of the traditional survival crafts of the Native Americans. If*

*you’d like to join, or learn more, go to my Schedule at [www.ChristopherNyerges.com](http://www.ChristopherNyerges.com)]*

Thanksgiving has always been my favorite holiday of the year. Even moreso than Christmas. It is our uniquely American holiday where the family gathers, where we remember our roots, we share a meal, and we give thanks.

But look how quickly such simple and profound holidays get perverted. Today, we hardly know what “giving thanks” even means, and so the act of giving thanks is lost on most of us. Newscasters talk about “turkey day,” as if all there was to the day was eating turkey. Interestingly, most folks would not know whether or not they were eating turkey, or eating crow, and most of the time we’re doing the latter, figuratively speaking. Then, when we have barely taken the time to consider the notion of “giving thanks,” we get up early on the following “black Friday” to rush around with the mobs “looking for a good deal” to help us celebrate the consumer-driven commercial craze into which we’ve morphed “Christmas.”

Wow! How did we get here? What can we do about it? Let’s take a moment to look at the roots of Thanksgiving.

In the history of North America, we are told that the first historic Thanksgiving Day was in October of 1621. After a successful harvest that year at the Plymouth colony, there was about a week of celebrations. The local Indians and the colonists joined together, with the Indians generally showing the colonists (mostly city folks) how to hunt for the meal which consisted of fowl, deer, duck, goose, and fish. Corn bread, wild greens, plums, leeks, and many other vegetables (wild and domestic) were shared in this celebration. Interestingly, there is no evidence that wild turkey or wild cranberries (totally unpalatable without cooking and adding sweeteners) were part of the menu.

In fact, some historians question whether or not there were any religious overtones at all on this “first Thanksgiving,” citing such evidence as the archery and firearms games, and the running and jumping competitions, which they say would never be done at religious ceremonies by the Puritans.

Some say that the “first Thanksgiving” was just another Harvest Festival.

What then is it, if anything, that sets the American (and the Canadian) Thanksgiving celebration apart from any of the other myriad of Harvest Festivals?

The pilgrims experienced a severe drought in the summer of 1623. That season, they

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were totally dependent on wild game and wild plants, and owed their survival largely to the English-speaking Indian Squanto. In their lack, they refocussed upon their real purpose for coming to this new land. They sought to establish a time to give thanks for their spiritual bounty, in spite of the fact that they had no material bounty that year.

A harvest festival implies revelry and fun because of the material bounty; by contrast, a day of thanks is intended to remind us that there is more to life than the physical bodies and material food. The day of thanks is set apart so that we do not lose sight of our spiritual heritage, which is the real bounty.

Both Thanksgiving and the Fourth of July are the times that Americans have traditionally set aside to reflect upon the concepts of “freedom” and “giving thanks.” The purpose of such special times of reflection is to see how well we have done during the past year, and determine what corrections we should make if we find that we are veering away from our chosen path. It should not be a time of merely “having fun.”

As long as we confuse “giving thanks” with “eating a lot of really good food,” the practical effect is that Thanksgiving today is little more than a Harvest Festival. “Giving Thanks” is a particular attitude which accompanies specific actions. Perhaps sharing our bounty with the needy would be a better Thanksgiving activity than eating large volumes of food. More to the point, perhaps we should use Thanksgiving to give thanks where it is due -- to the American Indians who have become the “forgotten minorities.” Rather than “eat a lot,” perhaps we could send blankets, food, or money to any of the American Indian families or nations who today live in Third World conditions.

To me, the essence of Thanksgiving was the coming together of two cultures,

trying to work together under trying circumstances. Yes, they shared a meal. Food sustains us. But it was not about food, per se. They practiced with their bows and guns, a sign of mutual preparedness. And in their own ways, they “prayed to God,” in the ways that were appropriate to each culture.

The notion of a Supreme Intelligence was common to both the Indians and the new settlers to the Northeastern coasts. That this was so is well-documented in William Stolzman’s awesome book, “The Pipe and Christ: A Christian-Sioux Dialogue.” He shows many of the similarities, and differences, between the native religion and the mostly Christian Europeans who began to occupy what became the United States and Canada.

By the way, much has been said about the term “Indian,” supposedly because Columbus thought he was in India, when in fact he never got beyond the Caribbean islands. But not everyone agrees with that linguistic conclusion. For one, India was not called “India” in the late 1400s. Some have suggested that it was the phrase “en Dios” (with God) that Columbus used to describe how the native, who lived simply and were perceived to be “close to God,” was the actual root of the term “Indians.” It is still debated.

Don’t just give lip-service thanks to the Native Americans whose land was taken. Rather, find those organizations that are actually providing real assistance to Native Americans in poverty, since many on reservations are still living in third world condition. (If you have trouble locating such organizations, contact me and I will make some suggestions).

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### Future “Gateway to San Gabriel Valley” Moves Forward

*Final Design Approved for I-210 Gold Line Bridge Featuring Basket Motif Created by Artist Chosen in an International Competition*

MONROVIA – The I-210 Gold Line Bridge, which will one day serve as the “Gateway to the San Gabriel Valley,” moved closer to completion with the approval of its final design by Caltrans and the Construction Authority, the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority announced today. The bridge is the first component of the 11.5-mile Gold Line Foothill Extension light rail project from Pasadena to Azusa to advance from the design phase to the construction phase.

“We started this design process with an exciting artist’s concept paying homage to the region’s historic Native American basket-weaving tradition,” said Habib F. Balian, CEO for the Construction Authority. “That vision has moved from concept to design over the last year, and the bridge’s final design has improved through that process.”

The \$18.6 million bridge, which has been undergoing design and pre-construction since August 2010, is being built by Skanska USA, the design-build contractor. Since the contract was awarded last year, the Construction Authority and Skanska’s primary design subcontractor (AECOM) have been working with Caltrans and Metro to integrate their different design standards into the structural and aesthetics design for the bridge, going through multiple design submittals with increasing level of detail.

The original concept for the bridge design was envisioned by internationally-recognized and award-winning artist Andrew Leicester, selected to be the project’s Design Concept Advisor following a competitive, international search. With two prominent “basket” columns and a curve-shaped underside of the superstructure, Leicester’s design recognizes the region’s original American Indian inhabitants and the important role they played in the development of the San Gabriel Valley. Leicester continued to play an advisory role as the design for the bridge developed and will supervise construction of design elements in the coming months.

“The bridge is the most visible element of the Foothill Extension project, and we wanted to utilize that prominence to create a true gateway to the San Gabriel Valley,” said Doug Tessitor, Construction Authority board chairman and Glendora mayor. “The details on the bridge are representative of the rich and proud heritage of the region and will become an important marker for future generations as they enter the Valley by train or car.”

In addition to the unique design elements, AECOM is integrating Time Domain Reflectometry (TDR) technology that has never been used before in bridge foundations. This technology can help assess any damage following an earthquake. The reinforcing steel cages that strengthen the bridge’s 110-foot deep, 11-foot diameter major foundations include wiring

placed into the structures that will be able to provide electrical feedback when signals are transmitted down the columns to identify any damage. This “smart column” technology will allow engineers to make an initial assessment regarding the integrity of the columns’ structures electronically rather than relying on the traditional method of digging trenches adjacent to areas where engineers suspect damage could be found.

“The engineers had a true challenge in making the design a reality,” said Balian. “Caltrans required a bridge that can withstand a significant earthquake, Metro added that the structure needs to be operational the day after an event, and the Authority wanted to create an attractive gateway to the San Gabriel Valley. Andrew Leicester and the engineering team met all of these challenges to create a bridge design that will become a recognized, iconic feature for the region.”

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## Breakfast with Santa and Holiday Snow Festival! Saturday, December 3rd



Get ready for the holidays and come join us for breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 3rd at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007. Breakfast with Santa is \$8 per person and includes breakfast, photos with Santa and holiday entertainment. There will be two options for breakfast: 8:30-9:30am (#6096) or 10:30-11:30am (#6097). Space is limited. Registration is underway, just go on-line to the City of Arcadia's website: [ci.arcadia.ca.us](http://ci.arcadia.ca.us) to download the registration form or stop by the office, 375 Campus Drive.

The Holiday Snow Festival is free to the public and will also take place at the Arcadia Community

Center on the same day from 9am-2pm. This event will feature holiday entertainment, crafts, trolley train rides, dual sled runs and two snow play areas. Carl's Jr. will be available for purchase from 11:30am-1:30pm. Santa will only be present at the Breakfast with Santa Event. Free parking is available at the Centennial Way Entrance to Santa Anita Race Track. There will be shuttle service to transport participants to and from the Community Center from 8am-2:15pm.

*In the event of rain, the Snow Festival will be held Saturday, December 10th. For more information please call 626.574.5113!*

## Arcadia Police Blotter

*For the period of Sunday, November 6, through Saturday, November 12, the Police Department responded to 954 calls for service of which 121 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.*

### Sunday, November 6:

1. Shortly after 4:00 p.m., an officer responded to the Santa Anita Race Track, 285 West Huntington Drive, regarding a female adult being detained for Battery and Drunk in Public. The officer made contact with the security officers who explained the suspect was unable to care for herself and also spit at an officer's face. Through investigation, the officer determined the 27-year-old was intoxicated, and transported her to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

2. At about 1:17 a.m., officers observed a green Honda Accord speeding on Santa Anita Avenue and conducted an enforcement stop south of Live Oak Avenue. Upon contact, the officer noticed an odor of alcohol emitting from his person. Through investigation, the officer determined the 38-year-old Hispanic male was driving under the influence, and placed him under arrest for DUI.

### Monday, November 7:

3. Around 7:00 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the area of Naomi Avenue and Golden West Avenue in reference to a physical altercation. An investigation revealed a road rage incident resulted in a mutual battery. A 63-year-old Asian male driver became upset after a vehicle cut him off, so he passed the vehicle to make a stop in front of it. He approached the driver, and while the 17-year old Asian male rolled down his window, the man pushed him in his chest and face. The juvenile attempted to exit but the man slammed the door on his leg. Thereafter, the juvenile forced the door open and repeatedly punched the driver. Both parties were not desirous of prosecution.

4. At roughly 7:10 p.m., an officer responded to the 100 block of South Old Ranch Road in reference to a residential burglary. The victim explained she left her house unlocked with her purse sitting either next to the front door or on the dining room table. When the victim returned, she observed the front door open and noticed her purse was missing. The suspect(s) fled undetected.

### Tuesday, November 8:

5. At approximately 1:38 p.m., officers were dispatched to JC Penny, at the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding two suspects running away from security. The suspects concealed merchandise in a large shopping bag and left without making payment. When loss prevention officers confronted the suspects, they ran and dropped the stolen merchandise. Officers detained one suspect in the 500 block of South Baldwin Avenue but were unable to locate the second suspect. The 20-year old Asian male was arrested for Commercial Burglary and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

6. At about 5:00 p.m., officers responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a lost property report. The victim advised she lost her debit card and three checkbooks when she went to Western Union, 745 Naomi Avenue, on November 2nd. After reviewing her checking account, the victim noticed one check had been forged and fraudulently cashed on the same day of her visit. Further investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.

### Wednesday, November 9:

7. Around 5:00 p.m., an officer responded to the Dootson Business Park, 11629 Clark Street, in reference to found property. A transportation maintenance worker found a container with three bags of a green leafy substance while cleaning under an unsecured shipping dock. Through investigation, the officer determined

the substance was marijuana. The container and its contents were transported to the Arcadia Police Department to be destroyed.

8. On November 8th at about 4:00 p.m., a juvenile female was walking home from Dana Middle School, northbound on the east sidewalk of Third Avenue at Leda Lane. The juvenile noticed an older red GMC full-size van traveling southbound on Third Avenue and observed it slow down next to her. The juvenile noticed the driver looking at her with a big smile and quickly walked into the nearest residential driveway. The juvenile called her mother and observed the vehicle proceed southbound on Third Avenue out of sight. The driver is described as a thin Hispanic male, late 50s, with a grey or white mustache.

### Thursday, November 10:

9. Shortly after 10:00 a.m., an officer was traveling southbound on Second Avenue in the area of Live Oak Avenue, and observed a suspicious adult male subject carrying a backpack and a cellular phone. The officer made consensual contact and conducted a search of his person and backpack. The officer located a jar containing ten individually wrapped baggies of marijuana, a digital pocket scale, and cash. The officer noticed the subject's phone kept ringing and he refused to let his phone be checked. The 23-year-old Hispanic was arrested for Possession of Marijuana for Sales and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

10. At about 2:38 p.m., an officer observed a vehicle lane-swerving, nearly hitting the side curb on South Fifth Street at East Camino Real Avenue. The officer conducted a traffic stop and noticed a strong odor of alcohol coming from inside the vehicle. A vehicle search revealed two open bottles and one empty can of alcohol. Through investigation, the officer determined the 22-year-old Hispanic male was driving under the influence with a blood alcohol level greater than 0.08, and arrested him for DUI.

### Friday, November 11:

11. At approximately 10:32 p.m., an officer responded to Macy's at the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. Loss prevention personnel observed a 45-year-old White female conceal merchandise in her purse, and remove the tag from a sweater and put it on. A short time later, the suspect left the store wearing the sweater and did not make payment. While searching the suspect's purse, the officer discovered illegal drugs and paraphernalia. She was charged with Petty Theft, Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

12. At about 4:40 p.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding an identity theft report. The victim received two emails from someone pretending to be his friend, which asked for money to return home from Scotland. The victim wired money twice to the location requested and became suspicious when he received a third email. When the victim spoke with his friend, she knew nothing about the matter. The victim is desirous of prosecution for Theft by False Pretenses.

### Saturday, November 12:

13. Around 4:37 p.m., an officer responded to the 000 block of Fano Street regarding a residential burglary report. Sometime between November 6th and November 12th, unknown suspect(s) gained entry into the residence through the garage and ransacked the bedrooms. Several items were reported stolen.

14. Shortly after 11:45 a.m. officers responded to Yvonne's Hair Studio, 40 N. First Avenue, regarding a restraining order violation. The salon received a threatening phone call from an employee's ex-husband. Through investigation, officers learned the suspect has made repeated threats toward the victim and other salon employees. Further investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.



*Children's Hospital Los Angeles Arcadia Outpatient Center staff marks its one year anniversary in November. Staff members from left include: Andrew Strafford, Zayra Ruiz, Lillian Pleitez, Jennifer Chu, Minfu Liu, Araceli Marrufo, Jienni Manalo and center administrator Kelly Iwanabe.*

## Children's Hospital Los Angeles Arcadia Outpatient Center Treats 3,144 Patients During First Year of Operation

ARCADIA, Calif. (Nov. 18, 2011) – November marks the one year anniversary of the opening of Children's Hospital Los Angeles – Arcadia outpatient center where clinicians have treated 3,144 patients from throughout the San Gabriel Valley and surrounding communities.

The Arcadia outpatient center is the first multispecialty clinic partnership between the hospital and Children's Hospital Los Angeles Medical Group. The center has expanded to offer services in seven different specialties including endocrinology, gastroenterology, ophthalmology, otolaryngology, orthopaedics, pediatric surgery, pulmonary, ancillary services in laboratory and radiology.

"The center's success highlights the teamwork and collaboration among the hospital leadership, physicians and staff," said Richard D. Cordova, FACHE, President and CEO, Children's Hospital Los Angeles. "With the opening of the outpatient center in Arcadia, we have realized our vision of bringing the best pediatric sub-specialty care into the community, improving access and promoting patient convenience. This endeavor could not have been made possible without the commitment of our physicians, administrators and our wonderful team at Arcadia. We are proud of this accomplishment and look forward to further expansion and growth in 2012."

The center provides continuity of care across disciplines by enhancing communication and harnessing a positive working relationship between the patient, family, physician staff and necessary care that extends back to the hospital's main campus. Serving as a "one stop shop," the Arcadia location offers walk-in laboratory services, radiology and clinic visits while utilizing the Children's Hospital Los Angeles information system platforms. The outpatient center provides a personalized patient

experience with the dedicated multilingual staff catering to the needs of each patient from the diverse community. The seamless patient care demonstrates the teamwork between the Arcadia and main clinic staff.

"This is a wonderful facility with easy access for children in the San Gabriel Valley," said neuro-ophthalmologist Mark Borchert, MD, Medical Director of the outpatient center. "Although our practice is very busy, it doesn't feel pressured thanks to the spacious environment and efficient staff. It is easy to make customer service a priority in such a welcoming space. The feedback I've received from our patients and referring pediatricians has been overwhelmingly positive."

Since the center's opening one year ago, the San Gabriel Valley has welcomed Children's Hospital Los Angeles into the community. A group of high school students, known as "Love of Literature" donated a library for Children's Hospital Los Angeles patients to enjoy at Arcadia. The Arcadia Lion's Club hosted a walk-a-thon fundraiser for Arcadia in October. The community continues to reach out to our patients through various community service efforts. In addition, the Arcadia outpatient center has been involved with various events that strengthened our tie with the community. The new Center has also helped promote on-going community outreach efforts on behalf of the hospital to include a successful blood drive with over 50 donors and car seat inspections for the San Gabriel Valley community, offered by the Children's Hospital Los Angeles Trauma Program.

*For more information, visit [www.CHLA.org](http://www.CHLA.org). Follow us on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and LinkedIn, or visit our blog: [www.WeAreChildrens.org](http://www.WeAreChildrens.org).*

## STREET CLOSURES FOR 58TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF BANDS PARADE

The City of Arcadia is hosting the 58th Annual Festival of Bands Parade on Saturday, November 19, 2011. Forty high school bands will compete in this prestigious event. There will be a number of street closures associated with the event that may affect vehicular travel. The parade will take place on Baldwin Avenue and Duarte Road in Arcadia on Saturday, November 19, 2011. Street closures will be as follows:


Baldwin Avenue between Huntington Drive and Naomi Avenue – CLOSED for vehicular traffic from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Duarte Road between Golden West and El

Monte Avenue – CLOSED of vehicular traffic from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Campus Drive between Santa Anita Avenue and Holly Avenue – CLOSED from 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM.


