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Sierra Madre Compost Give Away is a Huge Success



Ed Chen, Director of Governmental Affairs for Athens Services released the following statement today on the Sierra Madre Compost Giveaway Event, held on Saturday, October 13, 2012.

"The City of Sierra Madre distributed 22.93 tons of organic compost to its residents to beautify their plants & gardens. We thank the city council for their support and bringing awareness to composting. Special thanks go to city staff Adam Matsu-moto and James Carlson for coordinating this event, and Boys Scouts Troop 110 for assisting the residents on the day of the event. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the City of Sierra Madre on these successful events."

Above residents of all ages help load compost; below, l to r: Ed Chen, and Councilmen John Harabedian, Chris Koerber and John Cappoccia.



MIDGE MORASH MEMORIAL DEDICATION

On Sunday, November 11, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in Bailey Canyon Park, Sierra Madre, the Sierra Madre Environmental Action Committee will pay tribute to the memory of Midge Morash, a dear friend to many and one of SMEAC's founders, who passed away July 23, 2011.

For those not familiar with the Sierra Madre Environmental Action Council, S.M.E.A.C., by acronym, was founded in 1971 by an energetic group of environmentalists in the community to address recycling in the city of Sierra Madre long before recycling and green waste diversion was a governmental mandate and to provide a voice and tool for environmental awareness and education. After 41 years SMEAC is still active and committed to this original mission and welcomes new membership and ideas to carry on the work that Midge was so instrumental in initiating.

Midge and her family first came to Sierra Madre in 1961 and there began a lifetime of dedicated volunteerism for the community and beyond. Active in the usual school functions of her four children, John, Kim, Anne, and Paul, she was also a leader of Brownie and Girl Scout troops, and together with her husband Tal, directed YMCA camps in the San Bernardino Mountains.

Midge lived a life dedicated to environmental education and conservation. Her signature contribution was spearheading the creation of Bailey Canyon Wilderness Park. Midge's Girl Scout troop and SMEAC members together transformed a debris basin eyesore into a beautiful native plant park. With information provided by the Eaton Canyon Nature Center, Midge designed the information panels of the park kiosk and the trail guides for the Live Oak and Canyon View nature trails in Bailey Canyon. Midge also developed the Nature Awareness program which recruits and trains docents to lead field trips into the canyon once a year for all 3rd and 4th grade students of Sierra Madre schools.

Outside of her family, Midge's focus and life purpose was to understand and promote the conservation of nature. In her words, "I have a passion for nature and teaching others



about nature. Kids have to learn respect for nature and the knowledge of the environment, and to live respectfully." She carried this same interest and commitment into later volunteer work for an outdoor adventure program with her daughter, Anne, at Casa Colina Hospital for Rehabilitation.

Midge was also an accomplished artist and developed remarkable skills in clay sculpting. "I like faces," she said, and over time filled her home and garden with beautiful sculpted busts. She thoroughly enjoyed music and opera, and was an avid reader and book club member. Always open-minded, Midge was an eloquent speaker and perpetually infused her message with optimism and a ticklish humor. Her endless ways of giving to the community brought her recognition as Sierra Madre Older American of the Year in 2000 and the Fourth of July Parade Grand Marshal in 2009. Midge was a grand lady, a sage, model citizen, and a gentle doer.

Please join the gathering of friends in Bailey Canyon Park, Sunday, November 11, 1:00 under the Elderberry tree, which she aptly named the Tree of Music, to pay tribute to this great woman and share memories of fun times shared together.

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

The City of Sierra Madre City Council approved changes to the City's public transportation services at their Tuesday, October 9th meeting. The changes in schedule will affect the City's Dial-A-Ride program and Round-A-Bout fixed route provided by First Transit, Inc.

The Round-A Bout fixed route will operate Monday through Friday between the hours of 11:00am-1:30pm. The Round-A-Bout transportation route will remain the same, except for the elimination of the Gold Line Station stop. The fixed transportation route will remain within the City of Sierra Madre on a continuous loop. The rider fee will be eliminated and the Round-A-Bout is available for all to use at no cost.

The Dial-A-Ride services will be adjusted to operate Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00am-11:00am and 2:00pm-6:00pm. There are no services provided on Saturday or Sunday. Fares for the Dial-A-Ride service will remain the same at a rate of \$2.00 per one way trip.

All changes go into effect on Thursday, November 1, 2012. For questions regarding transportation service changes please contact the Community Services Office at 626-355-5278. Detailed information including the route map will be available online at www.cityofsierramadre.com.

7th Annual
Sierra Madre
**Wine
Jazz
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Hope**

TODAY!

San Antonio Winery

Proceeds to benefit City of Hope

Saturday, October 27, 2012 • 4 – 7 P.M.

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BURGLARY CHARGES FILED ON ALONZO JOHNSON

In August of 2012 Sierra Madre experienced a series of residential and commercial burglaries. Through the diligent work of Sierra Madre PD Detectives, Alonzo Johnson, 49, a local transient was identified as being responsible for those burglaries.

Giannone said "The hard work of Detective Gonzalez led to the identification of Alonzo Johnson. Detective Gonzalez learned of similar crimes in South Pasadena where Alonzo Johnson was under arrest. Detective Gonzalez obtained information on Johnson and the victims in Sierra Madre positively

identified him as being involved in our local burglaries."

Working in conjunction with the South Pasadena Police Department a series of criminal charges, ranging from Kidnapping, Robbery, and Burglary, were filed on Alonzo Johnson by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

Alonzo Johnson remains in custody and is being held on a 1.195 million dollar bail. He is scheduled for arraignment in Alhambra on October 30, 2012.

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Halloween Haunts & Things PASADENA HAPPENINGS

October 27-28
9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Kidspac Children's Museum hosts the 18TH ANNUAL PUMPKIN FESTIVAL IN PASADENA'S BROOKSIDE PARK, just in front of the museum. Live musical performances, selected crafts, promotional giveaways at the Radio Disney tent and a photo opportunity at the pumpkin patch are all free. Tickets are available for purchase to enjoy the bouncers, pony rides, carnival type games, food, as well as many other attractions. 480 N. Arroyo Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91103

Kids will giggle with delight at the petting zoo, pony rides, exciting bouncers, carnival games, and seasonal crafts. Partake in a costume parade, make your own take-home fall crafts, enjoy face painting, and select pumpkins from our pumpkin patch.

Parents will love the book and costume sale, and tasty picnic treats.

Festival admission is free - as well as the live music/performance, selected crafts, promotions at the Radio Disney tent, and a photo opportunity at the pumpkin patch. There is also plenty of free parking in Lot I of the Rose Bowl adjacent to Brookside Park.

Tickets are available for purchase to enjoy the bouncers, pony rides, games, food, and many other festival attractions.

The annual Pumpkin Festival is organized by the museum's volunteer support group, The Circle of Friends, and offers even the youngest children a fun and safe way to celebrate the season. All proceeds benefit Kidspac Children's Museum.

Wednesday, October 31 5 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

The City of Pasadena summons all good ghosts and ghouls, witches, zombies and others to join in the fantastic family fun at its Fall Festival 2012 at Victory Park, 2575 Paloma Street in Pasadena.

The event offers an enchanting night of safe, family fun with activities for the entire family. Admission is free and special costume contests for all age groups are planned, starting with the Toddler contest at 5:30 p.m.; Youth at 6:00 p.m.; and Teens, Adults and Seniors at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets for main attractions including a train ride around the park, a big slide and Haunted House will be sold onsite. The event is sponsored by the City of Pasadena, including the Human Services and Recreation Department, Pasadena Police Department, Pasadena Fire Department, Pasadena Public Health Department, Pasadena Public Libraries and Amory Center of the Arts. For more information regarding this event, call (626) 744-7507.



2012 SIERRA MADRE HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

The Community Services Department is hosting its annual Halloween Happenings on Wednesday, October 31, 2012. Halloween Happenings' activities include the downtown trick-or-treating sponsored by the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce, as well as the costume parade and costume contest, supported by the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club.

Downtown trick-or-treating will take place from 3:30pm-5:00pm on Wednesday, October 31, 2011.

Halloween Costume Parade and Contest:

The costume contest registration will be available at Kersting Court from 4:00pm-5:00pm. All youth must pre-register in Kersting Court to be able to participate in the costume contest. Prizes will be given out in each of the five age categories: walking to 2 years, 3-4 years old, 5-7 years old, 8-10 years old and 11 years & up.

The costume parade will depart from Kersting Court at 5:00pm and will be led by the Sierra Madre Fire Department, with the Sierra Madre Police Department bringing up the rear.

Once the parade arrives at Memorial Park, the costume contest will begin at approximately 5:30pm at the Memorial Park Bandshell. All prizes for the costume contest are provided by the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club.

The judges for this year's contest are:
Pat Birdsell, Susan Henderson, Joe Pergola and Judy Webb-Martin; Senior Community Commissioner Jacquie Pergola; Shirley Anhalt; and Captain Rich Snyder from the Sierra Madre Fire Department.

All activities for the Sierra Madre Halloween Happenings are free! For more information please call the Community Services Department at 626-355-5278.



Weather Wise



5-Day Forecast

Sierra Madre, Ca.

Mon:	Ptly Cldy	Hi 80s	Lows 50s
Tues:	Ptly Cldy	Hi 80s	Lows 50s
Wed:	Sunny	Hi 80s	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: November 13 2012

SIERRA MADRE OCT/NOV EVENTS

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

11/1 3:00 Senior Community Commission

7:00 Planning Commission

11/6 7:00 Library Trustees Special Mtg.



11/13 6:00 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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broom	moon	h n g b g n i k p m u p n o o m
caldron	mummy	c a g l w e r e w o l f o t x y
coffin	night	r o n i z z y l t i j g r i b v
costumes	owl	e m e n c s b e w a a i d o d a
creepy	potions	e o t s e m u t s o c j l n r m
crypt	pumpkin	p n h n b r o o m k k k a s a p
dracula	scary	y i g a w m p n o t o w c h c i
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ghoul	spirits	s c r e e c h w h t t o o h r u
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FREE PUBLIC FORUM NOV. 1, 2012

Women Hold Up Half the Sky - But Why Only 25 percent of Elected Offices Nationwide?

The League of Women Voters Pasadena Area is sponsoring a public forum Nov. 1 about women in elected office and why, if women hold up half the sky, only 25 percent hold elected offices nationwide. The forum will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Women's City Club, 160 N. Oakland Ave., Pasadena.

Marguerite Cooper of National Women's Political Caucus will moderate a panel that includes L.A. County's only elected female mayor, Mary Ann Lutz of Monrovia; Renatta Cooper, president of the Pasadena Unified School District Board of Education; and Miranda Alvarado, a college student who is considering a career in politics. (Due to the nonpartisan policy of the League, the two women from the wider Pasadena area currently campaigning for election to Congress will not be participating.)

Panelists will discuss their own career trajectories, challenges in running for office, and their views on the role of women in politics. An open discussion will follow about how to encourage greater representation of women at all levels of government. This part of the program addresses the League's advocacy for equality, in part based on the following data.

- Nationally, there are only 89 women in the U.S. Congress, or 17 percent of representatives. (Interestingly, the representatives of Guam, the Virgin Islands, and Washington, D.C., are all women.)
- Six women are governors of states (12 percent) and 24 percent of state legislators in the U.S. are women.
- Among the 100 largest cities in the U.S., just seven have female mayors.
- Here in California, women make up 27 percent of the state legislature, 24 percent of county Boards of Supervisors, and 38 percent of the California congressional delegation.
- Among the 10 cities in the local League's service area, all but one - San Marino -- have at least one, and usually only one, woman on the city council. Monrovia and Alhambra have women mayors. (In Alhambra, the council chooses the mayor.)

Lunch is available for \$20, including tax, tip and parking. The forum is free. For lunch reservations and information, call 626-798-0965.

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

October 15 - 21, 2012

Monday, October 15, 2012

At 1:26 am, a passerby reported seeing a utility truck parked in the 500 block of Manzanita Avenue leaking fuel. Police and Fire personnel responded and found that the unattended truck had leaked several gallons of fuel in the roadway causing a public hazard. Fire personnel used an absorbent material on the spilled fuel to assist with the cleanup. The truck was subsequently towed away due to the hazard it posed to the public.

Thursday, October 18, 2012

At 3:51 pm, a resident reported that the "Marlborough Terrace" sign is missing and is believed to have been stolen. The sign was attached to the rock wall on the northeast corner of Churchill Road and Mountain Trail Avenue. The sign appears to have been missing for approximately three weeks. It's believed to have been taken on the 28th or 29th of September 2012. The hand carved wooden sign, valued at approximately \$1,000.00, marked the entrance to the upper canyon area.

Saturday, October 20, 2012

At 12:56 am, officers responded to the 100 block of West Sierra Madre Boulevard regarding a battery that had just occurred at a local bar. Officers arrived and determined that a verbal argument ensued after a drink was accidentally spilled on a patron. After the argument ended an uninvolved female punched the female victim in the face causing her nose to bleed. The female suspect left the scene prior to police arrival. Officers conducted an investigation and identified the suspect, but the victim refused to file charges and prosecute the suspect.

Sunday, October 21, 2012

At 12:57 am, officers responded to Kersting Court regarding a petty theft. The suspect reportedly took a glass mug filled with alcohol from an outdoor tabletop of the local restaurant. Officers conducted an area check for the suspect and found the 25 year old male suspect walking eastbound on Laurel Avenue from Baldwin Avenue with a group of friends still holding the stolen glass mug in his hand. The suspect was un-cooperative with officers and found to be so intoxicated that he was unable to care for himself. The suspect was arrested and transported to Pasadena PD jail for remand.

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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.

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PASADENA HUMANE SOCIETY BEGINS DOG LICENSE CANVASING

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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.

WATER-WISE LANDSCAPING TOPIC OF NOVEMBER GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Jorge Pena, owner of Mama Mountain Landscapes, Inc., is known for designing and implementing unusual, drought-tolerant landscapes that add function and artistic value to a site. Dedicated to educating residents about creative ways to beautify spaces while reducing maintenance costs and water consumption, Jorge will discuss the benefits of water conservation in the landscape and how to implement it. Since plant selection is so important to this type of gardening, Jorge will bring examples of his favorite flora and distribute information about the local nurseries that carry them.

Mama Mountain Landscapes, Inc., grew from a local landscaping company based in Sierra Madre to a regional business serving the greater Los Angeles area. Specializing in drought-

tolerant landscapes, the company uses the latest products and plant varieties to create living works of art including hardscaping and water features. Jorge is looking forward to answering our questions and has experience in landscape design and construction, hillside restoration, erosion control, grading and drainage. Examples of his work can be seen at: www.mamamountain.com.

Anyone interested in water-wise landscaping or gardening in general is invited to attend the November 12 meeting of the Sierra Madre Garden Club. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program at 7:15 p.m. The catered dinner is \$9 and reservations for dinner must be made by November 8, at 626-836-4945. There is no charge for attending only the program. Location: Hart Park House, Memorial Park, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. For more information, visit www.smgarden.org.

RADIO FISHBOWL THIS WEEK

Carol Canterbury's, 'CANTERBURY TALES' Tuesdays at noon

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can hear the Premiere Broadcast which aired on Oct 25th show on podcast. Go to: <http://www.radiofishbowl.com/#shows/vstc1=our-travel-affair>

VILLAGE INTERSECTIONS - Gene Goss will have Republican Candidate for State Assembly Donna Lowe as his guest on Village Intersections this Friday at 12:00 Noon.

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1630 AM
EMERGENCY RADIO &
Free on-air publicity for local events

Sierra Madre's EMERGENCY 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.

*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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School, Health Department Evacuated After Bomb Threat

Suspect Arrested

Officials at the city's health department received bomb threats Thursday prompting police to evacuate the building, at 1845 North Fair Oaks Avenue. Detectives later arrested 25-year-old Jerardo Cortez, of Altadena, in connection to the threats.

Police said detectives were following up on leads in the area of 1700 block of N. Fair Oaks Avenue, when they interviewed Cortez. During the interview he admitted to making the bomb threat against the Pasadena Public Health Department and a bomb threat the day before at Washington Middle School.

Cortez was booked at the Pasadena City Jail for Criminal Threats with a bail of \$50,000.

Police said Cortez made two calls to the police department saying he was armed and in a location close to the Public Health Department. The first call was made at approximately 9:00 a.m. with a second call at approximately 10:50 a.m. according to police.

Students at Washington Middle School were evacuated Wednesday about 1:45 p.m. after police say Cortez call in a bomb threat.

The Pasadena Health Department was searched by police officers and bomb K9 units and it was determined safe and reopened at 2:00 p.m. Cortez told police Washington Middle School would explode at 2:45 p.m. After bomb-sniffing dogs failed to find explosives the school was reopened Thursday.

Pet of the Week



Charlie is a brown and white, three-year-old pit bull. He's a strong, yet gentle fellow and loves attention. He enjoys going for walks and is very affectionate too! He'd be great for an experienced dog owner.

In honor of Adopt-a-Shelter-Dog Month, Charlie's adoption fee is \$99 (regular adoption fee is \$120) for the month of October. The \$99 adoption fee 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 A315592, 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.

Rose Queen Crowned

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses President, Sally Bixby, crowned the 95th Rose Queen Vanessa Manjarrez, Thursday in an official Coronation ceremony presented by Citizens Business Bank at the Pasadena Convention Center and supported by Royal Court sponsors Macy's and Mikimoto.

"Queen Vanessa and our six Rose Princesses are all outstanding young women and I'm proud to welcome them into the Tournament of Roses family," Bixby said. "They are inspirational and articulate ambassadors of the Tournament and I know they will carry on the traditions of the Royal Court with poise and grace."

As an official ambassador of the Tournament of Roses, Queen Vanessa will participate in more than 150 community and media functions along with the seven Rose Princesses.

"I'm so honored to be Rose Queen, and representing the Tournament of Roses has already been amazing,"

Brennerm and San Rafael Parks to get Improvements



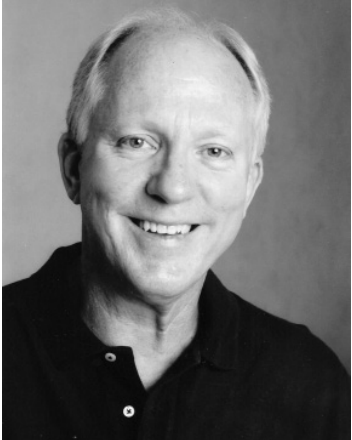
Improvements projects by the Pasadena Department of Public Works at two City parks—Brenner and San Rafael—mean there will be temporary, partial closures and limited access to both facilities effective immediately.

