



The Church of the Ascension is located at 25 East Laurel Avenue in Sierra Madre. For more information, please call (626) 355-1133 or visit: www.ascension-sierramadre.com.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Detective Pham at (626) 744-4522.

Partisan differences aside - community leaders gather to support candidates for the State Senate and Assembly

Carol Liu, who is running for election to a newly drawn Senate District, also currently holds elected office. She is a State Senator in the 21st Senatorial District. Liu has served in both the



Above, 1 to 4. Enid Joffe, Chris Hoden and Bart Doyle. Left, Carol Liu captures the attention of the attendees, which included Monrovia Mayor Mary Ann Lutz.

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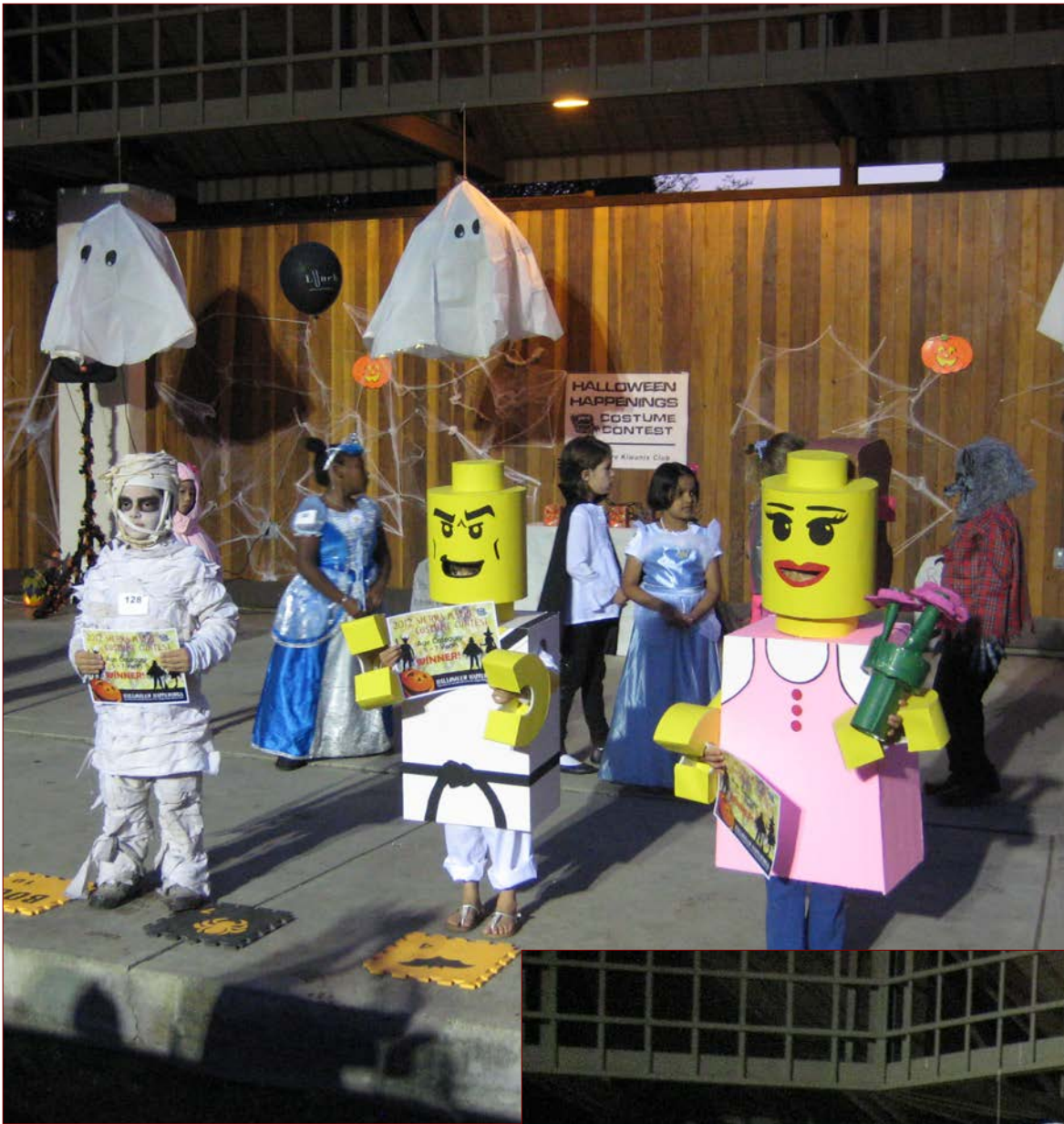
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OH WHAT A NIGHT - HALLOWEEN AFTERMATH



2012 SIERRA MADRE HALLOWEEN WINDOW PAINTING CONTEST WINNERS

The 2012 Halloween Window Painting Contest took place this past weekend on Friday, October 26 and Saturday, October 27. 30 teams competed in 4 different age groups with 90 youth participating this year! Awards were given to the top three finishers in each age category.

The City of Sierra Madre would like to thank all the downtown Sierra Madre businesses for donating the use of their windows for this event, and the Sierra Madre Civic Club for assisting with paint distribution and covering the cost of window washing. The City would also like to say thank you to Best Buy Drugs, Casa Del Rey, Sierra Madre Music, Sierra Madre Congregational Church and Yogurt & More for their extra contributions.

Age Group 9-10 Years

- 1st Place - Johan Thuen and Julian Benson at Prudential California Realty
- 2nd Place - Madison Willits and Desirae Smotrys at Taylor's Market #2
- 3rd Place - Heather Olson, Elise Whitehead, Julia Kelegian, and Lily Hovesepian at Corfu Restaurant

Age Group 11-12 Years

- 1st Place - Margaret Walters, Emma Allen, and Kate Davey at Buccaneer Lounge
- 2nd Place - Gray Harman, Maisie Henderson, Ashley Mayo, and Caty Lesse at Chase Bank #2
- 3rd Place - Amy Stapenhorst and Petra Shair at Salon Zelo

Age Group 13-14 Years

- 1st Place - Hannah Blank, Emma Blank, and Julia Goff at Pantorium Cleaners
- 2nd Place - Sophia Cimino, Claire Morrison, and Madison Burge at Villaggio Pizza
- 3rd Place - Noel Villalobos, Garyn Anderton, Nicole Finocchio, and Cady West at Haynes and Oakley

Age Group 15-17 Years

- 1st Place - Ellis Eckles, Arine Eisaian, and Emily Pacini at Taco Fiesta



Top left, center and right photos of the Costume parade with Emcee Lisa Spagai officiating!

Bottom left, young revelers on Alegria.

Bottom right, three of the costume contest judges, l to r, Shirley Anhalt, Joe and Jackie Pergola.

To see the complete photo album, go to: www.mtnviewsnews.com

All photos by Dean Lee



2012 HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST WINNERS (112 contestants)

0-2 Years

- #36 Alexander Richter
- #37 Samantha Richter
- #44 Alea Conner

3-4 Years

- #5 Alicia Hojola
- #103 Madison Wheeler
- #45 Dylan Brooks

5-7 Years

- #138 Ashley Te
- #128 Julian Khavan
- #139 Hailey Te

8-10 Years

- #10 Dino Linsalato
- #50 Johan Thuen
- #74 Zachary Kriebs

11 and up

- #29 Vincent Morelli
- #97 Jasmine Thompson
- #77 Elysee Vielma

Scariest Costume of all (2nd year for category)- Sierra Madre Playhouse Show
#97 Jasmine Thompson

See complete contest photos at: www.mtnviewsnews.com



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Sierra Madre, Ca.

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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.
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NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
November 13 2012

SIERRA MADRE NOVEMBER EVENTS

11/6 7:00 Library Trustees Special Mtg.

11/13 6:00
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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.



Sierra Madre Rotary Club

Meets Tuesdays 7-8:30 a.m.
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The Hart Park House



As part of our club's lively weekly meetings, dynamic speakers are scheduled on Rotary's service interests, local community topics and general appeal subjects.

Sierra Madre Rotary operates an active high school service group, the Interact Club, participates in Rotary scholarship, music and essay competitions, raises funds for local and Rotary Foundation causes, recognizes exemplary teachers, offers mini grants for worthy projects, hosts the yearly Elvis in the Park concert and donates hundreds of service hours to community events like the Wistaria Festival, Dickens Village and July 4th Parade.

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

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Sierra Madre Police Blotter

October 22-28, 2012

Tuesday October 23, 2012 - At 8:15am, a vehicle travelling south on Baldwin Avenue, stopped for the stop sign at Orange Grove Avenue, but then proceeded into the intersection before it was clear. A minor traffic collision occurred with no injuries reported.

At 2:15pm, a resident received a call from a Bank of America branch in Arcadia, informing her that an individual was fraudulently attempting to cash a check against her grandfather's account. Further investigation revealed that there additional fraud on this account took place the preceding day. As the victim was still in possession of the check numbers being passed, it is apparent that the suspect(s) had obtained the account information of the victim and created fraudulent documents using his account information.

Thursday October 25, 2012 Overnight, an unknown suspect entered an unlocked vehicle that was parked in a carport in the 500 block of West Sierra Madre Boulevard. The suspect removed fishing gear and a wallet from the passenger compartment and fled without being seen. Officers obtained print lifts from the vehicle and an investigation is in progress.

Sunday October 28, 2012 An officer observed a vehicle fail to stop for the posted stop sign at Orange Grove Avenue and Baldwin Avenue and initiated a traffic stop. The officer's investigation revealed that the driver had been drinking and further tests were conducted. The driver (male 57 years of age) was subsequently arrested for DUI.

INGATHERING TEA

Sunday, November 4th, 2012 2 - 4 pm

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

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

Reservations are required by October 29th and should be accompanied by a donation of \$12.50 and sent to:
The British Home in California, Ltd., Attn: Pat 647 Manzanita Ave., Sierra Madre, CA 91024

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 landscape 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 - This Week: Brian Sheridan

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Pasadena Altadena

News From Your Community For Your Community

Man Refuses to Cooperate With Police After Being Shot

Police say a Pasadena resident showed up to a local area hospital Tuesday with a gunshot wound to the hand after reports for multiple gunshots in the northwest part of the city.

According to police, about 5:30 p.m. the Pasadena Police Department received reports of multiple gunshots in the area of Sunset Ave. and Washington Blvd. Officers responded to the area and located witnesses who reported seeing suspects near the intersection shooting at a passing car. One victim called the police reporting her vehicle was struck by gunfire. She was not injured officers said.

While officers were conducting an investigation into the shooting, the police communications center received a call from a local hospital reporting a male adult had arrived with a single gunshot wound to his hand. Officers responded to the hospital and contacted the victim, who they said, was uncooperative and provided vague information about the incident. Detectives are continuing their investigation.

Man Fires Gun at Neighbor during Botched Robbery

An unknown suspect attempted to burglarize a residence in the 2900 block of Calanda Avenue Tuesday.

The suspect then fired from an unknown caliber handgun at a neighbor after confronting him.

The suspect then fled on foot. Deputies were then called. The responding deputies contained the area, but were unable to locate the suspect. The suspect is described as a male/black approximately 20 years old.

Pet of the Week



Basil is one dapper cat! He's a three-year-old brown tabby who loves attention and belly rubs. He's very social and affectionate and loves having his picture taken. He stays in our communal cat room and gets along well with other cats too.

Basil's adoption fee is \$70, which includes his neuter 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 A314809, 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.

EARLY MORNING BLAZE, EXPLOSION LEAVES TWO DEAD

Two people were killed and another critically injured early Wednesday morning during a blaze at a boarding home that left 16 others without a place to stay. Reports also suggest there may have been an explosion at the location.

"All we know is that during the 911 call they heard an explosion," Pasadena Fire Spokeswoman Lisa Derderian said. "When we got there heavy smoke and flames were coming from the structure."

She said emergency responders from the Pasadena Police and Fire Departments arrived about 2:45 a.m. to the structure fire at 1385 El Sereno Ave., a two-story residence.

Derderian said it was unclear what may have started the fire, which she said, caused an estimated \$750,000 in damage, including \$600,000 to structure and \$100,000 to the contents.

Derderian said, at the time, although police were considering the location a crime



Photos by Jamie Nicholson courtesy of Pasadena Fire

scene it was not, "A homicide situation."

"It may or may not, if that does happen, if it turns that way, we will get a press release out right away."

She also said it did not look as though Halloween played a part in the fire, such as a left lit

pumpkin or other decorations.

"Of the speculations that residents brought up, that was not one of them," Derderian said.

Reports suggested the two men killed and others had spent Halloween handing out candy at the location.

Derderian said the fire evacuees were taken to temporary housing at the Jackie Robinson Center and are being assisted by the Red Cross.

"It looks like the organization, friends in need, is going to be helping the residents so we can transition them out of the shelter."

The Pasadena Fire Department was assisted by units from both Glendale and South Pasadena Fire, with a total of 51 personnel, including seven engines, two trucks, four rescue ambulances and an air utility vehicle Derderian said.

Lincoln Avenue Roadwork Begins

Roadway improvements on Lincoln Avenue, from Forest Avenue north up to the City limits, have begun and are scheduled to continue through spring 2013, according to the Pasadena Department of Public Works. The important street and streetscape improvements are key components for the revitalization of Lincoln Avenue and will enhance the corridor for pedestrians, public transit, vehicles and bicyclists.

Sully-Miller Contracting Company, Brea, Calif., is under contract with the Pasadena Department of Public Works to complete the project. Work hours are 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The contractor may adjust work hours to accommodate traffic and pedestrians. Traffic circulation is scheduled to be reduced to one lane in each direction during work hours.

Partial funding for the \$2 million project comes from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) Rubberized Pavement Grant. Project highlights include a rubberized asphalt overlay of concrete pavement, replacing damaged curb, gutter, sidewalk areas; and curb ramps with detectable warning tiles to enhance pedestrian access.

For questions or assistance during construction, call (626) 744-4720 from 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Vegetarian Cooking Class, Free

Whether you are new to vegetarian cooking or just want to learn some new recipes, Joanna Chen of Green Menu will show you how to create some simple, healthy, delicious meals just in time for the holidays on Saturday, November 10 at 2 p.m. at San Rafael Branch Library, 1240 Nithsdale Road.

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

SF Man Sentenced in Huntington Fraud Scheme

A San Francisco man was sentenced Monday to 18 months in federal prison for his role in a construction contract kickback scheme that targeted Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena and Columbus Manufacturing, Inc. in the Bay Area.

According to a statement, Alexander Svidler, 54, was sentenced by United States District Judge Percy Anderson. Svidler, the owner of the Burlingame-based AA Construction Company and Svala Construction, Inc., pleaded guilty in January to two counts of mail fraud.

When he pleaded guilty, Svidler admitted that he entered into a scheme with David Hamedany, the former director of construction for Huntington Memorial Hospital, and Tony Hamedany, the former director of engineering for Columbus, that caused the hospital and Columbus to suffer losses of more than \$2.5 million. As a result of the scheme, Huntington Hospital paid approximately \$2.3 million to Svidler's companies

for construction services that were never performed. Svidler retained 10 percent of the fees paid by the hospital for the bogus contracts and kicked back the remaining 90 percent to David Hamedany. The scheme involved multiple false invoices and billing statements over the years 2007 through 2010.

David Hamedany was sentenced in January to three years in federal prison and ordered to pay \$4.8 million in restitution.

During the same period in which Huntington Hospital was victimized, Svidler's companies performed construction services for Columbus, where David Hamedany's brother, Tony Hamedany, was a director of engineering. According to prosecutors, Svidler paid at least \$400,000 in kickbacks to Tony Hamedany to ensure that Svidler's companies would be awarded contracts on a continuing basis.

Svidler has already made restitution payments totaling \$1.35 million – \$850,000 to Huntington Memorial Hospital.



