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SNOW FORECAST FOR SIERRA MADRE

Yes, there will be SNOW in Sierra Madre today as the city hosts Dickens Village downtown.

As Americans across the country take part in Small Business Saturday next Saturday, November 26th, Sierra Madre, which epitomizes the concept, will host Dickens Village to kick-off of the holiday shopping season.

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 throughout the day. There will also be a silent auction of living mini-Christmas trees decorated by local school children. Shortly after dusk, the official tree-lighting will take place, also at Kersting Court. And, 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. (See full history on page 3).

For more information about Dickens Village, visit the website at www.SMDickensVillage.info.

BELOVED SIERRA MADREAN SHIRLEY ANN BRUA MCGILLICUDDY'S LIFE TO BE CELEBRATED

On November 11, 2011, Sierra Madre lost one of its most dedicated volunteers when Shirley McGillicuddy passed away after years of battling various forms of cancer. She was 82 years old.

Born on June 9, 1929, in Fargo, North Dakota, she lived in Sierra Madre for many, many years and epitomized the spirit of volunteerism in the community. She never stopped giving back to the community and was recently seen at the Sierra Madre Honors dinner, supporting her good friend Gordon Caldwell and others, despite the challenges that her illness presented.

Shirley wore many hats around town over the years. Friends recall



that she was the chairperson of the Wistaria Festival for several years and presided over the Wistaria

Vine's 100th Birthday in 1994.

She was an active member of the Friends of the Library and the Civic Club and much more.

A very spiritual person, she was a lifelong Presbyterian until she recently united with the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Sierra Madre. One friend recalls that Shirley would always say, "What can I do", offering to help wherever needed.

Shirley is survived by a daughter, Kimberly of Los Angeles, and brother Phil of Indiana.

Friends will gather to celebrate Shirley's life on January 7, 2012 at 2:00 at the Church of the Ascension.

SIERRA MADRE LITTLE LEAGUE EXPANDS

Children with challenges will play in the newly created Challengers Division

Sierra Madre Little League, which has been allowing boys and girls from ages 8-12 to enjoy our national past time since 1958, has added an exciting new division this year for mentally and physically challenged youth, the Challenger Division!

This new group is open to all boys and girls with mental or physical challenges from the ages of 5-18 in our local area, providing them a chance to play baseball in a safe and supportive environment.

"The fundamental goal of this division is to give everyone a chance to play" said Mike Comer, VP of the Sierra Madre Little League Challenger Division and a member of the board. "Several families have approached the Sierra Madre Little League board about setting up a program like this, and we are excited to launch it for the 2012 season."

Steve Tanner, President of the Sierra Madre Little League Board, explained why the board had elected to charter a Challenger program here; "Sierra Madre is one of the most amazing fields to play on in the San Gabriel Valley, and the community has always embraced assisting others. We felt that we had a lot to offer and look forward to our Challengers playing on Heasley field while hearing the cheers from our community."

Led by an enthusiastic group of adult



volunteers, the players will be paired with a "buddy" from the other divisions of Little League and Girls Softball who will assist the team members in making plays during the hour long games. "I think the boys and girls who volunteer to partner up with the challenger players will learn more than they will teach", commented Chad Bernard, a volunteer for the program.

The program is open to any players between 5-18 who live in Sierra Madre, and some areas of Pasadena and Arcadia, who have either mental or physical

challenges. The games are modified for the individual capabilities of each player. Registration is now open at SMLL.org, and can be conducted in person on Wednesday, November 30, 2011 - 6pm to 8:30pm or Saturday, December 3, 2011 - 9am to noon at Sierra Madre Recreation Center, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Financial assistance may be available insect cases.

For questions or to volunteer, please contact Mike Comer at mike@smchallengers.com, or visit the SMLL website at www.sml.org



WHO HAS THE BEST HOLIDAY DECORATIONS? IS IT YOU? OR YOUR NEIGHBOR?

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consider for our 3rd annual contest. We'll drive and evaluate the entries in our service area from Pasadena, Altadena, Sierra Madre, Arcadia, Monrovia and Duarte on Monday and/or Tuesday, December 5-6 between 5-9 p.m. So.... If you're entered, make sure your lights are on for us to take photos and make the awards! Send your submission addresses with street address, cross street and town name to C.Bertrand@MtnViewsNews.com

CIVIC CLUB SHOPPE SELLS UNIQUE KNITTED TREASURES DURING THE HOLIDAYS

If you are looking for wonderful inexpensive gifts for the holidays, look no farther than The Civic Club Shoppe! Beautiful knitted items such as scarves, hats, fingerless gloves, and many other unique handmade creations will be available for sale at the following locations during the holidays:

This Saturday at Dickens Village, 3-8 p.m.

The week of November 26 at Sierra Madre Curves, 47 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

December 2-4: A Boutique at Foothill HomeCare Partners, 78 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre - Friday, 5-8 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

All items are donated by members, and the money

earned goes into the Civic Club Ways and Means budget which funds worthwhile projects for local organizations and scholarships for high school seniors.

The Shoppe is a great place to find original designs that you won't find anywhere else, so don't miss these opportunities to buy unique items at great prices, perfect for holiday gifts or a special treat for yourself.

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Dickens Village

Saturday, Nov. 26th

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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## 5-Day Forecast

## Sierra Madre, Ca.

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|--------------|-----------|--------|----------|
| <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 |
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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.

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Committee

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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.

SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY  
HOLIDAY HOURS

The Library will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday, Thursday, November 24 through Sunday, November 27.

Library materials to be returned may be placed in the Book Drop, which will remain open during the four-day holiday break.

PUBLIC LOW COST  
VACCINE CLINIC AT  
PASADENA HUMANE  
SOCIETY

On Thursday, December 1, the Pasadena Humane Society will host a public low cost vaccination clinic from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Veterinarians will be on hand to administer rabies shots and other vaccines to both cats and dogs.

All dogs four months of age and older are required by state, county and city ordinances to be vaccinated against rabies. The rabies vaccine provides 3 years of protection for dogs 12 months and older, 1 year protection for dogs four to 11 months and for cats from 3 months of age. Also available are DHLPP and bordetella (kennel cough) vaccines for dogs and FVRCP vaccines for cats; these may be given to pets eight weeks and older and provide protection for one year. Protection of pets against diseases other than rabies is not required by law, but is recommended for the well being of the animal.

Cash and checks will be accepted as payment for vaccinations, microchips and dog licenses. All dogs should be on leash, and cats should be in carriers. Arrive early to avoid long lines and crowds! For more information please call the Pasadena Humane Society at 626.792.7151 ext 115.

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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## RESTORED CRECHE FIGURES TO "DEBUT" AT DICKENS VILLAGE By Bill Coburn

Each year during Sierra Madre's annual Candlelight Procession, two young residents are selected to perform in the role of Mary and Joseph, walking down the hill at the head of the procession carrying the figure of the baby Jesus, which they then place in the manger in the town crèche (defined by Encarta World Dictionary as 1) Nativity scene: a three-dimensional representation of the scene at the birth of Jesus Christ). Local clergy then lead the crowd in Christmas carols between readings from scripture.

The tradition of the Candlelight Procession was begun in 1971 by Pastor Bob Vander Zaag of Bethany Church and Rev. Richard Anderson of Congregational Church. However, the tradition of the crèche in Kersting Court began long before then, and a new chapter begins in that tradition this year.

In the 1950s, Leilah Roberts (think Roberts Market) donated the original figures for the crèche. According to a 1973 article in the local newspaper The View from Sierra Madre, Gordon Baker Lloyd was asked to assist with decorating the crèche, and as of that writing was the official keeper of the crèche. At the time, Lloyd was with the Chamber of Commerce, which has continued to be the keeper of the crèche through the years. The barn structure of the crèche was replaced in about 1968. But in 1973, according to the View article, disaster struck. On December ninth, a Monday morning, shortly after Sam, the crèche burned to the ground, including all the figures.

According to the article, the only remaining piece of the crèche was a 4-foot cross that had been used as a support for one of the figures. The article states that the fire was not accidental, but there is no record of the perpetrator having been caught. The town pulled together to raise money for replacement figures, with more than \$400 being raised in the first week alone. New figures were purchased in New York, and the world-famous volunteer group the Flying Tigers, upon hearing of the town's plight, flew the figures to Sierra Madre free of charge, they arrived on Dec. 17th. Griffin Lumber donated wood for a new structure, which was built by members of the Volunteer Fire Dept. Unfortunately, on Dec. 20th, strong Santa Ana winds blew into town and knocked the new structure flat. The firefighters rebuilt a new, sturdier structure and had it in place by Dec. 22nd.

The crèche stable was replaced in 1997 by Sierra Madre City College, which had taken over storage and construction/tear down re-

sponsibility of the structure some years before. Each year, Osti Tree Service donates palm fronds to adorn the roof, and Santa Anita Park donates hay to dress it up "stable-style."

Prior to this year, the figures had been repainted twice since their 1973 arrival. However, due to prolonged exposure last year to weather conditions that were particularly adverse, it was once again time for a facelift. The Chamber of Commerce contacted Patricia Ancona, who leads the Friends of the Arts organization, recently formed to promote Sierra Madre arts and artists, as well as public art for the community. Ms. Ancona agreed to contact local artists in the organization to enlist their help in restoring the damaged figures. According to Ms. Ancona: "Upon examination of the figures, the process had to start from the original layer of plaster that had been the outer layer of the figure pulled from a mold. Over the years since their last painting, moisture had seeped up through this layer causing shrinkage and weakness. The sanding was done all by hand requiring the use of mask and goggles. Then each figure was repaired, filling missing surface areas, rebuilding broken fingers, design elements, then covered with gesso. Upon the repair of the first figure, I was shocked and thrilled to discover the amount of detail and design elements that had been lost under the three layers of color."



The original crèche, donated by Leila Roberts in the 1950s. 1957 Photo by Bert Embree. Courtesy of the Sierra Madre Historical Archives.

for donations to the Friends of the Arts, with some of the funds going to the artists themselves. Ascension, Bethany, SM Congregational and St. Rita have committed to donating. United Methodist is considering the donation, but as of press time, the decision had not been made. Said Ancona "Over the last two and one half months, I have had the pleasure of working with four other artists from our community (on this project). This has been an all-consuming activity, from sunrise to sunset, rain or shine, every weekend, holidays and a few hooky days from work. But I have enjoyed every minute." Other artists contributing their time and talent to the project were Carol Adams, David Em, Jeryd Pojawa, and Sherrin Mullen.

The new figures will be on display beginning this weekend during Dickens Village, the Chamber of Commerce sponsored kick-off to the holiday shopping season, which takes place in downtown Sierra Madre from 3 to 8pm. One of the figures has remained untouched, so that people will be able to see the condition the figures were in prior to the restoration. A second figure was kept in the all white "gesso" condition, allowing viewers to see the detail of the unpainted figures.

Thanks to Debbie Henderson and the Sierra Madre Historical Archives for their contributions to this article.



Installation of crèche in Kersting Court, circa 1988. Polaroid from the Ruth Alexander Collection. Pictured are Bill Sullivan, Jr., Gordon Baker Lloyd and Jerry Atkins of the Chamber of Commerce. Photo courtesy of the Sierra Madre Historical Archives.



Patricia Ancona paints a king



Some of the figures had sustained damage



Ms. Ancona sands down one of the figures



In progress shot of the camel



Before and after shots of a shepherd, from behind



Gesso and "in-progress painting" shot of an angel, which this year will again feature a horn



Front of shepherd



Mary before, during (gesso) and after



Project photos by Bill Coburn



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Campaign Helps Keep Shelter Open

By Dean Lee

When Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard heard that 17-year-old high school student Rebecca Huang had taken up the cause of trying to keep the city's Bad Weather Shelter open after budget cuts threatened its closer, he was honored to be the first to pledge an annual \$600 toward the cause.

"Every cold night, as I rush from my car to home or other destination, I am reminded how painful it would be to pass the night on city streets," Bogaard said. "I am grateful to all who contributed to the shelter as donors, as volunteers, and as service providers, and I sincerely hope that Rebecca's efforts will allow the program to continue."

Pasadena Housing Director Bill Huang, Rebecca's father, said the shelter costs about \$110,000 to operate, more than half of which comes from the city. Rebecca Huang said after learning how crucial the program is, it motivated her to start "Friends of the Bad weather Shelter" a campaign to rise \$60,000 each year to replace the city's annual contribution.

Rebecca Huang said the shelter is needed to save lives.

"In the past it has gotten so cold that nine homeless people have died in L.A. County, including one right here in Pasadena," she said. "Such an important service needs to be continued, and I'm trying to make sure it is."

She explained that the idea is to find 100 "friends," who would donate \$600 each year. Bogaard, she said, agreed to become the first "friend" pledging to give the next four years.

She said healthSource Pasadena, a local chiropractic practice, also agreed to pledge by raising contributions by exchanging services for donations from its clients. Art Center College of Design has also offered to help she said by designing some bus shelter ads for the campaign.

Executive Director of the Ecumenical Council of Pasadena Area Churches, Rev. Pat O'Reilly, said the shelter was ready Friday to temporarily open its doors if the cold weather continued. According to literature from the program, daily service starts Jan. 1.

For more information, or donate, go to [ecpac.net](http://ecpac.net) or call (626) 797-2402.

Pet of the Week



Wolfgang is a six-month-old white and tan Pit Bull. He loves to go for walks and play with toys. This pup even knows the "sit" command.

Wolfgang's adoption fee is \$120. 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 A298187, 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).



Car Crashes into Flower Shop

By Dean Lee

An early morning two car traffic collision Monday in East Pasadena sent one of the vehicles crashing into a local flower shop after the driver lost control causing minor damage to the business' exterior.

Pasadena Fire Spokeswoman, Lisa Derderian, said the roof of one of the vehicles had to be cut off after the driver became traded. He was extricated from the vehicle she said.

According to reports, shortly before 8 a.m. a blue Ford SUV hit a Honda Accord at the corner of Altadena Drive and Colorado Boulevard sending both cars onto the sidewalk. The Honda Accord shattered the front window of King Flowers, 2505 East Colorado Blvd, causing minor damage to the store's front window display.

The driver of the Accord was taken to a nearby hospital with moderate injuries Derderian said. No one in the flower shop was injured and no other information was given at the time.

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The South Lake Commons Sold

Arenda Capital Management, a Los Angeles based private real estate investment firm, and AEW, a Boston based pension fund advisor, purchased The Commons on Lake Ave in an off-market transaction.

According to reports, the sale went for \$21 million.

In a prepared statement the firm boasted, The Commons is a landmark 87,000-square-foot retail and office property sitting on just under 2 acres along South Lake Avenue. Anchored by the historic Williams-Sonoma building originally built in 1912, The Commons is home to some of Pasadena's most popular restaurants including Green Street Cafe, Lemonade and Cafe 140. Other retail tenants include The Counter, The Pasadena Cheese Store,

Carmody & Co .and the Wine Detective.

"There is so much to love about Pasadena - its rich culture, wonderful architecture and a strong sense of community - and The Commons epitomizes all of these," said Evan Meyer, Managing Principal of Arenda

Capital Management. "We are thrilled at the opportunity to purchase an asset we've admired for so many years and look forward to bringing some new energy to the property. We are committed to making The Commons the premier retail and office destination in Pasadena."



City Leaders to Help Ring in the Holidays

The next time you drop some money into a Salvation Army Red Kettle, take a look at the bell ringer: It may well be one of your city leaders.

To start this year's Salvation Army Red Kettle effort, Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard, City Manager Michael Beck, Chief of Police Phillip Sanchez and Acting Fire Chief Calvin Wells will have a ring-off - a friendly competition to see who can raise the most money to help Pasadena's needy residents.

The kick-off is set for Saturday, Dec. 3, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Paseo Colorado, 280 E. Colorado Blvd. Pasadena officials will



be bell-ringing from noon to 1 p.m.

The seasonal fundraising effort also will feature several other Pasadena teams, including service clubs, churches and 2012 Rose Queen Drew Washington

and her court.

Pasadenans are invited to show their support for their favorite city officials as well as the Salvation Army's local efforts to feed hungry and homeless residents. All funds raised in Pasadena will stay in this community.

For more information contact the Salvation Army at (626) 660-9141.

Meeting Set For Pasadena's Linda Vista Community

Pasadena City Councilman Steve Madison invites constituents to attend the next in a series of District 6 neighborhood town hall meetings to address specific issues relevant to smaller areas of his district.

His next community town hall is planned for the Linda Vista community Wednesday, Nov. 30, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Media Center at the Rose Bowl Stadium.

Madison plans to discuss the Rose Bowl renovation project and neighborhood traffic and safety and provide an update on open space. Special guests will include City Manager Michael Beck, Rose Bowl General Manager Darryl Dunn and Fred Dock, director of the Pasadena Transportation Department.

Parking will be available in lot F near the south gate; follow the signs to the Media Center. For more information please call the District 6 office at (626) 744-4739

Rose Bowl BCS Teams to be Announced

Tournament of Roses officials made known Wednesday their plans to officially announce Dec. 4 the teams that will participate in the 98th Rose Bowl Game presented by VIZIO. The announcement will take place at the Tournament House.

In a statement they said, members of the Pasadena business and community and Tournament of Roses family will be in attendance when the two teams are announced.

In addition, special guest Keith Jackson will be on hand for the unveiling of the 2011 Rose Bowl Hall of Fame induction class.

The Bowl Championship Series Selection Show will begin at 5:15 p.m. on ESPN. Immediately following the show, Rose Bowl Management Committee Chair Libby Wright and Tournament of Roses Interim Executive Director Bill Flinn will hold a press conference, to announce the teams, at the Tournament House.