*Residents living south of Huntington Drive, north of Duarte Road, east of Baldwin Ave, and west of Holly Ave are asked to use the intersection of La Cadena and Huntington Drive as the primary entrance and exit from the area. Other residents will be allowed into the surrounding areas with proof of residency.*



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Reyna Diaz, Karen Herrera, Lois Gaston (all members of Duarte Kiwanis Club and members of the Community Mediation Team), Ulises Gutierrez ( member of Community Mediation Team, YMCA Youth Alliance and Ministerial Association) and Tina Carey (Duarte Kiwanis Club President).

## Duarte Kiwanis Club Hears about Community Mediation Team

On November 15th, Ulises Gutierrez representing the Community Mediation Team provided a powerful update on the work currently being done in the community. The Community Mediation Team is a partnership of committed Monrovia, Duarte and LA County leaders and stakeholders who identify assess and address the needs of people who live or work in our work in our communities. They do this through effective communication and proper resource matching. The latest focus of the Community Mediation

Team includes the Prisoner Realignment – Young Offender Re-Entry Program. This will be a 9 month program coordinated through the YMCA Outreach Department with the goal of creating connections for positive re-entry into the community for this young offenders.

*To aid in this re-integration plan, the Duarte Kiwanis Club will be providing \$20.00 Walmart Gift Cards to be part of an initial support program.*

## Monrovia Police Blotter

As of November 1, the Monrovia Police Department's Neighborhood Watch Report is now available on the City of Monrovia website, [www.cityofmonrovia.org](http://www.cityofmonrovia.org). During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 504 service events, resulting in 107 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.

### Arson - Suspects Arrested

On November 3 at 3:43 p.m., police received a call reporting smoke coming from the railroad tracks at Monterey Avenue. An animal control officer was near the tracks and saw three juveniles leaving the tracks near the smoke. Officers responded and were able to detain the three juveniles. During the investigation, the officers were able to determine that the juveniles not only set this fire, but were also responsible for four previous fires set on the tracks over the past several weeks. The juveniles were brought to the station and Juvenile Hall was notified. Juvenile Hall requested the juveniles be cited and released.

### Grand Theft Auto - Suspects Arrested

On November 4 at 12:41 a.m., an officer observed a suspicious vehicle eastbound in the 500 block of West Huntington. A license plate check revealed the vehicle was stolen. The officer stopped the vehicle in the 100 block of East Evergreen and detained four occupants. The vehicle was part of a sting operation through the California Highway Patrol's Taskforce for Regional Auto-theft Prevention (TRAP). CHP was notified and responded to the scene. CHP TRAP officers took the suspect into custody and stored the vehicle. Two other occupants were arrested, one for a misdemeanor traffic warrant and the other for a no-bail warrant out of Monrovia. The fourth person complained of chest pain and was taken to a hospital.

### Driving Under the Influence / Traffic Collision - Suspect Arrested

On November 4 at 2:28 a.m., officers responded to the 1800 block of Ninth Avenue regarding a traffic collision. A driver hit a parked vehicle. The driver was determined to be intoxicated and was arrested for driving under the influence.

### Medical Assist

On November 4 at 7:45 p.m., a woman was sitting on the window sill of her second floor apartment in the 400 block of East Foothill and fell from the window onto the patio below. When officers and paramedics arrived, she was conscious and was able to tell the officers she had not been pushed; she simply lost her balance and fell. Neighbors were questioned and said they did not hear any disturbance from the apartment. At this time, no foul play or crime is suspected.

### Hit and Run on Private Property

On November 5 at 3:51 a.m., officers responded to the 100 block of East Huntington regarding a hit and run collision. An employee who works night hours came out to his car to find it had been struck and shoved up onto the walkway from the parking lot area. He did not know when the incident occurred and no suspects were observed. There was white paint transfer found on the car. Apparently, the suspect cut through the parking lot and struck the car, then fled the scene. An area check was conducted, but the suspect vehicle was not located.

### Drug Activity / Possession of a Controlled Substance / Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - Suspect Arrested

On November 5 at 10:29 p.m., an officer stopped a bicyclist for not having lighting equipment at night. During the contact, the bicyclist admitted to having drugs and a pipe on his person. The suspect was patted down and found to be in possession of methamphetamine and a drug pipe. The suspect was arrested.

### California Highway Patrol Activity in Monrovia / Driving Under the Influence / Pursuit - Suspect

### Arrested

On November 6 at 8:29 p.m., the CHP was involved in a pursuit of a suspected drunk driver. The suspect exited the 210 Freeway at Myrtle and the pursuit eventually terminated in an alley behind a bar in the 1500 block of South Myrtle. The suspect fled on foot, but was apprehended by CHP Officers in the 100 block of East Pomona. The CHP did not request Monrovia Police Department's assistance during this incident.

### Driving Under the Influence - Suspect Arrested

November 6 at 10:11 p.m., an officer on patrol observed an intoxicated subject behind the wheel of a stopped vehicle that was blocking the roadway in the 500 block of West Chestnut. The engine was running and the driver told the officer he had driven from El Monte. The officer arrested the driver for driving under the influence. The suspect's criminal history revealed he had three other DUI arrests within a 10-year period. The suspect was charged with felony driving under the influence.

### September 29, 2011, Vehicle Burglary - Suspect Arrested

On November 7, an officer on patrol in the 600 block of East Huntington recognized a suspect wanted for vehicle burglary. The suspect was with two other subjects. The officer detained the subjects and subsequently arrested the wanted suspect. The vehicle burglary occurred on September 29 at an apartment complex parking structure in the 100 block of West Colorado. Fingerprints were lifted at the scene from the vehicle and a suspect was identified. The detective assigned to the case notified patrol of the suspect's identification and the suspect was apprehended Nov. 7.

### Vehicle Burglary

On November 9 at 5:17 a.m., a caller reported his vehicle broken into overnight. The vehicle was parked in a parking lot in the 700 block of West Huntington. The vehicle had been locked and secured.

### Petty Theft from a Vehicle

On November 9 at 8:11 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a residence in the 1300 block of South Primrose regarding a theft from a vehicle. The victim reported that he parked his vehicle in his driveway at approximately 4 p.m. He left the vehicle unlocked and the windows were cracked about 2 inches on both sides. Overnight, the suspect(s) entered the vehicle and took his wallet, which was left in the driver side compartment.

### Graffiti Vandalism

On the morning of November 9, three locations called to report vandalism that had occurred overnight. The locations had been vandalized with similar graffiti. The vandalism occurred in the 500 block of Fallen Leaf, 600 block of South Shamrock, and the 100 block of East Chestnut.

### Grand Theft Auto Recovery

On November 9 at 4:42 p.m., an officer drove by a suspicious vehicle parked in the 300 block of Genoa. He conducted a DMV check on the vehicle's plate and it returned as stolen out of Sacramento on November 6. The vehicle was recovered.

### Driving Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance - Suspect Arrested

On November 9 at 5:35 p.m., a caller reported a subject who appeared to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs trying to start his vehicle at Myrtle and Foothill. A second caller reported the subject drove off east in his vehicle. Officers responded, located the vehicle and stopped it east of Myrtle. The investigation revealed the subject was under the influence of a controlled substance and he was arrested and taken into custody.

### Grand Theft Auto

On November 9 at 8:33 p.m., a 2005, four-door, white Chevy Silverado was reported stolen from the 800 block of Bonita. The crime occurred between 7 and 8:30 p.m.

## FOOTHILL UNITY CENTER SEEKING COMMUNITY HELP TO BRIGHTEN THANKSGIVING AND HOLIDAYS FOR LOCAL FAMILIES IN CRISIS



November 16, 2011 – Judging by the signup total so far, Foothill Unity Center will be providing up to 2,000 registered client families, including about 3,000 children, with generous food boxes at its annual Thanksgiving and holiday distributions at the Los Angeles County Arboretum in Arcadia on November 21-22 and December 18-19. The families will be coming to the events from across the Center's eleven-city service area.

At both distributions, each family will take home a holiday food box packed for its size, with meat and the makings for a festive holiday dinner. At the December 18 holiday event for families with children, every family will also take home an opaque bag pre-packed with new toys and clothing for each child. Since the gifts are not visible, parents can wrap and give them as part of their own holiday traditions. Children will also enjoy fun activities, special drawings and a chance to share their wishes with Santa.

"When you're faced with the threat of hunger every day, the holidays are an especially difficult time," says Center Executive Director Joan Whitenack. "Each year, with the help of local residents, businesses, organizations and churches, we're able to give families in crisis a generous helping of holiday cheer. That gift comes with an even more valuable one: knowing that their neighbors really do care."

Funds are still needed to cover the cost of presenting these events. Donations may be sent by check to Foothill Unity Center, 415 West Chestnut Avenue, Monrovia CA 91016, or made securely online at [www.foothillunitycenter.org](http://www.foothillunitycenter.org).

Children's gifts are also needed for the family holiday distribution day. The Center invites the community to pick up paper angels hand-decorated by volunteers from schools, businesses, churches and more. Written on each angel is one child's gift wishes. Angel adopters may purchase one or more of the gifts listed and return them to the Center with the angel.

It takes hundreds of hands to make these events happen. For information on volunteer days and shifts, visit the Center's website, [foothillunitycenter.org](http://foothillunitycenter.org), or call Raina at (626) 358-3486.

### About Foothill Unity Center

Foothill Unity Center, Inc. has been serving



low-income families and those in crisis for over 30 years. Founded in 1980 in a church closet to provide food to a few hungry families, the Center has become the major source of food, health services and crisis assistance for over 4,000 low-income families in its service area: Pasadena, Altadena, South Pasadena, Arcadia, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, Duarte, Azusa, Baldwin Park and Irwindale. In 1991, the organization was incorporated. In 2008, it was federally designated the Community Action Agency for the Foothill Area.

The Center acts as a lifeline for very low income individuals and families who are struggling to survive. Clients are often unemployed, employed at wages too low to provide for their families, on welfare, or facing a temporary crisis. It also serves seniors, homeless, disabled, emancipated foster youth, victims of domestic violence, and students on limited incomes. 38% of its clients are children.

## MANDATORY WORK FURLOUGH OF EMPLOYEES TO CLOSE DUARTE FACILITIES AND SERVICES DEC. 26-30

City of Duarte facilities and services will shut down from Dec. 26 to Dec. 30 as a result of a mandatory work furlough implemented to address the ongoing State budget cuts and the continuing economic downturn and their impact on the City of Duarte's budget.

The weeklong work furlough was part of an overall approximate \$300,000 cost reduction measure agreed to by union employees and the City during labor negotiations earlier this year and instituted during the budget process.

The work furlough will not affect Duarte's

public transit, Los Angeles County Sheriff's services, animal control, or Burrtec trash pickup and street sweeping. Public safety calls should be made directly to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Temple Station at (626) 448-9861 or 911. All animal control matters will be handled by the Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control Baldwin Park Shelter which can be reached by phone at (626) 962-3577.

For more information, call Deputy City Manager, Karen Herrera at (626) 357-7931.



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## LA SALLE STUDENTS SUPPORT THE MILITARY &amp; MILITARY FAMILIES

La Salle's newest student club "Joining Forces: Support Our Troops" was started by Taylor Brennan '15 in an effort to support our country's military and their families. The Club recently led the "Box of Love" campus-wide service project to fill Thanksgiving food boxes for needy military families stationed at Camp Pendleton and Fort Irwin.

When one thinks about the "hungry" a soldier is not the first to come to mind but many military families will go hungry this holiday season as many servicemen and women earn as little as \$1,100 a month and that does not go far when you have a family to take care of and no family or resources in the area to help. Many military families are on food stamps and when it comes down to putting gas in the car or paying a bill, Thanksgiving dinner is a luxury that many will not be able to afford.

The La Salle community rallied behind this cause and thanks to everyone's generosity Support Our Troops was able to fill 78 Boxes of Love and cover the \$8 cost of each box. The Club is especially grateful to Trader Joe's for their donation of forty \$20 gift cards so that military families can purchase a turkey to complete their Thanksgiving meal.

La Salle students also made thank you cards to send to soldiers thanking them for



Alex Marez '14 & Taylor Brennan '15 help load the 78 Boxes of Love the Support Our Troops Club was able to fill thanks to the support of La Salle students and the larger school community.

their service to our country and donated half of the proceeds of a recent Dollar Dress Day to Soldiers Angels in Altadena to purchase phone cards for soldiers stationed overseas.

The Support Our Troops club is already working on their next service project making holiday cards for soldiers serving overseas.

## PUSD News Flash

Third grade students from Sierra Madre Elementary School have been invited to attend the annual Governor's Medal of Valor ceremony for John Shear, a 90-year-old ex-jockey and employee of the Santa Anita Race Track who shielded a little girl from a runaway horse last March. Mr. Shear sustained serious injuries, and Sierra

Madre School students sent him letters of encouragement. He was so touched by their kindness that he has asked them to attend the ceremony.

**Monday, November 21**

6:15 - 8:30 p.m. "How to Help Your Child Deal with Anxiety" is the topic of

this month's meeting of the Community Advisory Committee of PUSD/SELPA. A clinical psychologist and a physician who practices developmental and behavioral pediatrics are scheduled to speak. Edison Professional Development Center, 119 W. Palm Avenue, Altadena. Free childcare and translation services provided.



## SPLASH

I am someone who wants to try things at least once. Whether it be food, an activity, anything; I want to at least say that I have tried before I say I like it or not. Last spring, I auditioned for my school musical with the amazing result of me getting a lead role. I have tried deep fried snickers (delicious) and hope to one day try escargot. So, naturally, I decided to play water polo this winter, just to give it a go.

I am not the best swimmer by any means. I am slow, clumsy, and water constantly goes up my nose, yet I love being in the water. Our first day of practice last week, Thursday, I swam more laps than I could count, but I was surprisingly not dead after practice or sore the next day. And despite the fact that I wreaked of chlorine I went to my last play rehearsal and felt more energized than I ever recall feeling after a run or hike. But the thing I like more than the energy I feel afterwards is how water polo challenges me in ways I feel I haven't before in other sports. In softball we did sprints, which are extremely exhausting, but in swim, the fatigue wears away rather quickly. There is also the independent aspect combined with the team. When we do our mixer and 100s, I am on my own; me, myself, and I inside my head. But later, after a brutal half hour or so we pass and practice moves/plays with partners, where I can talk and we can all suffer together.

All in all, I am having a blast because water polo is so different and challenging than anything I've ever done. Once again I have reached out to try something new and have been successful.

## WHO IS SIERRA MADRE'S STUDENT POET?

Student visual artist?  
Student photographer?  
Student singer or instrumentalist?

Sierra Madre Woman's Club invites these students to show their talent by entering SMWC's competition.

ART: no larger than 24x30, plexiglas OK, NO GLASS

Photographs: 10x12 to 14x16 including matting, NO GLASS.

Submit February 8, 2012 at 550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

First Place winners receive gift cards and go on to statewide competition.

Music Performance winners receive \$500.00 scholarships.

Poetry and Story entries: submit online by January 6.

SMWC also offers Academic Scholarships to graduating students continuing on to college. Last year three local students received \$3,100 in academic scholarships.