Huntington Memorial Hospital, via Google Street View

On The Campaign Trail – Politics & Elections

Pasadena Public Library celebrates this Election Year in November with a month long series of films focusing on Politics and Elections each Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Central Library, Donald Wright Auditorium, 285 E. Walnut St. The free film series will feature "State of the Union" on November 7, "All the King's Men" on November 14, "The

Last Hurrah" on November 21 and "Advise and Consent" on November 28.

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

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

Citizen Journalism Meet-up

Learn not just how to blog but how to report the news

The Pasadena Community Network and this newspaper are holding a workshop on Citizen Journalism.

This group is the place where aspiring journalists can learn from trained professionals and support their local community by covering what's really happening in their neighborhoods.

We will put the news in your hands. Learn how



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

For more info call 626.794.8585.

Community College District Offer to Faculty Union to Expire

The Pasadena Area Community College District (PACCD) continues to negotiate with the Pasadena City College Faculty Association (PCCFA) in order to reach a successor agreement to the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) that expired June 30, 2012.

After nearly seven months of negotiations, the district reports that the PCCFA has made no response or proposal on the cost-savings measures the district has proposed to increase access to classes for students.

The PCCFA has proposed significant increases in compensation and benefits without identifying any new state funding or revenue source to pay for them. Nor has the faculty union accepted any of the district's proposals that would make thousands of additional class seats available to students. The PCCFA has rejected the district's proposals despite being offered a salary increase and benefits package that is among the most generous in the state.

"The Board of Trustees has reluctantly reached the conclusion that the Faculty Association has no intention

of seriously considering and engaging the District's offer," said Geoffrey Baum, president of the PACCD Board of Trustees. "Therefore the board unequivocally reaffirms its deadline on the current offer of Monday, November 5, 2012, at 5:00 p.m., after which the offer will be revoked."

The district has released its current offer to the PCCFA. In addition to the increased salary and benefits the district has offered to full-time faculty, the district has offered to extend the 3.5 percent salary increase over three years to all adjunct faculty (hourly part time).

The district has also proposed to protect adjunct faculty from any reduction in compensation should the conversion to the Carnegie hour result in fewer classroom contact hours. Adjunct faculty would continue to be paid for 54 contact hours.

The district's offer is a "win-win" that balances increased salary and benefits in return for reasonable cost-effective measures. The district has communicated to the PCCFA its hope that all full-time and all part-time faculty will be given the opportunity to review the entire district offer and vote on it before the Nov. 5 deadline.

"What's Going On?"*News and Views from Joan Schmidt*

The Volunteer Center of San Gabriel Valley has been around since 1943. It provides Volunteer Services, Court referral Program, Meals on Wheels, Community Harvest and Make a Difference Day.

This past Saturday in partnership with the City of Monrovia, the Volunteer Center of San Gabriel Valley hosted the 22nd annual *Make A Difference Day*. Throughout the nation, community service projects are completed by volunteers from all walks of life—from average citizens to celebrities such as actors or sports figures. Here in Monrovia, over 400 volunteered.



The day began at Library Park. Volunteers had breakfast, signed in and were given shirts and a project to work on. They were of all ages; representing charitable groups like the Rotary Club of Monrovia, organizations such as the Boys and Girls Clubs, Scouts, and businesses. I saw City Council Members Tom Adams, Becky Shevlin, and Larry Spicer as well as City Manager Laurie Lile, Steve Sizemore, Director of Community Development and Melissa Nunez and Rebecca Romero from Community Services.

There were 30 service projects. A few included Monroe Elementary School tree planting and yard clean-up, Canyon Early Learning Center, sandbox cleaning, grass seeding, Monrovia Canyon Park Native Plant Garden and Sandbags. I saw youths hauling mulch to place all around the Library Park. But these service projects were not enough. There were a Blood Drive, Warm for Winter Drive, Canned Food Drive, and Necessities Drive.

After the volunteers ate and signed in, everyone went to the Library Pavilion. Council Member Tom Adams welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Elizabeth Garcia from Assemblyman Anthony Portantino made a special presentation and Jessica Kubel, Volunteer Coordinator came up to accept. Then ALL the volunteers—over 400 posed for a group picture. In between I spoke to Judy Angelo, CEO for the Volunteer Center. There were SO MANY local businesses that helped make this day possible. Some included OSH, Home Depot, Pavillions, Trader Joe, Athens and so many others—I couldn't write fast enough. But Judy said Home Depot not only provided plants, seeds, trees, but so many tools. I told her last year they helped to remodel the Veteran's Hall in Monrovia. And it was not only our Home Depot workers, but a crew I met had come from Baldwin Park to help.

Very special Thanks to the Volunteer Center of San Gabriel Valley and the City of Monrovia for MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE in our community. The local cleanups and plantings would have sufficed, but all the drives to provide blood and much-needed items was just amazing. And of course a BIG THANK YOU to the volunteers from preteens up to Senior citizens—whether alone or part of a group—you are awesome!!

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PAINTBALLS MAY DEFLECT INCOMING ASTEROID

In the event that a giant asteroid is headed toward Earth, it might help if it were blindingly white. A white asteroid would reflect sunlight—and over time, this bouncing of photons off its surface could create enough of a force to push the asteroid off its course.

How might one encourage such a deflection? One answer, according to an MIT graduate student: with a volley or two of space-launched paintballs.

Sung Wook Paek, a graduate student in MIT's Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics, says that if timed just right, pellets full of paint powder, launched in two rounds from a spacecraft at relatively close distance, would cover the front and back of an asteroid, more than doubling its reflectivity, or albedo. The initial force from the pellets would bump the asteroid off course; over time, the Sun's photons would deflect it even more. From his calculations, Paek estimates that it would take up to 20 years for the cumulative effect of solar radiation pressure to successfully push the asteroid off its Earth-bound trajectory.

Paek's paper detailing this unconventional strategy won the 2012 Move an Asteroid Technical Paper Competition, sponsored by the United Nations' Space Generation Advisory Council, which solicits creative solutions to space-related problems from students and young professionals. Paek presented his paper in October at the International Astronautical Congress in Naples, Italy.

The challenge put forth by this year's U.N. competition was to identify novel solutions for safely deflecting a near-Earth object, such as an asteroid. Scientists have proposed a wide variety of methods to avoid an asteroid collision. Some proposals launch a projectile or spacecraft to collide with an incoming asteroid; the European Space Agency is currently investigating such a mission. Other methods have included detonating a nuclear bomb near an asteroid or equipping spacecraft as "gravity tractors," using a craft's gravitational field to pull an asteroid off its path.

ASTEROID TO COME WITHIN 14,000 MILES NEXT FEBRUARY

International leaders in asteroid and comet research are gathering at the University of Central Florida in Orlando on Feb. 15, 2013, for a special "viewing party" that will climax with asteroid 2012 DA14 passing between Earth and orbiting communication satellites (within 14,000 miles of Earth).

The asteroid, the size of a city block, will squeeze by Earth's atmosphere and the geostationary satellites orbiting the planet. It will be the closest flyby in history. Animation: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S7YTmS6U8WM>

Experts say there is no chance the asteroid will hit Earth—this time. But with more than 4,700 asteroids NASA has identified as potential threats to Earth, some as big as 16 football fields, these objects are getting a lot of attention.

Should an asteroid be detected on a collision course with Earth, it will be critical to know its composition and structure in order to deflect it. The impact of a small asteroid like DA14 would equal the destructive power of an atomic bomb. A larger asteroid could be catastrophic.

That's why the planetary scientists at UCF organized this free viewing party and invited leaders in asteroid research to speak to the public about the reality and myths of these ancient rocks on Feb. 15. UCF and the Florida Space Institute are sponsoring this event.

The public also will get a chance to see the flyby through exclusive



An artist's rendering of the asteroid Apophis. Image: European Space Agency live feeds from telescopes in La Sagra and Tenerife, Spain, where the astronomers who first discovered DA14 will be tracking it.

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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.

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KID'S NIGHT OUT

Arcadia Community Center
Turkey Time!
Friday, November 9th – 6-11pm

Kid's Night Out provides kids a night of fun and play so mom and dad can enjoy an evening out or a quiet evening at home. Recreation Staff and Volunteers offer dinner, themed games, movies, and supervision for children ages 4 and above. All activities will be geared toward elementary school children; anyone younger must be potty trained. Accommodations cannot be made for special dietary needs. The cost is \$15.00 per child and also includes snacks and beverages. Pre-registration is mandatory and a \$2 registration fee is applicable for those participants not registered in any other fall classes.

Registration for Kid's Night Out can be done on-line, by fax, 626.821.4370 or by coming into the Recreation Office, 375 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007. For more information please call 626.574.5113!



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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, October 21st, through Saturday, October 27th, the Police Department responded to 1,041 calls for service of which 119 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

- Sunday, October 21:
- At about 1:10 a.m., officers responded to The Patio, 21 East Huntington Drive, regarding an argument involving three subjects. During the investigation, one of the subjects refused to take his hands out of his pockets, and place them on top of his head, as ordered by officers. Though initially non-compliant, the subject ultimately complied with the officers' orders, and was arrested for both delaying an officer in the course of his duties and public intoxication. The other two subjects involved in the argument were also arrested for public intoxication.
 - At approximately 1:47 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of S. Eighth Avenue in reference to a road rage incident that resulted in vandalism. The victim reported that a White male adult, with gray-colored eyes, stopped her on the road because he believed she had cut him off. As a result, he kicked her front bumper, broke her driver's side mirror, and kicked her door. The victim wrote down the suspect's license plate number as he left the area, but no matches were found on the plate number in the DMV database.
- Monday, October 22:
- Around 7:23 p.m., officers responded to the 000 block of Alta Street regarding a theft involving a wife and her estranged husband. The wife reported that she believed her estranged husband had stolen an identification card and gift card from her purse during a visit a few days earlier.
 - At about 9:45 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop for expired registration in the area of Oakhurst Lane and Colorado Street. The driver of the white Buick provided the officer an expired license. The 60-year-old White female was subsequently cited and released in the field. Her vehicle was left legally parked at the scene.

- Tuesday, October 23:
- Around 1:21 a.m., officers responded to Motel 6, 225 Colorado Place, regarding a battery. Investigation revealed an argument between a boyfriend and girlfriend turned into a physical altercation wherein the boyfriend was the aggressor. The boyfriend grabbed the girlfriend by the hair, caused her to fall to the ground, and forced her to surrender her car keys and cell phone before driving away in her car. The car was recovered in Fontana later that day, and was released back to the girlfriend. The suspect remains outstanding.
 - At about 1:43 p.m., an officer responded to the 2300 block of Lee Avenue in regards to a burglary occurring while residents were home. The suspect attempted to enter the residence through an opened, rear window, and was confronted by a female resident. The male suspect then fled the location without actually entering the residence. The suspect was described as a Hispanic male, 25-35 years old, with black, spiky hair. Prior to the burglary, one of the residents heard the doorbell ring. By the time they answered the door, nobody was there. The burglary occurred moments later. This practice by suspects seems to be a consistent pattern in recent burglaries throughout the city.

- Wednesday, October 24:
- Around 12:06 p.m., officers were dispatched to the area of Lemon Avenue and Grace Avenue to assist with the disposal of a grenade. Upon arrival, officers briefly examined the grenade, and believed it was inert. However, as a precautionary measure, the Los Angeles County Bomb Squad was dispatched for assistance. Their investigation confirmed the grenade was inert, and all residents asked to evacuate their residences during the incident returned to their homes a short time later.
 - At about 9:45 p.m., an officer responded to Macy's at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding an adult subject in custody for theft. The 34-year-old Chinese female concealed items inside her purse, and exited the store without paying for them. Police took custody of the suspect, and transported her to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

- Thursday, October 25:
- Shortly after 3:50 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the President's Square parking lot, 1300 South Golden West Avenue, regarding a vandalism, and theft by trick or device. The victim returned to his vehicle after shopping to find that someone had dented and scratched it. The victim was simultaneously approached by an unknown male who offered to fix the damage onsite. When the victim photographed the suspicious male's license plate, the unknown male immediately drove away.
 - At approximately 6:21 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the Arcadia Public Library, 20 West Duarte Road, in reference to a theft. The victim was inside the Library for the better part of two hours before discovering that her car keys and wallet were missing from her backpack. The victim was not sure if the property had been stolen from her backpack, or if she had left the property in the library bathroom earlier in the day. In either case, someone took her property without her permission.

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MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 463 service events, resulting in 84 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to www.MonroviaPD.org for crime mapping or follow us on Twitter for police notifications.

Commercial Burglary / Grand Theft Auto
October 29 at 6:53 a.m., police responded to the report of a burglary and stolen vehicle from a business located in the 500 block of East Fig Avenue. The vehicle is a white, 1991, Dodge Ram truck. The investigation is continuing.

Commercial Burglary
October 29 at 7:12 p.m., the owner of a business in the 500 block of South Shamrock called to report a theft had occurred earlier in the morning. The investigation is continuing.

Hit and Run Traffic Accident / Driving Under the Influence

October 30 at 1:52 a.m., officers were dispatched to a solo vehicle traffic accident. It appeared a single vehicle traveling north on Peck Road struck a parked vehicle on the east side of the street. The vehicle struck a parked car, spun out of control, struck a steel fence along the wash, and then finally hit a power pole and came to rest. Any occupants fled the scene prior to police arrival. After approximately 20 minutes, the driver who had fled the scene called police and told the dispatchers his location. Police located the subject and Los Angeles County Fire paramedics arrived and rendered first aid. The driver was determined to be driving under the influence. He was taken to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The District Attorney will be reviewing the case for filing charges.

Petty Theft from Vehicle
October 30 at 8:05 p.m., a theft from a vehicle was reported in the 800 block of West Foothill. Investigation continuing.

Outside Assist - Secret Service Search Warrant
October 31 at 6:35 a.m., Monrovia detectives and patrol staff assisted the U.S. Secret Service in a search warrant service at a location in the 400 block of East Greystone. One suspect was arrested for five warrants, two were no-bail warrants, and a second suspect was arrested for nine counts of identity fraud.

Receiving Stolen Property / Parole Hold - Suspect Arrested
On October 25 at 11:35 p.m., officers stopped a bicyclist for not having a headlight in the 900 block of Encino. The bicyclist is currently on parole, and he told officers that he borrowed the bicycle from his brother, who had stolen it. He was arrested, and during the booking process, it was discovered that he is a parolee at large. He was charged with receiving stolen property and a parole hold was obtained.

Burglary / Sexual Battery with Intent to Commit Rape - Suspect Arrested

On October 26 at 3:38 p.m., officers responded to the 100 block of West Colorado regarding a female yelling for help. A male suspect approached the female victim's front door and shook the handle and then knocked. The victim looked out her window and recognized the suspect as someone who used to work with her. The victim cracked the door open and the suspect asked for the victim by name. The victim asked him what he wanted, and he replied that he was going to rape her, and he forced the door open. As the suspect forced the door open, the victim grabbed the door frame and yelled for help. She was overpowered by the suspect and he pushed her to the floor. The suspect climbed on top of the victim, stared at her face, and, again, told her he was going to rape her. The victim continued to scream for help. Three male subjects heard the victim's screams, grabbed the suspect, and pulled him out to the sidewalk, where they held him until officers arrived. When officers arrived, the suspect was still struggling to get away. The suspect was arrested and taken into custody without further incident. The victim suffered no injuries, but was shaken up from the incident.