From 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. the Pasadena Tournament of Roses will also host the BCS Selection Show Party at the Tournament House. The event will have gourmet food, drinks, music, silent auction, gift bag and more.

Tickets can be purchased on [www.pasadenarose.com](http://www.pasadenarose.com)/ tickets for \$75 each or \$100 for a couple.

For more info about the BCS Selection Sunday Show Party, visit the Tournament of Roses website at [www.tournamentofroses.com](http://www.tournamentofroses.com).

Chamber to Honor Richard Jackson at Annual Breakfast



The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce will honor Tournament of Roses Association President Richard W. Jackson at the annual President's Breakfast at the Westin Pasadena on Thursday, December 1, 2011. Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. followed by a festive celebratory program.

Chamber members, friends and the general public are invited to Just Imagine, the theme for the 2012 Tournament of Roses with honored special guests Rose Queen Drew Washington and the Royal

Court, as well as Tournament presidents past, present and future.

A highlight of the morning's breakfast is a chance to hear from Rick Jackson, President of the Tournament of Roses for the 2012 Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game share his experiences representing the Tournament as President. Mr. Jackson is a Certified Public Accountant and has been a chamber member for more than 30 years.

Tickets to the Tournament Breakfast are \$75 each. Corporate tables of ten are \$700 and sponsorships are \$800. Those sponsoring the event receive a table with recognition and will enjoy breakfast with the Rose Queen or a member of the Royal Court as their guest. Self parking is included in the cost of breakfast and sponsorship. Anyone who would like more information, or to purchase tickets, is asked to please call the Chamber office at (626) 795-3355.

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. 29 from 6 p.m. to 8p.m. at the Pasadena Community Network - Studio G, 2057 N. Los Robles Ave. For more info call 626.794.8585 or visit [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 Biz 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



El Monte’s Own Kim Rhode Speaks At Historical Society’s Quarterly Tea

By Joan Schmidt

This past Sunday the El Monte Historical Society held its quarterly Tea. The special guest speaker was El Monte’s own Kim Rhode. If her name sounds familiar, it should. Kim brought home medals from the last four Olympics! It all began in 1996 when Kim received a gold medal in double trap. That year, seventeen-year old Kim participated in the annual Duarte Route 66 Parade, and I found a picture from the Parade Breakfast! 2000 brought a bronze medal in double trap, 2004 a gold medal in double trap and 5th place in skeet, and in 2008, Kim brought home a silver medal in skeet.

The tea began at 1pm and among the attendees were Robert Lawe, who taught Kim in 8th grade, and Mercy Lopez, who has to be Kim’s greatest fan. She mentioned she had a special album about Kim that traced Kim’s career, filled with photos and articles from over the years. This special Tea was opened to the public. A few guests had never seen the El Monte Museum, so it was a double treat for them. There is so much to view at this museum, which is open five days a week. Refreshments - tea, little sandwiches and goodies were delicious, and it was so enjoyable meeting new friends.

At 2 pm , Donna rang the bell and we went into the back room, which has an AWESOME piano, china cabinets with beautiful crystal, glass cases with wedding gowns and more! After Doug Halvorson’s welcome, Betty Tovey read Angela Morgan’s Thanksgiving, followed by the pledge, reading of minutes and Treasurer’s Report. Kim was then introduced.

Kim told us she was an “El Monte Girl”- born and raised here. Her parents still live in El Monte. Her grandfather graduated from El Monte High School and both Kim and her Dad graduated from Arroyo High School. (She also attended Cherry Lee and Durfee Schools). She felt honored to be at the Museum - Kim loves history and antiques. Kim then began with a video presentation highlighting her career, which began at age 7! Included were photos of Kim at practice, and Olympic clips of her receiving her medals, her proud parents (Dad is her coach), and the Olympic coach-their joy was overwhelming when Kim won the medals!

During a question and answer period, more information was given. Kim has been shooting since she was seven years old, growing up with a

fishing rod in one hand and a gun in the other, and she practices at the Triple B Range in El Monte. This was all part of family tradition going back to her grandparents’ generation. Every year the family hunted deer and bears, and fished for catfish. She picked blackberries and made jam with her grandmother.

At seven she actually shot her first two doves in Arizona. The game warden didn’t believe it, but when two flew by and her dad alerted her, she did it again, and the warden was a surprised believer!

At ten, Kim began shooting a competitive 22 rifle. First she won competitions in Club Shoots, then moved on to State Finals for 6 ½ years. But what about practice? How about 25,000 targets every year for 4 years, 1500 rounds a week!?! Consequently, most of the day is spent standing up. Try carrying a 9 ½ pound shotgun and 5 to 10 pounds of ammo in your front and back pockets. Special molded ear plugs are used as well as computer chips to deaden sounds.

Kim also mentioned it was a lot different shooting in damp London as opposed to sunny California. And the rules! There are rules pertaining

to clothing, color of clothing, equipment checks. Kim said every time you competed, a sticker was put on your shotgun. Kim’s had many stickers and they were a great record of all her competitions. When her shotgun was stolen, her stickers were all removed. Luckily the gun was retrieved.

When asked whether she preferred participation in Olympics at home or abroad, Kim answered:

“At home, there are so many fans, but when you go abroad, you learn about the history and culture of the country.” When the Olympics were in Sidney, she went into the country, spent a week with Aborigines, and they made her two baskets!

When asked about challenges, Kim said the toughest, most challenging one, was when she was forced to switch to International Skeet. No more double trap.

One of her greatest moments was in Atlanta in 1996, when all of the United States participants were lined up and all the audience were chanting, “USA”. Complete strangers hugging each other - it was so touching, standing there representing your country and recalling the journey - all the hard work to get there.

Well - I am looking forward to 2012. Kim will be the FIRST person to compete in FIVE CONSECUTIVE Olympics! Thank you, Kim for a wonderful and inspiring day!



Construction Authority Board Adopts New Policies to Enhance Agency's Transparency and Accountability

Newly adopted travel and expense guidelines address recently identified areas needing improvement

MONROVIA – The Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Board of Directors, in an action that will increase the agency’s transparency and accountability, last night adopted enhancements to existing policies that provide new guidelines for out-of-state travel expenditures by Board members and Authority employees and clarify reporting requirements for all expenses.

The board adopted an updated personnel policy and procedures manual that details these new policies for receiving reimbursement from the Authority for business-related out-of-state travel and other expenses. The policies include specific limitations for air travel, ground transportation, hotels and meals while on Authority business more than 50 miles from the office. The new policies augment the previous ones that only addressed reimbursement for business-related expenses while traveling in California.

Additionally, the new manual updates the expense and credit card policies to require original receipts for reimbursement for business-related expenses, as well as a detailed explanation of the purpose of the expense and the benefit it has for the Authority.

“As a public agency, it is vital that we are transparent and fully accountable for how we spend tax-payer funds,” stated Construction Authority Board Chairman and Glendora Mayor Doug Tessitor. “After identifying areas needing improvement in the Authority’s policies, the board and staff moved immediately to address this matter and adopted new policies that will ensure we are fully accountable.

The new policies are effective immediately. Among the policies for receiving reimbursement for business-related expenses were the following:

- Staff and board members should stay in “business” class hotels – such as a Hyatt, Hilton or Marriott – when traveling out of state, or in a conference hotel, if attending a conference. Only the cost of the room and taxes will be reimbursed.

Personal expenses, such as movie rentals, will not be reimbursed.

- Staff and board members should use public transit when available and a taxi or car service where “necessary and reasonable.”
- First class and business class air travel won’t be reimbursed, unless exceptions are warranted and approved in advance.

- Requests for reimbursements for business meals must include original receipts, documentation of attendees, date, name, title, affiliation, subject discussed, amount paid, purpose and benefit to the Authority.
- Reimbursements for meals and incidental expenses on out-of-state trips are limited to \$90 per day per person.

Before the Board acted, the Authority didn’t have clear-cut guidelines for reimbursing business-related expenses for out-of-state travel because its staff and board members rarely traveled outside California. But now that the Authority has a project officially underway, its staff and board occasionally travels to Washington, D.C. and other places to meet with federal officials and others to secure funding and ensure the Gold Line project continues to move forward to meet the needs of the region’s commuters.

In the past two years, the Board and Authority averaged three out-of-state trips each year —all related to Authority business and were conducted as quickly as possible.

“These trips have led to some important project milestones, including a \$9 million grant and discussions about new legislation to speed up the review process for the Gold Line and other rail projects,” said Tessitor. “After reviewing the travel patterns for the board and staff over the past few years and knowing that additional trips will be necessary to keep this important transportation project moving forward, we wanted to clarify the policies to ensure transparency and accountability to the public.”

NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT



by Christopher Nyerges

A WINTER VISIT

I had never been to Mount Lowe before, though I’d been to Echo Mountain many times. This was the mid-1960s. My friend George from the neighborhood was in the Boy Scouts and he’d been up there with his troop. So one winter day he offered to lead the way to the old Mount Lowe Camp.

We hiked to Echo Mountain from the top of Lake Avenue, and then hiked into Castle Canyon. I realized I was unprepared for snow when we were about halfway to Inspiration Point and my feet were already wet and cold. I was wearing some old suede shoes, which were not waterproof. My friend assured me that we were “almost there,” but every step was getting more and more difficult, and my feet were cold. I also saw the value in snowshoes during that hike, since my feet kept sinking into the holes in the snow that I made with every step. I was working hard step by step.

Since then, I have worn cramp-ons on my boots, as well as primitive snowshoes that I fabricated from willow branches. The primitive snowshoes take about an hour or so to make, and you need some long flexible branches (I used willow), a knife or clippers to cut the branches, and some sort of cordage.

Anyway, I did not have snowshoes on that first cold day to Inspiration Point and Mount Lowe Tavern. Occasionally, where we could not readily see the trail due to the thick drifts of snow, we would step out too far and our foot would go right into the ground and we’d have to jump back to keep from falling off the cliffs.

My friend began to tell me about the “tavern” -- I had not heard of it before. He was explaining the people who went there, and what they did, and for some reason, he did all his explaining in the present tense. I had pictures of a modern ski lodge up there, and I was mentally counting the change in my pocket and wondering if I’d have enough for a hot chocolate and maybe, just maybe, I’d have enough money so I could buy some chicken noodle soup.

I was looking in the direction of where my friend said it was, figuring I’d be the first one to see the smoke coming from the chimney. Imagine my great shock when we hiked up to the little saddle of Inspiration Point and he said, “We’re here.”

“We’re where?” I exclaimed.

“Inspiration Point. This is where it was. And the old tavern is actually down where the camp is now.” His use of tense seemed more accurate now, and after a few questions, I realized to my chagrin that I would be having no soup or chocolate that

afternoon.

My feet were completely wet, and cold, and only moving around kept me feeling somewhat comfortable. It seemed a little easier hiking that quarter mile down to the old tavern site. There was a lot of snow, and there was much more left of the old site back then than you will find today. It was a wonderful and mysterious place with the stone walkways, and walls, and little trails. Only the cold kept me from exploring even more, though I returned many times to the tavern site in the years that followed.

On that day, we struggled to make a small fire, using up our matches. We had a tiny fire, which we fed pine needles, and we managed to get it bigger but we didn’t get any warmer. I think that all the fire we generated was merely steaming off the water in the wood, and we felt very little heat. George had some dried soup which we tried to cook, and I recall having a “lunch” of lukewarm “soup” with crunchy needles. But I was cold and hungry and even crunchy not-hot soup was better than nothing.

Occasionally a wind would pass through the area and we’d hear the loud wind in the treetops and lots of icicles and snow would drop from the trees. It was very much a Christmas scene. After a while of not-getting warm by the not-warm fire, we kicked some snow over it, and ran most of the way back down to the city.

On a more recent visit to Echo Mountain just a few years ago, I was hiking around with my hiking class from Pasadena City College. It had been a drizzly and cold day, and after we explored the ruins, we went over by the large fireplace area to have our

lunch. We were surprised that a man in a t-shirt was sitting nearby, and he’d cleaned out the fireplace for his shelter. We started talking, and we were admiring all the arrowheads he’d just made from the bits of glass he’d collected from around Echo Mountain.

He said he was very skilled in wilderness survival, and he made some sort of a bet with a friend about whether or not he could spend 10 days in these mountains with nothing but the clothes he was wearing. That was apparently his second day there. He knew about some edible plants, though there wasn’t much to collect. He had the tools for making fire with a bow and drill, and he’d made a quickie bow and some arrows, and had nearly finished making a batch of arrowheads.

He said he was going to catch squirrels to eat, and maybe other animals. We were all mighty impressed and asked him lots of questions. I gave him my magnesium fire starter, and then we departed. I told him I wanted to hear how he did in those 10 days, and gave him my address and phone number. I never did hear from him again, though I assume that if things got really tough, all he had to do was walk a few miles down to the city. It was winter, and some snow had actually fallen close to Echo Mountain, so it would have been a cold 10 days.

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PET OF THE WEEK



Oso: Animal ID # A4365662

Meet the ever so cordial Oso (A4365662). Oso is a Zen two-year-old black and white neutered male Newfoundland/Labrador Retriever mix who was dumped at the Baldwin Park shelter with his sibling Henry on November 15th because his former owner had too many dogs. Weighing seventy-five amazing pounds, he walks okay on the leash and seems non-reactive to other dogs. Oso is a very large lapdog -- calm and serene, he would love to hang out with you on the sofa. Oso will be the perfect indoor pet for an individual or family living in a private home. To watch a video of a volunteer interacting with Oso, please visit: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wX9ileK\\_1NE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wX9ileK_1NE)

To meet Oso, 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 Oso, please reference his animal ID number: A4365662. 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 Oso 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/>.

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## ARROYO H. S. MUSICIANS TO PRESENT HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Festive music for the holidays will be on the program at the luncheon meeting of the California Retired Teachers' Association #71 (CalRTA) on Friday, December 9, at 11:30 a.m. The Retired Teachers will have the double pleasure of hearing from two music groups from Arroyo High School, the Aeolian Chorus handbell ringers and the AHS Chamber Singers. Under the direction of Jennifer Stanley, the performers will present seasonal music. Their entertainment is sure to brighten the holidays for all.

CalRTA #71 meets at the Senior Center Building in Arcadia Park, 405 Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia, next to the Lawn Bowling

## Arcadia Police Blotter

*For the period of Friday, November 13, through Saturday, November 19, the Police Department responded to 893 calls for service of which 110 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.*

### Sunday, November 13:

1. At about 7:00 p.m., an officer was driving in the area of First Avenue and Haven Avenue when he observed a bicyclist riding without a headlamp during darkness. The officer conducted an enforcement stop and examined the subject's bicycle. The officer found two hypodermic needles inside the handle bar, which the subject had no authorization for possession. The 50-year-old Hispanic male was released with a citation for both violations.

2. At approximately 4:26 p.m., an officer responded to Sephora at the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in reference to a private person's arrest for Commercial Burglary. A 14-year-old Chinese female concealed merchandise inside her purse and left the store without making payment. Further investigation revealed the juvenile stole from multiple stores. She was transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking and released to her father.

### Monday, November 14:

3. Around 10:22 a.m., an officer observed a Toyota truck traveling on El Monte Avenue at Longden Avenue, and ran a registration inquiry. The officer discovered the vehicle had expired registration and conducted a traffic stop. Upon making contact with the driver, the officer observed open alcoholic beverages inside the vehicle. The driver was unable to provide valid registration paperwork and had fraudulent registration stickers on his license plate. The 65-year-old White male was arrested for False Display of Registration, Expired Registration, and Driving with Open Containers of Alcoholic Beverages.

4. At roughly 9:14 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 200 block of West Colorado Boulevard in reference to a theft report. The victim explained that two rolling toolboxes were missing from his carport space, which he normally uses for storage. Unknown suspect(s) took the property and fled undetected.

### Tuesday, November 15:

5. Shortly after 10:30 p.m., officers responded to CVS Pharmacy, 188 Las Tunas Drive, in regards to a theft investigation. The store manager heard someone open the emergency door exit and activate the alarm. She discovered two suspects running away from the store with two shopping carts full of alcoholic beverages, and followed one suspect until she lost sight of him in a nearby parking lot. Within minutes, the suspects drove past her in a green four-door Toyota and fled down Live Oak Avenue. Officers were unable to locate fingerprints on the shopping carts, however they learned the crime was caught on the store's video surveillance. Further investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.

6. At about 2:15 a.m., an officer observed a vehicle speeding on south Santa Anita Avenue at Duarte Road, and conducted an enforcement stop. Upon making contact, the officer noticed an odor of burnt marijuana emitting from inside the vehicle. An investigation revealed the driver did not have a license or insurance, and he and the passenger were on parole. A vehicle search revealed the passenger, a 30-year-old Hispanic male, was in possession of stolen property. The passenger was arrested and the 20-year-old Hispanic male driver was cited and released.

### Wednesday, November 16:

7. Between 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., unknown suspect(s) burglarized a home in the 300 block of North Old Rancho Road. The suspect(s) smashed

Greens. Guests are welcome to come enjoy the holiday entertainment and the luncheon. Chef's Catering of Arcadia will serve a ham luncheon topped off by "Christmas" pie. An alternative meal is also available. The cost of the luncheon for members and guests is \$10. The reservations deadline is December 2. For luncheon information, please call John Gera at (626) 286-0714.