A \$50,000 project to renovate the softball field at Brenner Park, 235 Barthe Drive, will have the field fenced off and closed at least through February 1, 2013. The closure allows time to complete the project and the new turf to take root.

Over at San Rafael Park, located at Colorado Boulevard and Melrose Avenue, the department is engaged in a \$55,000 project to replace swings and other playground equipment. This work area will be fenced and closed to the public through the end of November 2012.

The Brenner Park project includes enhancements to the irrigation system; laser grading of the infield; additional infield mix; improved transition between infield and outfield areas; leveling the outfield soil; and re-seeding the field. To reduce water consumption and promote environmental

Speaking Of, John Schulian



Allendale Branch Library is launching "Speaking Of" a new series of quarterly programs which will explore the lives and creative journeys of Pasadena's most enduring artistic and cultural figures – people who have left an indelible impression on the artistic and cultural landscape of Pasadena and beyond.

The inaugural program will examine the forty-year career of one of the country's preeminent sportswriters, John Schulian. It will be held on Saturday, November 10 at 2 p.m. at Allendale Branch Library, 1130 S. Marengo Ave.

Schulian burst to prominence in the 1970s as a nationally syndicated columnist for the Chicago Sun-Times and added to his reputation with freelance stories for such magazines as GQ and Sports Illustrated. In the mid-'80s, he surprised



2013 Rose Queen Vanessa Manjarrez receives her crown from Tournament of Roses President Sally Bixby

Manjarrez said. "Now that we have these beautiful dresses and our crown and tiaras, the whole experience of being on the Royal Court is even more special."

Manjarrez, 17, lives in

stewardship, the project also

calls for removing select locations of non-essential turf including the area behind the bleachers, adjacent to the restrooms and the strip between third base and the perimeter fence.

At San Rafael, crews will be replacing existing swings with a larger unit to allow for more simultaneous use and the addition of new standalone playground equipment. The playground enhancements will provide additional play opportunities for 5- to 12-year-old children while maintaining the existing opportunities for younger children.

In addition to the new play equipment, the project includes perimeter curbs, accessibility ramps, wood fiber playground surfacing, irrigation upgrades and replacement turf. During construction, the contractor will close and fence off a portion of the existing play and adjacent turf areas as well as periodic closures of the park's perimeter walkway. For more information, call (626) 744-4720 or via e-mail at swright@cityofpasadena.net.

readers and colleagues by jumping to Hollywood, where he broke into TV with a script for L.A. Law and went on to write and produce such series as Miami Vice, Wiseguy, and JAG. His most recognizable show business achievement, however, was co-creating Xena: Warrior Princess, which became the world's most popular syndicated drama. And yet through it all he kept his hand in sports writing, out of love for the business and devotion to the written word.

The discussion, punctuated by video clips of various events and athletes he covered, will touch upon moments of triumph and heartache from baseball, football, basketball, horse racing, and the sport whose battles and combatants inspired some of Schulian's most memorable writing: professional boxing. Video highlights will include the 1985 middleweight championship bout between Marvelous Marvin Hagler and Thomas Hearns ("the single most electrifying event he covered in any sport"), and the 1980 heavyweight championship match in which Larry Holmes dismantled an aging Muhammad Ali ("the saddest night I ever saw in sports . . . it was like covering an execution"). A Pasadena resident, Schulian will also sign copies of his recently-published anthology, Sometimes They Even Shook Your Hand: Portraits of Champions Who Walked Among Us.

Pasadena and attends Mayfield Senior School, where she is on the Diversity Committee and Advising Council. She also participates in the Dance Conservatory and is involved with the National Charity League, the Pasadena Humane Society and Villa Esperanza.

The 124th Rose Parade themed Oh, the Places You'll Go! will take place Tuesday, Jan. 1, at 8 a.m. Following the parade, the 99th Rose Bowl Game presented by VIZIO will kick off at 2:10 p.m.

For additional information on the Tournament of Roses please visit the official website at www.tournamentofroses.com.

Police Talk Man Out of Suicide

Pasadena police responded Monday afternoon to a man on the Colorado Street Bridge sitting on the outside of the railing shutting down the iconic landmark for hours, known to many, as Suicide Bridge.

According to police, officers made verbal contact at approximately 3:40 p.m. with Daniel Orona a 41-year-old homeless Pasadena man. Police said Orona indicated he was suicidal. Pasadena Police Crisis Negotiators and the H.O.P.E Team talked Orona out of suicide as he indicated he was depressed over financial and personal issues.

Pasadena Fire Department, Engine 39 deployed the Rescue Inflatable Bag under the area of where Mr. Orona was sitting.

Police said at 5:10 p.m. Orona climbed back over the railing with the assistance of police officers. Mr. Orona was transported to a hospital for psychiatric evaluation. The bride was reopened shortly after.

"Excellent team work by Pasadena Police and Fire personnel in their efforts to save a man's life", Chief of police Phillip Sanchez said.

PCC Courier Wins General Excellence

The weekly Courier newspaper, published by the Pasadena City College Journalism Department, was recently honored with the coveted General Excellence award at the Southern California conference of the Journalism Association of Community Colleges.

"It always feels good to be recognized for our hard work," Editor-in-Chief Nick Saul said. "And I'm proud of how successful the staff did in the on-the-spot competitions."

Held at Cal State Fullerton, the conference was attended by about 400 students and faculty from more than 20 community college journalism programs. The top award from the JACC was given for student work in the 2011-2012 academic year. The newspaper, produced entirely by students in the journalism program, was judged according to criteria that included writing, photography, design, and editing.

For more information or to access the Courier, go to www.pcccourier.com.

Police Still Searching For Rape Suspect

The hunt continued for a male suspect accused of sexually assaulting a female victim last week as she left a night club in old Pasadena. Police say they have stepped up enforcement in the area and released a sketch of the possible rapist.

According to police, on Saturday, October 13, just before midnight the female victim left a night club in Old Pasadena. The victim walked down a nearby alley where the suspect made contact with her. Police said, under threat he took her to a darkened, secluded parking area further down the alley. The suspect sexually assaulted the victim and then walked away from the area on foot. Minutes after the assault the victim was found by a group of people passing by and the police were contacted.

Police are asking for the public's help.

The suspect is described as a male, Hispanic, 30 to 40 years



old, 5'6" to 5'9", medium build, thin mustache and goatee, possible flat mole or dark mark on cheek beneath unshaven hair (unknown which side and not depicted in sketch), wearing all dark clothing.

Anyone with information about this crime is asked to contact Detective Sandeen at 626-744-7099 or ssandeen@cityofpasadena.net

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

Halloween Safty Tips and Reminders to Help all Witches, Ghosts and Ghouls



Halloween is meant to be a special treat for children and adults alike, but many of its hallmarks, costumes and decorations pose fire, safety and other accident hazards. Pasadena's Police, Fire and Public Health Officials offer the following tips and reminders to help all witches, ghosts and ghouls enjoy a safe Halloween.

Costumes

Wear a costume that is easily seen by others, especially motorists, and is easy to walk in.

Avoid costumes with billowy, long-trailing fabric that can easily ignite or be a tripping hazard. Make sure masks fit properly and eye holes are large enough to easily see out. Consider wearing facial make-up instead.

Candles and Decorations

Halloween is one of the top five days of the year when candles are used, and according to the National Fire Protection Association, candles cause about 15,000 house fires each year, more than 1,200 serious injuries, close to 200 deaths and \$450 million in property damage.

Always use caution with candles and never leave lit candles unattended.

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

Keep all exists clear of decorations and have a fire

to find the story, the tools needed to capture the story and the means to tell the story using the power of video, audio and print along with online social media. The next meeting is Oct. 30 from 6: 30 p.m. to 8p.m. at the Pasadena Community Network - Studio G, 2057 N. Los Robles Ave.

For more info call 626.794.8585.

Halloween Safty Tips and Reminders to Help all Witches, Ghosts and Ghouls

extinguisher nearby. Consider using flashlights or battery-operated candles instead.

Light candles inside Jack o' Lanterns with long, fireplace-style matches or utility lighters.

Make sure children are watched at all times when around lit candles. Be sure young ones know how to stop, drop, roll and cover their faces if clothing catches fire.

Trick or Treating

Always go with friends and stay in a group. Plan your route, using well-lit streets and tell your family which streets you plan to use and your return time.

Parents or other adults should always go with the young trick-or-treaters. Everyone should use flashlights or glow-sticks to increase visibility. Use reflective tape on costumes.

Cross only at corners, not in the middle of the block or from between parked cars.

Review with children how to safely cross a street with by looking left, right and left again to spot approaching cars. If no sidewalk, stay as far left of the roadway as possible and walk facing traffic.

Never eat any goodies until you are safely home and have checked all treats. Parents should help youngsters check all treats. Throw away candy or food not commercially wrapped and sealed. Notify parents and police if there are any suspicious treats.

As an alternative, attend an organized Halloween party. It's fun to get together with other ghosts and goblins! If your children are attending Halloween parties at others' homes, remind them to be alert for ways out of the home in an emergency.

Adults and Motorists

Use extra caution while driving on Halloween. Be on the look-out for trick-or-treaters.

Celebrate responsibly and designate a driver if attending parties or other festivities.

For more information, call the Pasadena Fire Department at (626) 744-7177 or the Pasadena Police Department at (626) 744-4241.

“What’s Going On?”

News and Views from Joan Schmidt



KATERI TEKAKWITHA, FIRST NATIVE AMERICAN AMONG SEVEN SAINTS CANONIZED IN ROME

This past Sunday was an amazing day. In Rome, Paul Benedict XVI canonized seven saints. Two had special ties to upstate New York, but were separated by two centuries! Kateri Tekakwitha, the *Lilly of the Mohawks* was born Auriesville, New York in 1656.

Her father was Mohawk, her mother, Algonquin Christian. However both parents and younger brother died of smallpox when Kateri was only two years old. She was raised by relatives, but they were furious when she expressed a desire to be baptized. At age twenty, she was baptized with the name “Kateri. (Katherine) Life was hard for her, but two kind Christian Indians helped her escape to a Christian community in Canada, where she received her First Communion. She carried water, cooked, sewed, and attended daily Mass. On a trip to Montreal to sell Native American handicrafts, she met a religious order of nuns and professed her vows on the Feast of the Annunciation, devoting her life entirely to God. Her private penances and hard work left her ill. She died at the young age of 24. Her canonization is so special because she is the first Native American to be canonized. (In Washington state, Jake Finkbonner, a 12 year old Native American was cured of the flesh-eating bacteria and that miracle led to Kateri’s canonization.



The second American to be canonized is Mother Marianne Cope. She was born in Germany, but grew up in Utica New York. She was a “shining example of the best tradition of Catholic nursing sisters and her beloved St. Francis.” Mother Marianne answered the call to go to Molokai, Hawaii and treat the Lepers, when few people would. She worked with Father Damian De Veuster, who was canonized in 2009. Mother Marianne’s miracle was when Sharon Smith of Syracuse New York was cured from pancreatitis.

Cardinal Dolan of the New York Archdiocese was thrilled about these two new saints. “We share them. The Canadians love Kateri and the Hawaiians, Mother Marianne.”

The other Saints include Pedro Calungsod, a Filipino martyr killed in 1672 when he was helping Spanish Jesuits convert natives; Jacques Berthieu, a 19th century Jesuit killed in Madagascar; Carmen Salles y Barangueras, a Spanish nun;

Giovanni Battista Piamarta, who founded a religious order in 1900 and established a Catholic printing and publishing house in Brescia, Italy; and Anna Schaeffer, a 19th Century German lay worker who became a model for the sick and suffering after she fell into a boiler and badly burned her legs, which never healed, causing constant pain.

Here in Los Angeles County, I know of two celebrations. At the Cathedral, Bishop Alexander Salazar celebrated a special Mass honoring both American Saints. In Santa Clarita, at her parish, retired Cardinal Roger Mahoney celebrated a special Mass at 12:30. He was joined by Bishop Gerald Wilkerson, San Fernando Pastoral Region, Monsignor Slattery and several priests and deacons. My daughter and I drove up, and the sign had been changed to *Saint* Kateri Tekakwitha Church. The Parish began in 1998, and it was the Cardinal who had suggested Blessed Kateri as its Patron. The Mass was beautiful and during the homily, the Cardinal not only discussed the readings, but retold Kateri’s story. There were Native American music and special offerings while the gifts were brought up. The Church was overflowing and outside people could hear the services and see inside. It’s really a beautiful structure-the sides are all glass, and light comes in. There is a sidewalk around the building and beautiful flowers and shrubs.

After Mass, there was fellowship in the Hall and we were made welcome. Besides the retired and active priests, many deacons and parishioners, visitors from St. Clare’s Parish in Canyon County attended. What an awesome experience!



ROLAND TREVINO OF ALTADENA USES THE ANCIENT ATLATL

By Christoper Nyerges

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history of the atlatl after that, and began researching them. I immediately starting working on a traditional design from Mexico, which is used even to this day on Lake Patzcuaro in state of Michoacan, Mexico. I made my first atlatl exactly to specifications,” he says, showing the beautiful piece of art.

However, Trevino pointed out that the design was not the most efficient for him – the finger grips were a bit too thick, for example -- so it is now a wall-hanger. Still, Trevino points out, this atlatl design is still used today in Mexico, where the spears are thrown from canoes to hunt waterfowl, and instead of an arrowhead, there are three iron-pronged barbs.

“More recently, Tom Mills gave my wife Marikan and our children small atlatls, which seemed lightweight, but they worked very well. They are of Basketmaker design, named after a civilization of the American Southwest that made this style of atlatl,” explains Trevino.

Trevino told me about the petroglyphs he saw in Valley of Fire National Park, Nevada, which showed people using atlatls. And then there were the famous confrontations with the Aztecs and Spanish. The Aztecs actually won many of the initial battles by using their atlatl spears which could be he hurled with lethal impact far further than the range of the Spanish blackpowder muskets.

Trevino practices with his bows and atlatls about once a week. With the atlatl, he practices with a target at 15 and 20 yards, since those are the distances used in the atlatl competitions.

Besides his artistic Tarascan atlatl, Trevino is in the process of making others of various designs.



He also experiments with the spears, which are generally at least twice the length of an archery arrow, but which can be up to approximately seven feet long.

“Some arctic peoples used short darts thrown from kayaks,” explains Trevino. “But the spear must bend to work right, since it harnesses, stores, and releases energy when bends. The longer they are the better, but I am experimenting,” he says.

He has used bamboo for his spears, and also the invasive Arundo donax reed, common all over California. “Either will work,” he says, and Trevino has also used willow and mulefat shoots. The key is to get them as straight as possible and to use hardwood foreshafts.

“I think the Arundo donax makes an excellent spear. It’s a very invasive plant and no one minds if you cut them. I find the very thin ones, cut them when green and tie them up, and let them dry for a few months until they turn brown and get hard,” says Trevino.

For more research, Trevino suggests looking on-line at the many resources, including Atlatl Bob, and PaleoPlanet.

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HOW TO HUNT A SPACE ROCK



Peter Willis and his team of researchers at JPL had a problem. Actually, more like they had a solution that needed a problem. Confused? Let’s let Peter give it a shot...

“My team and I came up with a new lab on a chip,” said Willis, a scientist at JPL’s Microdevices Lab. “It essentially miniaturizes an automated sample processing and analysis instrument that could be put aboard future spacecraft and sent to distant planets, moons and asteroids. One challenge we have is finding new and interesting samples to try our chip on.”

On the evening of Aug. 21, 2012, a large fireball that turned night into day was reported over a mountain range halfway between Reno and Salt Lake City. By convention, the meteorite was named after the nearest town or prominent geographic feature.

“We first heard about the Battle Mountain meteorite on the morning of Wednesday, Sept. 5,” said Willis. “We were on the road to Nevada the next afternoon.”

The challenge with meteorites is that that the longer these bit of space debris reside on Earth, the more they are exposed to the corrosive effects of Earthly elements. JPL’s miniature lab on a chip was tasked with looking for chemical markers and amino acids that originated in space, not manufactured naturally here on Earth. To give their new instrument a true test run, Willis’ team needed a factory-fresh piece of the heavens.

After a night at a local motel, Willis, along with fellow JPLers Amanda Stockton, Josh Schoolcraft, Fernanda Mora and Morgan Cable, packed hiking gear and a whole bunch of water into their SUV and struck out for Battle Mountain, Nevada.

Working with weather radar data as well as testimonials from those who witnessed the fireball, the team generated an impact zone to concentrate their search.



Above, JPL’s Battle Mountain meteorite hunters. Pictured from left to right: Peter Willis, Amanda Stockton, Josh Schoolcraft, Fernanda Mora, Morgan Cable, J.P. Kirby. Right, meteorite from Battle Mountain Images credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech

“The first day, we covered 6 miles of mountainous terrain on foot but didn’t find anything but terrestrial rocks and the occasional whiptail lizard,” said Willis. “The next day was going to be our last shot, so we planned to drive much deeper into the estimated impact zone. The problem was, the most negotiable route ended up taking us through an active mine claim. We quickly found out that miners are not much interested in rocks from space.”

“We were fixing a flat when they drove up and told us to turn around,” said Willis. “We needed to get the tire repaired anyway, so we headed back to town to regroup and look for a different route which didn’t cross mining land.”

The new route made full use of their SUV’s 4-wheel drive capability. The team negotiated narrow, sloping, unpaved, sand-flooded

switchbacks before arriving near the center of their estimated impact zone. For the next three hours, the team fanned out in different directions, but found nothing extraterrestrial in nature. By 4:30 p.m., it was getting to be time to wrap things up. JPL’s Josh Schoolcraft had just begun the final leg of his search...when he saw it. Sitting there on the mountainside, amidst a tangle of sun-bleached dirt, pebbles and scrub was a jet-black rock.

“I knew right away it was what we were looking for,” said Schoolcraft. “It was a carbonized, unweathered black mass, unlike anything else we had seen in our two days of searching. It clearly had not been there for very long.”

A 1.4-pound fragment of the Battle Mountain meteorite is currently undergoing analysis by the team’s lab-on-a-chip systems at JPL.

You can contact Bob Eklund at: b.eklund@MtnViewsNews.com.



