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HAVE YOU SEEN THE TOWN'S NEWEST RESIDENT'S?

2012 Scarecrow Festival Gets Underway

The Foothill Creative Arts Group gave birth to a new and 'creative' idea that is certain to bring visitors to town and hopefully give local retailers a boost. As advertised over the last month or so, the first ever Sierra Madre Scarecrow Festival began on October 1st. Cute, clever, scary and creative characters can be seen all over town and will be on display throughout the month. There were two primary categories, Residential and Business. On Friday evening, an awards ceremony was held at the Creative Arts Group headquarters and the following awards were presented: The festival was funded by the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club.



Residential Awards:

Scariest:

1st Place was a tie
Van Fox and Jean Sudbury
Bob and Rosemary Burnett
3rd Place The Murray Family

Most Humorous:

1st Place Ginny Liskow
2nd Place Shannon Vandeveld
3rd Place Mary Talwar

Business Awards:

Best Representation of the Business

1st Place Leonora Moss
2nd Place Sierra Madre Public Library - above left
3rd Place Foothill Home Care Partners - above right. Honorable Mention: The Episcopal Church of the Ascension
Prudential Realty, Savor the Flavor, Mail Box & Postal, Sierra Madre Garden Club, Podley Realty.
There are more than 50 entries around town. Drive around and meet your new neighbors!



CITY ATTORNEY TO REPORT ON POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION'S THREATENED LITIGATION

On the heels of residents receiving a very informative flyer from the Sierra Madre Police Officers Association on the Department, the city attorney announced, via the agenda for this Tuesday's City Council Meeting, that a report would be publicly given on "Anticipated Litigation". It goes on to state that "A point has been reached where, in the opinion of the City Council/Agency on the advice of it (sic) legal counsel, based on the below-described existing facts and circumstances, there is a significant exposure to litigation against the City Council/Agency."

Receipt of Claim pursuant to Tort Claims Act or other written communication from Sierra Madre Police Officer's Association threatening litigation (copy available for public inspection in the City Manager's Office)

This information was released on

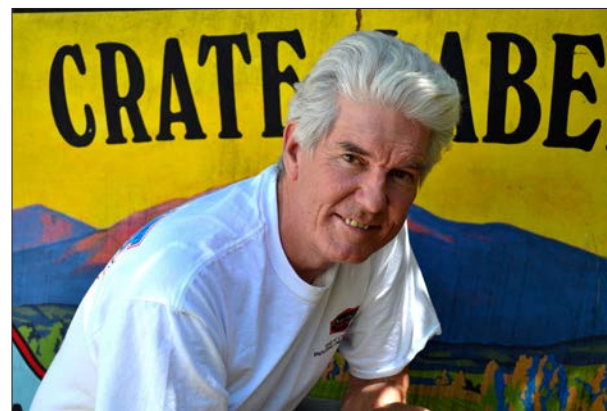
Friday and at press time, no additional information was available. It appears that this may be the continuation of the complaint filed in June earlier this year, when the SMPOA filed a claim against Sierra Madre regarding allegations that the city had failed to pay officers overtime pay during the 2011 holidays. (See Mountain Views News story from July, 2012. Go to: <http://mtnviewsnews.com/v06/htm/n30/index.htm>)

At Tuesday's meeting the public will hear the results of closed session discussions from the City Attorney. The council will meet on Tuesday, October 9th at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers. Also on the agenda will be a possible 'second unit amnesty program'. Homeowners recently received a notice from the city regarding reporting of 'second units', i.e., guest houses, rental units, on the property.

CALIFORNIA'S SECOND GOLD RUSH – THE RISE OF THE CITRUS INDUSTRY

If you missed it the last time, you have a second chance to see this interesting program! By special request, local resident Joe Feeney will present his talk on the rise of the citrus industry, called California's second gold rush, and how this economic juggernaut enabled the rapid growth of Southern California following WWII.

Feeney, who has been in the Huntington Westerners history organization for twenty years and on the board for four years says, "I have been collecting orange crate labels for 30 years. It was through collecting them that I got interested in the fascinating history of the citrus industry. At one time, Los Angeles County was the highest dollar volume agricultural county in the United States, due largely to navel orange production."



Joe Feeney

"The citrus industry revolutionized Southern California, but this change didn't happen overnight or without difficulties. This is a great story, and it is our historical biography too! My talk will have plenty of pictures of the early citrus industry, some of Sierra Madre, and plenty of images of the beautiful crate label art."

Feeney has been on the board of directors of the historic "Campo de Cahuenga" for the last twenty years; and was vice president of the "Civil War Roundtable of Baton Rouge" for two years. He has an M.A. from L.S.U. in political philosophy. Joe's family moved to Sierra Madre in 1962, into the Wistaria house.

The program will be presented Thursday, October 18th at 7:30 at the Hart House in Memorial Park in Sierra Madre. Admission is free, light refreshment will be served. The program is sponsored by the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society. For more info email SMHPS@outlook.com.

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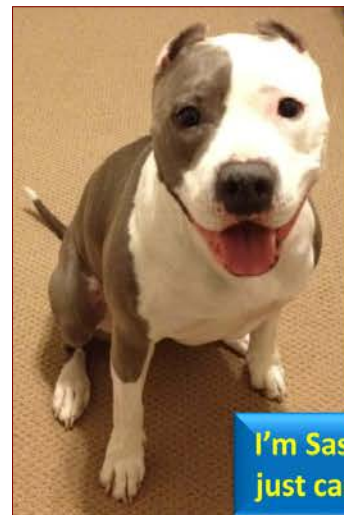
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Wed:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
October 9, 2012

SIERRA MADRE OCTOBER EVENTS

10/5 and 10/6 - Friends of the Library Best Used Book Sale
10/13 - Athens Services Compost Giveaway
10/16 - S.M. Emergency Communications meeting
10/18 - S.M. Historical Preservation Society Second Gold Rush program
10/20 - Oktoberfest Golf and Tennis Tournament
10/20 - S.M. Environmental Action Council Bailey Canyon Clean Up
10/20 - S.M. Rose Float Association Legendary Bingo
10/23 - Kiwanis Club Election Forum
10-24 - Sierra Madre Woman's Club Team Program
10/25 - Sierra Madre CERT training
10/26-10/27 - Halloween Window Painting Contest
10/26-10/27 - St. Rita's Fall Festival
10/27 - Wine and Jazz Walk
10/31 - City's Halloween Parade and Costume Contest

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Arcadia City Hall
Starbucks Arcadia
Denny's Arcadia

Monrovia Public Library
Monrovia Post Office
Monrovia City Hall
Coffee Bean Monrovia (Foothill/Myrtle)
The Monrovia
Rudy's Monrovia
Monrovia Senior Center

Duarte Public Library
Duarte City Hall
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LIBRARY SILENT AUCTION

Did you know that Abner Doubleday, the supposed inventor of baseball, was a Civil War general whose eyewitness accounts of the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg were published in 1882 by Charles Scribner and Sons? Or that T. E. Lawrence, Lawrence of Arabia, published an autobiographical account of his adventures in Arabia during World War I in a book titled Seven Pillars of Wisdom? Or that Ray Bradbury wrote a mystery, Death is a Lonely Business, set in Venice, California whose main character is thought to be Bradbury himself portrayed just before his marriage and his success with The Martian Chronicles? Donations to the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library have included the Doubleday book, a first edition of the Lawrence account, and a signed first trade edition of the Bradbury mystery.

These exceptional books are among the 15 volumes featured in the Friends Book Sales Committee's first Silent Auction being held in the Sierra Madre Public Library, 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre through Monday, October 29. The books will be on display in the display case in the library's main room. To inspect the books more closely, visit the library every Saturday in October from 1-2 PM.

Bidding sheets and rules are available in a notebook located on the library's checkout counter. Bidding will close promptly at 8 PM on October 29. Winning bidders who are not present will be notified by telephone the next day and will then be able to pick up their books at the library.

Proceeds from the Silent Auction will benefit the Sierra Madre Library's programs, services, and acquisitions. For more information and a complete list of the books to be auctioned, visit our website at www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org. For the Sierra Madre Library hours, call 626 355-7186.



Sierra Madre Rotary Club
 Meets Tuesdays 7-8:30 a.m.
 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
 The Hart Park House



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.

Visitors are heartily welcomed to meetings. From more information, please visit our website or contact Peggy Beauregard at peggybeau@gmail.com and visit our Facebook page Rotary of Sierra Madre.

www.SierraMadreRotary.com





Annual Art Festival

November 2, 7-9 pm
November 3, 10-5 pm
November 4, 11-4 pm

Creative Arts Group

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INGATHERING TEA

Sunday, November 4th, 2012 2 – 4 pm

We are happy to announce that the long awaited extension to Armstrong Hall is now underway. We have outgrown our present dining room and these improvements will give us a larger dining area, updates to the lounge and more room in the kitchen as well as a meeting room and improved cloakroom facilities.

So, please forgive us if we are not quite up to our usual standard on the outside, we can assure you however that the tea will be outstanding, as usual.

Reservations are required by October 29th and should be accompanied by a donation of \$12.50 and sent to:

The British Home in California, Ltd., Attn: Pat 647 Manzanita Ave., Sierra Madre, CA 91024

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*. The station covers the city of Sierra Madre, plus surrounding areas of Pasadena, Arcadia, and Monrovia. 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.

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- CPR certified
- Three professional references
- Current TB test documentation
- Drivers license and social security card
- Must be able to pass a criminal background check

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PASADENA HUMANE SOCIETY BEGINS DOG LICENSE CANVASING

The Pasadena Humane Society has begun door-to-door canvassing to ensure that all dogs in Sierra Madre are licensed.

By law, every dog must wear a current license tag at all times. The Pasadena Humane Society issues dog licenses for Arcadia, La Cañada/Flintridge, San Marino, and Sierra Madre. Dog licenses may be obtained at any time of year, and are good for one year from that date. Dogs must be 4 months or older, and you must provide a current rabies certificate. Licenses must be renewed every year, even though the license tags are permanent.

You may purchase your dog's license at the Pasadena Humane Society front office during business hours or at City Hall. Please call PHS at 626-792-7151 x115 or email licensing@phsspc.org if you have any questions. The licensing officers are available at PHS Tuesday-Friday from 2 pm-6 pm and Saturday 2 pm-5 pm.



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CAL FIRE REMINDS ALL CALIFORNIANS TO "HAVE 2 WAYS OUT"

National Fire Prevention Week October 7 - 13, 2012

Sacramento – It only takes seconds for a fire to grow out of control, making escape from a fire impossible. That's why CAL FIRE is urging people to "Have 2 Ways Out" of their home. In the event of a fire, remember that every second counts, so you and your family must always be prepared. Escape plans help you get out of your home quickly. Prepare and practice your fire escape plan regularly with everyone in your household, including children and people with disabilities.

CAL FIRE and fire departments across the state are taking this opportunity during Fire Prevention Week to remind all Californians of the importance of creating a fire escape plan for your home and practicing it regularly. Most home fires occur at night when people are the least prepared. Tragedy can be avoided by knowing in advance and practicing two escape routes from each room.

"In 2011, 70 percent of structure fires in California reported to the CAL FIRE-Office of the State Fire Marshal were residential and accounted for 90 percent of fire deaths," said State Fire Marshal Tonya Hoover. "Everyone should take steps to help prevent home fires and ensure their family is protected."

Making an escape plan is simple:

Draw a map of your home. Mark a door and a window that can be used to get out of every room. Choose a meeting place outside in front of your home. This is where everyone can meet after they've safely escaped. Draw a picture of your outside meeting place on your escape plan. Write the emergency telephone number for the fire department on your escape plan. Check your smoke alarms regularly and have practice escape drills so everyone knows two ways out. Practicing fire-safe behaviors and knowing what to do in an emergency can give your family the seconds needed to escape.

For more fire safety tips, visit the CAL FIRE website at www.fire.ca.gov.

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

For the Period September 23-30, 2012

Sunday September 23, 2012

At 7:45pm officers observed a vehicle travelling south on Michillinda Avenue at a speed of 55 mph. As they attempted to stop the vehicle the officers observed additional traffic violations. The officer's investigation revealed the driver had been drinking and he failed to pass any of the field sobriety tests. The driver (male, 62 years of age) was arrested for DUI.

Wednesday September 26, 2012

At 8pm, officers responded to a report of a traffic collision at Baldwin Avenue and Highland Avenue. The investigation determined that an individual on a motorcycle lost control of the vehicle and went down on the roadway. The driver had collided with a fixed object and the driver sustained injury. The driver (male 27 years of age) had been drinking and was subsequently cited for DUI.

Thursday September 27, 2012

At 3am, an officer observed a vehicle fail to stop for the stop sign at Sierra Madre Boulevard and Sunnyside Avenue and initiated a traffic stop. During the investigation, the officer determined that the driver had been drinking and was impaired. The driver (female 27 years of age) was arrested for DUI.

SIERRA MADRE GARDEN CLUB TO KICK OFF CLUB YEAR WITH ROSARIAN JANET RAYMOND

Sierra Madre Garden Club's new year begins with guest speaker Janet Raymond speaking on the requirements necessary to grow and care for roses in one's garden throughout the year in Southern California. Janet is uniquely qualified to speak on the topic of roses due to her thirty-one years of experience working with them professionally and as home grower of several rose show winning entries. She is a member of the Pacific Rose Society and is the Society's head rosarian for the rose gardens at the Tournament of Roses Wrigley House. She plans and executes the yearly planting and care of these beautiful rose gardens. Janet is also the recipient of the American Rose Association's highest award for actively promoting and providing expertise to accomplishing goals and objectives of the Association.

Janet lives in Arcadia, California, where she runs her business, Plant Lady. Although she specializes in roses, Janet has extensive experience with all types of plants, including exotics such as orchids and plumerias, and growing styles including organic vegetable gardening.

Everyone is invited to join the Sierra Madre Garden Club at its first meeting of the new club year, October 8th, and welcome Janet Raymond as our speaker.

Dinner begins at 6:30pm followed by the program at 7:15pm. Catered dinner is \$9 and reservations must be made by October 4, at 355-0606. There is no charge for attending only the program. Location: Hart Park House, Memorial Park, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024.

DOGS, CATS, BIRDS, LLAMAS, GOATS, CHICKENS, BUNNIES AND HAMSTERS, OH MY – IT'S A CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS – JOIN CHURCH OF ASCENSION'S BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sierra Madre's Village Church (Ascension) will be holding its annual "Blessing of the Animals" ceremony on Sunday, October 7, 2012 at noon in the Outdoor Worship Area. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments provided.