Please inquire about all competitions at  
[smwcfinearts@charter.net](mailto:smwcfinearts@charter.net)

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(626) 355-3463 Head of School: Ann M. Gillick  
E-mail address: [agillick@alverno-hs.org](mailto:agillick@alverno-hs.org)

**Arcadia High School**

180 Campus Drive Arcadia, CA 91007  
Phone: (626) 821-8370, Principal: David L. Vannasdall

**Arroyo Pacific Academy**

41 W. Santa Clara St. Arcadia, Ca,  
(626) 294-0661 Principal: Phil Clarke  
E-mail address: [pclarke@arroyopacific.org](mailto:pclarke@arroyopacific.org)

**Barnhart School**

240 W. Colorado Blvd. Arcadia, Ca. 91007  
(626) 446-5588 Head of School: Joanne Testa Cross  
Kindergarten - 8th grade  
website: [www.barnhartschool.com](http://www.barnhartschool.com)

**Bethany Christian School**

93 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024  
(626) 355-3527 Principal: James Luguenbuehl  
E-mail address: [jml@bcsllions.org](mailto:jml@bcsllions.org)

**Carden of the Foothills School**

429 Wildrose Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016 626/358-9414  
626/358-5164 fax office: [cardenofthefoothills.com](mailto:cardenofthefoothills.com)

**The Gooden School**

192 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024  
(626) 355-2410 Head of School: Patty Patano  
website: [www.goodenschool.org](http://www.goodenschool.org)

**High Point Academy**

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Pasadena, Ca. 91107 626-798-8989  
website: [www.highpointacademy.org](http://www.highpointacademy.org)

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website: [www.lasallehs.org](http://www.lasallehs.org)

**Mama Pete's Nursery School**

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(626) 355-9567  
website: [www.mamapete.org](http://www.mamapete.org)

**Monrovia High School**

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(626) 471-2000,  
Email: [schools@monrovia.k12.ca.us](mailto:schools@monrovia.k12.ca.us)

**Norma Coombs Alternative School**

2600 Paloma St. Pasadena, Ca. 91107  
(626) 798-0759 Principal: Dr. Vanessa Watkins  
E-mail address: [watkins12@pusd.us](mailto:watkins12@pusd.us)

**Odyssey Charter School**

725 W. Altadena Dr. Altadena, Ca. 91001  
(626) 229-0993 Head of School: Lauren O'Neill  
website: [www.odysseycharterschool.org](http://www.odysseycharterschool.org)

**Pasadena High School**

2925 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Pasadena, Ca.  
(626) 798-8901 Principal: Gilbert Barraza, Jr.  
website: [www.pasadenahigh.org](http://www.pasadenahigh.org)

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351 S. Hudson Ave. Pasadena, Ca. 91109  
(626) 795-6981 website: [www.pusd@pusd.us](http://www.pusd@pusd.us)

**St. Rita Catholic School**

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**Sierra Madre Elementary School**

141 W. Highland Ave, Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024  
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Principal: Esther Salinas

**Sierra Madre Middle School**

160 N. Canon Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024  
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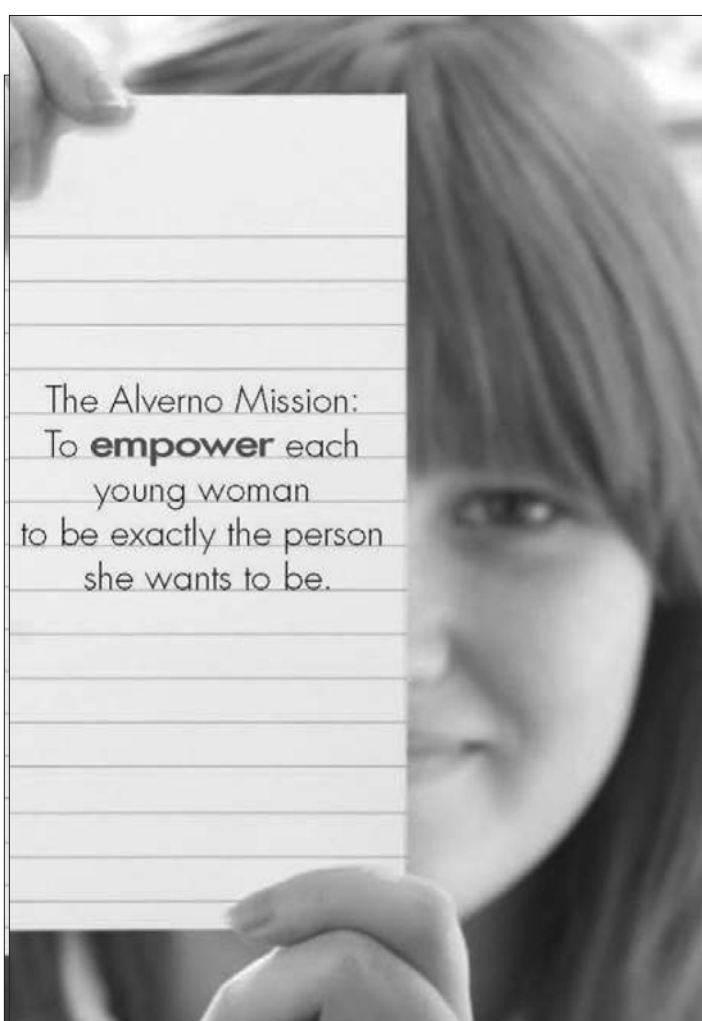
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1434 N. Altadena Dr. Pasadena, Ca. 91107  
(626) 797-0204  
Lisa Feldman: Head of School

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Over the years, we have shared with you favorite recipes submitted by contributors, their families, supporters and well wishers. We hope you will try at least one recipe. They are are really, really good!

Mary Lee's (Dean Lee's Mother)

### Sausage Appetizers

Also makes great sandwiches the next day !

#### Ingredients

Refrigerated dinner rolls (10 in a tube)  
Farmer John sausage links (cut in half or thirds)  
butter on top

#### Directions:

Take rolls and flatten separately with hand or rolling pin  
Put link in half of flat dinner roll  
(if using thirds spread sausage to cover roll)  
Fold over and seal edges by pinching  
Put 10 in ungreased cake pan  
Bake 350 degrees/20 minutes until top is golden brown

Enjoy

Richard Garcia's

### Cranberry-Pomegranate Sauce

1 1/2 pounds fresh or frozen cranberries (6 cups)  
2 cups sugar  
1 cup pomegranate juice  
2 cups fresh pomegranate seeds

#### Directions

In a medium saucepan, combine the cranberries with the sugar and pomegranate juice. Bring to a simmer and cook over moderate heat, stirring occasionally, until most of the cranberries have burst, about 10 minutes. Scrape the cranberry sauce into a medium bowl and let stand until cool, about 2 hours. Fold in the pomegranate seeds and serve the sauce chilled or at room temperature.

### Pat Ostrye's Non-Recipe Turkey(The Best)

My recipe would be that my husband always fixed the turkey. I really don't know how it began but, even when we had turkey a lot through the years, he always fixed it. So when he died 21 years ago, the men in the family thought I didn't know how to do it, which was fine with me. So, for this Thanksgiving, the family is going to Martin's in Arcadia. He is the youngest who was 27 when his dad died in October of '88. A few days before Thanksgiving that year he called to say he had the turkey but where should he fix it since he had a small apt in Arcadia at that time. Two of his sisters helped him do it and they brought it all to my sister-in-law's because I was living in Escondido yet, moving back to the area the first of that year. That Christmas, the oldest son took care of it, buying and fixing 2 turkeys. As long as the family doesn't run out of men, we have it made.

### Dixie Countant's Easy Anti-marshmallow Yams

For those of us who don't like marshmallow on our yams, here's the family recipe for Candied Yams.

#### Ingredients:

Yams or sweet potatoes Butter Light Brown Sugar

Buy as many yams as you need depending on how many people are coming to dinner. I plan two medallions per person if I'm doing a full-blown dinner with all the trimmings.

Wash and slice yams (or sweet potatoes) into one-inch medallions. Steam medallions until barely done. (Not too soft) Skin the medallions by gently cutting the skin and lifting - it will almost fall off.

Arrange medallions in baking dish. (They can touch, but don't stack them) Put a small pat (aprox 1/4 tsp of butter on top of each medallion. Sprinkle light brown sugar over medallions. Cover and bake in 350 oven for 1/2 to 1 hour.

### From the Pen & Kitchen of Deanne Davis:

#### Thanksgiving Day Breakfast

The festive bird is stuffed and in the stove, the potatoes are boiling for mashed potatoes, you've said the gravy prayer (please, Gravy Deity, let it be smooth this year). And people are saying, "we're hungry!"

This is not a problem, put down that ladle and in just minutes, you can hand everybody an Eggnog-Brandy Muffin!

If you're truly feeling like Wonder Woman, whack up some bacon and an onion into small chunks, sauté them together, throw in some eggs, scramble it altogether, and serve the Thanksgiving breakfast they'll remember with delight all year long.

#### Eggnog-Brandy Muffins

2 cups flour  
2/3 cup granulated sugar  
1 TB. Baking powder  
½ tsp. Salt  
¾ cup prepared eggnog  
½ cup brandy  
5 TB butter, (unsalted if you've got it...use a little less salt if you don't) melted  
1 egg, beaten  
½ tsp. Grated nutmeg plus a little more for sprinkling on top

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Grease 12 muffin pan.

In a large bowl mix flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Add eggnog, brandy, butter, beaten egg and ½ tsp nutmeg. Stir only till mixed. DO NOT OVERBEAT or muffins will be rubbery and tough.

Spoon batter into greased muffin cups and sprinkle tops of muffins with nutmeg. Bake about 20 minutes or until tester inserted into center of muffin comes out clean. Remove from tin, butter and enjoy.

They freeze nicely and are probably about 200 calories per muffin.

Happy Thanksgiving!  
May your turkey be tender, succulent and juicy, and may somebody who really knows how.. offer to carve it.

### Good Eats Roast Turkey



Recipe courtesy Alton Brown

Prep Time: 15 min

Inactive Prep Time: 7 hr 0 min

Cook Time: 2 hr 30 min

Level: Easy

Serves: 10 to 12 servings

#### INGREDIENTS

1 (14 to 16 pound) frozen young turkey  
For the brine:  
1 cup kosher salt  
1/2 cup light brown sugar  
1 gallon vegetable stock  
1 tablespoon black peppercorns  
1 1/2 teaspoons allspice berries  
1 1/2 teaspoons chopped candied ginger  
1 gallon heavily iced water

For the aromatics:

1 red apple, sliced  
1/2 onion, sliced  
1 cinnamon stick  
1 cup water  
4 sprigs rosemary  
6 leaves sage  
Canola oil

#### DIRECTIONS

2 to 3 days before roasting:

Begin thawing the turkey in the refrigerator or in a cooler kept at 38 degrees F.

Combine the vegetable stock, salt, brown sugar, peppercorns, allspice berries, and candied ginger in a large stockpot over medium-high heat. Stir occasionally to dissolve solids and bring to a boil. Then remove the brine from the heat, cool to room temperature, and refrigerate.

Early on the day or the night before you'd like to eat:

Combine the brine, water and ice in the 5-gallon bucket. Place the thawed turkey (with innards removed) breast side down in brine. If necessary, weigh down the bird to ensure it is fully immersed, cover, and refrigerate or set in cool area for 8 to 16 hours, turning the bird once half way through brining. Preheat the oven to 500 degrees F. Remove the bird from brine and rinse inside and out with cold water. Discard the brine.

Place the bird on roasting rack inside a half sheet pan and pat dry with paper towels.

Combine the apple, onion, cinnamon stick, and 1 cup of water in a microwave safe dish and microwave on high for 5 minutes. Add steeped aromatics to the turkey's cavity along with the rosemary and sage. Tuck the wings underneath the bird and coat the skin liberally with canola oil.

Roast the turkey on lowest level of the oven at 500 degrees F for 30 minutes.

Insert a probe thermometer into thickest part of the breast and reduce the oven temperature to 350 degrees F. Set the thermometer alarm (if available) to 161 degrees F. A 14 to 16 pound bird should require a total of 2 to 2 1/2 hours of roasting. Let the turkey rest, loosely covered with foil or a large mixing bowl for 15 minutes before carving.

### Paul Nieby's CORN BREAD DRESSING

Ingredients:

2 - 6 oz. bags Mrs. Cubbison's Seasoned Cornbread Stuffing Mix  
1 cup chopped, raw white onions  
1 cup chopped raw celery  
10 dried apricots cut into pieces  
4 oz. Walnuts (they can be bought in a bag of about that size  
6-8 oz. Sausage, sauteed brown, defatted & crumbled. (Jimmy Dean brand sage flavored is good  
2 cups heated Chicken Broth  
4 tbsp. butter melted in with 1 cup of the chicken broth

Directions:

Toss the vegetables and stuffing mix in a bowl. Add 1 cup of the heated broth with the melted butter and toss again. Load lightly in a greased covered casserole and bake for 45 minutes in a 350 degree oven. Half way through, pour the additional cup of chicken broth over the dressing.

This recipe is modified from the one that appears on the Cubbison pack by the addition of the sausage, apricot, and walnuts. The additional broth added half-way through the baking, makes the dressing moist enough but still light and discreet.

### Also from Paul Nieby: CREAMED PEARL ONIONS

Ingredients:

Onions, small pearl as needed  
Milk, butter, flour, Worcestshire Sauce, Cayenne, Salt & Pepper

Directions:

Trim the bottoms of the onions but otherwise leave them unpeeled. Drop into boiling water for 3-5 minutes. Drain and peel when cool. Reserve the onion water.

Make a medium white sauce (2/2/1) using half milk and half onion water. You may make a Mornay Sauce by adding shredded cheddar if desired. Flavor with Worcestshire, Cayenne and salt and pepper. The sauce should be fairly thick as the cooking onions will add liquor.

Pour the sauce over the onions in a casserole and bake covered in a medium oven for 30-40 minutes.

### Mary's Confetti Stuffed Mushrooms

Thanksgiving Potluck Vegan-style Mushrooms

1-1/2	#	Mushrooms, Brown or Cremini: Separate into caps & stems.
1/3	cup	Celery, 1/8" dice
1/3	cup	Carrots, 1/8" dice
1/3	cup	Baby Bell Peppers - Yellow, Orange, Red - 1/8"
1-1/2	Tbsp	Extra Virgin Olive Oil
3/4	cup	Vegetable Broth, divided
1/4	cup	Apricot, Peach, Orange or Blackberry Brandy
3/4	tsp	Lindberg Porterhouse & Roast Seasoning (from Taylor's)
1	cup	Parsley, Finely Chopped
2	Tbsp	Lemon juice (fresh)
1	cup	Bread Crumbs - slightly dry
1/4	cup	Pecorino-Romano Crumbled Cheese

Clean Mushrooms. Remove Stems, set caps in lightly greased baking pan with holes up.

Dice mushroom stems into 1/8" bits.. You should have 2 cups diced mushroom stems. If not enough, add more mushrooms (if you have them) to make 2 cups.

Put olive oil & ½ cup broth in sauté pan, turn heat to medium. Add Seasoning. Add celery and carrots. Layer with diced mushrooms, then diced peppers. Cover and cook slowly about 5 minutes, stirring once to ensure mushrooms and peppers get mixed with broth.

Add Parsley. Simmer another 5 minutes. Taste and add more seasoning if needed. Remember - adding breadcrumbs will soften flavor intensity.

Drain broth from sauté pan into cup.

Add remaining broth with brandy and lemon juice to mushrooms, and return to heat until broth boils. Drain this liquid also into the cup. Reserve.

Add breadcrumbs and grated cheese to drained mushrooms. Mix well. If very dry, add 1 - 2 tablespoons of reserved broth.

Stuff mushroom caps. Place neatly in greased table-ready stove top / baking dish. Carefully spoon some of the reserved broth into the dish;

Simmer gently for 5 minutes ... Add more mushrooms as the others shrink. Simmer another 5 minutes & repeat. When adding the last mushrooms, drizzle any remaining broth lightly over all the mushrooms' stuffing for the final cooking.

Remove from heat and let cool. Serve room temperature. Or chill, and reheat just before serving. More fun to stuff the mushrooms with someone else - for sociability - after all, thanksgiving and social are what it's all about.



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Stopped by Café 322 last week and was sad that they have the Cioppini, it was a little cold and overcast I thought it would cheer me up, I see they have re-done the menu. Stay tuned. With that being said I headed back to Monrovia to a place I love!!

Denny and Geri Barry of Sierra Madre sure know how to throw a 4th of July Party, the best ever! Denny is an aspiring foodie and posed this question to me. "Peter we listen to your show every Sunday Night at 7 PM and you have this saying that you throw around, 'Eat like a prince and pay like a pauper,' how about a seafood restaurant that fills that bill?"

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills  
*thechefknows@yahoo.com*

Denny I have that covered!! Just one city over in Monrovia I have made the ultimate discovery in the seafood arena, it reminds me of the very popular Fisherman's Wharf that you may remember on Kertings Ct., and believe me, the prices are about the same as Fisherman's Wharf some fifteen years later. Let's start off with a cup of Lobster Bisque for (\$2.45)!! Yes it is a cup but, but what a cup, it battles many of the soups that I have had a five star Steakhouse. Sure there is no Maître De here, but we are paying like paupers, right? All entrees are in the (\$8 to \$13) range, I was able to sample many of the dishes. I recommend ordering from the Big Shrimps favorites: Cajun Pan seared big Shrimp or the garlic butter pan seared big Shrimps at (\$9.95). Both are worthy of a try. From the grill, seven to eight varieties of fish are there for sampling. Winter is always a great time for fish, and most of the items are fresh from the boat. I devoured the

Tuna at (\$9.95) and was very impressed. Cooked to a perfect medium rare, and again, the texture recalls an upscale seafood restaurant charging double. Also available are fish and shrimp burritos/tacos (\$2.45 to \$6.75).

How do they keep prices so reasonable? Good question! The restaurant is extremely clean but no frills and seating at the counter is available. Owner Adam Chu has been importing shrimp from the Far East for over 10 years and has taken his expertise in buying seafood and has shared his knowledge with us. He continues in that business but as the owner of the restaurant, he transfers those incredible savings to us.

For salad fans, I prefer the shrimp and crabmeat salad for (\$8.45). There is a kids' menu available plus a beer and wine menu. Get in here before the owner comes to his senses and raises the prices. If you see Denny Barry walking around Sierra Madre, thank him for me, he motivated me to get you this discovery.

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## TURKEY CHEESE BALL

## INGREDIENTS:

2 packages (8 ounces each) reduced-fat cream cheese  
6 ounces deli smoked turkey, finely chopped  
1 cup (4 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese  
1 tablespoon finely chopped onion  
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

## DECORATIONS:

3 packages (3 ounces each) cream cheese, softened  
2 tablespoons 2% milk  
Brown, orange and yellow paste food coloring  
6 large oval crackers  
1 large sweet red pepper  
1 small yellow summer squash  
1 cup pecan halves  
Assorted crackers

## DIRECTIONS:

In a small bowl, beat the first six ingredients until combined. Shape into a ball; wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 1 hour or until firm.

In another small bowl, beat cream cheese and milk until smooth. Divide among four small bowls. With food coloring, tint one bowl brown, one dark orange and one light orange (using yellow and orange); leave one bowl plain.

Transfer each mixture to a heavy-duty resealable plastic bag; cut a small hole in a corner of each bag.

For turkey tail feathers, decorate the top halves of large oval crackers with tinted cream cheese.

Using the red pepper, form the turkey head, neck and wattle. For beak, cut a small triangle from summer squash; attach with cream cheese. Add eyes, using brown and plain cream cheese. Insert pecan halves and decorated crackers into cheese ball. Serve with assorted crackers. Yield: 1 cheese ball (3 cups).

Note: This recipe was tested with Townhouse Oval Bistro crackers. -courtesy of www.tasteofhome.