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FATAL CRASH INVOLVING CAR AND BICYCLIST

The Arcadia Police Department Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) was called to assist Patrol with an automobile vs. bicyclist collision, occurring Saturday evening (October 20, 2012) shortly before 10:00 p.m. at Santa Anita Avenue and Duarte Road. Contrary to the original News Release, the preliminary investigation has found the bicyclist was stopped for a red arrow in the southbound #1 left turn lane. The signal for southbound through traffic phased to green and shortly thereafter, the bicyclist swerved to the right, into the path of a vehicle being driven southbound in the #1 through lane, on the green light. The southbound vehicle stuck the bicyclist who was thrown from the bike, striking his head, causing severe injury. The bicyclist was treated by Arcadia Paramedics and transported to a local hospital.

The bicyclist is a 16-year-old male, and the driver, a 26-year-old male, both residents of Arcadia. The driver did not appear DUI and toxicology results are pending for both parties. The bicyclist was not wearing a helmet at the time of collision.

During the morning hours on Tuesday, October 23, 2012, investigators were informed that the bicyclist had succumbed to injuries sustained in the collision. The Department sends condolences to the family and friends of the bicyclist, as well as to the driver and witnesses to the collision.

'UNFORGETTABLE' CRYSTAL BALL DEEMED 'ANOTHER SUCCESS'

With this year's "unforgettable" Crystal Ball now history, the numbers are in, and the exciting event was yet another success. Money raised from at Methodist Hospital's 23rd annual fundraiser was estimated to be just shy of a half of million dollars.

The 870 guests at the Pasadena Convention Center on October 13 enjoyed Natalie Cole's classy performance, along with an elegant dinner and silent and live auctions. Of the \$470,000 total raised for the hospital's elite stroke program, \$104,000 was donated by guests that evening alone.

The glittering gala honored former hospital president and CEO Dennis Lee and his wife, Carolyn, for their years of support for the hospital and the community. "It was both gratifying and inspiring to witness first-hand the community coming together to financially support the hospital and to honor Dennis and Carolyn Lee, who have contributed greatly to the long-term success of the hospital," event co-chair Peggy Cherng said.

Cherng's co-chair John Wu added, "It has been truly an honor and pleasure to work with Peggy and to honor Dennis and Carolyn for their contributions and commitment to the hospital and our community. I want to thank all the committee members for their tireless efforts in making sure we had a successful event. Most of all, I want to thank each person who attended Crystal Ball. Without your support, we would not have had such a great event."

Natalie Cole, daughter of jazz legend Nat King Cole, performed her own hits such as "This Will Be (An Everlasting Love)," "Inseparable," "Our Love" and, of course, her Grammy-award-winning "Unforgettable...with Love."

Among the exciting auction items: a haircut for Dennis Lee, a private jet trip, sporting packages and accommodations at the Canyon Suites Resort and Spa at the Phoenician, as well as a personal meeting with Natalie Cole following her performance.

Grand sponsors for the evening were: the Honorable Michael and Christine Antonovich, Angela Y. Fu, Cole and Cindy Harris; Andrew and Peggy Cherng, John and Jane Wu; Cherng Family Trust; Chang-Huan (C.H.) and Haily Hsueh; Panda Restaurant Group, Inc.; and Mickey and Lee Segal, and Alan and Sandy Whitman.

This year's proceeds support Methodist Hospital's stroke program, designated an advanced primary stroke center for Los Angeles County by The Joint Commission and recent recipient of the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get



2012 Crystal Ball Committee – Ben Harrington, Patty Wondries, Jill Boli, Dr. K. Heiner Vogelbach, Sue and Dick Hale, Co-Chairs Peggy Cherng and John Wu, Mike and Terry Lee, Susan Woo, Angela Fu, Dr. James Lin, Shelly Liu, Mickey Segal and Lindburgh McPherson. Not pictured – Christine Antonovich, Francine Chiu, Cindy Harris, C.H. Hsueh, Matthew Lawrence, Ulanda Lee, Mei-mei Liu, Ivy Sun, Dr. Richard Sun, Angel Throop and Dorenda Wong.

With The Guidelines'-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award.

An inspiring video featured stroke survivor Dane Warner and his wife, Jill, talking about their frightening experience and the great response from the Methodist Hospital stroke team.

"Any event like the Crystal Ball is the result of the work of many hands and hours of dedication and I'm very grateful to our co-chairs and committee," said Methodist Hospital Foundation President Michael Driebe. "This event has become the premiere gala in the San Gabriel Valley. In the last two years alone, we have raised over a million dollars after expenses and we couldn't do it without our volunteers, sponsors and guests."

About Methodist Hospital
Founded in 1903, Methodist Hospital is a not-for-profit hospital licensed for 596 beds serving Arcadia and surrounding communities. Services include comprehensive acute care such as medical, surgical, perinatal, oncology, intensive care and complete cardiovascular services, including open-heart surgery. Methodist Hospital is an approved STEMI cardiac center, a certified stroke center and a center of excellence in bariatric services. The hospital's cancer center is accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer. Methodist Hospital is accredited by The Joint Commission, which accredits and certifies more than 19,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States. For more information, visit methodisthospital.org.

E-WASTE DRIVE NOVEMBER 3RD

The Holly Avenue PTA and the Holly Avenue School Garden Club are sponsoring an E-waste Drive on Saturday, November 3rd, to take place from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM in the Holly Avenue School parking lot at 360 W. Duarte Road in Arcadia. Many types of electronics will be accepted, including computers, telephones and telephone equipment, television and computer monitors, printers, fax machines, scanners, keyboards, copiers, DVD players, stereo equipment, miscellaneous computer parts and cords, lamps, toasters, and nearly anything that plugs in.

Contact: Rich Baikie 626-840-1060 rbaikie@aol.com

Haunted Halloween Happening

The City of Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department is excited to announce the ninth annual Haunted Halloween event at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007! On Wednesday, October 31st, elementary school students dressed in their best costume can roam the haunted hallways of the Community Center and enjoy activities which include Scary Crafts, Trick-or-Treating and Goblin Games. Undercover costume judges will roam the festivities in search of participants wearing the best costumes! This event is free of charge and open to the public. The festivities run from 4:30-6:30pm. For more information please call 626.574.5113.

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, October 14th, through Saturday, October 20th, the Police Department responded to 967 calls for service of which 112 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, October 14:

- At about 5:14 a.m., officers responded to Matt Denny's, 143 East Huntington Drive, regarding a sounding alarm. Officers discovered unknown suspect(s) forced entry through a rear door, ransacked the location, and fled undetected with several bottles of liquor. No one saw or heard anything suspicious.
- At approximately 11:41 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 400 block of West Longden Avenue in reference to a possible mail theft. Two witnesses reported seeing a male subject loitering in front of their residence and watched him steal a package from a neighbor's mailbox. Officers located the suspect one block away. An investigation revealed the suspect removed the contents - an iPhone 5 cellphone case, and discarded the packaging material in the street. The 31-year-old Black male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, October 15:

- Around 2:25 p.m., an unknown suspect evaded a traffic stop for no front license plate in the area of Fifth Avenue and Santa Clara Street. The driver failed to yield numerous times and proceeded at a high rate of speed along East Huntington Drive. Due to heavy traffic in the surrounding business district and unsafe conditions, the officer discontinued the pursuit. Further investigation revealed the vehicle's rear license plate was stolen. The suspect can be identified if seen again.
- Shortly after 10:20 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a blue Honda Civic for tinted windows on Huntington Drive at Morian Place. A search of the driver revealed she was in possession of drug paraphernalia. The 53-year-old White female was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Tuesday, October 16:

- At approximately 7:00 a.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle for speeding on Duarte Road, near Lyndon Avenue. Upon contact with the driver, the officer smelled an odor of alcohol emitting from his breathe. The officer discovered the driver was under the influence with a blood alcohol level greater than 0.08 percent. The 48-year-old White male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At about 8:32 a.m., an officer responded to the 300 block of East Camino Real Avenue in regards to a battery investigation. An argument between two cohabitants escalated into a physical altercation. An investigation revealed the battery was mutual.

Wednesday, October 17:

- Around 12:52 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a defective windshield in the area of Duarte Road and El Monte Avenue. The driver revealed his license was expired. The 23-year-old Black male was cited, released in the field, and his vehicle was legally parked at the scene.
- At about 7:17 p.m., an officer responded to Macy's at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. A suspect concealed items inside her purse and exited the store without making payment. The 29-year-old White female was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Thursday, October 18:

- At approximately 9:34 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for speeding, swerving, and expired registration on westbound Live Oak Avenue at Second Avenue. The officer discovered the driver was under the influence of drugs and had a suspended license. A vehicle search revealed he was also in possession of an open container of beer and methamphetamine. The 38-year-old White male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- Shortly after 8:25 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the area of Santa Anita Avenue and the 210 freeway in reference to a female subject screaming and running through oncoming traffic. Witnesses restrained the subject until officers arrived. An investigation revealed the subject exited a moving vehicle after arguing with her boyfriend. She was transported to Arcadia Methodist Hospital for evaluation as she was determined to be a danger to herself and others.

Friday, October 19:

- Around 1:41 a.m., an officer made contact with a bicyclist in the area of Huntington Drive and Santa Anita Avenue for having inadequate lighting equipment. The subject, who was on parole, revealed he had stolen the bicycle out of an open garage in the City of Monrovia. An assisting officer confirmed the information and made contact with the victim. The 22-year-old Hispanic male was arrested, transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking, and placed on a parole hold.
- At about 11:17 a.m., an officer was dispatched to Unocal 76, 102 East Duarte Road, in regards to a vandalism report. The manager discovered unknown suspect(s) tampered with the cables of the credit card readers on four gas pumps. The manager believed the suspect(s) may have obtained credit card information and notified his processing company of the incident. No one reported seeing or hearing anything suspicious.

Saturday, October 20:

- At about 7:57 p.m., an officer was dispatched to CVS, 188 Las Tunas Drive, regarding a theft in progress. Upon arrival, officers made contact with the suspect who was sitting inside his vehicle. The subject revealed he had entered the location twice to steal items for himself and his girlfriend. Video surveillance revealed a second subject exited the vehicle prior to the officer's arrival; however, the subject was not located. The 20-year-old male of unknown race was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- Shortly after 9:30 p.m., officers were dispatched to the "Arcade 2" area of the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in reference to an altercation possibly involving pepper spray. An investigation revealed two groups of male subjects became involved in a verbal argument during which one suspect sprayed the opposing group with pepper spray. The victims explained members of the opposing group claimed gang membership and fled out of sight. Further investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.

MARTIAL ARTS STAR FEATURED AT ARCADIA AAUW MEETING



Jing Li of Washu Action Star Academy displays a photo of herself portraying a Chinese woman activist in the film "Autumn Gem."

Martial arts champion, Hollywood actress, and stunt woman—all of these titles belong to Jing Li, a martial arts instructor at Washu Action Star Academy in Temple City. The Arcadia Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is delighted to have Jing Li present a program at its meeting on Monday, November 12.

Branch members and their guests will learn about washu, an exhibition and full-contact sport, and they will also learn what a fine actress Jing Li is when they view the documentary film "Autumn Gem" in

which Jing Li has a starring role.

The film "Autumn Gem" revolves around Qiu Jin, a young Chinese woman who lived in the late 19th Century under the repressive government of the last dynasty in China. In challenging the government, she became a nationalist leader and later was martyred. She was also a women's rights activist who fought for women's education and against arranged marriages and foot-binding. Martial arts skill plays an important part in the film. The film gives Ling Li's AAUW audience an opportunity to see her martial arts skills in action in film if not in person.

Arcadia AAUW meets in the Church of Good Shepherd's Jordan Hall, 400 West Duarte Rd. (SW corner of Duarte Rd. and Holly Ave.), Arcadia. The meeting is open to the public at no charge, and ample parking is available. All are invited to come for socializing and refreshments at 6:30 pm. Jing Li's presentation and the film "Autumn Gem" will follow at 7:00 pm.

The American Association of University Women invites women and men university (or college) graduates to become members. Those holding an Associate of Arts degree or its equivalent are included in the membership. For more information, please call Tamara Kato at (626) 375-6756 or Patricia Dietrich at (626) 446-8437.

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WHAT:

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WHEN:

This work is scheduled to begin Monday, October 22, 2012 and will continue until Friday, November 30, 2012, weather permitting. All work will be performed during the daytime work hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; however, the lane will remain closed 24-hours per day.

The right lane and sidewalk (southernmost) along eastbound Evergreen Ave between California Ave. and Shamrock Ave. will be temporarily closed.

Pedestrians and bicyclists will be detoured around the work zone.

Construction equipment noise will be heard near active work zone.

Utility waterline service will not be interrupted during this work activity.

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MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

Highlighted Activity for the Weekdays of October 22-24, 2012

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 461 service events, resulting in 78 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monrovia> for crime mapping. For Police Department news and information, visit our website at <http://www.ci.monrovia.ca.us/city-government/departments/police-department-homepage> and follow us on Twitter for police notifications.

Fire Assist

October 23 at 12:47 p.m., a fire began in a wall between classrooms at a preschool in the 1000 block of South Canyon. The school was evacuated smoothly, police department staff was on scene to monitor the children and facilitate their release to parents/guardians. No injuries or problems were reported.

Residential Burglary

October 23 at 8:23 p.m., a burglary was reported at a residence in the 200 block of West Central. The crime occurred on Saturday, October 20, sometime between 5:30 and 11:30 p.m. The victim didn't notice the loss until October 23. The suspect forced open the front door to gain entry. Cash, cologne, and the pink slips to two vehicles were stolen.

Injury Traffic Collision

October 24 at 11:45 a.m., a traffic accident was reported at Alta Vista and Foothill. Police responded and found a female driver and a female passenger had been injured in the collision. The injuries were not life threatening. The investigation is continuing.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Talk to Your Kids About Drugs

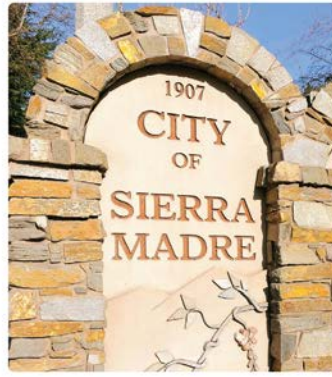
During the week of October 23 through 31, the Monrovia Police Department celebrated Red Ribbon Week 2012. Red Ribbon Week is a national campaign to raise awareness about substance abuse among our youth and our communities.

In 1985, DEA Agent Enrique, "Kiki," Camarena was murdered by a drug cartel. To honor his memory and to show support that we will continue the fight against illegal drugs, Monrovia Police Officers wore red ribbons and red bracelets as part of our uniform. Monrovia schools have passed out red bracelets to children to encourage kids to support the fight against illegal drugs, alcohol, and tobacco use.

Talk to your children early about drugs before they become involved, be involved in their lives, keep them occupied with activities, spend time with them, and know who their friends are. Drug abuse can start at a very young age, so you need to know who your children are with at all times. Peer pressure can cause even the most logical teenagers to fall victim to drugs. Let your child know that you don't want to see them hurt or in trouble, and explain that he or she should not use illegal drugs under any circumstances, and to do so will result in serious consequences. Teach your children to say "NO" to drugs. Parents are the most powerful influence in a child's life in preventing drug and alcohol use - so teach them early.



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SCHOOL DIRECTORY

ALVERNO HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES FOUNDER'S DAY

Students celebrate Alverno's founding with Mass and special workshops

Sierra Madre, CA – Alverno High School students recently celebrated the founding of Alverno High School on the feast day of their founding order. Originally founded by the Sisters of St. Francis in 1960, Alverno celebrated Founder's Day with a liturgy and workshops focused on the school year theme of "Mind, Body, Spirit."

Students started off the morning with an assembly featuring performance poet, Azure Antoinette of STUDIO: alchemy, who spoke about the impact of social media on our world. During the assembly Azure asked students to recount what the top trending social media topics were in the early months of 2012. She then helped the students to understand the connection between their social media posts and the prominence of stories in the media.

Following the assembly, students returned to their classrooms where they discussed St. Clare and the firsts in their lives. In November, Alverno will be working with *She's the First* to help fund girls' education in the developing world through several cupcake sales. Tying in that relationship, students discussed how they were the first in their families to compete in the Junior Olympics, first to attend an all-girls school, and how some will be the first to attend college.

Keeping the school year theme of "Mind, Body, Spirit" in mind, students were then given the opportunity to attend various workshops on campus. Workshops themes included the importance of laughter, packing a healthy lunch, tai chi, yoga, hobbies and toys, and so much more. Alverno students were fortunate to enjoy four workshops with special guest presenters.

Josie Loren, of ABC Family's *Make It or Break It*, conducted a workshop called "Spreading Kindness with Letters" where she introduced students to her non-profit, *Rainy Day Notes*. The concept behind *Rainy*



Ciara Madigan, Alexxa Vasquez, Alexis Winstanley, Cameron Martinez, Leslie Jovel, Arianna Nava, and Isabella Dominguez

Day Notes is to write notes of kindness that are then distributed to people all around New York City.

The workshop *Think Like A Champion* was run by teen life coach, Jessica Berger. As a certified Teen Wisdom life coach, Jess works with teen girls and young women to navigate through the trials, tribulations, and transitions of adolescence and early adulthood. During the workshop, Jess helped Alverno students to create an action plan to help them bridge the gap between where the girls are today and where they want to be in the future.

Azure Antoinette and Alverno English teacher, Carla Tomaso, oversaw a workshop called *The Power of Writing* that allowed the girls to learn the importance of writing and the impact it can have. Going along with the theme of "She's the First," the students were given a writing prompt that asked them to consider what they wanted others to know about them and how that impacts who they are as individuals.

The final guest speaker was Gabrielle Thomas of *My Beauty*. Gabrielle spoke to the girls about the importance of inner beauty and the special qualities that make up each girl but also talked about the importance of women's health and taking care of our bodies. The girls had the opportunity to

make a homemade body scrub and discuss what they felt made them beautiful and unique.

The day ended with a liturgy that celebrated the legacy of Alverno's Franciscan and Immaculate Heart roots. Individual girls shared their experience as "firsts" in their lives and talked about how Alverno has helped them to have even more firsts than they ever dreamed of.