Blessing of the Animals is conducted in commemoration of the October 4th Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis, arguably the most beloved of the named Saints, was particularly fond of animals of all breeds. The community is invited to bring your animals, no matter how big or small, breed or religion. Some animals may require a leash or a container, so keep that in mind. All of God's creatures are welcome! Free pet sitting available during the 10:15 am Mass.

Church of the Ascension is located at 25 East Laurel on the corner of Baldwin and Laurel in Sierra Madre. This event makes for a wonderful family outing to meet new neighbors and check out a wonderful community church. For more information, please call (626) 355-1133 or visit: www.ascension-sierramadre.com.

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RADIO FISHBOWL THIS WEEK



Carol Canterbury's, 'CANTERBURY TALES'

Tuesday, October 9th at noon,

Invited Guest: Billy Shields developer of proposed Kensington Assisted Living Facility. Final approval of the project is in the hands of Sierra Madre voters on November 6th.

VILLAGE INTERSECTIONS with Gene Goss

Invited Guest: Republican Candidate for the 25th Senate District Gil Gonzales on Friday the 5th at Noon, and on Friday, October 19 his guest will be the incumbent Senator Democrat Carol Liu. Both interviews will be live

and unedited and will have a local focus. After the shows replay once on the following Saturdays at Noon, they will be available in mp3/podcast archive files for easy access and listening.

You can hear all three shows by visiting www.RadioFishbowl.com

2012 HARVEST ON THE HILL

Sunday, October 7, 2012

Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center will host its annual Harvest on the Hill Auction & Dinner ~ Live... Laugh... Pray

Fr. Patrick Brennan, C.P. and the Passionist Community invite you to join us for an evening under the stars on the beautiful grounds of Mater Dolorosa in the Sierra Madre foothills. You will be engaged in lively conversation, friendly bidding wars, and a delicious meal. Your attendance and support will help us with yet another much needed renovation in the retreat center. With close to 10,000 retreatants, friends, youth and hosted groups that visit Mater Dolorosa each year, there is always a special project waiting to be completed.

Bring your friends to share in the fun and to shop for a worthy cause. Reservations are \$80 per person and include a social, hosted bar and delicious dinner. You could also win 2 nights at The Ritz Carlton in Laguna Niguel or The Hotel Del Coronado in San Diego by purchasing raffle tickets at \$20 each or \$100 for six. Auction items, underwriting donations and business and family sponsorships are gratefully accepted.

Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center is located at 700 N. Sunnyside Avenue, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Weekend retreats are offered to those who seek an environment of peace and solitude for personal and spiritual growth.

Questions about Harvest on the Hill? Would you like to receive an invitation? Would you like to attend a retreat? Would you like to hold a group retreat at Mater Dolorosa?

Contact the Retreat Center at 626.355.7188 or visit our website at www.passionist.org/materdolorosa/harvest2012.

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Pasadena Marathon Cut to Half Marathon

By Dean Lee

Pasadena Marathon Race Director Israel Estrada told supporters Thursday they make plan to make lemonade out of the lemons after city officials refuse to permit a full marathon for next year's June 30 race. He said the event would still take place as a half marathon, 10K, 5K, and Kids Run.

"We will continue our discussions with City of Pasadena officials regarding the permit for the Full Marathon, Bike Tour and Full Marathon Relay," Estrada said in an email to supporters. "We are heartened by the passionate support we have received from many of you, and by the response from some members of the Pasadena City Council which have reached out to us in an effort to understand the issues and help us, in particular Council members Terry Tornek and Jacque Robinson."

Estrada also said registration is open for the 5th Annual Pasadena Marathon assuring participants that the event would take place.

"We remain committed to putting on the best event possible regardless of the challenges we face, and with your continued support and participation our committee will begin the planning to make 2013 our best year yet," he said.

At press time, other reports suggest that the city is in talks with other organizations to stage a full marathon.

The Pasadena Marathon is no stranger to difficulties. The event's inaugural race was cancelled in 2008 as a result of the significant wildfires in the Los Angeles area resulting in unsafe air quality. In 2011, the event had to be postponed from February to May after working out a deal with the city. The year before that it poured rain at the start of the race.

Estrada also said they are still in talks with the city to have a permanent reoccurring date for the race.



Rose Queen & Royal Court Finalists Picked

The Tournament of Roses announced the 33 finalists Thursday from the annual Rose Queen & Royal Court tryouts. Starting from a group of more than 900 Pasadena-area young women, these 33 finalists will continue on in this unique selection process and vie for the prestigious honor of riding down Colorado Boulevard in the Rose Parade.

Top row, from left: #730 Emily Schofield (Westridge High School), #848 Kate Benuska (Maranatha High School), #941 Kerry Wang (Arcadia High School), #947 Marie Santana (Pasadena City College), #946 Grace Zhang (Temple City High School), #934 Randahl Brisco (Maranatha High School), #765 Nicole Nelam (Pasadena High School)

Fourth row, from left: #411 Tiffany Chandra (Arcadia High School), #451 Sonia Shenoi (San Marino High School), #569 Mariah Holden (Pasadena High School), #626 Vanessa Manjarrez (Mayfield Senior School), #591 Michelle Floyd

(San Marino High School), #471 Natasha Jamieson (Pasadena High School), #437 Jessica Ogden (La Canada High School)

Third row, from left: #232 Bridget Ahad (Arcadia High School), #277 Holly Yamagata (Arcadia High School), #373 Kelli Liu (Pasadena Polytechnic School), #389 Jessica Demasi (Maranatha High School), #376 Tracy Cresta (La Salle High School), #358 Noelle Niederhaus (Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy), #268 Victoria McGregor (Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy)

Second row, from left: #164 Swetha Rajkumar (Arcadia High School), #206 Shelby Drevles (Arcadia High School), #219 Brianna Medina (Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy), #222 Madison Teodo (La Canada High School), #216 Gabrielle Fitzpatrick (Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy), #175 Jennifer Robi (La Salle High School)

First row, from left: #16 Carissa Vera (Maranatha High School), #36 Lauren Gerard (Flintridge Preparatory), #61 Alexandra Cross (La Salle High School), #83 Alessia Paciulli

(Alverno High School), #37 Casey Cousineau (Flintridge Preparatory), #34 Hannah Williamson (Maranatha High School)

The Royal Court announcement will take place at 9:30 a.m. on Monday. Photo by D. Lee/ MVNews

Author to discuss Playwright's 'Extravagant Inner Life'

Author Sally Peters discusses her book, Bernard Shaw: The Ascent of the Superman, during a "Symposia Within" discussion prior to a performance of the playwright's The Doctor's Dilemma on Wednesday, October 17, 6:30 pm, at A Noise Within in Pasadena. Peters' book is described as "deciphering the enigma that was Shaw... [uncovering] a convoluted and extravagant inner life studded with erotic secrets." The Doctor's Dilemma begins previews on October 13, opens on October 20 and plays at the theatre through November 25.

According to A Noise Within's Producing Artistic Director Julia Rodriguez-Elliott, "Sally Peters is a renowned scholar who brings a unique perspective on Shaw's work by examining the fascinating personal life of both the man and artist."

Sally Peters, Ph. D., a biographer, memoirist, drama critic, and cultural historian, spent almost two decades writing her Choice award-winning biography Bernard Shaw: The Ascent of the Superman. She is formerly a faculty member at Yale University and in the Wesleyan University Graduate Liberal Studies Program.

Symposia Within is free to all The Doctor's Dilemma ticket holders. Single tickets currently range from \$40 - \$52.

A Noise Within is located on the corner of Foothill Boulevard and Sierra Madre Villa Avenue at 3352 East Foothill Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107. Contact the A Noise Within box office in-person, via phone at 626-356-3100, or online at www.anoisewithin.org for updated pricing and seating availability.

Library to Feature Horror and Classic Thrillers

Pasadena Public Library celebrates Halloween this October with a month long series of Horror Classics and Classic Thrillers each Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Central Library, Donald Wright Auditorium, 285 E. Walnut St. The free film series will feature "And Then There Were None" on October 10, "Bunny Lake is Missing" on October 17, "The Others" on October 24 and "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" and "The Thing From Another World" on October 31.

The film series is presented by the Friends of the Pasadena Public Library. The movie will be cancelled if the Friends of the Library volunteers are unable to show the movie.

For more information contact Christine Reeder at (626) 744-7270 or creeder@cityofpasadena.net.

City Appoints New Chief Information Officer

City Manager Michael Beck appointed Phillip Leclair Wednesday as the Chief Information Officer in charge of the City's Department of Information Technology. Leclair, who has been the acting Chief Information Officer, assumes his new duties immediately.

"After more than 200 applicants and extensive interviews, we felt Phillip best matched our goals to help move Pasadena forward by using new and emerging technologies to meet our internal needs while also helping us become a more efficient, customer service organization," City Manager Beck said.

Beck said that with Leclair's appointment and the recent hiring of Kristi Recchia, the City's new Human Resources Director, the City's Executive Leadership Team is now at full strength.

"I am extremely proud of the Executive Team that we have been able to assemble. I am confident that collectively it is one of the best in the country and I look forward to working with this exceptional team in leading our city departments and serving the residents and businesses of Pasadena," Beck said.

Since 2008, Leclair has worked for the City of Pasadena as both the acting and Deputy Chief Information Officer for the Department of Information Technology. From 2007 to 2008, he worked for a private consulting group that provided information technology strategies and support to state



and local governments and educational institutions. From 2004 to 2007, he was the technology services manager for the City of New York's Finance Department.

For Pasadena, he will oversee a staff of 63 full-time employees and an annual department budget of \$12.5 million.

"I'm honored to be appointed as the Chief Information Officer and I'm excited to continue implementing the City's plans for leveraging innovative technology solutions that support City departments in delivering quality services to the community," Leclair said.

He has a master's degree in Business Administration from New York University (NYU), and a bachelor's degree from University of California, Berkeley.

Leclair, originally from Mission Viejo, Calif., currently resides in Burbank with his partner. He enjoys world traveling, culinary adventures and supporting local causes.

PCC Hosts First Writer in Residence, Reyna Grande



free and open to the public. On Tuesday, Oct. 16, she will be at the Community Writing Workshop from 12 to 1:30 p.m. in the Circadian. On Wednesday Oct. 17, she will be at a Public Reading from 7 to 9 p.m. in C333. Grande will also be visiting several classrooms, speaking with creative writing and composition classes.

Grande is a recipient of the American Book Award (2007), the El Premio Aztlan Literary Award (2006) and the International Latino Book Award (2010). Copies of Grande's books are available in the PCC Bookstore.

For more information contact Manny Perea, English Division instructor, at (626) 585-7496 or via email at mxperea@pasadena.edu.

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

Curiosity Rover Checks In On Mars Using Foursquare

NASA's Curiosity Mars rover checked in on Mars Wednesday using the mobile application Foursquare. This marks the first check-in on another planet. Users on Foursquare can keep up with Curiosity as the rover checks in at key locations and posts photos and tips, all while exploring the Red Planet.

"NASA is using Foursquare as a tool to share the rover's new locations while exploring Mars," said David Weaver, associate administrator for communications at NASA Headquarters in Washington. "This will help to involve the public with the mission and give them a sense of the rover's travels through Gale Crater."

After landing in Gale Crater last month, Curiosity began a planned 23-month mission that includes some of Mars' most intriguing scientific destinations. Curiosity is roving toward Mount Sharp, a mountain about 3 miles (5 kilometers) tall. The rover

is conducting experiments along the way, seeking clues in the rocks and soil that would indicate whether Mars ever was capable of supporting microbial life. It is taking and sharing pictures of the trip.

Back here on Earth, Foursquare users will be able to earn a Curiosity-themed badge on the social media platform for check-ins at locations that generate an interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Available late this year, this new badge will encourage Foursquare users to explore science centers, laboratories and museums that pique scientific curiosity.

The Jet Propulsion Laboratory manages the Mars Science Laboratory mission and its Curiosity rover for NASA's Science Mission Directorate in Washington. The rover was designed, developed and assembled at JPL, a division of the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

Pet of the Week



Kalia is a four-year-old brindle and white pit bull. She's petite and sweet! Kalia was a star on our Mobile Unit and gets along well with everyone. She's also earned her Blue Ribbon, meaning she knows her sit, down and stay obedience commands. She's got the cutest set of floppy ears! She'd make a great addition to a loving, active home.

Kalia's adoption fee is \$95, which includes her spay surgery, a microchip, the first set of vaccinations, as well as a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. New adopters will receive complimentary health and wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information on how to care for your pet. Ask an adoptions counselor for more information during your visit.

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A314135, or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday - Friday, 9-4 Saturday. Pets may not be available for adoption and cannot be held for potential adopters from phone calls or email. Directions and photos of all pets can be found at www.pasadenahumane.org.

Wiggle Waggle Walk Panting for the Cause



Despite the sweltering heat, people young and old along with their canine companions ventured to Brookside Park on Sunday to walk for the animals at the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA's 14th Annual Wiggle Waggle Walk. The annual event raised more than \$325,000 - surpassing the original \$300,000 goal.

Approximately 2,000 people and their canine companions attended. The top fundraising team, The Punk Rock Rovers, raised more than \$55,000. Top fundraiser, Karen Kiefaber, raised more than \$24,800. After walking up a sweat, attendees enjoyed treats from numerous vendors along with demonstrations by the

Pasadena and Glendale Police Department K9 Units, as well as an agility show by Muttley Crew and three dog contests - The Most Handsome Hound, The Most Glamorous Girl and The Pet Fashion Show.

"This was a spectacular turnout," says Steven R. McNall, president and CEO of the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA. "The community plays such an integral part in helping PHS provide the best care possible for shelter animals. It's a team effort."

The money raised will provide food, shelter and medical care to homeless animals, nearly 12,000 of which are taken in by the humane society every year.

Visit www.pasadenahumane.org for more information.

Artnight Pasadena to Features Exciting Venues

Come celebrate Pasadena's creative, artistic community as ArtNight Pasadena returns from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Friday, October 12, with free admission to 16 exciting arts and cultural venues throughout Pasadena. This four-hour cultural extravaganza offers a wide array of dance, music, visual arts and other fun activities for families and people of all ages to enjoy. Free shuttle buses will help provide transportation to each location. Explore the new Galvin Physics Forest at Kidspace Children's Museum, 480 N. Arroyo Blvd., near the Rose Bowl. Moonwalk in the Fountain Courtyard at Pasadena's Central Library, 285 E. Walnut St. Join in the "Eternal Telethon," a participatory art experience at Side Street Projects, 730 N. Fair Oaks Ave. Take in the Fifth Annual Art Show at the Boston Court Performing Arts Center, 70 N. Mentor, or see the Pennington Dance Group perform at A Room to Create (ARC) Pasadena, 1158 E. Colorado Blvd. It's all happening, and much, much more, during

ArtNight Pasadena 2012. For a full listing of events, activities and other important information, go online to www.artnightpasadena.org. A Spanish-language version of the website is also available.