*Membership in the California Retired Teachers' Association is open to all retired educators, as well as to any others interested in joining this active group.*

8. Around 10:56 a.m., and officer was traveling east on Huntington Drive at Gateway Drive and conducted a vehicle license plate inquiry on a blue Honda Accord. The officer discovered the vehicle's license plate had a warrant attached, and conducted a traffic stop. An investigation revealed the driver was never issued a license and had two outstanding warrants. The 34-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

### Thursday, November 17:

9. At approximately 1:10 a.m., an unauthorized vehicle entered the secured parking lot of the Arcadia Police Department as an officer was exiting through the open gate. The officer made a u-turn to follow the vehicle and found it parked in a police parking stall. Upon contact, the officer smelled an odor of alcohol coming from inside the vehicle. An investigation revealed the driver, a 47-year old Hispanic female, was driving under the influence. She was arrested and escorted to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

10. At about 12:39 p.m., officers responded to the 700 block of Encino Drive regarding a residential burglary in progress. An officer made contact with the victim at a neighbor's house where she explained unknown suspect(s) were insider her home. While the victim tried to open her front door, the suspect slammed the door on her hand and told her not to enter. Officers conducted an interior and exterior check of the residence but met with negative results. The suspect(s) made forced entry through the kitchen and ransacked a bedroom drawer. No property was reported stolen.

### Friday, November 18:

11. Around 7:48 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 000 block of Bonita Street in reference to an attempted stolen vehicle report. The victim explained she left her car locked inside the garage overnight, but had forgotten to close the garage door. Unknown suspects(s) pried open the driver's side window, rummaged through the vehicle, and tampered with the ignition in attempt to steal it. The suspect(s) took a twenty dollar bill and fled undetected.

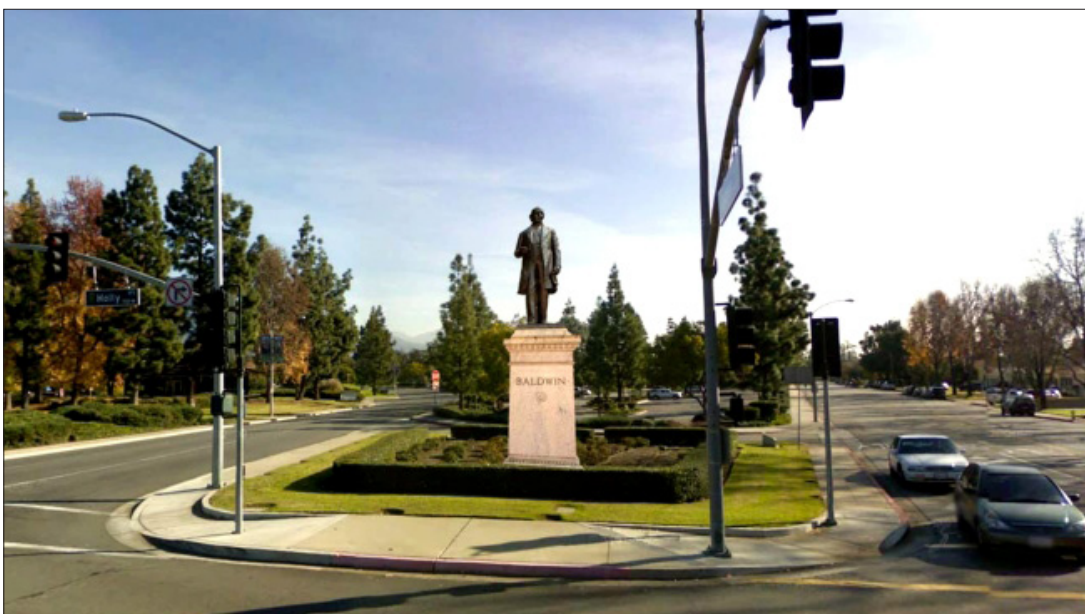
12. Shortly after 5:30 p.m., an officer responded to the 2000 block of Canyon Road regarding a residential burglary report. The victims returned home and found their rear door-window shattered. The suspect(s) ransacked the home and took numerous items including a safe and their vehicle from inside the garage. No one heard or saw anything suspicious. The vehicle was found burned and stripped in Riverside County.

### Saturday, November 19:

13. At approximately 8:56 a.m., an officer was dispatched to Holly Avenue and Longden Avenue in regards to a traffic collision involving an injured bicyclist. The driver of a Jeep failed to yield to a bicyclist's right of way and struck her as he proceeded through the intersection. The bicyclist was transported to Huntington Memorial Hospital for a fractured femur and wrist.

14. At about 2:44 p.m., an officer responded to Sephora at the Westfield Santa Anita Shopping Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a petty theft report. The suspect concealed merchandise inside the front pocket of his pants and also placed items inside a used shopping bag. He left the store without making payment and was detained by loss prevention officers. The 19-year-old Chinese male was transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

## Arcadia City Council Votes to Proceed Ahead With A Very Special Project: A Statue of Lucky Baldwin



### By Joan Schmidt

A few days ago, I learned that Margaux Viera of Pasadena, the great-great-great granddaughter of Lucky Baldwin, was interested in donating a 9-foot bronze statue of Lucky Baldwin that would be placed in the rose garden next to the Arcadia Community Center. Ms. Viera said after her grandmother, Anita Baldwin Winter Gibson, who was Lucky Baldwin's great-granddaughter, passed away, Ms. Viera began to research her family's history. Everyone in Arcadia knows Lucky Baldwin's connections to the Racetrack and Arboretum, but many don't realize he was involved with silver mining, gold mining, land dealings, banking-financial loans, wine-making, and even bringing opera to the West Coast! Mr. Baldwin has played such an important role in Arcadia, it only seems fitting that a statue of him should be placed in the city.

Since this plan was being brought to the Arcadia City Council, I contacted Mayor Kovacic. The Mayor, who thought this was a great idea, informed me that the City Council had voted to proceed with the project subject to certain conditions. I contacted City Manager Don Penman's office and Linda Garcia, Communications, Marketing and Special Projects Manager graciously shared the Staff Report with me. Some of the main details of the Staff Report included the following information:

Margaux Viera is commissioning this statue of Lucky Baldwin as tribute to his life and significance in Arcadia History. The City agrees to find a location for the statue, purchase a pedestal upon which the statue will sit, install the statue and pedestal, to provide any electrical/lighting and landscape that may be deemed appropriate for the area surrounding the statue and accept the responsibility for maintenance

of the statue. Ms. Viera would commission and purchase the statue and gift it to the city, who then becomes the sole owner.

The statue will be 9'tall and cast in solid bronze. Alfred Paredes is the artist who will design it. A sketch and model of the statue will be prepared and presented to City Council for approval.

Staff will contact potential vendors to engineer, design and construct a pedestal to support the statue. This will be done in consultation with Ms. Viera and Mr. Paredes. This will be submitted to City Council for approval. The City is responsible for all costs associated with the pedestal and insulation.

The location is the "Rose Garden" adjacent to the Community Center. Public Works confirmed that the City of Arcadia owns the land on which the rose garden sits. The rose garden is officially called the Reverend Monsignor Gerald M. O'Keefe Rose Garden. This garden was dedicated by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors upon Reverend O'Keefe's passing in 1975 and Staff does not propose any change to the name of the garden or to the location of the existing plaque. As a courtesy, Holy Angels Church has been informed of the City's plans.

It is estimated that the statue would be ready for installation in May or June as long as the work on the pedestal, landscaping and lighting take place concurrently.

The estimated costs would be construction and installation of a pedestal and plaque: \$7000-\$25,000; Landscaping: \$1500; and Lighting \$6000, with the approval of the City Council.

This seems like a wonderful plan that would encourage many residents young and old to learn more about their City Founder. I appreciate the City Manager's office and Ms. Garcia for making their information available for the public.

## THE CITY OF ARCADIA RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT WINTER 2011/12 REGISTRATION!

Pick up the latest copy of "The Peacock Buzz" to find out what is going on in the City of Arcadia! Copies are available at the City of Arcadia Recreation Office, Library and City Hall or by going to the city website at ci.arcadia.ca.us under the Recreation and Community Services Department.

On-line registration for classes and activities begins Monday, November 28th for Arcadia residents ONLY at ci.arcadia.ca.us! Monday, December 5th open registration begins which includes on-line non-resident registration along with ALL walk-in, mail-in and fax-in

registration. Winter activities fill up quickly so get your registration requests in to assure your spot! For new registrants, please remember to include your proof of residency/child's birth with your forms and on-line submittals. This information is required and will delay the process if not provided.

*For questions and on-line Log-in ID information for active accounts, please contact the Recreation Department at 626.574.5113.*

## RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT WINTER MINI-SERIES ART CLASSES WITH KT BOYCE AVAILABLE!

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

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

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

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## THANK YOU "CELEBRATION of LIFE"

By Joan Schmidt

What is "Celebration of Life"? Back in August, a very special two-month program, Celebration of Life including 200 service projects and \$9 million to improve homes and lives of veterans, was launched between The Home Depot Foundation and The Mission Continues, as well as the rock band 3 Doors Down!

Celebration of Service is a partnership between The Home Depot Foundation and The Mission Continues. The two groups worked together with veterans who have sacrificed their safety, careers and time with their families to protect all of us. The program officially ran from September 11 till November 11 and included 200 service projects in 60 days. These projects targeted the homes, facilities and community centers that Veterans and their families use. 3 Door Band has also contributed to this program by donating \$1 for every CD of Time of My Life.

The Home Depot Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) organization begun back in 2002 to extend its community building goals. They supply resources to help non-profit groups in their various projects. Their goal is simple ... to improve homes and improve lives. When The Home Depot Foundation began, they targeted repairing and refurbishing homes and facilities that serve disadvantaged families and individuals. Since its formation in 2002, The Home Depot Foundation has granted more than \$270 million to nonprofit organizations improving homes and lives in local communities. Projects included hospitals, classrooms and libraries. This current project targeted our Veterans.

The Mission Continues is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. It was founded in 2007 after Eric Greitens, a Navy Seal, returned home from Iraq. Eric visited wounded Marines at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland. Although wounded and with permanent disabilities, each Marine wanted to continue to serve their country, although they couldn't do so in the military. One marine said, "I lost my legs, but that is all. I did not lose my desire to serve or my pride in being an American." Inspired, Eric used his combat pay and two friends pitched in their military disability checks to found The Mission Continues. Their mission is to "build an America where every returning veteran can serve again as a citizen leader, and where together we honor the fallen by living their values through service." The Mission Continues has awarded over 180 fellowships in 30 states to date and has reshaped how our country welcomes home its Veterans.

These returning men and women have assets - their leadership and skills can be vital to their community's improvement.

Hailing from Mississippi, 3 Doors Down, a rock group that began in 1995, (lead guitarist, Matt Roberts, bassist Todd Harrell, rhythm guitarist Chris Henderson and drummer Greg Upchurch) have sold more than 16 million albums worldwide, received three Grammy nominations, two American Music Awards, and five BMI Pop Awards for songwriting! This awesome group founded The Better Life Foundation in 2003 with the goal of giving as many children as possible a better life! To date, they've raised more than \$2 million. During the Celebration of Life project, the band donated \$1 per CD sold from the purchase of their new album, "Time of My Life", whose music has inspired and comforted veterans, active duty troops and their families for years.

Brad Arnold, 3 Doors Down lead singer felt, "Veterans should not have to worry about where they and their families are going to live, and that's why we are so excited to be working with The Home Depot Foundation to change and improve the lives of thousands of brave men and women who have served our country. It's time to honor those who have served us."

Locally, on a recent Friday, 45 Home Depot employee volunteers worked on the renovation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2070 on Magnolia Avenue in Monrovia. During the renovation, I drove over to see the progress. They had not painted the outside of the building yet because permits were needed and that was taking time. The inside? I was blown away. Remember how most halls all have that dreary dark paneling? They had taken ALL of that down. The ceiling was a bright white with new lights and wiring. The top half of the walls was a bright beautiful blue. (This was 4:30 p.m.) They had white half panels for wainscoting and were going to have it done that evening! So those volunteers from Home Depot, Baldwin Park were staying till the project was completed! Anthony, this project leader, explained that Home Depot even did local projects which included two volunteers going to a veteran's home and painting a room!

Thank you, The Home Depot, Foundation, The Mission Continues and 3 Doors Down for your participation in CELEBRATION OF LIFE. I salute ALL of the workers-all the hours spent on these projects, all the donations that have helped make it a success. You have done something so awesome for our most-deserving veterans!



More than 100 community leaders attended the annual Duarte Mayor's Prayer Breakfast and Community Service Recognition Awards held the day before Thanksgiving at City of Hope Cooper Auditorium. Five outstanding community volunteers were honored for their service, including, from left: Leo Cabrera of Cabrera's Restaurant, who received the Outstanding Business Person Award; Renee Estephan, Outstanding Youth Award; and Brenda Vanderloo, Outstanding Civic Service Award. Ricardo Resendez, who also received Outstanding Youth Award recognition and Adina Mesa, Outstanding Service to Senior Citizens and Disabled Award were unable to attend the ceremony.

## Five Outstanding Community Volunteers Honored at Duarte Mayor's Prayer Breakfast and Chamber Community Service Recognition Awards

DUARTE, CA, November 23, 2011 – Five outstanding Duarte citizens were recognized for their community service at the annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast and Duarte Chamber of Commerce Community Service Recognition Awards on Nov. 23. More than 125 civic and business leaders attended the event held at City of Hope's Cooper Auditorium, presided over by Duarte's newly elected Mayor John Fasana and Duarte Chamber Chairman of the Board, Dr. Maggie Pezeshkian.

Duarte business owner, Leo Cabrera of Cabrera's Mexican Cuisine was honored with the Outstanding Business Person Award for his support and sponsorship of many events and organizations in the community including fundraisers for the Route 66 Parade and Friends of the Duarte Library.

Resident Brenda Vanderloo, a leading participant in the citizen mobilization against the City of Azusa and Vulcan Materials Company plan to expand mining on Van Tassel Ridge above Fish Canyon and Valley View School, was honored with the Outstanding Civic Service Award for her activism.

Adina Mesa was honored with the Outstanding

Service to Senior Citizens/Disabled Award for her longtime volunteer service to the Duarte Senior Center.

Teens Renee Estephan and Ricardo Resendez, seniors at Duarte High School were each recognized for their volunteerism with the Outstanding Youth Award. Estephan is the current president of the Duarte High Key Club. She also volunteers at City of Hope, serves on the Mayor's Youth Council, served on the Teen Nutritional Council, and helped host the first annual Duarte Youth Summit. Resendez, who holds a 3.73 GPA, has been a volunteer for the Youth Breakfast. He also belongs to Happy Feet and the Fashion Club, two on campus clubs known for service.

The Mayor's 26th annual Prayer Breakfast and 24th annual Community Service Recognition Awards were sponsored by the City of Duarte, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, Duarte Kiwanis Club and Key Club, Duarte Church and Clergy Association, Duarte Woman's Club, City of Hope, Burrtec Waste Industries, The Gas Company, Cabrera's Mexican Restaurant, and Duarte's Promise – The Alliance for Youth.

## FREE HOME ENERGY UPGRADE CALIFORNIA WORKSHOP – LEARN HOW TO GET \$8000 BACK FOR EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS!

Energy Upgrade California in LA County and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments will sponsor a Free Home Energy Upgrade Homeowner Kickoff on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Monrovia Library Community Room. Booths and displays will feature information regarding County and local utility rebates and incentives, including efficient landscaping, solar and other energy efficient options. Valuable prizes will be given away to those that attend the event.

Did you know that almost half of your home heating and air conditioning could be lost through your walls, ceiling and floors? Join us at this informative workshop to learn about the "whole house" solution to energy use, which looks at an entire home as a single system. The "whole house" approach can result in:

- Reduced utility bills
- Improved house comfort
- Enhanced indoor air quality
- Reduced impact on the environment

Additionally, at this workshop, you will be able to learn about Energy Upgrade California, an unprecedented partnership of the County of Los Angeles, the California Energy Commission (CEC), the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), investor-owned and municipal utilities,

local governments, and other stakeholders to promote a uniform, statewide energy efficiency program. The Energy Upgrade California in LA County program provides rebates and incentives to LA County homeowners who make energy-saving home improvements. Los Angeles County was one of the first counties in California to roll out with program. It began in March 2011, providing incentives of up to \$4,500. Now, for a limited time, homeowners can receive incentives of up to \$8,000: \$4,000 from their utility company and \$4,000 provided by LA County. The rebates are based on energy savings achieved and the County is now doubling the utility rebates at all levels, ranging from \$1,000 for 10 percent savings all the way up to \$4,000 for a 40% reduction in energy use. Energy Upgrade home improvements that qualify for rebates and incentives include insulation, sealing, HVAC upgrades, energy-efficient windows, tankless water heaters and other "fixed" improvements.

For more information about the Energy Upgrade California program, visit [www.EnergyUpgradeCA.org/LACounty](http://www.EnergyUpgradeCA.org/LACounty).

For more information and to register for the Energy Upgrade California Homeowner Kickoff on December 3rd, visit [www.sgvco.org/energyupgrade](http://www.sgvco.org/energyupgrade) or call (626) 457-1800.



## Fasana, Reilly Sworn in at Duarte City Council Meeting, Surprise Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem Elected

By Joan Schmidt

The Duarte City Council meeting brought a few surprises. Mayor Paras-Carracci called the meeting to order. After beginning procedures, it was time for Special Items.