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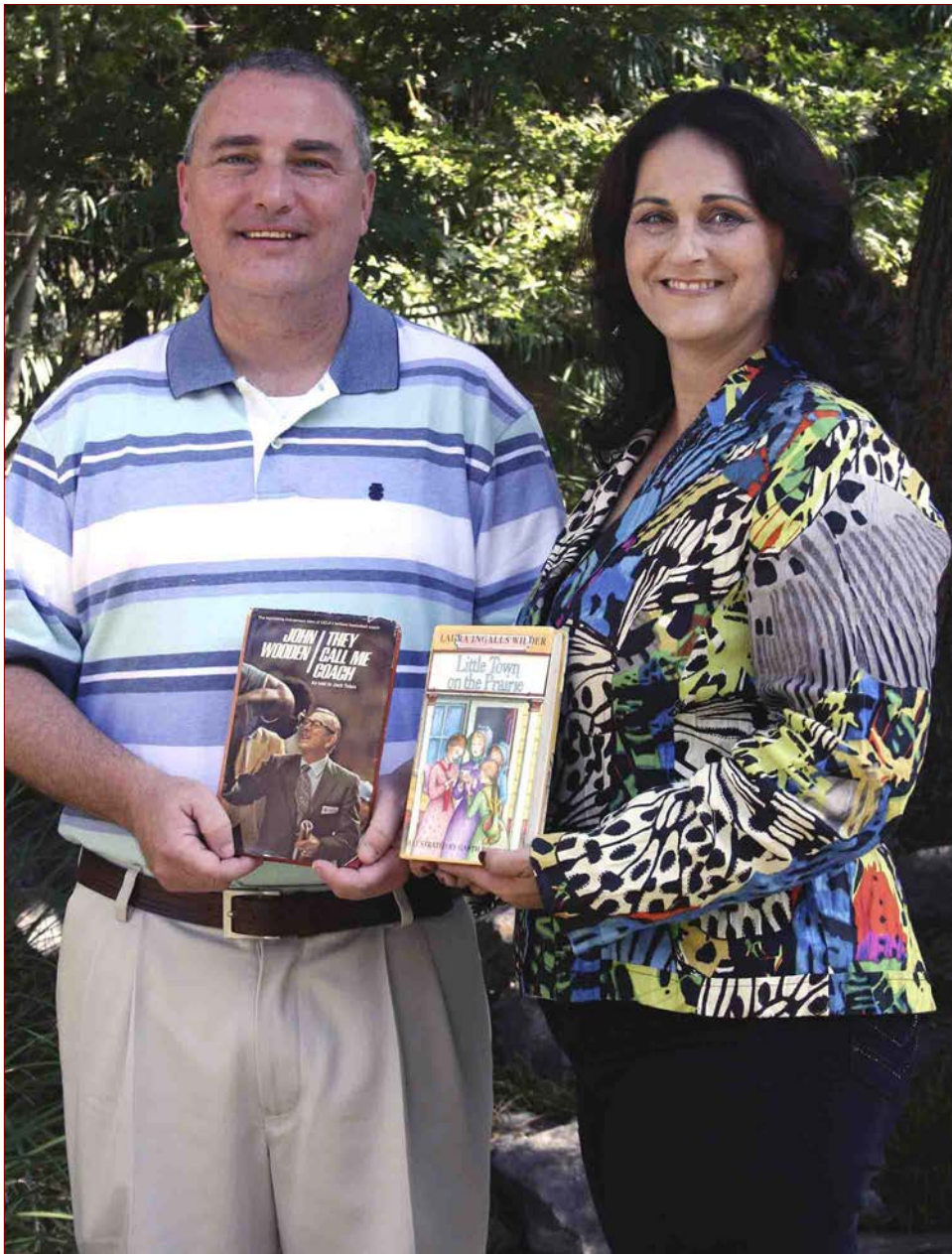
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Sierra Madre Middle School Planning Principal Garrett Newsom and Sierra Madre Elementary School Principal Esther Salinas

LOCAL EDUCATORS SHARE THEIR LOVE OF READING

Sierra Madre School Principal Esther Salinas and Sierra Madre Middle School Planning Principal Garrett Newsom can be seen sharing their favorite books on large posters around Sierra Madre. The posters, part of the Sierra Madre Public Library's Read campaign, convey the simple but potent message: READ.

Newsom shared his reasons for selecting They Call Me Coach by John Wooden. "I enjoyed reading this book because John Wooden is one of my personal heroes. Rather than preparing his teams by focusing on the opponent, Coach Wooden sought to simply make his teams the best they could be, and the winning would take care of itself."

Mr. Newsom has served in Public Education for 20 years, and came to Sierra Madre School in 2006. He was named the Planning Principal of the Middle School campus in 2010.

Esther Salinas selected Little Town on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder because "Laura's frontier adventures growing up as a pioneer girl with her family came to life in the pages of these books. This book is a particular favorite because Laura becomes a school teacher. In many ways, Laura's love of learning ignited my own that eventually led me to my own adventures in learning."

Ms. Salinas has been a teacher and school principal for over ten years. She came to Sierra Madre School in 2011.

Bookmarks with the photos of the principals will be available at the Library for takeaway.

LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE NOVEMBER 11

Pasadena, CA – Open House at La Salle High School is Sunday, November 11, from 1:00pm to 3:30pm. The entire family of all prospective students are invited to tour the campus, meet teachers and students and enjoy presentations by the La Salle band, drama club, Student Life, the Parent Association and numerous other clubs and organizations. La Salle High School is a college preparatory, co-educational, Catholic institution, located in Northeast Pasadena on a ten-acre campus with surroundings conducive to learning and to becoming a member of the Lasallian family. As La Salle High School begins its 56th year of academic excellence, 710 students returned to school and are enjoying an exciting year. "We believe the education we deliver to our students is of the highest quality, offering a very broad and deep academic program with 15 AP courses and 14 Honors classes. We field 22 varsity sports teams along with an extensive visual and performing arts curriculum, honor and service societies, student clubs and organizations, student television broadcasts and student publications as well as a very inclusive Student Life program. "We provide a healthy, safe and warm community atmosphere for all our students steeped in the Lasallian traditions of educational excellence," said Brother Christopher Brady, FSC, La Salle's new principal.

La Salle is proud to be a Lasallian School - an educational institution that draws its philosophy and inspiration from the Christian Brothers whose reputation for excellence in education extends back to 1680. "Our nurturing environment, developed from a 350-year Christian Brothers' educational tradition continues today. We strive to carry out the Mission established by our founder, Saint John Baptist De La Salle, 'to give a human and Christian education to the young, especially the poor,'" said Brother Christopher.

La Salle's curriculum pursues a rigorous balance between college preparatory courses, religious education and enrichment opportunities. It is also committed to a values-based preparation for college that flows from a commitment to religious principles. Service learning is built into the curriculum during each of the four years. During the last five years, 99.5% of La Salle graduates have gone on to college with nearly 90% going to four-year institutions.

What's more, the readers of the Pasadena selected La Salle as the Best Private School in Pasadena Weekly. La Salle is accredited by the Western Catholic Education Association (WECA) and Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

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THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show
Movie Reviews Especially for Teens & 'Tweens
FUN SIZE

While it seems like a flunk of a comedy, Fun Size is actually the funniest comedy I've seen in a long time. The story is simple enough not to interrupt the comedic parts, yet interesting enough to keep you watching.

Wren (Victoria Justice) and her friend April (Jane Levy) just got invited to the hottest, most popular guy at school, Aaron Riley's (Thomas McDonell) Halloween party. Right as it seems like their popularity status is about to go through the roof, Wren finds out that she has to babysit her lame brother, Albert (Jackson Nicoll), for the entire night. While unhappy, she initially takes good care of him, she loses him when they go to a haunted house. Will she find him, will she get to Aaron Riley's party, and will Wren's Halloween be as great as she wants it to be?

Combining Halloween with teen angst and a crazy little brother takes comedy to a new level. This was a great movie, which kept me laughing the whole time, even when it was a serious scene. While everyone was great, the little boy definitely stole the show. Whoever made Fun Size needs to keep making comedy because this is wonderful movie.



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I will confess that I have a proclivity of sponsoring horse that detest the spotlight of the camera. But I've ridden enough benches, chairs and stools from an apprentice to a journeyman to offer tips of a different kind. So come celebrate or drown a sorrow or two at some of my favorite restaurants.

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If you have something different in mind, **Din Tai Fung** is the place for you. The San Gabriel Valley has a large Asian population and this restaurant has many of those transplants huddling in line for their famed Dumplings. I recommend a sampling of the Dumplings and I especially like the Xiao Long Bao (a dumpling packed with minced pork). Fresh Crab Meat is a perfect topping for this irresistible blanket wrapped treasure.
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1 teaspoon McCormick® Gourmet Collection Garlic Powder
2 McCormick® Gourmet Collection Bay Leaves, Turkish
4 cups chicken broth
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
1/2 pound boneless chicken breasts, cooked and shredded or 1 1/2 cups finely chopped cooked turkey
Assorted toppings, such as chopped avocado, shredded Monterey Jack cheese and chopped fresh cilantro (optional)

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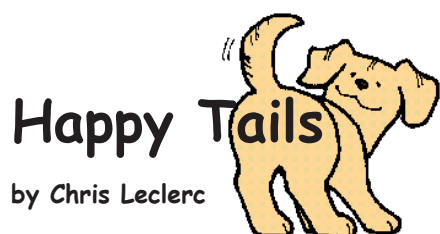
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by Chris Leclerc

I can't think of a single friend or neighbor of mine here in Sierra Madre who doesn't look forward to spending time trekking the trails, and checking out the birds and other local wildlife while exploring the forest as a means of relaxation during their evening and weekend time off. It seems for we foothill dwellers, there is no better way to find quiet time away from the hustle and bustle of city life than to head to the hills where the serenity of nature can bring healing to our hard-working hearts. Even people I know who are not what you'd call nature freaks admit they would rather be surrounded by the calm vibrations of the wilderness so readily accessible to us, than in any other place in LA, including the beaches. It pleases me to know that so many people appreciate nature and wildlife, but the people who invest their 'time off' actually doing what needs to be done to preserve those natural areas we all so enjoy, are the ones who impress me the most.

The Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy is a fabulous network of nature-loving citizens, dedicated to preserving the wild habitats that some of us tend to take for granted, or are even completely unaware of. The group was born out of the need to prevent the development of foothill and arroyo natural areas that would otherwise become part of what I call the "progressive pavement process". The La Vina estate development at the top of Lincoln Ave. in north Pasadena was in part what prompted the Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy to life. Unfortunately in spite of much effort and intervention, that project did move forward and we now see the results of what happens when an enormous natural land mass with a healthy vital ecosystem is suddenly replaced with human dwellings. I guess it's a matter of perspective and those immediately affected were unable to voice their opinion in a language humans understand, because they are animals and plants, however time tells the true story and in the long run humans are also very much affected by the loss of wilderness land space.

The Pasadena Audubon Society is a great group of people who love the outdoors and not only enjoy, but thrive on observing wildlife in its indigenous environment. Aside from their drive to learn and share their knowledge about nature and its habitat, they are also self-appointed advocates of preservation for local natural areas, so it came as no surprise that they teamed up with Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy to help raise funds to save 13 acres of threatened land in Altadena's Millard Canyon. The appropriately potentially protected property was relatively recently purchased by an individual with the intention of building private residential homes to market for sale but as it turned out the buyer decided that it made more sense to sell the property to the Conservancy, if they indeed could afford to purchase it.

As a major part of the effort to procure and preserve the 13 acres of natural wilderness in Millard Canyon, Mickey Long, a local resident and retired biologist/botanist who probably knows more about LA's natural areas than most, offered to orchestrate

CLOSING THE GAP TO SAVE MILLARD CANYON

a 12-week research study of bird species in the Millard Canyon this past Spring. Remarkably, 16 of the most knowledgeable local birders also volunteered to join in on the study, and the results were quite astonishing. The research team was successful in documenting 73 species of birds that either dwell and nest in, or annually frequent the area all of which strongly depend on the natural resources of the creek bed and the foliage it sustains. The results of the study ended up being extremely instrumental in gaining a government grant to help meet the \$675,000 goal necessary to purchase and preserve the property, however a huge gap still remains to meet the goal even with the government funds that were granted.

There are numerous reasons why Millard Canyon should be left alone and allowed to remain as it is, versus being invaded and developed for human residential consumption, but among the most delicate issues is the fact that it is a common connection between the hillside wilderness and the urban lowland sprawl where most of us live. Whether we are aware or not, there are very good reasons for nature to be allowed to thrive and survive as it typically does absent of human intervention. Secondly, Millard Canyon facilitates a major creek bed for the water that runs off the hills and down through the arroyo, which is essential to feeding the fauna that grows there, which in turn feeds the amphibians and other small species of wildlife, which ultimately feed the larger species of wildlife, all of which play a major part in the process of nature simply taking its course and ultimately keeping we humans healthy and happy. Without the natural resources that are provided by that particular area, the indigenous wildlife population would be expected to eventually migrate to a lesser appropriate location, such as into the urban areas, or potentially die out.

The latest and greatest of good news about Millard Canyon came today, November 1 from John Howell Executive Director of the Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy, who was very happy to report that the financial deficit for saving those 13 acres from potential destruction and urban development had dropped from \$40,000 down to \$27, 350 since mid October, which presents a promising hope for finally bridging the gap to save that area for the sake of the wildlife and ourselves.

The Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy will meet their deadline for purchasing the 13 threatened acres in Millard Canyon on November 15, 2012. Hopefully by then they will find themselves in the position to celebrate and announce that those gorgeous acres of natural space indeed escaped the rape of the "progressive pavement process" and will be allowed to remain as they are; an healthy ecosystem where nature can to take its course.

If you would like to take part in saving the 13 threatened acres of natural space in Millard Canyon, spread the word with others in your community and visit the Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy website at: arroyosfoothills.org to make a tax deductible donation. In my opinion, there is no better way to invest one's energy than to protect the environment that sustains them.



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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.

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Book Reviews by Jasmine Kelsey Williams

HATER

By David Moody



Although Halloween has passed, it does not mean you have to jump into the holiday spirit just yet. If one is still in the mood for something dark, then this next title should suit you. 'Hater' by David Moody is one set for a mature audience but will not disappoint; although copyrighted in 2006, 'Hater' has and still receives positive feedback even today, with praise coming from Fangoria, Booklist, and Publishers Weekly. 'Hater' is the first in Moody's "Hater Trilogy" series, and focuses on the rather weak-willed and passive protagonist, Danny McCoyne. The reader will immediately be able to relate to him because he is presented as an "Everyman": he works, dislikes his job, and struggles with his wife and kids. However, the reader will sense and feel the change that occurs when Danny becomes a "Hater". This is what gives 'Hater' its core: the change is sudden, random, and the only hints provided are from random characters and their perceptions when the 'hate' occurs to them. Danny is no different, but what the reader may find exciting is the outside perspective of the 'hate' versus Danny's perspective when it occurs, and how he handles the events that lead up to his transformation. Moody is not afraid to get dirty when it comes to his writing, and the graphic details of the acts of 'Hate' prove just that. The themes of bravery, cowardice, and the dynamic of "me against the world" shine through Moody's words, and those who have read it will not beg to differ. 'Hater' is an exciting read, one that decides to build up to the climatic event but also adds in a surprise to keep its contents fresh. David Moody's 'Hater' and the rest of his trilogy series is meant for those who can keep a straight face, but with a taste for something raw. And for the reader, you will like it or hate it.



SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

Review By Sean Kayden

SMASHED

"Smashed," tells the cautionary tale about a young married couple who share a mutual connection to music, laughter, and drinking...especially drinking. The film, shot in just one month, first premiered at the 2012 Sundance Festival. It's a very small human story and how the effects of alcohol have on people in all areas of life. While nothing expressed on the subject matter was entirely innovative, it was the small, intimate moments in the film that were great. However, those are few and far between while sometimes the film kind of just flows at steady, tame stream instead of erupting into anything wild and rampant. The lovely Mary Elizabeth Winstead gives a superb, genuine, and breakthrough performance as the protagonist. If anything, her acting prowess is worth the price of admission.