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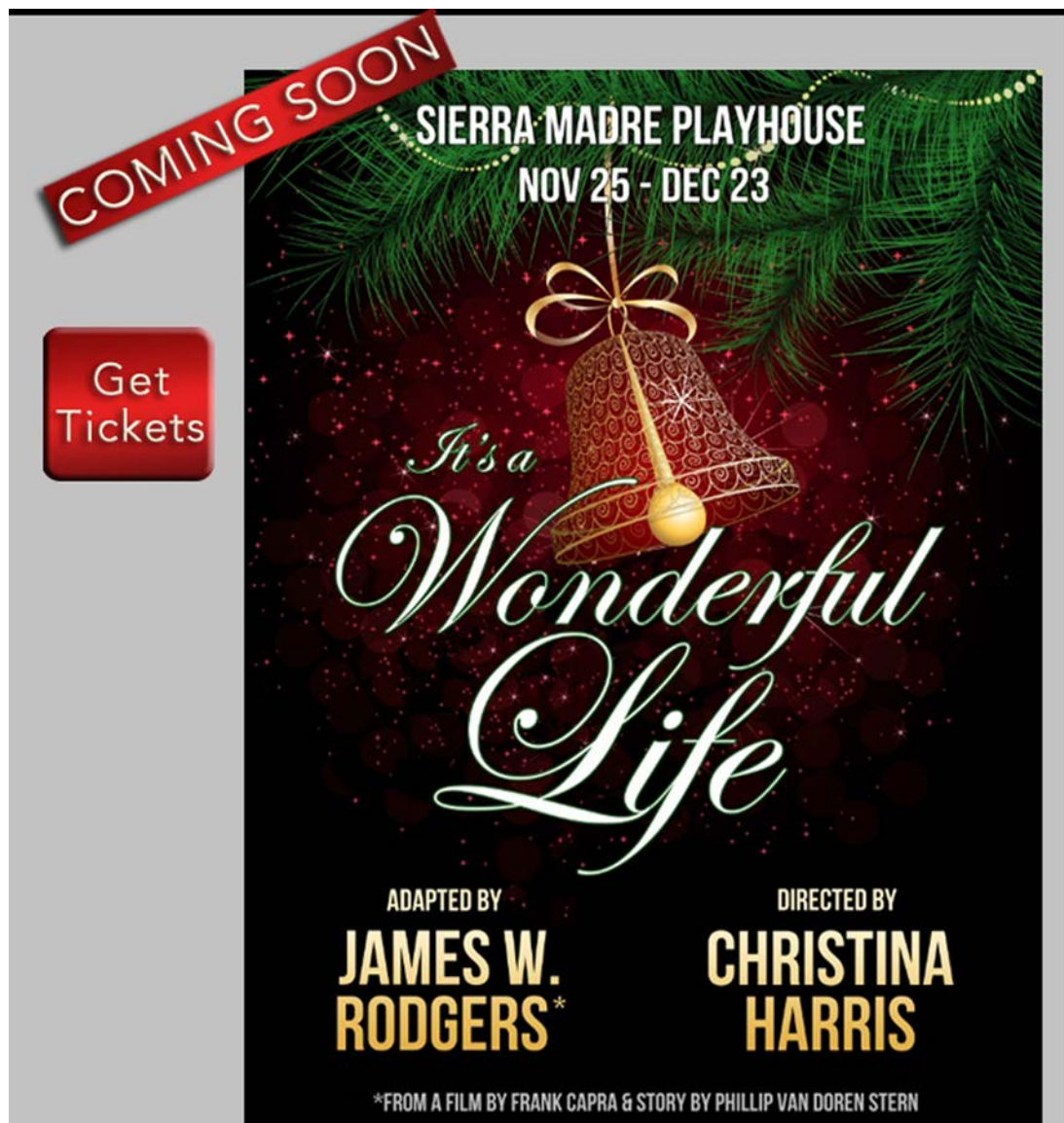


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WHAT: "It's A Wonderful Life." The classic Christmas fantasy.

WHO: Written by James W. Rodgers. Based upon the film by Frank Capra and the story by Philip Van Doren Stern. Directed by Christina Harris. Produced by Ward Calaway for Sierra Madre Playhouse.

WHERE: Sierra Madre Playhouse, 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Ample free parking behind theatre.

WHEN: November 25- December 23, 2011. Fri. & Sat. at 8:00, Sun. at 2:30. Also Wednesday, December 21 at 8 p.m. and Thursday, December 22 at 8 p.m. Gala Opening Night performance on Friday, November 25 is preceded by Champagne reception and light buffet at 7:15 p.m.

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"It's A Wonderful Life" is the stage version of the favorite Christmas story. George Bailey, the decent family man who heads the Building and Loan Association in the town of Bedford Falls, is dissuaded from suicide one especially difficult holiday season by the intervention of a guardian angel in training. The angel, Clarence, shows George that his town and indeed, the world, are better off because George Bailey has been living in it. Faced with impending scandal, ruin and prosecution, George is rescued from disaster as his wife and all the townspeople he's helped over the years rally behind him in the hour of his greatest need, ensuring that the town of Bedford Falls will yet see the merriest of Christmases.

Christina Harris, who's helmed several shows at Sierra Madre Playhouse including last year's holiday show, her adaptation of "A Christmas Carol," directs "It's A Wonderful Life." Her cast includes (in alphabetical order): Matthew Bond, Paul Bond, Clay Bunker, Sophia Davis, Jennie Floyd, Elizabeth Gray, Charlotte Hardy, Scott Harris, Chuck Hernandez, Matthew Herrmann, Alison Janes, Jack Kandel, Sheila Kraics, Elaine Kratofil, Chuck Lacey, Sarah Logan, Mark Mandell, Karl Maschek, Meg Momsen, Gerry Orz, Janie Steele and Nancy Young.

Assistant director/Lighting designer: Kristen Cox. Sound designer: Christina Harris. Costume designer: Lois Tedrow. Properties: Linda DeMetrick and Anne Marie Atwan. Stage manager: Michael Dessin.

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## SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS: THE DEVIL'S DOUBLE

"The Devil's Double," based on the novel by Latif Yahia, is the disturbing true story of a man who is forced to become the

double to Saddam Hussein's sadistic son. While it didn't do too much damage at the box office this past summer, you'll get another opportunity to catch this hidden gem as it's hitting DVD/Blu-ray on November 22. In all honesty, I really had no idea what to expect from "The Devil's Double". I went in blindly and came out completely enthralled by the very essence of it. Make no mistake, the film isn't all that deep or intricate, but the electrifying, career-making performance by Dominic Cooper is worth the price of admission and then some. Cooper takes on the dual roles of Latif Yahia, an Iraqi soldier from an upper class family and the unpredictably insane Uday Hussein. Cooper, a supporting character in this summer's mega blockbuster, "Captain America" has officially entered leading man status. In the film, Latif is strong-armed into becoming Uday's double because of the potential threat of an assassination on him (just like his father). Latif, feeling nothing but dead, doesn't always comply with Uday's orders. This becomes a problem for Uday, but he knows that he created Latif and owns him. Latif finds himself in a physical relationship with one of Uday's women and that raises a major problem in act three. While initially it's a risky move by Latif, the every idea of it becomes a bit undercooked, especially in the final stages of the film. Regardless, Cooper's dual performance elevates the movie from being pretty good to being borderline great.

Despite the indelible acting presentation, the movie has it share of flaws and demonstrates slight repetitiveness with all the sex and violence. However, don't get me wrong, it's an absolute blast to take in. "The Devil's Double" is one of the coolest, sexiest, and most violent films of the year. While not for everyone, those who enjoy

a departure from mundane boring life will be undoubtedly glued to the screen while watching it. The plot is fairly loose, which is a series of events that occur leading up to Latif making a run for it. Whatever shortcomings there are in the script are almost completely forgivable because Cooper is simply brilliant in his dual portrayals. I really can't say enough about this Oscar level performance that sadly won't even be on the minds of Academy voters early next year.

### THE DEVIL'S DOUBLE

"The Devil's Double"

Directed by: Lee Tamahori

Written by: Michael Thomas (based on the novel by Latif Yahia)

Theatrical Release Date: July 29, 2011

DVD/Blu-ray Release Date: November 22, 2011

Rated: R for strong brutal bloody violence and torture, sexual content, graphic nudity, drug use and pervasive language

Grade: 4 out of 5

Across the board, everything, from the beautiful set design, to the killer 80s soundtrack, from the polished and stunning cinematography, to the ultra slick direction, was top notch. Director Lee Tamahori ("Die Another Day", "The Edge") shaped a very sleek and tight thriller with "The Devil's Double" that provided unsettling chills on more than one occasion. It's devastating that the movie only received a super limited release because, if it had better marketing and advertising, then just maybe it could have found its footing in a rather stale summer movie season. All I can say is, "Shame on you, Lionsgate." At any rate, I found "The Devil's Double" to be absolutely engrossing, outrageously entertaining and bat-shit crazy. This movie ranks among my favorites of the year. Not to mention, be on the lookout for Dominic Cooper because the guy is the next big thing for all the right reasons.

## Jeff's Pics The Book Report

by Jeff Brown

### 10 Great Books About Early Colonial History

*compiled By Martin Kelly & Jeff Brown - Happy Thanksgiving!!*

#### 1. A New World: An Epic of Colonial America by Arthur Quinn

If you want a different sort of history book, read this volume. He tells the tale of Colonial America by focusing on 12 central characters from different settlements. Gripping throughout!

#### 2. Indian New England 1524-1674: A Compendium of Eyewitness Accounts

Modernized accounts of the first contacts between the English and the Native Americans in New England. Editor Ronald Dale Karr has gathered together over 20 sources to take a historical look at the Indians during these formative years.

#### 3. Big Chief Elizabeth

This book takes a look the first English colonists who came to America ranging from Cabot to the founding of Jamestown. An entertaining book based on sound scholarship.

#### 4. Plymouth Colony: Its History and Its People by Eugene Stratton

A history covering the period from 1620-1692. In addition to its insightful analysis of the entire span of Plymouth Colony, this book contains biographical sketches of all the Mayflower passengers, and a copy of the Mayflower Compact.

#### 5. Home Life in Colonial Days by Alice Morse Earle

This excellent description of colonial life provides great detail along with numerous illustrations that help bring this era of American History to life.

#### 6. New England Frontier: Puritans and Indians 1620-1675 by Alden T. Vaughan

First written in 1965, this revealing account of European and Indian relations is very even-handed. He argues that the Puritans were not hostile towards the Native Americans at first. In fact, he claims that relations did not deteriorate until 1675.

#### 7. First Generations: Women in Colonial America

This excellent women's history book portrays colonial American women from all segments of society. Carol Berkin tells the stories of women through various essays which provide interesting reading and insights into colonial life.

#### 8. American Colonies: The Settling of North America by Alan Taylor

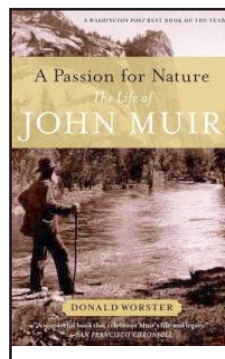
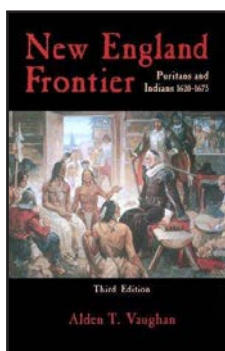
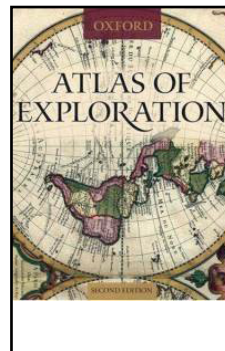
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#### 9. Changes in the Land: Indians, Colonists and the Ecology of New England by William Cronon

Want a different perspective on Colonial America? This book examines the impact of the colonists on the New World from an ecological point of view. This exceptional book moves beyond the 'normal' realm of historiography, providing an original look at this era.

#### 10. Asylum for Mankind: America, 1607-1800

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## HOWARD Hays As I See It



"During the 1992 Presidential campaign there were unfounded rumors and stories circulated that Mr. Clinton had made unwelcome sexual advances toward me in the late seventies. . . . These allegations are untrue."

- Juanita Broadrick, 1997

In his column last week, Greg Welborn referred to "both rape charges and harassment charges" lodged against Bill Clinton. In the same paragraph, he suggests we consider "the history of Herman Cain's accusers (and) connections to the Democratic Party". It might also be useful to revisit relevant history.

The above quote is from Juanita Broadrick's sworn statement regarding accusations of a rape that allegedly took place in April, 1978. The year after she made that statement, Broadrick publicly declared that she'd lied - that the rape had indeed taken place.

The FBI found her recantation of previous testimony to be inconclusive. Jack Nelson of the L.A. Times saw "a story that's been knocked down and discredited so many times". Richard Cohen of the Washington Post opined, "Broadrick appeared credible." The 1997 denial of the accusation remains Broadrick's only sworn statement on the matter.

When Greg mentions "harassment charges", I assume he's referring to those lodged by Paula Jones.

In a 1994 story for "American Spectator", David Brock wrote of an incident from 1991 when an Arkansas State Trooper approached a woman named "Paula" in a hotel lobby and told her the governor wanted to see her. According to the account, the trooper escorted her up to the room, Clinton made a pass which Paula rejected, but upon leaving told the trooper she "would not mind" being the governor's "girlfriend".

After the article appeared, two days before the three-year statute of limitations ran out, Jones filed suit against both Clinton and the trooper for \$750,000.

The judge granted Clinton's motion for summary judgment before trial, ruling there was failure to show any damages suffered. Jones, now backed by a conservative legal foundation, threatened to appeal.

Clinton settled for \$850,000, but refused to apologize as Jones demanded. Jones was left with \$200,000 after legal expenses. She was labeled a "fraud" and "trailer-park trash" not by "liberal media", but by author Ann Coulter.

Rich Johnson mentioned Broadrick and Jones in his own column last week, along with Anita Hill - whom he pointed out was the subject of 67 evening news stories in the first five days after her story broke, vs. only 2 for Juanita Broadrick. This isn't surprising, considering the unprecedented campaign to discredit the University of Oklahoma law professor.

David Brock, author of the aforementioned "troopergate" story, was a \$300,000-a-year "right-wing hit man" (his words) when he came out with "The Real Anita Hill", with help from staffers at the (H.W.) Bush White House, which included the infamous "little bit nutty and a little bit slutty" line. Rush Limbaugh was soon reading entire

passages on the air.

The work was later denounced by Brock himself; "(W)hat I was involved in wasn't journalism, it was a political operation, and I was part of it". He extended his mea culpa by founding MediaMatters.org, a website devoted to exposing orchestrated ignorance by the corporate media. And he apologized to Anita Hill.

In her testimony, Hill told of the unwelcome comments her boss, Clarence Thomas, made to her about kinky stuff he'd seen in porn films, and about his own sexual prowess. Thomas denied everything, Hill was attacked, the hearings were rushed to a close, and Thomas was confirmed by a narrow margin.

We saw presidential advisor Vernon Jordan expressing astonishment that anyone, especially a Black American with presumed awareness of history, could use the term "lynching" to describe questioning at a Supreme Court confirmation hearing. There was Sen. Alan Simpson (R-WY) rising after Anita Hill testified, patting the sides of his jacket and declaring, "My pockets are full of letters from people saying, 'Watch out for that woman!'".

What we didn't see was testimony from Angela Wright, who corroborated Hill's testimony and told how Thomas asked about her breast size and pressured her for dates. Nor did we see Sukari Hardnett, who told Judiciary Committee staffers, "If you were young, black, female, reasonably attractive and worked directly for Clarence Thomas, you knew full well you were being inspected and auditioned as a female."

We now see Clarence Thomas on the bench, and a resurrection of his "high-tech lynching" line in attempting to portray Herman Cain as victim of designing women and/or liberals resentful of "uppity" black conservatives. Sean Hannity labels the allegations against Cain, "Anatomy Of A Smear Campaign", and jokes that guest Ann Coulter "might sue" if he asks about her "dating life". Remarking on Cain accuser Karen Kraushaar's proposal for a joint press conference with other victims, Rush Limbaugh asks, "Do they want to coordinate their menstrual periods?" Matt Drudge finds it appropriate to post the personal financial histories of the accusers on his website.

Herman Cain wants us to believe the large organization he headed, the National Restaurant Association, made sizable payoffs of \$35,000 and \$45,000 to two women, both of whom accused him of sexual misconduct, but didn't inform him of either the accusations or the settlements - and that such unapologetic detachment is okay for someone wanting to be president.

Two women have accused Cain of "inappropriate behaviors". Another of "sexually suggestive, aggressive and unwanted behavior". A fourth refused his request she set up a dinner date for him with an Egyptian businesswoman. Sharon Bialek's accusations go beyond inappropriateness and into criminal sexual assault. Rush Limbaugh thinks it's funny to mispronounce her last name as "Buy-a-lick".

In the opinion of many Democrats, Bill Clinton had the most successful presidency of our lifetime. If the revelations made during his second term were instead made during his first, however, he rightly never would've been re-nominated. Unacceptable sexual behavior is a non-partisan issue - and the biggest disservice we can do to the victims is to try and make it one.

## GREG Welborn

## Five Good Men (or Women) &amp; The Future Of America



One of the most significant and monumental decisions of our entire history will be made by 5 judges - for better or worse - as the Supreme Court agrees to take up the issue of Obamacare's constitutionality. The framers of our constitution have to go down as among the most insightful political leaders in history. Out of the vast historical fabric of failures of one type of government after another, they divined the right lessons and stitched together a new form of government which has preserved both freedom and prosperity for 200+ years. Of all the potential threats to that liberty and that prosperity, they never considered that 5 judges (a majority of the Supreme Court) would ever dare destroy our freedoms and eviscerate the constitution by reading into the document a direct contradiction to its language, tenor and tradition. But that's where we are today.

The justices have agreed to hear 5½ hours of oral arguments on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), which shows at least that some of them recognize just how important this decision will be. The case's main focus is the law's individual mandate - the provision which requires every American to purchase health insurance of a form and substance which meets federal government standards.

Such a federal power has never before been read into the constitution. In fact, the constitution goes to great lengths to stipulate what powers the federal government has and then specifically reserves all other powers to the states and the people. The architects of Obamacare are hoping that Congress' power to "regulate interstate commerce" - one of the powers specifically given to the federal government - can be interpreted as a legitimate basis for the individual mandate.

