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U.S. President Barack Obama stands on stage with first lady Michelle Obama, U.S. Vice President Joe Biden and Dr. Jill Biden after his victory speech on election night at McCormick Place November 6, 2012 in Chicago, Illinois. Obama won reelection against Republican candidate, former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney. Photo by Chip Somodevilla/Getty Images North America

SIERRA MADRE ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY APPROVED BY VOTERS

ALF Approved in Landslide, Chu, Holden and Liu Elected to Local Seats

By Bill Coburn

Measure ALF passed easily in Tuesday's election, with 77% of Sierra Madreans that voted approving a change to Measure V that exempted the two parcels on which the Kensington Assisted Living Facility from the density requirement of 13 units per acre. The project will still conform to the limitations of a maximum of two-stories and maximum thirty feet in height.

Democratic Congresswoman Judy Chu will now represent Sierra Madre in the United States Congress in the newly drawn 25th District, replacing Congressman David Dreier who retired after more than three decades. Ms. Chu outdistanced her Republican opponent Jack Orswell 65% to 35%.

Tea Party candidate Donna Lowe was defeated by Pasadena City Council member Chris Holden by a margin of 62% to 38% in the 41st State Assembly District.

Democratic State Senator Carol Liu outdistanced Republic Gil Gonzalez 62% to 38% in the 25th State Senate district contest.

Prop. 30, which will increase taxes to pay for schools, won 54 to 46%. Prop. 31 regarding the state budget, was defeated 61% to 39%. Prop 32, the campaign finance reform initiative, was also defeated, 56% to 44%. Prop. 33, the auto insurance initiative, went down 55% to 45%. Prop 34 to amend the death penalty in special circumstance murders, lost 53% to 44%. The definition of human trafficking was expanded with the passage of Prop. 35, which won in a landslide, 81% to 19%. Likewise, Prop. 36 amending the definition of three strikes was passed, 69% to 31%. Monsanto won a big victory with the defeat of Prop. 37 regarding the labeling of GMOs, which went down 53% to 47%. Prop. 38, the "other" school funding ballot went down 72% to 28%. Californians approved a new business tax with Prop. 38 passing 60% to 40%. And the newly drawn State Senate districts will remain as they are, with Prop. 40 passing 71.5% to 28.5%.

Diane Feinstein remains our State Senator, and Barack Obama remains our president. But we have a new District Attorney. Jackie Lacey is the first woman and the first African-American to hold that post.

LA County will continue to appoint its tax assessor, porn actors will now be required to wear condoms, and the sales tax increase to fund the MTA will stay in place.

MEMORIAL WALL VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY AND FUND RAISER



Sponsored by Harry L. Embree VFW Post 3208
Sunday, November 11, 2012
1:00 PM to 2:30 PM
Memorial Park, Sierra Madre, CA.

Veterans of Foreign Wars of Sierra Madre, Post 3208 will celebrate Veteran's Day at the Memorial Wall, Sunday November 11, 2012 at 1:00 PM. We will celebrate Veterans Day by remembering the brave men and women who have risked their lives for the United States of America. A new panel of photos of Sierra Madre Veterans will also be unveiled that day. Former military VFW veterans will speak about their experience on active duty. Military service photos of the following Veterans will be unveiled: Aksel Pedersen, Christopher Mahuron, Diane Marquez, Shannon Carvalito, Samuel Schwartz, Russell Richardson, Richard Mahuron, Lawrence Morse, Richard Borrelli, Joseph Marquez, Howard Rubin, Eldon Clough, Robert Borneman, and Duncan MacGillivray.

Following the ceremony, there will be a special Photo Exhibit/Fundraiser titled "Pride & Pain" at the Senior Center from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. This series of images is a collection of Portraits of the Veterans of Post 3208, taken by Photographer Debra Snell. Come and meet our Hero's in person and hear their touching stories. There will also be a silent auction of many other images from Debra Snell Photography, horsd'oeuvres & beverages. All included in the \$10.00 admission charge, children under 18 are free. All the funds raised at this event will be donated to the VFW 3208, to support their community charities. For more information, Debra Snell's phone number 818-606-2377.

Everyone is welcome to help celebrate Veterans Day. Refreshments provided following the ceremony.

For additional information, please contact Duncan MacGillivray, Sr. Vice Commander, VFW Post 3208 at Duncan@smmaininsurance.com or (626) 355-0762.

REMINDER: BANKS, LOCAL, COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERAN'S DAY

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Sierra Madre, Ca.

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

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



CITY OF SIERRA MADRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
November 13 2012

SIERRA MADRE NOVEMBER EVENTS

11/6 7:00 Library Trustees Special Mtg.

11/13 6:00
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

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

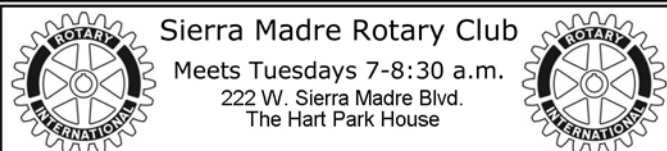
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Sierra Madre Rotary Club
Meets Tuesdays 7-8:30 a.m.
222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
The Hart Park House

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

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

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

www.SierraMadreRotary.com

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The Holidays Begins In Sierra Madre!
Join us in this years Who Ville Festival throughout downtown November 24th between 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Come Join us for the festivities.

Meet Santa and the Grinch!

There will be plenty of events for children and adults alike.

Get in the holiday mood by singing along with holdaiy carolers.

Watch your kids slide down the hill in the snow.

See your children's delight when the tree is lit.

Take a photo of Santa and the Grinch!

Start your holiday off with a romantic horse and carriage ride.

Shop for those special gifts at our local businesses and don't miss the non-profit clubs and organizations booths.

Who Ville Festival is sponsored by the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce

Sierra Madre's Dickens Village has turned into WHOVILLE! Come out on Friday evening and enjoy a big screen viewing of *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas* and kick off Bean Town's Toys for Tot's Drive! Then on Saturday, **SHOP SIERRA MADRE AND HAVE FUN!** From 1 to 8 pm Who Ville and its cast of characters will have lots of fun for you! There will be real snow sledding, Horse and Carriage rides, Choo Choo trains for kids, Tree Lighting, Santa Claus, handcrafted vendor booths and much more. But.....watch out for the Grinch! He's sure to be lurking around all weekend! For more information, call 626-355-5111!

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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.

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IN-N-OUT READING PROGRAM AT THE SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY

Children ages 4-12 are invited to sign up for the In-N-Out program at the Sierra Madre Public Library. Children read books and earn coupons for free hamburgers. Program ends November 17, 2012.

Adult Programs-
• Third Thursday Bookclub- Wild by Cheryl Strayed, Thursday, November 15 at 11:00 a.m.

Teen Programs-
• Teen Book Club- Wednesday, November 14 at 4:00 p.m.

Children's Programs-
• Storytime-Wednesday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m.

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PASADENA COUNCIL MEETS NOV. 19 TO CONSIDER TEMPORARY NFL USE AT ROSE BOWL

PASADENA, Calif.—The City Council is scheduled on Nov. 19 to consider amending the Arroyo Seco Public Lands Ordinance as a preliminary step that would allow a National Football League (NFL) team to temporarily use the Rose Bowl Stadium.

The proposed amendment would allow an NFL team to host home games at the Rose Bowl Stadium for no more than five years if, and when, an NFL team moves to the Los Angeles area while a permanent stadium is being constructed elsewhere.

The Arroyo Seco Public Lands Ordinance currently restricts large events at the stadium with 20,000 or more attending to 12 such large events per year. Of those 12 events, seven are contractually reserved for University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) football games, plus two post-season collegiate games, including the Rose Bowl game. The proposed amendment to the ordinance would allow up to 13 additional large events per year for no more than five years.

The additional events would only be allowed if the City enters into an agreement with an NFL team to lease the Rose Bowl Stadium. No NFL team has been identified as moving to Los Angeles and the City and the Rose Bowl Operating Company have not begun negotiations to lease the stadium to an NFL team.

The City today (Nov. 9) is releasing the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and related documents that were prepared regarding the proposed amendment to the ordinance.

The Final EIR is available for review during regular business hours at the following locations:

- Office of the City Clerk, 100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S228, Pasadena, CA.
- City of Pasadena, Permit Center (Window 3), 175 N. Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, CA.
- Central Library, 285 E. Walnut Avenue, Pasadena, CA.
- Linda Vista Branch Library, 1281 Bryant Street, Pasadena, CA.

To view the EIR and related documents online, go to the City's website at www.cityofpasadena.net/Rose_Bowl_EIR. For additional information, call David Sinclair at (626) 744-6766.

The City Council is scheduled to consider the proposed amendment and the EIR during its Monday, Nov. 19 meeting in the Council Chambers, on the second floor of City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave. The public meeting will be broadcast by KPAS, the City's government cable access television station on Channel 3 for Charter subscribers and Channel 99 for AT&T U-Verse subscribers.

Whether or not the amended ordinance is approved, the existing ordinance would continue to allow the Rose Bowl Stadium to host the UCLA football games, the Rose Bowl game and other sporting events or concerts.

For more information about the Rose Bowl Stadium go to www.RoseBowlStadium.com. For more information about the City of Pasadena, go to www.cityofpasadena.net.

PASADENA HUMANE SOCIETY BEGINS DOG LICENSE CANVASING

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

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

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

A SPECIAL BREAKFAST INVITATION TO ALL SIERRA MADRE VETERANS

On Tuesday, November 13, 2012, the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club is extending an invitation to all local veterans to join the club for lunch.

An old fashioned 'Mess Hall' feast will be served and a special program honoring our past will be held. Lunch is free for all veterans and their spouses or significant others. Lunch is \$10 for non-veterans.

The Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club meets at The Lodge (formerly the Masonic Temple), 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre. The luncheon begins at noon. Reservations are appreciated. Please call 626-355-0728 to reserve your seat.

FRIENDS OF THE SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY ANNOUNCE DATE FOR WINE TASTING

The 43rd annual Friends of the Sierra Madre Library Wine Tasting will be held on Sunday, February 17, 2013 from 2:00-5:00PM at Alverno Villa, 675 West Highland Avenue, Sierra Madre, CA. More than two dozen vintners will be bringing their best wines to sample and local restaurants will be providing hors d'oeuvres that can be paired with the wines. Enjoy live music and Magic Castle magicians as you stroll about the lovely grounds of Alverno sampling the superb wines and appetizers. A silent auction will again be offering lovely artwork, services, tickets to special events, restaurant vouchers, and many other tempting items.

Tickets to the Wine Tasting will go on sale in December. The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library is a non-profit organization and all proceeds benefit the Sierra Madre Library. For more information visit our website at www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org.

WOMAN'S CLUB HOSTS COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

By Phyllis Chapman

As holiday time approaches, Sierra Madre's Woman's Club invites the community to attend their annual All-Faith Prayer Breakfast. The event will be held on Wednesday, November 21, 2012 in the historic clubhouse, Essick House, 550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre. With business people in mind, the event begins very promptly at 8:00 a.m. and is over at 9:00 a.m. It is requested that those attending arrive by 7:45 a.m.

Everyone is invited. There is no charge but reservations are needed by calling the Reservation Chair Alma Mays at 626-355-8977.

Club members prepare and serve a delicious sit-down breakfast. Spiritual nourishment will be provided by members of the clergy who are invited to attend and give a brief message of praise and thanksgiving.

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

For the period October 29-November 4, 2012

Monday October 29, 2012

At 12:30am a vehicle travelling north on Baldwin Avenue failed to stop for the stop sign at Orange Grove Avenue. A traffic stop was initiated and the officer determined that the driver had been drinking. The driver (male 56 years of age) failed to perform the Field Sobriety Tests and was subsequently arrested for DUI.

A traffic collision took place at 8:15am when a vehicle travelling west on Highland Avenue entered the intersection at Michillinda Avenue without safely yielding to northbound traffic. The driver of the northbound vehicle sustained minor injury.

At 7:15pm, two parents became involved in a verbal argument during a child visitation exchange. At one point, the father grabbed the mother by the arm and made a threatening statement to her. No injuries were reported and the father was arrested for Battery.

Tuesday October 30, 2012

A resident in the 400 block of Orange Grove Avenue reported that two packages delivered by UPS had been stolen from her front porch. The front porch is easily visible from the street.

At 11:30pm, officers responded to a report of a disturbance in the 100 block of West Carter Avenue. The investigation revealed that a domestic argument had taken place and escalated into a physical altercation. Although both parties had visible injuries, it was determined that the husband was the primary aggressor and he was arrested for Domestic Violence.

Thursday November 1, 2012

At 4am, an officer observed a traffic violation in the area of Sierra Madre Boulevard and Auburn Avenue. After initiating a traffic stop, the officer determined that the driver had been drinking. The driver (male 29 years of age) failed to perform the Field Sobriety Tests and was subsequently arrested for DUI.

Friday November 2, 2012

A residential burglary occurred in the 100 block of West Alegria Street between 1-3pm. Unknown suspect(s) removed a front bedroom window screen, opened the unsecured window and entered the residence. The suspect(s) ransacked several rooms and then left the residence using the front door. The victim was unable to immediately determine what property had been taken.

Saturday November 3, 2012

During the period of 7:30 to noon, an unknown suspect entered a vehicle parked in the Baily Canyon parking lot by smashing the driver's side window with an unknown object. The suspect removed a camera from the center console and left without being seen.

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Sticking a Fork in Hunger

By Dean Lee

Now an official event, organizers have planned a food drive this weekend around the now infamous, and newly reinstalled Fork in the Road—a large guerrilla art piece that first appeared Halloween in 2009.

Word on the street, literally, is that both Mayor Bill Bogaard and Pasadena Police Chief Phillip Sanchez have gotten behind the event. Philip Coombs, the event's organizer said they hope to get five tons of food donated to benefit Union Station's Homeless Services. Coombs along with other volunteers will be wearing bright orange Caltrans suits at the intersection of Pasadena Avenue, St. John Avenue. The garb symbolizes their original effort spending all night digging and pouring cement getting the 18-foot utensil ready as a birthday surprise for 75-year-old Bob Stane. Organizers say donations can be given through a drop-off at, "fork plaza," near 200 Bellefontaine Street, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday—rain or shine.

The fork has been the location of a number of events including the first food drive in 2009 as a celebration of the fork, at that time organizers, collected two tons of food. The fork has also been dressed up at both Christmas and Valentine's Day.

It was removed June 10, 2010 after city officials, Caltrans and fork supports came to an agreement on what to do with it. The fork spent months being restored in an Altadena backyard, it was reinstalled in the same area, slightly farther back from the street Oct 21.

A small crowd gathered to cheer the utensil's return including its creators Coombs, and artist Ken Marshall. Stane was also among the crowd.

The fork has also inspired city officials to create a temporary art installation program in other unusual locations such as traffic islands and medians throughout the city.

Pet of the Week



Mico is an 8-year-old red and white Siberian Husky. She's a lovely older gal and qualifies for our Seniors for Seniors program in which her adoption fee is waived for adopters 60 years old or older.

Mico's adoption fee is waived if she's adopted by someone 60 years old or older. All you pay is the \$20 microchip fee!

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A298025, or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday – Friday, 9-4 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets can be found at www.pasadenahumane.org.



Parade Target of Occupy Movement

By Dean Lee

As the first Rose Parade bleachers go up at TV corner this week, organizers, calling themselves Occupy the Rose Parade, have set their sights on the area calling on demonstrators Jan.1 and Jan. 2 to oppose corporate money behind the parade floats. The parade this year is on Jan. 2 Peter Thottam, the person behind the official website, occupytheroesparade.org, said the goal was to get at least 40,000 protesters to come out. "Hopefully thousands of occupiers will come together with signs to talk about how dysfunctional the economic and political system have become."

Thottam declined to say if they would target any specific floats or parade entrees, He did say this was a national calling.

"We're very clear that this is

not part of occupy LA." He said. "We're asking people from around the U.S. and occupy members around the world to join us at the Rose Parade. The one primary message above all others is, get corporate money out of politics."

Thottam said they plan to take full advantage of the Tournament of Roses' policy of never on Sunday, a long standing practice of pushing the parade one day to Jan. 2 when New Year's falls on a Sunday. The idea is to not have the parade conflict with religious worship in the city. "We are going to start concentrating there the day before," he said. "We are going to have a human float that we will bring together." Thottam said the group plans to organize in front of the Norton Simon Museum but also declined to say if the

group would try and infiltrate the secured grandstand areas. In an unrelated statement Wednesday, Pasadena Police Chief Phillip Sanchez said "parade groups are encouraged to respect the rights of all who attend the parade, many of whom travel great distances with their families."

He added, "As the primary agency responsible for safety, the Pasadena Police Department is well equipped to handle emergencies and unusual occurrences. The vast majority of people who attend this event have little contact with the police, in part because of the mutual respect among those attending the parade." Thottam said he had contacted members of Occupy Pasadena another unrelated activist group in the city.

Members of the group said Thursday night at an organizing meeting that they have no official plans in place to be part of Occupy the Rose Parade. Esteban Gil, an activist from the group, said they had concerns about disrupting the parade.



Pasadena firefighters, community volunteers and others to distribute the turkeys to organizations including Pasadena Unified School District's Healthy Start program, Union Station Foundation, Armenian Relief Society, Ronald McDonald House, Mothers' Club Family Learning Center, Lutheran Social Services, Vista Nova Home for the Blind, El Centro de Acción Social and Elizabeth House, among others.