Winstead portrays Kate, an affable 1st grade teacher who is struggling with her alcoholism (something she doesn't think is a problem at first). Her husband, Charlie played by Aaron Paul, is an online music journalist that stays home all day writing and you guessed it, drinking. He doesn't really see his drinking as a problem because frankly it doesn't have the same negative effect on him, or so he likes to believe.

Directed by: James Ponsoldt
Written by:
Susan Burke and James Ponsoldt
Rated R for alcohol abuse, language, some sexual content and brief drug use
Release Date: October 12th, 2012

Things start to unravel a bit when Kate vomits in front of her class and the kids inquisitively ask her if she's pregnant. Without knowing how to answer them sincerely, she fibs by saying yes. She lets the lie carry on, which ultimately is going to be a problem. Mr. Davies (Nick Offerman), the vice principal, knows Kate was drinking (from a flask) prior to class as he spotted her doing so in the school's parking lot. He confronts her about it, but doesn't squeal on her. We soon find out this seemingly straight-laced middle-aged man is 9 years sober. He extends his hand out to Kate after things get worse with her extracurricular activities at home with her husband. He suggests accompanying him to AA. With slight trepidation, Kate attends the meeting and it ultimately becomes the first day of her new life. She forms a stronger friendship with Mr. Davies as well as finds a sponsor that's super supportive. All is seemingly well, but things at home begin to deteriorate.

This was James Ponsoldt second feature film, which he co-wrote with Susan Burke. It's a fine effort on his part coming from a script that has some weak spots. What really elevated the screenplay came down to the casting. Winstead isn't going to be nominated for an Oscar, but she should score a much-deserved Independent Spirit Award nomination. She's absolutely terrific as a young woman trying to save herself from self-destruction. Aaron Paul, mostly known for playing Jesse on the TV series "Breaking Bad," is solid in this too. He really shines at the end in a deeply moving scene that leaves the viewer somewhat melancholy on their way out of the theater. Overall, I found "Smashed" to be decent and driven from mediocre to better than average with its wonderful lead actress, tender moments, and flashes of humorous lightheartedness. At any rate, the only thing that didn't make sense to me was how Kate was having the most fun when drinking, but when she stops, it takes a toll on both her personal and professional life. Maybe happiness is neither found in recklessness or pure serenity. It could be that everyone needs to find middle ground between the spectrum of careless and carefree.

"Smashed" is something like that, a middle of the road movie that is a reasonably commendable excursion, but the ride could have been so much more worthwhile if the pit stops along the way were extraordinarily out of the ordinary.

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FROM TRAGEDY TO TREASURE: *100 Artists Turn Downed Trees into Works of Art for Arboretum Fundraiser*

From November 30-December 2, the Los Angeles Arboretum will offer a unique collection of art giving new life to the hundreds of trees felled in last winter's horrendous windstorm. According to the Arboretum's website, "From the ruins of last December's windstorm comes Forces of Nature, an exquisite collection of art created from fallen trees. Beautiful sculptures, furniture, bowls, jewelry and other wood works will be on display at the Arboretum from November 30 to Dec. 1. More than 100 artists, artisans and Art Center students were invited in April to participate in this special commemoration to the 235 trees toppled by the winds up to 80 mph. The artists are donating their work to the Arboretum. The art will be sold at a live and silent auction at a special evening reception on November 30. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Arboretum Tree Fund."

In an interview this week, the exhibition's curator and Arboretum artist-in-residence, Leigh Adams, reflected on the nearly yearlong process that brought this unique event to fruition.

"Last November 30, we had hurricane force winds here in the San Gabriel Valley," she said. "The Arboretum lost 235 trees and a thousand more were damaged. The storm took a chunk out of the legacy of the Arboretum, which span not only historical Los Angeles, but 20,000 years of Native America history, the ranching and mission eras, as well as contemporary Los Angeles."

Adams came in immediately after the storm and suggested that artists use the wood to generate funds to replenish the collection. While the idea was innovative, the Arboretum had a crisis on its hands.

The Arboretum, scheduled to be open to the public 364 days a year, was faced with being closed until it was safe to use again. The clean up job was huge.

Adams chuckled a bit, remembering her first approach to the Arboretum CEO on her idea. "Richard was actually astonished when I came in right after the storm and said, 'Let's do art instead.' But he's a very insightful man, and said he would talk with me about this later."

A full two months later, the meeting and the planning for just such a project, of turning downed trees into art began, on Adams' birthday as she recollects with a smile. The CEO's assignment, "We'd like you to curate the exhibit," was likely one of the best birthday presents an artist like Adams could receive.

As it turned out, the intervening two months since the storm had brought a flood of phone calls from woodworkers of every kind, with inquiries about acquiring some of the up to 150 year old hardwoods defined often as rare, exotic, and even downright unavailable on the open market.

Also particularly notable, was that this wood was not already cut into planks, or milled. It was raw. An artist's dream.

Adams' idea evolved and advanced quickly, and eventually over 100 artists were chosen to participate in the event. The Board of Supervisors eventually agreed to authorize that the mountain of debris would be made available for the exhibit.

This week, as Hurricane Sandy roared into the Northeast, a call came in from a New York museum. Faced with a similar impending loss, they inquired about the Forces of Nature project to help fund the recovery fund, as well as to honor the trees that were lost.

The results have been truly breathtaking, according to Adams. Fifteen pieces came from a group of Art Center students, when their professor posed the challenge to his artist students. "I led the students through the Arboretum on their first visit," said Adams, "explaining the value of an arboretum to the community... as a library to study whether a particular plant will thrive in your home environment, as a source of ancient and recent history with the Native American, Mission era adobe and the Queen Ann cottage."

Then I took them into the sun, and let them get a bit warm, to point out that we'd lost not only our history, but our cooling canopy and our collection."

These students' extraordinary work is on display in the Arboretum library right now, and will be part of the show and auction at the end of the month.

One of the adult artists chosen to work on "Force of Nature" is Charles Dickson, also the artist in residence at Watts Towers in Los Angeles. A multimedia sculptor and three dimensional artist, Dickson originally planned to make a three part flower form from a portion of a 70-80 year old Hawaiian Ear Pod tree felled at the Arboretum. The enormous trunk was six feet across.

As Dickson's artistic bent took hold, the wood turned instead into three thrones. Dickson is still at work onsite at the Event Lawn, gathering a crowd of young and old as he works. Now Dickson is adding to the grouping. Inspired by the wildlife that surrounds him at work there, Dickson is adding wood peacocks, turtles and birds around the thrones. Adams said the works are constantly a site for visitors staging photos now.

Another of the artists, Ramon Rodriguez, a Latin American artist based in Long Beach, was THE hundredth artist chosen to participate. The Bolivian native feels a tremendous reverence for nature, especially trees. "I really wanted to continue the cycle of the trees; to create art from the mystery of the wind and these trees."

Rodriguez's work created of *Acer Buergiana*, a Chinese native also known as a Trident Maple, duly became "Mysterious Wind" while his second donation, made of Montezuma Cypress or *Taxodium*, is aptly named "Storm Sentiment." The Rodriguez family, also musicians, will perform Bolivian folk music in the language of the Incas, as part of the event.

"Forces of Nature" promises to be an event to remember... and to continue for years to come!

For more information on the "Forces of Nature" Artists Exhibition, Auction and Sale, visit www.Arboretum.org. To attend the special live auction and evening reception November 30, contact Brittany Fabeck at 626.821.3237 or Brittany.Fabeck@Arboretum.org.



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Can lifting weights help with age-related health problems? At age 70, I have diabetes, arthritis and osteoporosis and recently read that strength training could improve my conditions. What can you tell me? Looking for Help

Dear Looking:

A growing body of research shows that strength training exercises can have a profound impact on a person's health as they age – and you're never too old to start.

Regular strength training, done at least two non-consecutive days a week, helps you build muscle strength, increases your bone density and improves your balance, coordination and stamina. It can also help reduce the signs and symptoms of many chronic conditions like arthritis, diabetes, high blood pressure, back pain, depression and obesity. And some studies even show that it helps improve cognitive function too.

Safety First

For the most part, strength training exercises – especially if you start conservatively and progress slowly – are safe for most seniors, even those with serious health conditions. But, if you have health concerns or if you are currently inactive, you should talk to your doctor about what may be appropriate for you. A good self-help resource to help you find an appropriate, safe exercise program is the "Exercise and Screening for You" tool at easyforyou.info.

Getting Started

If you've never done strength training exercises before, you may want to work with a personal trainer for a few sessions to help you develop a safe and effective routine you can continue on your own. They cost anywhere from \$20 to \$100 per hour. To find one, ask your health care provider or contact a good health club or fitness facility in your area. You can also search for one online at reputable sites like acefitness.org or ideafit.com.

If personal training isn't an option, there are lots of great senior strength training videos you can purchase to guide you through a wide variety of exercises that you can do at home. Collage Video (collagevideo.com, 800-819-7111) sells dozens of age and fitness appropriate DVD's at prices usually ranging between \$10 and \$20.

Also see go4life.nia.nih.gov, a resource created by the National Institute on Aging that offers a free exercise DVD and guide that provides illustrated examples of exercises you can do at home to strengthen your body. You can order your free copies online or by calling 800-222-2225.

Senior Classes

If you don't like exercising alone or need some motivation consider joining a gym, or call your local senior center to see if they offer any strength training exercise classes. You should also check out SilverSneakers (silversneakers.com, 888-423-4632) or Silver&Fit (silverandfit.com, 877-427-4788). These are fitness programs offered in thousands of fitness centers, gyms and YMCAs throughout the U.S. that offer special classes designed for older adults. These programs are available only to seniors that have certain Medicare supplemental policies or Medicare Advantage plans.

Equipment

If you work out at home you'll probably need to invest in some equipment. While some strength training can be done using your own body weight (like push-ups, sit-ups and leg squats), hand weights, ankle weights, medicine balls, resistance bands or rubber tubing are all great tools for strength training. You can find all these products at sporting goods stores, or online at amazon.com for around \$10 or less. Cans of soup, water bottles or plastic milk containers filled with water or sand could also be used (like small hand weights) for resistance.

Another great strength training tool you should know about is the Resistance Chair (it costs \$280). This is an all-in-one home fitness system that helps senior's maintain and improve their strength from a safe seated position with minimal risk of injury. To learn more see vqactioncare.com or call 800-585-4920.

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



KATIE TseThis and That PICTURE DAY

Every year my department takes our pictures for the employee identification badges, photo directory, and occasional office pranks (e.g., photo-shopping our heads onto celebrities' bodies, etc.). When I first started working there,

I obediently sat for my picture to be taken, and later winced at the results. Over the years, I've found excuses to avoid this annual embarrassment. But this year, I felt strangely compelled to go along with the picture program; probably out of some misplaced sense of duty.

The experience reminds me of when we got our pictures taken at school. We waited amid a long line of classmates in varying degrees of dressiness. This was the one day of the year when the naughty boys, who got benched during recess for tripping, kicking, or biting others, were spruced up in the fanciest duds their mothers could find. And the little girls who were tomboys wore frilly dresses with ridiculous bows and ribbons.

A handful of assistants smoothed out unruly hair with one of five combs that they used for the entire school. They dunked these combs into a jar of water between kids. The less you knew about lice, scabies, and other communicable diseases, the better off you were. Then you waited for your turn to step up to the brightly lit platform. Once there, an assistant aligned your feet on top of two strips of masking tape.

Instinctively, we clenched our jaws in a rigid grin or stared blankly into the bright lights like a deer crossing a Michigan highway in January. Perhaps these different responses indicated something about our personalities, similar to a fight vs. flight response in the face of danger. But I leave this to greater minds (which can tackle these questions after they have absolutely nothing better to think about).

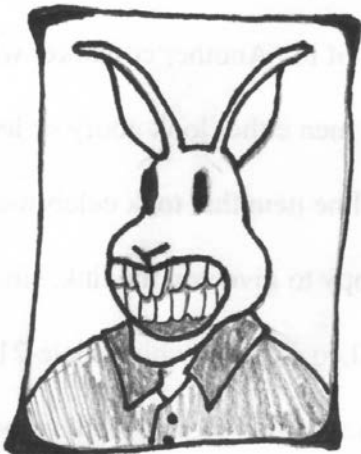
There were never "second takes" for the school pictures. You couldn't wave down the photographer and say, "Let's do that one more time, I think I might've blinked." No --if you squinted or had a giant wad of spinach in your teeth, it was chronicled forever in a yearbook or a parent's photo-collage.

In this recent company photo I have a slightly pained expression in my eyes, contrasting with a grinning mouthful of teeth. I look like I'm ready to devour a victim whole. But it's an improvement over my previous photos, in which I just look pained. Although I'm not particularly proud of my picture, I don't feel too bad; because no matter how good or bad looking you are, the camera will make you look fatter, skinnier, or just weirder than you really are.

Case in point: one of my coworkers is beautiful, with luscious hair and a killer figure. The photographs aren't full-body, but still, she has a lovely face. Even HER picture came out looking odd. She's smiling, but it's the kind of smile you make when you're confused or embarrassed. Another coworker who is gregarious in real life looks sinister and plotting. Nearly all the men either look goofy or lecherous.

I'm reminded of a very funny Mail Online item that took celebrities' photos and morphed them into realistically dumpy portraits. These pictures did me a world of good, in that they made me feel a little better about my body image. And I got a great abs workout laughing at Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie outfitted in a sagging polo shirt and a gaudy dress with line backer shoulder pads. Even if you already feel great about your appearance, it's worth the time typing in the long URL just to have a great laugh!.

Check out: http://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/article-2166849/A-prim-proper-Rihanna-Jennifer-Anistons-mugshot-obese-Johnny-Depp--Hollywoods-elite-youve-imagined.html



SENIOR HAPPENINGS

By Pat Birdsall

FYI AND HELPFUL HINTS:

A burglary takes place every 15 seconds in the United States! Here are some ways to improve the safety of your home:

1. **Take your name off your mailbox.** Burglars can't call 411 to get your telephone number. Many robbers will call a house they are planning on robbing beforehand to insure that no one is home.
 2. **Watch what you put in the trash.** If you just purchased a high-end item like a big screen TV or a new computer system, don't bring the box to the curb! Break it down and try to fit it in your recycling bin or if in Sierra Madre, take it to the city dumpster next to the tennis courts in Sierra Vista Park.
 3. **Shred or cut up all billing statements.** Criminals can steal these and open new accounts in your name. Always shred important documents that you want to discard.
 4. **Turn down the volume** of your telephone if you're going on a trip or turn it off entirely. Criminals roaming the streets listen for loud rings that are not picked up... a sure sign that no one is home.
 5. **Trim your trees and bushes.** Although these look lovely, they are perfect hiding places for criminals.
 6. **Lock up when you go out.** Make sure to shut and lock any windows you regularly keep open. Criminals will watch for open windows when a car leaves the driveway.
 7. **Don't hide a spare key!** The best idea is to leave a spare key with a trusted neighbor or friend.
 8. **Light up your house.** Leave on a light in one or two rooms when you go out. If you normally don't turn on your porch light in the evening don't do it when you go out. It's a dead giveaway.
 9. **Don't leave a note** telling *anyone* anything about your whereabouts.
 10. **Leave the radio or television on.** This can make it difficult for a robber to know if you're home.
 11. **Don't stop delivery of your mail and newspapers.** Have a friend or neighbor pick them up for you. A couple I know in Sierra Madre discontinued their newspaper delivery when they went on vacation. When they got home their home had been burglarized and their second vehicle stolen. It turned out to be a criminal ring that included the paper delivery person!
 12. **If you do go on an extended vacation** consider getting a house sitter.
 13. **Install deadbolt locks** to all doors that lead to outdoor exits.
- *Next week I will give a report on suggestions from our local police department.