Free, specially marked shuttle buses will be available to take you to all of the venues. For those who ride Metro into Pasadena for ArtNight, remember to bring your Metro TAP card as many of the host venues plan to offer special discounts on store merchandise and memberships, including the Pasadena Museum of History, 470 W. Walnut St., Alliance Française, 34 E. Union St., and the Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Los Robles Ave.

Another popular way to enjoy ArtNight is by bicycle! Visit www.cicle.org/events/66/artnight-ride for more information. And, several venues will also have trendy food trucks nearby with tasty treats for purchase to quench your thirst and appetites.

For more information call the ArtNight Hotline (626) 744-7887 or visit www.artnightpasadena.org.



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THE MYSTERY OF FIRE

By Christopher Nyerges

[Nyerges is the author of "Self-Sufficient Home," "How to Survive Anywhere," and other books. He can be reached at Box 41834, Eagle Rock, CA 90041, or www.ChristopherNyerges.com.]

Everyone is interested in fire, child or adult. There's something very primal about fire, and whether we understand it intellectually or not, we know that fire is basic and essential to life. And in our modern and pampered society, though we all still use fire, it is usually controlled in the heater, in the stove, in the engine.

One of my most popular classes over the years – besides the classes in identifying wild foods – are the Fire Workshops. In the fire workshops, students get to see a large number of fire-starting methods, and they get to try most of them too.

Fire can be made by countless variations of utilizing electricity (batteries), the sun, chemistry, and friction. We go from the modern to the primitive so that everyone goes home having experiences several methods of fire-making.

I begin with the hypothetical car broken down in the winter on a back road. How do you make fire with things that are in, or a part of, your car? Though there are several dozen possibilities, I stick to the four easiest: The cigarette lighter (electricity), the flare (chemistry), the battery (electricity), and the headlamp's reflector (sun).

The cigarette light and the flare are self-explanatory. The battery is a little more complicated but not much. Since a car battery can explode if improperly handled, we demonstrate a safe way to attach jumper cables and then connect a paper clip to the two free clamps of the jumper cable. If we first wrap tinder around that paper clip, we get a good, quick coal. The headlamp should only be removed if there is sun (obviously), and it will usually require a screw driver to remove the shroud. Caution: Not all car reflectors will work because the shape is not always round. You should experiment with your car to see if it will work.

We discuss the ways to make fire if you're in the woods with some basic gear, but no Bic and no matches. If out duck hunting, you can empty a shotshell of the shot and wadding, and stuff some cotton into the shell and fire it. The cotton will come out glowing red, and it can quickly be wrapped into tinder and coaxed into a flame.

There are two ways to make fire with a flashlight. The reflector around the bulb can be used by inserting tinder where the light bulb was and pointing it at the sun. And steel wool can be stretched from pole to pole on a battery and the steel wool will burn.

Binoculars, detachable camera lenses, and rifle scopes can all be used to focus sunlight to a point to make a coal.

Flint and steel is an ages-old standby for fire. You take a piece of carbon steel – could be an old fire, or a C-shaped piece especially made for fire-starting – and strike the flint or quartz. If you hit it right, a shower of sparks flows off and you can direct those sparks into fine steel wool, charcloth, or other ideal tinder to make a flame.

Of course, I never leave home without a magnesium fire starter, which I carry on my keychain. You scrape a bit of the magnesium into powder, and then with your knife you scrape the built-in sparker to ignite the magnesium. Presto! Once you've failed many times at other fire making devices, this is one that you never want to leave home without. (They can be obtained at School of Self-reliance, www.ChristopherNyerges.com, Box 41834, Eagle Rock, CA 90041).

Then there are the ancient methods of fire by friction: the plow, the piston, the bamboo saw, the thong, the hand drill, and the bow and drill. I generally only demonstrate the last two since -- though hard – they can be mastered easier than the others. (By the way, you saw Tom Hanks fail at the hand drill in Castaway, and succeed at the plow, though the movie didn't show the fire ignite accurately).

The hand drill consists of twirling an approximately 18 inch long, pencil-thick stick onto a baseboard or hearth, until you generate enough heat and dust to create an ember. The bow and drill is the same principle, except you are twirling a fatter, shorter drill using a bow, and you are pressing down on the drill from the top with a rock or hard piece of wood. I'll share some of those details later, or you can read about it for yourself in my "How To Survive Anywhere" book, available from my web site, from Amazon, or wherever fine books are sold.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PASADENA FORUM TO ANALYZE NOVEMBER BALLOT MEASURES OCTOBER 6

Voters who want to be in the know about the 11 propositions on the November ballot can expect lively discussion and even debate at a free public forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters Pasadena Area. Titled "Are You in the Know?" it will be held Oct. 6, 9:30 to noon, at the Women's City Club, 160 N. Oakland Ave., Pasadena.

A team of League members who have studied the measures in depth can help people separate fact from fiction regarding the hotly debated, competing tax measures of Gov. Jerry Brown and education advocate Molly Munger. Speakers also will analyze and present background information and prospective effects on each of the other 10 measures, including a business tax.

Three other propositions address criminal justice issues: ending the death penalty, tougher penalties for human sex trafficking and modifying the three-strikes law. Three affect the legislature: a two-year cycle for the state budget, limits in campaign donations, and a challenge to the recently redrawn political boundaries for state senate district. Two address consumer issues: genetically altered food and auto insurance.

As a nonpartisan political organization encouraging informed and active participation in government, the League invites people at the forum to share information and express divergent views. At this forum the League will only analyze the measures.

Lunch will follow the program and costs \$20, including tax, tip and parking. Information and reservations are available by calling 626-798-0965, 10am-1pm M-F. Walk-ins are invited with no cost for admission.

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NAVIGATING THE SEAS OF TITAN

Humanity has landed rovers on Mars. Now, say scientists, it's time to land a boat on Titan. This outlandish scenario could become reality, according to engineers presenting their proposals at the European Planetary Science Congress on September 27.

Titan, Saturn's largest moon, is one of the most Earth-like bodies in the solar system. With a thick atmosphere, a diameter between that of Earth and of planet Mercury, and a network of seas, lakes and rivers, it is in many respects more like a planet than a moon like the Earth's.

The Cassini-Huygens mission, which has studied Titan extensively, confirmed that lakes, seas and rivers of liquid hydrocarbons (similar to household gas) exist, covering much of the satellite's northern hemisphere. Although the Huygens probe eventually landed on solid ground, it was designed to be able to float for a short period.

The new plan, called the Titan Lake In-situ Sampling Propelled Explorer (TALISE), proposes a boat-probe that would be propelled by wheels, paddles or screws. The probe would land in the middle of Ligeia Mare (the biggest lake, near Titan's north pole), then set sail for the coast, taking scientific measurements along the way. The mission would last around six months to a year.

"The main innovation in TALISE is the propulsion system," says Igone Urdampilleta, a member of the TALISE team. "This allows the probe to move, under control, from the landing site in the lake, to the closest shore. The displacement capability would achieve the obtaining of liquid and solid samples from several scientific interesting locations on Titan's surface such as the landing place, along the route towards the shore and finally at the shoreline."

Titan's environment is too cold for life as we know it, but its environment, rich in the building blocks of life, is of great interest to astrobiologists. The satellite's atmosphere is made up largely of nitrogen (like Earth's), and is rich in organic compounds and hydrogen cyanide, which may have played a role in the emergence of life on Earth.

TITAN SHOWS SURPRISING SEASONAL CHANGES

Detailed observations of Titan have now spanned 30 years, covering an entire solar orbit for this distant world. Dr. Athena Coustenis from the Paris-Meudon Observatory in France has analyzed data gathered over this time and has found that the changing seasons of Titan affect it more than previously thought.

Coustenis explains, "As with Earth, conditions on Titan change with its seasons. We can see differences in atmospheric temperatures, chemical composition and circulation patterns, especially at the poles. For example, hydrocarbon lakes form around the north polar region during winter due to colder temperatures and condensation. Also, a haze layer surrounding Titan at the northern pole is

significantly reduced during the equinox because of the atmospheric circulation patterns. This is all very surprising because we didn't expect to find any such rapid changes, especially in the deeper layers of the atmosphere."

Coustenis explains why it is important to investigate this distant moon: "Titan is the best opportunity we have to study conditions very similar to our own planet in terms of climate, meteorology and astrobiology—and at the same time it is a unique world on its own, a paradise for exploring new geological, atmospheric and internal processes."

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EDUCATING THE “EDUCATION VOTER”

Three Pasadena-based nonprofits collaborating to help local public education supporters make informed decisions about November ballot propositions

Pasadena, CA – Pasadena Education Network (PEN), Invest in PUSD Kids (IIPK), and the Pasadena Educational Foundation (PEF) are co-sponsoring a free non-partisan informational program to help voters who support public education better understand their options on the California ballot this November.

“The Education Voter: How voting for Propositions 30 or 38 (or both) can impact California’s Public Schools”, will take place on Thursday, October 11, 7:30-9:00 pm, at All Saints Church (Sweetland Hall), 132 N. Euclid Ave. in Pasadena. The program is free and open to the public.

Presenters will include representatives from the League of Women Voters, which endorses Proposition 30, the PTA, which endorses Proposition 38, and Educate Our State, which advocates a “Yes” vote on both measures.

Featured presenter Kimberly Tso, a writer and economics educator, will give the audience a closer look at the two tax proposals, teaching some basic tax vocabulary and concepts while using Propositions 30 and 38 as examples to illustrate how progressive taxes can be used to support public education. Tso, who has a Masters of Public Policy from Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government, will facilitate a brief audience exercise in which participants can practice responding to common statements made about tax propos-

als for education, and get more comfortable explaining their own stance on the two propositions.

“My personal mission is to provide people from all walks of life with the tools they need to participate in economic policy decisions,” says Tso, whose “women, economics and values” blog reflects her experience as a founding board member and lead trainer of Just Economics - a collective of women activists, organizers, ethicists and economists that works to make economics accessible, engaging and empowering.

“The intent of this program is to help participants understand the competing arguments and make their own informed decisions,” says PEN Board President Chris Brandow. “PEN’s bylaws prevent us taking a position on statewide ballot initiatives, but our mission is all about helping parents make well-informed choices.”

Participants will have an opportunity to discuss the exercise and ask questions of Tso and the other presenters.

“We cannot afford to have voters who care about education stay away from the polls because the choices are too confusing,” says Invest in PUSD Kids Board President Steve Cole. “Supporters of public education are concerned about what could happen to our schools if our votes are split and neither Prop. 30 or 38 pass in November. But it’s hard to sort out the campaign rhetoric and figure out what we as parents can do to prevent this happening.”

PEF President George Brumder agrees. “There is a huge amount at stake in this election. We all want to make informed decisions on November 6th, and this program will help us do that.”

ALVERNO SPIKERS WIN LEAGUE OPENER

By Lara L. Larramendi

ALVERNO, THE 2011 HORIZON LEAGUE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS FOR VARSITY AND JUNIOR VARSITY, BEGAN ITS DEFENSE OF THEIR TITLES WITH WINS OVER BISHOP CONATY AT THE LEAGUE’S OPENING MEET OF THE SEASON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26AT GRIFFITH PARK. ALVERNO’S VARSITY TEAM SCORED 36 POINTS WITH FOUR RUNNERS FINISHING IN THE TOP 8 IN THE RACE. THE JAGUARS FINISHED FIRST (ERYN BLAKELY, 17:29), THIRD (KATHERINE HAYSBERT 17:52), SEVENTH (ADRIANNA MARTINEZ 23:00) AND EIGHTH (MADI MENNIE 23:11). JUNIOR JESSICA LOPEZ, WORKING HER WAY BACK FROM INJURIES, ROUNDED OUT THE VARSITY WITH A SEVENTEENTH PLACE FINISH (25:04).



AFTER BLAKELY CROSSED THE FINISH LINE FIRST, THE MOST EXCITING FINISH WAS THE RACE FOR SECOND PLACE. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SECOND PLACE (SACRED HEART OF JESUS) AND THIRD PLACE FINISH BY ALVERNO’S KATHERINE HAYSBERT WAS ONLY .33 SECONDS. THESE THREE RUNNERS WILL FACE EACH OTHER HEAD ON AT THE OCTOBER 10th Horizon League cluster meet.

The Griffith Park course on which they ran is very different from the hilly Bell-Jeff course they ran four days before. This faster and more competitive 3 mile course is almost all flat and sandy as it is primarily an equestrian trail.

Contributing to the team win was the rest of the Alverno team finishers. Cross country is scored by adding the finishing results of the team’s top 5 runners. The lowest score, the highest finishers, wins. These runners in order of crossing the finishing line were Katia Jauregui (sophomore), Brett Richey, Adriana Nava, Vanessa Serrano, Rose Boubion, Victoria Pintado and Kimberly Ganivet.

The Jaguars continue to miss varsity runners Ashley Haylett and Francesca Rueda due to illness. The next Horizon League cluster meet will be on Wednesday October 3rd at Crescenta Valley Park at 4:00 P.M. hosted by Holy Family.

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THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show

Movie Reviews Especially for Teens & ‘Tweens

HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA



Ok, this was a bad movie, even by kid’s standards. It has a thin plot, voice acting as erratic as ‘Fairly Oddparents’, and decent animation. Nothing felt coherent and, overall, this movie fell down on the job.

The overprotective Count Dracula (Adam Sandler) is preparing to throw his daughter, Mavis (Selena Gomez), her 118th birthday party. As the party approaches, Mavis wants more and more to visit the world of the humans, but her father forbids it. Meanwhile, all of their friends arrive: Frankenstein (Kevin James), the Wolfman (Steve Buscemi), and the Mummy (Ceelo Green). Everything is going according to plan until the monsters receive a very unusual guest: a human.

Now, on paper, this was a very good idea, but the execution was terrible. The directing (Genndy Tartakovsky), screenplay (Peter Baynham, Robert Smigel), and the voice acting were below average. I will admit that this movie did have its funny moments, but they were few and far apart and everything else just didn’t flow. This was a waste of an hour and a half.