It is difficult, if not impossible, to overstate the significance of such an interpretation. The key issue is whether interstate commerce must first exist in order to be regulated by the Feds, or whether the Feds have the right to require that someone engage in interstate commerce. That's exactly what the individual mandate would require. It would require an individual to engage in commerce (the buying and selling of a product or service) that the individual might not otherwise want to do.

To interpret that the federal government can in fact force you or me to purchase something from a private company would be so radical a departure from our history as to make good on President Obama's campaign pledge to radically transform this country. Perhaps we all should have considered the implications of that campaign promise a little more seriously.

One may be tempted to write this off as just one piece of legislation which can always be repealed by a future Congress and president. That's true, but the precedent and principal wouldn't be repealed. If the Supreme Court decides that the federal government has the right to compel private citizens to purchase a product or service

that the government deems appropriate, then that right will continue to exist into the future even if Obamacare is repealed by a future Congress. The precedent will live on.

We have to ask ourselves where this would stop. We have to ask ourselves - whether Republican or Democrat - how much power over our lives we're willing to give to people with whom we disagree. If the federal government can force you to buy health insurance, why can't it force you to buy flood or hurricane insurance, or to buy a certain type of investment for your IRA or 401K, or to send your kids to a certain type of school, or to buy/rent a certain type of house, or to visit the doctor on the frequency it deems appropriate, etc.? The list could go on.

The other element of this is who the decision maker is. I've often laughed at my liberal friends' paranoia that conservatives want to impose their version of morality. What my liberal friends don't understand is that our constitution's limitations on the powers of the federal government are the very thing which prevents their worst nightmare from coming true. How ironic it will be if a liberal majority in Congress, along with a liberal president, is responsible for giving the federal government the very power liberals fear. With that power, it would in fact be possible for a future conservative Congress and conservative president to force liberals to do what they don't want to do.

Preserving freedom for yourself means you have to preserve freedom for your adversary. This was the genius of our founding fathers. Out of all the failures of past governments and political structures, they drew out the one key lesson on which our entire government was built: government power must be limited (or it will be abused by whomever is in the majority), and the power which must be given to the government needs to be split among competing level of government (federal vs state vs municipalities) so that competition among them will prevent any one of them from becoming too strong.

5 men and women on the Supreme Court will decide in less than 12 months what the future of our republic, our freedoms and our prosperity will be. We all - liberals and conservatives - need to come together in prayer and petition to make sure this decision is made correctly. We all live free or we all will be enslaved.

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## JOE Gandelman Independent's Eye



## Gingrich and Conservatives' Game of Chicken

CORBIN, Kentucky - It's a birthplace of Americana. A shrine. A place where a game of chicken began. Corporate chicken. Literally.

At 688 U.S. Highway 25 West you find Col. Harland Sanders' Café and Museum - the world's first Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant. Complete with restored original kitchen and the Colonel's restored office. People eat in the café and ooh and ah at its simple displays. It's where Sanders perfected his famous recipe, which he took on the road and sold out of necessity, once I-75 opened and hurt his local business. His recipe, business, and persona then took off: chicken became a hot commodity for emerging fast-food mega-corporations. The game of corporate chicken fully came to fruition in 1964 when he sold his company to former Kentucky Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. and Jack Massey for \$2 million.

Fast forward to 2011, and America is now watching a new game of chicken: political chicken.

Who will conservatives pick as the new "anti-Romney" to stop former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, a conservative in his present incarnation but once a moderate and therefore not trusted by conservatives? Several conservative heavyweights, including George Will and Erick Erickson, suggest a Romney nomination would defile what conservatism has achieved and perhaps destroy it if Romney "goes moderate" again in the Oval Office.

And so we get the question: amid a recession and an overexposed Democratic President unable to make significant dent in it, are conservatives really willing to nix Romney, the one GOPer who polls show has the best chance of defeating Barack Obama and attracting think-for-themselves Americans who don't idolize Rush Limbaugh? Would they really snatch defeat from the jaws of a likely 2012 victory?

Until recently, their hopes in this high-stakes ideological game rested with former Godfathers' Pizza CEO Herman Cain until Cain got enmeshed in a sexual harassment scandal, delivered some tepid debate performances, and blamed everyone but SpongeBob SquarePants

for being behind the allegations aimed at him.

Their hopes in this game of political chicken now center on a man who would look like Col. Sanders if he wore a mustache and goatee and donned white suit and string tie: former House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

Gingrich is a polarizing figure who has so much personal and political baggage that TSA may soon inspect him. Gingrich is smart, brimming with ideas, a solid debater, a generator of lively bomb-throwing quotes, tough, a flip-flopper, vain, arrogant, and not a poster-boy for marriage as a sacred vow. If he turns off moderates, non-liberal Democrats and some independents, conservatives love him. He throws more red meat than tiger feeders at the San Diego Zoo.

Col. Sanders hit upon 11 herbs and spices that made his chicken sell. The GOP is now testing seven candidates -- and Republican voters sampling them seem unable to find one they like. It increasingly seems like they may not like these offerings and will have to hold their nose and choose one.

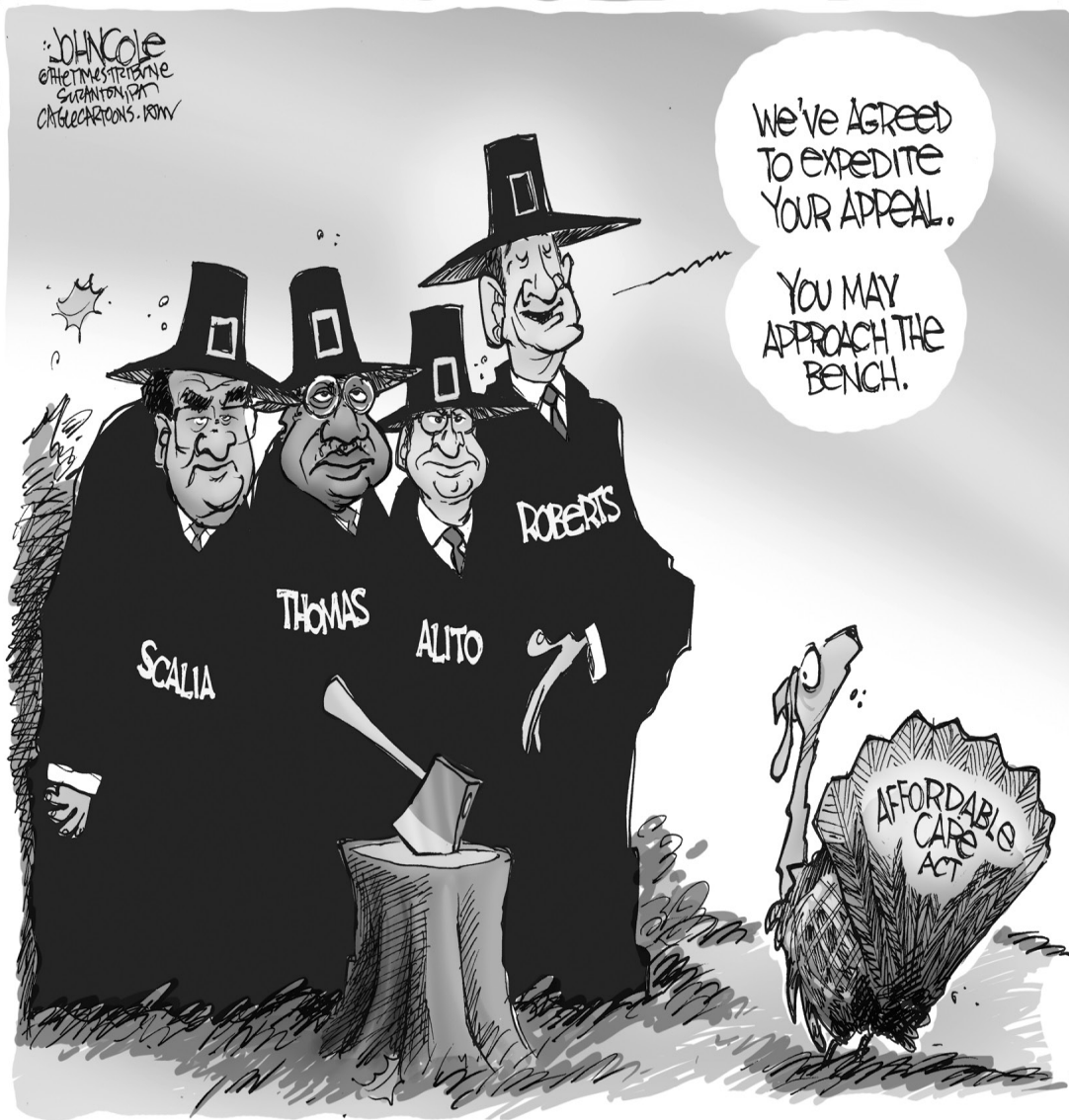
As Cain has started to tumble in polls, Gingrich has risen. A CNN poll puts Cain in third place. Another poll put Gingrich in first place. One poll shows Gingrich making gains among independent voters while others show he has a problem.

You could imagine that if Gingrich ran KFC, he'd only sell right wings. If Cain ran it, his menu would include breasts and thighs.

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## BUSINESS TODAY

The latest on Business News, Trends and Techniques

Support the Local Holiday Business Boom

By La Quetta M. Shamblee,

As the clock winds down to signal the beginning of the holiday shopping season, retailers are poised for an anticipated boost in sales this year. Black Friday and Cyber Monday are expected to provide a much needed spike in economic activity.

Malls and stores across the country are prepared for the traditional onslaught of customers on Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving. By the same token, sales are expected to exceed the \$1.03 billion generated in 2010 on Cyber Monday, which has become an international marketing term for online sales on the Monday following Black Friday and is also recognized in Canada, Portugal, Germany, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

The great news is that residents in small towns across American can take an active role in creating economic activity in their respective communities. This is the perfect time to take a stroll through a variety of local specialty shops, or to peruse their websites to purchase unique gift items for family, friends, neighbors or colleagues. By making purchases now, you'll have ample time to ship items to arrive well before Christmas.

All retailers offer the option of gift cards or certificates, which make ideal gifts. You can create

a package for a "night out on the town" with gift cards for a local restaurant, wine tasting or live theatre performance. By being a bit creative, you can give gifts like no one else - a gift that will be remembered. Consider a package of gift cards that might include dining at Wisteria Grill in Sierra Madre, or a tasting at California Wine and Cheese in Monrovia. Perhaps gift certificates for an active grandmother to take her granddaughter(s) for a "girls day out" to have a manicure and pedicure, followed by an afternoon tea at Four Seasons Tea Room in Sierra Madre or at Loose Teas & Gifts in Monrovia.

Supporting local businesses provides direct support to your community. Many local businesses are always first in line to donate to neighborhood schools and functions for a number of community events and organizations. Since many owners of local businesses live in the cities (or in adjacent communities) where their businesses are located, they in turn spend money at other local businesses, thus adding to a community circle of commerce. Next week's article will feature several local retailers and other businesses with some great gift ideas for your 2011 holiday list.



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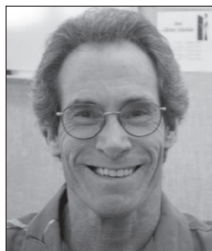
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## HAIL Hamilton My Turn



### DEBUNKING THE THANKSGIVING MYTH

I'm asleep in a bed in the middle of the day and a the well-dressed lady comes into my room with a booklet. She tells me to measure my blood sugar, blood pressure, and weight every morning. She tells me to avoid salt and processed meats. I don't listen very closely. I rub my eyes and try to wake up. Where am I anyway? While I'm wondering the lady asks if I have any questions smiles and leaves. Her job is done but mine is just beginning. Where am I anyway?

I remember where I am and it should be no surprise- but it is. I'm at Kaiser Hospital Sunset, the very hospital where my daughter was born thirty seven years ago less two weeks. I think I am in a new wing of the hospital which would overlook the old wing of the hospital - except that the old wing is gone. Gone too are my clothes and books and a lot of my confidence. How did I let this happen to my life and what am I going to do about it.

Yesterday I made the mistake of going to the Kaiser Hospital in Pasadena to see if something could be done about my left foot which was swollen and painful. I thought I had a recurrence of gout and began taking a gout medicine, colchicine, to try and make the symptoms go away. The doctor had given me a prescription telling me that the medication was an old remedy that was specifically diagnostic for gout. I was instructed more or less to take the colchicine for four times a day until the pain went away or until I developed diarrhea whichever came first. Well as I waited to see a doctor the pain and swelling were still present and then all of a sudden - BAM. Let's not talk about it ...- but after I cleaned myself

and the bathroom walls and floor I finally saw a doctor. The doctor, sweet as could be, listened to my embarrassing story, looked at my legs and feet, asked a few questions, ordered an EKG, and told me I had to go immediately to Kaiser Sunset for more tests.

I called my wife and we drove to the emergency room which of course was jammed. I waited for awhile, was called in and placed on a gurney in a hallway for about 6 hours. There were beds everywhere filled with people with sad faces in obvious distress. I felt like an imposter just taking up space. I fought to keep my clothes on was given more tests and wanted to leave. The whole time I was in the hallway I was overwhelmed at how hard everyone worked and how hard everyone tried to be nice. I wanted to yell, I'm innocent. Let me go home. I didn't do it - but I know I did do it - did it to myself. Now It's the next day and I'm at this hospital room overlooking some lovely palm trees. A man is here to do an echocardiogram and I'll let you know what happens.

Well, it's half an hour later and I'm a changed man. Colors, rhythms, beats and missed beats. it's pre-image, pre-icons, it's life and it goes on and keeps going on until it stops I guess. As the technician pressed the instrument against my chest I could feel the beating of my heart for the first time in my life. Really, I don't know if I'm healthy or not but for the time being at least I am overwhelmed by the magic, mystery and majesty of my own life. It's clearly not something to be figured out but instead is something to be grooved with. ROCK ON brothers and sisters, let's all syncope together. I don't know what that means but that's okay because I'm getting just a bit of a taste of the significance of everything else.

## OUT TO PASTOR A Weekly Religion Column



### GIVE US THIS DAY OUR TURKEY . . . AGAIN

By Rev. James L. Snyder

Thanksgiving is my kind of holiday. Apart from the "thanks" part, the primary purpose of this celebration is eating. That is the one thing I do quite well.

Thanksgiving is the beginning of a feasting frenzy that would make Richard Simmons sweat to the goodies. Any thoughts of dieting at this time of the year are merely blowing in the wind. Hopefully, not in my direction.

Our Pilgrim Fathers came up with the idea of a Thanksgiving feast. The Pilgrim Mothers were too busy doing the wash and caring for the children to think of any more work.

The Pilgrim Fathers were sitting around waiting for someone to invent television so they could all watch a football game when someone had an idea. Most ideas are born in the midst of great boredom. That is why so many of them are... well...stupid.

"There's nothing to do," one bored Pilgrim Father said. "Let's get together and have a feast." Because nothing else was happening, the other Pilgrim Fathers got excited about this idea. The Pilgrim Mothers, however, had some different thoughts about this crazy feast idea.

After all, they would have to do all the work and Oprah Winfrey had not been born yet to lead them in a chorus of whining and complaining and getting in touch with their real feelings.

The Pilgrim Mothers wanted a Tupperware party, but since it was not yet a two-party system, they could only do one party. The Pilgrim Fathers won this one.

However, like the good Puritan wives they were, they humored their husbands and began preparations for the first Thanksgiving feast. Because this was the first Thanksgiving, it was a simple affair compared with the ones to follow.

At the first one nobody said, "We've always done it this way." Because it was never done before. However, the second Thanksgiving was beset with this sort of thing. A tradition, someone wisely pointed out, is something done at least once.

What the Pilgrim Mothers did not count on was company for dinner. After all, they were thousands of miles from their nearest relatives with a big pond between them. They assumed, and rightly so, that they were safe from the intrusion of company on what would be the heaviest workday for the kitchen crew.

Have you ever noticed that when you are planning a feast of some kind, relatives who never bother you the rest of the year (something to be thankful for) seem to gravitate to your gravy bowl?

There is nothing like unexpected company to put pizzazz in a Thanksgiving celebration. Who wants pizza for Thanksgiving when there is so much turkey?

Imagine the Pilgrim Mother's surprise when the Pilgrim Fathers told them (probably on Thanksgiving morning) that they had invited

guests for the feast. I can imagine some ears were stinging that first Thanksgiving Day. The Pilgrim Fathers braved through the stinging rebukes from their wives...for months.

Perhaps the biggest anomaly of Thanksgiving is the mountain of leftovers the next day and for weeks to follow. No matter how much turkey is gobbled up or how many people are around that Thanksgiving table, the leftovers are enormous.

There is more turkey on Friday than on Thanksgiving.

I cannot prove this, but I highly suspect the turkeys we have today keep growing even after we cook them. Maybe when placed in a cold refrigerator over night, they expand.

I really do not know what takes place, but something happens to that turkey when left overnight in a refrigerator. The big challenge is how to prepare leftover turkey so it does not look or taste like turkey.

Thanksgiving is a marvelous time for family and friends to get together to celebrate the goodness of the Lord. Each family has its own special tradition that seems to bring it together. This year, especially, we have so much to be thankful.

For some it starts with a Thanksgiving Eve service. Gathering as a congregation to express to God thanks for another year of bounty and blessing is important for Christians.

Personally, I like a Thanksgiving eve service over a Thanksgiving morning service. In the evening service, you do not have to rush through the celebration to get home in time for the big feast. Giving thanks to God should be a leisurely thing, not something rushed through while thinking of something else.

At Thanksgiving, we should bring a bouquet of blessing that fills the room with a sweet fragrance of praise that lingers all year long.

Some of the best and most fragrant bouquets are the small ones. Remembering the big blessings is easy. The smaller blessings are much harder to keep in mind. Some of them we even take for granted.

This Thanksgiving I am going to make a point to look over some blessing I have been overlooking. It is those small blessing that truly sustains us throughout the year.