For Your Funny Bone

My mom had a lead foot, so I was not surprised when a state trooper pulled us over as we were driving through Georgia. Hoping to get off with a warning, Mom tried to appear shocked when he walked up to the car." I have never been stopped like this before," she said to the officer. "What do they usually do, ma'am," he asked, "shoot the tires out?"

A New Yorker was being shown around the back country of Louisiana by his cousin. "Is it true that an alligator won't attack you if you carry a flashlight?" he asked. The cousin smirked, "Depends on how fast ya'll carry it."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Alberta Curran, Carmela Frontino, Lena Zate, Joe Pergola, Janice Kacer, Flo Mankin, Valerie Howard, "Mike" Ruggles, Lois Stueck, Joan Ruggles, Jean Wood, Shirley Yergeau, Kathi Jefferson, Pat Krok, Irene Nakagawa, Anna Ross, Mary Steinberg, Christine Durfort, Valerie Howard and Sue Quinn. To add your name to this list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737 YEAR of birth not required.

Quote of the Week:

A diplomat is a man who always remembers a woman's birthday but never remembers her age. ~ Robert Frost



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

YMCA San Gabriel Valley Intervale Senior Café: Monday-Friday at 12:00 Noon (Participants are urged to arrive no later than 11:45 A.M.) All seniors 60 and up can take part in the lunch program. There is a suggested donation of \$2.00 for those 60 and over and \$3.75 for non-senior guests. Daily reservations are necessary as space is limited. Please call 24 hours in advance...626.355.0256

Free Blood Pressure Testing: On the 2nd **Tuesday** of the month from 11:00 am-12:00 pm: A nurse from Methodist Hospital, Arcadia volunteers to do the readings. No appointment necessary.

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

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

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

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

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

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. (Gossip, is also free of charge).



EXCURSION: COLUMBIA MEMORIAL SPACE CENTER (DOWNEY, CA) Wednesday, November 7, 2012: Departure at 9:15 am from the Hart Park House. Lunch & Activities from 10:00 am- 1:45 pm Return to the Park House at 2:15 pm (time approximate.) Cost: \$15.00 (does not include lunch.)

The Columbia Memorial Space Center is a hands-on learning facility that is dedicated to bringing the wonder and excitement of space to the public. Exhibits include: NASA Live, flight simulator, rocket launcher, Challenger Learning Center and a memorial for the Columbia crew. The 20,000 square foot visitor center is equipped with amazing technology and visual teaching exhibits with friendly and knowledgeable staff. After the tour the group will eat together at a local restaurant. For more information on the Space Center please visit www.columbiaspace-science.org. 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!



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Predicting the future is hard enough under even the most mundane of circumstances but trying to guess how a particular technology or product will be received in an increasingly competitive marketplace has to rank high on the difficulty scale. Though there have been plenty of accurate predictions of technology market share, development and adoption rates but the predictions that tend to stick in the minds of technophiles most steadfastly are those that demonstrate spectacular misjudgment, misunderstanding, hype, delusion or just plain wishful thinking. It often takes the viewing of the big bloopers through the backward-looking lens of time to put in perspective just how laughable some of these predictions actually were. To be fair in our judgments we must consider that often when these pronouncements were made there was no much of what we would recognize as a technical backdrop to make these predictions against and many of these predictions were made by people and groups considered pioneers in a field where there may have not been anything like a field to begin with.

Here are just a few of the top “Not Quite Right” entries on our list:

“I predict the Internet will soon go spectacularly supernova and in 1996 catastrophically collapse.” -- Robert Metcalfe, founder of 3Com, inventor of Ethernet, 1995.
Mr. Metcalfe was trying to make the point that the Internet of the time was growing like an unregulated and undisciplined weed and that the controls developed to keep it in check were weak in comparison to the job they were created to do. It was a bad prediction in that the internet didn't stop working and doesn't appear to be on the verge of breaking down in that fashion any time soon.

“Apple is already dead.” -- Nathan Myhrvold, former Microsoft CTO, 1997

For the undead, Apple is doing well. It now practically owns the tablet market and holds a huge chunk of the highly competitive smartphone market. In August 2012, Apple became the most valuable company in history with a market capitalization of more than \$620 billion, nipping previous record holder Microsoft, which hit its peak in 1999 and is now worth about \$260 billion.

“There is no reason for any individual to have a computer in his home.” -- Ken Olsen, founder, Digital Equipment Corp., 1977, in a speech to the World Future Society Computer? Nope, not anymore.

Tablet, smartphone, smart appliances with embedded operating systems, connected TVs and multimedia centers? Sure.

Computers? Not so much anymore.

DOLLARS AND CENTS

By Carl Davis, CIMA

PREPARING FOR THE “FISCAL CLIFF”

A phrase that has found its way into our daily lexicon this year is “fiscal cliff.” It refers to a combination of Federal government spending cuts and expiring tax cuts that many fear could be a serious drag on the U.S. economy beginning at the start of 2013. These scheduled spending cuts and tax increases have many economists concerned that if nothing is done legislatively to change current plans and avoid the cliff, a recession could result due to consumers having less to spend just as government reduces its own spending.

Changes on the docket

The estimated impact on the economy comes from a combination of expiring tax cuts, new taxes and automatic spending cuts. The most direct effect on individuals has to do with tax changes. They include:

- The expiration of the “Bush era” tax cuts of 2001 and 2003. Most notably, this would raise income tax rates for most people to levels that were in place prior to 2001. It would also change other tax provisions, including an increase in taxes on dividends and capital gains, a decrease in the child tax credit, and a reinstatement of phasing out some itemized deductions and personal exemptions for higher income individuals.
- The end of the “payroll tax holiday” that reduced an individuals’ Social Security taxes by two percent.
- Less benefit from the American Opportunity Tax Credit, which provided up to \$2,500 per student in credits (a dollar-for-dollar reduction in taxes) to offset qualified higher education expenses. In 2013, income limits to qualify for the credit – which will revert back to its prior name, the Hope Scholarship Credit – are lowered and the maximum credit is reduced to a projected \$1,950.
- The loss of the “patch” that allowed many middle income Americans to avoid exposure to the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT).
- A drastic reduction in the exclusion amount for the estate tax from \$5.12 million per person to \$1 million, and an upturn in the highest maximum estate tax rate, from 35 percent to 55 percent.
- The implementation of a higher income threshold to qualify to deduct out-of-pocket medical costs as an itemized deduction. Currently, expenses valued at more than 7.5 percent of Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) can be deducted. The threshold rises to 10 percent in 2013 for most taxpayers. For those at least age 65, the higher threshold phases in through 2016.
- The addition of new taxes that will apply to individuals earning higher incomes as part of the new Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The effect these changes would have on individuals over the next year could be dramatic, anywhere from several hundred dollars to several thousand dollars or more in increased taxes for 2013 depending on individual circumstances.

The other aspect of the fiscal cliff is scheduled federal government spending cuts that are due to take hold in 2013 – another potential blow to the economy. These include:

- \$110 billion in spending cuts agreed to in the Budget Control Act of 2011
- \$26 billion from the expiration of emergency unemployment benefits
- \$11 billion in reduced Medicare reimbursements for physicians
- \$105 billion in other scheduled changes to revenue or spending.

What should you plan for?

Nobody can be certain what policymakers in Washington may choose to do – or not do – to limit the potential economic shock created by the confluence of events that have led to the fiscal cliff. They could vote to alter the planned changes to tax laws and government outlays in order to temper the impact. However, any action in that regard may not occur before late this year or into 2013.

In the meantime, be prepared for what may come. It appears likely that the amount of taxes you pay in 2013 will be higher than what you paid in 2012. Whether it will be as severe as what exists under the currently scheduled changes remains to be seen. Despite this, changes to the national economy or your personal financial circumstances will not occur overnight.

The tax changes would take place all at once, but from a personal perspective, they would have a gradual effect. It could be dramatic over a year's time, but it will be applied in smaller increments such as through wage withholding. Even the government's spending cuts will be implemented gradually over the year. The situation will create challenges and should not be taken lightly. But it also offers the opportunity to carefully review your finances, everything from day-to-day spending to investment strategies and tax planning, to determine the best way to limit the impact on your own bottom line and move forward with your best financial strategies.

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BUSINESS TODAY

The latest on Business News, Trends and Techniques

By La Quetta M. Shamblee, MBA



TRUTH IN ADVERTISING DOESN'T APPLY TO POLITICAL ADS

As Americans, we expect a certain standard of integrity and truthfulness in advertising messages that bombard us in all forms of media broadcasted or distributed to the public. We understand the nuances of humor, satire and creative “play on words” that dot the advertising landscape of businesses as they promote their goods and services. Two government agencies with jurisdiction over activities related to business advertising and related activities are the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

The role of the FCC is to regulate interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite and cable. The FTC serves as the nation's consumer protection agency that collects complaints about companies, business practices, identity theft and episodes of violence in the media. (www.ftc.gov and www.fcc.gov)

Businesses of all sizes can be held accountable for making false claims about the goods and services they offer to the public. Accountability for messages hurled into the public arena? Under the Federal Trade Commission Act, businesses must adhere to some basic guidelines, including three key pillars: 1) Advertising must be truthful and non-deceptive, 2) Advertisers must have evidence to back up their claims and 3) Advertisements cannot be unfair. Additional rules apply to other categories of products and services (i.e. toll-free telephone service, mail order, consumer credit). Each state has its own overlay of laws as well.

In comparison to standards and accountability for the business sector, the terrain for political advertising appears to be one giant cesspool of “anything goes.” The current presidential campaign and accompanying state and local campaigns seem to adhere to no standards at all. What is the standard? Where is the accountability?

Of course, it's natural to place the blame on individual candidates, special interest groups and the deep-pocketed, financially bloated PAC's. What about the media outlets who are first in line to benefit from the mega millions spent to promote blatant untruths concocted to confuse and deceive the voting public?

Although the FCC applies to communications transmitted via specifically-defined means, it does not appear to require that political advertising adhere to guidelines that would alleviate the confusion caused by messages and claims that are untrue. Let's use the following questions to illustrate the laxity in accountability under current FTC standards. What will happen if one candidate makes a claim that an opposing candidate is running an ad that makes a false claim? Can the media outlet cease to run the ad? Not surprisingly, the answer is, “No.” Perhaps it's time to add political advertising to the “To Do” list for reform. How about starting with the template that works for our toothpaste, weight loss products, autos and every other industry that engages in commerce?



ADD SOME EYE CANDY

Using good images (eye candy) is important in social media and email marketing. Images get more play on Facebook and rank higher in the news feed. If you use Pinterest, it is all about images and sharing them.

If you are not a Photoshop guru, you might enjoy using a simple yet sassy tool called PicMonkey (picmonkey.com) to enhance your photos/graphics. It allows you to edit an image, add cool frames, take out wrinkles, fix red eye, change exposures, add text, crop, give spray tans, add texture etc. Who needs a plastic surgeon any more? PicMonkey is basically a simplified version of Photoshop and it's a lot of fun to play with.

If you use Constant Contact, PicMonkey is part of their editing tools. As you add images to your email campaigns, you can easily edit right in Constant Contact.

There is also a trend toward using more *infographics*. These types of images present complex information quickly and clearly. They illustrate information that would be cumbersome in text form. If you want to see what these are, just Google *infographics* and lots of samples will come up.

Most people have a digital camera or use their smart phones to take pictures. Try your hand at taking “behind the scenes” photos and share them on your social media sites. Let people know what you do. People also love “before” and “after” photos whether they are looking at wrinkled skin or a remodeled home.

Images help tell your story. We are quickly becoming a society relies more on visual images, and as a consequence, reading less. Icons are the new shorthand, contemporary eye candy. If you've been telling your story with lots of words, you might try mixing it up a bit with more eye candy to sweeten the experience for your readers.

Note: MJ's readers are eligible for a free Constant Contact trial, sign up at: <http://hutdogs.constantcontact.com/features/signup>

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OMG! OH MY GOSH DID YOU KNOW.....

By Patricia Richardson, M.B.A

THE IRS AND IDENTITY THEFT

The IRS has announced the availability of additional information for taxpayers caught by identity theft as part of a larger, comprehensive identity theft strategy focused on fraud protection and victim assistance.

Identity theft occurs when someone uses another's personal information without their permission to commit fraud or other crimes using the victim's name, Social Security number or other identifying information. When it comes to federal taxes, taxpayers may not be aware they have become victims of identity theft until they receive a letter from the Internal Revenue Service stating more than one tax return was filed with their information or that IRS records show wages from an employer the taxpayer has not worked for in the past.

The IRS has created a special section at www.irs.gov dedicated to identity theft matters, including tips for taxpayers and a special guide to assistance ranging from contacting the IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit to tips to protect against “phishing” schemes. The IRS also is taking a number of additional steps this tax season to prevent identity theft and detect refund fraud before it occurs.

Fighting identity theft will be an ongoing battle, as identity thieves continue to create new ways of stealing personal information and using it for their gain. Identity theft cases are among the most complex handled by the IRS. The IRS is continually reviewing processes and policies to minimize the incidence of identity theft and to help those who find themselves victimized by it.

If a taxpayer receives a notice from the IRS indicating identity theft, it is imperative to follow the instructions in that notice. Taxpayer who believe they are at risk of identity theft due to lost or stolen personal information should contact the IRS immediately so the agency can take action to secure their tax account(s). The taxpayer

should contact the IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit at 800-908-4490 begin_of_the_skype_highlighting FREEnd_of_the_skype_highlighting. The taxpayer will be asked to complete the IRS Identity Theft Affidavit, [Form 14039](http://Form14039), and follow the instructions on the back of the form based on their situation.

Over the past year, the IRS has developed a comprehensive identity theft strategy that is focused on preventing, detecting and resolving identity theft cases as soon as possible. This occurs as the IRS continues to balance delivering tax refunds in the intended timeframe, while ensuring that appropriate compliance controls are in place to minimize errors and fraud.

The IRS is taking a number of steps to prevent identity theft, and detect and stop identity theft attempts. This includes designing new identity theft screening filters that will improve the IRS's ability to spot false returns before they are processed and before a refund is issued. They are also placing identity theft indicators on taxpayer accounts to track and manage incidents of identity theft. IRS Criminal Investigation, in partnership with other law enforcement agencies, is diligent in investigating criminals who perpetrate these crimes.

A pilot program launched in 2010 to mark the accounts of deceased taxpayers to prevent misuse by identity thieves is being expanded. The IRS has also expanded an initiative this year to protect victims with previously confirmed cases of identity theft. In late 2011, a group of taxpayers received a special Identity Protection Personal Identification Number, or IP PIN, for use in filing their tax returns for this filing season. The IRS is additionally working to speed up case resolution, provide more training for employees who assist victims of identity theft, and step up outreach to taxpayers.

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ROYAL DELTA SENSATIONAL IN LADIES' CLASSIC AS SMITH BECOMES ALL-TIME LEADING 'CUP JOCKEY, CROWD OF 34,619 MAKE DAY-ONE HUGE SUCCESS AT SANTA ANITA

ARCADIA, Calif. (AP) — Royal Delta led all the way in winning the \$2 million Ladies' Classic by 1½ lengths on Friday at Santa Anita, making the defending champion the only favorite to win on an upset-filled opening day of the Breeders' Cup.

Jockey Mike Smith earned his 16th victory in the event's 29-year history, breaking a tie for most wins with fellow Hall of Famer Jerry Bailey.

"I hope to be around a few more years to add to it," the 47-year-old rider said.

Royal Delta gave Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott his second consecutive win and fifth overall in the Ladies' Classic, putting him in position to sweep the weekend's biggest races, a feat he accomplished last year. He has three runners in the \$5 million Classic on Saturday, a race he won last year with Drosselmeyer.

"We're certainly not counting our chickens before they hatch," Mott said. "I think any one of the three has a chance."