John Fasana and Liz Reilly were administered the Oath of Office by Karen Herrera. They took their seats. Outgoing Mayor Paras-Carracci spoke highly of out-going Council Member Lois Gaston and all of her years of dedicated service to the Duarte Community. I will attest to that as we were members of the Duarte Education Foundation many years and Lois worked tirelessly on the Duarte Float Pavilion helping MANY non-profits raise funds. (Lois will be honored at a later meeting and it will be posted.)

It was now time for the Mayor to be elected. Lois had been Mayor Pro Tem. Since she was not re-elected, another Mayor was needed. Phil Reyes tried to incorporate that he was due next in the rotation. Margaret Finlay nominated John Fasana and he won by a vote of 4-1. (Mr. Reyes had voted "NO".) Next on the agenda, was the election of the Mayor Pro Tem. Mrs. Finlay nominated Liz Reilly which surprised everyone, and Mr. Reyes was not happy. Mrs. Reilly felt she was new and declined. Mrs. Reilly then nominated Mr. Reyes as Mayor Pro Tem, but he lost by a vote of 3-2. (Paras-Carracci, Finlay

and Fasana voted, "no"; Reyes and Reilly "yes".) Then Margaret Finlay was nominated for Mayor Pro Tem, but Mrs. Finlay declined. Mrs. Finlay AGAIN nominated Mrs. Reilly as Mayor Pro Tem. "Liz, I worked with you for several years in school/ community groups, you are a qualified person. After being on the Council for a year, you will have the experience to be Mayor." Mrs. Reilly then accepted the nomination and is now Mayor Pro Tem of Duarte by a vote of 5-0.

Donna Gerogino was honored for THIRTY years as the Head of Parks and Recreation in Duarte. When I met Donna, eighteen years ago, she looked like a teenager! She still does. What she has accomplished is awesome. She has done SO MUCH for youth, teens, seniors and the entire community. Look at the fabulous Teen Center. There are SO MANY well-maintained parks in Duarte. And lastly, their Senior Center! A dear friend from Arcadia says "Duarte's Senior Center is the BEST! The people are so friendly and there are so many great programs there!"

What an interesting meeting with unexpected results!



Marion B. Seeman, 93, went home to be with the Lord on November 17th, 2011. Marion was born July 9th, 1918 to parents, John and Florence Bernstein in New York. Marion was an only child growing up in Milford, Connecticut. Upon graduation from high school, Marion and her mother, Florence moved to California. In California, Marion attended Business College where she

learned the skills she needed to become an outstanding Executive Secretary. Marion met and married Buford Charles Seeman on December 9th, 1949. They settled in Monrovia and Marion worked for Honeywell, Inc. in West Covina.

Marion was a long time volunteer with the American Red Cross and was named Volunteer of the Year in 1993 for the San Gabriel Valley chapter. Marion served as a docent of the Monrovia Museum and was a member of the Maryknoll Sisters Guild and the Duarte Garden Club. Marion was loved by everyone she knew and was a very caring and compassionate person. Marion loved the Lord and spent a great deal of time helping her church. Marion loved gardening - growing vegetables and flowers as well as being outdoors in the sun. She loved reading, volunteering, knitting and going to the Hollywood Bowl in the summer. Marion was also involved with the USO

during World War II. Marion was a great baker of all kinds of treats and when she would visit you she would often bring brownies, lemon bars or her famous bran muffins. Everyone always looked forward to Marion's baked treats. Every year or every other year, she would spend two weeks in Minnesota and New York visiting her family in both states. Marion loved those trips and the time spent with her family.

Marion loved her family very much and is survived by her cousin, Lenore Barr of New York, and her children Katherine (Barr) Kaplan, Jacqueline (Barr) Morrison, Susan (Barr) Currier and Alan Barr, their spouses and their children and her husbands family, Virginia Hogan, sister-in-law, her nieces Kristi Hogan-Dillon, Vicky Hogan-Seelye, her nephew Bob Hogan and numerous great nieces and nephews.

Services will be November 29th, 2011 at 10:00 AM at Live Oak Memorial Park in Monrovia.



## RECORD NUMBERS ATTEND ALVERNO HIGH SCHOOL'S OPEN HOUSE

Sierra Madre, CA – The rain did not stop more than 300 guests from attending Alverno High School's annual Open House on Sunday, November 20th. Families with girls in 6th-8th grade were treated to a day of information about the high school and were able to visit all the departments on campus. Guests were welcomed on to Alverno's beautiful 13-acre campus and treated to a welcome assembly and prayer. They were invited into the library to get the essential forms and information they would need to help their daughter apply to Alverno. Campus tours were offered by current student ambassadors who were informative and friendly.

In addition to classroom visits, academic presentations were offered in a variety of subjects including Visual and Performing Arts, English, Mathematics, Science, Choir, Campus Ministry and Christian Service. "It may have been a cold and rainy day outside, but inside the Theology classroom there was much warmth and enthusiasm as students and parents learned about the Catholic Identity of Alverno High School as integral to the curriculum," said Ms. Eileen Garabedian, Department Chair for Theology.

Visitors were also invited to a special presentation about the sports program and different clubs available as well as



Ms. Sandy Bogan, Spanish Teacher welcomes visitors to her classroom at Alverno's Open House.

a presentation on the unique student government program at Alverno. At the end of the day, guests were treated to refreshments and music in the Villa Del Sol 'd Oro, performed by current Alverno student choirs. "I was pleased and impressed to see so many families come out in the rain to attend our Open House,"

said Sue Behrens '78, Administrative Assistant. "It truly shows they have a high level of interest in Alverno. It was fun talking with perspective students and to find out that we have programs to suit a variety of interests from Visual and Performing Arts to AP classes offered in 12 subject areas."

## ALTADENA STUDENT MARY GAULE STUDIES IN ITALY

University of San Diego student Mary Gaule of Altadena is studying in Italy this fall.

The semester-long program at the Florence University of the Arts (FUA) is located in the historic Palazzo Doni, which housed famous works of art during the Renaissance, including works of Michelangelo. Modeled on the liberal arts curricular tradition, FUA offers a wide variety of courses in business, humanities, fine arts, social sciences and natural sciences. Students are able to participate in campus activities such as academic field trips, Friday evening hill-top walks that visit various Florentine neighborhoods, and activities with the cultural associations.

Gaule is majoring in English and plans to graduate in spring 2013.

USD is ranked first in the nation for the percentage of undergraduate students studying abroad, according to the Institute of International Education's latest Open Doors Report. More than 71 percent of all USD undergraduate students study abroad.

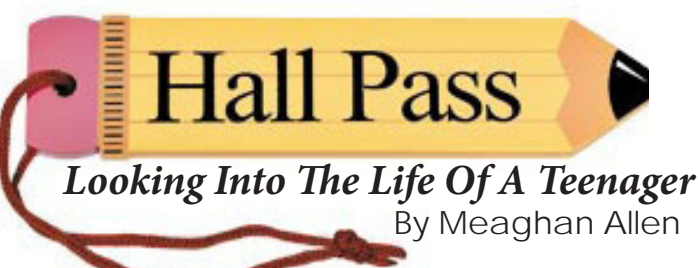
The University of San Diego is a Catholic institution of higher learning chartered in 1949; the school enrolls some 7,800 undergraduate and graduate students and is known for its commitment to teaching, the liberal arts, the formation of values and community service. The fall 2007 establishment of the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies brings the University's total number of schools and colleges to six. Other academic divisions include the College of Arts and Sciences and the schools of Business Administration, Leadership and Education Sciences, Law and Nursing and Health Sciences.

On the web: <http://readabout.me/achievements/Altadena-Student-Mary-Gaule-Studies-in-Italy/3120532>.

## GRANDPARENTS DAY AT ALVERNO

It was a chilly morning on Tuesday, November 22nd as students arrived to school with their grandparents for a very special day at Alverno High School. The day began with guests checking in and enjoying warm refreshments. "Grandparents' Day is always such a special event," said Wendy Finch-Burk, Director of Development and Alumnae Relations. "Our students have a chance to share their life at Alverno with their grandparents and our grandparents share their life experiences during the class discussions, which lends a multi-generational perspective to the entire day. It's a wonderful learning experience for everyone!"

Following check-in, students and their grandparents joined the rest of the Alverno community in a Thanksgiving Liturgy to celebrate the special day. Bishop Zavala presided over Mass and welcomed the grandparents and special friends to Alverno. Everyone was treated to music from the Alverno Mass Band and at a special moment during the celebration, students presented their grandparents with flowers. "The Thanksgiving Liturgy was a beautiful event enriched by all of our lovely Grandparents. Sharing this mass with Grandparents brings true joy and enthusiasm to our mass," said Susana Capra '04, Campus Minister. "The presence of Bishop Zavala was a perfect reminder to be thankful!" After mass, students guided their grandparents through a typical school day of classes, giving everyone an opportunity to hear stories from the grandparents about their experiences growing up and their thoughts on the issues facing young people today.



## INTERVIEWS

This weekend I had my first round of college interviews: University of Chicago and Brown University, both of which I applied to early. Each conveniently held at semi-local coffee shops that I had wanted to try but had never had the chance: Swork in Eagle Rock and Zeli inside Vromans on Colorado. First was UChicago at Swork.

Lucky for me, I had an idea of what my interviewer was to look like as he had recently been a noted alumnus from UChicago. I sat in Swork, my black heels lightly tapping the floor in anticipation when he arrived. He was on time and courteously offered to buy my drink. While we waited he asked me questions like what my favorite and least favorite in school were, for pleasure, etc. The conversation flowed and we both seemed interested in what the other had to say. I also learned a lot, not just about the school, but about college in general. Even about a book that summarizes what I hope to do after college, A Time of Gifts. After about little more than an hour we said goodbye and as I walked to my car I felt ready for my next interview in the morning.

The next morning I had Brown. But, unlike UChicago, I had no clue what my interview looked like or if she would even show because communication between us was inconstant. I sat in Zeli, trying to read Crime and Punishment for school but not getting through a page because each person might be her. Right as I was to call quits, she came and we ordered coffee. She was nice and the interview went well, but I felt that it was not as natural as the first because I was the interviewer more than her. All in all, a good experience to help me wait for the looming acceptance decisions.



Isabella Daniels-Campos '14, her grandmother and Maddie Daniels-Campos '12 smile for the camera before going to class on Grandparents' Day at Alverno.

As the day came to a close, guests and students were treated to a catered lunch in the Villa del Sol d' Oro, where everyone had a chance to share their favorite moments of the day. The delicious lunch was catered by Mary Pat Brandmeyer who is a parent for the Class of 2014 and owner of The Market on Holly in Pasadena. Having hosted this special event for 14 years, Alverno is so pleased that Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day has become a beloved Alverno tradition that kicks off the warm Thanksgiving holiday season. For more information about Alverno High School, please visit [www.alverno-hs.org](http://www.alverno-hs.org).

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## PUSD STUDENTS CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING WITH SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Students in the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) celebrate Thanksgiving as a lesson in both American history and civic responsibility. Through student and faculty-led activities, schools throughout the district are teaching the meaning of the holiday, and the responsibilities of being a member of a community.

"I am proud of all of our students and faculty for demonstrating their civic responsibility and sense of community during this holiday," said Superintendent Jon R. Gundry. "I am glad to see young people learning to work together for those in need; it's an important value as they prepare to enter our increasingly complex world."

PUSD schools celebrate Thanksgiving with activities such as the ones listed below:

McKinley School (K-8) created a program called "Kids Helping Kids." Led by students, the school holds an annual Thanksgiving Food Drive to provide McKinley families in need with food items for the holiday meal.

Each class provides four complete Thanksgiving meals.

Sierra Madre School students and their families are participating in the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Fresh and Easy in Arcadia is partnering with the school by donating all the turkeys for this year's food drive.

The culinary class at Blair High School is cooking 100 turkeys for Union Station's annual Thanksgiving meal. The students began cooking Monday morning at 7 a.m. in order to have the turkeys ready by Wednesday afternoon. Also at Blair, the Interact Club and ROTC have been holding a month-long, school wide canned food drive. The food will be donated to Families in Transition, the district's program that assists its homeless and traditional families.

Field Elementary School collects food donations and the PTA donates gift cards to local grocery stores. This year, the school is collecting food items for 15 food baskets that will be given to families in need.

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**Hometown Parade, Vintage Planes, Celebrities, Food, Drinks, Games, and BIG Fun in Sierra Madre on July 3rd & 4th**

**Basinistas**  
The Basinistas, a group of musicians from the Sierra Madre area, performed at a recent event.

**Water Zebra**  
A water zebra, a type of aquatic plant, was found in a local waterway.

**Inside This Week...**  
A list of local events and news stories for the week of November 27, 2011.

**Lots For Sale**  
A list of properties for sale in the Sierra Madre area.

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**A Bitter Berry**  
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The shape of the plants of this new berry reminded the Pilgrims of cranes.

After Thanksgiving dinner -  
I'm  
g o i n g  
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h i k e!

To get ready for colder weather...  
...we check the windows for drafts.

# Newspaper Fun!

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Autumn is falling into winter. I can feel my fur coat getting a little bit thicker every day to keep me warm as the temperature drops. It happens this way every year. How are you and your family getting ready for winter? Most areas of the country will have cold temperatures, snow and ice. Families have to prepare their houses, cars and clothes to adapt to the changes winter brings. Some areas of the country already have had snow! Humans in my neighborhood are wearing warm jackets while raking leaves and stacking wood into piles to burn when the nights turn chilly. Look around your neighborhood and watch neighbors and animals preparing for winter. What changes do you see?

**Use these clues to fill in the crossword puzzle:**

- grow thicker fur coats brought inside in cold weather may need more food in their bowls
- store food in their nests fur may change color feathers may blend into the snow
- snow tires sand antifreeze for radiator
- harvest the crops plant spring bulbs save seeds
- warmer clothes blankets, quilts, comforters enjoy more hot drinks
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TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills  
*thechefknows@yahoo.com*

Last week I tried for an update on 322 in Sierra Madre, only to find that an important menu change has taken place. The Cippolino has scampered from the page. So this week, Big Daddy's Fire Grill was in the crosshairs of my fork... I pulled a twenty out of petty cash, shook my daughters piggybank and turned the key to motor over. The lot was full, the people were bouncing in their food dance as they moved in and out of their plates. I walked in and asked if they were open and alas no.... December 1st. I guess I imagined people eating. I was so hungry! One of the employees said, but the food is GREAT. I asked, How would you know you haven't made any yet?

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As always, you can stop on by to satisfy that hunger for a sandwich, soup or salad, follow it up

I grabbed a menu and the prices seem right, so I'll return.

Pizza? Yes, I remember a sign on S. Rosemead about a new pizza restaurant opening soon, Mammias Brick Oven Pizza, so I did a U turn and headed to East Pasadena. You got it, still in construction. Something about last minute sprinklers and permits. If I were a baseball player I would say I was in a serious slump. El Taquito Mexicano I know it was open because I have been going there since I moved residences some months ago. If you are looking for the above average, Mexican faire, this is the spot. I enjoyed the taco Special + drink for (\$5.60). Meats include: Asada, Al Pastor, Chicharron, Chorizo, Cabeza and Pollo.

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2/3 cup chopped onion  
2/3 cup all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon ground black pepper  
1/2 teaspoon celery seed  
1/2 teaspoon onion powder  
1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning  
1 3/4 cups chicken broth  
1 1/3 cups milk  
4 cups cubed cooked turkey meat - light and dark meat mixed  
4 (9 inch) unbaked pie crusts

## DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat an oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C).
2. Place the peas and carrots, green beans, and celery into a saucepan; cover with water, bring to a boil, and simmer over medium-low heat until the celery is tender, about 8 minutes. Drain the vegetables in a colander set in the sink, and set aside.
3. Melt the butter in a saucepan over medium heat, and cook the onion until translucent, about 5 minutes. Stir in 2/3 cup of flour, salt, black pepper, celery seed, onion powder, and Italian seasoning; slowly whisk in the chicken broth and milk until the mixture comes to a simmer and thickens. Remove from heat; stir the cooked vegetables and turkey meat into the filling until well combined.
4. Fit 2 pie crusts into the bottom of 2 9-inch pie dishes. Spoon half the filling into each pie crust, then top each pie with another crust. Pinch and roll the top and bottom crusts together at the edge of each pie to seal, and cut several small slits into the top of the pies with a sharp knife to release steam.
5. Bake in the preheated oven until the crusts are golden brown and the filling is bubbly, 30 to 35 minutes. If the crusts are browning too quickly, cover the pies with aluminum foil after about 15 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes before serving.