"Alverno is fortunate to have such strong values in our school history," said Ann Gillick, Head of School. "Each year on Founder's Day we not only celebrate these roots, but also look forward to the future and the gifts that each of our students bring to our campus community. This year we paid special tribute to St. Clare and asked our students, 'What were you the first to do?' Many of them shared tremendous stories and accomplishments that demonstrate the many ways Alverno empowers each young woman to be exactly the person she wants to be."

About Alverno High School

Alverno High School is a Catholic, private, college preparatory school for young women dedicated to preparing them to function in a society as informed, knowledgeable persons, who have the requisite skills to make and implement mature decisions about complex problems. For more information about Alverno High School, please call 626-355-3463 or visit www.alverno-hs.org.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI TORI TRIPOLI



Pasadena High School Alumni Tori Tripoli graduates from the US Navy Air Rescue School

Tori Tripoli, Pasadena High School Class of 2011, graduated on September 20, 2012, from the United States Navy Air Rescue School in Pensacola, Florida. She is only the 50th woman in the history of the United States Navy to graduate as an Air Rescue Swimmer and during her training she set a new swim record. Go Tori!

While at Pasadena High School, Tori was a valued member of the Girls Water Polo and Swim Teams earning CIF Water Polo 1st Team honors as well as being a CIF swimmer.

The motto of the Aviation Rescue Swimmer (AIRR) community is "So Others May Live". Aviation Rescue Swimmers are experts in emergency response - doing whatever it takes to complete rescue missions and save lives.

Congratulations Tori - we are so very proud of your accomplishments!!!!

THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show

Movie Reviews Especially for Teens & 'Tweens

ALEX CROSS



With a very derivative plot, yet a great cast, Alex Cross is a flop. The good acting does not balance out the badly paced, dawdling plot, which takes time out from the story to try and fill the holes with badly written emotional scenes.

Alex Cross (Tyler Perry) is on top of his police job and is debating over whether or not to take an F.B.I promotion when a serial killer, Picasso (Matthew Fox) kills his first target: an extremely rich aristocrat. Now, Alex has to unravel the tightly wound mystery of who Picasso is, why he is doing this, and more importantly, who he is working for.

While the idea is interesting enough, it feels like any other police/serial killer movie I've seen. However, Tyler Perry's performance as Alex Cross is this movie's saving grace; he actually kept me from walking out of the theater. Matthew Fox was perfect for the part of the insane, moral-less serial killer. Both he and Tyler Perry made this terrible movie worth seeing.

WARNING: This movie has extreme violence and little kids should not see this. This should be rated R.

YOUNG ARTISTS NATHAN AND TIMOTHY LE HONORED



Betty J. Ford, Scholarship Chair with Nathan Le, Cellist and his brother Timothy Le, violinist proudly display honors bestowed on them by Assemblyman Anthony Portantino. Photo courtesy Phil Madden Studio

Well known young musicians, Timothy and Nathan Le were presented in concert by the George R. Garner branch of the National Association of Negro Musicians, Inc. (NANM). The brothers performed a duet that brought the audience to their feet with a rousing applause that

lasted almost a full minute.

The brothers have performed in Vienna, Russia and Carnegie Hall and have won numerous competitions. They both currently play with several youth orchestras.

The event, which was held at the Altadena Library, also in-

cluded bestowing Nathan and Timothy proclamations from the State Assembly and a stipend from NANM.

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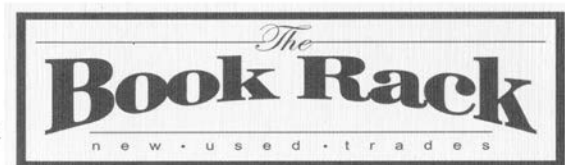
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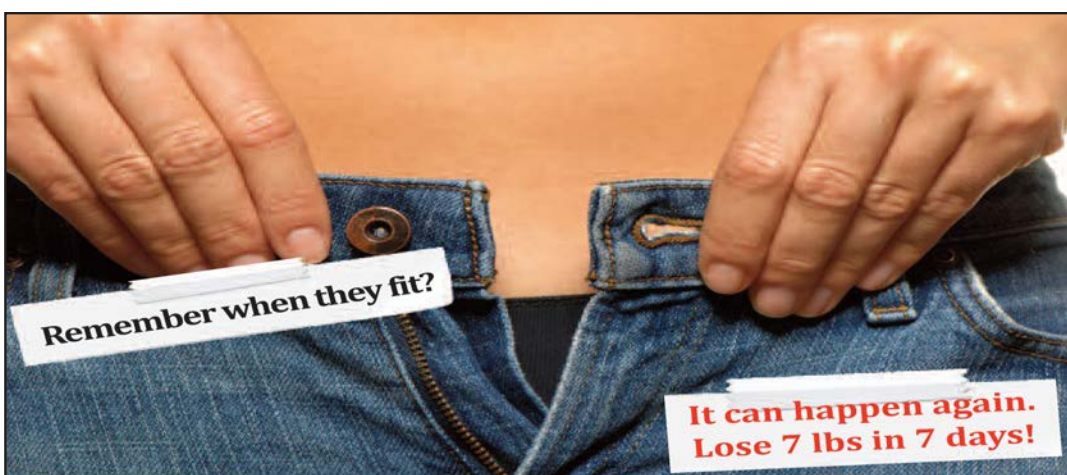
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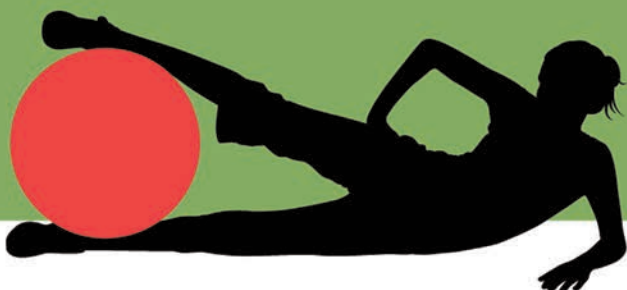
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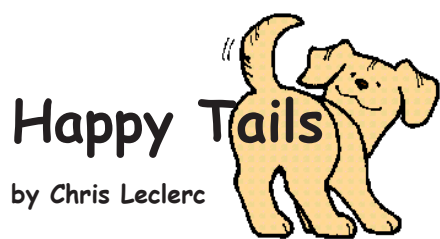
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by Chris Leclerc

MODERN DAY JANE TELLS HER STORY "I WAS RAISED BY MONKEYS"

Every now and then, an internet news headline will pop up that really catches my attention and I am compelled to drill down and delve into the full story before I continue on with the task at hand. This past week, I was logging on to read my e-mail when I noticed a trending news link that read, "Woman Raised by Monkeys". Clearly I couldn't pass that one up! I assumed I would probably be disappointed when I got to the news page, because the story just had to be a hoax or a joke, but much to my surprise the article was written about a real woman who claims to have been raised by wild monkeys for several of her childhood years, in the jungles of Columbia, South America.

In the 1950s, Marina Chapman (a name she gained later in life) was a small child living with her birth family near the city of Cucuta, Colombia when at 5 years old, according to her best recollection, she was abducted from her home, presumably for ransom money. As it turned out, however the kidnapping must have gone wrong, because she was later left for dead in a remote jungle area close to the Venezuelan border. Chapman says that it wasn't long before she was taken in by a family of about 20 Capuchin monkeys, and spent 5 years being cared for and coddled by the entire pack. After her 5 year experience living with the monkeys and having no interaction with humans, she was discovered by hunters who sold her to a brothel in exchange for a parrot.

In time she was able to escape from the brothel and lived in the streets for a while until she was offered a job as a house maid for a Columbian family, who then took her in and treated her like their own. It was there that she gave herself the name "Marina Luz", and had the opportunity to work on her speaking & social skills, and re-learn how to live in a normal home with other human beings. In 1977, Marina was invited to join her surrogate Columbian family on a business trip to Bradford, England where she met her future husband, John Chapman, while attending a church service. John, a bacteriologist, and Marina now have 3 grown children who have always been very proud of the fact that their mother could climb a tree better and faster than anyone else in the neighborhood! They enjoy sharing the remarkable bed time stories their mother told them growing up, about her childhood being raised in the jungle by a family of monkeys.

Even aside from the amazing details of how Marina could possibly have managed to survive all that she went through as a little girl, this remarkable true story is one that I would call 'stranger than fiction'. I mean, this lady is a true modern day "Jane", straight out of the Tarzan movies. The fact that the wild monkeys were willing to take her in and help her survive, teach her how to climb trees and catch prey, and allow her to live with them in their private space is nothing less than a mind-blower to me. One would have to assume those monkeys, who are better known for their aggressive response to an outsider, were receptive of that child because they knew she was vulnerable and would not present a threat to them. It indicates the sensitive nature of the species, I think, and it tells you something we may not otherwise have learned about the internal nature of those monkeys. Of course we all know monkeys are more human-like than most wild animals, but let's face it, any animal living in the jungle would typically be expected to attack a human who invades their personal space, in their own defense. All I can say is, "Wow, now that is just some crazy stuff right there!"

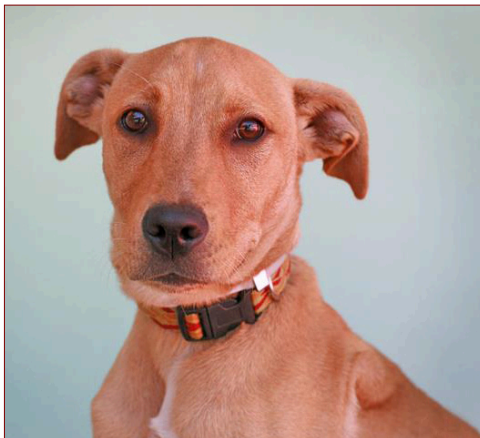
In addition to spending time with her family and tending to typical daily tasks in the home, Marina now spends a lot of her time helping at-risk youth through the social services department in her town. I don't know whether she is involved in working with animals at all, but I can't help thinking she would be great at it. Chapman has shared her remarkable story with several journalists over the years, but now, with the help of her daughter, Vanessa she is working on a book called, *The Girl With No Name, The Incredible True Story of a Child Raised by Monkeys*. Her book is due out in April 2013. I don't know about you, but I want to be in line to buy that book as soon as it hits the shelves. There are also rumors of a Documentary in the works.



PET OF THE WEEK: SANDY - #A4500873

Meet the lovely Sandy (A4500873). Sandy is a wiggly and kissy six month old female brown and gold Golden Retriever mix puppy who was brought to the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center on October 18th as a stray. Weighing twenty-six pounds, Sandy is full of love for life and wishes to share it with her next owner! Sandy believes she is a lapdog and loves cleaning faces with her tongue. She also loves to take herself for walks, as she confidently takes her own leash in her mouth and pulls herself along. Though she hasn't had much in the way of training yet, she will make a perfect candidate as a walking, hiking, exercise, and activity partner. Sandy will make the perfect indoor companion for an active family living in a private home. To watch a video of Sandy please visit this link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1YaiSko2_mc&feature=plcp

To meet Sandy in person, please see her at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton St., Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378 or 626-962-3577). She is currently available now. For any inquiries about Sandy, please reference her animal ID number: A4500873. 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 Sandy or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at samanthasayon@gmail.com or 661-309-2674. To learn more about United Hope for Animals' partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter through its Shelter Support Program, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.



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THE SHABBY DOG

How to Your Pets Safe on Halloween

From your friends at *The Shabby Dog*

The Fall season ushers in the time of year when the holidays are afoot and where festivities are all about family – including our furry family members. With Halloween being the first of many autumn holidays, it is good to keep in mind the following tips to keep your pets safe, and still get in the "spirit" of Halloween.

Sweets are for people – not for your pet!

With all the candy floating around this time of year, it's easy to accidentally leave candy and chocolate around for your dog eat. Remember that chocolate can be deadly for dogs and cats. Tin and plastic candy wrapping can also be dangerous. Keep sweets away from your furry friend.

Crafty Items and Plants

We decorate with pumpkins, hay and cornstalks but make sure Fido doesn't ingest these items. Keep carved jack o' lanterns safe by using artificial candles instead of real candles. Take great care to not leave scraps of gourds, leaves and other autumnal craft items where your dog or cat can get a hold of them.

Cute Costume, but...

Pet costumes have become all the rage. But keep in mind that some pets do not like being costumed. If he doesn't want to put on anything – hat, glasses, wigs, cape, or pipe cleaner antlers – don't force it on your dog or cat. But if he's a pup that loves to dress up, make sure he is able to see, hear, breathe and move freely in the costume. Avoid dangling items or things that can be chewed off. Make it fun and safe for both you and your pet.

Trick or Treat?

It's fun to take Fido out with the family to go trick or treating. When you do, make sure your dog is on a leash, wears clothing (or a costume) with reflectors (as it is dark when everyone goes out), and that he is socialized enough to be around a potential crowd of trick-or-treaters in costumes. Dogs can get nervous in crowds and with strangers, especially when those strangers are dressed in frightening or odd costumes. Be aware of anyone who might purposely (or not) scare or play tricks on you (thus spooking your dog).

Incorporating your pet in the Halloween spirit can be fun. Just plan accordingly and always keeps safety in mind. Have a spooktacular one!

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Because the happy couple is aware of how the poor economy has affected many pet owners' ability to keep their pets, they are requesting donations of dog and cat brand name dry food for the Foothill Unity Center in lieu of wedding gifts; www.foothillunitycenter.org. Donations by check (made out to the Foothill Unity Center) or cash also will be accepted. There will be a donation collection point at the wedding reception, or contact Lending a Paw Therapy Dogs at 626-357-3575 to arrange a pickup.

Foothill Unity Center serves the Foothill communities of the San Gabriel Valley and is headquartered in Monrovia. The Pet Food Bank helps people that would otherwise have to give up their pets because they do not have the money to feed them. In the first eight months of 2012, the Center has provided 671 unduplicated families with pet food. Lending a Paw Therapy Dogs has established a goal of at least 2000 pounds of pet food to be collected in order to sustain this program through the Holidays.

In addition, Maggie and Sundance would be honored to have you and your significant dog* attend the festivities. The reception will be on the church grounds immediately following the ceremony. The blessing of the animals will take place during the reception. ("It is extremely important that your pet is on a leash, friendly and have "church manners." Clean up bags will be supplied if needed.)

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JASMINE’S CORNER

Book Reviews by Jasmine Kelsey Williams

RED RIDING HOOD *A Novel by Sarah Blakley-Cartwright*



What better way to bring the Halloween spirit than with this next selection, ‘Red Riding Hood’? But do not turn away just yet; in this reimagining of the classic fable, Sarah Blakley-Cartwright reconstructs the tale with a much darker tone, one that brings mystery, love, betrayal and the deception that things are not always what they appear to be. However, those are not the only qualities one will pick up on when the reader becomes familiar with the main protagonist, Valerie.

Immediately when ‘Red Riding Hood’ opens, the reader can and will sense the apprehension, fear, and danger that surrounds the village of Daggorhorn where the story takes place and the constant tension between Valerie, her family, and the other villagers. To add to its intensity, not only is Valerie caught in a love triangle between two men who yearn for her affection, but there is also the secret that there is a predator amongst them in the village.

The reader will absolutely feel the tension building up to the points when this predator is encountered, but may be completely surprised when the identity is revealed. Blakley-Cartwright works her magic excellently by building up on the emotions of both the reader and her characters and isn’t afraid to dig up the secrets of each of her characters, which will provide the reader with wonderful insight and backstory to the mystery of the predator that resides in Daggorhorn. This is what gives ‘Red Riding Hood’ its appeal: the juicy center of the mystery, while the themes of morality, love, family, and finding courage do not act as mere filler, but as strong connecting points for one theme to the next. ‘Red Riding Hood’ will not disappoint if you are looking for a classic, but holds a much more grown-up mentality that will connect to the reader of today. And to add to its appeal, ‘Red Riding Hood’ has been made and released as a 2011 film and features an introduction from director Catherine Hardwicke.



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CREATING SPACE

Fall is here and as nature begins to make space with the falling of the leaves, so should we. Keep in mind what the ancient yogis say: ‘Leave a little space’. This space is so important because if we are overfull, then nothing new can come in and we get stuck in our patterns and beliefs. When we are over cluttered, then we can’t find things. This is true for our minds as well. The yogis love routine for this reason; because it can open up space for us to dream and create.

Leave a little space when you eat, a little space in your schedule, a little space in your heart and your mind. If we have some space and we can be quiet, then the true messages of our hearts can shine through. Being thankful for what we have and adding only good stuff (like inspirational texts, good company, yoga and meditation) can change our lives.

So this Fall, avoid clutter, leave a little room and only put in good things. Good food and good thoughts. Surround yourself with those that support and nourish your spirit. In this you will be able to better attract the things that are so essential to creating the life you want. Even leave a little space when you breathe. And be sure to listen to even the space in the silence – you may be surprised at what you hear!

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SEAN’S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

Review By Sean Kayden



5 SONGS TO DOWNLOAD THIS MONTH

Chad Valley – “**Tell All Your Friends**” - Lush melodies buried within a tropical heaven, “Tell All Your Friends” is one of eleven gems you’ll find on Chad Valley’s debut record, “Young Hunger” due out on Oct 30th, 2012. What very well could be the future of R&B, one-man show Hugo Manuel delivers a vibrant listening experience that trickles with sentimentality and glittering arrangements. Soaked with tender electronic beats and an 80s vibrancy, “Tell All Your Friends” is the ideal fall song—soft and mellow, but just enough haze to get you lost in the music without ever wanting it to end.

Letting Up Despite Great Faults – “**Take My Jacket, Pauline**” - Unite the fuzziness of shoegaze and the tranquility of indie dream-pop and you’ll have, “Take My Jacket, Pauline,” the new song off the album “Untogether.” The sleepy but sweet sound of the foursome band is pure euphoria for the ears. Once again, we have a band taking bits and pieces from 80s British pop and 90s alternative rock to craft their own distinct resonance. For fans of M83 and The Pains of Being Pure At Heart, Letting Up Despite Great Faults navigates through the depths of daydreaming and ultimately reaches one’s own emotional core with their reflective lyrics and swirling melodies. “Untogether,” the self-released sophomore LP was released just a few weeks ago. Be sure to seek this one out, people.