Royal Delta was the 8-5 favorite in the field of eight fillies and mares, considered one of the deepest fields among the 15 races during the world championships. She ran 1 1/8 miles in 1:48.80 and paid \$5.40, \$3.60 and \$2.60. She won by 2 ½ lengths last year with Jose Lezcano aboard.

This time, Royal Delta took charge early, making her way to the lead on a brisk pace. Turning for home, it appeared My Miss Aurelia and Include Me Out were going to overtake Royal Delta, but Smith applied a left-handed whip and she dug in gamely to hold off the challenge.

"She's just brilliant, she really is," Smith said. "I was always taught when you're on a talented horse stay out of their way. I felt confident all the way around there."

My Miss Aurelia returned \$5.80 and \$4, losing for the first time in seven career races.

"I hate that she didn't win, but I just love this filly," trainer Steve Asmussen said. "She never blinks."

Include Me Out was another 1¼ lengths back in third and paid \$5.20 to show.

Awesome Feather, the 2-1 second choice, came in undefeated in 10 races but finished sixth.

Questioning was eased down the backstretch, but the on-call veterinarian said there was no apparent injury to the 3-year-old filly.

Royal Delta caused Mott some worry on Monday when she arrived from New York with a gash on her right hip that required stitches. She was injured loading on a flight that left in the early morning hours to beat Superstorm Sandy.

"Whew, I can tell you I feel a whole lot better right now," Mott said. "It's a real sigh of relief and a big joy to watch her run."

After Royal Delta's win last year at Churchill Downs, she was sold for \$8.5 million to Benjamin Leon. Mott didn't think he would be training the filly anymore and felt sad the day he had to walk her out of his barn.

"It was like walking to my best friend's funeral," he said earlier this week.

Mott attended the Keeneland sale and congratulated Leon after his purchase, not realizing that a couple weeks later Royal Delta would be back in his care.

"It's such a matter of pride to have a horse of that quality," Mott said. "I thought she could do it again if things went well and they did."

With two Ladies' Classic titles to her credit, Mott and Leon were already looking ahead to next year with Royal Delta. They plan to run her in the \$10 million Dubai World Cup, where she finished



ninth in March, and then have her close out her career at the Breeders' Cup.

Six different jockeys, trainers and owners won each of the Breeders' Cup races in front of 34,619 fans on a sunny day.

The biggest upset was Calidoscopio's 4¼-length victory in the \$500,000 Marathon, jockey Aaron Gryder's first Breeders' Cup win. The 17-1 shot from Argentina paid \$36.40 to win and at 9 became the oldest Breeders' Cup champion.

Age also played a part in the second-biggest upset. Sent off at 15-1 odds, Hightail kicked off the two-day world championships with a nose victory in the \$500,000 Juvenile Sprint, giving Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas his leading 19th Breeders' Cup victory at 77.

"At my age it's significant," Lukas said. "I still have the passion for it and I train every day and ride every day. I'm not going to retire. I'm going to ride out there one morning, fall off the pony. They will harrow me under and if the harrow goes over me a couple of times that will be the end of it."

In the \$1 million Juvenile Fillies Turf, 11-1 shot Flotilla rallied to win by 1¼ lengths and paid \$24.80. Trainer Mikel Delzangles and jockey Christophe Lemaire, both from France, won their first Breeders' Cup race.

Zagora won the \$2 million Filly & Mare Turf by three-quarters of a length at 9-1 odds. She paid \$20.40 to win under Javier Castellano for owner Martin Schwartz, who made his fortune trading on Wall Street.

Beholder led all the way to win the \$2 million Juvenile Fillies, holding off 3-2 favorite Executive Privilege by one length.

"She ran her heart out. It was a big effort and being at her home track sure helps," trainer Richard Mandella said. "I guess Santa Anita still has the magic."

It was the 13th Breeders' Cup victory for jockey Garrett Gomez and the seventh for Mandella, who last won at the world championships in 2003 when he had four victories.

Beholder paid \$9.80 to win, while trainer Bob Baffert's Executive Privilege had her five-race winning streak ended after she drifted out in the stretch.

By Beth Harris, AP Racing Writer

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THE REASONS BEHIND OUR ENDORSEMENTS

STATE PROPOSITIONS

YES on PROP 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? - *We simply cannot continue to under fund education. In California, we spend over \$48,000 per inmate annually and less than \$9,000 per year per child in school. We need to get our priorities straight and this proposition will prevent further cuts to our schools. The Governor promised to bring any tax increases to the public for approval and he has with Prop 30.*

NO on PROP 31 State Budget. State and Local Government Constitutional Amendment.

"Political columnist Dan Walters says, "California needs a top- to-bottom overhaul that connects political decision-making to its unique social and economic reality and creates cause-and-effect accountability for those we elect to office. Proposition 31 is akin to giving someone with a flesh-eating infection an aspirin to relieve the pain momentarily when the patient truly needs radical surgery or powerful drugs to stop the infection."

NO on PROP 32 Proposition 32 Political Contributions by Payroll Deduction. Please note that employees that are currently making payroll deductions for political campaigns are NOT asking that this Proposition be passed. Advertisements would lead you to believe that this was the case. This measure claims to be aimed at cleaning up campaign finance, but is just putting handcuffs on union workers and allowing corporations to give freely.

NO on PROP 33 Auto Insurance Companies. Prices Based on Driver's History of Insurance Coverage. This measure is put forth by MERCURY INSURANCE. That's enough in our opinion to mistrust it forever. But wait, there's more....."Voters should once again see through Mercury's longstanding attempts to change state insurance law in a way that would not only discourage some motorists from buying auto policies, but would also encourage them to drive without any coverage, which costs the rest of us." San Jose Mercury News

YES on PROP 34 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? Setting aside the obvious arguments against the death penalty - i.e., the state should not be in the business of killing any human being or the death penalty is too final and the system is too flawed to prevent innocent humans from being executed, there is a more important, overwhelming reason to stop this practice - MONEY! The cost of implementing the death penalty since it was restored in California in 1978 exceeds \$4 billion! Since 1978 California has executed 13 criminals — about \$308 million for each! (There are 727 on death row currently and most will probably die on death row from old age. . And if you want to know why so many law enforcement agencies are in support of the death penalty, consider this, every time a death row inmate has to, lets

say go to the doctor, multiple gaurds and extraordinary security measures have to be taken. And to prison gaurds, it protects their jobs. The savings could be allocated to pay for increased investigation of unsolved crimes and much more.

YES on PROP 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? While the language is not perfect, it is a fact that "Prop. 35 protects children from sexual exploitation. Many sex trafficking victims are vulnerable children. They are afraid for their lives and abused—sexually, physically, and mentally. The FBI recognizes three cities in California—Los Angeles, San Francisco, and San Diego—as high intensity child sex trafficking areas. That's why we need Prop. 35 to protect children from exploitation." Ballot Argument Yes on 35

YES on PROP 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? While every responsible citizen wants the law to protect them from habitual criminals, especially violent ones, the current 3 Strikes was poorly written. After years of prosecution It will "make the punishment fit the crime"; specifically, "Precious financial and law enforcement resources should not be improperly diverted to impose life sentences for some non-violent offenses. Prop. 36 will assure that violent repeat offenders are punished and not released early. Law enforcement, the people who see the imperfections in the current law, including LA Police Chief Charlie Beck, say YES to 36.

YES on PROP 37 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? Thirteen characters - "Contains GMO's" on food labels have created a reaction that should be a warning sign to consumers. Who is against the measure? Monsanto chemicals, E.I. Dupont De Nemours & Co. and Pepsico to name the top three. The list goes on. All companies that profit off of the business of producing food as profitably as possible. The choice of what you eat is yours. Labeling doesn't stop the consumer from buying the product. It simply educates them on what is in it. If you want to eat food that has been grown with seeds inbred with pesticides, you should at least be aware of that before you eat it. Then perhaps when you eventually go to your doctor you can let them know you have a history of ingesting genetically modified foods! We don't know the long term impact, probably because we have never made the associations.....because we did not know what we have been eating!

NO on PROP 38 State Income Tax Increase to Support Education - 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? A measure put on the ballot to oppose Proposition 30. There are some fundamentally troubling issues with the measure, most important-

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

November 2, 2012

Dear Editor:

On November 6, the voters of California will have a say on the future of the children in our communities. In the last decade, our schools and classrooms have endured repeated and damaging funding cuts. Districts have closed campuses, raised class sizes, laid off teachers, shortened the school year and shuttered school libraries. These decisions were made not for the educational betterment of our students but instead dictated by budget necessity. If Propositions 30 and/or 38 pass, we will have some budgetary relief that will finally free us to make decisions in the best interest of our students.

To bridge funding gaps, our school districts have stitched together a patchwork of one-time federal funds and generous support from our educational foundations, PTAs, private donors and local businesses. They have helped to preserve things such as art and music programs, smaller class sizes, athletic teams and high quality instruction.

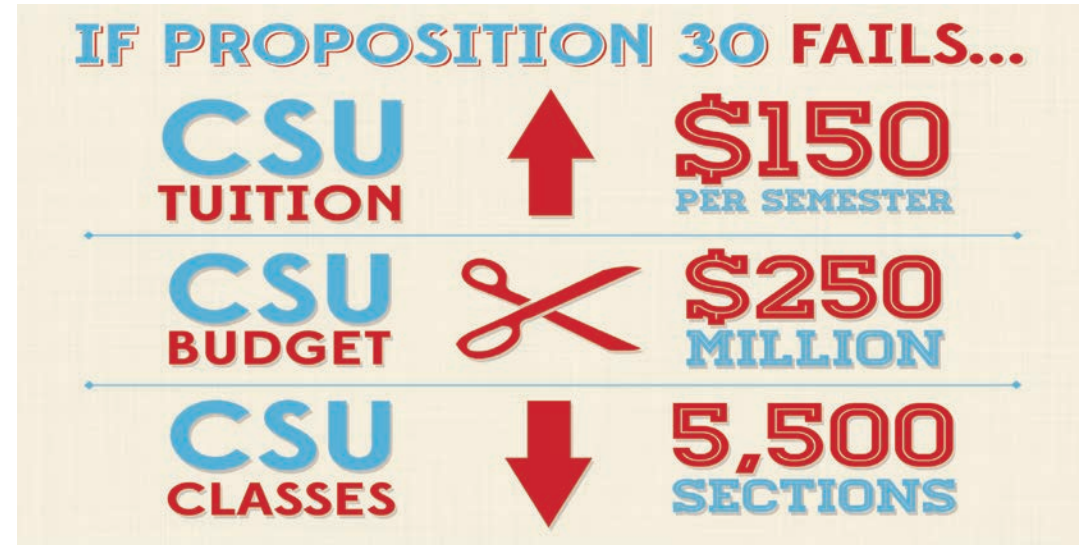
But after years of multimillion dollar funding cuts, we are on the precipice, facing automatically triggered and unprecedented budget cuts if both propositions fail. The academic achievement of the students and teachers that have made our communities proud will be gravely imperiled. This current school year could be shortened by as many as 15 days, closing some schools by mid-May. Make no mistake, our schools will have fewer teachers, larger class sizes and reduced opportunities for educational enrichment that our kids so desperately need.

Proposition 30 would protect K-12 schools, colleges, universities and public safety from midyear budget cuts and is sponsored by Governor Jerry Brown. Proposition 38, backed by Pasadena civil rights attorney Molly Munger, would mean new revenue streams for K-12 education that would bypass Sacramento and instead go directly to schools. Both propositions on Tuesday's ballot would bring much needed help to our schools, but only the one that passes and gets the most votes would go into effect. School boards across the state recognize the potential impact of Propositions 30 and 38 and have endorsed one or both of these initiatives.

California schools have provided countless opportunities for generations of students. We feel that the students of today deserve that same world-class educational experience. Our schools and students are counting on you to make that happen.

Sincerely,

Superintendent Jan Britz, Burbank Unified School District
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ly that Molly Munger spent \$44 million plus to get this passed.(Ballotpedia) Imagine what an impact that could have had on the school district in Molly's hometown of Pasadena. Other opponents say (per Ballotpedia) "If you earn \$17,346 or more per year in taxable income, Prop. 38 raises your California personal income tax rate by as much as 21%, on top of what you pay the Federal government." and "Instead of creating jobs and improving the economy, Prop. 38 will force family businesses to cut jobs, move out of state, or even close. If they can stay in business, they'll raise prices to pay the higher taxes, which will ultimately be passed on to consumers."

YES on PROP 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? "The current tax loophole lets corporations pay less tax to California if they have fewer employees here—giving companies a reason to send jobs out of state. In fact, the state's nonpartisan, independent Legislative Analyst has cited studies showing that the tax policy in Prop. 39 will bring California as many as 40,000 jobs. That's why the independent Legislative Analyst has called for eliminating the present loophole." (Ballotpedia) Largest contributors against the measure - General Motors, Kimberly-Clark Corporation and International Paper.

YES on PROP 34 - Proposition 40 Redistricting. State Senate Districts Should the current state Senate districts be retained? The Districts are already in place. A no vote will not reverse them.

COUNTY MEASURES

NO POSITION Measure A -Appointment of County Assessor -- County of Los Angeles (Advisory Vote Only - Advisory Vote Only) o 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?

YES 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?

NO 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? LA County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich voted against placing Measure J on the ballot. He said that if Measure J is approved, fares will increase. He also said it is false advertising because it will not fund any near-term projects. In fact, the measure currently on the ballot covers the period 2031 through 2069. That is too far into the future to project what our needs will be. A more appropriate time to consider this measure would be in 25 years, 5 years before it is set to expire.

SIERRA MADRE MEASURE ALF

YES 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 and 245 West Sierra Madre Boulevard?

For just about 8 years, Sierra Madre's Skilled Nursing Center has been sitting vacant. A number of proposals were brought forth to build on the property but in the end, the only acceptable project was presented by the Fountain Square Development group. The project, known as The Kensington, will provide assisted living units for senior citizens. The project was approved by the Sierra Madre Planning Commission and the Sierra Madre City Council, however, it is on the ballot for resident approval in order to apply with current ordinance Measure V.

The project "potentially creates over 200 new construction jobs during an anticipated 16 month build period culminating in the hiring of as many as 90 full and part time professional staff that will help care for residents. Residents will be accommodated within 75 assisted living suites where family and loved ones will be welcome. Additionally, generous community and common space will available, a café where residents can gather with friends and family, a fireplace parlor, library, media and art studios and ample courtyards and gardens for outside seating and relaxing as well." (Mountain Views News 9/29/2012 - <http://mtnviewsnews.com/v06/htm/n39/index.htm>)



HOWARD Hays As I See It



"The president's been great. I spoke with him three times yesterday; he called me for the last time at midnight last night. He asked me what I needed, and I said if you could expedite the major disaster declaration without all the normal FEMA mumbo-jumbo. He got right on it; I got a call from FEMA at 2 AM for me to answer a couple of questions, and then this morning I understand he signed the major disaster declaration for New Jersey. The president has been all over this and he deserves great credit. I've been on the phone with him, like I said, yesterday personally three times. He gave me his number at the White House, told me to call him if I needed anything, and he absolutely means it. It's been very good working with the president, and he and his administration have been coordinating with us great – it's been wonderful."

- Gov. Chris Christie (R-NJ) on "Morning Joe" - October 30, 2012

Susan's already addressed Greg Welborn's sticking with the Fox News storyline rather than the facts in his column on the Benghazi consulate attack. In this campaign season, Republican partisans seem un-embarrassed by exposed falsehoods, figuring "Who's gonna know?"

There's Mitt Romney's "building Jeeps in China" ad in Ohio, and statement that they're "thinking of moving all (Jeep) production to China." The problem is that Ohioans have a memory (and know of Chrysler's plan to invest \$500 million in its Toledo Jeep Complex – with 1,000 new jobs). Thanks to that ad, the issue now is not Romney's being on the wrong side of the automotive recovery under President Obama, but that he lies about it. As a GM spokesman put it, "We've clearly entered some parallel universe."