"Ralphs and Food 4 Less are pleased to partner with Mayor Bogaard once again to help make this Thanksgiving special for many people who otherwise might not have the resources to enjoy a complete holiday meal," said Donna Giordano, president of Ralphs Grocery Co. As we believe at Ralphs & Food 4 Less, 'Community Matters.'" For more information about "Operation Gobble Gobble," please contact Rhonda Stone at (626) 744-7147.

PCC First Year Experience Speaker Series Presents 'The Legacy of the Pact'

Pasadena City College concludes its First-Year Experience Pathways Program speaker series with "The Legacy of the Pact" on November 18 at 3:30 p.m. in PCC's Creveling Lounge.

Doctors Sampson Davis, Rameck Hunt, and George Jenkins, bestselling authors of "The Pact," will tell their inspiring story of how three young men from Newark, N.J., persisted to achieve their dreams and become doctors. The trio will also discuss the educational implications of their extraordinary lives and leadership.

"The Pact" has also been selected for PCC's "One Book, One College" program. Sponsored by PCC's Office of Student Affairs, Cross-Cultural

Center, Campus Diversity Initiative, Teaching and Learning Center, and Student Access and Success Initiative (SASI), the program's goal is to supplement the college's ongoing conversations about which its students are and how it can best serve them.

The First-Year Experience Program is designed to increase student success and retention for incoming students from high school. Pilot is funded by a Federal Title V grant and supported by SASI grants. Students are recruited from the Pasadena Unified School District and other in-district high schools.

For more information, please go to <http://1book1college.pccproject90.org/> please call (626) 585-3243.

Incumbents Win Reelection

All four incumbents easily won reelection during Tuesday's race for sets on the Pasadena City College Board of Trustees, unofficial results show.



Mann

In a contentious race incumbent Jeanette Mann beat Brian Fuller with 67.87 percent of the vote for area 2 which includes, Sierra Madre, Altadena and east Pasadena. Mann and Fuller both made recent headlines after Fuller accused Mann of voter fraud filing a complaint



Thomson

with the District Attorney's Office.

John Martin won representation of Area 6 with 65.33 percent beating out Chris Cofer, a community college teacher.

William Thomson led Area 4 with 84.67 percent, by far the largest percentage, win beating M.A.C. "Maestro" Enriquez-Marquez.

Linda Wah ran unopposed. Mann has been on the board since 1983. She was recently elected president of the California Community

College Trustees (CCCT) Board and will serve on the 21-member board whose members provide guidance for the districts and colleges that constitute the system. The board meets five times a year to take action on education policy issues.

Thomson was first elected to the board on November 2007 to represent Area 4, which covers most of Pasadena. He currently serves as the boards president.

Martin represents Area 6,



Wah

which encompasses Temple City, and portions of Arcadia, Rosemead, and El Monte. He has been a member of the PACCD board since 1979.

Wah was selected to fill the Area 5 (San Marino, South Pasadena, Temple City) vacancy created by the departure of Dr. Hilary Bradbury-Huang in July of 2010. Wah, a San Marino resident, currently serves as a director at large for Women at Work, a non-profit career counseling center that helps women and men find



Martin

Citizen Journalism Meet-up

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

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

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

We will put the news in your hands. Learn how to find the story, the tools needed to capture the story and the means to tell the story using the power



of video, audio and print along with online social media. The next meeting is Nov. 15 from 6 p.m. to 8p.m. at the Pasadena Community Network - Studio G, 2057 N. Los Robles Ave. For more info call 626.794.8585 or visit pasadenan.com.

Children's Chorus to Showcase Music from Around the Globe

Los Angeles Children's Chorus shares music from around the globe at its popular annual Winter Concert December 4 and 11, 2011, 7 PM, at Pasadena Presbyterian Church. The chorus performs works by Sir David Willcocks, Gustav Host and Andrew Carter, as well as folk songs, sacred and secular compositions from Hungary, Germany and Camaroon; lullabies from Holland and Philippines; lively carols from France, England and Catalonia; and the moving Hebrew prayer setting of Idor vador.

The program opens with the 16th century carol El Noi de la Mare, popularized in recent times by guitarists Andres Segovia and Christopher Parkening. Other choral gems featured are the festive Cantemus!, composed in 1977 by Bárdos, who was among Zoltan Kodály's first students; Mädchenlied, a set of songs written by Brahms in 1878 and set to the poetry of Siegfried Kapper's "Songs of Serbia;" Gustav Holst's Hymn to the Waters, composed in 1910 and based on Sanskrit texts that Holst himself translated; Maria Walks Amid the Thorn, a 16th century work that tells the story of a creation miracle; and Noël Nouvelet, dating from 17th

century France and one of the oldest European carols still in modern usage.

Additional highlights include The Glories of Shakespeare, which features five settings of texts from the plays composed by well-known British organist, choirmaster and composer David Willcocks; the traditional Philippines lullaby Caturong na, Nonoy; and Idor vador, an ancient Hebrew prayer set by Cantor Meir Finkelstein, a noted film and television composer as well and one of the most popular contemporary Jewish liturgical composers in the country.

LACC Artistic Director Anne Tomlinson conducts the chorus' renowned Concert Choir and Chamber Singers. Associate Artistic Director Mandy Brigham leads the Intermediate Choir, Larissa Donnelly leads the Apprentice Choir, and Dr. Steve Kronauer conducts the Young Men's Ensemble. The choirs will perform separately and combined.

Tickets are \$26, \$38 and \$44; children 17 and under are half price. For tickets and information, please call (626) 793-4231 or visit www.lachildrenschorus.org. Pasadena Presbyterian Church is located at 585 East Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91101.

“What’s Going On?”
News and Views from Joan Schmidt



Recently, the 13th Annual Lupus Race for Life took place at La Mirada Regional Park. Participants included Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, Los Angeles Police Department, Orange County Fire Authority, Long Beach Police Department and the California Highway Patrol.

Master of Ceremonies was Go Country 105.5 Radio Host Shawn Parr, whose loud booming voice and vibrant personality set the mood for festivities.

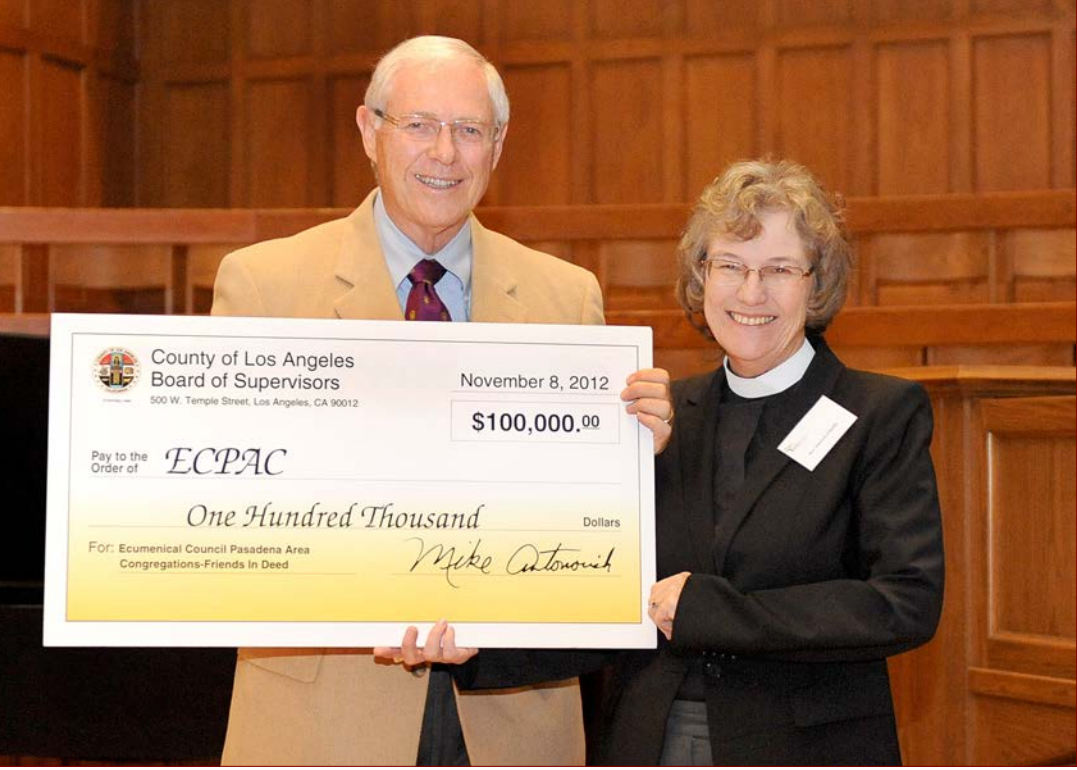
The race was dedicated to Lorenzo Solis, a prior participant who recently succumbed to lupus. Shawn introduced Christina Kelly, Director for Lupus International who thanked all the volunteers and participants. She and Assistant Sheriff, Cecil Rhambo presented the Solis family with a beautiful plaque. Lorenzo, was “someone who left a footprint in your life. He always had a smile, was there when you needed him.” Assistant Sheriff Rhambo felt “honored and blessed to run for the Sheriff”, as did LAPD Commander Andrew Smith.

Blake Norwood (above with Dad) of Placentia won the children’s race and his parents were thrilled. As the runners came in, they received medals and warm greetings!

GREAT TURNOUT FOR LUPUS RACE FOR LIFE



SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH DONATES \$100,000 TO ECPAC BAD WEATHER SHELTER



Supervisor Antonovich and Reverend Pat O'Reilly

PASADENA— Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich presented a \$100,000 check to the Ecumenical Council of Pasadena Area Congregations. The Ecumenical Council has operated the Pasadena Bad Weather Shelter for 24 years serving the San Gabriel and San Fernando Valleys, including the cities of Pasadena, La Canada-Flintridge and Glendale, and the communities of Altadena and La Crescenta.

“Each night, more than 30 congregations and community groups volunteer, provide a hot meal, and set up the shelter for the 150-200 homeless people,” said Antonovich.

NESTLÉ USA ANNOUNCES VOLUNTARY RECALL OF NESQUIK® CHOCOLATE POWDER

Thursday, November 8, 2012 –

Nestlé USA announced the voluntary recall of limited quantities of Nestlé NESQUIK® Chocolate Powder in the 10.9, 21.8 and 40.7 ounce canisters. The voluntary recall is limited to only NESQUIK Chocolate Powder, which was distributed nationally. No other varieties of NESQUIK powder or any sizes or flavors of NESQUIK ready-to-drink are affected by this recall.

Nestlé is removing the canisters from distribution because the company was notified by an ingredient supplier, Omya Inc. that it has issued a recall of certain lots of its ingredient, calcium carbonate due to possible presence of Salmonella. Calcium carbonate is used in NESQUIK as an ingredient. There have been no reports of any illnesses or adverse health effects associated with the affected product.

To ensure the safety of consumers, Nestlé is recalling selected NESQUIK Chocolate Powder. The recall is limited to the following sizes, UPC and production codes of NESQUIK Chocolate Powder:

Size	UPC Code	Production Codes
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10.9 oz. Chocolate (19 servings)	0 28000 67990 3	2278574810

The affected NESQUIK Chocolate Powder was produced during early October, 2012. To locate the production code, consumers should look on the bottom of the canister, adjacent to the consumer expiration date. All affected products have an expiration date of BEST BEFORE Oct 2014.

Consumers who may have purchased the affected NESQUIK Chocolate Powder should not consume it, but instead should return it to the place of purchase for a full refund or contact Nestlé Consumer Services at (800) 628-7679.

The most common symptoms of Salmonella infection are diarrhea, abdominal cramps and fever, which develop within eight to 72 hours of eating or drinking contaminated food. The illness usually lasts for four to seven days and most people recover without treatment. However, salmonellosis can be severe or even life threatening for infants, older people, pregnant women and those with weakened immune systems. Individuals experiencing these symptoms should seek medical attention.

Nestlé is dedicated to the health and safety of its consumers. For these reasons, the company initiated this voluntary recall. We apologize to our consumers and sincerely regret any inconvenience created by this incident.

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WORLD’S MOST ADVANCED MIRROR FOR GIANT TELESCOPE COMPLETED

Scientists at the University of Arizona and in California have completed the most challenging large astronomical mirror ever made.

For the past several years, a group of optical scientists and engineers working at the UA Steward Observatory Mirror Laboratory underneath the university’s football stadium have been polishing a 27.5-foot-diameter mirror with an unusual, highly asymmetric shape.

By the standards used by optical scientists, the “degree of difficulty” for this mirror is 10 times that of any telescope mirror ever before made. The mirror surface matches the desired prescription to a precision of 19 nanometers—so smooth that if it were the size of the continental United States, the highest mountains would be little more than a half-inch high.

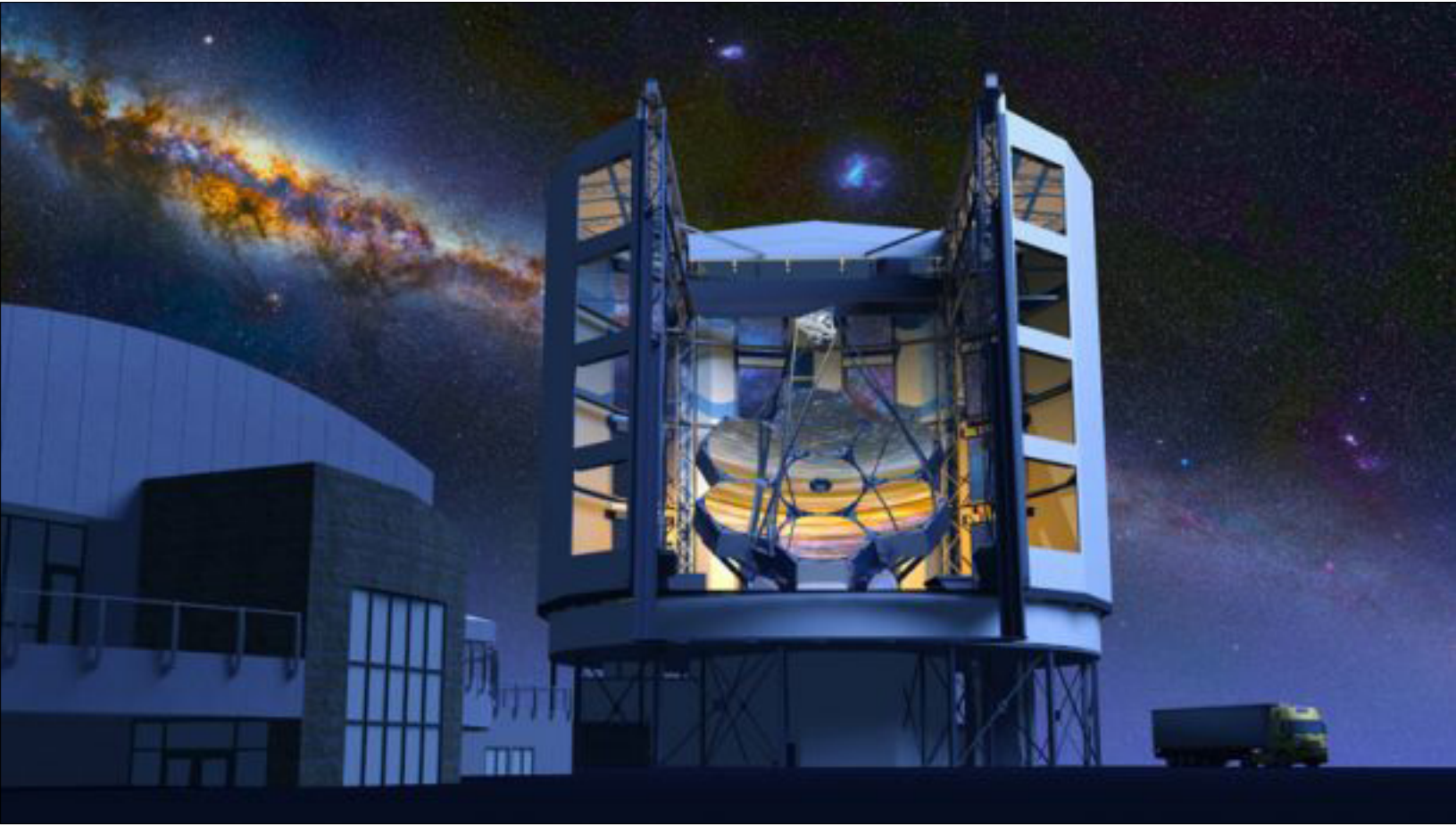
This mirror, and six more like it, will form the heart of the Giant Magellan Telescope (GMT), which will have more than 4,000 square feet of light-collecting area. The Giant Magellan Telescope will lead a next generation of giant telescopes that will explore planets around other stars and the formation of stars, galaxies and black holes in the early universe.

“Making this first GMT mirror required all the expertise and experience that the University has built up over 25 years of making telescope mirrors and a great deal of innovation to push beyond previous limits in optical fabrication and testing,” said Buell Jannuzi, director of the UA Steward Observatory and professor of astronomy. “In achieving this remarkable milestone, the team built and demonstrated all the equipment and techniques that will lead to efficient production of the remaining mirrors for the GMT.”