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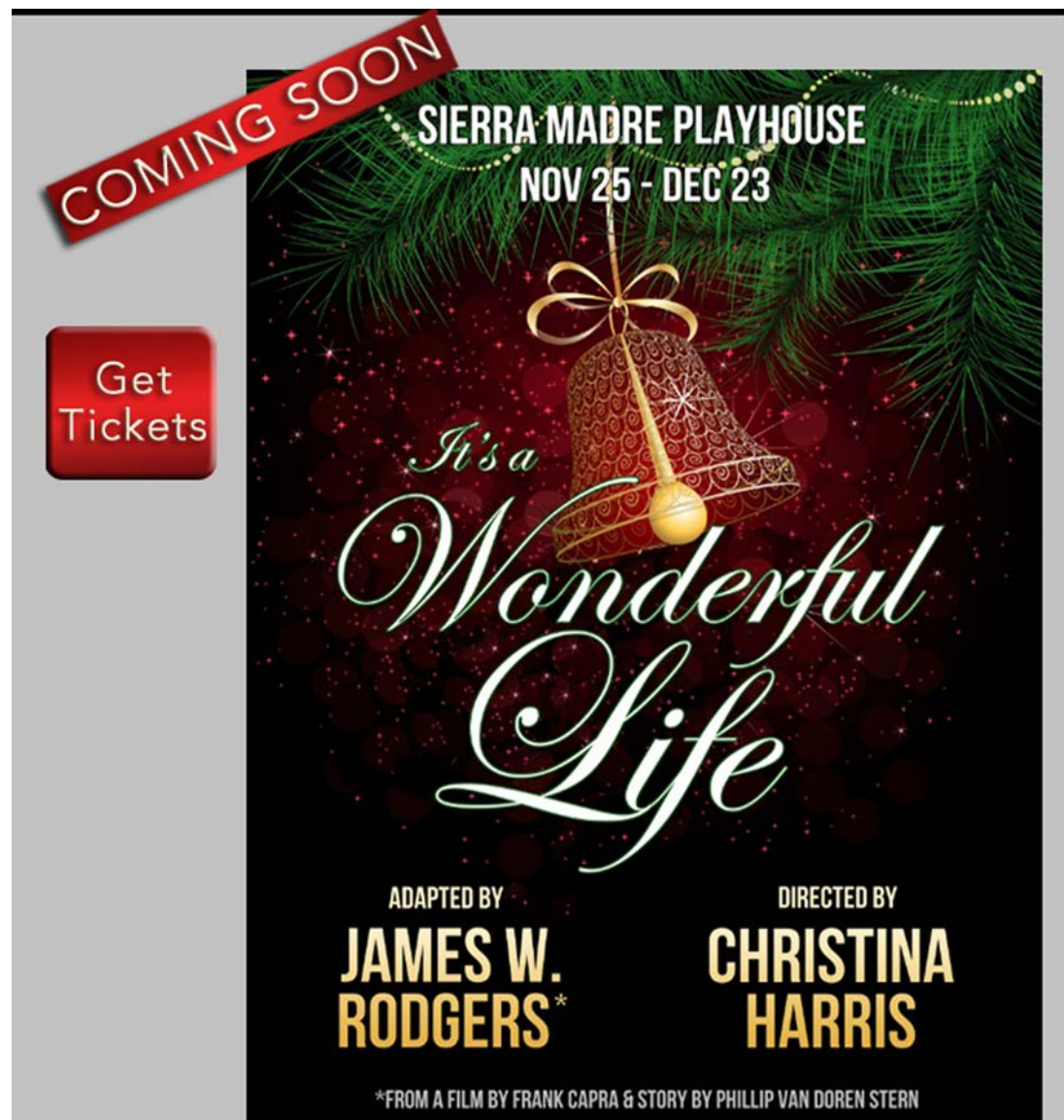


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Christina Harris, who's helmed several shows at Sierra Madre Playhouse including last year's holiday show, her adaptation of "A Christmas Carol," directs "It's A Wonderful Life." Her cast includes (in alphabetical order): Matthew Bond, Paul Bond, Clay 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: SNOWMINE

There are thousands upon thousands of bands in the world. Obviously, it's an impossible feat to hear them all. However once in awhile you come across a band or an album that hits you like a ton of bricks. Snowmine's debut record, "Laminate Pet Animal" is one of those bands. A psychedelic-indie group that is a far cry from other performing acts in this modern age of rock music. While comparisons can be drawn from other well-established acts such as My Morning Jacket, Death Cab For Cutie and Fleet Foxes, I feel that Snowmine is composed of the best elements of

what those bands offer and then some. Ironically, the aforementioned bands have released new records this year, but none of them come close capturing the magic and essence of Snowmine.

What makes this even more of a surprise is how Laminate Pet Animal is merely Snowmine's first album, while the other bands, with maybe the exception of Fleet Foxes, are considered veteran musicians. The rookie here definitely outshines the seasoned pros in multiple aspects.

"Laminate Pet Animal" is immersed with beautifully composed arrangements, soaring string sections and painstakingly gorgeous vocals. An often spacey and magical soundscape places the listener on an expedition of music wonderment. It is a very rare site to find one's self not skipping tracks on albums these days. That's the case here since every song feels just as important as the last. The album permeates into your mind and forms an imaginary world. A world you're not too familiar with, but love the uncertainty it brings. It's the kind of album you have to deeply get into. I don't see that to be much of a challenge since the composition does much of the work for you. The sum of its parts is not greater than its whole though. To enjoy the record to its fullest, one must listen and listen thoroughly to each consecutive track. The journey is relatively short, but the experience is everlasting. Snowmine have crafted a superlatively debut album that may be mistaken for an album from a band deep into their career. I'm not sure what's more fascinating, the fact this album is undeniably great or the potential of where Snowmine can go next. Grayson Sanders showcases his soulful side on the track "This One", where he sings "Let's fade away and make time for another day." I can tell you this; you will not want this feeling to ever fade away anytime soon. The vocals for "Hologram", the closing track on LPA, reminds me much of Jim James of My Morning Jacket. The arrangement is something from Fleet Foxes' latest endeavor. However, unlike MMJ of the past few years, Snowmine's music is more focused and less concerned with reinventing themselves with every single song they perform. A little more half way into the slow tempo "Hologram" is where it really picks up. It concludes the rather melancholy album on an upbeat note. Just like this song, the entire record is very well balanced while distinctively going back and forth from a moody atmosphere to jovial beats, such as the ones found on "The Hill" and "Danger in the Snow!" "LPA" is a whirlwind that is comprised of small jolts and hasty collisions. No matter the impact, the songs always leave a lasting impression on the listener. To be moved greatly is an understatement and to be unaffected is clearly unlikely.

Artist: Snowmine  
Record: Laminate Pet Animal  
Label: Self-released  
Release Date: May 3rd, 2011

Best Tracks: "Beast In Air, Beast In Water", "The Hill" "Trial and Error", "This One"  
Grade: 9.2 out of 10



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## HOWARD Hays As I See It ...will return next week.

Independent Eye by  
JOE Gandelman

CLEARFIELD, Pa. – Here's one more disturbing story related to the shocking Penn State child sexual abuse case: Victim #1, whose allegations about being molested by Jerry Sandusky led to legendary football coach and alleged enabler Joe Paterno's firing, has left his high school after being bullied by classmates due to his role in Paterno's dismissal.

During the past 21 years when I reported from and did programs in schools, bullying has always been a problem. But along with the coarsening of adult America, bullying at school and online has grown. An exaggeration? Nope. On Sept. 4 I left San Diego on a nine-month national trip. Since then I've been in two cities mourning high school students who killed themselves to escape being bullied.

In case you've been on Mars, a virtual epidemic of bullying has led to a host of tough regulations throughout the country, an especially tough law in New Jersey and special programs in some schools. Parents of bullies sometimes cooperate and sometimes look the other way. Bullying has sparked civil lawsuits brought by parents of bullied kids against officials who they feel don't step in or clamp down hard enough on bullying when it happens or who don't try to prevent it — which may, in the end, be a bigger motivating factor to defeating bullying than bullied students' pain.

Newspaper headlines, websites and Tweets never tell the whole story.

Each time a kid takes his or her life they leave shell-shocked communities, grieving parents whose lives are effectively over, bullies' families stunned by their kids' role in another child's death and bullies who made terrible choices who'll be haunted their whole lives. And, in nearby schools where siblings and friends of the dead kids are enrolled, staffers have to scramble to do ASAP damage control.

Meanwhile, news of a death invariably gives other beset kids bad ideas.

Discuss the lifelong impact of a bullying experience with school kids and it invariably hits a nerve -- with nearby adults.

For instance, two years ago, after I told elementary kids to ask any adult about whether

IT'S TIME TO BEAT DOWN  
AMERICA'S BULLYING  
PROBLEM

they were teased and bullied to see how the pain and details of bullying last for years, a PTA President approached me.

"Oh, Joe," she sighed. "When you mentioned that I suddenly felt goose bumps go up my arms! I had a sudden flashback to when I was in junior high school and the boys made fun of me because I was tall and called me names. I felt my blood was run cold and I had a kind of sick feeling."

Something similar happened two years later at another school. After I told the kids to try this little experiment, the principal, a woman in her 40s, addressed her students: "All of you know what I've told some of you before. I am in teaching because I was bullied. I was in elementary school. And I was tall for my age. And the boys called me 'The Jolly Green Giant' after a TV commercial. It was the very worst year of my life and I decided then to go into teaching and see if I could do something to make sure no other boys and girls would ever suffer the way I did."

On a partisan radio talk show a few months ago, some callers insisted the outcry over bullying and the need for stronger legislation was merely PC -- that it somehow was an ideological or partisan thing.

No, it's not about pushing an agenda. It's about protecting childhoods and saving kids' lives.

The only bullying that should be condoned is a no-mercy official clamp down on bullying by schools, legislators, law enforcement and civil litigation lawyers.

The kids leaving a school should NEVER be the bullied kids -- but the bullies themselves and those who enable them.

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GREG Welborn

## A BRIEF THANKSGIVING HISTORY

Based on the lessons we're taught in school, we're all tempted to think we know the story of the American Thanksgiving, but having done a bit of researching I discovered that the details of this holiday are more quintessentially American than we ever knew.

The Pilgrims who came to this country aboard the Mayflower, were originally members of the English Separatist Church. Before coming to America, which was truly over the edge of the civilized world as they knew it, the Pilgrims had fled England for Holland. While granted more religious freedom there, they never quite felt at home or at peace. Thus, they sought a better life and struck a deal with an English company seeking profits from the new world. Only 1/3rd of the Mayflower's passengers were "Puritans"; the balance were crew and secular agents of the English company, sent along to protect the investment.

The Pilgrims, of course, had the misfortune of landing in the midst of an inhospitable New England winter (December of 1620). That first winter devastated their numbers, reducing the original 102 on the Mayflower by 48%. Those who survived worked hard the following spring and summer to forage, hunt, settle and plant in order to build a community and sufficient food stores to face the next winter.

The fall of 1621 saw a bountiful harvest and so brightened their spirits and hopes for survival that they decided to celebrate and give thanks. They gave thanks to God, whom they found gracious beyond their wildest hopes by virtue of survival in the new land. They included about 90 Indians who had helped them adapt to the Americas.

The celebration was not very similar to the "traditional" holiday we tend to enjoy. The celebration lasted 3 days and did not include many of the staples we associate with Thanksgiving today. There was no turkey, cranberry, breads, pastries or pies. Instead, the record suggests they feasted on fish, venison, lobster, clams, fruits and berries.

The Thanksgiving was not repeated the next year. The year after that, 1623, witnessed a

devastating drought, and so the Puritans gathered in a prayer service, praying for rain. The very next day brought a steady rain and so another day of thanksgiving was declared by Governor Bradford. After that, no day of thanksgiving was celebrated until 1676, 53 years later.

October of 1777 witnessed the next Thanksgiving celebration when all 13 colonies came together to give thanks for the recent military victory over the British at Saratoga. It also was a one time occurrence and not repeated in following years. George Washington proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving in 1789.

The holiday we enjoy today is often attributed to President Lincoln, who in 1863 proclaimed the last Thursday in November as a day of Thanksgiving, but he was in large part capping the 40-year long writing and speaking campaign of an average American, Sarah Josepha Hale. She championed her cause of setting aside a day each year to give thanks through her work as a magazine editor. In the beginning of the campaign, many felt such a national holiday unnecessary, but in true American tradition, she simply didn't give up.

The holiday we enjoy today, while different than how it has been practiced and enjoyed over the centuries, remains a truly American affair. Average citizens organized their local communities, petitioned their leadership -- even pestering their elected officials -- to establish a unifying ceremony celebrating the freedoms that are every Americans primary heritage.

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## BUSINESS TODAY

The latest on Business News, Trends and Techniques

## Beyond Small Business Holiday Shopping

By La Quetta M. Shamblee,

If this past week was an indicator, it's encouraging to see that "Small Business Saturday" is starting to catch on with consumers. This new addition to the post-Thanksgiving Day shopping weekend was launched by American Express in 2010 as a marketing campaign to promote local businesses. Media reports about holiday retail sales focus on major chains, so consumers don't realize that the great news isn't necessarily all that good for the small businesses in our communities.

Economists of varying ideologies are in sync with a statement by Dan Danner, president and CEO of the National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB), "We can't have a strong economy unless our small businesses are doing well, and right now they are not. They are hurting." The outlook among small business owners is grim according to NFIB's latest Small Business Optimism Index. When surveyed, they indicate that poor sales top their list of concerns, followed by "crushing government regulations and taxes."

Local residents can help keep the cash registers ringing and online purchases clicking to support the economy close to home -- by selecting unique, one-of-a-kind gifts from neighborhood boutiques and encouraging family and friends to engage in a little window shopping or perusing websites to consider eye-catching or practical gifts from local retailers. The Shabby Dog is a great place to find a special gift for the canine lovers in your life. Imagine an out-of-state relative being the talk of the town when their pooch strolls the neighborhood with a designer collar attached to a matching leash and wristband watch...all the way from Sierra Madre, California! Never underestimate the impact and fascination of someone elsewhere receiving unique merchandise from the Golden State

Stan's Bicycle Shop in Monrovia is a place to splurge on eye-catching riding gear or a new set of wheels. Niko & Friends Cafe is a family-owned coffee shop with a delightful selection of small gift items, including a line of colorful Japanese erasures that have become very popular with young people as collectibles. The list of options

for holiday purchases is extensive, including everything from one-of-a-kind apparel to a gift certificate for one of the independent coffee shops or tea establishments.

Big chain stores and e-commerce companies can't compete with the personalized, friendly customer service that small shops and family-owned businesses can deliver. Keep in mind that most small businesses are owned by individuals who live and who therefore have a vested interest in their respective communities. Spending your money with them is a win-win for the local economy and job base. Consider being a part of the extension of Small Business Saturday by completing some of your list with an investment in the local economy.

All of the local chambers of commerce and business associations host various holiday events to celebrate and promote member businesses during this time of the year. Join in on the festivities with at least one gift under the tree purchased from a business in your own community. You can add to the momentum created by Small Business Saturday while having a direct and positive economic impact in your hometown.

But as president and chief executive of the National Federation of Independent Business, America's leading small-business association, I know Small Business Saturday isn't just a gimmick.

Read more: <http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2011/11/19/small-business-saturday-most-important-shopping-day-year/#ixzz1eYITTuKx>

This Last year, they introduced Small Business Saturday to encourage people to shop at locally owned stores. In the video below, Money Talks News founder Stacy Johnson introduces this new designated shopping day and asks a small business owner what she thinks of it. Watch it, then read on to hear how shopping at small businesses can benefit you.

ANTONOVICH CALLS FOR REVIEW OF INDEPENDENT  
CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITIES

A motion by Los Angeles County Mayor and MTA Vice Chair Michael D. Antonovich, co-authored by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Supervisor Knabe and Director Najarian, directs MTA staff to conduct a thorough investigation into

staff salaries, budgets and expenditures of all outside construction authorities doing business with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

"It is vital to ensure the public's trust in the MTA and its partners. These authorities

that construct our Measure R projects must demonstrate full accountability, transparency and due diligence in how they spend taxpayer funds to construct these vital public transportation projects," said Antonovich.

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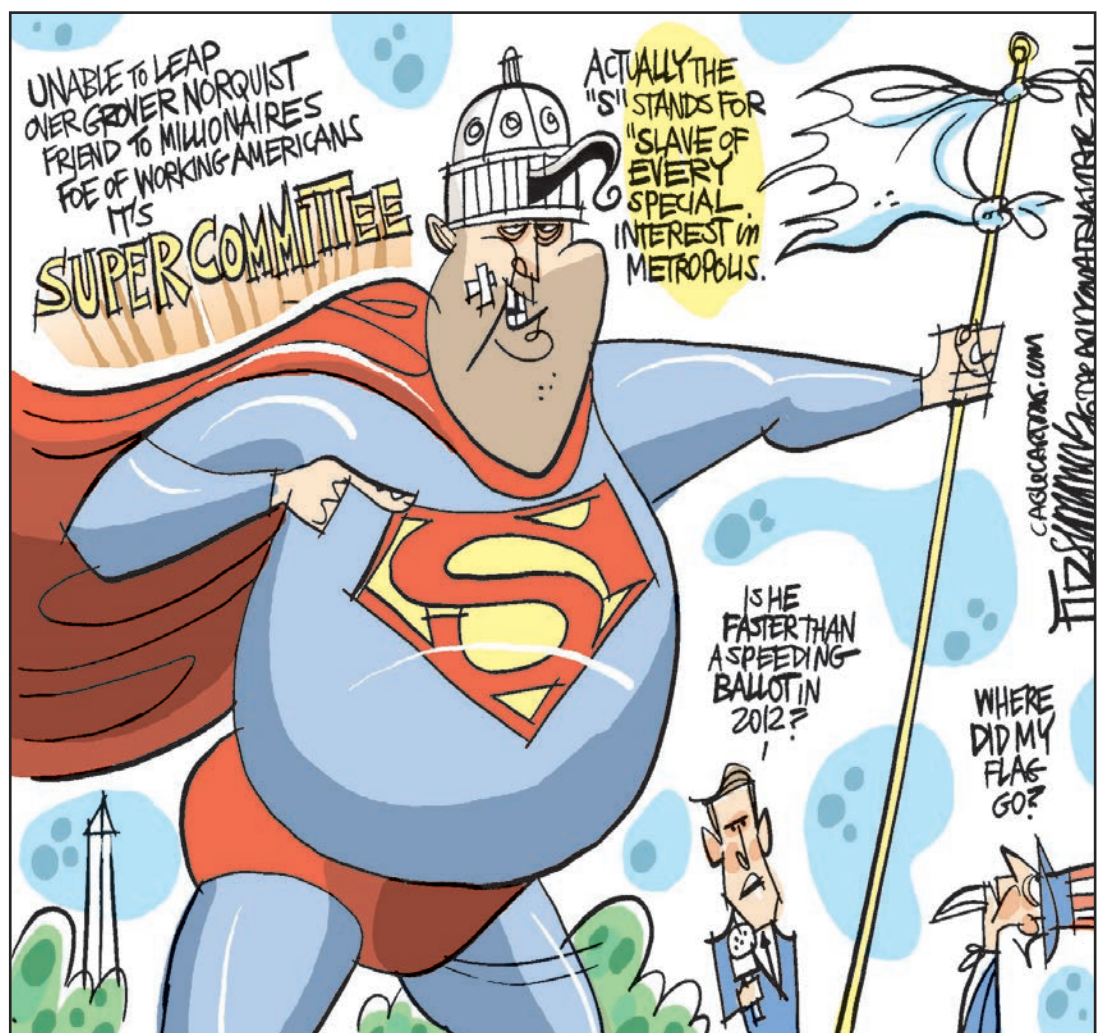
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The traditions of the community newspaper and the concerns of our readers are this newspaper's top priorities. We support a prosperous community of well-informed citizens. We hold in high regard the values of the exceptional quality of life in our community, including the magnificence of our natural resources. Integrity will be our guide.