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MANY CHOICES TO DINE AT SANTA ANITA RACE TRACK

Santa Anita Park is up and running, and I have already had the pleasure to make it out a for this current meet. Many have tried to feed the masses but have come up short -- Dodger Stadium, Staples Center, the Rose Bowl -- so I can honestly say that Front Runner (Santa Anita Park's restaurant and bar) offers top-notch food. Not that I don't enjoy a \$7 hot dog at Dodger Stadium, but there are so many more levels of enjoyment when dining at the race track. Sure, you can go to the concession stand and get a dog and a beer, but I recommend going to one of the many carving stations and getting one of arguably the best sandwiches this side of the 405 freeway. Roast Beef, Corned Beef, Turkey, and Ham all sliced in front of you, under \$9, where you can get it your way. Rye Bread? Sure, they have it. Pickles are a must? You got it! I got mine with just mustard. Nothing beats getting a sandwich and beer and sitting in the Club House with an unobstructed view of the San Gabriel Mountains... and of course the ponies running in front of you.



TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
thechefknows@yahoo.com

Executive Chef Maranowski and Chef Mike Davis. I am a creature of habit so I always order the "real deal" Chesapeake Lump Crab Cakes (\$27.75) breaded with aanko crust, and really enjoy crab for two to share. I have gone to a dozen or so "seafood houses" in the San Gabriel Valley that serve crab cakes for \$10, and let me give you a tip: pay more and be happy. I started with the Creamy Clam Chowder (\$8.25; the menu said famous, so I had to have that, right?) For you steak fans, my partner, Marty, enjoyed his Grilled Angus New York Striploin with ratatouille of eggplant, vegetables and herbs, butter, sour cream, scallions, and cheddar roasted mushrooms at just (\$29.75). I had no room for dessert, but the server said that all were made on the premises, so next time I will try one! Tip: My hi-roller friend Carl D. swears that the pepperoni pizza (\$13.25) is one of the best in town. Chef shared with me that when dad is in town he too is a creature of habit and orders the Lamb Osso Buco, and one thing I know is that fathers always know best.



Saving the best for last, the view from Front Runner is a true postcard. And the bar, I am told, is the longest bar west of the Mississippi. There is a true "cool buzz" when hanging around Front Runner. If you just want to hang out at the aforementioned bar with a bowl of clam chowder, or dine-in you can't go wrong with either pick. Keep in mind the dining room does get busy on special race days, so not only do I recommend an advance reservation, but please bring a little patience with you.

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- 1 Tbs. canola oil
- 2 C. chopped onions
- 1 C. chopped green sweet peppers
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 15 oz. cans kidney beans or pinto beans or black beans, rinsed and drained (I mixed kidney and pintos)
- 1-2 tsp. chopped chipotle chilies in adobo
- 1 15 oz. can tomato sauce
- 1 15 oz. can diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1/2 C. water
- 4 Tbs. chili powder
- 1 tsp. dried basil, crushed
- 12 tsp. black pepper
- shredded cheddar cheese optional
- sour cream optional
- chopped onions or scallions optional
- avocados, slices optional

DIRECTIONS

Cut beef into 34 cubes. In a 4 quart Dutch oven, brown meat, half at a time, in 1 Tbs. hot cooking oil. Remove meat, reserving drippings in pan. Cook onion, sweet pepper and garlic in drippings until tender drain fat. Return meat to Dutch oven. Stir in chipotle chili peppers in adobo sauce. Stir in beans, tomatoes, tomato sauce, water, chili powder, basil and black pepper. Bring to boiling reduce heat. Simmer, covered, about 1 hour or until the meat is tender.



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Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



DOGS FOR THE DEAF

"He Who Has Ears to Hear, Let Him Hear" ~ Matt. 11:15

Dogs who are trained for the specific purpose of meeting the human's practical day-to-day needs totally amaze me! So many kind canines have devoted themselves to doing whatever it takes to help facilitate daily life activities and tasks that would otherwise be very difficult for certain people to achieve. The focus of those fabulous furry four-footers is to keep their

human companions healthy and happy, through the good times and the bad. We're talking about dogs who are committed to being true-blue friends through thick or thin, and I can't help believing that God planned it that way when he created them in the beginning.

I'll never forget the first time I saw a blind person walking with a seeing eye dog at the mall when I was a kid. I must have been about 10 years old at the time, and I was shopping with my mom. Naturally, being the animal lover I already was, I reached out to pet the dog, when the owner warned me to keep my distance because it was a service dog who was "on the job" and it would be inappropriate for him to socialize with a stranger. At first, I thought that lady was being snobby and rude, but I later learned that service dogs are trained to focus on their master's needs at all times, so they are not in the position to meet and greet others in public. When I later learned even more about the role of a trained seeing eye dog, I fully understood why that lady responded the way she did when I approached her gorgeous stoic German Shepherd at the mall that day.

Mainly because of an early encounter I had with a seeing eye dog, the concept of canines catering to the needs of a human being became familiar to me at a young age, and I am thrilled to know that a dog can and will be a servant on behalf of a human companion. Over the years I have come to know many more amazing facts about dogs and what they are capable of, so I am no longer surprised when I hear news about what they can accomplish, with sufficient training, support and love on the part of the human being.

The idea of a canine helping a blind person make their way through their day is now a common concept to most of us, but I must admit that the idea of a dog assisting a deaf person in any effective way to help them get through their day, is rather new to me. Until my neighbor across the street recently introduced me to an organization called "Dogs for the Deaf", I was rather unaware of the fact that canines are being trained to communicate on behalf of a person suffering with hearing loss or complete deafness. As it turns out, dogs understand way more than most of us think they do, and they can be trained to help bridge the gap between sound and silence for the hearing impaired individual who is willing to accept the kind assistance of a dog.

Dogs for the Deaf, Inc. is an Oregon-based non-profit organization dedicated to rescuing shelter dogs that they train to assist people with a variety of challenges and needs, including individuals who struggle with hearing impairment and autism. They also have a program devoted to creating "canine co-workers", where they train the dogs to help professionals such as physicians, teachers, counselors, and court room advocates by assisting in the treatment of patients and working with clients.

When I heard about this organization, I immediately decided to support them, because they make it their mission to adopt otherwise euthanized dogs, and give them a second chance opportunity to carry out the task at hand in their heart,

which is to make their master happy! It's another one of those win/win situations, where people are working together to bring to fruition a worthwhile dream and cause which in this case is to rescue dogs to help humans who will benefit from their presence. Above and beyond and maybe even equally important to the physical factors of the services provided by those courageous kind canines, is the bond and amazing unconditional love the humans receive from and reciprocate back to those darling dedicated dogs.

For more information about Dogs for the Deaf, you can visit their website at: www.dogsforthe deaf.org



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PET OF THE WEEK: MASON - #A4489163

Meet a sweet and special little guy, Cosmo (A4491371). Cosmo is a fantastic five year old cream neutered male Lhasa Apso/Terrier mix who was found in Baldwin Park on September 23rd and brought to the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center. Weighing eighteen pounds, Cosmo walks very well on the leash, is probably housebroken and is used to life as a polite indoor dog. Playful and sociable, he is great with other dogs and volunteers who have met him think he will be fantastic with children and cats as well. Cosmo is a handsome, kissy boy who will be the perfect indoor pet for anyone in any living situation at all - this is a "plug and play" dog! To watch a video of Cosmo please visit: www.youtube.com/watch?v=aOUIrPkqkPA

To meet Cosmo in person, please see him at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378 or 626-962-3577). He is currently available now. For any inquiries about Cosmo, please reference his animal ID number: A4489163. 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 Cosmo or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at samanthasayon@gmail.com or 661-309-2674. To learn more about United Hope for Animals' partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter through its Shelter Support Program, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.dhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.



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JASMINE’S CORNER

Book Reviews by Jasmine Kelsey Williams

WHAT HAPPENED TO MY SISTER By Elizabeth Flock

‘What Happened to My Sister’ is a profoundly moving companion piece to the novel ‘Me & Emma’, which makes this choice even more worth your while if you give it a chance. With ‘What Happened to My Sister’ acting as a sequel, this novel picks up where ‘Me & Emma’ left off, with eight-year-old Carrie Parker and her mother ready to make a fresh start in their lives and to move on from the trouble that had befallen them in their previous story.



‘What Happened to My Sister’ does bring a new element this time around: hope, a little bit of positivity, and a sense of optimism. However, even though there are positive changes, this story still explores a dark side of starting a new life, which comes in the form of something unexpected. This is what gives ‘What Happened to My Sister’ its edge; that something drastic can occur at any point in time within the story and as a result, the reader will be pulled in yet again by its mystery just as its predecessor has done. Another fresh point on this is the introduction of three new characters that take Carrie Parker under their wing by the names of Ruth, Honor, and Cricket Chaplin and almost become the family that Carrie never truly had. The book makes a smooth introduction with these characters by having a chapter with Carrie’s and Cricket’s names as a header underneath the chapter number and then proceeds to tell their perspective on the story. As the story progresses, each character’s perspective weaves with each other’s, building up to a pivotal moment for all involved, which means that the reader will be anticipating what the fate will be for Carrie and all others involved throughout.

‘What Happened to My Sister’ takes the story of ‘Me & Emma’ and builds upon it, making it more inspirational, moving, and adding emphasis to the mother-daughter relationship which not only will speak to readers, but will speak volumes on holding on to the happiness that can be uncovered at any stage in life, be it childhood or adulthood.

SEAN’S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

Review By Sean Kayden



LORD HURON

The aptly titled Lord Huron’s debut album really strikes a cord with the American people. In the age we live in, lonesome dreams are ever so apparent. “Lonesome

new, something worth mentioning. For example, “End of the Earth,” is about taking that leap of faith and seeing where you end up. “What good is livin’ a life you’ve been given, if all you do is stand in one place,” permeates through one’s soul because it’s true and we should all believe in this statement.

Artist:	Lord Huron
Album:	Lonesome Dreams
Label:	IAMSOUND
Release Date:	October 9 th , 2012

“Lonesome Dreams” arrives at the ideal time of the year. It still hums along to a buoyant summer resonance, but also unequivocally finds itself in the melancholic autumn season. Once again, there is this perfect balance to the album. While every little sound, nuance, lyric, and sentiment may not work every time, the effort alone deserves praising nonetheless. Singer-songwriter Ben Schneider, the man behind Lord Huron, audaciously steps outside the box that everyone else seemingly jumps into these days. With this hovering layer of hope and idealism on “Lonesome Dreams,” it’s becomes a place where the heavy hearts, dreamers, and un-conformists can meet and unite as one.

Grade: 8.2 out of 10
Key Tracks: “Ends of the Earth,” “Lonesome Dreams,” “The Man Who Lives Forever,” “Brother (Last Ride)”



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So build the heat. Keep it burning. Cool it down. And feel the pilot, always lit, ready to light your way.

Namasté, René

SIERRA MADRE OKTOBERFEST TOURNAMENT

Saturday, October 20, 2012

OKTOBERFEST GOLF AND TENNIS TOURNAMENT

benefiting Sierra Madre Youth Programs

Tennis Tournament: All ages and skill levels are welcome to play! Tennis will be played as a round robin doubles tournament with rotating partners in co-ed divisions at the Arcadia-Orange Grove courts. Participants start out the tournament by trying their luck in a serving contest (prizes for winners). The tournament first, second, and third place winners each receive a trophy and the first place winner will have their name engraved on the Oktoberfest Tennis Tournament perpetual trophy.

Golf Tournament: Played on a nine-hole course as a foursome, best-ball format at Eaton Canyon (tee times assigned). All skill levels welcome and the best-ball format is perfect for beginners! Golfers can sign up as a team or individual and the top team receives individual trophies and immortality on the Oktoberfest Golf Tournament perpetual trophy. Want some more fun? Take a chance in our Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive, and Putting contests. For those concerned with their swing, Mulligans are available to ensure a better score.

Lunch Reception: Following the tournaments join us at the Hart Park House located at 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. for an Oktoberfest-style lunch, including beer, brats, and German chocolate cake. During this time participate in the opportunity raffle, and watch the awards ceremony.

Register online at www.cityofsierramadre.com/online registration or in person at the Community Recreation Center no later than Friday, October 12, 2012.

Tennis start time 8:00 am
Location: Arcadia-Orange Grove Tennis Courts
Cost: \$61 (including lunch)

Golf start time 8:00 am
Location: Eaton Canyon Golf Course
Cost: \$83 individual (includes lunch)
Team Reg: \$300 (for 4 includes lunch)

Lunch Reception 12:00 pm Location: Hart Park House Cost: \$30

Tax-deductible opportunities may exist with this event! Please contact Kyle Schnurr at kschnurr@cityofsierramadre.com if you would like to contribute.

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“WHO SHOT DOC AT THE SOCK HOP?” ON OCTOBER 21 AT SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE



“Who Shot Doc...? At the Sock Hop?” is billed as “The 1950’s Musical Murder Mystery.”

The scene is the Hillview High Gymnasium, decorated for the 1952 Fall Formal, themed “Once in a Blue Moon.” So come prepared to enjoy an evening of fun, costumes (optional) and...murder! Dress up in your poodle skirt or formal, leather jacket or sport coat and bow tie, and relive this special event with an interactive murder mystery filled with song and dance!

YOU guess the murderer.

This is a presentation of SanZman Productions Renaissance Murder Mystery Players. At Sierra Madre Playhouse, 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Ample free parking behind theatre. Sunday, October 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Admission: \$20. Seniors

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ASID HOME & KITCHEN TOUR SET FOR OCTOBER 14

The Pasadena chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) will feature their 26th annual tour of kitchens or homes on Sunday, October 14 this year, from 9:30-5:00. Five recently remodeled homes will be featured on the day's self-guided tour.

This year's ASID committee was particularly impressed and excited about the diverse qualities of the applicants, according to 2012 tour co-chair, Debbie Talianko, of Talianko Design Group, based in Sierra Madre for a decade. Co-chair, Christine Santana stressed that the intrinsic value of the tour is that these are "real homes for real people" where the designers take careful consideration of personal collections, artwork and existing furniture.

Five designer's projects in the communities of Pasadena, La Canada and South Pasadena were chosen, including an 1896 Victoria Carriage House, a 1916 Colonial Revival Home and Contemporary Post-Modern, French Style home in Pasadena, a 1911 Craftsman in South Pasadena and a Cliff May-designed, Spanish Ranch-style Home in La Canada. Bristol Farms will host a continental breakfast at the La Canada home to start off the tour. Kathleen Formanack Interiors took on the repurposing project of an 1896 carriage house of the Alpine Tavern at Crystal Springs, designed by Austrian born architect, Louis F. Kwiatowski. Both the main and carriage house were designed with a unique blend of Italian and French renaissance, plus Victorian influences.