The mirror was cast at the mirror lab from 20 tons of glass, melted in a rotating furnace until it flowed into a honeycomb mold. Once the glass had cooled and the mold material was removed, scientists at the lab used a series of fine abrasives to polish the mirror, checking its figure regularly using a number of precision optical tests.

The mirror has an unconventional shape because it is part of what ultimately will be a single 82-foot optical surface composed of seven circular segments, each 27.5 feet in diameter.

“We need to be certain the off-axis shape of this mirror, as well as the other six that will be made for GMT, is precisely right, to an accuracy of 1/20 of a wavelength of light,” said Buddy Martin, polishing scientist at the Mirror Lab. “Only then will the seven large mirrors form a single, exquisitely sharp image when they all come together in the telescope in Chile. We have now demonstrated that we can fabricate the mirrors to the required accuracy for the telescope to work as designed.”



The Giant Magellan Telescope, against the southern Milky Way, as it will appear when it's completed. (Image: Todd Mason/Mason Productions and GMTO Inc.)

The second of seven mirrors for the GMT was cast at the mirror lab in January of this year; the third will be cast in August 2013.

The Giant Magellan Telescope will be located on a remote mountaintop in the Chilean Andes where the skies are clear and dark, far from any sources of light pollution. At the Carnegie Institution for Science’s Las Campanas Observatory in northern Chile, earthmovers are completing the removal of 4 million cubic feet of rock to produce a flat platform for the telescope and its supporting buildings.

Wendy Freedman, chair of the GMT board (and Director Of Carnegie Observatories, headquartered in Pasadena), said: “The technical achievements at the UA’s mirror lab and the dedication and commitment of our national and international partners will allow us to open a new window on the universe. An exciting future of discovery awaits us.”

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From Arcadia's Best

HUSBAND IN 2001 MURDER ARRESTED

More than eleven years after the brutal stabbing murder of a 50-year-old woman behind a restaurant on the 50 block of Las Tunas Drive, homicide detectives from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department have arrested the slain woman's husband, now 72.

A murder warrant and charges have been filed against Richard Keith Cole by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office for the murder of his former wife, Charlotte S. Cole, with a bail of \$1 million issued.

Charlotte Cole, a resident of Arcadia, was 50 years old when she was stabbed multiple times and brutally murdered on September 1, 2001.

Detectives from the Sheriff's Department were called in and took the lead in the investigation with Arcadia Police detectives.

Although there were no initial arrests, Charlotte's then-husband, Richard Keith Cole, was a person of interest in the case. The case remained open, but went cold for about a decade.

Cold Case Detectives from the Sheriff's Department worked in conjunction with Arcadia Police Detectives and revisited the case in 2011, serving a search warrant at Richard Keith Cole's new residence in Arcadia. Evidence was gathered and Cole was initially arrested for the murder on April 28, 2011, but was soon released pending further investigation.

Over the course of the past year, additional evidence was gathered, leading to the charges.

At about 12 noon on Sunday, Nov. 4, suspect Richard Keith Cole, now 72 years old, was found at a restaurant in the City of Pasadena and was taken into custody by Sheriff's Detectives and transported to a local hospital for medical clearance and was then booked at the Arcadia City Jail on the warrant, with plans to transfer him to the Los Angeles County jail. – By Scott Hettrick Photo courtesy LA Times



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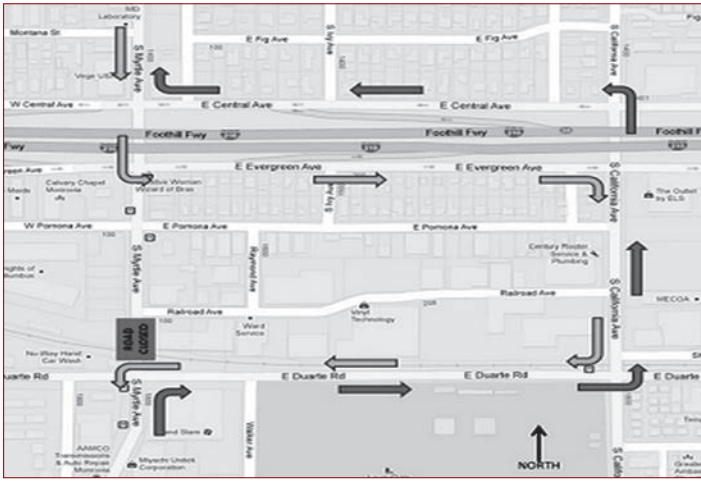
MYRTLE AVENUE CLOSURES

Myrtle Avenue in Monrovia between Duarte Road and Railroad Avenue will be closed for more than a month starting Wednesday, Nov. 7 – Friday, Dec. 14 for construction on the Gold Line railroad. Northbound lanes will be closed 24-hours per day and the entire road will be closed during daytime work hours from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Crews will be working on Myrtle Ave near the railroad crossing to remove water utilities and existing railroad track as part of ongoing pre-construction activities for the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension from Pasadena to Azusa.

Traffic delays are expected on northbound and southbound Myrtle Avenue. Detour signs will be posted to direct vehicular traffic during the implementation of the full closures (see map). Pedestrians and bicyclists will be detoured around the work zone. Temporary "No Parking" signs will be posted to indicate street parking restrictions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION Visit www.foothillextension.org and sign up to receive important progress updates and construction alerts to your email or call the Community Hotline at (626) 324-7098.



DUARTE NAMED MOST BUSINESS FRIENDLY CITY

DUARTE, CA, November 9, 2012 --

Third time was a charm for three-time finalist City of Duarte named "Most Business Friendly City" in Los Angeles County with a population of under 60,000. Duarte was awarded the distinction by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) during its 17th Annual Eddy Awards on Nov. 8 at the Beverly Hilton.

The award was presented in recognition of the City's outstanding efforts in proactively promoting business-friendly programs and services.

From l to r, front row: Robert Hertzberg, event emcee, former Speaker of the House, California State Assembly; Rona Lunde, Chairman of the Board, Duarte Chamber; Kristen Petersen, Assistant City Manager; Irma Hernandez, Senior Planner; Councilmember Tzeitel Paras-Caracci; Mayor Pro Tem Liz Reilly; Christopher Carey, Chairman of the Board, L.A.E.D.C.; Mayor John Fasana; Joe Allen, President and CEO, L.A.E.D.C.; Karen Herrera, Deputy City Manager. Back row from left: Darrell George, City Manager; and Craig Hensley, Community Development Director.



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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, October 28th, through Saturday, November 3rd, the Police Department responded to 976 calls for service of which 131 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, October 28:

- At about 2:16 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for speeding on Santa Anita Avenue. Upon contact with the driver, the officer smelled an odor of alcohol emitting from inside the vehicle. A subsequent investigation revealed the driver was under the influence of alcohol, and the 26-year-old Hispanic, female was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- Around 2:41 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 2000 block of Longley Way in regards to a residential burglary at a fire-damaged home. Investigation revealed that when a male resident entered his home to collect some belongings, he confronted a suspect already inside. The resident asked the suspect what he was doing in his house, and the suspect said he was a neighbor looking for his dog. The victim knew the suspect was not a neighbor of his, and called police. The suspect fled the area the second the victim picked up the phone to call police. The suspect was described as a White male, 6'0, 25-30 years old, with brown hair. The suspect can be identified if seen again.

Monday, October 29:

- At about 8:57 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of Fairview Avenue on a medical assist. A 91-year man had fallen and hurt himself inside his locked residence, and officers had to force entry through a garage door to get to him. The man was treated by Arcadia Fire Paramedics on scene, and found to be relatively unharmed from the incident.
- At approximately 3:47 p.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Second Avenue in regards to a medical assist. Upon arrival, the officer faced an unconscious man behind the wheel of his car. The victim was sweating profusely, his fists were clenched, and his head was jerking back and forth. The officer attempted to gain his attention by banging on the window, but the car moved forward several feet toward passing vehicles. The officer smashed out the passenger window, opened the door, and placed the car in park. Arcadia Fire Paramedics arrived on scene moments later, and the victim was transported to Arcadia Methodist Hospital.

Tuesday, October 30:

- At approximately 9:45 p.m., an officer responded to JC Penney at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 S. Baldwin Avenue, regarding two male suspects in custody for theft. The 16 and 17-year old Hispanic males had concealed clothing inside their backpacks, and exited the store without paying for the items. Police took custody of the juveniles, transported them to the Arcadia City Jail for booking, and released them to their parents.
- At about 11:45 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 000 block of Renoak Way in reference to a theft that occurred earlier in the evening at Forever 21, 400 S. Baldwin Avenue. The female victim reported her cell phone had been stolen from a secured, employee locker while she was working. Investigation suggested no forced entry into the locker, and that the locker might have been left unlocked during the victim's work shift.

Wednesday, October 31:

- Around 7:47 p.m., an officer responded to CVS Pharmacy, 9952 Las Tunas Drive, regarding an upset female that appeared to have been robbed. Upon arrival, the officer contacted a woman sitting in her parked car. Investigation revealed that no crime had occurred, and that the female was, in fact, incoherent, weak, paranoid, and unable to care for her own well-being. The officer transported the 63-year-old female to Arcadia Methodist Hospital, and released her to medical staff for psychological evaluation.
- At about 9:45 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a green, Toyota Camry – for not having a front license plate – in the area of Camino Real and Santa Anita Avenue. A records check revealed the driver was unlicensed, and the 40-year-old, Hispanic male was consequently cited, and released at the scene.

Thursday, November 1:

- At approximately 7:13 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a motorcycle for a defective light in the area of Santa Clara Street and Santa Anita Avenue. Investigation revealed that the motorcyclist was driving with a suspended license, and had a warrant out for his arrest. The 42-year-old, White male was taken to the Arcadia City Jail where he was booked for having an outstanding warrant, and driving on a suspended license.
- At about 8:55 p.m., officers responded to the 000 block of S. Second Avenue regarding an argument between two subjects. Upon arrival, officers contacted the only subject still at the scene, and smelled a strong odor of alcohol on his breath and person. The subject also exhibited other signs of intoxication, and further investigation revealed that he had a warrant out for his arrest. The 29-year-old, Black male was taken to the Arcadia City Jail where he was charged with public intoxication, and having an outstanding warrant.

Friday, November 2:

- At about 2:17 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for swerving between the lanes on Baldwin Avenue near Huntington Drive. Upon contact with the driver, the officer smelled an odor of alcohol emitting from inside the vehicle. An investigation revealed the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The 34-year-old, Hispanic male was subsequently arrested for drunk driving, and was transported to the Arcadia City Jail for processing.
- At about 2:08 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 100 block of E. Huntington Drive in reference to a subject stumbling in the area. Upon contact with the subject, officers smelled a strong odor of alcohol on his breath and person, and also discovered that he had a warrant out for his arrest. During a subsequent search, officers found cocaine in one of the suspect's pockets. The 46-year-old, male suspect was transported to the Arcadia City Jail, and booked for public intoxication, warrants, and possession of a controlled substance.

Saturday, November 3:

- Around 10:48 a.m., officers responded to the 300 block of S. Baldwin Avenue regarding a commercial burglary. Investigation revealed that suspect(s) had forced entry into an apartment complex laundry room, pried open two coin machines, and stole approximately \$200.00 in currency. No suspects were seen or heard during the incident.
- At approximately 6:29 p.m., officers were dispatched to the area of Huntington Drive and Santa Clara Street regarding a battery. A female victim reported that an adult, male suspect had walked up to her while she was waiting at a bus stop, pushed her, spit on her, and walked away. The 24-year-old female said that the battery was unprovoked, and that, though she could identify the suspect if seen again, she had never seen him before.

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BETHANY ROCKS - 1ST ANNUAL FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL



On Saturday, November 3rd, Bethany Christian School in Sierra Madre was all a-buzz with excitement as the Sierra Madre community and beyond came to enjoy the school's 1st Annual BCS Fall Family Festival. The Festival was the first of its kind for BCS—an event that was truly community wide, and one that would support not only the school, but also benefit and create awareness for a worthy volunteer organization in Sierra Madre - The Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team.

An abundance of fun activities for the whole family were packed onto the school campus—a petting zoo and pony rides from Happy Halters; demonstrations from Sierra Madre Search and Rescue; bounce houses,

giant slides and mazes; a dozen carnival games with prizes to win; a silent auction; art activities from Paint the Town, as well as face painting and pumpkin painting; a bake sale; live music from The Conductors; karaoke; and food—lots of food!—from Domenico's Italian Restaurant, Pie N' Burger, Bean Town, Mother Moo, and Mandoline Grill.

Principal James Lugenbuehl enjoyed seeing all the kids having so much fun. He also noted how the event really pulled the whole BCS community together to look beyond ourselves and serve the community at large, namely The Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team. "I saw dozens of BCS parents volunteering to staying late and arriving early to set up and breakdown

all the festival structures. I saw people introducing themselves to each other, laughing and enjoying working together, to make this event possible." PTF President Lisa Willingham said, "Thank you to all for helping to make the 1st Annual BCS Fall Family Festival a great success! I am amazed at the effort you all put toward our collective goal of making the Fall Family Festival represent the best of what Bethany Christian School has to offer."

As one third grade girl with butterfly wings painted on her face enthusiastically commented, "This was awesome! We should do this every year!" That is a great idea!

PUSD WEEKLY NEWSFLASH

The passage of Proposition 30 last week means that the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) will not be faced with mandatory cuts for this current school year. Because Proposition 30 does not bring new money into the district, an estimated \$10.3 – \$12 million in reductions will still need to be made for the 2013-2014 school year to combat a structural deficit and declining enrollment. Click on the Budget Update tab at www.pusd.us for information about PUSD's budget process.

The timeline for Open Enrollment is on hold and a new schedule will be announced when there is a clearer picture of the budget outlook for the district. There still will be open enrollment for the 2013-2014 school year. Please call 626-396-3600 extension 88340 for more information.

The City of Pasadena's La Pintaresca Teen Education Center has partnered with the Pasadena City College TRIO Academic Talent Search program to provide college preparatory services to high school students. The TRIO Educational Talent Search program prepares students to attend the college of their choice by offering small group academic advisement, college counseling, college application assistance, ACT/SAT preparation, college tours, financial aid and scholarship assistance, study and life skills workshops and tutoring. Students from John Muir High School, Pasadena High School and Blair High School are eligible. Middle school students attending Washington Middle School and Wilson Middle School can also participate in the college preparation program. Students must possess a 2.0 or higher GPA and have interest in attending a postsecondary school. For more information or to request an application, please contact the Teen Education Center at (626) 345-0708 or the TRIO Educational Search program at (626) 585-7011 or email talentsearch@pasadena.edu.

PUSD's Families in Transition office, which connects homeless and transitional students and their families with appropriate services, is collecting donations for families in need this holiday season. Donations of canned goods, toys, games, books and grocery gift cards can be made through November 30. Families in Transition (room 127), 351 S. Hudson Ave., Pasadena or call (626) 396-3600 ext. 88252.

Pasadena's eleventh One City, One Story community reading celebration book selection is *The Age of Miracles* by author Karen Thompson Walker. Luminous, haunting, unforgettable, *The Age of Miracles* is a stunning fiction debut by a superb new writer, a story about coming of age during extraordinary times, about people going on with their lives in an era of profound uncertainty. One City, One Story activities and events will be scheduled for March 2013. A community dialogue with the author is scheduled for Thursday, March 14. Details of book discussion groups, film series, lectures and other events will be announced in the near future. One City, One Story is designed to broaden and deepen an appreciation of reading and literature in the community. To engage participants in dialogue and bring Pasadenans together by promoting greater understanding of differing points of view. For more information visit www.onecityonestory.com or call (626) 744-7270.

Reading is a thrill as the Pasadena Public Library celebrates Children's Book Month this November. All month, children (ages 12 and under) will have their late fines forgiven and lost library cards replaced for free. They can also receive one free paperback book (while supplies last) just by visiting their local Pasadena Public Library or attending one of the special Children's Book Month Programs all sponsored by The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library. For more information, visit www.ci.pasadena.ca.us/library or call (626) 744-4045.

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THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show

Movie Reviews Especially for Teens & 'Tweens

WRECK-IT-RALPH



This is the perfect Disney movie in every way. For a little bit, it felt like Disney's magic was fading, but this 'Wreck-It Ralph' proved me completely wrong; Disney is just as strong as ever.

For the past three decades, Wreck-It Ralph (John C. Reilly) has spent his time destroying a building and being thwarted by his nemesis, Fix-It Felix Jr. (Jack McBrayer). On the night of the 30th Anniversary of the game, a huge party is thrown in the building and everyone is invited, except for Ralph. Mad, he invites himself and finds out that no one else appreciates him for what he does. He storms off, determined to get a medal for

being a hero, and goes on a heroic quest. But, what he doesn't realize is that he has unleashed a greater threat than he could have imagined and an old enemy is rising again.

This is one of those rare kids movies which is simple enough for the little ones, but with a story so deep and winding, the adults will stay entertained. There were even several reveals that I didn't see coming. Overall, the cast, director (Rich Moore), and screenwriters (Phil Johnston, Jennifer Lee) all put their hearts into this and created a modern day masterpiece.

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If you have lived in Pasadena long enough you will remember there was no 210 Freeway, there was no Old Pasadena, or at least it was old. Back then center of attention was South Lake Ave. where Macy's stands today there was Bullock's where the who's who of Pasadena and San Marino did there shopping, Jurgensen' was the Gourmet Grocery Store, man I miss those Turkey Sandwiches. And around that time two brothers who just graduated from Blair High School decided to open up a restaurant. Burger Continental, the restaurant was small and had a garden shop that took up most of the back area.