Greg asked us to imagine what our "reactions would be had President Bush" responded as did President Obama to the Benghazi attack. (I'd be surprised he didn't use it as an excuse to invade an un-involved country.) We could also imagine how Ronald Reagan would have responded compared to what we saw from Mitt Romney. Recalling how Reagan responded to the aborted hostage rescue in Iran, occurring during his own run for the presidency, he'd likely call it a "time for us as a nation and a people to stand united." I can't see his campaign sending out press releases attacking the president while our personnel were under siege.

Intelligence assessments on the Benghazi attack use the word "opportunistic". It's also a word that could serve as a summation of Mitt Romney as profiled on a recent PBS FRONTLINE documentary.

Opportunism seems to have been the guiding principle for Mitt Romney. A long-time acquaintance recalled that when asked his view on abortion, Romney provided an answer that was "managerial"; framed with concern over how that answer would affect whatever goal he was pursuing at that time.

His passing healthcare reform in Massachusetts was driven not by conviction but by opportunism; the need for a "legacy" issue for his presidential run in 2008. The political landscape since changed, so what was touted as a singular achievement in 2008 is not to be mentioned in 2012.

If the word for Romney is "opportunistic", then the word summarizing Barack Obama in his profile would be "community". From Hawaii to Indonesia to L.A. to Chicago, for Obama it seems a continuous effort to be part of, to enhance, to expand and often to create a community. The ultimate meaning of the word was proclaimed in his keynote address at the 2004 Democratic Convention; "It's not the red states, not the blue states, it's the United States of America!"

The keynote address at the 2012 Republican Convention was given by Gov. Chris Christie (R-NJ); a loud, incendiary denunciation of President Obama.

I usually don't start my column with such a lengthy quote; those on "Morning Joe" who asked Gov. Christie for an update on the disaster didn't expect him to go on that effusively – but he did.

A week out from the election, there was no campaigning for President Obama. Those in our community of United States needed help, and as Americans we come together as a community to pitch in.

A scheduled Romney campaign rally in the battleground state of Ohio was cancelled "out of sensitivity to the millions of Americans in the path of Hurricane Sandy". Press releases went out announcing that in its stead, at the same time and venue, would be a "storm relief" event - sponsored by the Romney campaign. Supporters were to bring canned goods, diapers, etc. (In case anyone came empty-handed, campaign aides picked up \$5,000 worth of stuff ahead of time at a local Wal-Mart.)

They couldn't just drop the goods off – they had to wait until candidate Romney himself arrived, to make sure he got his picture taken collecting all that stuff. And – they had to sit through the 10 min. bio film on the candidate shown at the Republican Convention.

(The Red Cross consistently reminds they need money, not goods; but writing checks – it's just not the same photo-op.)

On "Fox and Friends", Gov. Christie repeated his praise for Obama's handling of the disaster. When asked if Mitt Romney would be joining him on a tour of hard-hit areas, the Governor replied, "I've got 2.4 million people out of power. I've got devastation on the shore. I've got floods in the northern part of my state. If you think right now I give a damn about presidential politics then you don't know me."

Events of the last few years, and especially of the past few days, have gotten me to think a lot about the words "opportunistic" and "community". Especially over the past few days, there's another word that so clearly fits Barack Obama but could never apply to Mitt Romney: President.



WHY VOTING MATTERS – PROPOSITION 30'S MARCH OVER THE LEDGE

GREG Welborn



Most pundits claim that California's vote is in the bag – that the outcome of the presidential vote next Tuesday is a foregone conclusion regardless of turnout rates for Republicans or Democrats. They may well be right, but the Presidential contest is actually the least significant race facing Californians. The outcome of proposition 30 will determine California's future over the next decade – perhaps even longer – and its outcome is critically dependent on turnout. Anyone with eyes to see or ears to hear the truth about California's fiscal situation needs to turn out and vote NO on proposition 30.

Proposition 30 is Governor Brown's attempt to solve California's looming fiscal disaster by sticking it to the citizens while enabling the addition of Sacramento's spendaholics. That's not how he's trying to sell the deal, mind you, but it is the reality. Ostensibly, the Brown plan, backed by the public employee unions, passes temporary tax increases which will shore up the state's budget deficit. The bulk of the burden is portrayed as falling on the "rich" who "don't pay their fare share". The theory is that tax revenues will increase, spending will stay the same, the deficit will be closed and nobody will be hurt. If it weren't going to cripple the state so much, this campaign line could be laughable.

The first problem with this approach is the assumption that revenues will increase. They won't! In fact, they are likely to decrease in the short term and over the long term. The proposition would impose a 20% to 30% increase in taxes on entrepreneurs and business owners. Of course, that assumes they stick around to pay the higher rate on their incomes. And therein lies the stupidity of this approach. Even the state's Legislative Analyst's Office states that business owners' responses to this rate increase are "difficult to estimate". Think about this for a moment with a modicum of common sense. If you own a business that generates enough money to be considered "rich", don't you think you'd have enough flexibility to decide where you want to live (in California, a high-tax state, or Nevada, a low-tax state)? Don't you think you'd take tax rates into consideration as you decide where to expand your business? Of course you would.

I personally know several business owners (average guys, really; not super rich), who have calculated that they would save enough in taxes moving to Nevada or Idaho to afford flying back and forth between their new home and their businesses AND pay the mortgage on their new home. As long as they spend less than six months in California, they wouldn't live in California and have to pay state taxes. More importantly, they're all planning to expand their businesses when the economy improves by opening facilities in other states.

If Proposition 30 passes, California will lose tax revenue now and for the foreseeable future. When business owners decide to open a facility in a new state, they don't reverse that decision suddenly when/if the state reduces taxes. The new facility, all the employment and all the future tax revenue will remain in the new home state for as long as the facility is productive. This is a long-term disaster for California.

The other critical flaw here is the assumption that spending won't increase. The belief that Sacramento's politicians would actually use increased tax revenues (assuming there were any) to reduce the deficit, rather than to further increase spending, flies in the face of the historical record. As recently as 2009, the state's liberals, along with a handful of fever-swamp infected Republicans and Governor Schwarzenegger, passed a \$13 billion sales and income tax increase. Schools received less money over the course of the next 2 years, but entitlement and union benefits spending increased, and the budget deficit has grown from an estimated \$9 billion to \$16 billion.

If you want to look at some specific tell-tale details, just look at Governor Brown's threats if Proposition 30 doesn't pass. First up on the chopping block \$500 million in cuts in higher education while \$100 million in tax credits to Hollywood producers and \$360 million in interest payments for the bullet train remain untouched. If he, or any of the other Liberals in Sacramento, were serious, they'd tell Hollywood to compete like any other industry has to, and they'd cancel the boondoggle bullet train.

The other tell-tale statistic is the projected pension costs for public union workers. The California State Teachers' Retirement System, alone, has projected that it will need \$3.5 billion to \$10 billion annually over the next 30 years. Any money raised by this proposition (again, a bad assumption) would go right into the coffers of union pensions – not into the schools or infrastructure. Proposition 30 will not, cannot not, save this state. But it can drive the state to ruin faster. Ours is a spending problem. Sacramento has refused to deal with the issue. They continue to vote for increases in spending. They refuse to reform the pension system so that it is compatible with the retirement systems in the private sector – the place where most tax payers have to live, work and survive. They continue to harass, scapegoat and offend the very people (entrepreneurs and business owners) who generate the jobs and tax revenues. They do this because California voters do not demand real accountability and sanity. They do this because they believe that a California general default would be so unthinkable that the federal government will step in to bail us out.

So, no matter how predictable you believe the presidential vote in California will be on Tuesday, the state's own future is anything but predictable. We can stem the tide and save ourselves from the cliff, or we can pull a Thelma-and-Louise and push harder on the peddle to hurdle ourselves over the cliff. Tuesday's voter turnout for the propositions in California is arguably more important than the presidential election. The U.S. still has time. California doesn't. If we don't vote No on Proposition 30, we could easily make Greece look good.

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HURRICANE SANDY AND AMERICA'S POLITICAL WINDS

Everyone expected a big wind towards the end of October. But it was expected it'd be from the media, talk show hosts, blogosphere and politicians, building in a crescendo that'd end on Election Day. That wind did arrive – in gale force -- but what no one expected was that Mother Nature would also chime in by sending her offspring Hurricane Sandy.

It seems so symbolic...

Superstorm Sandy's heartbreak is still being tabulated. At least 33 U.S. deaths, on top of the 67 killed in the Caribbean... Millions of Americans without electricity...More than 16,000 flights cancelled...flooding along the glorious Jersey Shore... New York City transportation including subway and buses shut down....whopping losses to the economy due to storm damage and lost workdays.

And on top of it all, some have argued in this close election that we really don't need that mean, old federal government. Turns out we do during storms. As Texas Gov. Rick Perry once said: "Oops."

Hurricanes don't simply appear out of nowhere. They are born when warm seawaters propel heat and moisture high into the air and the resulting sea evaporation moisture in the atmosphere combines with heat, energy and a big wind pattern.

Sort of like the political storms and political trends we've seen in our politics over the past two years.

There was the Tea Party political storm. The Tea Party was founded by small-government libertarians and serious Republican conservatives who blasted President Barack Obama, former President George Bush and the GOP establishment. But the Tea Party winds were harnessed by former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin and the Republican Party, which turned it into a partisan appendage. It has slightly receded but is that due to waning influence or regrouping to return stronger in 2013?

There is the Political Truth Storm thrusting America into an era where truth is seemingly irrelevant. Romney has had more positions than the Kama Sutra and the erotic statutes of Khajuraho combined. He has created a truly new template for candidates to virtually overnight discard and deny previously embraced tenets – without any political or substantive media consequences.

Even worse: the Romney campaign is almost gleefully running a Jeep-will-export-jobs-to-China in Ohio that wide variety of journalists from all political persuasions note is patently false.

Writes the Washington Post's Greg Sargent: "The move seems to confirm that the Romney campaign is making the Jeep-to-China falsehood central to its final push to turn things around in the state. The Romney campaign has explicitly said in the past that it will not let fact checking constrain its messaging, so perhaps it's not surprising that it appears to be expanding an ad campaign based on a claim that has been widely pilloried by fact checkers."

If Romney loses it'll indicate being truthful counts for something. If he wins not having any consequences for stunningly swift position changes and ads widely documented to be false, then it'll set the bar yet lower in for all future candidates.

As this storm over whether truth matters rages, the question is whether in American politics all that's needed now to instantaneously recreate reality out of falsehood, is for someone whose pants are on fire to repeat a political mantra or to insist that a position that existed never existed. Uttering the words magically makes it so.

Meanwhile, pick your favorite pundit according to your bias who today states with certainty who'll win and why. Pundits self-assuredly project who'll win (while some partisan bloggers already KNOW). Much of 21st century political debate consists of new and old media pundits name calling, and trying to discredit or denigrate those who dare see things differently. Some political websites have suffered massive Denial of Service attacks that seem to be politically inspired.

When the votes are counted on election day we'll see which of the windbags Americans listened to, watched, heard, and read during this political season actually lived up to their self-assured, advance hype. Did they prove to be big, accurate thundering pundits that took the political prediction biz by storm – or, in the end, merely noisy, inconsequential little drips?

The big difference between them and hurricanes? At least hurricanes quickly go away.

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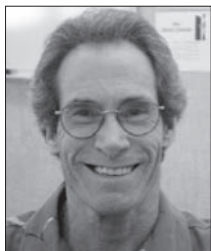
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HAIL Hamilton My Turn



SAY NO TO DECEPTION, VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 32!

Those of you who read my 10/20/12 column about the billionaire political opportunists and environmental polluters David and Charles Koch will not be surprised that they are at it again. This time their target is California with Prop 32, the so-called "Stop Special Interest Money Now Act."

This isn't the first time the Kochs have bankrolled a bogus ballot measure aimed at tricking California voters for their own personal gain. In 2010, the Kochs were among the primary funders of Prop 23, an intentionally confusing measure that would have repealed California's landmark climate change law, AB 32. It's no surprise that Big Oil magnates like the Kochs hate AB 32, because it would cut into their massive profits by shifting our dependence away from their fossil fuels and investing in alternative energy sources and green jobs.

But when they tried to undo the law with Prop 23, Labor united with environmental advocates, scientists, academics, and an angry public to stop them, because we all share the same vision for California's clean and green economic future. Now, two years later, those same clean-energy advocates are once again uniting with California's working families to stop the Kochs--this time by defeating Prop 32.

It's not enough for the Koch brothers to pollute our air, to pollute our water, to pollute our atmosphere and now they want to pollute our elections as well! Whether it's Prop 32 or Prop 23, you can switch the numbers around but the story's still the same. We still have Big Oil Billionaires seeking to undermine the very foundation of a clean energy economy by rolling back green energy measures, rolling back global warming solutions, and rolling back the policies that strengthen our middle class and allow our economy to grow. We didn't stand for it then -- we defeated Prop 23 two years ago, and we're going to defeat Prop 32 today.

The International Forum on Globalization released a new report, "*The Kochs and Clean Energy Jobs*," outlining that the same billionaire funders seeking to silence the voices of working families through Proposition 32 have a dual agenda to attack clean energy and environmental laws. According to IFG's Victor Menotti, "the Kochs are the single largest funder of anti-environment and anti-worker activities," including

- \$1 million in 2010 to overturn AB 32
- \$4 million through the American Future Fund to support Proposition 32
- At least \$656 million on attacks on environmental protections and workers' rights

These overt, well-funded attacks on labor rights are in the same realm as the overt, well-funded attacks on science -- and both, if successful, will weaken our democracy. Make no mistake: Prop 32 would be the first step in a renewed effort to kill California's environmental advances and threaten hundreds of thousands of green-technology and clean-energy jobs. The Union of Concerned Scientists sees through this phony reform of Prop 32 for what it really is-- "a way for corporations to buy a Legislature that will roll back California's environmental advances, reduce the rights of workers and silence the voices of Californians."

The Kochs know that, given the number of strong environmental leaders in the state legislature, they have challenges pushing their anti-environment, anti-regulation agenda through the policy process. So they're shamelessly going back again to our initiative system, to try and fool voters- this time, laughably, to promote a proposal that claims it would stop the influence of special interest money. IFG's Menotti says, "With Prop 32 it's déjà vu all over again, with many of the same big corporations and the same billionaire, right-wing extremists doing their best to get their way by misleading voters and corrupting the electoral process with a deceptive ballot measure."

Greed, as we know, is a dangerous thing. But greed doesn't just relate to fortunes. It can also relate to power. The greed of the Koch Brothers and other billionaires in this country aren't satisfied with just the Citizens United decision which prohibited independent political contributions by corporations. They want more. They don't think their ability to override every other voice with the size of the fortune they're spending in the political process is enough. They want to snuff out that last bit of opposing voice. And they believe Prop 32 will provide them with that so the working people won't have a chance at all.

It is important for every Californian who cares about growing clean energy jobs, fighting climate change, and protecting organized labor to understand the threat Proposition 32 poses to realizing that vision. On Election Day environmentally minded Californians should stand together against this outrageous fraud--**Say NO to Deception, Vote NO on Prop 32!**

RICH Johnson HOME STRETCH



Well the home stretch to the election. I know that either President Obama or Governor Romney will prevail on Tuesday. My prayer is that it is not so close as to encourage a prolonged legal battle.

Possibly my role as court jester of Sierra Madre has never been more important than this week. The election has spawned a elevated level of Hatfield-McCoyism polarizing each side of the political spectrum. We would all do well to realize that neither Barack Obama or Mitt Romney are evil people. Though we may question the sanity of anyone throwing themselves into the presidential arena, we should remember these men have thrown themselves into a boiling caldron. That also includes every other man and woman running for political office.