Peace – “**Your Hand In Mind**” - While this band is too influenced by an 80s sound, it’s by a different breed of groups than the first two bands on this list. More in vein of Joy Division and Gang of Four, Peace is a four-piece post-punk group that hails from the British Columbia. With the accessible pop-induced tune, “Your Hand In Mind,” the band channels The Smiths more so than other influences. However, don’t take the band for carbon copies. They bring a certain edge and new flavor to the scene that is quite lacking. Furthermore, their second LP, “The World Is Too Much With Us,” oscillates between a razor-sharp punk rock existence that dabbles with dark and ominous tones to a largely less intruding sound that makes the listener at hand never put off by the atmosphere, but also never expecting anything ordinarily dull.

Tamaryn – “**Afterlight**” - Girl/guy dream-pop duos are flooding the indie scene, but that doesn’t mean they’re all alike or equally as good. Tamaryn (which is the name of the female vocalist hailing from New Zealand) and her collaborator Rex John Shelverton combine the likes of shoegaze and psychedelic. While the most notable similarity draws from their influencers like Cocteau Twins and Slowdive, however, the most contemporary band they share a common sound with is Beach House (another female/male twosome). “Afterlight,” which comes directly from the band’s second album, “Tender New Signs” is a slow, utterly beautiful showcase of haunting vocals and a rich, fully layered sound with a hypnotic array of churning guitars. Tamaryn has the true ability to pull you in deep and even an easier time keeping you there.

Lord Huron – “**Lonesome Dreams**” – Right from the get go, there is this jovial, optimistic sound that plays when you first start listening to this track. When the lyrics kick in, you notice they’re a bit on the reflective side. They describe an adventure with no destination in sight because we’ve all learned by now it’s about the journey, anyhow. Lord Huron hones in on folk-pop aesthetics but messes around with it enough to develop a truly unique style to call their own. “Lonesome Dreams” shares the name of the band’s debut LP and after two low profile EPs, Lord Huron has burst onto the scene with a majestic, entirely enchanting introduction full length record. As for the song I’ve mentioned here, it will please any fans of Fleet Foxes and My Morning Jacket, but newcomers should feel free to enter the arena as well. Ultimately, you too will become enthralled with the band’s western resonance, their vivid storytelling and that supreme feeling of conquering anything that may be standing in your way while listening to each and every song of theirs.

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One Of A Kind: *Featuring unique homes and gardens and the people who create them*

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LEASE A PART OF SIERRA MADRE HISTORY

An historic home, part of Sierra Madre's lively history recently came on the market for lease. The Spanish Colonial estate was built in 1935 for Robert Ernest Wright and his wife, May. The Mays' foundations later became major benefactors to the University of Southern California and to Cal Tech.

The Wrights apparently used the home to display their large collection of Mexican artifacts obtained on many trips south of the border, and also incorporated items like the massive wooden front door with huge hinges and key mechanism, and a large oven, said to be imported from Mexico, as well as cacti and other plants brought back from there.



As far as local lore, the home was later owned by the son of Glen Miller, famous for his "In the Mood" renditions and other big band era luminati.

According to the historical research done by Tim Gregory, The Building Biographer, the seventy seven year old home is known for its early adoption of the steel construction method, using "Palmer steel." Mr. Wright studied metallurgy in graduate school at Cal Tech, suggesting he adopted some of his studies in their home.

The building is framed like a high rise, as seen in archive photos Gregory obtained from the Sierra Madre Library, using steel for the roof framing and floor joists, and steel sashes on the windows. In a bit of historical humor, perhaps a purposeful miscommunication between husband and wife, recorded in the Assessor's notes, the "lady told me that the steel erected in this house cost \$2200. Man tells me much of the material purchased.... Cost approximately \$9000."



Inside, "Parts of the walls were described as being 20-22 inches thick," said Gregory, which makes for a great natural insulation from heat variations.

"When you walk in, it feels like you have stepped back in time," reflected Pauli Morin, listing agent. The Spanish motif of the home incorporates colorful patterned tile, said to be purchased from the short lived, and highly sought after Malibu Tile Company.

The vaulted, exposed wood and beamed ceiling continues the Spanish theme, with fireplaces in the living and dining rooms. A major renovation of this historically significant home began in 1995, as a result of the 1991 Sierra Madre earthquake. During this time, some of the home's acreage was subdivided into an additional three parcels. At this time, the 1950's era kitchen was replaced with one more historically sensitive to the home's architectural style.

Now on a smaller lot than its original expansive acreage with frontage on West Grandview, this Alegria Avenue home is very private and not really visible from the street, due to the garage placement and brick walls. Truly an oasis of green, the home features native oaks, fruit trees, cacti species and cascading Bougainvillea and ivy.

"It's very secluded from the street, with a series of meditation areas in the garden. The courtyard is amazing for outdoor living and entertaining," commented Pauli Morin, listing agent, "and includes an outdoor fireplace and oversized spa."

Auto enthusiasts will likely go nuts over the four (originally five) car garage; as such a large garage is a real rarity in Sierra Madre. The interior of the garage still offers a peek into the steel construction style used throughout the Wright House.

"This is an amazing find for someone searching to lease a unique, historic home," said Morin.

540 Alegria, Sierra Madre, offers 3565 square feet of living space, with four bedrooms and four baths, situated on a .39 acre private homesite.

The home is offered for lease at \$5300/ month by Pauli Morin of Coldwell Banker in Arcadia. For more information, contact the agent at 626-233-2047 or PMorin@ColdwellBanker.com. Tim Gregory, The Building Biographer, provided the historical data for this article. Contact him through www.BuildingBiographer.com.



Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou Realtor®

THE MARKET WHERE YOU MOVE

As we see some market recovery, the scales become a little more balanced between buyers and sellers. However, if you're a buyer moving out of the area, local conditions here aren't relevant. You need to investigate whether it's still a strong buyer's market in the area where you are relocating.

If long listing times and price reductions are prevalent, then you have the luxury of exercising some of the following options when you search and eventually make an offer. First of all, you needn't jump at the first suitable home you find, because inventory will be high and price reductions open to discussion.

When you finally decide to make an offer, play the time card to your advantage, asking for a speedy seller response, perhaps within 24 hours. Pressure to accept is one thing, but do allow a reasonable amount of time for inspections, repairs, etc. Speaking of which, don't be shy about stipulating major repairs in your offer, and the inclusion of a "home warranty" policy for the first year.

Offer below asking price, but don't lowball and insult the seller. You can always reject their counteroffer in a strong buyer's market, as long as you can accept the risk and move on to the next property. Have your representative assemble a good selection of suitable properties and take one step at a time!

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% at the company overall. Luther can be reached at his direct line (626) 695-8650 or at luther@tsinoglou.com

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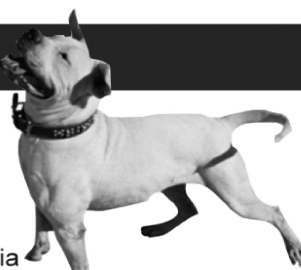


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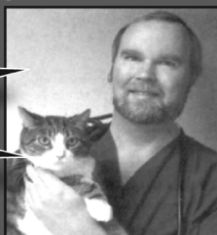
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HOW TO WRITE YOUR OWN WILL

Dear Savvy Senior: Can you recommend some good do-it-yourself resources to help me write my will? At age 62, I want to get my affairs organized, but I hate paying a high-priced attorney fee if I can do it myself. Don't Have Much

Dear Don't:

If you have a simple, straightforward estate and an uncomplicated family situation, writing your own will – with the help of a good do-it-yourself guide – is a viable alternative to hiring an attorney and a whole lot cheaper. Here are some good resources to help you get started.

Computer Required

There are a number of computer software products and online resources available today that can help you create your own will very easily, and they usually take less than an hour from start to finish. Like tax software, these tools will guide you through a series of questions and will insert your answers into a will for you. But, you'll need a computer to use them. Some good options to check out include:

Quicken WillMaker Plus 2013: This is a comprehensive estate planning software product that's very user-friendly. It lets you create customized wills for an unlimited number of people, along with other important documents like financial powers of attorney, health care directives, executor documents, final arrangements and more. And once you're finished, you can store your documents on your computer and update them as needed, and you can print them out on paper. Available in downloadable or CD format at *nolo.com* for \$43 or \$52, this software works only with Windows operating systems and is valid in every state except Louisiana.

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LegalZoom: Available online at *legalzoom.com*, this site makes wills, trusts, powers of attorney, pet-protection agreements and many other documents. After you create your will, or other documents, they double-check them for spelling and grammar mistakes (but not for legal issues) and mail you a printed copy in about a week to 10 days. Wills run \$69, other documents range between \$35 and \$249.

No Computer Necessary

If you don't have a home computer or Internet access, a good resource to turn to is the "Quick & Legal Will Book" sold by Nolo for \$21. This guide provides forms and step-by-step instructions that can help you make a basic will that meets your needs. To order a copy, call 800-728-3555.

Hire a Lawyer

It's also important to know that if you have a complicated financial situation, blended family or if you have considerable assets, you need to hire a lawyer to write your will. An experienced lawyer can make sure you cover all your bases which can help avoid family confusion and squabbles after you're gone.

The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (*naela.org*) and the National Association of Estate Planners and Councils (*naepc.org*) websites are good resources that have directories to help you find someone in your area.

Costs will vary depending on your situation and location, but you can expect to pay somewhere between \$200 and \$1,000 to get your will made.

If money is tight, check with your state's bar association (see *findlegalhelp.org*) to find low-cost legal help in your area. Or call the Eldercare Locator at 800-677-1116 for a referral.

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



SENIOR HAPPENINGS

By Pat Birdsall

FYI: Last week I told you that I would be attending the movie *Laura*, shown in the Sierra Madre Council Chambers. It was part of the *new* Senior Movie Program where movies are chosen by the audience in attendance. *Laura* was a well-written murder mystery filmed in 1944. The dialogue was witty and the film well-acted, but my how times have changed! One couldn't help but notice the constant cigarette smoking and the high-ball drinking that most of the characters did! Nowadays, in my opinion, films aren't as well written. They seem to fill-in that shortcoming by having the characters pepper their lines with the F-bomb, a lot! Gad...Well, at least they aren't encouraging our kids to smoke, she said sarcastically.

Next week I'm going to have several suggestions on how to burglarproof your home. It seems to be a topic that is getting much more attention these days, not only from Sierra Madre residents, but surrounding communities as well. I would also like to check in with our local police chief.

~ Helpful Hint~

Freeze herbs in ice-cube trays with water or chicken broth. This prevents waste and spoilage and is something you will appreciate having done at a later date.

For Your Funny Bone

Three doctors are waiting in line into get to the pearly gates. St. Peter walks out and asks the first one, "What have you done to enter Heaven?" "I am a pediatrician and have brought thousands of the Lord's babies into the world." "Good enough to enter the gates," replied St. Peter, and in he goes. The same question is asked of the second doctor. "I am a general practitioner and I go to third world countries three times a year to cure the poor." St. Peter is impressed and allows him through the gates. The third doctor steps up in line and knowing the question blurts out, "I am a director of an HMO." St. Peter meditates on this for a while and then says, "Fine, you can enter Heaven...but only for 2 days."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



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Quote: Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many. Author unknown~

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



YWCA 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.11:00 am-12:00 pm-No appointment is necessary.

Bingo: Every Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 PM- 3:00PM. Cards are only .25c each!
Free Chair Yoga: Every **Wednesday** morning from 11:00 AM-11:45 AM volunteer Teryl Willis offers this class focused 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 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 1:00 PM. Poker is usually the game of choice, or should I say chance? Board games and other card games are also available. There is also a spectacular, one-of-a kind chess table on the patio that is just waiting for some action!

Free 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.



EXCURSION:
COLUMBIA MEMORIAL SPACE CENTER (DOWNEY, CA)
Wednesday, November 7, 2012:
Departure at 9:15 am from the Hart Park House.
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Return to the Park House at 2:15 pm (time approximate.)
Cost: \$15.00 (does *not* include lunch.)

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For more information and to register for the excursion, call the Hart Park House at 626.355.7394.
"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!



KATIE Tse**This and That**
THE NEXT MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGHS!

I try to keep my column friendly and non-inflammatory. But I think it's safe to say that whatever your political bent, you probably agree that medical care in the U.S. leaves MUCH to be desired. (Apologies to my friends in the medical industry! As with any stereotype, there are individuals within the group who do not conform to sweeping generalizations.) I thank God that my family and I have dependable doctors, and I realize that our situation is probably better than most.

However, in general, the medical industry leaves a bitter taste in my mouth. One particular annoyance is the endless tests which doctors prescribe, often merely because the patient has reached a certain age. In my opinion, the worst offenders in this category are the colonoscopy and the mammogram. Thank goodness I haven't reached the age at which such tests are recommended! But I know many people who have.

It was during a horror story of a family friend's colonoscopy when I had an epiphany! (How often do epiphanies occur when you're thinking about someone's colon?) Instead of snaking a probe into the body, contradictory to its natural design, why not have a probe that scopes out the digestive tract as part of normal digestion? I envisioned a pill with a camera that could be swallowed, "collected," and then analyzed to get the full picture of one's colon in glorious Technicolor! I thought for sure that I was the first person with a twisted mind to come up with this idea.

I was both glad and disappointed when I read that "Given Imaging" has already designed these small wonders, and they've been used in the U.S. since 2001. My happiness over this non-intrusive option outweighed my disappointment upon realizing that I wasn't the first to think of it.

Similar to colonoscopies, mammograms are routinely ordered when women turn 40. Recent studies have shown that mammograms aren't all that they're cracked up to be; the imaging isn't very clear, and every time you get squeezed you're getting exposed to radiation, an unnecessary risk. And if you've had breast cancer, they're going to throw in a few ultrasounds every year.

My mom has been the victim of horrible treatment for breast cancer. But I thank God every day that He delivered her from it. Now her doctors have her on a non-stop mammogram/ultrasound schedule. Each time she goes in I complain that it's just another way for the hospital to bill the insurance companies. There must be a better way. And the other day, my mom thought of one!

We were talking about iPads and smart phones (I even feel unqualified writing about these things). I mentioned how helpful the GPS system on my phone is, because I always get nervous when driving to new places. Then we started complaining about the price of medical insurance, and my mom asked, "Why don't they have phones that can do ultrasounds?" Sounds great to me! Just gel it up, slowly massage it over whatever area you're concerned about, and a buzzer will sound off like a homing device as you get closer to a possible tumor or "foreign body."

My mom also had the idea that a little blade could come out and incise the tumor using its special Nano-technology. (At this point we didn't really know what we were talking about, but it sounded better than driving to the hospital and submitting to the scope or vise grip.) While I doubt my mom's brainchild of the smart phone ultrasound app will be available soon, I do see the potential. Heck, if a phone can read your heart rate when you press your finger to it, there's no reason it can't find a lump in your soft tissue. Remember, you saw it here first!



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While it often seems that stories of high-profile, sophisticated hackers stealing industrial secrets and cracking high-security business and governmental systems tend to hog the headlines in the ordinary world most security breaches are committed by opportunistic hackers searching scanning for routine vulnerabilities that often create a world of hurt for millions of users and small businesses.

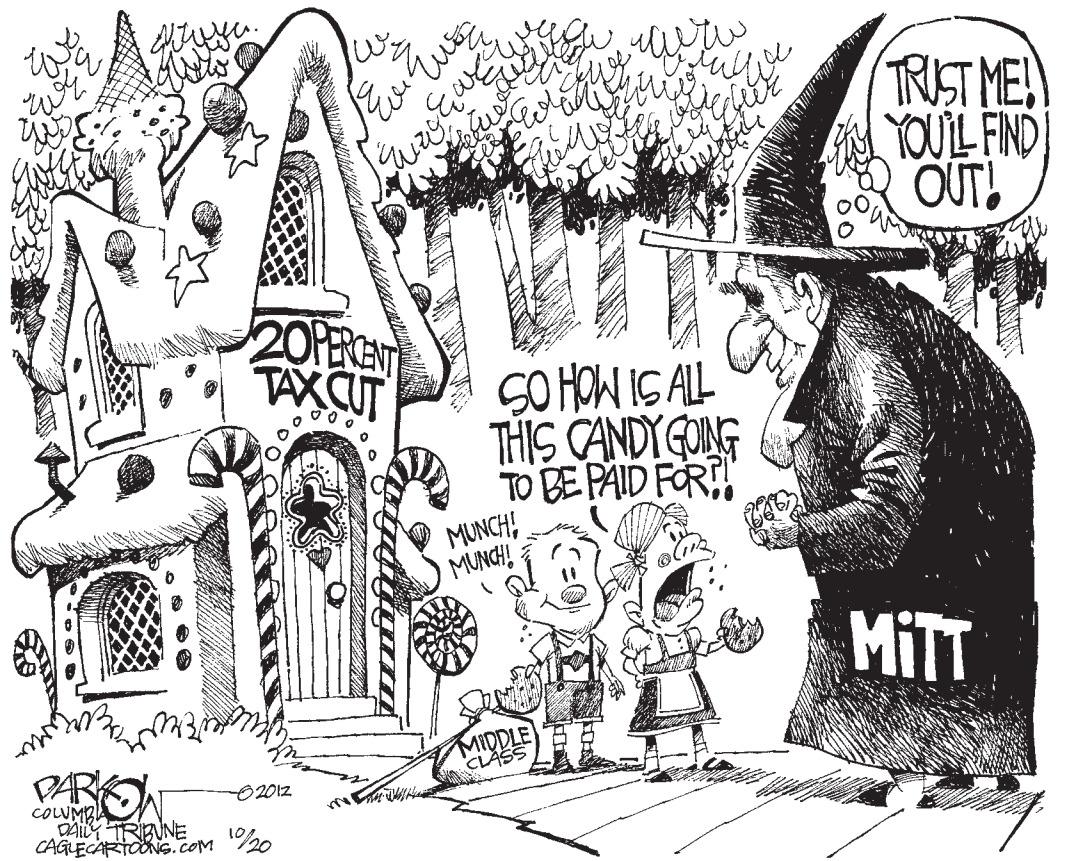
A security report found that in 2011 nearly 79% of the recorded breaches were classified as “opportunistic” where the victim was not pre-selected at all but turned up as vulnerable during a sweep of a block of potential target systems. In these cases the targets were selected because their machines were unpatched or exhibited other easily exploitable weaknesses. Most of these opportunistic attacks were possible after the attackers scanned a few well-know ports on the target machine.

The most commonly scanned ports were: TCP port 3389, Microsoft’s Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP), MS SQL server (port 1433) and VNC for remote desktop. Once a promising target has been located the next step for the attacker is to look for open network ports with default or easy to guess passwords.