Today some 40 years later, Burger Continental still stands there tall as can be. While dozens of restaurants have come and gone is there. Sure a few face lifts threw the years. The Patio is now covered and the Fountain in the back has been covered, I remember many an afternoon on the back patio waiting to hear my number called so that I can get the food, all of us found some amusement in the number being called. Picture the Saturday Night Live Skit, where he says Cheese Burger CheeseBurger.

Don't let the name fool you, yes that do have burgers, giant burgers in fact. But the true charm here are the deals, Sunday Brunch, Breakfast lunch specials, seems like there is always some type of special going on no matter what time of day.

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
thechefknows@yahoo.com

What to order? On my visit, I had the Loin Lamb Chops "Salonica" with roasted garlic for \$14.99. They were so good I wish they were all you can eat, happens that Gary one of the brothers was there and I asked him the secret. Gary told me that once a month he gets a secret supply of spices flown in from the Middle East and that only Customs Agent "Bob" knows what they are. My friend Kevin bartender extraordinaire from Parkway Grill joined me and was quite pleased with his Lula Kebab, at \$11.99 he gave it two thumbs up. I am telling you that the pizza(\$10 range) here is about the best in town, I think the secret is that they have a really old pizza oven that adds a certain flavor to their pies.

Check out the Sunday Champagne Brunch, it's a buffet with just about every thing on the menu, plus on any given Sunday Crab Legs and Sushi. There is always fresh fruit and an omelet station. Its \$19 for adults and \$10 for kids, great place for a large party and families. Gourmet? Maybe not, but a real value in these times when your dollar needs a little stretching.

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2 tsp. granulated sugar
1/4 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
1/2 cup Stonewall Kitchen Maple Pumpkin Butter*

DIRECTIONS:

1. Combine the ricotta cheese, Stonewall Kitchen Maple Pumpkin Butter, and confectioners' sugar. Mix until uniform. Chill in the refrigerator 2-4 hours.
2. Place ricotta cheese mixture in a pastry bag and pipe filling into each end of the cannoli shells.
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by Chris Leclerc

HOUSE-TRAINING YOUR CANINE WHAT WORKS FOR TODAY'S PET OWNERS

have in common is the hope of starting off on the right "paw" when it comes to house-training their new pet. House-training a puppy doesn't have to be as daunting a task as it sounds, if you set some boundaries and get on a workable regular regimen at the start. Here are a few basic pointers that might help get you started on getting your dog quickly house-trained:

Timing is everything - Puppies do best on a regular schedule. Lead your puppies frequently to a 'piddle' pad in the area with which they are most familiar. Most puppies will need to relieve themselves as many as six times a day, at least. Follow the same path to the pad every time. The process will require your full attention for a few weeks, but the effort you put into it now will last for the rest of your pet's life.

Dine and dash - If you establish set mealtimes, your pets will become accustomed to relieving themselves on schedule as well. Keep tabs on when your dog relieves himself during training, and use that timing to get your dog accustomed to going outside or using the training pads regularly.

Relaxation room - Dogs like their own den, and a properly sized crate is an excellent option for your dog to spend time in, during downtime. Have your dog or puppy sleep in the crate at night and when you are not home during training.

Separate spaces - Set up the training pad in a special area away from the crate and food. Consider using special trays designed to hold training pads to keep the pad in place and deter dogs from playing with the training pads.

Treat time - Use the same treat every time your pet does the right thing during house-training for positive reinforcement. Rubbing its nose in its feces may make matters worse and could cause your dog to hide when it's time to go.

Go green - Consider environmentally friendly training pads such as Eco-Care Training Pads made by Simple Solution. These pads are made from 85 percent recycled material, saving landfills from over 400 tons of waste every year. While reducing landfill waste, they also maximize absorption, holding two times more liquid than leading pad brands and using polymer technology to convert liquid to gel, locking in moisture and preventing leaks. The pads are designed with odor neutralizers to eliminate tough urine odors and can be used with litter box mats, as a dog crate liner, as car seat covers and to clean up messy spills. Today, more owners use potty pad training when they have limited outdoor areas. For more information, visit www.simplesolution.com.

Training assistance - Many pet owners find it helpful to include some basic behavioral training concurrent with puppy house training, to promote a stronger sense of structure and communication with the dog.

Thankfully, there are some very good trainers located right here in the Pasadena/Sierra Madre area. Some of them even make house calls, which adds the cutting edge advantage of one-on-one attention in the convenience of your own home. One of my favorite trainers is Connie Mackie. She has a naturally calming 'dog-side manner' which, combined with her excellent communication skills makes for a comfortable home visit, and is a great resource for tips on working with your dog between training visits. Connie can be contacted by phone at 310-927-1508 or by e-mail at: dreamdogs@sbcglobal.net.

The Pasadena Humane Society also offers a variety of evening and weekend training courses at their facility on Raymond Avenue. The certified instructors at PHS are qualified to train dog and master as a unit. Owners are then able to take what they learn with them and continue to use the same techniques at home. For more information about training classes at Pasadena Humane Society, visit www.phspca.org or call 626-792-7151.

Whichever route you choose to take and whatever technique you choose to apply in training your puppy or your dog, for the best results it is very important to be consistent in your training routine. Also, when it comes to your use of commands and rewards, limit your vocabulary to only a few, single syllable terms, and strive to offer lots of petting and verbal praise as a reward, in lieu of snacks or treats. If you start early enough (in my opinion it's never too early to start training) you will be doing your pet a big favor by teaching him to want to please you simply for the praise, rather than for food or treats. Remember, a healthy, well-trained & well-loved dog is a happy dog!

PET OF THE WEEK: ASTRO - #A4503124



Meet Astro (A4503124)! Astro is a loving two year old brindle male Short Haired Chihuahua/Pug mix (a "Chug") who was found in La Puente and brought to the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center on October 23rd. Weighing ten pounds, Astro walks acceptably well on the leash and is a perfect candidate for additional training due to his curious and intelligent nature. He gets along well with other dogs, both large and small, and has a natural affinity for the human lap. Volunteers think he will be fine with older children. Astro will be a playful indoor companion for an individual or family in any living situation. To watch a video of Astro please visit the following link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lb4vI0YN8c0

To meet Astro in person, please see him at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton St., Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378 or 626-962-3577). He is currently available now. For any inquiries about Astro, please reference his animal ID number: A4503124. The shelter is open seven days a week, 12 pm-7 pm Monday-Thursday and 10am-5pm Friday-Sunday. This is a high-intake shelter with a great need for adoptions. For more information about Astro or the adoption process, please contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at Samantha@hope4animals.org. To learn more about United Hope for Animals' partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter through its Shelter Support Program, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.

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

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

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

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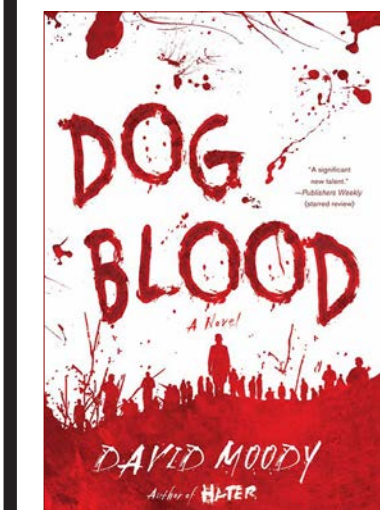
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JASMINE’S CORNER

Book Reviews by Jasmine Kelsey Williams

DOG BLOOD By David Moody



‘Dog Blood’ is the second in Moody’s “Hater Trilogy” and picks up where ‘Hater’ left off. Copyrighted in 2010 and still receiving praise from Booklist and Publishers Weekly, ‘Dog Blood’ continues the dynamic story of Danny McCoyne and his mentality of “me against the world” after his transformation into a “Hater”.

What makes this sequel so compelling is that the story is not just told in Danny’s point of view, but also contains interludes that are told from the perspective from a member of Danny’s family who recounts his own life so far after the transformation of the “Haters”, and what remains of humanity. There is more to this story: one of the core points is that Danny is searching for his daughter, who in essence is also becomes like Danny in his “Hater” nature, and as a result is stronger, faster, and deadlier than previously thought. Danny is a changed man in this second story, but still holds some of his passive qualities when encountering others and only fights when he has to. Moody does a fantastic job preserving the flow of the first story into this next one, and the tone is immediately noticed. The connecting points of different perspectives plus the backstory of humanity and how it falls apart is what provides the central focus of ‘Dog Blood’ and is what keeps the reader engaged throughout the story without the theme being too rushed or lengthy. This is not meant for young readers, which means that this work by David Moody will provide a thrill and an adrenaline rush for those looking for something apocalyptic and adventurous. David Moody’s ‘Hater’ will not only provide just that, but also present a deeper look of what we as humans can become in our rawest state.



SEAN’S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

Review By Sean Kayden

CHAD VALLEY




Hugo Manuel’s Chad Valley isn’t quite the one-man show anymore with his debut LP. He has a number of guests contributing including romantic doom pop enthusiast, Twin Shadow. For what it is, “Young Hunger” is a silky smooth, tropical paradise of seductive beats that is carried by the warm vocals Manuel belts out. Far from perfect or even wildly innovative, Chad Valley’s takes cues and notes from previous generations to craft tightly produced material that is utterly danceable and blissful. “Young Hunger” benefits from its supporting players to give variety to the album since Manuel sounds exactly the same on each track. His real talent is the way he mixes his songs. They are considerably accessible which allows the listener to become instantly enthralled with. What evolves is the perfect balance of pop and electronic. Ultimately, Manuel has a keen sense of taking chances when you least expect it. “Young Hunger” won’t rock the boat and certainly isn’t going to blow you away, but the likability factor is huge and the fun, sweet vocals, and romanticism wrapped tightly around the record should delight fans and curious listeners.

With ten full length tracks and an interlude, the album clocks in over 42 minutes. It’s a good duration given the genre and especially since things start to sound too alike after awhile. The real treat is “Fathering/Mothering,” which features the vocals of Anne Lise Frøkedal. It’s a slow, methodical, and tranquil song that will subdue any negative thoughts you may have. That’s why Hugo Manuel is so damn good at what he does. His music is unbelievably soothing and lovely. While his lyrics aren’t anything to go bonkers over, they are still enjoyable and come across deeply personal at times. There is a subtle sweetness to “Young Hunger.” The first half of the record makes you want to bust a move on the dance floor, but the second half slows you down, puts away the worries for another day. Come to think about it, the record feels like two EPs that make up one LP since how both halves of the album take different directions. The second half of Chad Valley’s solid debut asks you to put aside any problems and concerns for a moment because you can always return to them but why not try to just let yourself go for just a bit. I can definitely roll with and in this day and age, who can’t?

CHAD VALLEY
Artist: Chad Valley
Album: Young Hunger
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For the genre it plays into it, Chad Valley is quite the magician. His song often cast spells on its listeners because your body is present, but mind travels somewhere else, somewhere better. On the title track, Manuel is at his undeniable best. The song is a spectacular showcase of tenderness and beauty found within polished beats. Somehow, this guy manages to move you in deeper way ever imaginable with the electronic sound—a genre that quite often expands to very shallow and inept musicians. Unfortunately, Manuel almost falls into this on the track, “My Girl,” where he inexplicably quotes a Spice Girls’ lyric for some odd reason. Other than that noticeable misstep, the guy is pretty legit as an artist. By the end of the record, Chad Valley does an admirable job with what he set out to do. With “Young Hunger,” Manuel covers additional ground than he probably should have since he could have benefited more by taking the shorter, more distinct route rather than weaving through the highways to finally reach his destination. Then again, at least he made it to the end.

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

Story by Chris Bertrand

VICTORIAN PAINTED LADY ON THE MARKET FOR 1ST TIME IN 39 YEARS



Victorian home lovers alert! One of Sierra Madre's proud Victorian "Painted Ladies" is now offered for sale, for the first time in thirty nine years. Celebrating its personal centennial twelve years ago, the four bedroom home was constructed in 1900.

"The Victorians were known for their use of combinations of bright colors, especially on the exterior of their homes," commented Reni Rose, listing agent, "and this one, done in the seller's favorite blue hues, is of our community's delightful examples of a signature 'Painted Lady.'" Scalloped shingles near the roofline peak feature a colorful rainbow of pastel hues.

The "Painted Lady" term, now adopted in architectural vernacular, is one attributed to authors, Elizabeth Pomada and Michael Larsen, in their 1978 book, Painted Ladies - San Francisco's Resplendent Victorians. If you're fascinated by the topic of Victorian color schemes and architecture, several additional books by the duo are available online, and offer what Amazon deems "a dazzling orgy of Victoriana inside and out."

Local lore suggests this Sierra Madre "Painted Lady" was built for the sister of Lucky Baldwin, the prominent local businessman and investor, whose name adorns Baldwin Avenue, the major north-south artery through the city, as well as a popular local eatery in Kersting Court.

According to Wikipedia, Lucky Baldwin "generated most of his wealth through both savvy and lucky mining investments in California (for which he received his nickname)... (He) accumulated large landholdings of 63,000 acres where the



The flowered, Victorian style wall-to-wall carpeting, was originally designed and milled for theater use, and helps carry the Victorian motif. A separate dining room also with a charming bay of windows and interesting ceiling lines, provides seating space for a feast or could become a wonderful family or media room. Upstairs, the main bath features both the highly prized, claw foot tub for decadent relaxation, plus a separate walk-in shower. The kitchen and casual dining create the true hub of the home. With U-shaped, bar seating for at least six, decades of gatherings of friends a family comfortably enjoyed a close but nonintrusive view of meal preparation at the vintage gas stove.

In true Southern California living style, there are two porches to enjoy shaded or sunny outdoor living depending on the time of day. One porch, conveniently accessed directly from the kitchen, is fully screened and offers a ceiling fan to create a gentle breeze on warmer days.

Tucked away on a quiet street within walking distance of charming downtown Sierra Madre, the homesite offers a large, level back yard, as well as room for RV storage. Offered at \$839,000, this home offers approximately 2,584 square feet of living space on a spacious 9,993 square foot lot. For more information on 50. S. Park in Sierra Madre, visit the listing's website at www.50Park.com or contact Reni Rose directly at 626-355-8400. *An open house is planned for Sunday, November 11, from 1-4 p.m.*

communities of Arcadia and Monrovia are now located... He is most famous today for his involvement in horse racing: Baldwin founded the original Santa Anita racetrack on his estate, breeding and racing some of the finest racehorses of his time."

Though Victorian in architecture, the home's living area is quite open and offers wonderful opportunities for comfortable 21st century lifestyle in vintage surroundings.

The great room, with open beamed wood ceilings, offers several functional areas, including a main living area centered around a charming wood stove (Note, though, there IS central heating!); a raised library area with built-ins for books and display; plus a generous bay with surrounding windows that seems perfect for a grand piano.



Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou Realtor®

DON'T GO HOME WITHOUT IT



These days, particularly with so many foreclosures on the market, ordering an inspection when you've made an offer is not only recommended, it's critical. Otherwise, you're relying on the seller (in some cases, the bank) to provide you with a list of defects.

An inspection provides an objective report about the home's exterior, interior, and "internal organs" - the wiring, the plumbing, the heating and cooling system, etc. While your agent may supply a list of recommended inspectors, you are free to select any professional you wish.

The seller and their representative will not see the report without your permission. The inspection of a 2,000 square foot home should take two to three hours to complete, and once the report has been delivered to you, you can discuss the findings with the inspector.

Expect your home inspector to walk the roof and explore the attic and crawlspace (if present). Electrical panels, outlets and switches will be tested. Drains, water pressure, toilets and pipes will all be checked in the plumbing system. Walls, ceilings and floors will be inspected and all the doors and windows will be checked for functionality.

All the items in the report will depend on the particular home's features, but the findings give you an opportunity to estimate repair costs and renegotiate your offer. Never bypass this critical aspect of a purchase.

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

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HOW TO SAVE MONEY BY DONATING YOUR BODY TO SCIENCE

Dear Savvy Senior:
What can you tell me about body donations? With little money to spare, I'm looking for a cheap way to die and have heard that donating my body to science is free, not to mention it benefits medical research.
Old and Poor

Dear Old:
If you're looking to eliminate your final farewell expense and help advance medical research, donating your body to science is a great option to consider. Here's what you should know.

Body Donations
Each year, an estimated 10,000 to 15,000 Americans donate their whole body, after death, to medical facilities throughout the country to be used in medical research projects, anatomy lessons and surgical practice.

After using your body, these facilities will then provide free cremation – which typically costs \$600 to \$3,000 – and will either bury or scatter your ashes in a local cemetery or return them to your family, usually within a year or two.

Here are a few other tidbits you need to know to help you decide on whether whole-body donation is right for you.

- Organ donors excluded: Most programs require that you donate your whole body in its entirety. So if you want to be an organ donor, you won't qualify to be a whole body donor too. You'll have to choose.
- Not all bodies are accepted: If, for example, your body has been badly damaged in a care accident or if you're morbidly obese, you many not qualify.
- Body transporting is covered: Most programs will pay to transport your body to their facility unless your body must be moved from out of state.
- No special requests: Most programs won't allow you to donate your body for a specific purpose – you give them the body and they decide how to use it.
- Funeral services are not covered: Most programs will allow your family to conduct any final services they wish before taking custody of your body, but they won't pay for it.
- Your family won't be paid: Federal law prohibits buying bodies.