The Bible reminds us why we are to give thanks, not only at Thanksgiving time, but also all year long. "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:57-58 KJV).

There is so much to thank God for; one day is not near enough. Let us thank God every day for His goodness. Even for leftover blessings.

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## RICH Johnson



### Fabulous Fallacies

If you must know the truth, I have a rather extensive personal library of trivia books and quote books. Not that they get much use anymore. When I want to research a bit of trivia or find a quote, it is much faster to type the question into google than pore through

the written pages.

One of the books I have is entitled "Fabulous Fallacies" by Tad Tuleja. It was published in 1982 and purchased by me in 1990. Check it out on Amazon.com. Here are a few currently held beliefs that are not true.

1. George Washington was our first president.

Nope. Our first president was John Hanson. Name ring a bell? He was elected to our Continental Congress in 1779 and, when the Articles of Confederation were approved in 1781 he became the first "president of the United States in Congress assembled." In fact between 1781 and 1789 seven other men also held that title, making George Washington, technically, our 9th president.

2. The bagpipes are native to Scotland.

Nope. This musical instrument (and I use the term loosely) was constructed several hundred years before Christ in the Middle East. It consisted of reeds stuck into a goatskin bag. From the Mediterranean, the bagpipe spread (like the plague) across Europe hitting Italy in the 1200's, England in the 1300's, and Scotland in the early 1400's. It has several names. French termed it a musette, Italians called it a piffero,

Norwegians,

a penbrock and the Germans titled it a dudelsack. Author Victor Hugo called it a bugpipe. I hesitate to tell you what I call it.

3. Blue jeans are as American as apple pie.

Nope. Though Levi Strauss made the first so-called blue jeans in San Francisco in 1850, the first denim pants were made in the 1600's in India. They were called dungarees (we've heard of that before) and the word comes from dungri, the Hindi term for the Bombay suburb where denim was manufactured.

4. Pocahontas married John Smith.

Nope. Pocahontas was married twice and neither husband was John Smith. Her real name was Matoaka but her father called her Pocahontas which means, "playful one". She found fame when she threw her body over John Smith, who was in the process of being sacrificed. She later married a fellow named Kocoom who either died unexpectedly, or they divorced shortly after the wedding. In April, 1614, Pocahontas, now named Rebecca, married colonist John Rolfe. He took her back to England where she became a celebrity. She died three years later at the tender age of 22.

5. Whistler's most famous painting was entitled "Whistler's Mother".

Nope. Nor was it entitled "My Mother", or "Mom in an Uncomfortable Chair." This painting was titled, "Arrangement in Grey and Black #1." Catchy title isn't it?

6. Woodstock was held in Woodstock.

## CURBING BAD BEHAVIOR



### Protect The Children

If you witnessed anyone sexually abusing a child, it is your responsibility to report the act to law enforcement officials immediately. Please don't report it to an authority figure who might benefit from covering up the horrendous act, because they probably wouldn't mention the

incident to the police. The recent Penn State University alleged cover-up of a sex abuse scandal involving one of their football team coaches, Jerry Sandusky, should serve as notice what can happen when college sports big money trumps doing what is right.

Picture this: , Joe Paterno, the college football head coach with the most wins in American history, is about to receive one of the highest awards in the United States of America; a prestigious American college with an extraordinary winning football record; that prestigious college earned about \$72.2 million dollars, with profits of \$53.2 million and garnered \$6 million per game from its football program in 2010; an alleged child abuser and college coach who is also the founder of a charitable program for young underprivileged boys; an assistant coach who allegedly witnessed a sexually abusive act being committed by one of his colleagues and chose to report it to the football team's head coach, instead of to law enforcement officials and several young vulnerable boys who were allegedly preyed upon by the college coach. Who are really the victims in this scenario? Please spare me the remarks of empathy for the 84 years old iconic Joe Paterno. It is my opinion, Joe Paterno placed more importance on Penn State football program than on protecting the lives of the young men who were allegedly abused. For more than 10 years, these young men lived in silence and shame carrying the burden of being allegedly sexually abused by someone they trusted. What a shame! Shame on all the adults that remained silent after the first alleged act occurred.

I spent the 2010 Christmas holidays with my family in Georgia. We stayed at my sister's home during our reunion. She (my sister) has two wonderful and intelligent children. My nephew is 12 and my niece is 10 years old. I arrived at my sister's home one week before my other siblings got there, so I was afforded the joy and pleasure of bonding with both my nephew and niece. While enjoying their enthusiasm, kindness and wit, it crossed my mind that if anyone should attempt to hurt these two beautiful, God-loving and innocent children, I would follow that person or persons to the end of the world and bring them to justice. I can only imagine what a parent goes through when their children are abused by adults. Children are our future and they should be cherished and nurtured. They should not be abused.

It is woefully arrogant for evil-minded adults to believe they can sexually abuse children without retribution. The lyrics,"Every day the bucket a-go a well, One day the bottom a-go drop out, One day the bottom a-go drop out. I say," from the legendary singer, songwriter and poet Bob Marley's classic song, "I Shot The Sheriff," is both prophetic and heart wrenching. Now more than ever before, we must look after our children and report sex-abuse to law enforcement officials whenever it is witnessed.

## STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE



### THE BEATING OF MY HEART

I'm asleep in a bed in the middle of the day and a the well-dressed lady comes into my room with a booklet. She tells me to measure my blood sugar, blood pressure, and weight every morning. She tells me to avoid salt and processed meats. I don't listen very closely. I rub my eyes and try to wake up. Where am I anyway? While I'm wondering the lady asks if I have any questions smiles and leaves. Her job is done but mine is just beginning. Where am I anyway?

I remember where I am and it should be no surprise- but it is. I'm at Kaiser Hospital Sunset, the very hospital where my daughter was born thirty seven years ago less two weeks. I think I am in a new wing of the hospital which would overlook the old wing of the hospital - except that the old wing is gone. Gone too are my clothes and books and a lot of my confidence. How did I let this happen to my life and what am I going to do about it.

Yesterday I made the mistake of going to the Kaiser Hospital in Pasadena to see if something could be done about my left foot which was swollen and painful. I thought I had a recurrence of gout and began taking a gout medicine, colchicine, to try and make the symptoms go away. The doctor had given me a prescription telling me that the medication was an old remedy that was specifically diagnostic for gout. I was instructed more or less to take the colchicine for four times a day until the pain went away or until I developed diarrhea whichever came first. Well as I waited to see a doctor the pain and swelling were still present and then all of a sudden - BAM. Let's not talk about it ...- but after I cleaned myself and the bathroom walls and floor I finally saw a doctor. The doctor, sweet as could be, listened to my embarrassing story, looked at my legs and feet, asked a few questions, ordered an EKG, and told me I had to go immediately to Kaiser Sunset for more tests.

I called my wife and we drove to the emergency room which of course was jammed. I waited for awhile, was called in and placed on a gurney in a hallway for about 6 hours. There were beds everywhere filled with people with sad faces in obvious distress. I felt like an imposter just taking up space. I fought to keep my clothes on was given more tests and wanted to leave. The whole time I was in the hallway I was overwhelmed at how hard everyone worked and how hard everyone tried to be nice. I wanted to yell, I'm innocent. Let me go home. I didn't do it - but I know I did do it - did it to myself. Now It's the next day and I'm at this hospital room overlooking some lovely palm trees. A man is here to do an echocardiogram and I'll let you know what happens.

Well, it's half an hour later and I'm a changed man. Colors, rhythms, beats and missed beats. it's pre-image, pre-icons, it's life and it goes on and keeps going on until it stops I guess. As the technician pressed the instrument against my chest I could feel the beating of my heart for the first time in my life. Really, I don't know if I'm healthy or not but for the time being at least I am overwhelmed by the magic, mystery and majesty of my own life. It's clearly not something to be figured out but instead is something to be grooved with. ROCK ON brothers and sisters, let's all syncope together. I don't know what that means but that's okay because I'm getting just a bit of a taste of the significance of everything else.

Nope. The promoters were considering Woodstock as they organized the 1969 mega concert. The closer they got to summer they shifted their sights to the town of Wallkill. (Doesn't have quite the same ring as Woodstock.) However, the concert didn't take place there either, as the Wallkillians freaked out at the possibility of thousands of spaced-out hippies traipsing through their town. Fortunately, along came a fellow named Max Yasgur who owned a farm 40 miles southwest of Woodstock. It was actually in the town of Bethel. I suspect changing the name of the concert to Bethel was frowned upon as it might have suggested a religious theme.

Hopefully I have given you a bit of trivia that might make for interesting Thanksgiving conversation.

Reminds me of a joke about a woman who bought a beautiful parrot that had only one flaw. Occasionally it swore up and down a blue streak. Not knowing how to stop the offensive language she grabbed the verbally abusive parrot and stuck it in the freezer for a minute. The bird came out cold...and silent. Next day the same foul swearing. She stuck the parrot into the freezer for 4 minutes. The bird came out silent yet again. Half hour goes by and the parrot says to the lady, "Look, you've cured me of my bad language. But I have to ask one question, "What did that turkey in the freezer say?"

I hope none of you who are asked concerning me and my column respond with, "What did that turkey say?"

Happy Thanksgiving. Gobble gobble.







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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-122031  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AVENUESOFT, 1151 EXPOSITION BLVD., L.A., CA 90007. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MANPREET S. BHASIN, ZEESHAN RANG, 1151 EXPOSITION BLVD., L.A., CA 90007. This Business is conducted by: CO-PARTNERS. Signed: MANPREET S. BHASIN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/25/11. 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 05, 12, 19, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-120273  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BLEAK TO CHIC BY KRISSEY, 3012 RIO CLARO DR., HACIENDA HTS., CA 91745. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KRISTIN MARGARET KAISER, 3012 RIO CLARO DR., HACIENDA HTS., CA 91745. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: KRISTIN MARGARET KAISER. 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 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 05, 12, 19, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-122744  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BURBANO'S INSURANCE SERVICES, 2323 W. PICO BLVD., L.A., CA 90006. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MANUEL BURBANO, 19368 PACIFIC OAKS PL., ROWLAND HTS., CA 91748. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MANUEL BURBANO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/26/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct 29, Nov 05, 12, 19, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-121856  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: C J METALS, 7341 DINWIDDIE ST., DOWNEY, CA 90241. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE ZEPEDA, 7341 DINWIDDIE ST., DOWNEY, CA 90241. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSE ZEPEDA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/25/11. 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 05, 12, 19, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-121346  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CALIFORNIA UNITED PLUMBING, 2539 OHIO AVE., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CARLOS A. VAZQUEZ, 2539 OHIO ST., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CARLOS A. VAZQUEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/24/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct 29, Nov 05, 12, 19, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-109639  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CAMPBELL TRUCKING, 7917 ALIX AVE., L.A., CA 90001. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARTHA CAMPBELL, 7917 ALIX AVE., L.A., CA 90001. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARTHA CAMPBELL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/03/11. 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 05, 12, 19, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-122101  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EXCEL GROUP PRINTING, 13808 IMPERIAL HWY., #100, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JASON LOZANO, ELIZABETH LOZANO, 9939 SANTA GERTRUDES AVE., WHITTIER, CA 90603. This Business is conducted by: HUSBAND AND WIFE. Signed: JASON LOZANO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/25/11. 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 05, 12, 19, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-122185  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GREAT DELIVERIES, 10366 BELLWOOD AVE., UNIT 202, L.A., CA 90064. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) STEVEN JACKSON, 10366 BELLWOOD AVE., UNIT 202, L.A., CA 90064. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: STEVEN JACKSON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/27/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct 29, Nov 05, 12, 19, 2011

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FUNKY FITS, 4443 McNAB AVE., LAKEWOOD, CA 90713. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ARIES BRATCHER, 5800 PEARCE AVE., LAKEWOOD, CA 90712. JOSHUA SPULECKI, 4443 McNAB AVE., LAKEWOOD, CA 90713. This Business is conducted by: CO-PARTNERS. Signed: ARIES BRATCHER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/25/11. 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 05, 12, 19, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-123562  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: G ZONE CO.; BLUE DREAM S, 10811 ORR AND DAY RD., SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JASON CHUNG, 11936 CENTRALIA RD., HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CA 90716. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JASON CHUNG. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/27/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct 29, Nov 05, 12, 19, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-123457  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GREAT DELIVERIES, 10366 BELLWOOD AVE., UNIT 202, L.A., CA 90064. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) STEVEN JACKSON, 10366 BELLWOOD AVE., UNIT 202, L.A., CA 90064. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: STEVEN JACKSON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/27/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct 29, Nov 05, 12, 19, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-121027  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HR CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT, LLC, 232 W. LE ROY AVE., ARCADIA, CA 91007. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HR CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT, LLC, 232 W. LE ROY AVE., ARCADIA, CA 91007. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: SHIRLEY FLORES. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/24/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct 29, Nov 05, 12, 19, 2011

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 05, 12, 19, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-120551  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JETFILE PRO, 12540 E. SLAUSON AVE., STE E, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) UNITED INTERPRETERS, INC., 7119 BROADWAY AVE., WHITTIER, CA 90606. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: ROBERT M. SANTOYO JR. 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 05, 12, 19, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-123759  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MONTE CARLO BANQUET HALL #2, 4426 N. FIGUEROA AVE., L.A., CA 90065. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LUIS ANGEL FLORES, 4426 N. FIGUEROA AVE., L.A., CA 90065. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LUIS ANGEL FLORES. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/27/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct 29, Nov 05, 12, 19, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-111195  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PEACE SUNDAY, 12806 MATTESON AVE., #10, L.A., CA 90066. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) UNITY-AND-DIVERSITY WORLD COUNCIL, INC., 12806 MATTESON AVE., #10, L.A., CA 90066. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: LELAND P. STEWART. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/05/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/01/1999. NOTICE- This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct 29, Nov 05, 12, 19, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-123891  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PINE TREE PRESCHOOL, 311 S. NORMANDIE AVE., L.A., CA 90020. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) OKIE DOCKIE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER, LLC, 311 S. NORMANDIE AVE., L.A., CA 90020. This Business is conducted by: A

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: YENI PORTILLO-LEMUS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/27/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct 29, Nov 05, 12, 19, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-123956  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SHEILA NAILS, 9150 PAINTER AVE., #104, WHITTIER, CA 90602. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NGUYEN, QUOC ANH NGOC, 3107 FRIENDSWOOD AVE., EL MONTE, CA 91753. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: NGUYEN, QUOC ANH NGOC. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/27/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct 29, Nov 05, 12, 19, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-120534  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SOCALBUILDER, 689 TEMPLE AVE., #307, LONG BEACH, CA 90814. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALENA OLAES, 689 TEMPLE AVE., #307, LONG BEACH, CA 90814. ERICK HILTON, 21821 RIDGEDALE DR., PERRIS, CA 92570. This Business is conducted by: CO-PARTNERS. Signed: ALENA OLAES. 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 Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct 29, Nov 05, 12, 19, 2011

**FILE NO. 2011-122777**  
**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**  
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: CONTEMPO NAILS & SPA, 2700 W. IMPERIAL HWY., INGLEWOOD, CA 90303. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 08/17/2011, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2011083545. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 10/26/2011. The business information in

this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: THI KIM TRINH/OWNER. Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct 29, Nov 05, 12, 19, 2011

**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 05, 12, 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. EUCALID 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 05, 12, 19, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-125414  
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## LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

**Colors in the Spotlight!**

**Nature's Colors!**

We often use nature or seasons of the year to guess color.

**Let's Mix It Up!**

If you have red, blue and yellow paints, you can combine them in different amounts to make almost any color. What colors did you make when you mixed the colors below?

1. blue + yellow = A. orange  
2. red + blue = B. pink  
3. yellow + red = C. green  
4. red + white = D. purple

**Words That Color Our World!**

If you add white paint to another color of paint, what do you think will happen?

The paint color will lighten.  
The paint color will darken.

1. show a giant - myelomelia  
2. a black cloud over one's head  
3. have a yellow streak  
4. see red  
5. feel blue  
6. have a heart of gold

A. feel sad  
B. be a coward  
C. be jealous  
D. have a big problem  
E. become very angry  
F. to be a kind person

1. agreement in black and white  
2. blue-ribbon pie  
3. get the green light  
4. through color-colored glasses  
5. be in the red  
6. as white as a ghost

A. the very best  
B. the very pale  
C. to be very good  
D. to be in danger  
E. to be in debt  
F. to be able to start

We're having turkey, stuffing...

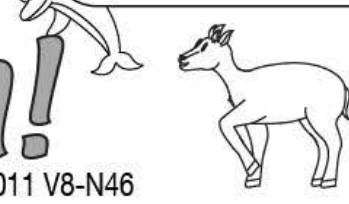


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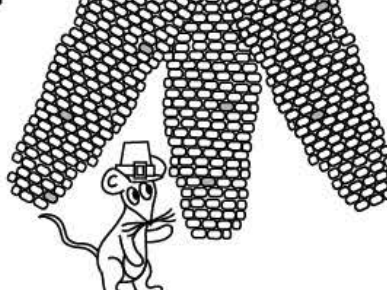


# Happy Thanksgiving!



The Pilgrims had few choices of foods when they sailed to America on the Mayflower. There was salted beef, pork, fish and hardtack, a dry biscuit. It is thought that they had dried peas, beans, cheese and some butter, too. They had some fresh water when they started out, but it didn't take long for it to spoil.

Whew! That makes me extra thankful for Mom's and Dad's great cooking.