If these two conditions are met, then the attackers either plant custom malware on the compromised systems or use the breached system to relay spam. The custom malware often contains key-logging software but is only occasionally derived from banking Trojan toolkits, such as Zeus. Opportunistic attackers often use very simple techniques, looking for a single vulnerability across many hosts before moving on if they don’t immediately locate a target (97.4% the scanning IP addresses that sent packets only checked one port). Hackers of this type typically latch onto the first target that is susceptible to the particular style of attack they are most proficient in using.

Opportunistic hackers typically use automated tools to carry out these scans, which can produce a huge treasure trove of information when wielded by a sophisticated user. Many commercially available firewalls, including the firewall included with the Windows XP, Vista and 7 operating systems, block these vulnerable ports by default and also allow an end user to customize their particular product’s running configuration. OS’s such as Linux typically come with these ports closed by default.

Also be sure to note if you have any remote access programs running on your machine that require these ports to be accessible. In those cases you will want to secure access to specific machines, ip addresses or just plain ensure that the service is secured with a good password.



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The latest on Business News, Trends and Techniques

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THE ANATOMY OF YOUR INCOME TAX RETURN

With some much talk about tax rates during the current presidential campaign, this is a great time to provide an overview of how a tax rate is applied to the income for an individual or a business. For the sake of clarity, I will simply the explanation by starting with an example of how taxes would be computed for two married couples, both filing joint returns.

This is a scenario illustrating two married couples in their early 50’s with no other dependents. They earn an annual total of \$110,000 in combined income for their respective households. Both couples will file their taxes jointly. Couple A will pay tax on \$51,800 but Couple B will pay taxes calculated on \$102,600 – how is this possible? Couple B has no “tax-deferred income, they rent their home and have no other significant deductions. As a result, they are limited to claiming the **standard deduction** established by the Internal Revenue Service, a dollar amount that reduces the amount of income on which you are taxed. (\$3,800 for each personal exemption for 2012*). Since their total deductions do not exceed their combined personal exemptions of \$7,600 (\$3,800 x 2), this is their maximum deduction for the year.

		Couple A	Couple B
1)	Income:	\$110,000	\$110,000
2)	Adjusted Gross Income	62,000	110,000
3)	Minus: Taxes & Credits	10,400	7,600
4)	Taxable Income:	51,600	102,400

On the other hand, Couple A has a home mortgage and qualifies for a significant amount of interest to write-off. Both of these spouses contribute to a qualified retirement plan that allows them to deduct the amount of their annual contribution, and one of them participates in their employer’s pre-tax medical benefits plan as well.

They will also benefit from several tax credits as a result of purchasing major appliances that qualify, as well as other energy-efficiency upgrades. As a result of these deductions that exceed \$7,600, they are able to “itemize” all of their deductions allowed by the IRS, including a few educational expenses they wouldn’t be able to include if they didn’t have certain expenses to push them beyond the \$7,600 threshold.

“Taxable Income” is the bottom line when it comes to planning for your annual tax scenario. This is amount on which your actual liability is calculated. It is important to learn about the thirteen types of deductions allowed by the IRS to determine what plans you need to make to control and retain more of your hard-earned income. Each type of deduction is listed on IRS Form 1040, U.S. Individual Income Tax Return under the “Adjusted Gross Income” section.

It is important to make the distinction between “income” and “taxable income.” There is ample wiggle room that you can use to your advantage to derive at the lowest possible level of taxable income. Learning the basics about tax-deferred income, qualified pre-tax expenses and the availability of tax credits can make a huge difference in how much of your hard earned you will be able to enjoy, invest or spend as you please.

*Note: For 2012 tax filings, the standard deduction for married couples filing a joint return is \$11,900. (\$5,950 for single individuals and married couples filing separate returns and \$8,700 for heads of household).

Social Media Tips & Tricks

By Merri Jill Finstrom

TWITTER’S HASHTAG (#)

The key to understanding Twitter is in the hashtag (the # symbol). People use the hashtag (#) before a keyword or phrase in order to group a conversation by topic.

For example, when the space shuttle was traveling through Los Angeles, the hash tag was #endeavour. Lots of people were reporting on where the shuttle was and their experiences, reactions and even shared photos as it passed by. It was exciting. If you wanted to know about the shuttle in a real time exchange, all you had to do was go to Twitter and put #endeavour in the search field. Why wait for the evening news when there were thousands of virtual reporters throughout Los Angeles?

When you click on a hashtagged word in any message, it will bring up all the other Tweets about that topic. It slows down the fast river of information that is pouring through Twitter’s news feed. During a disaster, these reports can be very valuable to people who are trying to find out news and information. During the Colorado wildfires, I used Twitter to get up-to-the-minute information from my hometown (news that wasn’t being served on our local stations). People were sharing valuable information about evacuations, fire locations, containment; they were providing virtual, real-time reports from the field.

If you are at a convention or special event, find out the hashtag for the event and participate in the conversation. It’s a great way to enhance your networking at events. Most people do this with the Twitter app they install on their smart phone. Some people give a play-by-play report when speakers are presenting, often quoting the speaker. This allows people who couldn’t make it to the event to get the latest updates and join the conversation.

Hashtags can be placed anywhere in a Tweet – at the beginning, middle, or end. They group Twitter conversations and make it a very searchable tool. Hashtags also work the same on Pinterest.

Note: You should only use hashtags on Tweets relevant to the topic. You also want to make sure to research a hashtag to determine if it is appropriate or has a related use before selecting it for your business.

About MJ: MJ and her brother David own HUTdogs, a creative services business that specializes in Social Media Education for business owners. Join their conversation on Facebook and get good tips and tricks about social media, www.facebook.com/hutdogs.

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ST. RITA ALUM CHOSEN FOR US ARMY ALL-AMERICAN BOWL

Hayden Rettig to Join Elite All-Americans in January's Game

St. Rita alum and Cathedral High School senior, Hayden Rettig, has been selected to play in the prestigious US Army All-American Bowl in 2013. Rettig will join the nation's top 90 high school football players in the East vs. West game at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas on Saturday, Jan. 5.

"It's a great honor playing in this game," Rettig said. "These men [US Army] work so hard every day to provide for us and protect us...I can't wait to show them that I can be one of their country's great quarterbacks."

In January, Rettig will be heading off to college-football powerhouse Louisiana State University (LSU), where he is committed to playing quarterback. His family is no stranger to football talent. Hayden's older brother, Chase, is the starting quarterback for Boston College and one of the leading passers in the ACC.

The brothers both graduated from St. Rita, a place still close to their hearts, where Hayden said he developed a love of the game while playing under Coach Randy Davies. "He was a great coach and he always got the most out of us," Hayden Rettig said. "He personally gave me the confidence to strive to be the best I could be. I will always treasure the years I played at St Rita and for Coach Davies."



Hayden Rettig sports his All-American jersey at a press conference at Cathedral High last week. Photo courtesy Fox Sports



Rettig poses with Barbara and Randy Davies at a Cathedral game. Photo Courtesy Suzy Rettig

Both Hayden and Chase still keep in contact with Davies and come back to school to visit their old teachers and favorite office ladies whenever they get the chance. Cousins CJ in sixth grade and Holly in kindergarten attend St. Rita as well.

Watch for Rettig and root for the West Coast on January 5. The All-American game, in its 13th year, will be broadcast live on NBC, with an expected crowd of 40,000 in attendance. Known as the nation's premiere high school football game, it has been called a "launching pad" for future NFL and collegiate star football players. "Mark Sanchez, Tim Tebow, Sean Jackson...all these guys have played in the All-American game," Rettig said. "They say 175 are active in the NFL. That's a big number for me...I want to be there someday."

St. Rita School, located at 322 N. Baldwin Ave. in Sierra Madre, is a Catholic parish school with a championship-caliber sports program. Academically ranked fourth in the Los Angeles Diocese, the school focuses on faith, stewardship and academic excellence.

SPORTS

SIERRA MADRE OKTOBERFEST FULL OF FUN AND SURPRISES

Sierra Madre had a real Oktober surprise at its 5th Annual Oktoberfest Golf and Tennis Tournament. The event raises funds for the city's youth program and included a Four Ball Scramble Golf Tournament and Round Robin Tennis Tournament.

In recent years the Tennis Tournament has been dominated by women players and the golf by men, however this year the tables turned.



Mountain Views Publisher Susan Henderson (l) and team mate Hattie Harris proudly hold the coveted perpetual trophy for the Golf Tournament. Not pictured are team members Ray and Donna Burley.

Men captured all three places in the tennis tournament and a Team of 3 women and 1 man won the golf tournament.

Tennis Winners for 2012 were:

1st place – Ray Tyndall
2nd place – John Capoccia
3rd place – Rick Sosapovan

Golf Team Winners:

Susan Henderson, Hattie Harris, Donna Burley, and Ray Burley

In addition to the golf tournament prizes were given for the Putting Contest - Marc Van Cleave, Longest Drive - Tully Rankin and Closest To The Pin, Pat Simcock.

An annual side competition between two local businesses, GEM Plumbing and the Mountain Views News is also played annually. For the previous two years GEM has won the competition and the losing team has to purchase the pumpkins for the city's Halloween activities in the name of the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club. This year however, the Mountain Views Team had an incredible round and finished the tournament -8 with 3 mulligans to spare.

The games were followed by a delicious lunch catered by Matt Denny's, a variety of traditional Oktoberfest beer, a silent auction, raffles and just plain fun.

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Susan Henderson, Publisher/Editor

If you received a letter from your boss that basically said that if you voted for President Barack Obama you would not have a job, what would you do? Sound far fetched? Well, a few weeks ago, David Siegel, a staunch republican supporter of Mitt Romney sent such a letter to his 7,000 employees without remorse. Of course he says in one paragraph that they are free to vote how they want, but he is quite clear of the consequences if President Obama wins a second term. And to make certain employees got the message, he ended it with, “Signed, your boss, David Siegel”. Was that clear enough?

Siegel, who owns the Florida based Westgate resorts is a billionaire and is currently building the largest house in America, a 90,000 square foot estate called “The Queen of Versaille”. He also takes credit for George W. Bush winning the election in 2000. That year he was quoted as saying, “I had my managers do a survey on every employee [8,000]. If they liked Bush, we made them register to vote. But not if they liked Gore.” That kind of manipulation by people who just want to use the Presidency to further their own self interests has just got to be rejected.

Mitt Romney has a lot of similar characteristics. He will say and do anything to get elected. He has shown his true colors when he thought he was speaking in private, dismissing half the country as irresponsible. He has plans on the table to irradiate the home mortgage interest deduction to offset his tax cuts for the wealthy. He decries the number of people who are on food stamps forgetting that it was his Republican mentor, George W. Bush, who destroyed the economy and he who sent their jobs away, that led them to the need for foodstamps.

Yes, Mitt Romney is a creator of wealth. Just not for you and I, ordinary Americans, just him and his buddies. Listen carefully, but quickly because what he says changes from minute to minute, listen carefully and you won't hear him speaking of a path for the poor to improve their circumstances. He doesn't speak of how his platform will help the Middle Class move forward. And his definition of 'rich' is not millionaires, but billionaires who will invest in anything to make a buck regardless of the consequences. “Mitt Romney, who is the embodiment of the predatory world of financial capitalism.”, said Bill Moyers. He would not be a President who would lead the country to the benefit of everyone. Not the poor, not the middle class, not the elderly, not women, not children, not anyone that wasn't in his mega money crew.

Romney's policies don't even disguise themselves as 'trickle down'. They should be dubbed, 'trickle out', because that's where he sees his future and the future of his billionaire buddies, overseas. How a man who has built a considerable portion of his wealth by outsourcing jobs can tell the American public with a straight face that he will create new jobs here, is incredible.

Mitt Romney is no different than George W. who has friends, Haliburton, et. al., that are still profiteering from his policies. Just ask Donald Trump, or David Siegel. Need I say more?

By election day as much as 6 billion dollars will have been spent to influence the minds of voters. Some spent to create the illusion of a man who claims to be capable of being a compassionate leader, and some to fight off the lies and half truths created to defeat a man who has lead the country for the last four years.

In either event the money has become more important to the campaign than the substance of the men running for the office. The money may have more influence over who you choose than the substance of the man you choose. And that we owe to our Supreme Court.

We have two candidates – one who uses money to buy, bully, lie and manipulate and the other who uses money to stave off the attacks. And yet, because as a society we tend to love money and wealth, this election may very well fall into the hands of the mega wealthy candidate instead of the man who has a demonstrated plan and the demonstrated ability to continue helping this country recover from the last time a super wealthy man occupied the White House. There is nothing wrong with being mega wealthy, but buying votes is a crime.

Bottom Line – There is only one choice for a real leader of the people of the United States. Only one candidate that truly believes and will work hard for All Americans, and that is President Obama. He took this job when the country was at its lowest point and is turning it around. We need him to continue his work. Should we turn it over to the policies of the past.....well, that is just too awful to think about. You need to vote for President Obama. Your future depends on it.

Signed, Susan Henderson, Publisher and Editor Mountain Views News

MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS ENDORSEMENTS
STATE PROPOSITIONS

Proposition 30 Temporary Taxes to Fund Education. Guaranteed Local Public Safety Funding
Should the California Constitution be amended to (a) temporarily increase sales and personal income tax rates; (b) guarantee certain revenue transfers to local governments; and (c) eliminate state funding of certain mandates to local governments? YES

Proposition 31 State Budget. State and Local Government
Should the state constitution and law be amended to require government performance reviews and two-year budget cycles, to prohibit the Legislature from creating certain expenditures unless offsetting revenues or spending cuts are identified, and to make changes in certain responsibilities of local government, the Legislature and the Governor? NO

Proposition 32 Political Contributions by Payroll Deduction. Contributions to Candidates
Should unions, corporations, government contractors and state and local government employers be prohibited from using payroll-deducted funds, or in some instances their own funds, for political expenditures? NO

Proposition 33 Auto Insurance Companies. Prices Based on Driver's History of Insurance Coverage
Should automobile insurance companies be permitted to offer a discount to drivers who have continuously maintained their insurance coverage, even if they change their insurance company? NO

Proposition 34 Death Penalty
Should the death penalty be repealed and replaced with life imprisonment without possibility of parole when someone is convicted of murder with specified special circumstances? YES

Proposition 35 Human Trafficking. Penalties
Should the definition of human trafficking be expanded, penalties for traffickers be increased, convicted sexual traffickers be required to register as sex offenders, and additional training for law enforcement officers be required? YES

Proposition 36 Three Strikes Law. Repeat Felony Offenders. Penalties
Should California law be amended to provide that a life sentence should not be imposed for a third felony conviction unless the third conviction is for a serious or violent felony? YES

Proposition 37 Genetically Engineered Foods. Labeling
Should labeling be required on foods containing genetically modified ingredients when such foods (whether raw or processed, plant or animal) are offered for sale to consumers in California? YES

Proposition 38 Tax to Fund Education and Early Childhood Programs
Should California's personal income tax rates be increased during 2013-24 to provide funds for public schools, early childhood education programs, and state debt payments? YES

Proposition 39 Tax Treatment for Multistate Businesses. Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Funding
Should the California tax code be changed to require multistate firms to pay income taxes based on a percentage of their sales in California, with roughly half of the resulting tax increase to be used to fund clean/efficient energy projects for five years? YES

Proposition 40 Redistricting. State Senate Districts
Should the current state Senate districts be retained? YES

LOCAL MEASURES

Measure A Appointment of County Assessor -- County of Los Angeles (Advisory Vote Only - Advisory Vote Only)
Do you support seeking to change the California Constitution and the Los Angeles County Charter to make the position of Los Angeles County Assessor an appointed position instead of an elected position? NO
POSITION

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? YES

Measure J Accelerating Traffic Relief, Job Creation -- County of Los Angeles (Continuation of Voter-Approved Sales Tax Increase - 2/3 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? NO

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? YES

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ROMNEY VS. ROMNEY



There's a myth in the right-wing-o-sphere that President Obama was never fully vetted. "We don't know ANYTHING about this guy!" they'll say, and in the same breath make fun of the fact he wrote two autobiographies. My answer to this is always: "He ran against a Clinton." Any skeletons, dirt, deal killers or weaknesses were dug up, dragged out and made public during their exhaustive primary. In spite of all of this Obama still won the nomination of his party. He won against a Clinton; a distinction not too many people have. You'll still hear Obama detractors say they don't know him. "The president still doesn't have an agenda for a second term," said Mitt Romney last week. The president has laid out his plan for a second term during his convention speech, stump speeches, interviews — there's even a brochure. But the Right claims it's Obama who's being cryptic. Secretive.

There's a scandal-obsessed media — an entire industry ready to pounce on the slightest misstep of any notable but somehow they've all conspired to protect Obama from scrutiny. Sure.

But as far as Romney goes, I really don't know who this dude is: I've watched dozens of speeches, read hundreds of articles and sat through 23 national debates and I can't tell you where Romney stands on any issue. And it's not for lack of trying or just general contempt (which I suspect is the reason some on the right feign ignorance of Obama's positions), it's from too many answers to every question. I had assumed Romney was just going to sell himself as the opposite of Obama. I based this on his odd claim that he will repeal ObamaCare, the health care law modeled after the reforms Romney implemented while governor of Massachusetts. That seems arbitrary rather than reasoned policy, so I expected that would be the theme: Romney the not-Obama.

"The president has communicated weakness," says Romney on Obama's foreign policy. But then during the foreign policy debate-in-name-only Romney happily agreed with Obama on everything from the withdrawal date in Afghanistan to drone strikes. On Egypt: "I believe, as the president indicated, and said at the time that I supported his — his action there," relayed Romney.

Romney has mainly been running against himself on YouTube. For every position he's held, he's also fervently held the opposite — effortlessly switching sans explanation. He's a candidate who was for the Lilly Ledbetter Act, then against it, then neutral. He's been both for and against minimum wage increases; for and against the auto bail out; for and against gun control; for and against the Bush Tax Cuts; for and against a woman's right to choose; for and against more tax cuts; for and against Reagan.