What To Do
If you do decide you want to donate your body, it's best to make arrangements in advance with a body donation program in your area. Most programs are offered by university-affiliated medical schools. To find one near you, the University of Florida maintains a list of U.S. programs and their contact information at www.med.ufl.edu/anatbd/usprograms.html.

In addition to the medical schools, there are also a number of private organizations like Anatomy Gifts Registry (anatomicgift.com), BioGift (biogift.org) and Science Care (sciencecare.com) that accept whole body donations too.

If you don't have internet access, you can get help over the phone by calling the National Family Services Desk which operates a free body donation referral service during business hours at 800-727-0700.

Once you locate a program in your area, call and ask them to mail you an information/registration packet that will explain exactly how their program works.

To sign up, you'll simply need to fill out a couple of forms. But, you can always change your mind by revoking your authorization in writing.

After you have made arrangements, you then need to tell your family members so they will know what to do and who to contact after your death. It's also a good idea to tell your doctor and put your wishes in writing in your advance directives. These are legal documents that include a medical power of attorney and living will that spell out your wishes regarding your end-of-life medical treatment when you can no longer make decisions for yourself.

If you don't have an advance directive, go to caringinfo.org or call 800-658-8898 where you can get free state-specific forms with instructions to help you make one.



KATIE TseThis and That FROM BEIJING WITH LOVE...

Things are rough all over, and these desperate times have given unscrupulous characters opportunities to make a quick buck. Or in the following case, a very long, convoluted buck. My retired coworker recently received a letter from “Hing Chang,” a bank employee in Beijing, who verbosely informed her that she had a \$30,300,000 inheritance entitled to her as the last remaining relative of “Kim O’Rourke.” The

actual letter was postmarked from New York, where Hing said he was visiting on business. How he was able to conduct business during the chaos of hurricane Sandy remains unexplained.

Almost anyone (other than those who got scammed by Ed McMahon and Dick Clark's Publisher's Clearing House) is able to tell when the promise of money is too good to be true. And most people would've probably tossed Hing's letter in the trash along with the Khol's ad. But my friend's husband thought it would be fun to play along with the charade (not seriously, of course). When you're retired, you have time for things like this.

My friend's husband, posing as my friend, replied to Hing from an account he created for the sole purpose of doing so. I think the email address was something like “888O’RourkeStandard@yahoo.com.” He told Hing that he was thrilled about hearing of O’Rourke's estate, and eagerly awaited claiming the inheritance. “We will have to keep all our dealing strictly confidential,” said my friend's husband, “as my husband doesn't know I’m contacting you.” He then supplied an alternate address, claiming the Arcadia address was from 25 years ago. Since that time, “my friend” explained, they’ve relocated to San Francisco. He then gave Hing the San Francisco branch FBI headquarters’ address, phone number, and fax.

After that, I figured they'd heard the last from Hing. But a couple days later, we were pleasantly surprised when he replied with an equally wordy email. (His English is surprisingly good, so we think he's having his correspondence processed through a heavy duty translation program, or proof read by a team of seasoned ESL teachers.) Hing wrote that he had blanketed the whole U.S. with mailings to everyone surnamed O’Rourke, in hopes of contacting the late Kim's relatives --a truly altruistic act, when you consider the cost of postage. A handful of people responded to his initial letter; so Hing consulted his Buddhist guru to discern which respondent was the real deal.

Hing then delved into a long monologue about the life and times of Kim O’Rourke. Apparently Kim was around five feet tall, balding, and overweight, which eventually lead to diabetes and a fatal heart attack in his 60's. My friend's husband thanked Hing, since “she” had always heard vague rumors about her legendary cousin in the East.

In Hing's latest correspondence, he chronicled his own life and described his family. A solid citizen, he's worked at the bank for over 20 years, despite the meager pay. China enforces the death penalty for those who commit white collar crimes such as embezzlement, etc. Thus, Hing is sticking his neck out to help my friend access her rightful inheritance. Hing is not asking my friend for money as a guarantee of her total cooperation. He's merely requiring her to forward her bank account information so all the necessary papers can be drawn by a Beijing lawyer who is charging \$300,000 because he (the lawyer) will have to bribe some high officials. The details of this transaction will be addressed in future correspondence. When all this is over, Hing writes that he plans to retire to Canada and take up his first love, fly fishing and water colors. I will keep you all informed as the saga unfolds.



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By Pat Birdsall

FYI: Last week I listed several ways for you to improve the safety of your home and I promised additional information from our local police department for this week's column. What's that expression? “The best laid plans...” Instead, I'm going to grouse about something that happens to all of us on a regular and ever-annoying basis. ROBOCALLS! This morning, as a matter of fact, I got a call from someone I hear from so frequently I feel like I should invite her over for Thanksgiving dinner. I'm sure you all know who I'm talking about...your friend and mine, “Rachel” from Cardholder Services. I caught a report on this very topic by Jim Avila on ABC News a couple of weeks ago. He really got my attention when he said that Robocalls are *illegal* whether you're on the DO NOT CALL REGISTRY or whether you are not!

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) receives 200,000 complaints a month about robocalls. The FTC said the “Rachel” telemarketing companies, all based in Arizona and Florida, tell consumers that they could drastically reduce their credit card interest rates if they pay the initial fees. Asking for such up-front fees for debt-reduction services is **illegal**, FTC said. For people that continue to get robocalls from Cardholder Services or any other potential scam, the fastest and easiest way to let the FTC know is to go to DoNotCall.gov and click “File a Complaint.” You can also call (888) 382-1222 to file a complaint with the FTC. Maybe if enough of us follow through, we can discourage scam artists from zeroing in on this area... We have to start somewhere.

For Your Funny Bone

A doctor was addressing a large audience in Tampa. “The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us sitting here, years ago. Red meat is awful. Soft drinks corrode your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG. High fat diets can be disastrous and none of us realizes the long-term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water. But, there is one thing that is the most dangerous food of all and we all have, or will eat it. Can anyone here tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating eat? After several seconds of quiet, a 75 year old man in the front row raised his hand and softly said, “Wedding Cake.”

For 15 minutes a small crowd watched my surf-fishing husband struggle to haul in something big. The drama ended when his catch turned out to be a waterlogged 4x4. As Ed worked the hook out of the chunk of lumber, a man in the crowd called out, “What did you use for bait, your Home Depot card?”



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:

In war, there are no unwounded soldiers. *Jose Narosky~*



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 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: 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. Outside, on the patio, a beautiful, one-of-a-kind chess table is anxious for players.

Free Strength Training Class: 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 included)

Senior Citizens Club: Every **Saturday**-at the Hart Park House (Senior Center) Brown bag lunch at 11:30am; Club meeting at Noon; Bingo at 12:30- 3:30 pm. For more information call Pat at 626.355.7290



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

SENIOR MOVIE PROGRAM: Free Movies are shown on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. The films, one contemporary and one vintage, are chosen by the seniors themselves. This month's selections are: **November 13-*The Gods Must be Crazy*** (1980) South African film is a comedic allegory about a traveling bushman, who encounters modern civilization and its strange aspects, including a clumsy scientist and a band of revolutionaries. **November 27- *The Odd Couple*** (1968) Written by Neil Simon, the hysterical tale of two men separated from their wives who try sharing an apartment; one is a neurotic neat freak and the other is a fun loving slob. Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau star. Movies are shown in the Sierra Madre Council Chambers (222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.) at 1:00 PM.

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(NAPSI)—Viruses, worms, Trojans—you’ve likely heard or read about them. They’re the nefarious “creatures” that can take advantage of vulnerabilities in the software applications you have installed on your computer—but you can defeat them. That’s good news, because if they find their way into your computer, they can wreak havoc, destroying your files, stealing your personal information, even taking control of your computer to help with other insidious cybercrimes. Chances are, if you haven’t already been a victim of some kind of malware, you could be soon, especially if you don’t keep your software applications current by installing the security updates that software vendors provide.

Staying up to date on the latest security patches is critical given today’s threat environment. In addition to the many security initiatives that software companies engage in to keep their products and users safe, the single most important advice they give is to always stay up to date. “Research shows that up to 99.8 percent of successful cyberattacks today exploit software that is not current with the latest security updates,” says Brad Arkin, senior director, security, Adobe products and services. “We strongly recommend that users install the latest security updates.”

Recently, Skype, the popular service that lets you make phone calls using the Internet, commissioned a survey that revealed:

- 40 percent of adults don’t always update software on their computers when initially prompted to do so.

- Approximately 25 percent of those surveyed said they don’t clearly understand what software updates do and an equal percentage don’t understand the benefits of updating.

- While 75 percent of adults receive update notifications from their software, more than half admitted that they needed to see a prompt between two and five times before downloading and installing the update.

For most people, then, updating software is more often than not an afterthought. Many complain that the process is intrusive and bothersome. It’s just easier to click the “remind me later” button when you’re busy finishing up the weekly sales report or adding your latest vacation photos to your online album. If you do, however, you leave yourself vulnerable to threats that could take you off-line for a long time-or worse.

Making Updates Easier

The good news is that times have changed. Companies continuously look for ways to make the update process less cumbersome for users. For example, the very widely used Adobe Reader—which lets you open and read ubiquitous PDF documents—uses a new update mechanism designed to keep you current in a much more streamlined and automated way. With the new updater, Windows users have the option to choose to download and install updates automatically. You can literally “set it and forget it.” Once your update preferences are set to update your software automatically, Adobe Reader and Acrobat will automatically check for new updates and download and install available updates—you won’t have to think about it again.

So the next time you get a pop-up window telling you to update that software application, your best move is to do it right then. If your software offers an automatic update option, enable it. Don’t wait. It’s too easy to forget and it’s too easy for cybercriminals to get to you.

If your software reminds you again a few days later (and maybe again a few days after that), it’s just doing its job, reminding you to do yours. It’s not another update, just a friendly way to tell you how important it is to stay up to date.



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

By Patricia Richardson, M.B.A

I was listening in on a conversation with Certified QuickBooks ProAdvisors via their LinkedIn Group, so here is the situation....

“Be forewarned BEFORE updating to QuickBooks 2013, if you use online banking, especially BB&T. Not all banks are ready to support online banking or bill pay in version 2013. After a long run around with BB&T tech support, I find out they would not support QB 2013 until Oct 31st of this year. Guess I’m limited to printing, signing and mailing checks until November, unless I plan to transfer to a new bank.”

One more revenue stream for Intuit includes check printing. In the past we were able to by QuickBooks compatible checks from outside vendors at a much better price. Recently I found out that Inuit had changed their check formatting so that my old wallet checks could no longer be used. Frustrated to say the least!

With all of QuickBooks flexibility, custom reporting, and template design capabilities it seems odd (well not so odd) that they would limit check formatting. It explains why we keep getting all those annoying popup windows to buy checks.

What else is happening this month?

The Employment Development Department is announcing changes in Payroll Tax Reporting (Updated October 18, 2012).

Reducing Paper and Costs for the State: The 2013 DE 44 and DE 8829 will be Online!

Effective immediately, employers who wish to continue to receive a paper guide each year must go to e-Services for Business and select the “Submit a request to receive an annual mailing” link, or go directly to the Annual Mailing Preference page and choose to receive the guide.

The e-Services for business online services expanded to include access using smartphones and tablets. Employers can register a business, manage their payroll tax account, make tax payments, and much more online. For additional information, go to EDD’s e-Services for Business.

Reminder - Payroll Tax Deposits, Personal Income Tax Threshold May Require Additional Deposits. Employers may be required to submit deposits more frequently if over \$350 in Personal Income Tax is withheld. See the California Deposit Requirements table for more information. Failure to make timely deposits may result in penalties.

New workshops:

During the month of November on Friday's between 9:00am and 9:30am I am hosting an online QuickBooks Q&A forum. Email the registration form from my website and I will send you the info you need to tune in. Have your questions ready, it is a great time to stump the trainer. Also during the month of November look for Saturday QuickBooks workshops. They will be a BYOL (bring your own laptop) workshop.

Patricia Richardson is the owner of Monrovia Computerized Business Service and is a local accountant, educator and trainer. She helps entrepreneurs realize their business mission and vision by empowering them with tools and training in areas outside of their core competencies. For additional information, patti@qbworkshop.com or www.QBworkShop.com

SBA HELPS VETERANS START, GROW AND EXPAND SMALL BUSINESSES

WASHINGTON – As the nation marks Veterans Day 2012, the U.S. Small Business Administration continues to build on its successful programs for America’s military veterans, helping tens of thousands of veterans each year with small business financing, comprehensive business training and counseling and access to federal contracts.

“Around Veterans Day, our thoughts turn to the men and women who are currently serving in the Armed Forces, as well as to all veterans who have made sacrifices and served our country over the years,” said SBA Administrator Karen Mills. “When you consider the leadership and management skills our veterans develop while on active and reserve duty, it’s no wonder we see so many of them choose the path of small business ownership.”

According to data from the U.S. Census Bureau veterans are successful small business owners. Nearly one in 10 small businesses nationwide are veteran-owned. Collectively, these 2.4 million small businesses employ almost 6 million Americans and generate more than \$1 trillion in receipts. In the private sector workforce, veterans are 45 percent more likely than those with no active-duty military experience to be self-employed.

SBA supports veteran business owners through entrepreneurial training and mentoring, access to capital, and business development opportunities through government contracts.

Entrepreneurial Development

This year SBA partnered with the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense to develop a national entrepreneurship training program for transitioning service members as part of the new Transition Assistance Program. Operation Boots to Business: From Service to Startup was piloted with all four branches of the services in summer and fall 2012. The Boots to Business program will be rolled out during 2013 providing exposure to entrepreneurship training to all 250,000 service members who transition from active duty to civilian life each year.

In a closely related effort, SBA and Syracuse University continue to expand the success of the Entrepreneurship Boot Camp for Veterans with Disabilities program. The growing partnership between SBA and Syracuse University, now in its fourth year, provides training on how disabled vets can start and grow a small business, with programs targeted to service-disabled veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan and their family caregivers, women veterans, and National Guard and Reserve members and their families. Since 2009, the first year SBA partnered with Syracuse University, 434 service-disabled veterans have participated in the program.

BUSINESS TODAY

The latest on Business News, Trends and Techniques

By La Quetta M. Shamblee, MBA



PLANNING FOR PROGRESS IN 2013

“If you don’t know where you are going, you’ll end up someplace else.”

Yogi Berra

The 16 synonyms found in Merriam-Webster for the word *planning* may serve well as the pillars to engage in is the “process of thinking about and organizing the activities required to achieve a desired goal.”

Six of the synonyms are verbs that indicate general and specific type of activities required to engage in planning: *arrange, calculate, choreograph, organize, prepare* and *shape*.

Seven of the synonyms serve as both verbs and nouns, an indication that the actual planning process always results in the creation of tools that can be used to implement the plan: *blueprint, budget, chart, design, frame, lay out* and *map*.

Also, three of the synonyms also serving as both verbs and nouns, reference the entire system that will be used to implement the plan. These point to well-defined *strategy*, *including how specific components of the plan will be carried out: *project, scheme* and **strategize*.

Good planning lays the foundation for a smoother experience in virtually every area of life. Whether it’s preparing for a customer appreciation day, deciding what inventory to carry, or upgrading a company website. For planning to serve as a vehicle of progress, it must be implemented and maintained.

Indelibly tied to forecasting, planning is a prediction of what the future *should* look like, whereas forecasting can be described as predicting what the future *will* look like based on all known factors likely to have an impact on the plan (i.e. available resources, economic conditions).

Unforeseen challenges will always be encountered, but the process of planning is the best preparation to deal with them. The plan will serve as an anchor, a measuring stick to determine when and how to make adjustments to continue toward your ultimate goals and objectives.

“In preparing for battle, I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable.” - Dwight Eisenhower



IDEAS FOR YOUR HOLIDAY EMAIL CAMPAIGNS

Email marketing is highly effective. It is still the primary mode of communication for most people, 85% of Internet users check their emails every day! It is considered the first social media tool.

The holidays are a great time to send out an email to your customers and people who are important to your business. You want to use an email service provider like Constant Contact because they comply with the law, provide an easy to use tool and allow you to measure your results.

Here are some ideas for a holiday email:

Thank your current customers and reward them! Send a simple email to your current customer list and let them know how important they are to you. You might say something like, “Thanks for being a loyal customer. Here is a coupon good for X% off on your next visit.”

Share your year in review. Share milestones and great moments in your business from the past year. Share photos or videos and make it fun. Add some humor and visual interest.

Wish them a happy holiday season and include an “Oh by the way...” You might remind them of your holiday hours. Let them know special offers you have coming, etc.

Share community holiday events. Send a list of fun events happening in your community during the holidays, and links to them. Be a source of good information!

Share a list of non-profits to support during the holidays. Let people know what causes you support during the holidays and why.

Give a list of top 10 (or top 5 or top 100) gift ideas. Make a fun list of gift ideas and who they would be good for.

Keep your emails short and simple. Don’t use more than 2-3 fonts and 2-3 colors to keep them looking clean and branded. Did you know that Verdana is the most legible font on-line? Make sure people can read your email.