## HAIL Hamilton



Indians who gave them food, farming techniques and other strategies to overcome the bitter New England cold. Children color cutouts of grateful Pilgrims and happy Indians that ignore the reality that contact between the two marked the beginning of the decimation of millions of Native peoples.

What's wrong with this picture? Just about everything. The Pilgrims were not the innocent, simple folk seeking a peaceful place to build new lives away from religious persecution. They were political revolutionaries and religious zealots who had been thrown out of England for fomenting the overthrow the British monarchy. Fully intending to take away the land from its native inhabitants, the Pilgrims saw themselves as God's Elect and were willing to use any means necessary to achieve their goals, including treachery, war, torture, murder, and genocide.

The Thanksgiving myth has the Pilgrims boarding the Mayflower, coming to America and establishing the Plymouth colony in the winter of 1620-21. This first winter is hard, and half the colonists die. But the survivors are hard working and tenacious, and they learn new farming techniques from the Indians. The harvest of 1621 is bountiful. The Pilgrims hold a celebration, and give thanks to God for his generous blessings. They are grateful for the new abundant land He has given them, and invite their Indian friends to share in the bounty.

The problem with the myth is that the harvest of 1621 was not bountiful, nor were the colonists hardworking or tenacious. 1621 was a famine year and many of the colonists were lazy, drunken thieves! In his History of the Plymouth Plantation, the governor of the colony, William Bradford, reported that the colonists went hungry for years, because they refused to work in the fields. They preferred instead to drink beer and steal food. He says the colony was riddled with "corruption," and with "confusion and discontent." The crops were

## My Turn

### DEBUNKING THE THANKSGIVING MYTH

small because "much was stolen by night and day," before it could be harvested.

The Pilgrims were no friends to the Indians either. On the contrary, they were engaged in a ruthless war of extermination against their hosts from the day they stepped ashore at Plymouth Rock, even as they falsely posed as friends. Just days before the alleged Thanksgiving love-fest, a company of Pilgrims led by Myles Standish actively sought to capture and chop off the head of a local Wampanoag chief.

Any Indian who came within the vicinity of the Pilgrim settlement was subject to robbery, enslavement, or even murder. The Pilgrims further advertised their hostility by building an 11-foot wall around settlement, placing five canons on a nearby hill, and then organizing the men into four companies of militia--all in preparation for the military destruction of their friends the Indians.

Standish eventually got his bloody prize. He went to the Indians, pretending to be a trader, then beheaded a Wampanoag man named Wituwamat. He brought his head to Plymouth, where it was displayed on a wooden spike for many years as a warning and a symbol of the Pilgrims' righteous God-given wrath. Standish also had the man's younger bother drawn and quartered for good measure. From that time on, Pilgrims were known to the Indians of Massachusetts by the name "Wotowquenange," which in their tongue meant cutthroats and butchers.

The Indians were not invited to the 1621 "feast" out of the goodness of the Pilgrims' hearts in a demonstration of Christian love and interracial unity. The Wampanoag were members of a large and powerful confederacy known as the League of the Delaware. The Indians were invited to the feast in order to negotiate a treaty that would secure land for the Pilgrims. Unfortunately, they did not understand the European notion of ownership. They thought they were granting the Pilgrims possession and the right to use the land, not title to it.

So this Thanksgiving ask yourself just what you're celebrating? Is it really only about family, food and football? Is it really about the myth we've been taught to believe, or is it about something more? Before you begin your meal this year take a moment to consider the holidays' real origin, and what the day meant for the Wampanoag then and what it continues to signify for American Indians today.

## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column



### After Thanksgiving Feasting Comes The Loafing

By Rev. James L. Snyder

Twenty-four hours ago, I was seated with my family and friends around the Thanksgiving table. Now, I am seated in my chair and cannot move. I won't say I ate too much yesterday. I

did, I just won't say it.

Why is it on Thanksgiving we give ourselves permission to gorge ourselves to the point of semi-consciousness? The difference between consciousness and semi-consciousness is that with semi-consciousness you feel like you have been run over by a semi-truck.

Of course, a great thing about Thanksgiving is the fabulous dinner spread, surrounded by family and friends. It is truly a time to give thanks to God for the manifold blessings he has showered on us throughout the year. Although there have been a few drought times during the past year, God's showers of blessing always came at the right time.

Thanksgiving Day is for the diet-challenged person. Nothing is more challenging to me than my diet. And of this in particular I am most grateful for Thanksgiving. It is the one day of the year I can toss caution to the wind (which is the only exercise I get on Thanksgiving) and forget my diet carefully supervised by the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

It is not that I take advantage of the situation ... okay, so I do take advantage of the situation. However, that is the glorious aspect of holidays like Thanksgiving. The person, me in particular, can get away with things that the rest of the year would be impossible. And I'm not just thinking of that second piece of pumpkin pie.

The second great thing about Thanksgiving is the day after. The business community refers to this day as Black Friday. They mean, of course, it is a day when they turn their ledger from red to black.

Whoever invented the shopping frenzy associated with the day after Thanksgiving should be congratulated and offered the Nobel Peace Prize. Black Friday in our home is when my wife and our daughters leave the house early in the morning to spend the entire day shopping and I get the opportunity to black out for the entire day. If I may say so, it is a glorious day of loafing.

The feast - like we usually have on Thanksgiving Day - requires at least one full day of concentrating and allowing the meal to digest, no matter how long it takes. The older I get the longer it takes my digestive system to complete its work. My philosophy is, don't rush the process.

I'm all for cooperation. I believe this world would get along much better if everybody would just cooperate. I set the example by cooperating with my digestive system for the entire day.

I have found the best way to assist my digestive system is to spend the day loafing. And I have managed to bring loafing to a finely developed art. It has taken years for me to get to this point of expertise. Throughout the years, I have developed the finesse associated with total loafing that should be recorded somewhere.

My expertise in this area is most remarkable for the simple fact that I only get to practice this one day out of the year. I can assure you that this one day is intensely devoted to the strenuous activity of loafing.

If you promise not to let this get back to you-know-who, I confess I do get in an odd day every now and again to practice for this day. Nobody can reach the pinnacle of success I have on this matter without some kind of practice throughout the year. I am completely devoted to my art, as any other artist would be.

In case someone gets the wrong idea about all of this, let me assure you that loafing has certain health benefits. Of course, if I am caught practicing my loafing when my wife has instructed me to do some things around the house, it has an adverse effect on my health. The key here is to practice loafing when your wife is out of the house shopping the entire day, which is why Black Friday was invented.

It is a proven fact that most of the people in our country today are overworked and totally stressed out by their lives. In spite of all the technology available to us, we are a nation that has forgotten how to rest.

Years ago in our country, when we were more Christian than we are today, we set aside Sunday as the day of rest. That has completely gone by the wayside as we became a culture of 24/7 activity. The only solution all our experts have come up with is to pop a pill and keep on going.

A friend of mine has a marvelous saying, "Either come apart and rest a while, or you will simply come apart." I like that.

Jesus said something similar. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30 KJV.)

We have learned how to feast and our buffet table is loaded with goodies. Perhaps it would be a good time to take some time to rest and let our soul settle and digest the rich blessings of god.

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## RICH Johnson



### A FAILURE? GET IN LINE

Before I talk about failure I would lie to correct an error in Stuart's column. He did receive a call from me while he was in the hospital.

Do you consider yourself a failure? What is failure? An act or instance proving unsuccessful. In a paradoxical way failure can also be a reflection of success. Success comes in the attempt, not only the outcome. I think the only real failure comes in failing to act. The guy who never asks the pretty girl out because he is afraid she might say no, actually lives with the same outcome of being turned down. The only difference is, by not asking, he has nullified the 50% chance she might say yes.

Lots of people have failed. Many fail multiple times. You might recognize a few of these failures:

Henry Ford had five failed businesses before he founded the Ford Motor Company. And R. H. Macy had seven failed businesses before his big department store took off.

Akio Morita started a company whose first product, a rice cooker didn't cook rice as much as burn it. They sold less than 100 units. You may have heard of his company. His companies name is Sony.

Colonel Sanders secret recipe for fried chicken was rejected 1,009 times before a restaurant finally decided to give it a chance.

Albert Einstein (heard of him?) didn't speak until age four, nor read til age seven. He was considered slow,

expelled from school and refused admittance to the Zurich Polytechnic School. I wonder how he did?

Thomas Edison when queried about his thousand unsuccessful attempts to invent the lightbulb, rejected the term failure. He said he successfully found a thousand ways it wouldn't work. Or something like that.

Winston Church failed six grade. His early political career was dubious at best. He was defeated in every election until he became Prime Minister at age 62.

Oprah Winfrey was fired from a job as a television reporter because she was "unfit for TV".

Dancer/actor Fred Astaire failed his first screen test at MGM. "He can't act. Can't sing. Slightly bald. Can dance a little", was how he was described in a note. By the way, he kept that note his entire life, in his Beverly Hills mansion.

Sidney Poitier was told after his first acting audition to, "...stop wasting people's time and go out and become a dishwasher or something?" (This means a lot to me because he is my favorite actor).

Harrison Ford was told by movie execs that he simply didn't have what it takes to be a star.

Vincent Van Gogh sold only one painting in his lifetime. It was to a friend and he didn't get paid much for it.

27 publishers rejected Dr. Seuss's first book.

Steven Spielberg was turned down three times wanting to attend USC's School of Theater, Film and Television.

## CURBING BAD BEHAVIOR



Ron Carter

### RE-THINKING DIVIDED GOVERNMENT

Something has inherently gone wrong with the United States of America (USA) Congress. The failure of the Super Committee who were tasked to chart a way forward for the American Economy is yet another sign in what has become one of the flaws of Divided Government.

Intelligent men and women who were voted into office to represent the American People have once again failed to compromise with each other and thus have created a breach which cannot be filled.

These men and women are behaving as if the American People don't matter. If they are surmising we will forget their bad behavior as the 2012 national elections approach, they are incorrect. This time ladies and gentlemen, it's different, because the USA Economy is very weak, unemployment is high and the American People are full of angst about their nest eggs as millions of Americans continue to lose their homes. Who will be blamed?

The USA Congress – most of the times - functions as a Divided Government political system. At least that's what we've been told since I've been paying attention to national politics. It's obvious presently Divided Government in the USA is not working. We have the Democrats and the Republicans at polar opposites of the debate on how America should be governed. The Democrats are opposed to massive program cuts and the Republicans are opposed to tax increases on the very wealthy. How will our deficit problem ever going to be fixed if these conscientious men and women stand at an impasse "whistling pass Dixie?"

I am beginning to believe since they can't compromise, it might be the moment in our history for the American People to vote one party into government. If in four years, they (the party in control) have failed to move the country forward, then we should vote them all out of office and elect a new party. This way there'll be no one to blame but the party who was in power. Moreover, we, the American People, will only endure four years of their incompetent government instead of the decades of wrangling and spinning the current ideologues, who are occupying the United States Congress, are espousing.

If not now, when?

## STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE



### SO, HOW ARE THINGS WITH YOU?

It's been quite a week. First of all I'm out of the hospital and I would like to thank all of you for your cards and letters and good wishes. I would like to thank all of you but I can't because I received no cards and letters or even phone calls-not one. No, wait a minute

I did receive one from my cousin who called to say, "Welcome to my world!" It turns out that other people have their own problems which they would rather not talk about.

If you don't know what I'm talking about this whole thing refers to my article of last week which I wrote from a hospital bed where I was being held prisoner because doctors didn't like the way my feet looked. I ended the article just after I had received an echocardiogram and commented about what a fantastic experience this was—hearing and seeing in glorious color the beating of my own heart. The response I received to this life-changing experience as contained in a couple of e-mails was, "Enough of this new-age stuff-What did you really feel?"

Kind of makes you wonder about people, doesn't it? Well surprise, surprise I had a wonderful time in the hospital. I had about thirty five nurses in the five days that I was confined and many, many of them shared intimate and interesting details of their lives. The nurses were from everywhere in the world, even one from Orange County, and they were invariably competent, hard-working, and ready to share themselves with little old vulnerable me. I heard about someone growing up on a dirt floor in Alabama who had to stuff cotton in her ears at night so that the roaches wouldn't crawl in. I heard about people surviving the Civil Wars in Africa, and about a woman whose drug abusing father appeared at the family home one night all dressed up in a suit. He led the family to some kind of club where he performed a solo on his saxophone. As he held his last note he crumpled to the floor. The audience, I guess, thought it was a theatrical move, but it wasn't—he died right there on the floor, suit and all, in front of his family. His daughter thought that this might have been his intention all along.

Look, I'm not making any of this up; I relearned something I really knew all along. Perhaps my favorite thing in the world is to draw people out and hear them talk about themselves; and all this talking was occasionally accompanied with sponge baths. Don't let me mislead you; it was not all fun and games. Seeing the worried looks of my family was pretty scary and watching my wife sleep all night in an uncomfortable chair was not the most pleasant of experiences. The weirdest experience was that was important to me didn't seem important to the hospital staff and vice-versa. The staff was interested in keeping track of the amount I urinated and I was concerned about being poisoned. I was being given a cardiac-diet rather than a cardiac-diabetic diet which was appropriate to my actual needs. Maybe the discovery of this error is what brought about the surprise sponge bath.

Well, probably you're wondering about the final diagnosis and what's going on with me. My learning disabled son listened carefully to all of the doctor's explanations and descriptions and then said, "I have a question. Is my dad's heart good?" The answer is who knows. I am diagnosed with atrial fibrillation caused by a mal-functioning mitral valve which has now combined to cause Congestive Heart Failure. What a horrible name for something. Really though, now I feel fine. I played eighteen holes of golf today but I do I have this simple diet to follow—no salt along with the usual no sugar and fat. It's true about the no salt but of course I can ingest limited amounts of sugar and fat. A small sacrifice and I can survive. Really, it's not so bad and I think I'll do fine as long as I can find people to talk to me and give me sponge baths.

By the way in case you think I'm only writing about me I want you to know that I'm also writing about the fears that all of us share. By presenting my fragile self caught up in moments of fear, bewilderment, and denial it is my desire to reach your similar concerns about this fragile world of ours. While we were looking elsewhere diverted by sponge baths, technology, and ever-present entertainment the ideals of America that have made us so proud are dying along with those of us who are most vulnerable: the poor, the sick, the old, the needy, and the rest of the 99 per cent. Our major defense is to keep talking to one another.

Elvis Presley had one performance on the Grand Ole Opry and was fired. The manager told him, "You ain't goin' nowhere son. You ought to go back to drivin' a truck."

The Beatles auditioned for Decca records in 1962. Decca rejected them saying, "guitar groups are on the way out" and "the Beatles have no future in show business." Instead Decca chose the Tremeloes.

Basketball legend Michael Jordan may have summed up the whole link between failure and success best by saying: "I have missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I have lost almost 300 games. On 26 occasions I have been entrusted to take the game winning shot, and I missed. I have failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed."

Success is born out of failure. The only true failure is to never risk in the pursuit of a dream, or two, or three, or four...

I'd like to than my friend, Jane Fuller, for telling me about the website, [onlinecollege.org](http://onlinecollege.org) from which I culled this information. Speaking of success, Jane is performing a Christmas Concert at Café 322 on Thursday, December 22nd from 8-11pm.







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## Monrovia Police Blotter

*During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 509 service events resulting in 97 investigations. Following are the highlighted issues and events for that period. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monrovia> for crime mapping.*

**Vehicle Burglary**  
On November 14 at 7:45 p.m., police responded to the report of a window-smash vehicle burglary that occurred in a business parking lot in the 700 block of East Huntington. The crime occurred between 6:20 and 7:35 p.m. There was no loss. Investigation continuing.

**Vehicle Burglary**  
On November 14 at 10:01 p.m., dispatch received a call reporting a window-smash vehicle burglary that occurred in a business parking lot in the 500 block of West Huntington. The crime occurred between 6 and 10 p.m. There was no loss. Investigation continuing.