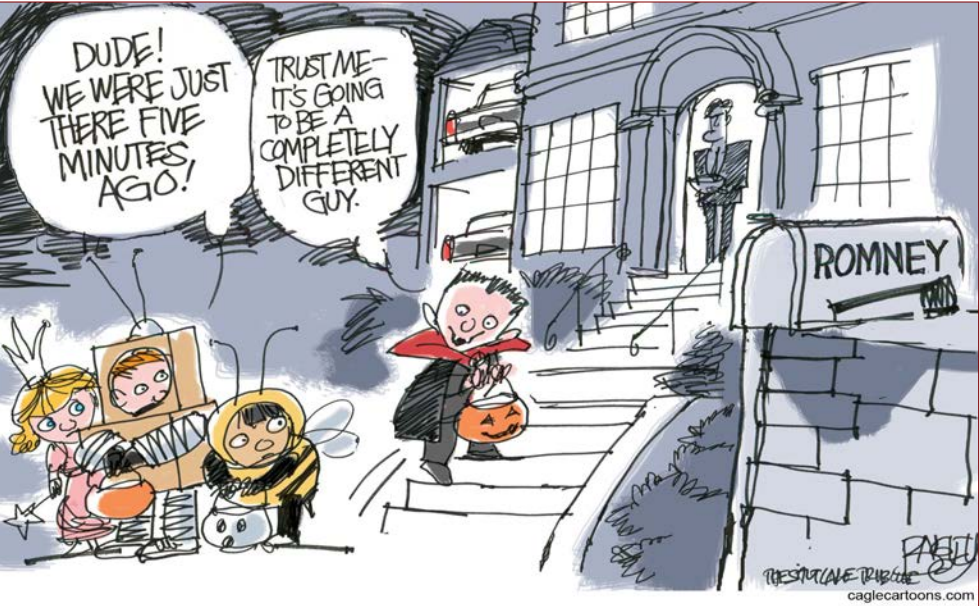
I was asked to speak at a high school a few weeks ago and the civics students earnestly wanted to know where Romney stood on the issues and I really wanted to help them. One of the teachers asked if it's more instructive to look at what Romney says when he thinks there's no camera or when he knows there is one. I told him it might be the former. But I'm not sure. Mainly I just threw my hands up and said, "Look, I'm not a spokesperson for his campaign." You can't go by what Romney has said because he's said a lot of things ... most of which contradict each other. You can't go by his record because it's even further from what he's said (he never raised taxes while governor just tons of "fees"). What's left is a debate over what you think he might mean versus what he really might mean. If you value evidence at all — this is "sketchy" territory. It's all speculation and reading between the lines.

Yet everyone seems to have their theory as to who the real Romney is: He's a moderate — he's a hard-line right-winger — he's a vulture capitalist — peacenik, etc. But who is he really? What would he actually do as president? He's untethered from all his former statements (including ones made minutes ago) so it's anyone's guess.

Because Romney has been on all sides of every issue, he's lined up perfectly with his opponent at one time or another. The only way Romney has been clear is by diluting his positions beyond recognition. Just by continuing to say inconsistent things (and plenty of them) the only thing we can all be certain of is he's not Obama.

It's an intellectual impossibility to vote for Romney because there's no telling what he's actually for. He really is just a not-Obama.

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HOWARD Hays As I See It



*"You know, sometimes, when they say you're ahead of your time, it's just a polite way of saying you have a real bad sense of timing."
- Former Sen. George McGovern (D-SD)*

After last Monday's debate, Rachel Maddow commented that Romney seemed oblivious to the fact we're in an actual war with 68,000 actual Americans facing actual injury and death, with actual families astonished that a candidate for president can so blithely reverse his position on Afghanistan (from condemning timelines to embracing President Obama's commitment to withdraw troops by the end of 2014) a mere fifteen days before an election.

There's President Obama's commitment to the security of our nation and the well-being of our troops; and there's Romney's commitment to the latest advice from his pollsters. There's that disconnect with reality, as when Ann Romney on "The View" likened her sons' serving the Mormon church as missionaries, as her husband did during the Vietnam War, to those serving our country in the military: "So, you know, we find different ways of serving."

It brought to mind the Limbaughs and Hannitys and Dick ("I had other priorities") Cheneys who'd gladly see others off to war while avoiding service themselves.

It also brought to mind a former South Dakota Senator who flew 35 combat missions over Europe during WWII, bringing home a Distinguished Flying Cross. Some twenty-five years later, George McGovern became an object of derision by those we called "chicken hawks"; those cheerleaders for war who had "other priorities" for themselves and managed to score draft deferments for their sons.

(In his book "The Greatest Generation", Tom Brokaw observed that McGovern's war record was not widely known – it wasn't the type of thing brought up in campaigns.)

George McGovern was raised by conservative, Republican parents in a conservative, Republican community. He won voter approval, though, for his sincerity and commitment to those he served.

This came from first-hand experience; he remembered the Dust Bowl of the Great Plains, with family members being paid in potatoes and cabbages. From wartime Europe, he remembered the children near starvation in the Italian villages adjacent to his airbase. (After V.E. Day, McGovern flew food relief flights to Northern Italy.)

McGovern studied under the G.I. Bill, eventually getting his PhD and raising a family as a college professor. He also became involved in politics, realizing he could make more of a difference as a politician than as a professor.

In 1956, McGovern became the first Democrat elected to Congress from South Dakota in 22 years. His focus was on rural America and hunger, here and abroad. He also argued that developments in post-war China and Southeast Asia were indigenous transformations, not evidence of some worldwide Communist conspiracy – and argued for engagement, not isolation.

President Kennedy chose George McGovern to head the new Food for Peace program, using agricultural surpluses to help developing countries throughout the world.

Elected to the Senate in 1962, McGovern spoke out against our policy of arming third-world countries rather than aiding their development, and in particular against our involvement in Viet Nam. Gen. Westmoreland and others attempted to mitigate the carnage by arguing life is "cheaper" in such countries – but McGovern decried losses suffered by the Vietnamese people as well as mounting American casualties.

Supporters of Robert Kennedy turned to McGovern to challenge Richard Nixon following the assassination of their own candidate in 1968. The anti-war vote was split between McGovern and Sen. Eugene McCarthy (D-MN), and the nomination went to Hubert Humphrey. Unlike McCarthy, McGovern endorsed his party's nominee. Had McCarthy followed suit, one wonders whether the nation could've been spared the Nixon presidency.

McGovern increasingly argued it was the responsibility of Congress, not street demonstrators, to end the nightmare of Vietnam – and didn't hesitate to tell his comfortable and complacent colleagues how he felt: "Every Senator in this chamber is partly responsible for sending 50,000 young Americans to an early grave. . . . It does not take any courage at all for a congressman, or a senator, or a president to wrap himself in the flag and say we are staying in Vietnam, because it is not our blood that is being shed."

When a fellow senator complained he'd been personally offended by those remarks, McGovern replied, "That's what I meant to do."

A change of policy would only come with a change of presidents, so four years later McGovern again became a candidate. AFL-CIO President George Meany backed the war in Vietnam, so if McGovern were to run with the support of organized labor, he'd have to soften his opposition to the war. He didn't, and so he ran without that support.

The campaign of Richard Nixon had moles in the McGovern operation; when further bugging and infiltration became difficult, they switched their target to the Democratic National Committee, headquartered at the Watergate Hotel.

In a radio interview a couple years ago, McGovern was asked why they didn't use what they knew of Nixon's tactics in their campaign. He replied they considered it, but ultimately the consensus was that the American people would refuse to believe their president was capable of such things.

After leaving the Senate, McGovern teamed with another former Senator and presidential candidate, Bob Dole (R-KS) in renewed efforts to fight world hunger, efforts continued through the United Nations.

George McGovern stuck to his beliefs, had an underlying faith in the decency of the American people, and saw as his major accomplishment work to alleviate hunger not just in the farm towns of South Dakota, but throughout the world.

When I discussed his passing last week with my son, I mentioned my first vote for president was for George McGovern in 1972. My son's was for Barack Obama, four years ago. His vote went for a winner; mine went for a candidate who lost by one of the largest margins in history. Had McGovern won by that margin instead, I still couldn't be any more proud of that vote.

COVERING UP THE MOTHER OF ALL MISTAKES GREG Welborn



This week's editorial is simple and straight forward. Notwithstanding the life-line that this week's debate moderator threw to President Obama, the President's handling of the terrorist attack disqualifies him from holding his current office or any other public office for that matter. There is absolutely no doubt that President Obama and his team screwed this up. Unfortunately, there is also little doubt they tried to cover this up, as the following chronology and testimony makes painfully clear.

On September 11th, our ambassador to Libya, Christopher Stevens, Foreign Service Officer, Sean Smith, and two Navy Seals were killed when our embassy was attacked.

On September 12th, President Obama addressed the nation, made no mention of terrorism*, but said "we reject all efforts to denigrate the religious beliefs of others, but there is no justification to this type of senseless violence". He made no mention of terrorism. On September 13th, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton blamed a stupid YouTube video with inciting the violence.

On September 14th, the White House spokesman, Jay Carney, stated "we have no information to suggest that it was a pre-planned attack". On September 16th, UN Ambassador, Susan Rice, stated, "the best information and the best assessment we have today is that, in fact, this was not a pre-planned, premeditated attack".

5 days into the investigation and the video is still being blamed by the administration and its representatives. This was immediately followed on September 17th by Hilary Clinton's spokesperson who reiterated the company line and informed us that "it was also [the] assessment coming from the intelligence community".

But then, all Hell broke loose. In testimony before Congress, the former head of the U.S. military team in Libya testified before Congress that the administration had been warned by the embassy that they needed extra protection. Others in the intelligence community testified that they had informed the White House within 48 hours that they believed the attack was premeditated, pre-planned and a terrorist attack. Finally, as the story began to grow legs of its own, ABC jumped into the fray and reported that it had confirmed there were no protests of any kind outside the embassy when the terrorists attacked.

The evidence at this point is overwhelming and points to one of only two possible conclusions. (a) Barack Obama, The President of the United States, was out of touch with the reality on the ground and simply did not know what he was talking about, or (b) he was simply lying in hopes of making it through the election. Either is terrible, almost unforgivable, and certainly disqualifies him from being reelected.

Sadly, though, there is more to this story. So wedded were the members of Obama's team – and Obama himself – to the "there is no terrorist attack" story line that they were willing to lie to the grieving mother of one of these victims. The mother of the murdered Foreign Service Officer was interviewed by Anderson Cooper last week. She told Anderson and his national audience that "they all told me – they promised me" they would tell her what really happened. In that interview, she continued her story. "They haven't told me anything. The things they are telling me are outright lies. That Susan Rice, she talked to me personally and she said it was because of the film." "Leon Panetta actually took my face in his hands like this and he said trust me. I will tell you what happened, and so far, he's told me nothing."

There is no question that this was a colossal screw up. The administration had some warning about threats to the Ambassador; they had requests by the Ambassador for extra security; they reduced the security detail; they then had intelligence reports within 48 hours afterward confirming it as a terrorist attack; and then they lied to the American people because they believed the mistake severe enough to threaten Obama's re-election chances. That is simply inexcusable behavior from a man who wishes to lead this nation. There are times when politics must be put aside, when duty to country must come first. Those of you reading this and disagreeing with me, please be honest with yourself about what your reactions would be had President Bush done these things.

Beyond these disqualifications, we have the even more serious and truly troubling manner in which this administration handled the mother of one of the victims. It takes fear to B.S. a nation like this. It takes a certain pathology to lie to the grieving mother. Out of sheer decency, she's the one person in America you don't B.S. It would have actually been better to say nothing to her, to let her deal with her grief alone, than to mislead her about your desire to get to the bottom of this. The presidency is no place for someone this incompetent or this detached, and certainly no place for someone with such heartless disregard for the pain and suffering engendered by the loss of a child. A nation, and a grieving mother, deserve better.

*Editor's Note: Opinions expressed in this paper are solely those of the author. However, it is the policy of this paper that columnists base their opinions on fact. Mr. Welborn's statement that the President did not mention terrorism the day after the attack is not true. To set the record straight, below is the CNN Fact Check on this matter: Governor Romney and Greg Welborn denied that the President spoke of terrorism the day after the attack.

"The facts: On September 12, the day after the attack that killed four Americans, including U.S. Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens, Obama said in comments in the Rose Garden that he had learned about the attack on the consulate the night before.

"Our country is only as strong as the character of our people and the service of those both civilian and military who represent us around the globe," he said. "No acts of terror will ever shake the resolve of this great nation, alter that character, or eclipse the light of the values that we stand for. Today we mourn four more Americans who represent the very best of the United States of America. We will not waver in our commitment to see that justice is done for this terrible act. And make no mistake, justice will be done." Source: CNN

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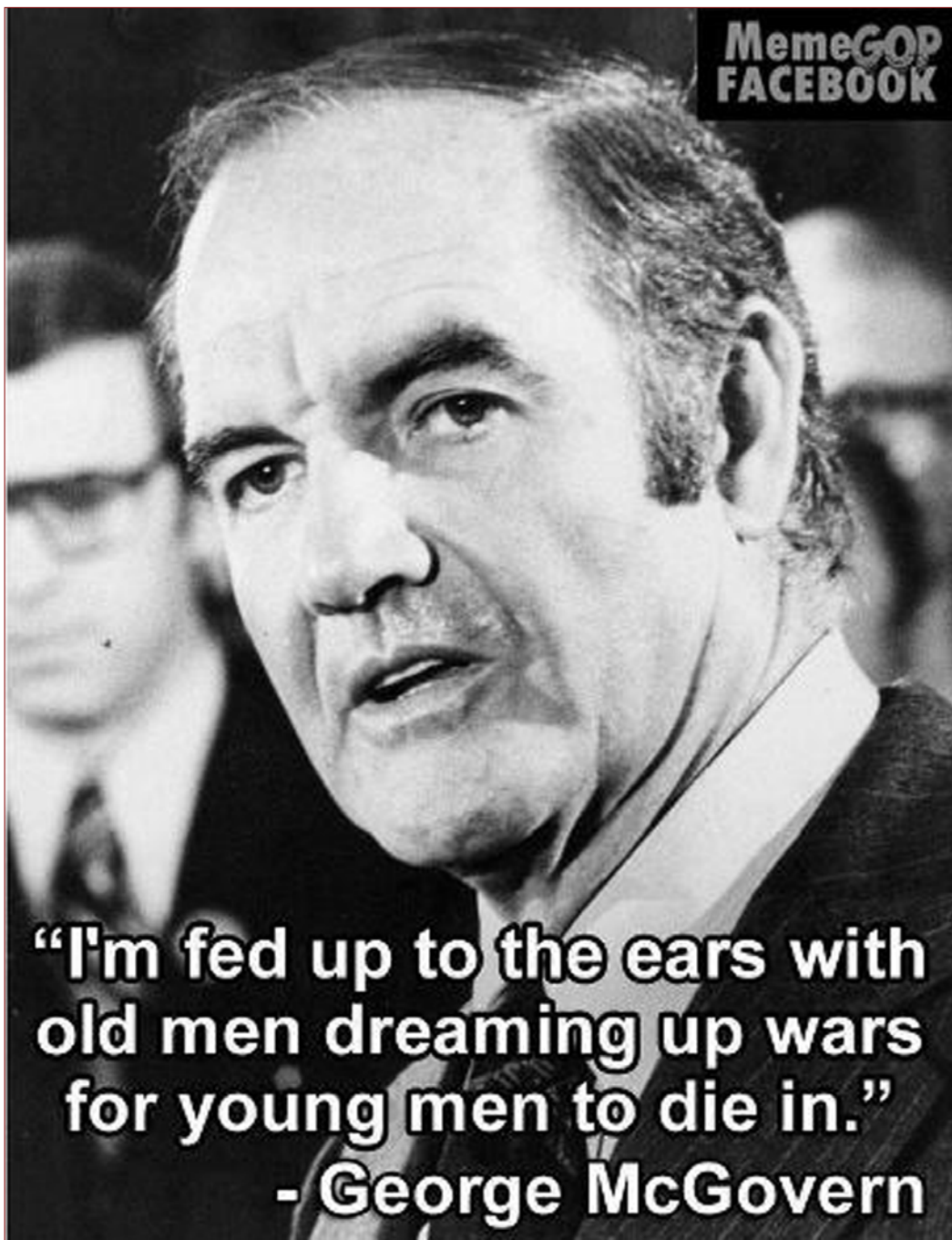
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HAIL Hamilton My Turn



THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A GOOD LAUGH!

I found this site the other day surfing the net. It was like hanging ten for the first time. It made me laugh and think at the same time. The site is called appropriately "Jokes4us.com." It claims to have jokes about just about any topic worth telling a joke about. What caught my eyes was the category "Political Jokes." Of particular interest to me was the section "Mitt Romney Jokes."

Don't get me wrong. I'm not saying Mitt is a joke or particularly funny (he did crack some zingers at this year's Al Smith Dinner though). Actually, the idea of Mitt Romney becoming President isn't funny at all--it's absolutely terrifying. And more frightening still is Paul Ryan, as V.P., sitting on the sidelines with his Tea Party pals only a heartbeat away being the Big Kahuna. Romney isn't a joke, but he's sure a great target for jokesters. Source: <http://www.jokes4us.com/celebrityjokes/mittromneyjokes.html>

Q: How did Mitt Romney make hundreds of millions of dollars?
A: By turning \$21 an hour jobs into \$9 an hour jobs.

Q: What did Mitt Romney learn at Bain Capital?

A: How to destroy worker's lives, steal pensions, pioneer outsourcing, and master tax dodging!

Q: How does Mitt Romney plan to fix social security?

A: By taking the word SECURITY out of it.

Q: Why is Mitt Romney so optimistic about the future of our economy?

A: Because he's the only presidential candidate with over 200 million dollars in the bank!

According to Paul Ryan, we can't afford Medicare, but we can afford to lower Mitt Romney's tax rate (13.9%).

Barack Obama killed Osama bin Laden. Mitt Romney is going to kill Big Bird. Enough said.

Mitt Romney doesn't want America to borrow money from China, he just wants to send our jobs there.

Q: What book does Mitt Romney want to read to our children?

A: One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, I Hate 47% of You-fish

Q: Why shouldn't Mitt Romney claim China is taking our jobs?

A: He made a career of gift-wrapping jobs for them.

Q: Where does Mitt Romney plan to create Jobs?

A: "In Singapore, China and India."

First Mitt Romney outsourced our jobs to China, now he wants to send Big Bird to a Chinese KFC.

Q: Why does Mitt Romney pay such a low tax rate?

A: He claims 47% of Americans as dependents.

Q: What does the greek word "polygamy" stand for?