Your subject line is what will determine if your email gets opened or not. Follow best practices for subject lines: no more than 5-8 words in a subject line, spell check, don’t use spammy words or characters like “free” “Viagra” or a bunch of weird characters like “@???.”

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Participating schools include: Syracuse University, University of Connecticut, UCLA, Florida State University, Texas A&M University, Purdue University, Louisiana State University, and Cornell University.

SBA is also providing \$2.6 million through a cooperative agreement over three years for two programs; Women Veterans Igniting the Spirit of Entrepreneurship (V-WISE), that focuses on training, networking and mentorship for women veterans, and Operation Endure & Grow, targets National Guard and Reserve component members, their families and partners.

Access to Capital

In FY 2012, SBA backed more than 3,200 loans supporting nearly \$2.1 billion in financing to more than 2,800 Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (VOSBs) through its flagship 7(a) and 504 loan programs, including \$118 million through the Patriot Express Loan program. Patriot Express loans offer many advantages to veterans and to SBA’s network of participating lenders nationwide. They feature one of SBA’s fastest turnaround times for loan approval and an enhanced guaranty and interest rate on loans up to \$500,000 to small businesses owned by veterans, reservists and their spouses. Patriot Express loans can be used for most business purposes, including startup, expansion, equipment purchases, working capital, inventory or business-occupied real-estate purchases.

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Over the last year, SBA has created a series of on-line contracting courses called Government Contracting (GC) Classroom to help prospective and existing small businesses, including VOSBs and SDVOSBs, understand the basics about contracting with federal agencies. In addition, the Office of Veteran’s Business Development provides procurement training to SDVOSBs to help them take advantage of federal contracting opportunities under the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Concern Procurement Program.

SBA reaches out to veterans through its 68 SBA district offices, 15 Veterans Business Outreach Centers nationwide, more than 1,000 Small Business Development Centers, 110 Women’s Business Centers and some 12,000 SCORE volunteers, more than 40 percent of whom are veterans. SBA also has numerous programs creating government contracting opportunities for VOSBs. For more information, visit www.sba.gov/vets and www.sba.gov/reservists.

JOE TALAMO, A WINNER ON AND OFF THE TRACK

By Joan Schmidt

Last Wednesday, the Breeders Cup came to Ralph's Supermarket, ARCADIA! From 9:00-10:30 am, Jockey Joe Talamo, who won an event in 2009 on California Flag met the public and graciously signed photos. There was a signing table, and behind it was a beautiful floral arrangement, one of the fifteen to be used for the Breeder Cup events and a poster of Joe on California Flag.

When Joe came into Ralph's, I didn't recognize him-he looked like a young kid! Well this twenty-two year old American of Italian descent (Great grandfather hails from Palermo, Sicily) was born and raised in New Orleans. His first time on the horse was at the tender age of six months! (His Dad is a trainer and introduced him to horses!) Joe got his "calling" to be a jockey in fifth grade. He has participated in events all over the country. Besides ARCADIA'S Santa Anita Park, favorites include Delmar in San Diego ("very beautiful") and Belmont.

On a personal level, his girlfriend of five years, Elizabeth Ellis hails from ARCADIA- her dad, Ron is a trainer at Santa Anita.) Joe

talked about his average day, which involves going to the gym and working out at the track. Joe said he puts in a lot of hard work and long hours. He also mentioned he has been "dabbling into boxing for aiding his rise." (He has a private trainer working with him out in boxing to help his arm strength and conditioning.) After events at the track, Joe "likes to attend Mass at St. Rita's in Sierra Madre."

Besides Joe, I met three great ladies from the Breeders Cup, Connie Russell, Emilee Ivy, and Kathryn Augspurger, traveling from Whittier, Phoenix and Las Vegas. Amy Elis, mother of Joe's girlfriend Elizabeth, also came into Ralph's and happily posed for a photo with him! I told her how nice he was and she agreed, "His parents have brought him up well." (They were due in from Louisiana that day.) On Saturday and Sunday, Joe didn't win an event. When he was on Obviously, a great favorite, he led at first, but came in at third. However, Sunday, he won his first Southern California riding title, finishing atop the standings of the 24-day Santa Anita Autumn meeting.

With 37 wins, Joe became the first jockey other than Joel Rosario or Rafael Bejarano to win a riding title at Santa Anita, Hollywood Park or Del Mar since 2007, when Garret Gomez won at Hollywood Park fall meet.

Joe loves California. "I'm a Louisiana boy at heart, but bought a home here four years ago, and if everything fares well, I should be here a long time."

I, for one, hope so. It was so refreshing to meet a young man who is an outstanding role model for our youths. He has attained fame, yet still is so friendly and unaffected. Family and his faith obviously are very important to him.



SPORTS

SPEAKING OF: JOHN SCHULIAN

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

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



Schulian burst to prominence in the 1970s as a nationally syndicated columnist for the *Chicago Sun-Times* and added to his reputation with freelance stories for such magazines as *GQ* and *Sports Illustrated*. In the mid-'80s, he surprised readers and colleagues by jumping to Hollywood, where he broke into TV with a script for *L.A. Law* and went on to write and produce such series as *Miami Vice*, *Wiseguy*, and *JAG*. His most recognizable show business achievement, however, was co-creating *Xena: Warrior Princess*, which became the world's most popular syndicated drama. And yet through it all he kept his hand in sports writing, out of love for the business and devotion to the written word.

"Speaking Of: John Schulian" offers an opportunity to explore the craft of sports writing with one of our most gifted storytellers and wordsmiths. "John Schulian ranks high among the best sports journalists of our time," author John Ed Bradley has remarked. "His stories are clean and muscular and filled with swift, poetic turns. I've often wondered if the subjects of his stories realized how privileged they were to have him telling their tales. Great ballplayers come and go, but there has been only one Schulian." The discussion, punctuated by video clips of various events and athletes he covered, will touch upon moments of triumph and heartache from baseball, football, basketball, horse racing, and the sport whose battles and combatants inspired some of Schulian's most memorable writing: professional boxing. Video highlights will include the 1985 middleweight championship bout between Marvelous Marvin Hagler and Thomas Hearns ("the single most electrifying event I covered in any sport"), and the 1980 heavyweight championship match in which Larry Holmes dismantled an aging Muhammad Ali ("the saddest night I ever saw in sports . . . it was like covering an execution"). A Pasadena resident, Schulian will also sign copies of his recently-published anthology, *Sometimes They Even Shook Your Hand: Portraits of Champions Who Walked Among Us*.

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".....The United States of America"

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To say that history was made on Tuesday night is an understatement. Never before has this country seen such a polluted campaign. Billions spent in an attempt to buy the Presidency. The amount of money spent was obscene, especially since our economy is in such bad shape. Interesting that so many of those who poured money into these newly created Super PACS got so little return on their investment, especially since the mantra of the Republican party has been that they are better at handling money, the economy and business than Democrats. It reminds me of a Beatles song that I used to sing (actually I've been singing it a lot since Tuesday - "Can't Buy Me Love" although the words should be changed to "Can't buy my vote".

We really need to turn our attention to the money involved in the process of choosing our elected officials. It has now reached crisis levels and must be stopped.

We also have to focus on how we go forward in the midst of cries that we are bitterly divided. Every election we have winners and losers. Every election just about half the country is pissed off. The acrimony associated with this election however, is being hyped by the media. If we are as smart as our votes indicated we are, we will reject this notion and all start working together for the betterment of America.

In any household that has more than one child, there are differences of opinions. For the most part, brothers and sisters fight all the time. My children are 18 months apart, two boys and a girl and I remember calling my mother once in tears because the most ridiculous argument broke out among them at the breakfast table over cereal or the sun shining or some other nonsense. I was so upset because my kids appeared to argue so much. "Mommy, your grand kids hate each other [they were between 10 and 12 at the time]; I told her hysterically, "and I don't know why." When I explained to her what was happening just about every day, she laughed out loud. "No Susie, they don't hate each other, they just have very strong convictions about what they believe and they are willing to argue to defend their positions until they win. Don't worry about the kids, they love each other very much. They'll be fine".

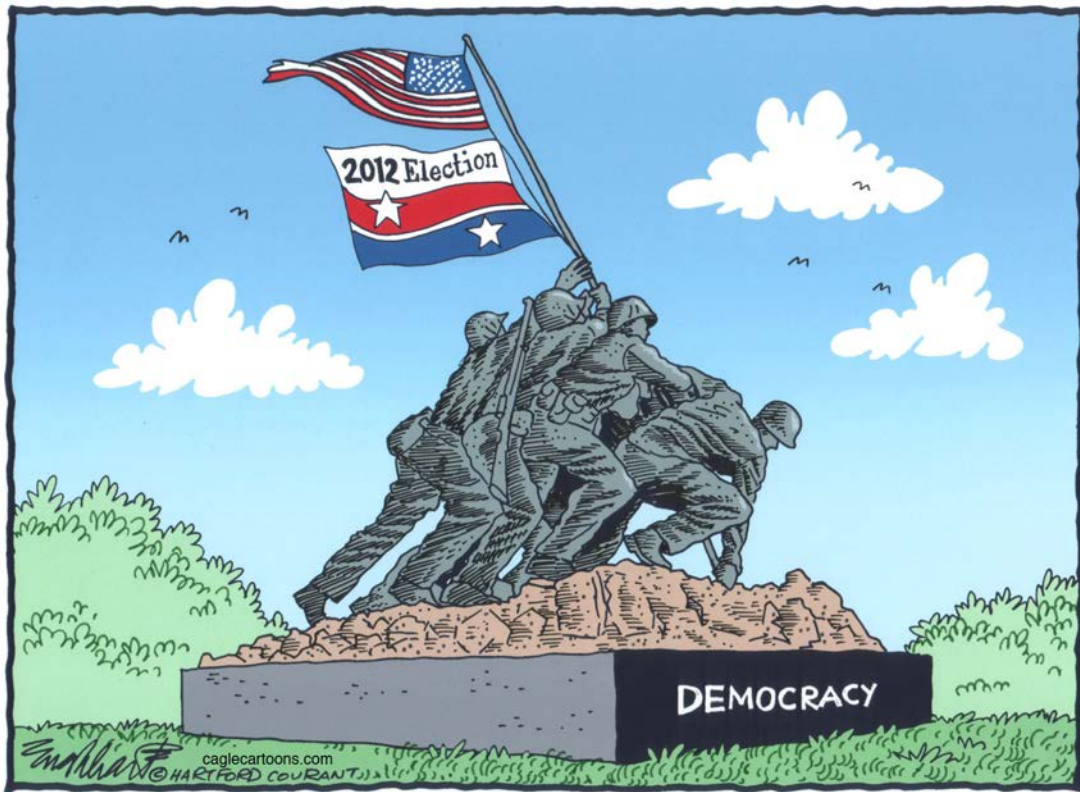
Now, I thought that was an awfully sophisticated explanation for arguments over things like who was going to sit in the front seat of the car or whether or not the kid around the corner had on green tennis shoes or not. Mom went on to tell me that my own brothers and sister bickered all the time, something I wasn't aware of because as she pointed out, they were 9, 12 and 13 years older than I, respectively. "They never argued with you, you were the baby".

Well, after I hung up the phone (by now my kids had stopped arguing, eaten and left for school - together), I felt better and began to observe their future 'spats' more analytically. As it turned out, Mom was absolutely right. Families fight and bicker among themselves but in the end, they are one united family (in most cases). My own children, who are all accomplished, middle aged, mature adults, may strike up a fierce disagreement over something as ridiculous as what is the best route to get to a destination, but they eventually come to an agreement and move forward.

I think you can see why this came to my mind this week. Now that the process for selecting our representatives has taken its course, it is time to stop the arguments and start working towards what we all have in common, a love for our country. We cannot buy into the hype propagated by the media just for the sake of ratings. Our differences are not irreconcilable. While we all have our own convictions and beliefs, we can address our differences in a civil manner. We don't need to disrespect our President or any of our elected officials, or each other, just because we don't agree. Just what does that accomplish?

For the first time, I de-friended a Facebook Friend because of the vile response to the election and the downright evil things that were said about the President. That was totally unnecessary and serves no useful purpose. (Stop trying to figure out who it was, they don't even live in the state). But seriously, we have to stop our own self destruction. While we are busing spewing forth hate and discontent, we take our focus away from what we should be doing, working together to help make this country a better place. It won't be easy, but unless we try and encourage others to do so, things will only get worse.

As the President said in his acceptance speech, "We are and forever will be the UNITED States of America." Let's not wait until we have another tragedy like 9-11 to remind us of that.



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Electoral College Votes:	332	206
Popular Vote:	50.55%	47.9%
	61,678,507	58,482,074

CA Vote:	59.1%	38.5%
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United States Senate

Dianne Feinstein 61.4% (Elizabeth Emken) 38.6%

US Congress - District 27

Judy Chu 63.4% (Jack Orswell) 36.6%

California Assembly - District 41

Chris Holden 57.5% (Donna Lowe) 42.5%

California Senate - District 25

Carol Liu 61.2% (Gil Gonzales) 38.8%

BALLOT MEASURES - QUICK-REFERENCE GUIDE

State Measures

- | | | |
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| 30 | Temporary Taxes to Fund Education. | PASSED 53.9% |
| 31 | 2 Year State Budget. State and Local Government. | FAILED 60.7% |
| 32 | Political Contributions by Payroll Deduction. | FAILED 56.1% |
| 33 | Auto Insurance Companies. Prices on Driver's History . | FAILED 54.6% |
| 34 | Death Penalty. Initiative Statute. | FAILED 52.8% |
| 35 | Human Trafficking. | PASSED 81.2% |
| 36 | Three Strikes Law. | PASSED 68.7% |
| 37 | Genetically Engineered Foods Labeling. | FAILED 53.0% |
| 38 | Tax to Fund Education and Early Childhood Programs. | FAILED 72.3% |
| 39 | Tax Treatment for Multistate Businesses. | PASSED 60.1% |
| 40 | Redistricting. State Senate Districts. | PASSED 71.5% |

County Measures

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| A | Advisory Measure Assessors Election | NO 77.73% |
| B | Safe Sex - Adult Films | YES 56.02 |
| J | MTA Sales Tax Continuance | Failed 64.4 % |
- This measure required a two thirds vote and felt short of that figure.*

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*"Exact quote: 'We can't play.' What they said right from the get-go was, it doesn't matter what the hell you do, we ain't going to help you. We're going to stand on the sidelines and bitch."
Former Rep. David Obey (D-WI)*

In his interview with Time Magazine's Michael Grunwald, Rep. Obey was describing a conversation he'd had with across-the-aisle colleague Rep. Jerry Lewis (R-CA) about the strict no-honeymoon policy set by the Republican leadership at the onset of the Obama presidency. There would be no cooperation, no compromise. House whip Eric Cantor (R-VA) made sure nobody crossed the aisle, regardless of whether it would affect the ultimate fate of legislation. The point was to deny the President any opportunity to claim "bipartisanship".

In the senate, Republicans saw depleted Democratic votes caused by the passing of Sens. Edward Kennedy (D-MA) and Robert Byrd (D-WV), along with the months-long delay in seating Sen. Al Franken (D-MN), as an opportunity to prevent bills from coming to the floor for debate. Former Sen. George Voinovich (R-OH) explained to Grunwald his party's approach to the new President: "If he was for it, we had to be against it."

Preparing for the mid-terms with no accomplishments of their own, Republicans relied on the demonization of the President. Astro-turf groups funded by the Koch Brothers and guided by Karl Rove nurtured the tea-baggers; dedicated to overthrowing the foreign-born Marxist who would seize their guns, impose Sharia law and establish "death panels" to "pull the plug on Grandma".

Tea-baggers won the House, and the Democratic majority was trimmed in the Senate. Members pledged to take the United States into default rather than reconsider Bush tax cuts for billionaires. Those who denied evolution, dismissed global warming and maintained rape doesn't cause pregnancies were installed on science and education committees. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) proclaimed: "The single most important thing we want to achieve is for President Obama to be a one-term President."

In the meantime, a stimulus package brought the country back from the edge of a Great Depression. A healthcare bill promised that families would no longer face bankruptcy if a child got sick. Reform measures ensured that taxpayers would never again be stuck with the bill for Wall Street recklessness. Despite public sector jobs slashed by state and local governments, the losses were more than made up for as employment nationwide increased with almost three years of steady growth in the private sector. Consumer confidence in the future was restored.

A decade-long war ended and another wound down with an end date in sight. The nation remained safe as leaders of the terrorists who attacked us were (finally) held accountable. Respect for and admiration of our nation overseas returned to levels not seen in a dozen years.

Now we'd find out if the Republican strategy of the past four years would pay off; if having stymied whatever the President proposed would allow them to argue he didn't accomplish enough and wasn't sufficiently bipartisan to deserve a second term.

Newt Gingrich spoke of moon bases. Rick Santorum warned of contraception serving as "a license to do things in a sexual realm". With Ron Paul, it was turning national parks over to private developers. Mitt Romney suggested the solution to the housing crisis was to speed up foreclosures so families could stay where they're at – as tenants paying rent, not as homeowners.

What they didn't appreciate in the ensuing weeks was that Americans were paying attention. They heard Romney position himself to the right of Rick Perry and Rick Santorum on issues like immigration and women's rights, leaving the candidate later with the limited options of coming off as either far-right or a phony.