**Vehicle Burglary / Grand Theft Auto Recovery**  
On November 15 at 1:13 a.m., a 1993 Honda Accord was reported stolen from the front of a residence in the 1400 block of South Magnolia. The crime occurred between 9:30 p.m. and 1 a.m. The vehicle was found and recovered a short distance away. The GPS system and a toolbox had been stolen from the vehicle. Investigation continuing.

**Possession of Narcotics / Possession of Narcotics Paraphernalia - Suspect Arrested**  
On November 16 at 7:05 p.m., police received a call reporting a suspicious vehicle parked at Greystone and Ivy. Officers arrived and found the male occupant was preparing to ingest heroin. He was arrested for possession of narcotics and narcotics paraphernalia and taken into custody.

**Serial Vandalism**  
On November 16 at 8:09 p.m., police received a call reporting a vandalism incident that had just occurred in the 300 block of East Colorado. Two male suspects were seen "tagging" a wall and fleeing on foot. Officers arrived and began a search of the area. A witness told an officer the suspects ran through an apartment complex. Officers entered the complex and were seen by the suspects, who immediately attempted to run away. They were detained quickly and positively identified by the witness. Through investigation, it was learned that these two suspects are responsible for an extensive series of recent vandalism. The suspects each confessed to other crimes and led officers to additional unreported vandalisms. Also discovered during the investigation were the identities of two previously unknown suspects. These two have also been responsible for many recent vandalism incidents. The suspects, a male juvenile and male adult, were booked for vandalism. The juvenile was cited and released to his mother. The adult was booked for felony vandalism and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Other charges are pending on all four suspects.

**Detective Bureau Case Follow-Up**  
Monrovia Special Enforcement Team officers assisted the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department serving several warrants. Three warrants were served in Monrovia. The warrants resulted in three arrests and the recovery of four guns.

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Looking Up

with Bob Eklund



Evidence of Liquid Water on Icy Europa

Analysis of data from NASA's Galileo planetary mission has turned up evidence of what appears to be a body of liquid water equal in volume to North America's Great Lakes beneath the icy surface of Jupiter's moon Europa.

The Galileo data suggest there is significant exchange between Europa's icy shell and the ocean beneath. This information could bolster arguments that this moon's global subsurface ocean represents a potential habitat for life elsewhere in our solar system. The findings are published in the scientific journal Nature.

"The data opens up some compelling possibilities," said Mary Voytek, director of NASA's Astrobiology Program at agency headquarters in Washington. "However, scientists worldwide will want to take a close look at this analysis and review the data before we can fully appreciate the implication of these results."

NASA's Galileo spacecraft, launched by the space shuttle Atlantis in 1989 to Jupiter, produced numerous discoveries and gave scientists decades of data to analyze. Galileo studied Jupiter, which is the most massive planet in the solar system, and some of its many moons.

One of the most significant discoveries was the

inference of a global salt water ocean below the surface of Europa. This ocean is deep enough to cover the whole surface of Europa and contains more liquid water than all of Earth's oceans combined. However, being far from the Sun, the ocean surface is completely frozen. Most scientists think this ice crust is tens of miles thick.

"One opinion in the scientific community has been if the ice shell is thick, that's bad for biology. That might mean the surface isn't communicating with the underlying ocean," said Britney Schmidt, lead author of the paper and postdoctoral fellow at the Institute for Geophysics, University of Texas at Austin. "Now, we see evidence that it's a thick ice shell that can mix vigorously and new evidence for giant shallow lakes. That could make Europa and its ocean more habitable."

Schmidt and her team focused on Galileo images of two roughly circular, bumpy features on Europa's surface called chaos terrains. Based on similar processes seen on Earth—on ice shelves and under glaciers overlaying volcanoes—they developed a four-step model to explain how the features form. The model resolves several conflicting observations. Some seemed to suggest the ice shell is thick. Others suggested

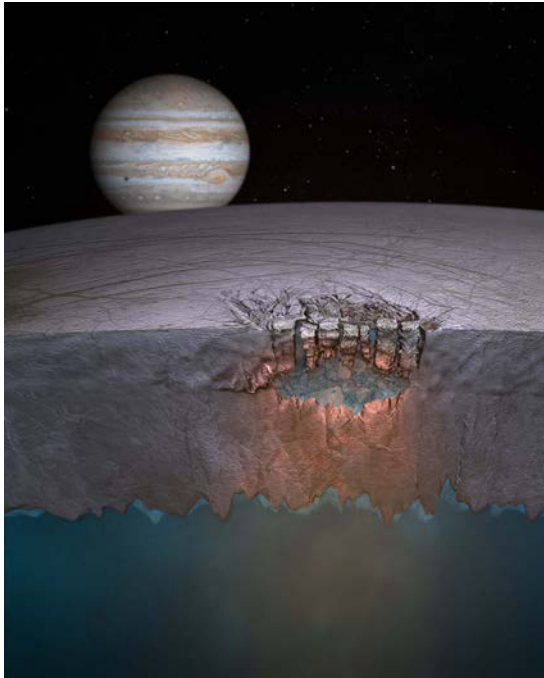
it is thin.

This recent analysis shows the chaos features on Europa's surface may be formed by mechanisms that involve significant exchange between the icy shell and the underlying lake. This provides a way to transfer nutrients and energy between the surface and the vast global ocean already inferred to exist below the thick ice shell. This is thought to increase the potential for life there.

Galileo was the first spacecraft to directly measure Jupiter's atmosphere and conduct long-term observations of the Jovian system. On its way to Jupiter, it also became the first spacecraft to fly by an asteroid and discover the moon of an asteroid. NASA extended the mission three times to take advantage of Galileo's unique science capabilities, and it was finally put on a collision course into Jupiter's atmosphere in September 2003 to eliminate any chance of impacting and contaminating Europa.

More information about the Galileo mission:  
<http://solarsystem.nasa.gov/galileo>

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Ask jai.....

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

**Q: I read an article recently that said that some employers are only considering employed candidates for their positions. Is this against the law? Jonathan**

Dear Jonathan:

If this is not a law it should be. This would seem to be a form of discrimination. I suspect these employers are not actually advertising or publicly stating that they will only consider employed candidates for their open positions. However, what employers do behind closed doors in regards to how they make their hiring decisions, is and will always remain confidential. Do not let some article like this keep you from seeking employment. Continue to apply for positions that match your skills, experience and education. Submit an effective resume that addresses the employer's requirements and qualifications. Write a dynamic cover letter that focuses on your accomplishments and states your interest in their company and the position. Do not let statements, newspaper articles or anyone keep you from pursuing a position you are interested in being considered as a candidate.

**Q: Is it OK to go around recruiters and directly contact the hiring manager. Would it be considered inappropriate or healthy assertiveness? Audrey**

Dear Audrey:

It would depend on if the recruiter is working for you or the employer. There are two type of recruiters, agency and in-house. The agency recruiter is retained or commissioned by an employer to fill a position. The agency recruiter recruits, screens and selects a candidate to present to the employer. This type of recruiter is working on your behalf and the employer. Their goal is to recruit the ideal person who will eventually be hired by the employer. The employer expects the recruiter to partner with them in their search for candidates. A hiring manager might consider it inappropriate behavior for a candidate to go around the recruiter and directly contact them. This action might also reflect badly on the recruiter and hurt a candidate's chances at being hired.

If this is an in-house recruiter, who is employed by the company, I would advise you to also be cautious. You do not want to offend anyone and possibly lose an employment opportunity. The right thing to do in either situation is to ask the recruiter for permission to directly contact the hiring manager and state your reasons. If the in-house recruiter or agency recruiter approves, then go for it. If they do not approve, you will have to trust and leave it in the hands of the recruiter.



Like most IT pros I know, I occasionally have friends or family ask me to get them a job in IT. For some reason, a lot of the people who ask me this have a perception that everyone who works in IT is making great money or is on their way to becoming the next Bill Gates. Aside from having an incorrect perception about IT salaries, few people outside IT seem to understand just how tough working in IT really is. In order to clear up a few misconceptions I'll share with you some of the inside info that only us IT pros know about our chosen career.

1. The hours are long. - There are all sorts of IT jobs, but most of them have one thing in common: They involve working long hours. If you want to work in IT, you better be prepared to work nights and weekends.
2. Your personal time will be interrupted - If you handle a critical support role within your organization, you will likely be tied to a cell phone. And that means you could be called upon to deal with an emergency at any given time.
3. You have to deal with a lot of angry people - One of the worst things about working in IT (especially for helpdesk roles) is that you encounter a lot of angry people. Almost everyone who calls you is upset because they have a problem and they expect you to fix it right now. Often, there is a great deal of hostility behind these calls. Those who are calling are under pressure to get a job done — and the problem your system caused is preventing them from doing it.
4. People (friends, family and co-workers) expect you to fix their home computers - ... all the time.
5. You have to keep your education current – If you didn't like school then this is not the field for you because the schooling never ends.
6. Things don't always work the way that they're supposed to - Believe me when I say that there's nothing worse than trying to complete a project by the deadline you have been given only to have things come to a grinding halt as a result of technical problems. Computer systems are complicated and sometimes in spite of your best efforts, things just do not work the way they're supposed to. Something as simple as an inconsistent chip version on a series of system boards can derail an entire project. Naturally, it's up to you to find the problem and fix it.

If you still have your heart set on a career in IT the plus side is that there's never been a time quite like this to be in this field. There are probably more specialties than one can count to work in and overall IT has changed the face of the modern world in ways that geeks from earlier times could never have imagined. Plus One!



BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS FROM MY BEST FRIENDS  
Doing the Twist With Sid

"The average dog is a nicer person than the average person" ~ Andy Rooney

In keeping with the tradition of the Thanksgiving season, and continuing with the theme of my last article, this week I want to share a little more about the bountiful blessings I receive from my best friends, my beloved canine companions. Last week I took the opportunity to rave about, "Charlie", a beautiful bouncy brown buddy of mine, and this week I would like to introduce you to a sweet, sensitive and very talented four-year-old rescued pointer/ pit bull mix named "Sid".

The first time I met Sid, he was accompanied by his 2 live-in adopted 'dog brothers' (no blood relation) who are also very sweet, but considerably larger and somewhat more gregarious in competing for the attention of a human companion. All three dogs got along harmoniously during our first meeting, with no excessive rough-housing or aggression, but I noticed immediately that Sid was the most bashful and least rambunctious of the three. He stood by quietly, allowing the other two

dogs to sniff and greet me until they were familiar and comfortable enough to settle down and relax. He then approached me carefully and after smelling my scent, gave me a tiny lick on the cheek, letting me know I was OK by him!

The next week, when I arrived to take Sid out for a walk, his two big brothers were not home, so Sid and I were able to get to know each other better without the interruption of his live-in siblings. He greeted me at the door with immense enthusiasm, and he was much more willing to display his affection openly with me than he had been the week before. It was like night and day compared to our first meeting, and I surmised that the difference in his demeanor was due to the fact that he now had me all to himself. Sid was taking full advantage of the chance to be the center of attention with no competition! It reminded me of myself, in a way. I was the baby of seven children, and I recall as a young child that whenever my older siblings were away, I took full advantage of the intimate time I had alone with my parents.

KATIE Tse.....This and That  
HERE'S LOOKIN' AT YOU, KID!



Well, I was going to write about Thanksgiving. But then we went to dinner with my dad's cousin, Phil, and after a sampling of his plethora of stories, I just couldn't write about anything else! Phil's an interesting guy for more reasons than I can cover in one installment. I've written about his refusal to embrace computers. Nevertheless, he has a system for receiving email. Say, for example, that his daughter in Seattle wants to email him pictures. She emails the pictures to Phil's neighbor, he prints them and walks them across the street to Phil. Not bad, I must say!

One of Phil's favorite story topics is his Uncle Oscar and Aunt Helen. Oscar and Helen moved to sunny California from Kentucky in the 1920's. The circumstances of their meeting is unknown, but there appears to have been a bar involved. I think their courtship must've been short, because it was after the wedding that Helen discovered that Oscar had a glass eye! Talk about an oversight on her part! No one knows how or why Oscar became one-eyed; and anyone who would know is long dead. This is just one of the many mysteries of my dad's family.

Despite the shock of Oscar's optical prosthetic, they remained married into ripe old age (people did that back then --stayed married). She was older than him; an unintentional pattern all the couples on dad's side followed. (Yes, the women in my family started the cougar trend.) My mom mentioned that it was such a pity Oscar and Helen didn't have children. Since they both lived well into their 90's, any progeny would've easily cleared 100. But my dad pointed out that their children would've also been about five feet tall. I'm often teased about being short, but you can appreciate the inevitability of it, considering my genes. Even though he was in his late 90's at the time, Oscar would come over to my parent's home to pick oranges. This is unremarkable save for the fact that he stood on top of the ladder when doing so! (Not the top step, the TOP of the ladder!) Imagine my poor mom's

anxiety watching this 96 year-old, one-eyed senior balancing on a rickety ladder over a cement driveway. Oscar was not the sort of person who would be told what to do.

Oscar and Helen were colorful characters even into their later years. When they heard my mom was taking her second grade class to the Santa Anita racetrack, they met them in their Sunday best (gloves, suit, hat, maybe spats!). They attended the 1934 opening of the racetrack, and didn't miss a race after that. Their ticket from that day must be worth a fortune, but no one's found it yet. We think it's around somewhere, because Oscar and Helen kept EVERYTHING! They weren't as bad as the hoarders on TV, but they were definitely the original pack rats. They crammed two centennial lives worth of stuff into a tiny house on Eastern St. in Pasadena.



And it was this conglomeration of accumulation my dad had to go through after Oscar died. Helen preceded him (being older), and Oscar followed not many years later. He wasn't scared of dying, just annoyed. It was these memories of Oscar and Helen my dad was recalling as he went through their belongings. Magazines, sewing patterns, shoe polish, and other miscellaneous items spewed forth from stuffed cabinets. And then, just when my dad was getting comfortable looking through dead people's things, he opened a drawer and an eyeball stared back at him! My dad doesn't like to admit that he jumped back and screamed. Apparently Oscar didn't take his eye with him, or the one in the drawer was a spare. Even beyond the grave, Oscar managed to be colorful!

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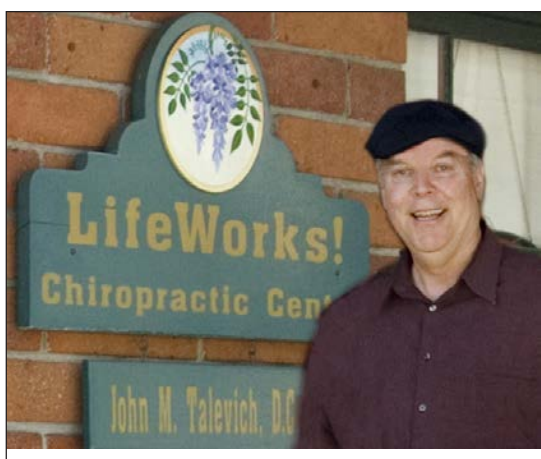
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## YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

### Today's Subject:

## A SEASON OF GRATITUDE



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.

Here come the holidays! And with them, come many opportunities for learning and improving our lives. Family, friends, and events can conspire to upset the apple cart of our equanimity. Where to start in creating a more joyful, relaxing and compassionate season?

#### Gratitude

When I was in India several years ago, my first reaction to the poverty was shock and disorientation. Although conditions are extreme by our standards, something else was abundantly clear: every one of the people I met was vibrantly alive. Even though living conditions could be miserable, the people were not. Why? I certainly cannot speak for all of India, but I think many have an enormous capacity for acceptance of what is and are grateful for what they have. This ability

seems to be lacking in our part of the world where we have great difficulty accepting the givens of life and are measured by what we have or don't have.

#### The Need for Gratitude

Just like a trip to the gym, we must take a journey to gratitude-land every day. There, we work the muscles of acceptance and allowing, creating a capacity for appreciation of the life we have. It's so easy to get flabby in the gratitude department, but it is also a simple practice to get strong and back into the habit. Numerous studies have demonstrated that shaping one's thoughts in a positive and grateful way contributes strongly to a healthy, less stressful life.

#### Gratitude-Land

Each day, write down a handful of people, things, and evenst that you are grateful for. At first it may be difficult, but with practice it will come easier to you. Go for a daily walk in this beautiful season and say out loud (no worries, people will just think you're on a cell phone) each of your gratitudes.

Have a joyful holiday week, Dr. John

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## TIPS AND RESOURCES FOR LONG-DISTANCE CAREGIVERS

*Dear Savvy Senior:*  
 What kinds of help are available to long-distance caregivers? My mother has gotten very forgetful in her old age and has fallen a few times over the past year, but is determined to stay living in her own house. How can I help her from 700 miles away?  
 Worried Daughter

Dear Worried:

In today's mobile society, caring for an elderly parent from afar has become increasingly common. In fact, the National Institute of Health estimates that there are around 7 million Americans who are long-distance caregivers today. Here are some tips and resources that can help you.

#### Weigh Your Options

When it comes to monitoring and caring of an aging parent that lives far away, you have a couple options. You can hire a professional to oversee your parent. Or you can coordinate the care yourself by assembling a network of neighbors, friends, medical specialist, drivers, housekeepers and other helpers.

In either case, you may want to start by having your mom get a geriatric assessment. This is a professional evaluation to identify her needs and a suggested plan to manage her care. To find a professional who does this, contact your mom's doctor or visit the National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers website at [caremanager.org](http://caremanager.org).

Once you get an assessment you'll need to decide how to proceed. If you decide to hire a geriatric care manager he or she can set up and manage all aspects of care, and monitor your mom's ongoing needs. And if her health deteriorates they can determine if assisted living or a nursing home is the best option and find a suitable facility. Care managers charge hourly rates for these services ranging between \$75 and \$150 per hour, and it's not covered by Medicare.