Talianko points out that the boutique area, located at this Victorian, includes many fresh ideas and products this year, with many new vendors offering unique gifts, clothing and gourmet food items. The small square footage of the recognizable and historic carriage house required special consideration to make the former horse and buggy storage area into a habitable residence, as well as comply with municipal requirements. The project is a true study in making every inch of horizontal and vertical space useful as well as beautiful. In South Pasadena, Linda Holley of Beyond Lascaux turned a "crowded, inefficient and even dangerous workspace" into a fabulous cook's kitchen, while respecting the Craftsman style of the property. The arduous process included the relocation of every element except the main kitchen sink. The resulting kitchen features African mahogany cabinetry complemented by celadon hues in the stone and tile work. Each upper cabinet includes concealed electrical outlets and interior lighting.

At a nineteen room, La Canada estate, Sara Ingrassia Interiors undertook a re-design of a vintage 1930's home thought to be one of the first California ranch homes designed by renowned architect, Cliff May. A new guest house was added, and most every area was redesigned Ingrassia, with the exception of the kitchen, which had been renovated earlier. Special attention was focused on the lighting and electrical work, to provide a consistent quality of light throughout the home. Talianko comments, "Sara is a new member in our organization, and offers a very colorful and ethnic interpretation here, with something to see and appreciate in every nook and corner."

Susan Sawasy of Casawasy Interior Design took a 1980's designed home in South Pasadena, and transformed it into a current, cleaner, more elegant residence. The dual phase project created new entertaining and relaxation spaces, opening new passages and reconfiguring the personality and flow of the home. According to the designer, "Traces of French deco, with modern Donghia pieces and accent fabric inspired by Pucci, are used to enhance the French sensibility of the home." The Troop Group of Orange County took on a 1916 Colonial Revival home near the Langham Hotel, with stunning results, which she sums up as a combination of "classicism with lively, dramatic colors and luxurious textures. She was tasked with accommodating a relaxed lifestyle that balanced formal and informal furnishings, and meticulously preserving intricate moldings, barrel vaulted ceilings, etc., while applying "unexpected textures and colors," according to Troop. A major update and expansion was completed in 2011.

"This colonial is a very elegant estate imbued with a sophisticated soft palate, and could easily be a showcase house on its own. It's not to be missed," remarked Talianko.

Also located at this Colonial, the participating industry partners, vendors that have a part in these particular homes, will be gathered together here. "In addition to being able to ask each designer about their projects and insights," Talianko said, "Tour attendees can interact with the vendors of some of the products used in the tour homes. It gives you a real chance to ask questions one on one, and that offers people a real value for their ticket."

Advance ticket purchases, at \$30, are available online at www.ASIDPasadena.org, or at the chapter offices, 1000 Walnut Street # 108, or by calling 626-795-6898. In addition, pre-sale tickets will be available at Anthony's Framing Gallery in San Marino, Pzazz Hair Salon in La Canada and at Sierra Custom Kitchens in Pasadena.



Same day ticket purchases will be \$35, and available at Anthony's Framing at 1120 Huntington Drive, San Marino, 800-237-2634. The properties are owner occupied homes and are not equipped to accommodate wheelchairs. The tour is open to ages twelve and up.

This year, advance group sales for ten or more are available through Margaret Renzullo of Fiber Care and Service, at 626-577-8810.

A nonprofit organization, ASID is the design profession's oldest and largest association, with members qualified by education, testing and experience. The ASID Pasadena Chapter, formed in 1964, has a history of community involvement in its quest to be the definitive resource for professional education and knowledge-sharing. For more information, visit the organization's website at www.ASIDPasadena.org. Some information was obtained from published ASID Pasadena documents.

TREE PRUNING FUNDAMENTALS

Saturday, October 13
LA County Arboretum 10am-Noon / Bamboo Room
Dr. Jerrold Turney, instructor

\$25 Arboretum members - \$30 non-members
Please call 626.821.4623 to register for the class. You may also pay at the door on October 13.

Learn how and when to prune your trees from Dr. Jerry Turney PhD, certified arborist and licensed CA agricultural pest control advisor. Dr. Turney will cover the fundamentals of pruning following the guidelines established by the International Society of Arboriculture. The pruning of fruit trees (stone fruits, apple & pear, citrus, avocado, etc.) for increased fruit production and disease control will also be covered, as well as the major diseases that attack fruit trees.

Dr. Turney received his B. S. in Botany from California State Polytechnic University and his Ph.D. in plant pathology from the University of California at Riverside. He has served as the curator of the camellia gardens at the Huntington Library and Botanic Gardens, a research horticulturist at the Los Angeles County Arboretum, and is currently the plant pathologist for the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures for the County of Los Angeles. In addition, Dr. Turney was formerly a licensed landscape contractor, and is currently a licensed agricultural pest control advisor and an ISA certified arborist. His primary fields of expertise are plant pathology, mycology and arboriculture.



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*Tips of the Trade:
Real Estate Revealed*

by Luther Tsinoglou Realtor®

PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE

It's an understandable conundrum: sellers believe their home is worth more than it is, and buyers think that it's worth less. So where is the proverbial "sweet spot" when it comes to the single most important aspect of marketing your home - setting its price?

Consider how many homes are for sale in your neighborhood. Is that number high? Then your listing price should be lower than the competition if you want to generate the most interest. Obvious, right?

But how many of those rival listings are foreclosed properties or short sale listings? The most critical factor in evaluating this type of competition is the condition in which they are offered. Neglected homes aren't likely to affect you, but if they are in good shape and presented at prices 20% below market, you've got some hard thinking to do.

If buyers aren't making appointments or showing up at an open house event, you probably priced too high at the start. Don't hesitate to make an adjustment, however, because properties generate the most interest in the earliest stage of the listing.

Finally, give any offer strong consideration. You may counter, but these days, buyers won't engage in extended negotiations - they'll just move on to the next property. You can avoid these bitter pills by practicing a little preventative medicine through competitive pricing right from the beginning.

Luther has been licensed and practicing real estate since 1992. He specializes in residential and income property in the Greater San Gabriel Valley. Luther Tsinoglou has again been named a top producing sales agent with Podley Properties for 2011, making the top 10% of the company overall. Luther can be reached at his direct line (626) 695-8650 or at luther@tsinoglou.com

GARDEN GURU BILLY GOODNICK HEADLINES TWO TALKS OCT. 6

AT DESCANSO *Design a dream green space – and learn to avoid 'crimes against horticulture'*

Billy Goodnick has a word of advice for landscapers compelled to carve plants into submission. Don't do it. "People go into adversarial mode in trying to show the plant who is boss," he said. The result is tortured topiaries: meatball bushes, lollipop trees and cubed shrubs.

Goodnick – award-winning landscape architect, blogger, horticultural comedian, rock drummer – will present two gardening lectures at Descanso Gardens on Saturday, Oct. 6. The programs will serve up nuts and bolts advice spiced liberally with humor. The lectures are:

- "Design Like a Pro," 11 a.m., in the Under the Oaks Theater.
 - "Crimes Against Horticulture," 2 p.m. in Van de Kamp Hall
- In "Design Like a Pro," he will deconstruct how a landscaper envisions a design project, considering factors like practicality, sustainability and beauty. Hankering for a cottage garden? Goodnick will explain how to achieve a specific look while substituting plants that suit the climate. The goal is

outdoor living space that elevates the yard to "garden" status. "My tagline is beautiful, sustainable gardens," he said.

"Crimes Against Horticulture" is subtitled "When Bad Taste Meets Power Tools." He will present a slideshow that exemplifies one of his pet peeves – weekend warriors who slice and dice shrubs with the enthusiasm of a Ginsu knife pitchman.

Goodnick doesn't mind topiary – in the right place. But many of these "crimes" seem to be reaction to a good plant in a bad location. "Every plant has its genetic destiny," he said. "You have an obligation to understand how big that plant will get." Rather than shear a plant into submission, he suggests planning before you plant.

Goodnick was an in-demand studio drummer when he caught the "bonsai bug." His interest in the miniature plants sparked further study and a new career. For 22 years, he was the City Landscape Architect for the City of Santa Barbara. He continues to design gardens for clients, while lecturing across the country about horticulture, blogging and writing the upcoming book, "Yards."

Goodnick's lectures are free with Gardens admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors and students with I.D., \$3 children 5-12, free for members and children 4 and younger. Descanso Gardens is located at 1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada Flintridge 91011. Information: (818) 949-4200.

WHY BABY BOOMERS SHOULD GET TESTED FOR HEPATITIS C

Dear Savvy Senior:
In the news last month there was a public health alert urging all baby boomers to get tested for hepatitis C. Is this really necessary, and if so, what are the testing and treatment procedures?
Weary Wanda



Dear Wanda:
If you're a baby boomer, getting tested for hepatitis C would be a wise decision because boomers are five times more likely to have this virus than other generations, and most people that have it don't realize it. Those that are infected are at very high risk of eventually developing liver cancer, cirrhosis or other fatal liver diseases. Here's what else you should know.

CDC Recommendations
The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently announced that all Americans born from 1945 through 1965 get a hepatitis C test. The reason is because baby boomers account for 75 percent of the 3 million or so hepatitis C cases in the U.S., even though they make up only 27 percent of the total population.

Most hepatitis C infections occurred in the 1970s and 1980s, before there were tests to detect them and before the nation's blood supply was routinely screened for the virus.

Hepatitis C is transmitted only through blood, so anyone who received either a blood transfusion or an organ transplant prior to 1992 is at increased risk. So are health-care workers exposed to blood, and people who injected drugs through shared needles. The virus can also be spread through microscopic amounts of infected blood that could occur during sex, from sharing a razor or toothbrush, or getting a tattoo or body piercing at an unsterile shop.

But the biggest part of the problem is the symptomless nature of this disease. Most people that have hepatitis C don't have any symptoms until their liver becomes severely damaged. It can actually take 30 years for people to show any signs of the virus, but by then, it may be too late to treat. But if it's detected in time, new treatments are now available that can cure it.

Testing and Treatment
If you're between ages 47 to 67, or fall into one of the previously listed high risk categories, you should see your primary care doctor for a basic blood test to determine whether you have ever been infected with hepatitis C. This is a relatively inexpensive test and typically covered by health insurance under routine medical care. If you're not covered, the test will run \$30 to \$35.

If the test is negative, no further tests are needed. But, if the test is positive, you'll need another test called HCV RNA which will show whether the virus is still active. This test runs between \$100 and \$250 if you're not covered by insurance.

If you test positive, you have chronic hepatitis C and will need to talk to your doctor about treatment options. If you're infected, but have no liver damage, your doctor should monitor your liver at your annual physical.

The main treatments for chronic hepatitis C today are new antiviral medications that have a 75 percent cure rate. Your doctor may recommend a combination of these medications which are typically taken over a 24-to-48 week time period. But, be aware that the side effects can be grueling and may cause extreme fatigue, fever, headaches and muscle aches.

Unfortunately, there is no vaccine currently available to prevent hepatitis C, although studies are under way to develop one.

Savvy tips: For more information about testing and treatment for hepatitis C, along with a quick, on-line quiz you can take to determine your risks, see the CDC's website at cdc.gov/knowmorehepatitis. You can also get information over the phone by calling the national toll-free HELP-4-HEP helpline at 877-435-7443.

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

KATIE TseThis and That



"STRANGERS IN THE NIGHT..."

Do you suffer from insomnia? Thank God I am not a chronic victim! But I empathize with those who are. It's bad enough to have your eyeballs gaping at the ceiling at 3:00 a.m., knowing you have to get ready for work in less than three hours is sheer torture. I'm convinced insomnia is more of a mental than physical problem. Try as I may, I can't get my brain to stop churning over the events of the day or anticipating what tomorrow might bring. I have no one to blame but myself. But as for my dear friends, Gale and Harold in South Pasadena, they have the new neighbor's dogs to thank for their restless nights.

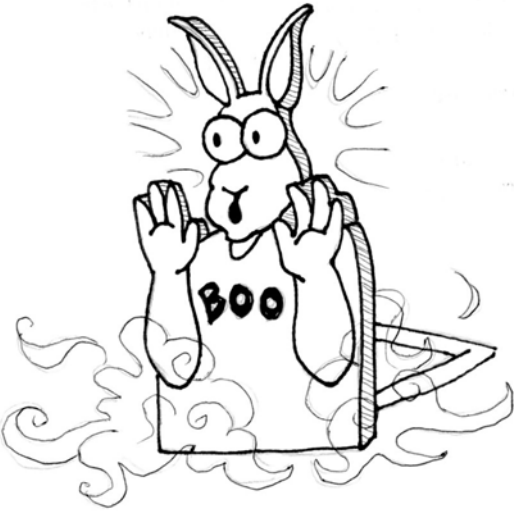
Gale and Harold have owned their home on a quite tree-lined street in a less traveled part of South Pas for over 20 years. It's a stable little community of long-time residents who've lived by the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you'd have others do unto you," which leads to the unspoken rule, "Keep the midnight parties, drum sessions, and crying colicky infants to a minimum!" All was sweetness and light until an elderly neighbor passed away, and her son in-law rented out the house.

Don't get me wrong; Gale and the other neighbors aren't uptight about the occasional disruption of their beloved peace and tranquility. If a neighbor throws a grad party with loud music and a few beer-saturated friends swaying around the lawn, they're not going to call the police. On the contrary, Gale and the rest are total sweethearts! They even brought cakes and casseroles to welcome the new couple. In retrospect, Gale noticed that the wife, who we'll call Sandy, was quick to mention the fact that they had dogs, but that the dogs were indoor, quiet animals. Little did Gale and the other neighbors know...

It's been about a month, a long time for someone to put up with prolonged sleep deprivation. But Gale has just now started to complain about the neighbors' dog's habit of barking incessantly through the night. "He looks scary," Gale said, describing one of the three large dogs. "But when I walk up to the fence he runs away like a frightened puppy!"

Thinking aloud to Gale, I proposed the idea of creating a photo cut-out of herself to flash by the dog any time it starts its shenanigans. This was my moment of epiphany! Phil, my dad's cousin, a.k.a. "the most interesting man in the world," recently returned from touring Spain. Phil's a genius in many areas, but he truly excels in engineering. I envisioned a machine that would stand up a photo cut-out of Gale by the neighbor's fence. It could be controlled by a button by Gale's bed, so she could activate it the moment she heard barking. Phil would attack such a challenge with relish! He'd probably include moving parts (swaying arms, maybe popping eyeballs), dry ice, and a strobe light. In fact, Phil would find a way to program the whole outfit to switch on automatically, perhaps in response to sensors picking up the dog's weight near the fence between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 a.m. And Phil's conveniently located in South Pas! What better set up could Gale, Harold, and their sleep-deprived neighbors wish for?