A: "Poly" meaning for multiple and "gamy" meaning reasons not to vote for Mitt Romney!

Q: Why would democrats have preferred a Mitt Romney-Sarah Palin presidential ticket?

A: She can't answer basic questions, and he has two answers for every question!

Q: What can't 200 Millions dollars buy for Mitt Romney?

A: Twitter followers!

Q: How do you run a small business that outsources to China?

A: Start off as a large business and ask Mitt Romney to manage it.

Q: Why do employees call Mitt Romney a seagull?

A: He flies in, makes a lot of noise, craps all over everything, and leaves!

Q: What does Mitt Romney plan to do during his first day in office?

A: Deny Health Care to 50 Million Americans.

Robin Hood took from the rich and gave to the poor. Mitt Romney takes from the middle class and sticks it to the poor.

If I had a dollar for every lie Mitt Romney tells the American people, I would be in his tax bracket

Earn lots of money, avoid paying taxes and ship jobs overseas and one day you could be the Republican nominee for president.

Q: What does Mitt Romney mean when he says that he and Paul Ryan are America's comeback team??

A: They're ready to come back in four years and try again.

Whatever your politics, vote Tuesday, November 6. We still have a democracy and every vote counts!

RICH Johnson



HALLOWEEN - A SACRED JOHNSON HOLIDAY

Many of you don't know why I consider Halloween a sacred holiday. And when I tell you, you undoubtedly will scratch your chin, chuckle and say, "Aha! That answers a lot of questions about Rich Johnson".

I was born on Halloween. There, it's out. A relief that it is finally a matter of public record. And as the proverbial \$19.95 television huckster would say, "But wait! There's more". Yes, there's more. I wasn't alone. I have a twin sister. And no, we weren't identical.

And again, as the proverbial \$19.95 television huckster would say, "But wait! There's even more". And yes indeedly there is still more. A scant 13 months later, on Thanksgiving Day, my parents decided if two was good, four was better. My mother gave birth to another set of twins.

Over the next few years, my mother earned the nickname "Rubber Room Dorothy". We did the math and determined at the peak there was a diaper change every 7 minutes.

Halloween is a fascinating holiday. The word is actually a contraction of three words, "All Hallows Eve". It seems, way back when the Irish and the Scottish believed that on this day each year a door would open to the otherworld permitting the sould of the dead and other beings such as fairies to temporarily come into our world. Some of the living even left spots at the dinner table for those dead spirits to come join them for dinner (Mine would all ask for seconds).

Unfortunately, along with Grampa Otis coming over, evil spirits would also sneak through the door (No, I'm not referring to Gramma Ruth). The arrival of these evil meanies created the artifact we know as a jack-o-lantern. The living would carve out the wall of a pumpkin (originally they used turnips) with the ugliest face they could design, put a lit candle in the center in the hopes that it would scare away the nasties. At my house we sat around and guessed who the evil jack-o-lanterns most looked like.

A couple of activities took place on Halloween if you were desirous to be married. Tradition said if you carve an apple in one long strip, then toss the peel over your shoulder the peel would land on the ground in the shape of the first letter of your future spouse's name. For you unmarried women: If you sit in a darkened room and gaze into a mirror on Halloween night, you would see the face of your future husband in the mirror. Alas, if you were never to be married you would see a skull in the mirror.

In case you wanted to know, over \$2 billion dollars a year, in the US alone, is spent on Halloween candy. And over 100 million pounds of pumpkins are produced each year. If you have a fear of Halloween it is called Samhainophobia. Why? Samhain is the original pagan festival that Halloween welled out of.

So every year in honor of my birhday, millions of people around the globe get dressed up and look as weird as they can in my honor. I must be special. I think I'll dress up as "Me" this year. Too hideous? You may be right. I don't want to scare the little children.

STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE CHARACTER AT BOCA RATON



Of all the places in the world why would the Presidential candidates choose to present their last debate before the election in a place called Boca Raton? Here in Southern California I know that many of you are Spanish speaking or quasi-Spanish speaking and already know the meaning of the phrase. If you don't know ask someone else in the room and you will learn that without a doubt the phrase means "The Rat's Mouth". I kept thinking about the strange name of the place as I listened to the candidates agree with one another as they talked about foreign policy.

One of their main areas of agreement was the importance of something called "character". I don't have the transcript of last night's debate but I can recall ex-Governor Romney discussing the importance of "character" as he spoke of the necessity that America be number 1. It is our exceptional unique "character" that will guarantee that we remain on top of the heap unless we do something stupid like re-elect President Obama. This character business seems like nonsense to me as do all nationalistic claims of exceptionalism.

In a way I was grateful when the debates ended and I could switch over to the final game of the series between the Cardinals and the Giants. The score was already 9-0 in favor of the Giants. The game was already in the top of the ninth inning and was continuing in the midst of an absolutely pouring rain. Anyway, after the game, in the midst of the continuing rainstorm, victorious Giant Players were questioned by a soaking beautiful girl and asked to explain their victory. Many of the players agreed—there was one reason—CHARACTER. How could we tell they had character? Why by the fact that they won—of course.

All night I was bothered by these two questions. What is this character stuff and how do you get it and keep it and get more of it? The other bothersome thought still focused on that name "Boca Raton". Does it have any connection to anything? I woke at about 6:00 a.m. and immediately headed for the computer. Believe it or not, within half an hour I had all my answers. It kind of shook me up when I realized where following my curiosity can take me. I'll try and explain.

First I went to the e-dictionary and sure enough Boca Raton can be loosely defined as "mouth of the rat". A kind of secondary meaning that applies, I guess, to the original location of the city is "a shallow inlet of sharp pointed rocks which scrapes a ship's cables. Next I looked up "character" and read about the 6 pillars of character identified as Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. Really, I don't think these are the qualities that the Giant Ballplayers and the Presidential Candidates are referring to. Do you think of baseball players or politicians or Americans in general displaying more of these qualities than anyone else? As I was looking at this definition I noticed the names of recent New York Times Opinion Pieces. There was an article published on October 20, 2012 by Nicholas Kristof entitled Cuddle Your Kid! Maybe this article was connected in some way with the idea of character.

I hit the link and read the story and what do you think, it was all about rats. Here are the first two paragraphs.

A McGill University neurologist Michael Meaney, noticed that some of the mother rats he worked with spent a great deal of time licking and grooming their babies. Other rat moms were much less cuddly.

This natural variation has long-term consequences. Meaney's team found that when the rats grew up, those that had been licked and groomed were more social and curious. They even lived longer.

That's it! Boca Raton—from the mouths of rats. That is how we can strengthen America. The article referred to a book by Paul Tough entitled "How Children Succeed."

Yes, I pushed that link also and learned that one of the ways individuals develop "character" is to be allowed to fail and to be supported and taught perseverance to develop courage. According to the author, many privileged young people are not allowed to fail and become devastated in the adult world and become secure mortgage brokers and bankers instead of bravely using their creative talents to save the world. Perhaps this explains why the network masters put the beautiful girl doing her first deciding game interview into the middle of the rainstorm. Perhaps this will give her "character" as well as possibly causing pneumonia. This may all sound silly but science and research can, I'm sure, teach us more than we can learn from listening to artificial "debates". Which candidate do you think will be the more effective mother rat?

As I said before, if you just let your curiosity guide you, you'll be surprised at what you may discover. Look in only one direction and all you see is "rats". Look back the other way and you see a "star".

OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

BE SURE, YOUR SIN WILL FIND YOU OUT

It happened to me again this past week for the umpteenth time. The last time it happened, I promised myself it would never happen again, as long as I lived. So much for my promises, or maybe I died.

I found myself stranded at the neighborhood grocery store. I meant to put gas in my car, honest I did. Somehow, it slipped my mind.

I do not mind things slipping my mind if they are not important, and if it does not involve the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Unfortunately for me, this did.

I don't mind lectures from my Beloved, if I could sometimes pick the topic. Topics like religion and politics would be a nice change.

Her topic, which she never tires of, is my forgetfulness. At least I can't remember any other topic at the moment.

My car was definitely out of gas and I was going nowhere in it. My only recourse was to walk across the street to the store, and call my wife to come and bail me out of trouble.

Every husband knows how difficult this is because we have to do it so often. I went to the phone booth in the store and made "the call." Then I went and took a seat to wait for her arrival.

As I was waiting, I noticed an elderly gentleman come into the store. I call him a gentleman, but these days, who knows?

This man walked into the store as if he was concerned about being followed. Every few steps he threw a glance over his shoulder as if someone was stalking him.

Since I did not have anything to do for the next 20 minutes, I settled back to watch. When he got into the store, he cautiously walked around the store as if casing it.

So many stores are being robbed; I didn't know but this man was planning to pull off a heist. My interest piqued, which kept my mind off the trouble I was in with my wife when she arrived to pick me up.

When a person is in trouble, it is always a good thing to try to take one's mind off said trouble, and on someone who might be in more trouble than you are at the moment. At least, that's what I told myself at the time.

When a person is facing trouble, he will say anything to himself to calm those jagged nerves.

The man walked around the store several times, always glancing over his shoulder as if he expected something to happen.

As far as I could tell, he was an ordinary man with no special features. He walked with a slow shuffle, but that's to be expected when a man's body ages.

I saw him stand over against a corner for several minutes while he intently watched the front door. A little spooked by this time, I did not know if I should alert the manager or call the police.

I envisioned the headlines in the newspapers the next day: "Local pastor dies a hero's death in the crossfire." I sure would like to be a hero, but only in my own mind.

This hero business can be a little dangerous, so I was in a quandary.

In scanning the gentleman as best I could, I knew he could not have a large weapon on his person. The loose fitting shirt revealed no bomb strapped to his chest, which was a little comforting.

Then the gentleman began to move and I froze. My life flashed before me in an instant - which bored me almost to death. I never want to experience anything like that ever again.

My focus once again went to the gentleman in motion. What was he going to do? Gradually he eased up to the bakery department.

I almost stood, but at my height, I would be an easy target. It's hard for anyone to miss a barn door, especially one with a flashy smile.

I braced myself for what would happen next. Then it happened. The elderly gentleman, with one last glance over his shoulder, bought a chocolate éclair.

I was confused - relieved - but confused. What was all the secrecy about?

About this time, I saw him slither toward the bench where I was sitting. Without looking at me, the man sank into the corner as though hiding from someone.

He sat there for a few minutes and then he opened his bag with the éclair. Just as he took his first bite, someone recognized him, came up and said, "Henry, is that a chocolate éclair you're eating?"

He glanced at me and gave me one of those sick smiles that every husband recognizes. No matter how hard you try to keep something (like éclairs) from your wife, it is impossible.

There is a spiritual lesson here. No matter how hard you try to hide your sin, somewhere, somehow, when you least expect it, someone will see you. An Old Testament scripture lays down an important principle in this regard. "But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord: and be sure your sin will find you out." (Numbers 32:23 KJV.) David, the Psalmist, knew this and wrote, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." (Psalm 139:23-24 KJV.) Live your life as though someone was watching you, because, Someone is watching you.

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L.A., CA 90023. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: IVETT CAMPOS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/01/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct. 06, 13, 20, 27, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2012-195196 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: REGULAR PRODUCTS 16515 CASIMIR AVE., TORRANCE, CA 90504. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) STEVEN R. FORRAY, 414 2nd ST. #358, HERMOSA BEACH, CA 90254. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: STEVEN R. FORRAY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/28/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct. 06, 13, 20, 27, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2012-195250 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RODEWAY INN, 11734 IMPERIAL HWY., NORWALK, CA 90650. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HARLAY HOSPITALITY, INC., 11734 IMPERIAL HWY., NORWALK, CA 90650. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: PRAKASH PATEL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/28/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct. 06, 13, 20, 27, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2012-195718 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: S.C. INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISE, SDC INDUSTRIES, 15852 BERKLEY DR., CHINO HILLS, CA 91709. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) STEVEN CHLD, 15852 BERKLEY DR., CHINO HILLS, CA 91709. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: STEVEN CHLD. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/01/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/01/12. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2012-199064 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SHOES OUTLET, 7108 PACIFIC BLVD., HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) OMAR R. QAZAA, 7018 PACIFIC BLVD., HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: OMAR QAZAA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/04/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct. 06, 13, 20, 27, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2012-199134 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SIMPLE TREASURES, 1020N LYMAN AVE., COVINA, CA 91724. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) WENDY WALL, 1020 N. LYMAN AVE., COVINA, CA 91724. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: WENDY HALL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/04/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct. 06, 13, 20, 27, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2012-199032 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SMART AUTO, 1455 MONTEREY PASS RD. #208, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALBERT CHEN, 1455 MONTEREY PASS RD. #208, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALBERT CHEN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/04/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct. 06, 13, 20, 27, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2012-187434 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SOLESTAGE, 21642 GOLDEN POPPY CT., WALNUT, CA 91789. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SOLE SOLUTION, INC., 21642 GOLDEN

POPPY CT., WALNUT, CA 91789. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: ASHLEE WANG. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/19/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct. 06, 13, 20, 27, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2012-195538 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SUPER TRANSMISSION, 10700 S. PRAIRIE AVE., INGLEWOOD, CA 90303. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SANDRA REYNA-NAJERA, 2650 S. LONGWOOD AVE., CA 90016. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SANDRA REYNA-NEJERA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/01/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/01/2012. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct. 06, 13, 20, 27, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2012-187429 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: T & W TRADING, 107 E. GARVEY AVE. #9, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91755. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TIAN YU TIAN, 107 E. GARVEY AVE. #9, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91755. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TIAN YU TIAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/19/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct. 06, 13, 20, 27, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2012-199087 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE GIVING TREE MINISTRIES, 2677 56th WAY E UNIT 2, LONG BEACH, CA 90805. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DEANDRE ALBRIGHT, 2677 56th WAY E UNIT 2, LONG BEACH, CA 90805. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DEANDRE ALBRIGHT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/03/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2012-195773 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TONY RUSSO, 425 E. LAS FLORES AVE., ALTADENA, CA 91001. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ANTONIO CIRO RUSSO, 425 E. LAS FLORES DR., ALTADENA, CA 91001. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ANTONIO CIRO RUSSO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/01/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/15/2012. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct. 06, 13, 20, 27, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2012-194751 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: U.S.A. SOCCER L.SPORT, 1241 S. SOTO ST. #113, L.A., CA 90023. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) OSCAR A. MARTINEZ, 1241 S. SOTO ST. #113, L.A., CA 90023. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: OSCAR A. MARTINEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/28/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/01/1994. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct. 06, 13, 20, 27, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2012-195082 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: UNIVERSAL TRADING ENTERPRISE, 506 N. GARFIELD AVE. #210, ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KAM & KAM, INC., 506 N. GARFIELD AVE. #210, ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: YING SOTO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/28/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct. 06, 13, 20, 27, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2012-194934 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WESTERN PACIFIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS,

20706 S. MAIN ST., CARSON, CA 90745. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GENTEC ENTERPRISES, INC., 20706 S. MAIN ST., CARSON, CA 90745. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: TERESA PEREZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/28/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/13/1991. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct. 06, 13, 20, 27, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2012-196361 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: YONG HEE CHUNG, 700 S. FLOWER ST. STE. 2820A, L.A., CA 90017. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DENIM NATION DISTRIBUTORS, 700 S. FLOWER ST. STE 2820A, L.A., CA 90017. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: YONG HEE CHUNG. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/01/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Oct. 06, 13, 20, 27, 2012

FILE NO. 2012-199119 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: EL GALLO MARKET 1, 308/310 SUNSET AVE., LA PUENTE, CA 91744. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 08/19/2010, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2012199120. The business was conducted by: HUSBAND and WIFE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 10/04/2012. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: RAINA WILLIAMS/OWNER Dates Pub: Oct. 06, 13, 20, 27, 2012

FILE NO. 2012-191757 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: FLOR BLANCA RESTAURANT, 7515 S. CENTRAL AVE., PASADENA, CA 91106. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 09/07/2012, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2012179988. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 09/25/2012. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: OMAR SALAZAR/OWNER Dates Pub: Oct. 06, 13, 20, 27, 2012

FILE NO. 2012-199565 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editor:

I was really disappointed recently when I called on the fire department to vacuum up some water from some carpeting as a result of a water heater leakage. The dispatcher told me they did not do provide this service. I informed her that being a long-time member of the department for many years I had performed that service many times. She did send them only to have the captain refuse to perform the task saying, "We don't do that kind of work." I guess when you turn into a 'part-paid department' community service kinda falls through the cracks. *George Maurer Retired Sierra Madre Firefighter and EMT*

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT 12-01 (MCTA 12-01)
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre
Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider a text amendment to Municipal Code Chapter 5.56 relating to baths and massage establishments, and Chapter 17.36 relating to permitted uses in the Commercial Zone. The purpose of the amendment is 1) to conform the City's massage regulations to State requirements pursuant to Division 2 of Chapter 10.5 of the Business and Professions Code, and 2) allow massage therapy as a stand-alone permitted use in the City rather than as an accessory to a permitted use. The proposed amendments will establish one regulatory scheme for massage services to create a consistent and clear process for applicants and will enable consumers to identify legitimate massage workers, thus protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the City.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING **PLACE OF HEARING**

City of Sierra Madre City of Sierra Madre
Planning Commission meeting City Council Chambers
Thursday, November 1, 2012 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
(Hearing begins at 7:00 p.m.) Sierra Madre, CA

All interested persons may attend this meeting and the Planning Commission will hear them with respect thereto.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3), 15301 and 15303 for numerous reasons. First, only a limited number of massage therapist businesses have ever applied to do business in the City, and this is not expected to change. Thus, the impact of this ordinance will affect only a handful of parcels at most. Second, if any massage therapy uses are authorized, they would be for facilities that meet the requirements of 15301 or 15303, as such uses are typically small in size, and would be expected merely to update the interior of existing structures, or to build a very small new structure. Third, massage therapy uses are not significantly different in the impacts that they create from other uses already authorized in the commercial zone, such as nail salons, barber shops, and day/health spas (which already authorized accessory massage therapy uses), and such uses are already authorized via home occupation permits. Fourth, revising the procedures by which certification is issued to massage therapists does not affect traffic, noise, or have any other environmental impact.

APPEAL: The decision of the Planning Commission is subject to a 10-day appeal period to the City Council. If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the Planning Commission in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Development Services Department at (626) 355-7138.

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