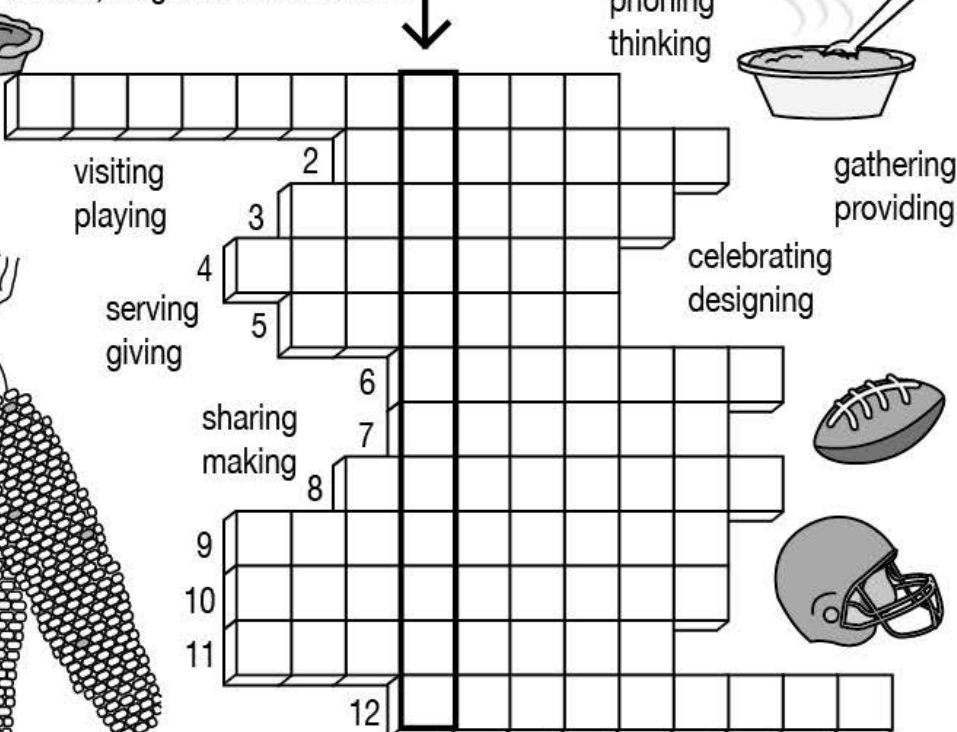
Hey, you! Let me know when Thanksgiving is over.

Turkey, nap and football too...

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Today's Thanksgiving is based on the three-day feast and celebration of 53 Pilgrims and about 90 Native Americans held in 1621 in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

It's a time for celebration...a time for sharing traditions with family, friends, neighbors...a time for...



## Free Puzzles!

Whaaaaaattttt! You haven't joined yet?





Looking Up

with Bob Eklund



Curiosity Goes to Mars Nov. 25

NASA's most advanced mobile robotic laboratory, built into a car-sized rover named "Curiosity," is in final preparations for a launch from Florida's Space Coast at 10:25 a.m. EST on Nov. 25. It will examine one of the most intriguing areas on Mars, near the base of a mountain inside a deep crater.

The Mars Science Laboratory (MSL) mission will have more scientific capability than any ever sent to another planet. The rover is now sitting atop an Atlas V rocket awaiting liftoff from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

"Preparations are on track for launching at our first opportunity," said Pete Theisinger, MSL project manager at JPL. "If weather or other factors prevent launching then, we have more opportunities through Dec. 18."

Scheduled to land on the Red Planet in August 2012, the one-ton rover will examine Gale Crater during a nearly two-year prime mission. Curiosity will land near the base of a layered mountain 3 miles (5 kilometers) high inside the crater. The rover will investigate whether environmental conditions ever have been favorable for development of microbial life and preserved evidence of those conditions.

"Gale gives us a superb opportunity to test

multiple potentially habitable environments and the context to understand a very long record of early environmental evolution of the planet," said John Grotzinger, project scientist for MSL at Caltech. "The portion of the crater where Curiosity will land has an alluvial fan likely formed by water-carried sediments. Layers at the base of the mountain contain clays and sulfates, both known to form in water."

Curiosity is twice as long and five times as heavy as the earlier Mars rovers Spirit and Opportunity. It will carry a set of 10 science instruments weighing 15 times as much as its predecessors' science payloads.

A mast extending to 7 feet above ground provides height for cameras and a laser-firing instrument to study targets from a distance. Instruments on a 7-foot-long arm will study targets up close. Analytical instruments inside the rover will determine the composition of rock and soil samples acquired with the arm's powdering drill and scoop. Other instruments will study the Martian environment, including the weather and natural radiation that will affect future human missions.

"Mars Science Laboratory builds upon the



improved understanding about Mars gained from current and recent missions," said Doug McCuistion, director of the Mars Exploration Program at NASA Headquarters in Washington. "This mission advances technologies and science that will move us toward missions to return samples from and eventually send humans to

Mars."

The mission is challenging and risky. Because Curiosity is too heavy to use an airbag-cushioned touchdown, the mission will use a new landing method, with a rocket-powered descent stage lowering the rover on a tether.

The mission will pioneer these precision landing methods during the spacecraft's crucial dive through Mars' atmosphere next August to place the rover onto a smaller landing target than any previously for a Mars mission. The target inside Gale Crater measures 12.4 miles by 15.5 miles. Rough terrain just outside that area would have disqualified the landing site without the improved precision.

No mission to Mars since the Viking landers in the 1970s has sought a direct answer to the question of whether life has existed there. Curiosity is not designed to answer that question by itself, but its investigations for evidence about prerequisites for life will steer potential future missions toward answers.

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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.

I have posted my resume on numerous career sites and recently received e-mails from people stating they are interested in my employment background. They are requesting I send my resume and contact information. I am really perplexed by this since all that information has been posted by me on their site. Their e-mail only lists a name and phone number. I called the phone number but only get a voice mail. The voice mail does not have any company information. I am really anxious to be considered for a position and to become employed. Should I respond and send my resume? Suspicious

Dear Suspicious:

Trust your instincts. If an e-mail looks or feels suspicious to you, then do not respond. There are "bad people" out there searching and luring job seekers like yourself looking for employment. This internet technique is called "phishing". It is not an old technique, just one that keeps evolving to target new and unsuspecting people. A phishing technique was described in detail in 1987, and the first recorded use of the term "phishing" was made in 1996. The term is a variant of fishing, probably influenced by phreaking, and alludes to baits used to "catch" financial information and passwords ([wikipedia.org/wiki/Phishing](http://wikipedia.org/wiki/Phishing)). I vehemently suggest you do not reply any e-mail that does not include all of the following: a company name, address, phone number, a job description or position information. Spend your job-search time responding to legitimate employer requests and inquiries for employment.

My supervisor recently informed me I will not receive an increase in my salary due to cut backs in the department budget. She said I might receive an increase after 90 days, regardless of the fact that my performance reviews are good. Well, I do not have 90 days to wait. I have financial responsibilities that I can not meet due to the low salary that I am receiving. So, I've started looking for employment. My company is sending me out of town for a 3-day industry related conference. This will be my first time and I am sure I will not know anyone attending. Would it be wrong for me to let people at the conference know I am looking for another position or if they could help me find employment with another company? Want to do the right thing

Dear Want to do the right thing:

YES! Conferences and conventions are great places to meet new people and discuss your work history, skills and experiences. The most important thing here is that you must be very professional in the way you present yourself, your current position and employer. Do not present yourself as a dissatisfied employee. Spend the first few days introducing yourself and getting to know your colleagues and exchange business cards. Research and investigate their companies. Develop a target list of who you want to approach. I would suggest that you only approach those people who you feel will keep your job search confidential. You do not want to jeopardize your current position. The last day of any conference is usually spent networking and discussing employment opportunities. Relationships have developed and people usually feel comfortable with each other. Take advantage of the opportunity and go for it!



Happy Tails

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

pet sitter is benefiting from the nurturing relationships that I get to have with so many four-legged furry friends who appreciate my presence and are more than willing to show it in a variety of ways. There is nothing quite like walking into the front door of a client's home and having their dog(s) come running to greet me with open elation and unadulterated affection. As soon as I step over the threshold, they come to welcome me with what I like to call 'canine choruses'. Like humans, each dog has his own unique vocal tone, and when two or more dogs are "singing" together, in an effort to show their appreciation for my presence, I hear nothing but happy harmony coming sincerely from their loving hearts. For some folks, loud dog barking may come across as nothing more than annoying noise, but if the context of the tune is a healthy one, such as a warm greeting of a beloved friend, and if you listen closely enough to hear that greeting, you cannot help but appreciate the sound of a content canine chorus.

Once the songs are sung and my dog clients have made their way across the living room to the entry where I am standing, they begin their routine of sniffing every part of me, as if to check the news report and get the scoop on my most recent comings and goings. Finally, they commence covering me with sloppy doggie kisses, and I let them. I love how my canine clients are able to freely express themselves with their eyes, with their voices and with their body language. They unguardedly reveal their deepest feelings with full faith and no sense of fear. Unlike we human beings, dogs are quite capable of knowing who they can trust, and when they find trustworthy individuals, they open up their hearts in a way that a human would most likely deem too vulnerable and would therefore become guarded and take caution.

Within moments, after the excitement of my initial arrival finally fades, my canine clients and I exchange cuddly hugs, and I begin my part of the dialogue. I ask them what they have been up to since our last visit, and they appear to listen, or at least appreciate the tone of my voice. Sometimes I think they even want to respond, and perhaps they do respond in their own ways. This may sound rather silly to someone who does not spend a lot of time with domestic pets, but believe me when I say it doesn't take a crazy (or eccentric) person to understand the loving language of a dog.

Among the many canine clients that I am so blessed to spend time with, is one very special two and a half year old chocolate lab named "Charlie Brown", or more affectionately known as "Charlie". Charlie is quite the character. What makes him so special and remarkably different from all the others is his ability to spring straight up into the air with apparently very little effort, when he gets excited. This characteristic is amazing to me, because Charlie is a pretty big dog. He is about three feet tall while standing on all four legs, and probably weighs at least 80 or so pounds, but he is able to lift his body to the height of my chest in a split second, by pushing away from the floor with his feet. It seems to take very little effort on his part and it can come as a real surprise

CHARLIE BROWN

The 'Canine Clown'

to someone who is not expecting it.

Now that I know Charlie well enough to be aware of how he will react when I arrive to walk him, I prepare myself for his reaction, and I am careful to protect my chin from possibly being bumped by the top of his head when he suddenly springs upward! While he is 'bouncing', a lot like "Tigger" (the character from the Winnie the Pooh stories), he is also singing his version of the canine chorus, with his very high pitched tone, which says to me; "You have no idea how happy I am to see you - I love you so much!". If I am having a bad day, one thing I know I can count on is that it will get better when I receive that grateful greeting from Charlie. He is like a welcome wagon of wiggling wagging love and appreciation and for me that can be full-on fur therapy!

Much like many of the other dogs I know, Charlie shows his affection by smiling. He may not even realize that he smiles, but I certainly see it. Between the elated look in his gorgeous golden eyes, and that wide-open clean-teeth grin he sports, Charlie has found his way into the deepest parts of my human heart.

If all these things were not enough to convince me of how special Charlie is, his funny, frenzied antics and hilarious habits are just so entertaining, that sometimes I find myself bent over and rolling on the floor in a good gut laugh just from watching him be himself. That is why I call Charlie a 'class clown'. For example, during a recent walk he noticed a concrete deer standing on the porch of a nearby neighbor's house. At first glance, he did not react, but once the vision registered in his head, he suddenly stopped in his tracks and began to point his tail and nose in the direction of the statue. Within seconds, he was springing straight up into the air, the way he does when he is excited, and singing his high-pitched tune at the top of his lungs. I could tell he wanted to take pursuit and run after the faux creature, thinking it was indeed a real deer, but instead he looked up at me as if to ask, "should I stay or should I go?". Well, I have to say I could barely contain myself when I saw that look on his face. He truly thought that the statue was a live animal and he so wanted to run after it, but he knew he would have to ask permission first!

On several occasions during our walks, Charlie has shown interest in protecting his live-in sister, Chata. Chata, a gorgeous gold pit bull is much older and way more aware than Charlie, and she is very protective of Charlie's welfare while we are out and about, but because she is also very sweet and loves her little brother, she allows Charlie to play the protective part. Chata is no where near as big as Charlie, but she is a very wise and assumed the position of mentor to Charlie from the day he joined their family as a puppy. The two of them get along famously, much in the way we humans would like to think we do. Now and then, Charlie rubs his head against Chata's velvety neck, just to remind her that he is watching out for her, and pleased with her presence. These are the gestures that speak louder than words, and can only be portrayed by a loving, caring canine.

How lucky am I, to spend my days hanging out with such loving four-legged furry creatures as Charlie, Chata and all the other furry friends I have? No amount of fortune or fame could ever compete with that, and I hope to remain occupied with this bit of business for the rest of my life!



What if nearly everything you usually keep on your computer was stored online? Your machine would be much speedier and perhaps needed a lot less because you could simply use another machine to access your data should you lose or be away from your usual computer. This liberating premise is the driving premise behind Google's upcoming Chrome OS, which will make notebook computers more like netbooks than most actual netbooks. The software powering Chrome OS, which is based on Google's Chrome browser, serves mainly as a tool for connecting your computer to the Web. Since much of what many people currently use is housed online the day when true cloud computing is the norm is getting closer and closer.

With Google's Chrome OS, users would have to login into a Google account (if you already have a Gmail account those credentials would suffice) leading to a homepage that would show the apps the user had previously purchased and "installed" from the Google Web Store (<http://chrome.google.com>). There already appears to be a healthy market for these apps and the introduction of the Chrome compatible computers will probably boost public demand for more in the near future. Many of these apps work independent of the Chrome OS but analysts expect that number to decrease in the future as Google promotes the widespread use of its new OS.

As to be expected some industry critics and analysts are not exactly gushing with high expectations for what this new mode of computing is attempting

to do to business as usual. While fans of cloud computing will point to the speed, simplicity and security that appear to be built into Chrome OS, naysayers point out the fact that not everybody wants to be online all the time. For all of its speed and new-fangled slickness, Chrome OS is absolutely nothing without an active connection to the internet.

When Chrome OS is not connected to the internet the entire concept of cloud computing is hobbled. And then there's the whole issue of just who the target market for this new OS is in reality. A large percentage of the market is comprised of the very young and the very geeky. These groups would probably have very little difficulty adjusting to a totally-plugged-in lifestyle and in many ways are already living and working as such now. These people would probably enjoy testing the bells and whistles of this new mode of computing. Then you have the "Will-This-Thing-Help-Me-Do-My-Job-Better" group. These people may or may not personally be interested in a new toy but if the new toy offers the real promise of being a better work platform than what they currently may be using, this group will not be shy about voting with their dollars and desktops for the new system. At this early stage of the game even the best release of the new OS will not be able to win over a significant share of this crowd for the simple fact that it won't be ready to do what so far the iPad and other platforms of great promise have been unable to do and that is replace the traditional workplace desktop.

KATIE Tse.....This and That INTO THE NIGHT



Well, it's been about two weeks now since we kissed Daylight Savings goodbye for the year. So how are you liking it? I hope the new lighting situation tickles your fancy; it sure does for Lucy, my carpool buddy! Lucy (God bless her!) is the kind of person whose optimism saturates every part of her daily experience. On one especially foggy morning, I was about to complain about the poor visibility, but Lucy beat me to it, chirping "It's so misty and cool! How beautiful!" I grunted something like, "I'm so happy for you both," before drowning my sorrows in a pint of coffee.

There are times when it's necessary to complain. But, overall, I believe people who complain less are happier than their bickering counterparts. Last year, I devoted a lot of print to complaints about fall and winter's dying light, debilitating cold, and skin-chaffing dry weather. So, this year I decided to focus on all the positive aspects of the season. Here goes nothing.

The first positive --Daylight Savings returns in March (earlier than other years)! Secondly, we're only about 40 days away from December 22, Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year and the tipping point of the reign of darkness (maybe "reign of darkness" was a bit negative). I've often wondered what the point of going off Daylight Savings Time is? Cynicism leads me to believe there's money involved somewhere. Daily Savings Time is credited to Australian, George Vernon Hudson, an entomologist who argued for extended hours after the work day to collect bugs. Hey, that's a good enough excuse for me! Businessmen and politicians have cited Daylight Savings as a means of reducing crime, traffic fatalities, and energy consumption. Detractors include folks in the farming industry and nighttime entertainment. Gee, is it better to squeeze in one more movie showing or to save a few drivers from death? All right, I guess I haven't done very well regarding complaint reduction.

I would say that the cold weather gives me an opportunity to sport my stylish boots, sweaters, and coats --except that I don't have any. For this I have no one to blame but myself. My paucity of winter wear is due to my deep-seated disdain for clothes shopping. I would rather scrub my (tiny) kitchen floor, pull weeds, or lick a hundred envelopes before I'd shop for a seasonal wardrobe (or any wardrobe, for that matter). And I'm cheap.

One thing I appreciate during the winter is the heater in my apartment. Maybe the act of turning a knob to 70+ and having your house fill with warmth is a regular occurrence for you, but I still get a thrill out of it. Growing up in my 1950's-built home, my room was always sweltering in the summer and frigid in the winter.

Probably the main function of fall and winter is to make us appreciate summer all the more. And with that, I think I've exhausted my list of fall and winter perks. If you favor this time of year over the warmer half, that's good for you. I, for one, am counting down to December 22!

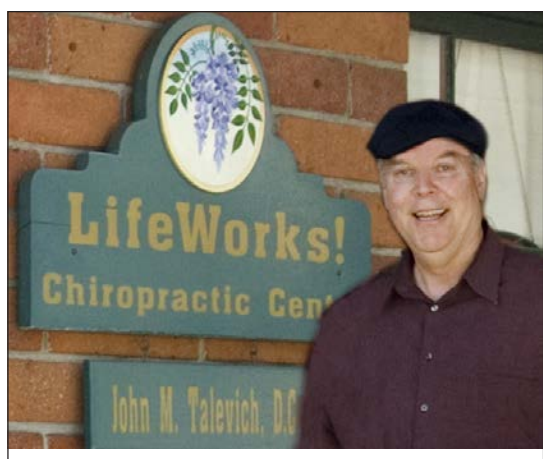




## YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

### Today's Subject:

## The Carb Conundrum



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.