I have yet to pose the challenge to Phil, since he'll probably require a day or two to adjust for jet lag and to recover from a month of foreign travel. If it were me, I'd need at least a week to recover from just a few days abroad. But then --I'm not the "most interesting woman in the world!" Phil's in the house --loud dogs beware!



MEDITATION: EIGHT STEPS TO HAPPINESS

Based on eight beautiful verses that comprise one of Buddhism's best-loved teachings, Eight Verses for Training the Mind. This short poem shows how we can transform all life's difficulties into valuable spiritual insights. Oct 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov 1. Thursdays 7-8pm at Center for Wellbeing, 31 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre. Please visit MeditateInLA.org or call (323) 223-0610 for more information. Cost \$10 / class.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS

By Pat Birdsall

FYI: I'm Baaaack! Having started *Senior Happenings* in this publication several years ago, I took a substantial break. I'm ready now to get back in the saddle and resume keeping the seniors informed as to what is available for them in our community. I'm going to revert back to some of the format that I used to do, except for the *Recipe of the Month*. The editor has moved that to the Good Food & Drink page and is now calling it: "In the Kitchen, *Our Favorite Recipe of the Week*." That's just as well... as most of you know, Betty Crocker never spent much time at my house...Truth be told, she didn't spend *any* time at my house.

I would also like to add more names to the monthly birthday list...That of course, depends on what age you think qualifies one to be called a "senior." I'll leave it up to the individual. If you would like to see your name in print for your special day please call the paper at 626.355.2737 and leave your name (spell it please) and your birthday month only.

The two vacancies for the Senior Community Commission have been filled. Two more worthy candidates would be hard to find. Please welcome Fran Garbaccio and Marilyn McKernan! Our Senior Commission needs input from YOU; they can't get it through osmosis. They meet in the Council Chambers on the first Thursday of each month at 3:00 P.M. It's difficult to have enthusiasm for a meeting with *nobody* in the audience. Please make the effort to attend...after all, what they discuss and decide to do as policy, directly influences *you*.

~ Helpful Hint~

Sharper Scissors:
Take your dull scissors and cut through 3 layers of tin foil 10 times. Cut some paper to test. Repeat if necessary. *OR* cut a sheet of medium-grade sand paper into small pieces. Lastly, you can cut an SOS pad or a Brillo pad in half with the scissors, this sharpens the scissors and also gives you two pads instead of one. Being frugal is a good thing. Be careful not to cut yourself!

For Your Funny Bone

My neighbor's son picked up a stray dog and named it Sam. Some time later I was at their house and inquired about Sam. "Oh, the dog is fine," my neighbor said. "She had a litter of puppies, and so we fixed the problem. Now we call her Sam Spayed."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Sole Krieg, Margit Johnson, Ann Tyler, Pat Birdsall, Dick Anderson, Barbara Cline, Mary Jane Baker, Cathleen Cremins, Alma Mays, Eva Poet, Dixie Coutant, Angela Stella, Darlene Traxler, Darlene Crook, Gloria Giersbach, Susan Gallagher, Maggie Ellis, Elva Johnson, Ellen O'Leary, Jenny Piangenti, Gail-Ann Skiles, Anita Thompson, Adie Marshall, Lillias Eubanks.

AND, add to that stellar list: A very special birthday for a very special man! On October 5th, George Maurer turned 90! He is the gold standard when it comes to community service...our community. He so tirelessly lends a hand wherever it's needed; whether it be family or the community at large, he's **always** there to lend a helping hand. Happy Birthday my friend!

*Quote: Everyone is the age of their heart. ~ Guatemalan Proverb



ACTIVITIES: Unless listed differently, all activities are at the Hart Park House (Senior Center) 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre

YMCA San Gabriel Valley Intervale Senior Café:
Monday-Friday at 12:00 Noon

(Participants are urged to arrive no later than 11:45 A.M.) All seniors 60 and up can take part in the lunch program. There is a suggested donation of \$2.00 for those 60 and over and \$3.75 for non-senior guests. Daily reservations are necessary as space is limited. Please call 24 hours in advance...626.355.0256

Free Blood Pressure Testing: On the 2nd **Tuesday** of the month, a nurse from Methodist Hospital, Arcadia volunteers to do the readings. No appointment is necessary.

Bingo: Every Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm. Cards are only .25c each!

Free Chair Yoga: Every **Wednesday** morning from 11:00 am-11:45 am. Volunteer Teryl Willis offers this class that focuses on senior yoga techniques. It is geared toward gentle movements, breathing techniques and balance improvement. No reservations are necessary.

Free Legal Consultation: Pasadena attorney Geoffrey Chin volunteers on the 2nd **Wednesday** of the month. He focuses on estate planning, trusts, wills, probate, conservatorships and business law. ***Appointments are a must.** Please call Adam Matsumoto at 626.355.7394 to make yours. **Conflicting court schedules can occasionally cause cancellations.*

Birthday Celebrations: The 2nd **Thursday** of the month the Senior Center celebrates the birthdays of our patrons at 12:30 pm. Please join us for free cake and ice cream and "celebration." (The cakes are provided due to a generous donation from the Sierra Madre Civic Club.)

Game Day: Every Thursday at 1:00pm. Poker is usually the game of choice, or should I say chance? Board games and other card games are also available.

ree Strength Training Class: Every Friday from 1:00 pm -1:45 pm Conducted by long-time volunteer Lisa Brandley. The class utilizes light weights for low-impact resistance training. Weights are provided by the Sierra Madre Senior Center. It's a great way to stay in shape and to socialize with your peers. (Gossip, is also free of charge).



EXCURSIONS:
GRABER OLIVE HOUSE TOUR IN ONTARIO, CA.
Friday, October 26th: Departure at 9:30 am from the Hart Park House.
Lunch & activities: 10:30 am- 2:00 pm
Return: To the Park House at 3:30 pm
Cost: \$10.00 (does not include lunch)

Graber Olive House tour highlights the tradition of grading, curing and canning of Graber Olives. After the tour, lunch will be at Molly's Souper, a wonderful brunch restaurant in Upland. (All participants are required to eat at the same restaurant.) For more information on the Graber Olive House visit www.graberolives.com

Registration deadline is Monday, October 22nd Call the Hart Park House at 626.355.7394 to make reservations or to get more information.

"NEW"- Senior Movie Program: Movies are shown on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. The films are chosen by the seniors themselves and will be shown in Council Chambers (222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.) at 1:00 pm. The price of admission??? FREE!

*The Senior Moments Newsletter has been updated thanks to Adam Matsumoto. To receive a copy by USPS or on your computer, please call Adam at the Senior Center...626.355.7394.

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BUSINESS TODAY

The latest on Business News, Trends and Techniques

By La Quetta M. Shamblee, MBA

TEAMBUILDING TAKES TIME

There is an old quote that says, “Rome wasn’t built in a day,” which is great. But I think “Everyday they worked on building Rome” should be added to that quote.
- 17 year old, Patrick Brennan
(empoweryourhealth.org; Empower Magazine, Vol 2, Issue 3)

Every significant accomplishment is the result of teamwork. The latest new invention that seemingly emerges from the efforts of a single individual is made possible by existing knowledge, materials and techniques that have been derived from the teamwork of others at some point. From the Great Pyramids in Egypt, to a local ribbon cutting to mark the beginning of construction on a new building, the coordinated effort of interdependent teams is required.
Building a team takes time. The acknowledged interdependence and mutual work toward a common goal is what distinguishes a team from a group. Individuals who are effective on a team are able to suspend personal agenda and commit to the common purpose as the priority. Every team has one main captain, the primary leader, who bears the responsibility for the overall direction of the team as well as ensuring that each member has the training and support needed to be successful in their respective roles. Based on the size of the team, it is common to have other leaders with responsibilities for a specific set of tasks or the management of other team members.
In order for a team to function in the best manner, teambuilding is paramount. Organizational

Development is the academic field that deals with the theory, study and practice of teambuilding. Teambuilding may occur as a result of both formal and informal processes. Establishing and maintaining a healthy team environment requires a foundation of trust, which requires authenticity from team leaders. Team members determine a leader’s level of authenticity by observing and experiencing whether what a leader says is aligned with what a leader does – in other words, does the leader tell the truth.
It is not always feasible for the leader to share details that may need to remain confidential, or information that is not necessary for team members to perform their respective tasks. However, being perceived as dishonest or withholding information that should be shared with the team is a guaranteed way to undermine trust.
When teambuilding is done right, it creates an environment where positive communication, problem solving and the ability to work closely toward a common purpose define the team. This type of team always results in varying levels of self-development by individual members. As members build their knowledge, skills and confidence during the course of working together, it strengthens the team’s ability to better acknowledge, address and resolve differences that come with all human interaction. Building a strong team makes complex and challenging tasks easier, because individual members understand that success for the team as a whole is the ultimate measuring stick.

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OMG! Did you know.....?



By Patricia Richardson, M.B.A QuickBooks Certified ProAdvisor
QuickBooks Question: I was listening in on a conversation with Certified QuickBooks ProAdvisors via their LinkedIn Group, so here is the question....

ENTERING SALES RECEIPTS FOR SALE OF INVENTORY ITEMS AT A SHOW.

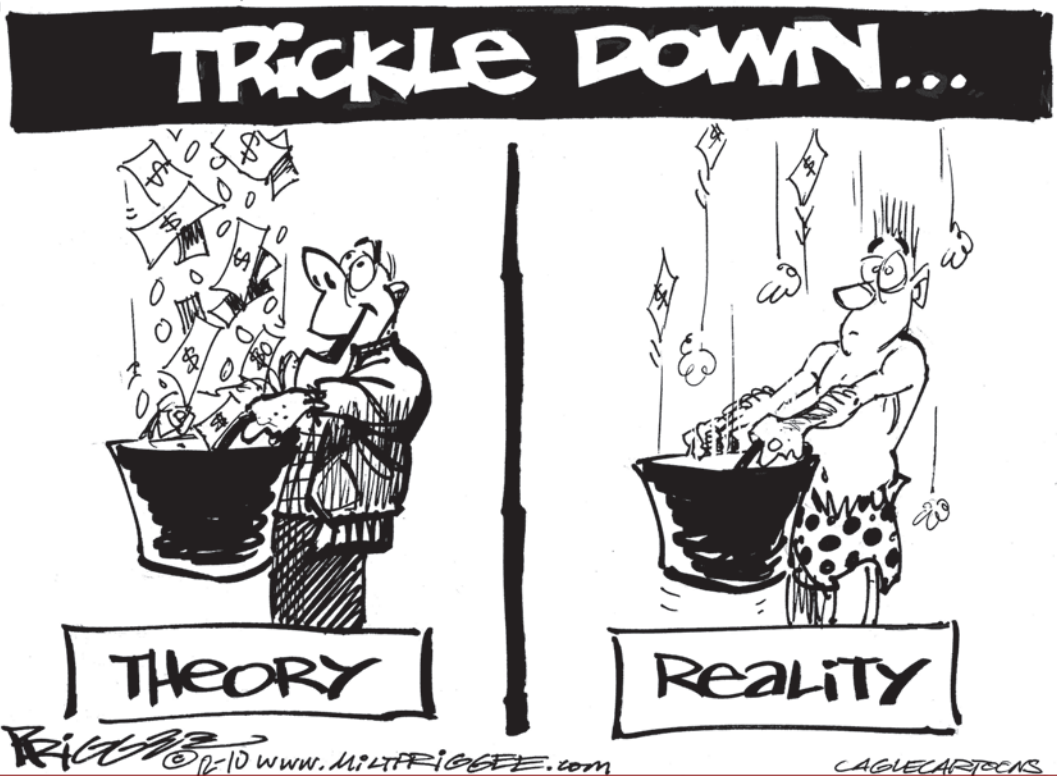
I have a client who sells inventory items at local shows. We would like to enter her show sales on one Sales Receipt at the end of the show using the inventory items that were sold. The problem is some of the sales are cash, some credit cards. We would like to be able to separate these so we can match deposits to those that we download from the bank. During the show she tracks total inventory but not by payment type, so we can't enter one Sales Receipt for credit card purchases and one for cash purchases. Any suggestions?

No problem. First, create the sales receipt, post the sales to the correct items, then setup a couple of new items for “Cash Sales” and “Credit Card Sales” and map them to the bank account. Your sales receipt will total \$.00 because after posting your show sales to the correct inventory item, you will use your new cash and credit card sales items to subtract the deposited amount from the total sales. It will look like this:

Hats sales	\$150.00
Shoes sales	\$325.00
Sub Total	\$475.00
Cash	-100.00
Credit Card	-375.00
Total	\$.00

Beware: Mapping your items correctly will be very important so that you can reconcile your bank account. If you have similar questions please join me for an online question and answer session on Friday mornings at www.QBworkShop.com.
What else is happening this month?
It's pretty hard to believe it is October already, so it is time to be thinking about end of third quarter reporting and before you know it year-end will be upon us. Hopefully you have been producing monthly financial statements so that you will not be surprised come tax time. This is one area where you need to be proactive and now is the time to get your financial house in order so that you can make sure your tax plan is on target.

If you have not yet filed your 2011 personal income tax returns the drop dead date is October 15, 2012. The IRS has set up a “Fresh Start Penalty Relief” initiative that you might be interested to know about. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistic the national average unemployment rate in August was 8.1% while in California the rate was still highest at 10.6%. So if you are one of the 10.6% of Californians unemployed wage earners you will want to know more about this Initiative. According to the IRS the Fresh Start Penalty Relief Initiative provides eligible taxpayers with a six-month extension of time to fully pay 2011 taxes. Interest will run on the 2011 taxes from April 15, 2012 until the tax is paid but no “failure-to-pay penalties” will be incurred if tax, interest and any other penalties are paid by October 15, 2012.
To be eligible your 2011 tax liability must be less than \$50,000, your adjusted gross income must be less than, \$100,000 (\$200,000 if married filing jointly), and you or your spouse (if married filing jointly) must be a:
1. Wage earner who has been unemployed at least 30 consecutive days between January 1, 2011 and April 15, 2012; or
2. Self-employed individual whose 2011 business income decreased 25% or more due to the economy (as compared to your 2010 business income).
Ask your accountant how to apply or see IRS form 1127-A *Application for Extension of Time for Payment of Income taxes for 2011 Due to Undue Hardship*.
New workshops:
During the month of October on Friday's between 9:00am and 9:30am I am hosting an online QuickBooks Q&A forum. Email the registration form from my website and I will send you the info you need to tune in. Have your questions ready it is a great time to stump the trainer. Also during the month of November look for Saturday QuickBooks workshops. It will be a BYOL (bring your own laptop) workshop. Patricia Richardson the owner of Monrovia Computerized Business Service and is a local accountant, educator and trainer working to help business owners realize their business mission and vision by empowering them with tools and training in areas that may not be their core competency. For additional information, patti@qbworkshop.com or www.QBworkShop.com.