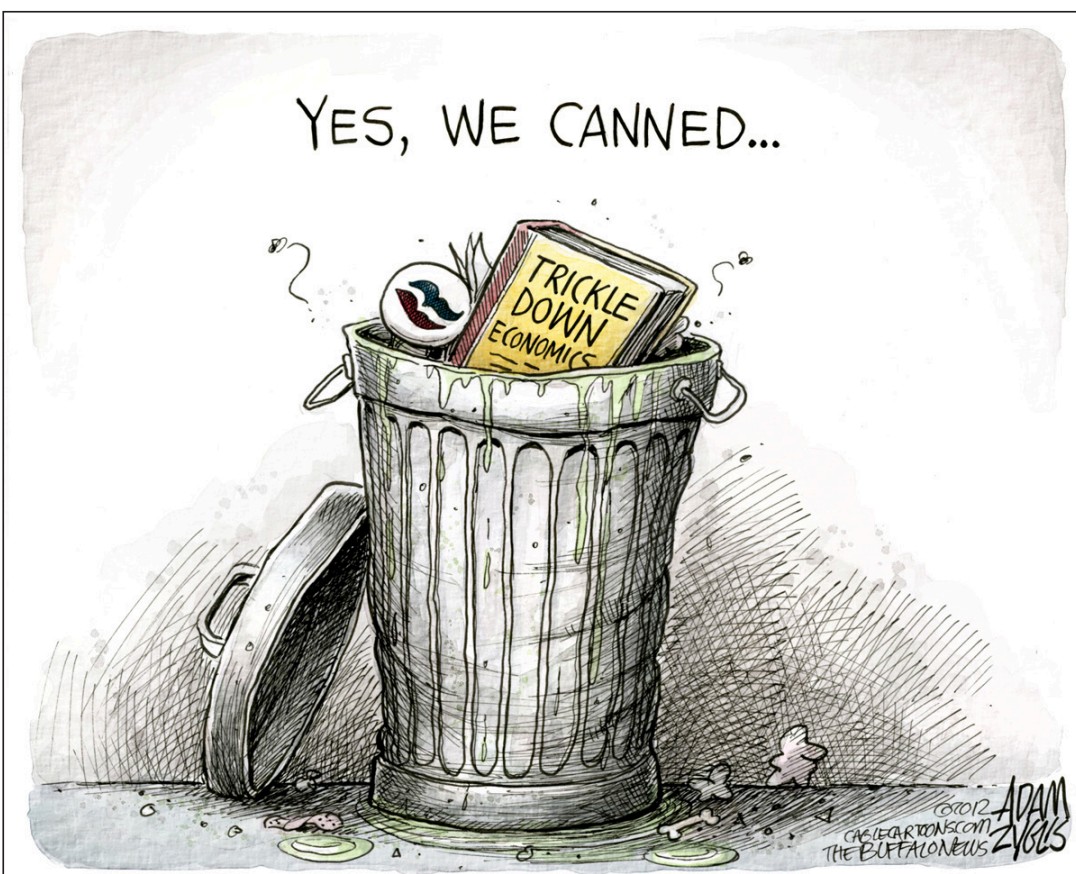
An opposition researcher named James Carter IV was paying attention as Romney, and especially running mate Paul Ryan, repeatedly knocked the legacy of his grandfather. This researcher brought to light the video of Romney not only writing off 47% of Americans as unworthy, but of describing a factory he'd visited in China that employed "20,000 . . . almost all young women . . . the number of hours they worked per day, the pittance they earned . . . living in dormitories . . . 12 girls per room . . . and around this factory was a fence, a huge fence with barbed wire and guard towers." Americans paid attention as they heard Romney describe this factory not in condemnation, but as another sound purchase by Bain Capital.

Chrysler workers in Ohio were paying attention as Romney told them their jobs were going overseas. Many called their supervisors to ask what Romney knew that they didn't. Spokesmen for Chrysler and GM assured that Romney was lying – lying about the future of these workers' jobs hoping to score political points. Autoworkers, steelworkers, union members throughout Ohio, Pennsylvania and the industrial Midwest were mobilized to go door-to-door getting out the vote as never before.

When it became clear the votes might not be there, Republicans in swing states, especially Pennsylvania and Florida, determined to make it harder for people to vote. The prospect of five and six hour waits in line, though, rather than being discouraging, only increased the determination of citizens to make sure their voices were heard.

One would think Republicans would be paying attention, in order to avoid a blow-out in the mid-terms two years from now. So far, not much has changed: Sen. McConnell is already challenging the President to come to them with a budget to their satisfaction. In the House, Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) presents as his "compromise" a plan remarkably similar to the one Mitt Romney campaigned on.

Maybe those chewing out Karl Rove for having blown \$400 million of their money on losing campaigns will try talking some sense into Republican leadership, as well. Grown-up governance and compromise will not only be good for their party, but good for our country. And – Americans will be paying attention.



ELECTION 2012: THE BATTLE CONTINUES GREG Welborn



First and foremost, congratulations are due to Governor Romney for the high ethical standard and practiced discipline he maintained in his campaign. The campaign was one of great potential consequence for the country we love, and he fought fair and hard for the principles he holds dear. He is a great and generous man, imbued with a decency and honesty that would have made him a great leader and perhaps one of our best Presidents. He overcame many hurdles and encountered all the powers of the incumbency, mother nature and the not-too subtle part-truths, misstatements and outright falsehoods that too many in the opposition camp were willing to hurl simply to win. But win they did, and it is further testimony to the character of Mitt Romney that he did not leave the campaign stage bitter or angry, nor was he disillusioned with an electorate that essentially decided to kick the can down the road, for you see the election results have not settled a single one of the tremendous issues that face our country today.

We started the election with the Democrats in control of the Presidency and the Senate, and the Republicans in control of the House. We finished the election in exactly the same place. The bare knuckle political battles of the last 4 years will undoubtedly continue for Obama's second term. Nothing in the election process or the vote has tempered or interceded. We had a 50-50 election where the campaign was focused on the micro issues of one small constituency or the other. We had a demonstrably more negative campaign than has been our experience in the last quarter century. That's not just my opinion, it is Pat Cadell's as well, and he's been a partisan Democrat campaigner from the Jimmy Carter years onward. He had even predicted that Obama's only route to success was through the muddled fields of innuendo and outright slander.

In the middle of all that, though, Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan put forth valiant effort to raise the bigger issues, to inform the electorate that this election would matter, that the country is at a crossroads and cannot simply continue as it has. But the country decided – that's what an election is – that is was not yet ready to restructure and reform the growing welfare state, nor was it ready to pay its costs.

Neither side in this great debate won last Tuesday. Those who want to enshrine the new spending levels, bureaucracies and regulatory hurdles enacted under this administration will not be able to do so. Those who want to return power to the states and the people and shrink the size of the government will not be able to do so. Meanwhile, the government we have costs more than the revenue the people are willing to pay. There is no mandate to decrease spending, but there certainly is not mandate to increase taxes.

Each side will be able to say, as Obama did to Republican leaders immediately after his first victory, "elections matter". But Obama will not be able to continue, as he did four years ago in his lecture to the Republicans, and say "I won". Obama has won the Presidency but clearly lost the nation. The margin of victory in the Electoral College masks the narrow margin of victory in the popular vote and masks the historical significance of winning by less than he did in his first election. That hasn't happened in the modern era. Every other two-term President in the modern era has won re-election by more than his margin of victory in his first election. That is not an insignificant footnote.

So where do we go from here? We can hope that our President will honor his first election promise – repeated in his re-election campaign as well – that he wants to be a unifier and to seek a grand bargain that will balance the scales. Doug Shoen was a political strategist for President Bill Clinton. In his reading of the 2012 exit polls, "election night showed that fiscally conservative free market policies along with a social safety net that protects the less fortunate of us is an approach that garners majority support." I think he's right. President Obama says he wants to be transformational, well he again has that opportunity.

But that opportunity is not to transform the U.S. into something that only a diehard lefty would admire. There is no mandate or appetite for a more socialist or even European-like social contract. Doug Shoen has hit the nail on the head. There is a balance to be struck, but an ideologue will not be able to do that.

We need a leader. We need a President who will truly seek to represent us all. We need someone with the skills, patience and heart to unite Americans behind a common purpose whereby the truly weak are protected, but the truly industrious are not punished. Let us pray that Obama 2.0 is of better skill and character than Obama 1.0. Four more years of what we've had is going to feel pretty ugly.

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JOE Gandleman An Independent Voice



NO, VIRGINIA, THE 2012 ELECTION'S HYPERPARTISANSHIP WILL NOT LAST FOREVER

"DEAR COLUMNIST: I am 13 years old and in the 8th grade. "Some of my friends say America will never be able to put back together after the highly divisive Presidential election and that due to hyperpartisanship people will never work together to solve our problems. They say it's getting almost impossible. Papa says if you hear people say it on TV, in newspapers and on blogs then it must be so. Please tell me the truth: can America truly get together after this election? Can there ever be a change that takes place that could move our country towards real problem-solving, or is this as "good" as it can get?"

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Virginia, your friends are wrong. As someone who writes this column, loved political science at Colgate, monitors political shows on radio and TV, and who spends hours surfing the internet to edit and write my centrist blog The Moderate Voice, I know how easy it is to get swept up by the early 21st century's rages, passions and melodrama.

You and your friends are picking up the fact that our politics no longer resemble the kind of politics that made America great -- where consensus and compromise were virtues and where politicians perhaps begrudgingly acknowledged the importance of truth and could not blatantly and intentionally ignore it. You're picking up on the tone of our political culture where rudeness, boorishness and aggressiveness are perceived by some as being intelligent. Our political culture has shifted, but just as things shift, they can re-shift -- and it is in the power of you and other young people to do it.

Go back into American history and you'll find many examples of times when compromise -- two principled parties or politicians giving a little, then taking a little to come up with something for the common good that's supported by more than a power-play faction of people -- was a virtue. Legislator and former Secretary of State Henry Clay, Sr. (April 12, 1777 -- June 29, 1852) was even called "The Great Compromiser" for his role in the 1820 Missouri Compromise. Partisans known for compromise today face primaries and are replaced by hyperpartisans.

You see, Virginia, much of American political culture is now set up to define compromise as a "caving" or weakness, and consensus as being in the inaccurately defined "mushy middle." It showers those who are the loudest, most outrageous, and most insulting with attention and riches. Some of today's leaders in both parties do seek compromise and cooperation (note New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and President Barack Obama during Hurricane Sandy) and some may seek consensus, but there are forces that eschew the notion that real political nirvana is when a policy garners the maximum number of populace's participants to buy into it.

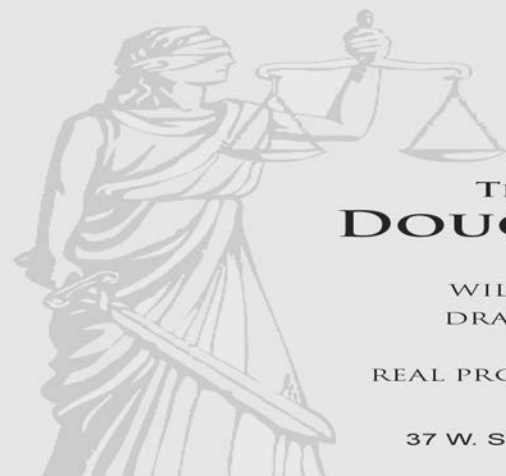
American history is filled with figures that cherished the idea of consensus, even while assertively promoting strong ideological ideals: Abraham Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower, JFK, LBJ and many more. Gil Troy, in his superb book, "Leading from the Center: Why Moderates Make the Best Presidents," classifies Ronald Reagan as a "moderate" because he successfully used compromise and consensus.

Strong work to sandbag compromise and consensus. Ideological movements that demonize opponents and seek to shrink once-big political tents. Corporations selling and broadcasting popular talk shows and cable shows that rake in big bucks by harnessing, communicating, and enlarging resentment and anger to build audience share that's then sold to advertisers. The ideological cable channels increasingly celebrate political incivility.

Still, there courageous politicians and media types and America has a strong center. Many young people in their teens and 20s that I talked to and emailed these past two years make it clear they look with revulsion on hyperpartisanship, and the verbal and written screaming and insulting associated with it. Many wish there was a strong third party movement.

The fact you and others ask this question means you may -- and can -- make it different. Other generations made it different in positive (the Greatest Generation) and negative (Baby Boomers) ways. Your generation can do it in a positive way again.

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HAIL Hamilton **My Turn** CONGRATULATIONS PRESIDENT OBAMA!



Thanks to your leadership, every American will finally have access to comprehensive affordable health care - something no other generation has ever been able to claim! I think the Affordable Care Act is the single most important accomplishment of your first term as President.

Kudos to the Supreme Court for upholding the Affordable Care Act! Health care reform is the right thing to do - thank you for making it final! The Affordable Care Act, or "Obamacare" as it is called by its detractors, is already paying off with millions of Americans benefitting from free preventive care, students remaining on their parents' health insurance until age 26 and seniors paying less for prescriptions as the 'donut hole' closes.

More importantly, the Affordable Health Care Act means that people suffering from chronic long-term illnesses can no longer have their health insurance terminated just because their insurer doesn't want to pay anymore. The security of knowing that your loved one will continue to get the care they need is a blessing.

But in a larger sense your victory is bittersweet. The nation remains divided and the culture wars continue. Not surprisingly, The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal have radically different editorials about the events on election night.

The New York Times says Obama's victory "was a strong endorsement of economic policies that stress job growth, health care reform, tax increases and balanced deficit reduction--and of moderate policies on immigration, abortion and same-sex marriage. It was a repudiation of Reagan-era bromides about tax-cutting and trickle-down economics, and the politics of fear, intolerance and disinformation."

The Wall Street Journal says it was a victory of "hope over experience," and "the definition of winning ugly." The election, according to the WSJ editorial, was won through "single women, the young and culturally liberal, government and other unions' workers, and especially minority voters."

Obama's strategy, continues the editorial, was "to portray Mitt Romney as a plutocrat and intolerant threat to each of these voting blocs," denying women contraception and heralding "a return to Jim Crow via voter ID laws."

True to form, House Speaker John Boehner, R-OH, defiantly repeated what he had said on Monday before the election: that he will not even consider raising taxes on people making more than \$1 million, let alone on individuals earning more than \$200,000, which President Obama has promised to do if he is reelected. Obama has also promised to raise taxes on couples earning more than \$250,000 a year.

For what it's worth, my opinion is that the President's victory depended heavily on the economically hard-hit Midwestern Rust Belt states like Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Ohio where Romney couldn't shake his image as a jobs outsourcer, not a jobs creator. But Romney's most serious blunders were his failure to connect with Latinos, and his 47% guffaw which killed any chance he had of attracting African-Americans, women, and the working poor.

Mr. President, we did it again, and the best is yet to come. In you we trust for a better America and a better world! I, along with all your other supporters, wish you success in your second term as President. It was a hard-fought campaign, but now comes the really difficult part -- convincing Republicans to work together with Democrats for the betterment of all Americans.

RICH Johnson



Well, I did it. I crafted a little bumper stick that said, "*Don't blame me, I voted for Romney.*" It was in fun because I certainly hope the "kids" in the sandbox we call Washington D.C. can learn to play together. And that the country will thrive over the next four years.

My little bumper sticker was fashioned after one that made the rounds in 1972. George McGovern was the democratic party candidate for President and lost in a landslide to Richard Nixon. Then the Watergate incident broke ultimately leading President Nixon to resign. During the Watergate hearings a bumper sticker started to appear on cars around the nation. It said, "*Don't blame me, I voted for McGovern.*" The funny thing, people said during this bumper sticker phenomenon, was that if as many people had voted for McGovern as had bumper stickers on their cars, McGovern would have won in a landslide.

Anyway, 1972 was an interesting year. Guess what they found on the Island of Guam on January 24th, 1972? Give up? In the jungles of Guam they found a Japanese soldier who believed World War II was still going on. Shoichi Yokoi had spent 28 years hiding in a cave. He had seen leaflets dropped years earlier announcing the end of the war but thought it was propaganda. He was given back pay totaling \$300 and a small pension.

President Nixon set the ball in motion ordering the development of the space shuttle program. Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm became the first black woman to run for President. American Bobby Fisher beat Boris Spassky in the world chess championships. The first American to do that. Olympic swimmer Mark Spitz won seven gold medals in swimming at the 1972 Summer Olympics. In a real achievement comedian George Carlin was arrested in Milwaukee Wisconsin for reciting his seven words you can never say on television.

The last moonwalker, Eugene Cernan (played by Ed Harris in Apollo 13) took his famous stroll on December 14th 1972.