What this country suffers from is a runaway media. A 24/7 ravenous media pouring gasoline on the fires of conflict and that that separates us. This exacerbates the divisiveness and polarization of our society. Only we can stop this. How? I have no idea. So, instead I will try to light up the environment around me. Here is something that was forwarded to me recently.

Men Funnies

Ladies, if a man says he will fix it, he will. There is no need to remind him every 6 months about it.

I heard a guy complaining about how expensive his wedding is. Wait till he finds out how expensive his divorce is going to cost him.

My mother-in-law's coming... I had to clear out half my closet so she could have a place to hang upside down and sleep.

NASA's robot Curiosity landed on Mars. Early pictures show no signs of ESPN, beer, or porn. This makes it very clear that men are not from Mars.

I once won an argument with a woman...in this dream I had.

I'm writing a book about reverse psychology...Please don't buy it.

I tried exercise, but I was allergic to it. My skin flushed, and my heart raced. I got sweaty and short of breath. Very dangerous.

I want one of those jobs where people ask, "Do you actually get paid for doing this?"

It is funny when my girlfriend gives me the "silent treatment". She thinks it is a punishment.

If there was a way to read a woman's mind, I'm not sure I would want to. I hate shoes, shopping, gossip, and I already know I am annoying.

Men have feelings too. For example, we feel hungry.

Finally, a person in the back of the room wanted to know my choice for president.

Mitt Romney. I believe the guy who has had experience taking over distressed companies and turning them around is the best choice for addressing the particular issues that face us.

There, I've said it. Make sure your choice is based on a careful analysis of the pros and cons of each candidate and their platforms.

And Wednesday morning, we are all still Americans and we will have the task of making it work regardless of who wins. May God bless us all.

STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE WHAT IS BOB DYLAN'S GIFT?



Long ago I went to a concert in which the famous folk singer, Theodore Bikel, an older man maybe in his forties or fifties, spoke of the young Bob Dylan as the voice of his generation. Sure listening to Bob Dylan himself sing was a lot more challenging than listening to Peter, Paul, and Mary, or Simon and Garfunkel, or Joan Baez but still there was enjoyment in listening. Bob sort of sang, or not exactly sang but talked and shouted. Still over the years and after listening to him perform many songs I came to treasure his unique renditions of songs like Lay Lady Lay, The Ballad of the Thin Man, Hurricane, and the Death of Hattie Carroll. As I write this article I hear his version of Masters of War which vilifies the plutocrats who kill and destroy and who have made us fear bringing our own children into the world.

Imagine now this past weekend on a Friday, a beautiful night, when my wife and I decide to celebrate our wedding anniversary by attending a Bob Dylan concert at the Hollywood Bowl. On line we obtain tickets for the concert and for the shuttle that wisks us to the Bowl from Pasadena. We need not even pay to park our car in the parking structure and we feel that the world is right as we get on the specially-provided shuttle bus and sit in comfortable seats and enjoy the ride across town. Now we are older people, I'm close to seventy, but we are gratified to see people of all ages on the bus. I hear some people talking about having loved Bob Dylan's music for ages way back into the eighties on nineties when they were just kids.

We arrive at the Bowl and climb to our seats in the upper reaches of the stadium. My wife has thought ahead and we have our own sandwiches and beverages and are able to avoid the outrageous food and drink prices at the site. Sure the tickets were expensive, even at the on-line discount price; but as the sun goes down and the night gets cooler we snuggle beneath our blanket we are prepared to enjoy the beautiful night which is a part of our privileged life. Soon the opening act musicians appear. It is Mark Knopfler, a wonderful guitarist, who offers a beautiful set.

Soon the new individuals on the stage are completely unidentifiable but whoever they are, without warning, suddenly begin to make sounds. No one is introduced but strange sounds now engulf the audience. There is a vocalist of sorts even though I can't pick him out on the stage. The sounds made have been characterized in another review as resembling a cement mixer with bronchitis. That description is perhaps too charitable. The sound in unidentifiable song after unidentifiable song is an unvarying death-rasp continuing without nuance or intelligibility. Behind me I hear a father telling his pre-teen son to listen to the lyrics as these very words have influenced the father's whole life. "Shut up Dad", the kid says, "I can't understand one word".

My wife and I agree with the kid. She keeps laughing at the unrecognizable really detestable sounds that surround us. We know the songs but cannot tell one from the other as everything sounds the same. Eventually we hear what must be "Like A Rolling Stone" and we scream out "How does it Feel to Be Out on Your Own" at more or less the same time as the invisible singer utters the same words. Really it is difficult even to scream along because Dylan, or whoever it is was up there, kind of delays his screeching so as to make singing along impossible.

What is going on? Some people are heading for the exits when suddenly I hear a few familiar chords and recognize one of my favorites," The Ballad of the Thin Man". I know the whole lyric.

You walk into the room
With your pencil your hand
You see somebody naked
And you say, "Who Is that man?"
But you don't understand'
Just what you'll say
When You get home.

All at once I get it. I know what Bob may be trying to do in his unending tour that involves over seventy performances a year. As Bob comes to the next verse I screech it with him.

Because something is happening here
But You don't know what it is
Do you, Mister Jones?

I get it! I scream to the audience, "We are all Mr. Jones". The audience of thousands does not hear me or does not care. During the next couple of days I read a review which described some people in the cheap seats as a father trying to explain the lyrics to his son and also "a lovely grandma and grandpa, snuggling beneath a blanket trying to sing along to "Like a Rolling Stone". Sounds familiar doesn't it. Maybe Dylan's performances are intended to make us all wonder how much longer can we safely snuggle, Mr. Jones? Many of us already know that these times require that we wake up and do something to save ourselves and our planet. Thanks for the reminder Bob.

OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

GET ME TO THE AIRPORT ON TIME



I was off to the airport on another trip. I started out early, arrived at the airport on time but when I arrived the plane had canceled and I had to apply for another plane. The next plane headed for my destination was about two hours away. This would in fact, make me miss my connecting flight.

I suppose I ought to be grateful that I was able to catch a later flight. It gave me some time to sit in the airport with nothing to do but think. Talk about a boring afternoon!

One of the things I thought about was never flying again. But, necessity is the mother of inconvenience, or something like that.

While I was thinking in the airport, I thought of a wise old man who, waxing philosophical, once said, "Time waits for no man." I know he was wise because he did not include women in his observation. Although time will wait for no man, it has a different approach to women.

Usually speaking, a man welcomes the passing of time. Proudly he displays those wrinkles and calluses as marks of manhood. Until recently, gray hair was a crown of authority. Even Solomon, the wisest man said, "The hoary [gray] head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness" (Proverbs 16:31 KJV).

The grayer the head, the wiser the man. Although, I must confess I have seen my share of dumb gray-headed men.

A woman, however, has an altogether different philosophy when it comes to time. As a man with gray hair, I do not fully understand their philosophy.

I suppose there are some men who would like to be 25 again. Most men, however, are happy to be as old as they are. Women are different. They live upon the concept of ageless beauty. Who am I, as a man, to counter that philosophy?

I discovered this many years ago. A woman casually asked me how old I thought she was. I have long since discovered that this is no casual question and she is not looking for exact information. I, at the time, took it as a challenge and tried to guess her age.

Wrong! I have since learned that the correct response to this question is, "Why, you don't look a day over 25." I do not know exactly what that means, but I have often gotten smiles from this response. No matter how old the woman is, in her mind she is still 25.

The man has a different idea.

"I'm 60," he will boast to whoever will listen, "and I can still do a whole day's work." Then he will go out and throw his back out just to prove it.

Time has a different effect upon a man as it does upon a woman.

There is nothing wrong with trying to look younger. I suppose it is an easier task to do if you are a woman than if you are a man.

Every morning before I leave the house I try to make myself as non-scary to the public as I possibly can. I will scrape my face, pat down my hair, and douse myself with aftershave and in 10 minutes I am done and ready for the world.

I have noticed that the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage takes a lot longer than 10 minutes to get ready to face the world. I must admit she does a very good job of it, but I also must admit it takes a long time and it seems each year it gets longer.

I do not want to call attention to myself. I just want to get through the day and back home again. I know I am not as young as I used to be but I take consolation in the fact that I am older than I used to be. And hand in hand with good old Father Time, I have walked down the wonderful timeline.

For me personally, I like to celebrate each birthday as a once-in-a-lifetime celebration. My goal in life is to get as old as I possibly can and with the good help of Father Time, I am well on my way. Time has not stood still for me, for which I am most thankful.

Just like getting to the airport on time for my flight, I want to be on time for everything happening in my life. I do not want to miss a thing. Too often people look backward, stumble over today, find themselves in tomorrow and do not know how they got there. I want to enjoy the time I have in real time.

There is no time like the present to enjoy. Memories are wonderful. Aspirations are delightful. But, nothing can take the place of right now.

The Bible has a lot to say about time. We are in a timeline established by God and it will not slow down into we come to the end. The apostle Paul understood this when he wrote, "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed" (Romans 13:11 KJV).

There is no time like the present that as someone said, "This is the first day of the rest of my life." I am going to celebrate my "Now" with all the energy I have.

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JOB OPENING: CITY OF SIERRA MADRE

Part-time Senior Program Specialist - Closes November 9, 2012
Location: Sierra Madre, California, United States |Department: Community Services

GENERAL PURPOSE

Under the direct supervision of the Recreation Supervisor, the Program Specialist – Senior Center is a front line position that plans and implements recreation programs and community services for patrons of all ages and in particular seniors in the Sierra Madre community.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

The following duties are normal for this position. These are not to be construed as exclusive or all-inclusive. Other duties may be required and assigned.

- Assists the Recreation Supervisor in overseeing senior programming;
- Enforces Department policies and procedures;
- Implements Department programs as directed;
- Researches, develops and recommends policy, procedures, and/or programs as needed to the Recreation Supervisor;
- Prepares and coordinates program publicity, including press releases, flyers, pamphlets, and brochures for review by Recreation Supervisor;
- Measures program effectiveness through evaluation reports;
- Reports program and event activities through written monthly status updates;
- Leads daily activities such as arts and crafts, sports, games, special events and field trips;
- Plans and implements special programs and events.
- Supervises special community events and programs;
- Identifies classes of interest and recruits instructors;
- Assist in maintaining facilities, grounds, and equipment. Report need for maintenance when discovered;
- Assists in registration and maintaining administrative records;
- Files accident reports and program documentation;
- Communicates effectively with patrons of all ages;
- Establishes and maintains effective working relationships with supervisors, co-workers, and the public;
- Promotes good service and professionalism to staff and volunteers;
- Continually promotes, in actions, words and writing, the highest customer service standards;
- Performs related work as required.

QUALIFICATIONS GUIDELINES

Knowledge of:

- Theories, principles, procedures, standards, practices, information sources and trends in the field of recreation programs and services;
- Applicable federal, State and local health and safety codes and regulations;
- Functions and practices of a municipal recreation unit;
- Basic recreation services practices, including program planning, promotion, budgeting, goal setting, work planning, and organization;
- Computer efficiency utilizing Word, Publisher and Excel. Adobe Create Suite experience a bonus.
- Program evaluation practices;
- Customer service techniques.

Ability to:

- Plan, organize, and implement programs and activities mainly for seniors, but for patrons of all ages;
- Respond to the public under stressful circumstances in a fair, calm and understanding way to obtain positive results;
- Communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing in the English language;
- Appear to work on time and in uniform;
- Attend staff meetings and training;
- Assist in cleaning and maintaining facilities;
- Understand and enforce City and Department policies;
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers, supervisors, and the general public;
- Operate independently without the need of constant supervision;
- Exercise professional judgment;
- Function in a high energy environment;
- Provide quality customer service.

Education/Training/Experience: Incumbent must have at least 60 semester units from an accredited college with major course work in recreation/leisure services, public administration or closely related field. Minimum of one year of responsible experience in the recreation/leisure field. Experience with senior program planning and public recreation preferred.
Licenses; Certificates; Special Requirements: Must possess a current American Red Cross certificate in First Aid/CPR/AED for Schools and the Community or obtain by time of employment as well as a valid Class C California driver's license and the ability to maintain insurability under the City's Vehicle Usage Policy.

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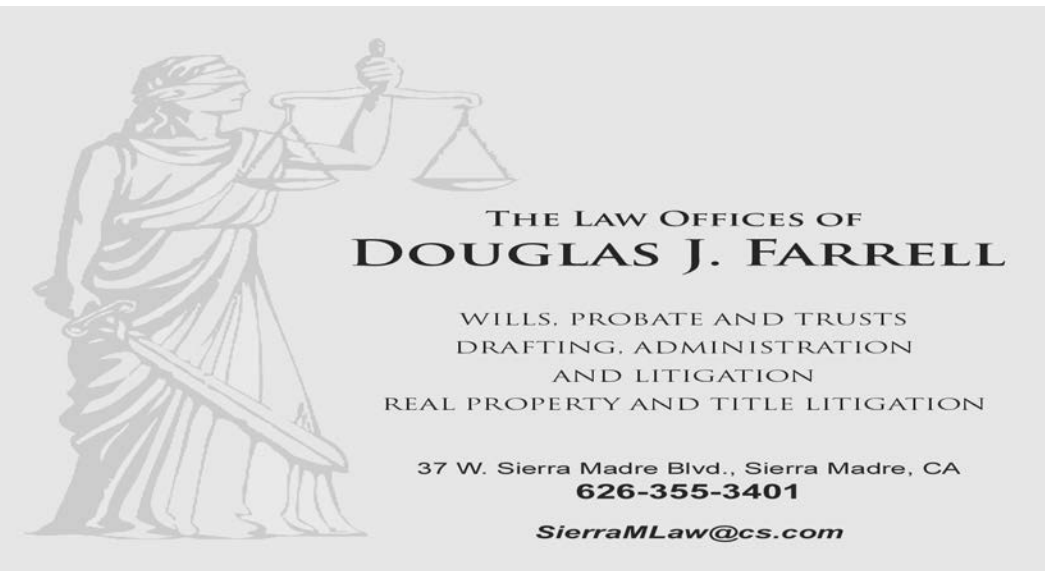
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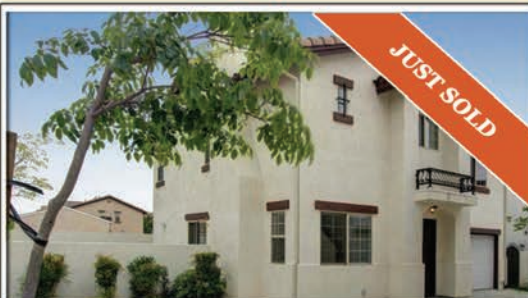
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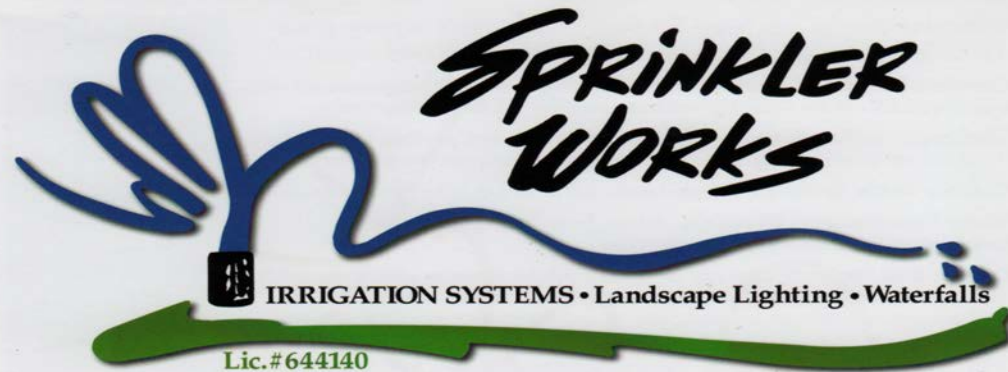
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