Social Media
Tips & Tricks
By Merri Jill Finstrom

IDEAS FOR A BLOG

A blog is a great addition to your on-line presence. There are many advantage to integrating a blog into your web site. The main benefit is that it brings in fresh content to your website, which the search engines love. If you don't have time to write a blog, you might consider doing a simple photo blog with good key-word “cutlines.”

Think of building a system for all of your on-line tools including your blog. Here are three (3) things you can do with your blog to feed it into your overall social media system:

Auto-feed your blog to your social media
Twitterfeed.com is a great tool that allows you to automatically feed your blog posts into Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter. Once you publish a blog, it will automatically post on these platforms. It is a great way to distribute your blog to your built-in audience. Not everyone will subscribe to your blog and check it frequently. Feeding it allows you to create a multi-pronged distribution channel and increase your reach.

Use blog content in email marketing campaigns
If you are using an email marketing tool like Constant Contact, you can easily insert blog content into your emails. It will

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Measure B Safer Sex In the Adult Film Industry Act -- County of Los Angeles (Ordinance - Majority Approval Required)

Shall an ordinance be adopted requiring producers of adult films to obtain a County public health permit, to require adult film performers to use condoms while engaged in sex acts, to provide proof of blood borne pathogen training course, to post permit and notices to performers, and making violations of the ordinance subject to civil fines and criminal charges?

Measure J Accelerating Traffic Relief, Job Creation -- County of Los Angeles (Continuation of Voter-Approved Sales Tax Increase - Majority Approval Required)

To advance Los Angeles County's traffic relief, economic growth/ job creation, by accelerating construction of light rail/ subway/ airport connections within five years not twenty; funding countywide freeway traffic flow/ safety / bridge improvements, pothole repair; keeping senior/ student/ disabled fares low; Shall Los Angeles County's voter-approved one-half cent traffic relief sales tax continue, without tax rate increase, for another 30 years or until voters decide to end it, with audits/ keeping funds local?

Measure ALF Density Limit re Assisted Living Facility -- City of Sierra Madre (Ordinance - Majority Approval Required)

Shall an Ordinance be adopted to amend Sierra Madre Municipal Code Section 17.35.040 ("Core Density Limit") of the People's Empowerment Act (aka Measure V) to permit development of an assisted living facility consistent with the Kensington Assisted Living Facility Specific Plan not exceeding two stories, thirty feet in height and seventy-five assisted living suites, for the parcels located at 33 North Hermosa Avenue an 245 West Sierra Madre Boulevard?

WHO IS ON THE BALLOT?

President/Vice President of the United States

Gary Johnson/James P. Gray, Libertarian
Mitt Romney/Paul Ryan, Republican
Roseanne Barr/Cindy Sheehan, Peace and Freedom
Thomas Hoefling/Robert Ornelas, American Independent
Jill Stein/Cheri Honkala, Green
Barack Obama/Joseph Biden, Democratic

United States Senate

Elizabeth Emken, Republican
Dianne Feinstein, Democratic

US Congress - District 27

Judy Chu, Democratic
Jack Orswell, Republican

California Assembly - District 41

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Donna Lowe, Republican

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ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION LAUNCHES IN CALIFORNIA

The Office of the Secretary of the State of California announced it will launch the much anticipated California Online Voter Registration by noon (PST) Friday. Online Voter Registration will offer increased accessibility for the 6.4 million unregistered eligible voters in California; 3 million of which reside in Los Angeles County.

Dean Logan, Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters, will be available to provide comment and expert insight into the impacts of California Online Voter Registration for Los Angeles County and California voters and elections.

Benefits of Online Voter Registration:

- Paperless online voter registration will save tax payers money by reducing the need to process paper forms.

- Approximately 80 percent of Californians already use the internet, making Online Voter Registration a fit for the Golden State.

- Online Voter Registration will improve the quality and accuracy of County Voter Files. Less manual data entry means more quality assurance and time to confirm and process paper forms.

- The convenience of online voter registration would provide for more up to date records, which might also reduce the number of provisional ballots cast.

- Online Voter Registration benefits the environment by reducing waste.

- Online Voter registration will provide increased registration security by ensuring instant delivery.

How does Online Voter Registration work?

- The online registration portal can be accessed at www.lavote.net or at www.sos.ca.gov

- The process uses your California Driver's License or Identification number to match your voter registration information to Department of Motor Vehicles records.

- The Secretary of State obtains the registrants' signature image on file from the DMV. This information will then be provided to the counties and added as the official signature of record on the voter file. The applicants' information must match in order to complete the registration process providing increased registration security.

- Individuals who do not have a California Driver's License or an Identification number can still use the online portal but will be required to print the form, sign it and mail it back.

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LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN

HOWARD Hays As I See It



"An error does not become truth by reason of multiplied propagation"
- Mahatma Gandhi

"To be persuasive we must be believable; to be believable we must be credible; to be credible we must be truthful. It is as simple as that."
- Edward R. Murrow

"Truth is the new hate speech." - Rush Limbaugh

Rich Johnson's column last week on the year 1962 inspired me to devote a column of my own on the subject. I had it all ready to go, but then I watched the debate - and heard the post-debate pontification.

The hyper-ventilating came from the left, with Chris Matthews despairing on MSNBC that the President didn't follow the advice Robert Kennedy gave brother Jack on his way to debate Vice President Nixon; to go out there and "kick his balls."

Some saw President Obama's determination to appear "Presidential". Others a rope-a-dope set-up for the upcoming "town hall" encounter. It could be the president was simply unprepared to deal with a candidate who, with tens of millions watching, would unabashedly repeat assertions long-debunked as baloney (I'd use another term that starts with "b", but I don't think Susan would let me).

Mitt Romney became that upside-down Etch-a-Sketch shaken right before our eyes. There was speculation as to how the tea-baggers would react to witnessing the Nixonian dictum of running to the right in the primaries, then to the center for the general election. Here was "their" candidate defending healthcare reform, Wall Street regulation and preserving Social Security.

I heard a Garden Grove resident on a day-after radio call-in show, who recalled experiencing the Kennedy-Nixon debates on the radio - not on TV. He said he went with the candidate who seemed most knowledgeable, with the most facts at hand. He cast the first presidential vote he was old enough to cast for Richard Nixon. Fifty-two years later, he said he again heard the debate on the radio - not seeing it on TV. And he'll again vote for the candidate coming across as most knowledgeable, with the most facts at hand - and will vote for Barack Obama.

A major topic was taxes, with Obama accusing Romney of proposing a plan costing \$5 trillion over ten years. Romney's response was clear; "That's not my plan". FactCheck.org found that indeed Romney had not proposed a \$5 trillion tax cut. They also found that what he did propose was mathematically impossible to achieve.

For Medicare, Romney used that \$716 billion figure as an amount Obama wants to "cut" from the program. What it is, though, is a cut in future growth in spending, achieved by cutting excess payments to private insurance companies and payments to hospitals, which providers agreed to in anticipation of more folks being insured and fewer having to rely on emergency room treatment. It's the same figure appearing in running mate Paul Ryan's Medicare proposal.

Romney claims, "Healthcare costs per family have

gone up by \$2,500" under Obama. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, healthcare costs rose 8% a year from 2002 through 2008, and an average 4.3% a year since Obama's been in office.

Romeny brings back "death panels", "an unelected board that's going to tell people, ultimately, what kind of treatments they can have." The Independent Payment Advisory Board is prohibited by law from dealing with rationing, premiums, benefits or eligibility - and any recommendations it does make have to go through Congress.

Regarding oil industry subsidies, Romney asserts, "Actually, this \$2.8 billion goes largely to small companies, to drilling operators and so forth." Actually, the amount is more like \$4 billion a year, with \$2.4 going to the five largest companies - which together pulled in \$137 billion in profits last year.

Romney claims the Dodd-Frank financial regulation bill gave a "blank check" to the five biggest "too big to fail" banks, "killing regional and small banks". What the bill did was require those banks (thirty-seven, not five) to prepare "living wills" so that if they went under, taxpayers wouldn't be stuck with the bill. Small bank failures have gone down dramatically since enactment of the bill.

Romney complained about companies receiving \$90 billion in green energy investments, and that "half of them of the ones that have been invested in, have gone out of business." The actual number is three of 28 firms going under, fewer than the number anticipated when Congress passed the legislation.

On energy, Romney claims, "All the increase in natural gas and oil has happened on private land, not on government land." Nation-wide oil production increased from 4.9 million barrels a day when Obama took office to 5.7 million in 2011. Production on federal lands increased 28% from 2008 to 2010.

Romney mentioned "23 million people out of work or stopped looking for work". According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the number is 15.1 million.

Romney stated, "The CBO says up to 20 million people will lose their insurance as Obamacare goes into effect next year." The CBO's latest estimate is that 4 million might lose coverage, while 30 million become newly insured.

Obama complained about tax deductions for "moving a plant overseas". Romney responded, "I have no idea what you're talking about." Currently, a company can deduct expenses for moving overseas just as they can for moving from one state to another. A move to eliminate that deduction was killed last year by Senate Republicans.

Romney says government spending eats up 42% of our economy. The CBO says it's 23%.

The statement that stayed with me was when, extolling free-market healthcare, Romney explained that if someone is dissatisfied with their current health insurance, they should simply take their money and switch to a different carrier.

Whether it's a disdain for the truth, or not having a clue what life is like for most Americans, might be open for debate. But at least now we know where Mitt Romney stands on Big Bird.

IT AIN'T OVER TIL THE MORMAN GUY SINGS

I expected something entirely different in Wednesday's presidential debate. I thought it would be a tie or a slight win for Obama, and so I decided to focus today's article on the sloppy and misleading polling that's being fed to the electorate. In light of the actual debate performance, I think the polling story is a perfect prelude to analyzing the debate. On October 13, 1980, a NY Times poll had Carter up 4%, followed a couple weeks later by a Gallup poll showing Carter up 8%. At election time, Reagan won the election by 10 points. This year, over the last 30 days leading up to the first debate, there have been 90 polls averaging a 2% lead for Obama. The media elite have told us Obama is the clear favorite (that story clearly has to change). Back in 2004 over the same time period there were 40 polls averaging a 5% point lead for Bush, yet the media elites told us the Bush/Kerry race was "a dead heat". Why is one president's 2% lead a clear advantage, and the other's 5% lead a dead heat?

Polls will tell you anything you want them to: the truth or your version of the truth. It depends on what you want to pay the pollster to do. The devil is always in the details. Radio talk-show host, Hugh Hewitt, interviewed the head of the NY Times polling firm. Mr. Hewitt pointed out that the Florida poll showed Obama ahead by 9% and that the poll included 9% more Democrats than Republicans. The pollster was forced to admit that it was preposterous to believe the Democratic advantage in Florida was 9%, but he nonetheless said he believed his poll's results. I guess pollsters have to believe in their own work. But then there was the debate. It wasn't just that Obama was so bad last night. It was that Mitt Romney was so good. This surprised a lot of people - Liberals and Conservatives. Romney hit the President's record hard, defended his own policy proposals well and drew a sharp philosophical distinction between his ideas and Obama's ideas. Many of us have believed that Romney would make a great president, but worried that he would be a lousy candidate. Mitt Romney proved that he was not only worthy of the office, but that he was worthy as a candidate. So now we have a real election with a real choice of candidates to match the real choice in directions for this country. Obama clearly demonstrated who he is and where he is right now. His debate performance revealed what many have called his tremendous hubris. As president, one must have self confidence, but not an absolute conviction in their own infallibility or in their own moral superiority and disdain for others. Clearly, Obama didn't prep for the debate because he didn't feel his opponent worthy of the effort. This is the same attitude that allowed him to publicly berate the Supreme Court Justices at his State of the Union address and to publicly ridicule Republican leadership in the deficit negotiation talks when he told them to attend a speech on the pretext of offering a compromise. Lastly, there are the public admissions that Obama does not consider Romney to even be competent. Most tellingly, President Obama's demeanor and

GREG Welborn

attitude



in the debate showed a man who has run out of ideas and is flummoxed as to why he's in the spot he's in. He made few references to what he would do for the next four years and tried to defend what he has done for the last four because the last four have been so bad, and he has no idea what to do differently for the next four.

That shouldn't surprise any of us. Even Vice President Biden, in a moment of unscripted honesty, told us all how miserable the last four years have been. The middle class has been "buried", he said, and they're slipping further behind. We have more people in poverty now than in a generation. For every 1 person who found a job last month, 4 stopped looking. 23 million are struggling to find work. Household income is down \$4,000 since Obama took office, and the economy continues to slow. Obama's proposed solutions include higher energy taxes, which will bury the energy industry, 20 more taxes in Obamacare, which will further bury the middle class, more spending, which will bury all Americans, and more debt, which will bury future Americans and anyone foolish enough to lend us that money in the first place. If I had that track record and future outlook, I'd be tired, depressed and detached myself.

Romney, on the other hand, demonstrated who he is, as noted above, and provided some real answers to the pressing problems we face. He will reduce taxes for everyone; he will close loopholes; he will cut spending; he will get this country growing again so we can pay down the debt Obama accumulated; he will replace Obamacare with real healthcare reform; and he will work with the opposition, unlike Obama's approach which was to freeze the Republicans out of any meaningful negotiation over healthcare reform. Mitt Romney also gave us some memorable lines which helped crystallize the issues for us. Wasteful green energy expenditures of \$90 billion could have been 2 million more teachers, and in deciding what programs to save he'll ask whether it's worth borrowing more money from China.

No doubt we will see that the first presidential debate has changed the public perception of the candidates and of the election's trajectory. Obama showed that he's out of ideas. Romney showed he's up to the job. The whole thing showed us that our skepticism of the polls has been well founded. Given the debate's outcome, the odds of an October surprise have increased markedly, but so too has the public's distrust of any such event. I doubt any "international crisis" will allow President Obama to turn the tide back in his direction. Americans are waking up.

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HAIL Hamilton My Turn



ONE REASON I WILL BE VOTING FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA

Despite the supreme court's landmark ruling on the constitutionality on President Obama's Patient Protection and Affordable Care (APPAC) earlier this year, health care seems to have dropped off the political map in recent months as the presidential race continues to place more importance on job creation and economic growth.