Some of us remember Jim Carrey's famous shout, "Somebody stop me!" in his movie, The Mask. This may well be the very same attitude we hold when it comes to carb intake: the more we eat, the more we want. And, dare I mention, here come the holidays! In spite of our very best intentions, we may find ourselves once again munching on those come-hither carbs. Should we just ride out the tide of holiday cheer and reset our sugar conversation in the new year?

Slow It Down

Once the teeter-totter blood glucose cycle becomes the norm, it is essential to shape it away from the huge swings that are prompted by sugar intake. One way of doing this is to simply lean toward protein intake. That spaghetti dinner? Fuggetaboutit. Have some roast chicken and green veggies. That cereal breakfast? Not so nice. Have an egg scramble, preferably without the toast. Lunch? The vegetable salad with tuna, chicken, or cottage cheese will go down better than a sandwich. How about that diet coke? Recent studies show the sensation of sweetness provokes changes in body chemistry related to the blood glucose cycle, hence it's best to avoid even diet sodas. The strength of this approach is that, if you eat too much sugar, a simple movement toward protein is the right tool for the job.

#### In Closing

It's important to appreciate that blood glucose patterns develop over years; if fact, they begin in very early childhood. If we look upon our relationship with refined carbs as an ongoing dialogue with our body and what it needs, we are more likely to succeed in finding a healthy balance.

Have a healthy week!  
Dr. John

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## HOW SENIORS CAN GUARD AGAINST IDENTITY THEFT

Dear Savvy Senior,

What tips and resources can you recommend to help seniors guard against identity theft? My next door neighbor, who's 79, recently had her identity stolen and I want to make sure it doesn't happen to me.

Cautious Connie

Dear Connie,  
Identity theft continues to be a big problem in the U.S., affecting around nine million people every year – many of whom are seniors. Identity theft occurs when someone gets access to your Social Security number (SSN), bank or credit card account number, or other identifying information and uses it to steal from you. While there's no ironclad protection against ID theft, here are some things you can do to minimize your risks.

Guard your SSN: Treat your SSN like your most prized possession. Never carry your Social Security card around in your wallet or purse, don't write your SSN on checks (except those you send to the IRS), and never give your SSN, credit card number, checking or savings account numbers to strangers who call, visit, text, or send e-mail messages to you even if they seem legitimate. And, don't carry around your Medicare card either unless you're going to the doctor. Your Medicare card contains your SSN.

Be wary of emails: If you use the Internet, don't trust emails that claim to be from the Social Security Administration, the IRS or other government agencies. Also be leery of emails that look like they're from your bank, telephone company or credit card company. Remember that only phony e-mails will ask for your credit card number or SSN. For more Internet fraud tips including a list of common online scams see [onguardonline.gov](http://onguardonline.gov).

Secure your mail: Empty your mailbox quickly, or consider getting a P.O. Box or buy a locked mailbox to deter thieves. Also, don't leave outgoing mail in your mailbox. To put a stop to prescreened credit-card offers that thieves look to intercept, use the consumer credit reporting industry opt-out service at [optoutprescreen.com](http://optoutprescreen.com) or call 888-567-8688 – they will ask for your SSN and date of birth.

Destroy your trash: Buy a cross-cut paper shredder and shred all records, receipts, statements, preapproved credit offers, mail solicitations or other papers you throw out that have your financial or personal information.

Monitor your accounts: Review your monthly

bank and credit card statements carefully, and see if your bank or credit-card issuer offers free alerts that will warn you of suspicious activity as soon as it's detected. If they do, sign up for them.

Watch your credit: Check your credit report at [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com) or call 877-322-8228. You can receive one free report a year from each of the three major credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion), so consider staggering your request so you can get one free copy every four months.

Set up security freezes: You can help protect



yourself by setting up a security freeze on your credit reports at all three credit bureaus – Equifax ([equifax.com](http://equifax.com), 800-685-1111), Experian ([experian.com](http://experian.com), 888-397-3742) and TransUnion ([transunion.com](http://transunion.com), 877-322-8228). With a freeze in place, no one, including you, can open new lines of credit in your name. This typically costs \$5 to \$10 per person per credit bureau each time you freeze or thaw your credit report. Some states offer free freezes for ID-theft victims.

Take action: If you ever think your identity's been stolen, immediately contact your creditors and financial institutions to report unauthorized charges or debts, and close any compromised accounts. Then place fraud alerts and security freezes with the three credit reporting agencies, and file a report with your local police and with the Federal Trade Commission at [ftccomplaintassistant.gov](http://ftccomplaintassistant.gov) or 877-438-4338.

Savvy tips: For more tips on preventing identity theft visit [idtheftinfo.org](http://idtheftinfo.org) and [idtheftcenter.org](http://idtheftcenter.org). You can also hire an identity theft protection service like ProtectMyID, LifeLock or TrustedID to keep tabs on your identity for you. These companies typically charge around \$10 to \$20 per month, but the services they provide are typically no better than what you can do yourself by following the previously listed tips.

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

## THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

PASADENA - The Pasadena Senior Center is open on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24, to hold its annual Thanksgiving Day celebration and extend a warm welcome to seniors, their family and friends. The Center, located at 85 East Holly Street in Old Pasadena, will serve a traditional Thanksgiving meal complete with all the trimmings. Dinner will be served at noon.

A Thanksgiving meal is a treasured American tradition and the Pasadena Senior Center will keep the tradition alive by doing all the cooking. The savory holiday menu will feature freshly roasted turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables, salad, beverages and desserts. Holiday guests will be treated like royalty as friendly Pasadena Senior Center volunteers provide service right to the table. Live music will accompany the meal.

The Thanksgiving Day dinner is \$10.00 per person, \$8.00 for Pasadena Senior Center members. Reservations are required. Please make pre-paid reservations at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 East Holly Street, by Monday, November 21.

For more than 50 years the Pasadena Senior Center, has served the community as an independent non-profit center supported through membership fees, private and business support and public sector funding for its outreach programs. Through the generosity of donors the Center continues to serve offering a wide and diverse range of services, benefits and opportunities to members and the public.

For more information about the Thanksgiving Day celebration please contact the Pasadena Senior Center at (626) 795-4331 or visit [www.pasadenaseniorecenter.org](http://www.pasadenaseniorecenter.org).

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

### 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



### Meals-On-Wheels

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

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12 noon the day before.

## DIAL - A - RIDE TICKETS

*Tickets can now be purchased at:*  
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Pasadena Highlands, an independent and assisted living community, is proud to provide a special gift basket on the first Tuesday of each month. Accredited In-Home nursing care will provide a special prize on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Bingo takes place every Tuesday at 1:30 pm at the Sierra Madre Recreation Center while the Hart Park House is under remodeling. The game begins at 1:30 pm but those wishing to play must arrive 10 minutes before to secure your Bingo cards. Join us on the 1st & 4th Tuesday of each month

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our one special service at 9:15. Witness the unveiling of new, hand-crafted stained glass windows installed in the sanctuary. Following worship tour the progress of the renovation project then join us for a Homecoming Harvest Brunch in Fellowship Hall, celebrating SMCC's 70th Anniversary. RSVPs preferred but not required.



9:15 am Traditional & Student Worship Services  
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10:30 am Harvest Brunch  
(No 11:15 "Gathering" worship service this week)

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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.



### CHARMING 1920'S HOME WITH BELLS, WHISTLES AND OODLES OF CHARACTER

Just the other day, I was talking with a local Realtor about how hard it is to find a great \$700-800,000 home in Pasadena and Sierra Madre. Especially when the buyers want a "character" home. one with history and unique features. Not a cookie cutter.

So I went trolling the MLS and found this gorgeous single level home that just came on the market at \$749,000. Built in 1927, the home is located on Victoria Drive, a street just one block long. North of Orange Grove and west of Altadena Drive, the neighborhood oozes history, and it seems like at least one home in each block has just been freshly relandscaped or updated, so there's lots of pride of ownership around. The tree lined streets, with sidewalks, are great for an evening stroll.

The home offers the "warmth and charm of a bygone era" according to the listing agent, who shared a 1926 advertisement when this Windsor Square neighborhood was in its infancy, pointing out that many different builders constructed in this Northeast Pasadena community.

This home includes not only quality vintage features, it also includes many current amenities today's sophisticated buyers demand. The side driveway is gated, and offers stone detailing. The porte cochere just inside the gate can double as an outside gazebo. Gorgeous wrought iron gates provide a sophisticated, appealing entry. Fountains front and back provide the peaceful gurgle of running water.

The fabulous spacious living room offers the "wow" effect, especially at this price point, with beamed cathedral ceilings, bay window and central fireplace is wired for a flat screen above the fireplace. The separate dining room features an arched entry with custom stencil work, and looks out to the side garden and fountain.

Both living and dining rooms offer art niches, perfect for a favorite vase of flowers or treasured art work. You'll find engineered hardwood and slate flooring providing beautiful anchors for oriental rugs, or show them off bare, if your feet prefer.

The modern kitchen features upscale Frigidaire appliances, including a five burner gas stove with electric oven. The kitchen's layout accommodates two work stations, and even offers a casual dining area on one end, and separate laundry room on the other side.

The sleeping quarters can be closed off for extra privacy. The master suite includes a sitting room



or home office with built-ins and a faux fireplace.

The third bedroom, with French doors opening to the shaded back patio, has been configured as a generous family room by removing the closet. All three rooms include lighted ceiling fans, great for reducing cooling costs. In fact, most of the lighting has been tastefully updated.

Since the home includes minimal yard maintenance, it might be a consideration for those

downsizing to a single level, more manageable floorplan from a larger home, or even as a condo alternative.

About a half mile from the Gold Line train station to LA and I-210 access, this home offers great of the commuting convenience, too!

864 Victoria Drive in Pasadena is offered at \$749,000 by Kirk Gerou at Prudential California Realty. For more information, contact the agent at

323-671-1272 or KirkGerou@PruLA.com.

*Know of an interesting home or garden, or person who helps create them, to be considered for a feature in "One of a Kind"? Send the contact information to C.Bertrand@MtnViewsNews.com.*



**Tips of the Trade:  
Real Estate Revealed**  
*by Luther Tsinoglou*  
**Don't Take Everything**

If you plan to move while your home is still listed for sale, you may face a marketing challenge - the vacant home. While lived-in homes may be more attractive during showings, there is much more you can do to present your vacant property successfully.

On the outside, give your home an occupied look by asking a neighbor to park their car in your driveway, open and close your drapes, and retrieve any mail that still arrives. During the warm season, have a lawn service maintain the yard (in the winter, a snow removal service may be in order).

On the inside, create a sense of space by leaving some strategically placed pieces of furniture, like a few chairs, tables and lamps. You can

create a "bed" by covering an empty mattress box or several moving boxes with a thick comforter.

If you remove furniture that reveals blemishes on the walls, repair and repaint those. If you notice that the carpeting is faded after you've moved furniture, consider replacing it if possible.

Keep it feeling pleasant indoors during all seasons by keeping your power on after you move, and having a neighbor or family member set the temperature at a minimum comfortable setting according to seasonal conditions.

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Employee 2	\$30,000.00	\$7,500.00	10.00%	Employee 2	\$2,500.00	2.27%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$300,000.00</b>	<b>\$75,000.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		<b>\$110,000.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Participant	Compensation	SEP Contribution	Percent of Total Contribution	Participant	Qualified Retirement Plan Contribution	Percent of Total Contribution
Owner & Spouse	\$100,000.00	\$25,000.00	64.52%	Owner & Spouse	\$76,500.00	92.45%
Employee 1	\$25,000.00	\$6,250.00	16.13%	Employee 1	\$3,125.00	3.78%
Employee 2	\$30,000.00	\$7,500.00	19.35%	Employee 2	\$3,125.00	3.78%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$155,000.00</b>	<b>\$38,750.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		<b>\$82,750.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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# HUDDLE UP!



By Harvey Hyde

## USC PUNT PLAY WAS A FAKE, BUT NEGRETE IS THE REAL DEAL

This week, I'm going to do things a little differently and touch on more than one topic.

First. Question: if you either attended the USC-Washington football game or watched it on television last Saturday, what play do you remember most? More than likely it was the fake punt in which the USC punter, Kyle Negrete, ran for 35 yards and set the tone of the Trojan's 40-17 victory.

Kyle Negrete's father, Jeff was an outstanding linebacker at Fresno State when I was coaching at UNLV. Over some time, Jeff and I became friends. I've always kidded Jeff that our game plan against Fresno was to run right at him.

The coach at Fresno State then was Jim Sweeney. Jeff married Jim's daughter Patty. Sadly, in 2002, we lost Patty to breast cancer. But let me tell you, she and Jeff produced one heck of a young man.

You might have read about Kyle in Bill Plaschke's column in Sunday's Los Angeles Times. Kyle is a walk-on as a punter, but certainly has many other skills. He is not on scholarship, which means his father has to pay for his education. Trojan fans should send a thank you to both Kyle and his dad for committing to Kyle's education at USC. Let me add this: Kyle Negrete is a great kid who comes from great parents and, in my mind, has a great future as a punter in the NFL.

**Second.** The BCS championship game rotates among four sites, and three of those are NFL stadiums. Last season's title game was played in the Arizona Cardinal's home stadium. This season's title game will be played Monday, Jan. 9, 2012 at the Superdome, the home stadium for the New Orleans Saints. Then comes a title game at the home of the Miami Dolphins. In 2014 the championship game will be back at the Rose Bowl, the only site that has a great college football tradition.

My thinking is, why not make the Rose Bowl the permanent site? It is host to the granddaddy of the college bowl games, and is currently going through a major renovation project that should be completed in 2013.

How about setting the national college football championship game every year at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, with its great tradition, its great weather and what is expected to be a great renovated facility?

**And finally:** What about that "celebration" rule? College football is such an exciting sport you can understand why a player as young as 18 or 19 years old might have trouble controlling the excitement he feels after making a big play. Why penalize that young man for showing emotion? I do not believe in taunting other players. (Even though lots of banter between players goes on throughout most games.) But penalizing a player for his enthusiasm is wrong, unless the celebrating is just inappropriately over the top. Celebrating is allowed in basketball, soccer and baseball. Why not college football? Think about it. I already have.

## 2012 Adult Winter Basketball League!

The City of Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department is offering an Adult Basketball League in 2012. Get in shape and sharpen your skills at the same time! Teams are divided into leagues based on their skill level and play 10 games in the Dana Gym, located at 1401 S. First Avenue, Arcadia. The fee for adult basketball is \$475.00 per team (due upon registration), and includes officials, scorekeepers

and awards. A separate \$40 forfeit fee is also due at the time of registration. Registration begins Monday, November 21st and is limited. Teams will be accepted into the league on a first-come, first-serve basis. Just go on-line to the City of Arcadia's website: [ci.arcadia.ca.us](http://ci.arcadia.ca.us), to download the registration form or stop by the office, 375 Campus Drive in Arcadia.

*For more information please call 626.821.4367!*

## SPRING 2012 REGISTRATION FOR SIERRA MADRE LITTLE LEAGUE



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**WHO:** All Sierra Madre boys and girls who will be between 4 and 12 years old on April 30, 2012. — **MUST BE A CITY OF SIERRA MADRE RESIDENT.**

**COST:** \$135 registration fee; \$120 for each sibling thereafter—Until December 3rd, 2011.

Registration taken after December 3rd includes a \$30 late fee, except T-ball. The registration fee includes a jersey & hat. Parents will purchase pants, socks, & belt.

Major and Minor division players return league jerseys at season's end. A diner deposit check for \$100 is required for each player. Diner duty consists of two shifts per player—maximum of four shifts/two diner deposits per family. Diner deposit checks will not be cashed if all diner duties are met. SMLL will not deny any child a chance to play baseball due to financial hardship; scholarships are available at registration.

**HOW: ON-LINE REGISTRATION!**

Log onto [www.smll.org](http://www.smll.org) and click on the registration link on the left of the page.

Please follow the instructions to register online. Registration payments this year are by Credit Card or Debit Card only.

**WHEN:** Online registration opens November 13, 2011!

Online registration must be complete before you come to an in-person residency verification date:

- Wednesday, November 30, 2011 - 6pm to 8:30pm, or
- Saturday, December 3, 2011 - 9am to noon

**WHERE:** Sierra Madre Recreation Center, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.



## DRILL #1...IF YOU HIT THIN SHOTS TO THE RIGHT... THIS ONE IS FOR YOU.

I know many of you love to use practice drills that will enable you to FEEL the correct way of making a change. I have used this drill not only for my teaching but I have also used it myself over the years.

Keep one thing in mind. When you hit a shot to the right you either hit the ground behind it OR you catch the ball on the upswing and hit it thin or topped. The reason you hit it thin is because the golf club is traveling too far from the INSIDE and is headed OUTSIDE.

When you swing the golf club on an arc it travels from INSIDE to SQUARE (at impact) back to the INSIDE on the follow through. The other thing you have to keep in mind is the flatter

the club face the less divot you will have. When you hit a thin 4 iron (it hurts) you will never see a divot unless you hit the ground behind the ball.

Now, on to the drill. Grab a 7 iron and lay two straight edges on the ground, (one for the target and one for your body line). Lay a towel on the ground about 12 inches behind the ball. When you swing the club back make sure you miss the towel in the backswing and in the downswing.

Another way to think of it is the golf club has to swing UP in the backswing and DOWN in the downswing. When you hit it thin you swing to much UP in the downswing. Start with a 9 iron and progress through your set of clubs.

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## Please join us for our Positive Discipline Workshop

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### Help us prepare by RSVPing by November 28<sup>th</sup>

☐ Yes! \_\_\_\_\_ will be there.  
And \_\_\_\_\_ of our friends will be coming too!

Friend's names \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I would like to pre-order the [Positive Discipline, Revised](#) text book for \$10 and pick up during this workshop.

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