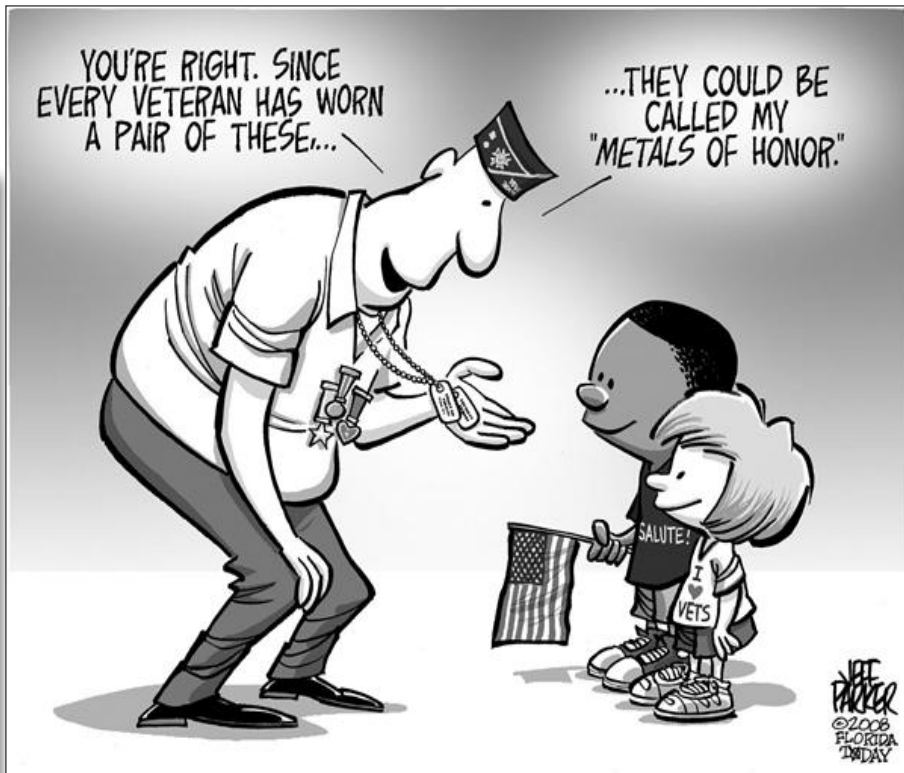
Inventions that year included the hacky sack. A little footbag you keep off the ground without using your hands. Atari opened its doors in 1972 releasing their first game in November. Remember "Pong". The first home video game system was released, not by Atari, but by Magnavox. It was called Odyssey. We first saw digital watches and scientific hand held calculators in 1972.

The top two movies of 1972 were "The Godfather" and "The Poseidon Adventure". Others included "Deliverance" and "Cabaret". Remember the top TV shows of 1972? 5. Bridget Loves Bernie. 4. Maude. 3. Hawaii 5-0. 2. Sanford and Son. 1. All In the Family. New shows included M*A*S*H, Sanford and Son and Kung Fu.

Famous people born in 1972: Shaquille O'Neal, Ben Affleck, Gwyneth Paltrow, Dwayne Johnson (The Rock), Jennifer Garner, Chris Tucker and Jude Law among others.

1972 music brought us classics such as "American Pie", "A Horse With No Name", "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face", "Lean on Me", "I am Woman", and "Heart of Gold" among many others. We first experienced Abba, Styx, Steely Dan, Alabama, Manhattan Transfer and Oingo Boingo in 1972.

So, what did you do in '72?



STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE WHAT I'D LIKE TO SEE



Well I'm jumping the gun a little bit and writing this article Monday night. I'm just going to pretend the good-guys won; it would be nice don't you think? Okay let's pretend that the good guys are in office with a Senate and Congress that will cooperate with the Presidents program. What would I like to see happen?

Okay, remember this is just me. Number one I would like to see the possession, manufacture, importation, and purchase of all firearms be completely prohibited. How do you like that you second amendment fans? Next right along with gun prohibition I would prohibit the use of all non-prescription drugs and alcohol. I would also include stimulants like coffee and tea. I think it is certainly worth the sacrifice of a little productivity, if that would really be the result, in exchange for a little more sanity. Let us eliminate message urging escapes from life's ever-present challenges.

Speaking of escapes must non-stop diversion actually be provided? What would a world without home-entertainment be like? What would people do with their time if they couldn't get high, couldn't get drunk, and couldn't watch TV? Why they might actually have to talk together and revive the lost art of conversation. People might actually try and learn how to do things themselves rather than to rely on experts to cope with daily problems. Really it was not so long ago that a high percentage of Americans were farmers who actually fixed things themselves.

Another problem that is faced by many of us is the fact that we are exhausted from our daily commutes to work. We utilize expensive fossil fuel driven vehicles that poison the atmosphere with toxic emissions and also kill and seriously injure tremendous numbers of people. We should get rid of them; the cars not the people. How? Cheap electric golf cart like vehicles should be used for the simple rides around town for shopping and taking the kids to school and visiting grandma on the weekends. Longer rides should utilize ecologically sensitive public transportation and, of course, working from home should be done whenever possible.

What about public awareness and responsibility? Really a democracy cannot function without an informed electorate. We don't have one. A universal draft would change that. I favor a draft that exempts no one and requires a yearly participation in some sort of public service sort of like a Mormon Mission. It is likely then that many more would choose to educate themselves about what was going on in their country. That is what happened in the 60's and 70's and it is something that authoritarian governments fear.

A final thing I want to discuss is war. Presently we are fighting wars involving tens of thousands of young Americans and no one is paying much attention. World governments should work to avoid wars rather than to start them. The threat of nuclear war and global annihilation is still present. I favor a kind of world-wide disarmament that would make it a little more difficult for us to destroy ourselves. Is that too much to ask? Are any of the changes I suggest workable? All of these changes are designed to help people to talk to one another and to be more involved in their own lives. The universal draft will assist people in getting out of their own limited spheres of understanding and in the end all of these changes will allow people to live more satisfactory and complete lives.

I've already started by not watching sports for one whole night; of course this is made easier by the fact that most Laker games do not arrive on my television. Yet, I have survived.

It's 15 hours later now and I have voted and am back from work. I reread my article and wonder if I was out of my mind last night. Did my fears regarding the election result in me thinking like a Mormon? Was it my fantasy to go back to a world that no longer exists or may have never existed? I talk about the know-how of farmers and yearn to recover their abilities and understanding. Surprise, the industrial revolution, information revolution, and technological revolution have taken place and we are accelerating exponentially into a presently unknowable technological future. How are we humans to adjust to the new demands that will be placed upon us? Much like ex-Governor Romney (who knows what his title will be when you read this article) I hereby retract my statements from the day before as I now realize that they are inappropriate to this new time and place. I realize that we cannot hold back the future, much as we might long to, and must instead adapt to the needs of today and tomorrow. We must honor human diversity and changing political perspectives. Human beings have always wanted to get high and gain some respite from the tensions of living and that desire is not going to disappear. Hopefully ways can be devised that this can be done safely without endangering the future of the individual.

One final word. I do wish the peoples of the world would stop killing and threatening to kill one another and that restrictions upon individual fossil-fueled transportation be enforced. Cheers to the victors and a continued hope for congenial cooperation.

OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

FREE IS AS FREE GIVES----and I don't like free, ususally!



I am not the kind of person looking for a handout or anything free.

When somebody offers me something free, I know there is a catch somewhere, and as long as I still have a slice of sanity in my noodle soup, nobody is going to catch me.

Before I had made this a hard and fast rule, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I took a company up on their free offer of three days and two nights in a marvelous resort hotel. "All you have to do," the person on the phone said, "is listen to a short presentation."

That "short presentation" took exactly three days and two nights. By the time we were done and ready to come home we were exhausted. How many times can you say no, and for it to register in the person to which it is directed? Obviously, from our experience, there is no answer to that question.

I learned my lesson and have never accepted a free offer since. Not that I have not had the opportunity, I just am highly suspicious of anything that contains that five-letter word "free."

Recently an event happened that has upgraded my thoughts concerning the word "free."

The day began as usual, which included a trip to the local grocery store and the bakery department for the obligatory Apple Fritter. A day without an Apple Fritter is a day I do not want to get out of bed. This one thing drives me out of my cozy bed in the morning and puts a little bit of get-up in my get-along.

I am not sure if an Apple Fritter a day will keep the doctor away, but who am I to challenge such likelihood? Personally, I would rather err on the side of the Apple Fritter.

It all began years ago when my wife insisted I add more fruit to my diet. It was then I discovered the marvelous delicacy of the old-fashioned Apple Fritter. Just the word apple makes it a fruit in my mind.

My wife and I have had very few disputes during the almost half-century of our relationship but this is one. She feels an Apple Fritter does not qualify as a fruit. I think she is rather fruity along this line myself; however, I am too wise and love life too much to actually say it to her. What I say under my breath and behind her back does me no harm whatsoever.

My argument is that there is enough Apple in an Apple Fritter to qualify it for a fruit.

I am not sure who has won this argument, but I am not going to challenge it. Rather, I will enjoy the fruity nature of

my delectable Apple Fritter.

Getting back to the incident that has changed my mind about free, I entered the grocery store, walked back to the bakery department and selected a freshly baked Apple Fritter. It was about all I can do to keep from eating it between the bakery department and the cashier counter. We all have our crosses to bear, and this is one of mine. I need to wait until I get to my office where I can leisurely enjoy one of the great delicacies of life. Also, no one can see me eat it, especially, you know who.

I got to the checkout counter and handed over, reluctantly, my Apple Fritter in order to pay for it. It is the best \$.79 I spend every day.

Then the inevitable happened.

"I'm sorry," the young lady behind the counter said, "but there is something wrong with this Apple Fritter."

Boy, did she have my attention. I was about to give her a piece of my mind. Who did she think she was? My wife? I wanted to give her a spicy lecture on the importance of the Apple Fritter in question. In my mind, there was nothing wrong with this Apple Fritter.

I do not often get my dander up. After all, I do not have the hair I used to have, so it is rather difficult to do it. This rather came close for me.

As I stood there steaming, she looked at me and said, "I'm sorry, the pricing is wrong on this Apple Fritter. I guess the bakery department made a mistake." She then paused for a moment, did something on the cash machine and then said some words that caused me to dance in the aisles.

"I'm sorry that this mistake happened, so according to our store policy, this Apple Fritter is free."

I stood there unable to speak. All my reservations about "free," went out the window. I smiled. I smiled a smile that went from one end of the store to the other. Then to make sure I understood correctly I asked her, "Are you sure this is free?"

When she answered in the affirmative, I gently picked up that "free" Apple Fritter and departed from the store, not afraid for anybody to see my Apple Fritter and me together.

The only other free offer I ever accept is from God.

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23 KJV). God's gift carries with it marvelous compensations both now and eternally.

God's free is free indeed.

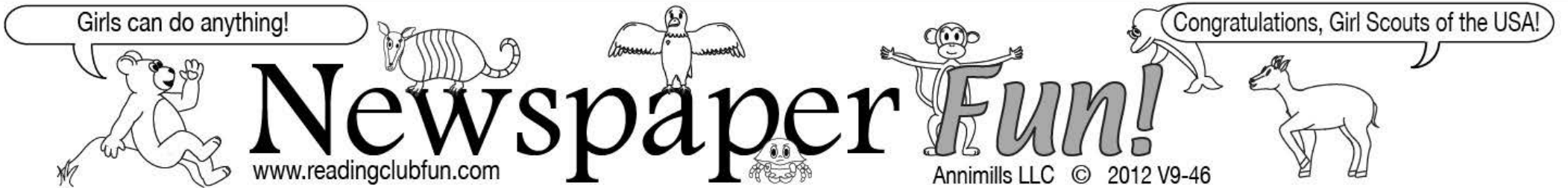
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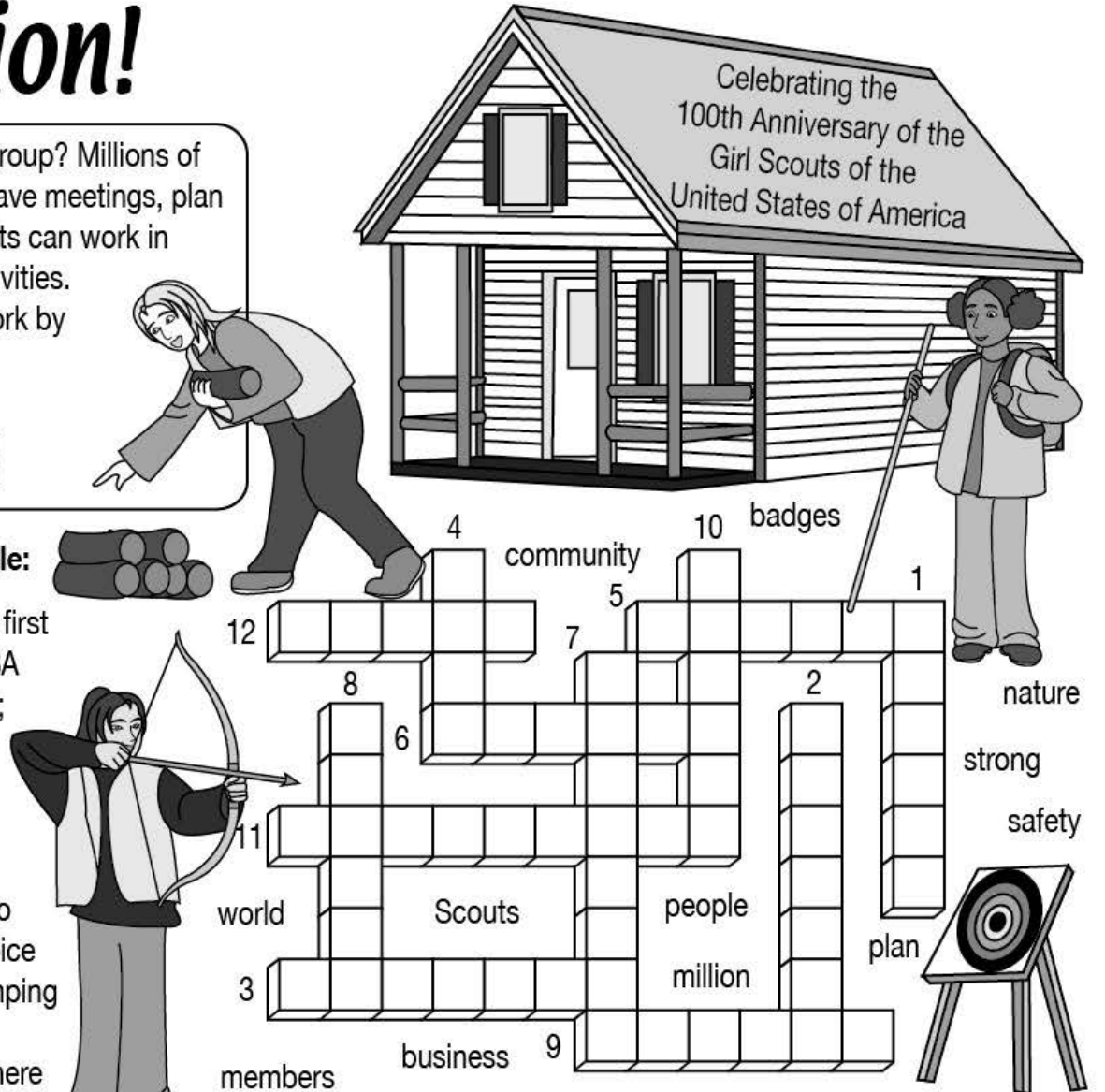


Have you ever thought about joining a Girl Scout group? Millions of girls and women across the United States gather to have meetings, plan their schedules and then spring into action! Girl Scouts can work in groups to help their communities and share in fun activities. They can choose areas of interest of their own and work by themselves to build skills and earn badges.

A silver dollar is being minted in 2013 to honor the Girl Scouts! How cool is that? Ask a grownup if you can check out the Girl Scouts' website so you can decide if **you** like what you see!

Read the clues to learn about the Girl Scouts and to fill in the puzzle:

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2. in the U.S. there are over three _____ members (including adults); worldwide there are 10 million girls and adults in 145 countries
3. _____ are grouped by grade: Daisies (K-1), Brownies (2-3), Juniors (4-5), Cadettes (6-8) Seniors (9-10), Ambassadors (11-12)
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5. Girl Scouts keep learning and doing; they earn _____ of their choice
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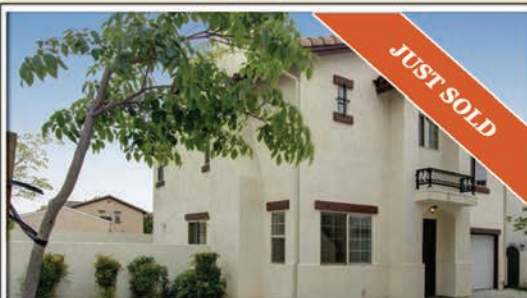
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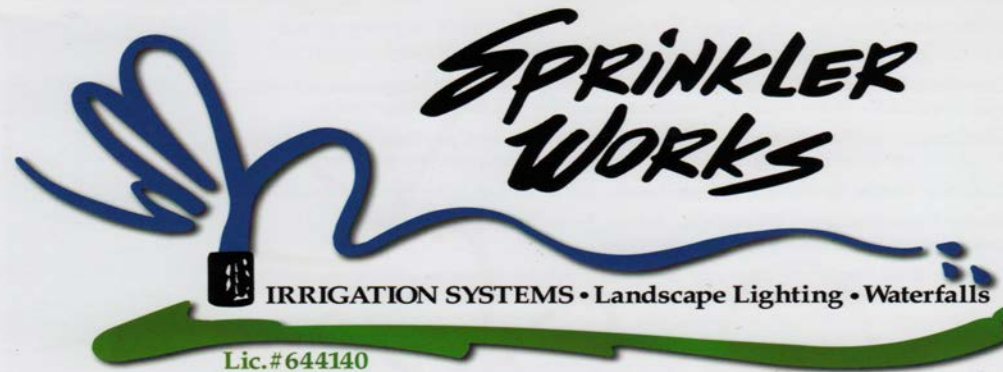


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