But for many Americans health care remains a pertinent issue and one that affects nearly everyone. It's remarkable because only a couple months ago health care was the hot issue.

However, I think that it is still a hot issue and I'll be surprised if it doesn't come up again during the final few weeks of the presidential campaign because it is an issue that reaches every demographic in some way, shape or form. It is also the issue that most distinguishes President Obama from Mitt Romney.

The issue of health care reform is especially relevant for younger Americans and the unemployed who have no healthcare insurance whatsoever because prior to APPAC health coverage covered employees rather than individuals themselves regardless of their employment status.

Perhaps a brief review of the pros and cons Obama's health care reform is in order. What follows can be found on the **Congressional Budget Office** website:

Pros:

Everyone can have health insurance if they want it.

Insurers will not be able to stop paying for people who are sick, even if they lose their jobs.

People who cannot afford health insurance won't have to pay as much money.

People who are already sick will be eligible for healthcare.

In the long run APPAC will reduce medical costs significantly. Rising medical costs are the main reason the long-term budget projections are so alarming. Something has to be done. Unfortunately, this bill might not be enough. While there will definitely be some savings, it is not clear that they will be as transformative as hoped.

Health insurers can no longer cap coverage. In other words, they will no longer say that they have spent enough on you and you're on your own for the next hundred thousand dollars. This should reduce medical bankruptcy.

There will be increased competition in the insurance market. It might be

from a future public option. It might also be from some kind of non-profit, state-specific co-operative exchange that are being tried by 12 states and the District of Columbia. This might push the healthcare companies to lower costs and provide better service.

Cons:

For the first ten years, APPAC will cost about \$100 billion a year. This is about the yearly cost of the Afghan War.

This bill might increase the cost of health insurance. This depends on whether the gains from increased efficiencies and increased competition is outweighed by cost providing additional benefits.

The Individual Mandate. You will have to either buy health insurance if you don't have it or have a 2% tax increase. This insurance will be subsidized, but there is no guarantee that the subsidy will be enough to cover your specific situation.

There will be a tax increase on very high income people. If you are making more than half a million dollars a year you will have about a 1% tax increase.

There is also other stuff that might be good or bad, depending how you see it:

Increased government involvement in Health care. Government already pays for huge amounts of health care--so this won't be anything new.

Additional regulation on insurance companies. This might increase costs. It will certainly increase quality.

Physicians will have increased access to information about what treatments are most cost effective. If two treatments work equally well and one is cheaper, doctors can recommend that one. This was almost universally considered a good thing until a few years ago, but some people have started criticizing it lately.

Large employers may also have to offer insurance to more of their employees. If they do not, they may have to pay some extra tax.

Readers who have followed my column know well my position in support of universal single-payer healthcare. So it should come as no surprise when I say APPAC is a step in the right direction, but only a small step. It does not guarantee universal access to quality health care as a single-payer system would. It is, however, much better than what we had before APPAC. In short, Americans are better off than they were before.

Mr. Romney has threatened to the dismantled APPAC if he is elected. If for no other reason than this, I will be voting for President Obama in November.

RICH Johnson POT POURRI & THE ELECTION



Watched the first debate with me mate, Barry Schwam. It was very interesting particularly because this is the first time each candidate has been in earshot of the other. And able to react to the claims made by each other. I hope everyone is watching and trying to decide who has a better program.

So what about the electoral college? The electoral college came about as a compromise between the guys who wanted the popular vote to choose the president and those other guys who wanted Congress to choose the president. Did you know in the first couple of presidential elections the losing candidate became the vice president? It was a problem in 1800 because candidates Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr had the same number of electoral votes. The decision was thrown into Congress and Jefferson's buddy Alexander Hamilton had enough sway in Congress to swing it to Jefferson. You may recall that Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton later shot it out in a duel. Mr. Hamilton lost that discussion. Burr was indicted for murder but later dismissed or acquitted. It did end his political career.

In 1824 something similar happened. Andrew Jackson had 151,271 votes and John Quincy Adams had 113, 122 votes. For those of you into percentages, that's 41.3% for Jackson and 30.9% for Adams. Neither received a majority of the electoral vote so again it was thrown into the House of Representatives who decided on Adams. Here's something else you might not know. Presidential inauguration day and start of congressional terms used to be March 4th, not January 20th. It was originally set in March because it took a while for everyone to get to Washington D. C. Remember it was back in the 18th century when air travel was, ahem, in its infancy. The twentieth Amendment changed the date and was ratified on January 23, 1933. If you are thinking a big "SO WHAY" I'll tell you why it was a good idea particularly in 1861 and 1933. Abraham Lincoln and Franklin Delano Roosevelt (and all those Senators and Representatives) had to wait four months before dealing with, oh, the secession of the Southern states in 1861. And the Great Depression. Some people argue if Lincoln had been inaugurated January 20th he would have had a better chance of staving off the Civil War.

Don't know what these means but they sound interesting. Let's chew on them together:

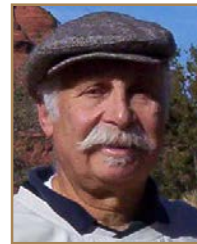
"If the camel once gets his nose in a tent, his body will soon follow."
Saudi Proverb

"An army of sheep led by a lion would defeat an army of lions led by a sheep."
Arab Proverb

"There is a demand today for men who can make wrong appear right."
Terence (160 B.C.)

"We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office."
Aesop
"All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others."
George Orwell
"Never explain. Your friends do not need it and your enemies will not believe it anyway."
Elbert Hubbard
"To escape criticism – do nothing, say nothing, be nothing."
Elbert Hubbard

STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE TIME FOR FULFILLMENT



Two young fish are swimming along and they happen to meet an older fish swimming the other way. The older fish goes by and call out to them, "Morning , boys, how's the water?" The younger fish continue side by side for a while and then one stops and says, "What the hell is water?"

This little joke is taken from a 2005 Kenyon College graduation address delivered by David Foster Wallace, as described on page 285 of his biography entitled, *Every Love Story Is A Ghost Story*. As many of you know, David Foster Wallace was an essayist and novelist noted for producing monstrously long, complex, hysterically funny novels. Often it seemed that DFW knew everything about everything. For the past couple of weeks, since I finished reading the biography, I have been kind of obsessed by David's little joke contained in the Kenyon College commencement address. Yesterday, as I tried to ignore the heat and made my morning canyon walk, I ran into a neighbor and repeated the little fish joke to him. He responded by telling me another tale. A giraffe and a lion were talking and the lion asked, "Do you ever see that old guy down by the river. Every time I see him he looks like he's scared out of his mind and about to faint?"

"Well", the giraffe said, sometimes I see this old guy down by the river but it must be a different guy. This one always looks kind of peaceful and amused."

Do you get the joke? I'm pretty dense and didn't get it at first. Okay, now you get it. When the old man sees the lion, the man is scared out of his wits and looks the part. When he sees the non-threatening, vegetarian giraffe there is no threat. . Everything is a part of an interaction between the observer and the observed. The growling lion scares hell out of the man, while the peaceful giraffe relaxes and amuses him. (For those of you in the know, that is Schrödinger's Cat that you hear meowing.)

Yes, everything about who we are and what we project out into the world impacts on our perceptions and what comes into us. Do you get what I mean? It's like that tree that falls in a forest in a basic philosophy class. Is there a sound if there is no one around to hear it? Is everything an interaction such that there is no observed absent an observer?

Are you thinking about that. And while you're thinking about, that let's go back to the three fish. Remember the old fish says "how's the water?" and the young fish have no idea what the scaly old guy is talking about. (Scaly old guy is a secret reference to myself and this kind of obscure column.)

How come the young fish don't notice the water? It's everywhere around them. It's behind, ahead, above, and below. It's past present, and future simultaneously—sort of like time. So how come they don't even know it's around? I think Wallace's message to the undergraduates is that it is extremely difficult to be aware of life as we live it. Especially for the young, the major experience of life can be nothing but anxiety and irritation. Not just the young; for all of us right now we can be so overcome by worries regarding the future and the economic, environmental, and political circumstances that we completely fail to notice what is going on right now. Have you ever wandered back to your college and noticed how beautiful the place is and wondered how come you never noticed it during the four years you were there.

Maybe the point of David Wallace's joke was that by the time one is old and the overpowering needs have quieted, perhaps it is possible to notice what's been going on all our life. Maybe by time we've reached a certain age we may be wise enough to notice that despite the economy, the politics, the environment, and the creakiness of our bones, things aren't really so bad. Look around right now. People are living twenty years longer, there is less violence than there ever has been and remarkable progress is being made towards alleviating medical problems. Perhaps David Wallace was in such pain that he could not appreciate this or perhaps he couldn't wait. He hung himself in his pleasant Claremont House at age 47. Last year my wife and I took a picture of the house.

Whether or not we've published successful novels we're still around. Hopefully our pain is not so great that we are unable to appreciate what we've accomplished. We're still alive, living in a wonderful place and have done many wonderful things. We care about our families and our communities and, if you take the time to notice all of this, you might well notice that you are actually happy. Really we've done all this and might consider ourselves FULFILLED. If not, there's still time!



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

MY FINAL LAST WORDS, FINALLY, -----WELL ALMOST

If I heard it once, I have heard it a million times and this week was no exception. In fact, the words carelessly tumble from my lips on many occasions, some of which have been perilously near the conclusion of my sermons. Most preachers never conclude their sermons, they just quit when they cannot indulge the congregation another minute longer.

Someone once asked a famous preacher what it meant when he said, "Now, in conclusion ..." He thought for a moment and then replied, "Nothing."

Preachers are not the only ones inflicted with this verbosity virus. Watching a news broadcast recently, I heard a politician tumble head-long into the same abyss; "We're going to make some changes around here," he proclaimed, "and that's my final word on the subject."

It does not really matter which politician pontificated thusly, for all of them have said it at one time or another and usually it is never their "final word" on any subject.

Several things are wrong with that statement.

First, when a politician uses the word "we're" he never means to include himself. It is just a word he uses to confuse the subject at hand. Someone once made this observation, "if all the politicians were laid end to end I would not be surprised."

Secondly, the only change most politicians are interested in is the change in my pocket. They have committees devoted to figuring out how they can change the change in my pocket to their pocket. The slickness to which they do this is most remarkable.

Thirdly, there is no such thing as a "final word" among politicians. Every politician insists on having the last word on any subject even though he knows nothing about the subject at hand.

It is rumored by some unidentified source that the entire political sorority has one brain, which they share. The Democrats have the left side, the Republicans have the right side and they have one intent; mouth in motion at all times. Since they share the same mouth, they both sound alike. When a politician has nothing to say you can be sure he will say it most profusely. Today, the only difference between a Republican and a Democrat is the spelling. One can spell in the other cannot.

Every politician has two faces, before the election and after election. What a politician says before being elected has absolutely no relationship with what he or she will say after the election. The only thing absolutely certain is the newly elected politician will have a lot to say, but not much.

Once elected their only strategy is to stay elected. They will do everything and anything to get my vote. I vote they all be elec-tro-cuted. Nothing would be cuter.

One thing that can be said about the political institution in our country, it is an equal opportunity liars club. Women have as much opportunity to this truth-challenged extravaganza as the men.

I do not know who makes better liars, men or women. The feminine side of this auspicious group has made a miraculous progress in catching up to their male counterparts. They both seemed quite adept in the practice.

Many elected officials go to great lengths to keep their constituency from knowing where they stand on the issues. They are seated on committees so they do not have to reveal where they stand. They are good at sitting and pontificating but bad when it comes to standing for anything, which makes them believe their constituency will fall for anything. And we usually do.

The lawmakers of our day are great "change agents," to use a contemporary phrase. Their opinion on important issues changes with every new poll published. Unfortunately, or fortunately, depending on your point of view, for our friendly politicians, opinion polls can be given every hour on the hour.

Of course, the more important the issue the more the politician reforms his opinion. A politician should have the cleanest mind in our country because they change it so much. Unfortunately, the exchange is usually down.

Perhaps the best final words any politician could utter are, "I won't run again." Usually when a politician says this, it means he is currently running from something or someone.

Regrettably, the only change that comes with a new election is the name on the office door of the public servant.

The bolts and nuts of our political system can be boiled down to; the politicians bolt for or from any excuse and we are nuts for electing them to any office.

I sometimes get weary of all this superfluous change. It is true; the more things change the more they remain the same. What I want to change never does and what I do not want to change does.

You can imagine what comfort I get from the Bible that never changes despite the efforts of some people. Two verses are particularly comforting to me.

One from the Old Testament: "For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." (Malachi 3:6 KJV.)

One from the New Testament: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and forever." (Hebrews 13:8 KJV.)

When it comes to final words, I want that word to come from someone who will not capriciously change that word and upset my life. I can always trust Jesus Christ to give me a word I can always count on.

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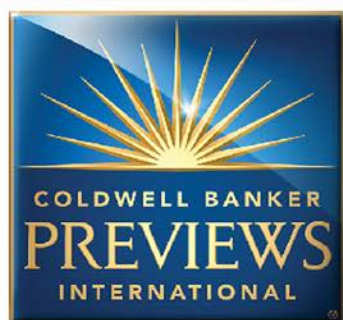
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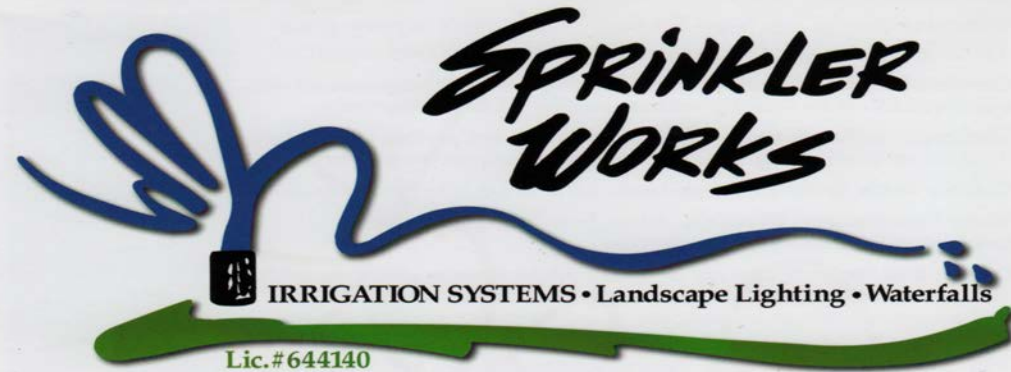


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