#### Do It Yourself

If, however, you don't want or can't afford to use a care manager, here are some things you can do yourself to help you manage her care.

- Assemble a care team: Put together a network of people (nearby friends or family, neighbors, clergy, mail carrier, etc.) who can check in on your mom regularly. And be sure they have your contact information so



they can call you if need be.

- Find local resources: Most communities offer a range of free or subsidized services that provide seniors with basic needs such as home delivered meals, transportation, senior companion services and more. To find out what's available, contact the Area Agency on Aging in your mom's community. Call 800-677-1116 for contact information.
- Get a handle on finances: If your mom needs help with her financial chores, arrange for direct deposit of her Social Security and other pension checks (see [godirect.org](http://godirect.org)), and set up automatic payments for her utilities and other routine bills. Or, consider hiring a professional daily money manager (they charge between \$25 and \$100 per hour) who can do it for her. See [aadmm.com](http://aadmm.com) or call 877-326-5991 to locate one.
- Use technology: For about \$1 a day, rent your mom a personal emergency response system. This is a small pendent-style "SOS" button that she wears that would allow her to call for help if she fell. These are available through companies like [lifelinesys.com](http://lifelinesys.com) and [lifealert.com](http://lifealert.com). Or, check out home monitoring systems at [grandcare.com](http://grandcare.com) or [closebynetwork.com](http://closebynetwork.com).
- Hire home help: Depending on her needs, you may need to hire a home-care provider that can help with homemaking chores, personal care or medical issues. Costs vary from around \$12 to \$30 per hour. To find home-care assistance, call your mom's doctor's office, the discharge planner at her local hospital or see [medicare.gov/hhcompare](http://medicare.gov/hhcompare).
- Seek financial assistance: Visit [benefitscheckup.org](http://benefitscheckup.org) to look for programs that may help your mom pay for drugs, health care, utilities and other expenses.

Savvy tip: Call the National Institute on Aging at 800-222-2225 and order their free booklet "So Far Away: Twenty Questions for Long-Distance Caregivers."

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.

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## SENIOR HAPPENINGS

### NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

Even though the Hart Park House Senior Center is under renovation, things are still "happening" at the center's temporary home in the Community Recreation Center (611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.) so please join us:

- Monday: *City Hall Closed October 11th*
  - 12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café: Come enjoy a hot meal with others. Donation for seniors (60+) of \$2.00; visitors \$3.75. Please call 355-0256 to make your daily reservation.
  - 1:00 pm to 1:45 pm: Strength training with Lisa Brandley. FREE class of stretching with light hand weights while you sit.
- Tuesday:
  - No FREE blood pressure checks by Methodist Hospital this month; join us October 11th at 11 am
  - 12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256
  - 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm: BINGO; cards are only 25 cents each so stop by & play
  - 5:15 pm to 6:45 pm: Yoga; \$6.00 - 50 & over. Please call 355-5278 for more information
- Wednesday:
  - 11 - 11:45 am: Balance Class with Teryl. FREE class designed to improve balance & refresh the joints
  - 12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256
  - 2nd Wednesday of the month: FREE Legal Consultations: 10-11:30 am. Appointments call 355-7394
  - Wii Wednesday - 1:00 pm or call the senior desk at 355-7394 to arrange another time & day to learn how to play. No previous experience or skills required and it is great exercise.

### EXCURSIONS

#### SAVE THE DATES REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

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

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

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

### SPECIAL LUNCH & LEARN Are You Prepared?

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

### November Birthdays



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



### 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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 Call (626) 355-0256 by  
 12 noon the day before.

## DIAL - A - RIDE TICKETS

*Tickets can now be purchased at:*  
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 Sierra Madre Recreation Center  
 Sierra Madre Library



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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## November 27 is First Sunday in Advent!



San Marino Community Church welcomes you to worship this first Sunday in Advent! Associate Pastor, Rev. Karen W. Berns preaches at both the 9:15 traditional service and "The Gathering" at 11:15 am.

In this season of giving, SMCC offers numerous opportunities to help those in need. Visit [www.smccpb.com](http://www.smccpb.com) to discover how.

9:15 am Traditional & Student Worship Services  
 Sunday school (K-5) and childcare provided  
 10:30 am Adult Spiritual Formation  
 11:15 am "The Gathering" worship service  
 Casual worship, multi-voice ensemble, childcare provided

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 1750 Virginia Road, San Marino, CA 91108  
 For more information call: (626) 282-4181  
 Connect with us online: [www.smccpb.com](http://www.smccpb.com)



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



### 44TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY LOOK IN TOUR IN PASADENA DECEMBER 3 & 4

Start the holidays off to a festive start with the Pasadena Symphony Association's 44th Annual Holiday Look In home tour. Visitors will have the chance to see four distinctive homes and their gardens, all in Pasadena, decorated in holiday splendor for this popular local event.

Pasadena Symphony members will stroll the gardens, creating a scintillating ambience.

As the major fundraising event launched yearly by the Association's Women's Committee, the tour, has raised over three million dollars for the Symphony since 1968, benefitting the Symphony's concerts and music education programs for children.

According to Laurie Turner of Turner Marketing Group, "The Women's Committee is looking forward to once again bringing together people interested in fine architecture, well-cared for homes, beautifully decorated interiors, complemented by exquisite flower arrangements and lovingly tended gardens."

This year, according to Turner, "All the homes are in Pasadena as are the floral designers. The home farthest east is over by Caltech with the farthest west near the arroyo and two are across the street from each other on Bellefontaine. This self guided tour can be done in about 4 hours, and the boutique, at the convention center, is free and open to the public without a ticket.

The tour ticket has all the addresses on the front and a detailed map on the back

This year's floral designers will be Silver Birches, Jacob Maarse, Mary Falkingham and Drew Domenghini of Patterson's Topiaries, Pots & Teas.

Designer Mary Falkingham, of Designs for the Home located at 1387 E. Washington Blvd. in Pasadena, offered a sneak peek of her plans for the California Colonial she will decorate. Here firm, with twenty years experience, is a veteran of Pasadena Showcase House of Design, the Pasadena Tournament House, and the ASID Home Tour.

Our firm "customizes designs based upon our client's wishes and the location of their event. This year's home is traditional with interiors accented with an Italian flair. Wreaths, garlands, planters and floral arrangements will be designed using natural Christmas materials, such as amaryllis, narcissus, peonies, magnolia, pine boughs, fruits,

nuts and berries," she said.

"The 1931 Colonial style home, built by architect Palmer Sabin, is an example of early California design. The current owners, Meg and John Symes, appreciated the property's park like setting as well as the floor plan, which offers a wonderful flow to outdoor spaces. Featured in



this home is an heirloom Steinway piano from Mr. Symes' grandmother. Above the fireplace mantel is a painting by Pasadena artist, Sally Storch. Found throughout the Symes home the paintings represent narratives of contemporary scenes. The outside loggia serves as a place to gather and visit with friends and family before enjoying the salt water swimming pool and spa," according to the committee.

World class, full service florist, Jacob Maarse will decorate a historic home, continuing their participation in this event since 1968. According to the committee, "In 1896, Mrs. Emily Macy left Bellefontaine, Iowa to make her home in Pasadena. She purchased numerous sites and built homes for herself and various family members. This Craftsman Colonial home, designed by architect H. L. Smith, belonged to her sister, Mrs. Caroline Walkley. In 1929, architects Marston and Maybury remodeled the home, incorporating traditional Craftsman details, notably in the entryway. Nancy and Bill McDonald purchased the home in 1979. Among the family treasures included in this home are an heirloom grandfather

clock and the owner's collection of Staffordshire English pottery. A unique feature in the kitchen is a vintage 1940's Roper stove with its eight burners and three ovens. The distinctive impression of this home is that it has been the center of family life, appealing to children and grandchildren alike."

Drew Domenghini, owner of Patterson's



Topiaries, Pots and Teas specializes in parties, weddings, debutante balls and social events, and is known for his floral work for Las Madras Debutante Ball. A Pasadena resident, Domenghini is a preferred vendor at most major Los Angeles venues including Dorothy Chandler, Disney Hall, The California Club, The Jonathan Clubs, The Valley Hunt Club, The Beverly Hills Hotel, The Beverly Wilshire Hotel and The Bel Air Hotel.

He took on a Victorian, of which the committee comments, "An element of mystery surrounds the origins of this Shingle Style Victorian home. The original owner, Eli Goddard, a British house painter, emigrated to the United States in 1871. Since no architectural records exist for the property, it is assumed that Mr. Goddard built the home himself in 1889. The current owners purchased the property in 2010 and created an outdoor "urban farm". The front garden features a blueberry lined path, wisteria and citrus trees; the rear garden raised beds of Arroyo stone for vegetables and herbs. By incorporating elements of balance, color and contrast in their design, the Reads achieved turn-of-the-century authenticity."

Designer Peter Otero of Silver Birches, "takes a vision and gives it form by turning concept into reality. He is an artist in every sense of the word; the only difference is that space is his canvas. His expertise is the result of his perceptive nature," according to the committee.

Decorating a recently built, 2008 Mediterranean owned by Patrice and David Wyndham-Smith, "Noteworthy touches include chandeliers inspired by lighting innovator Hervé Van Der Straten, objects of art ranging from African masks to Venetian silver leaf chests, artwork by California artist Gabriel Rivera, and the usage of exotic materials such as Moroccan fossil stone and Brazilian agate. Outside, the loggia and gardens continue the Mediterranean theme. It was the couple's goal to create the romance of an older home with all the conveniences of the 21st century," according to the committee.

This year's boutique will be held offsite at the Pasadena Convention Center, with several new vendors showcasing many wonderful home décor items, unique gifts, children's items, handbags, gourmet foods for the season and gorgeous jewelry. A smattering of the over thirty upscale vendors include Allure Couture, Charter Oak Preserving Co., Cozy Dream, Plantation House and Veronica's Garden.

Design Exports, a returning favorite, will once again bring their Mexican silver jewelry, and Encore Classical Designs will show off their unique integration of music and art into one-of-a-kind handmade gifts. Pajama Prayers will offer "heavenly" gift items for both children and adults, emblazoned with inspiring Biblical quotations, and Modern Metalworks will display their "astounding pieces of functional art". No ticket is required to shop the Boutique Saturday or Sunday and free parking is available nearby with a tour ticket.

*Advance ticket purchases are available online at [www.PasadenaHolidayLookIn.org](http://www.PasadenaHolidayLookIn.org) 10/1 – 12/3 for \$30. According to Turner, "Online tickets purchased after Thanksgiving will be set aside at Will Call which is at the Boutique in the West Hall of the Pasadena Convention Center. There is a 15 minute grace period at the convention center parking lot or they can use the loading zone out front as long as someone is in the car."*

*Tickets may be purchased the weekend of the event at the Boutique at the Pasadena Convention Center for \$35. A full list of boutique vendors is available at the website. Pasadena Convention Center is located at 300 E. Green Street in Pasadena, just south of Paseo Colorado shopping center.*



## Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

*by Luther Tsinoglou*

### HOW TO BUY LIKE A SELLER

If you're in the market to buy a home, take a counter-intuitive tip and imagine the day you'll be selling it. That's right - whether you're a first time buyer, or relocating, this home probably won't be your last, so look for features that will pay off when the day comes to move again.

North, south, east or west, the biggest amenity the next buyer will look for is central air conditioning. In the Deep South, over 90% of buyers rank central air as critically important, and three-quarters of buyers every-

where else put it high on the list.

Another often-overlooked feature is storage. Over half of buyers desire a two-car garage and a walk-in closet for the master bedroom. Ample closets and storage space just can't be stressed enough.

If at all possible, avoid costly upgrades and offer incentive down the road by purchasing an energy efficient home with newer windows, pervasive insulation, and Energy Star ap-

pliances. If the home is already wired for cable, satellite, and high-speed Internet, so much the better.

Finally, it's still all about location, location, location. It's the one thing you can't change about the home you buy, so look for good schools (even if you don't have children) and proximity to shopping and recreation. Just ask your agent about the most popular features in your area and take heed!

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# HUDDLE UP!



By Harvey Hyde

## AREA HIGH SCHOOLS GRID PROWESS ALIVE

in the opening round of the CIF playoffs this past Friday night.

St. Francis, Muir, Pasadena, Rio Hondo Prep, Monrovia, San Gabriel, Alhambra, Arroyo and Arcadia all recorded victories. Maranantha should be proud of their season even with their CIF play-off loss. I also want to congratulate the La Salle High girls' volleyball team that made it to the 2-AA championship. You really didn't lose, you just finished second.

I encourage you to support your area high school during playoffs. Playoffs are exciting. It can be disappointing when only one school can be crowned as champion, but the schools participating have already had outstanding seasons, no matter what they do in the upcoming rounds of the playoffs.

Since I grew up in the San Gabriel Valley, it makes me proud to see the quality of the programs we now have. During the time I competed to recruit players for UNLV and PCC, we could always rely upon the quality of high school players coached by Jim Brownfield at Muir, Jim Yang and Ray Solari at South Pasadena; Bob Mahoney at La Canada; Jack Friedman at St. Francis; Tom Payton at Monrovia; Dick Salter at Arcadia; Bob Hitchcock at Temple City; Bob Settle at Arroyo High; John Patrick at Alhambra and of course, Tom Hamilton at Pasadena High School. Many of their players joined me in victories in the Potato Bowl, the California Bowl, the Junior Rose Bowl and all the games leading up to them.

Although I enjoy the high school playoff system, I have a different viewpoint

about college football. Presently, we have the BCS system (Bowl Championship Series) guided by computer generated stats and data ranking college teams. A lot of people have also been crying for a playoff format that would include as many as 16 teams in a "tournament" at the end of the regular season.

Really, college football already has playoffs. It goes on all season. Even one loss during the season is crucial. Look what happened this past weekend. Oklahoma State shockingly lost to Iowa State; Oregon, Oklahoma and Clemson all lost on Saturday, and may have been eliminated from national championship consideration. The previous weekend, Boise State got knocked out by TCU. I have always ascribed to the possibility that "on any given day, any given team can beat any other team" (This is why I was so firm with my teams and staff about preparation. They will remember those hours away from home.) The best team isn't always the winner.

In the traditional Bowl setup, the teams generally play a 12-game regular season, with possibly one bowl game. That's enough. This allows many more young men to finish the season as "winners" of the Orange, Sugar, Rose, Fiesta etc bowls. Do we always need a champion of everything? American Idol, Survivor, Dancing w/ Stars? Top Chef etc?

One more thing I want to touch on – Matt Kemp and his new \$160-million, eight-year contract with the Dodgers. I guess I'm happy for him, but an average of \$20 million a year is ridiculous. Remember when we thought the "Six Million Dollar Man" was something special. (Or are you too young to remember the 1970's TV series starring Lee Majors.) Who knows, maybe Kemp's big contract will attract fans to Dodger games but that's not why I go. There is too much hunger and unemployment for me to get excited about a \$160-million contract to play a game.

## SPRING 2012 REGISTRATION FOR SIERRA MADRE LITTLE LEAGUE



Photo courtesy Mountain Views News Archives

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.sml.org](http://www.sml.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.



## MAKE SURE YOU BUY THE RIGHT HYBRID GOLF CLUBS FOR YOUR GAME

I think the hybrid golf clubs are going to wind up being a better invention than the sand wedge. I have to add one more thought. IF you buy the right one for your game.

Can you believe how incredible it is to stand in the middle of the fairway 200 yards from the green and you get to pull out one of those beautiful replacement clubs instead of a 3 iron? That is exactly where the problems begin. You better hope that you bought the correct 3 iron replacement. From the minute I heard about the hybrids I have referred to them as replacement clubs.

Of course I have a reason why I call them replacement clubs. I bought three of them before it dawned on me that I was just buying them because I liked them, not because they were correct for my game. That is when I did some research that I will share with you.

The Rules of Golf states that you are allowed to carry 14

clubs in your bag. Let's do some math. You probably use a driver, putter, pitching wedge, sand wedge and LOB. That's five golf clubs and nine to go. Most of you have a 9-8-7-6 irons. Now we have nine clubs and four to go.

You have to make sure of two things when you are replacing your longer irons. If you don't buy the hybrids in a set you are going to get different shafts from different companies. Even though you bought a regular shaft from one company that doesn't mean it is going to be the same regular shaft of another company. The second thing you have to be careful of if you don't buy your hybrids in a set is the loft on the clubs.

That is where my problems began early on. I was buying different hybrids and the lofts were too close together.

The following chart will help you understand what you have to purchase for a replacement club:

17 degree hybrid would replace a 2 iron or 5 wood

20 degree hybrid would replace a 3 iron or 7 wood

23 degree hybrid would replace a 4 iron

27 degree hybrid would replace a 5 iron

31 degree hybrid would replace a 6 iron

In closing I have to explain one last thing to you. Not all companies have the same degree of loft. Some companies might make a 24-28-32 degree set of hybrids. The one thing to keep in mind is that you are REPLACING a club in your bag. You don't want two clubs with the same loft.

I hope this helps you out the next time you head out to buy a couple of hybrid golf clubs for your game.

## 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!



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November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
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Applying Positive Discipline tools to your parenting style invites children to discover how capable they are by encouraging the constructive use of personal power and autonomy. It teaches important social and life skills including respect, concern for others, problem solving, and cooperation.

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

☐ Yes! \_\_\_\_\_ will be there.

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

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