

#### A Little, Some or No Yakking at the YAC

By Dean Lee

Monday night's open forum on the fate of Downtown Sierra Madre held a few surprises for everyone. About 140 residents attended the third joint meeting between the City Council and Planning Commission to discuss development

plans for Downtown.

The meeting was held at the Sierra
Madre Youth Activity Center (YAC) with

The audience was made up of many residents present for the first time to learn more about the proposed Downtown Specific Plan as well as supporters and opponents of the DSP.

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Mayor Pro Tem Enid Joffe opened the meeting by saying the purpose was not to go over the draft DSP, put together by RBF Consulting, but rather to get input about what people wanted the final DSP outcome to be.

"We were originally going to rip out pages from it and throw them around the room to prove that we really are trying to get beyond the draft document," Joffe said. "However, John told me that is the last desk copy if it." She was referring to City Manager John She was referring to City Manager John

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The format of the meeting was to have the group discuss the plan in four breakout sessions and present the results when the entire body was assembled again. The topics to be discussed were 1) Praction/image/views; 2) Height/density again. The topics to be discussed were 1)
Design/image/views; 2) Height/density

limits; 3)Traffic/parking issues and 4) Mixed Use developments. Some attendees told the Mayor Pro

Tem that the primary reason they were in attendance was to express their concerns and get information.

At the end of the evening there were as many questions as there were at the beginning.

Councilmember Don Watts said that

Councilmember Don Watts said that he didn't hear anything new. "They don't want big development in the city," he said. "Everyone said they wanted the city to stay the same - not building over two stories allowing a view of the mountains."

Mayor John Buchanan said that one person in his group would only give approval to any building that was invisible, "whatever that means." he said.

According to Councilmember Kurt Zimmerman, Commissioner John Hutt said that more variances were granted in Sierra Madre than in Pasadena. Zimmerman then asked Hutt about density and mass and how they relate to the downtown. the downtown.

"The issues here are not about density but

about floor area ratios," Hutt answered.
"It then doesn't matter if you build a few large units or a lot of small ones. What matters is mass, the overall size, and not their use

With all of the expressed concern about what had or had not been accomplished.
Mayor Pro Tem Enid Joffe promised to request that the council revisit the idea of a Town Hall meeting.





#### Mt. Wilson Observatory Celebrates 89th Birthday



Photo by Steve Padilla Bob Eklund of The Mt. Wilson Observatory Association will be featured in a new column called "Looking Up". Page 3

Alisa Gerstein as Helen and Dawn Walters as Annie in the SMP production of *The Miracle* 

The Wonder of Collaboration: Director Linda Rand By Katina Dunn

Directing The Miracle Worker for the Sierra Madre Playhouse was a profound experience for Linda Rand. The challenges of working with child actors and conveying sightlessness and deafness were daunting. "I was committed to doing this with the risks involved," said Rand. Here, the casting of characters was of paramount importance. Rand cast exceptional actors – Alisa Gerstein as Helen Keller and Dawn Walters as Annie en Keller and Dawn Walters as Annie Sullivan.

When the story occurs, Helen is six years

When the story occurs, Helen is six years-old and Annie is 20 years-old.
"They are brilliant together," said Rand,
She discovered that the eight year-old
Gerstein understood blindness, after
intense work at home practicing for the
part. Rand was impressed the child was
motivated to do this on her own, without
a tutor. (continued on Page 2)

#### The Passionate Diva: Suzanna Guzman

By Susan Henderson

was an extraordinary It was an extraordinary setting, a brisk fall day at Beantown in Sierra Madre. As I approached the coffee shop, I realized that I didn't know the person I was supposed to meet. How would I recognize her? Suddenly, my eyes caught a lady reading at one of the tables. She seemed to have a musical aura around her. As I approached the table a musical autor a doubt detailed and introduced myself, her radiance and warmth were captivating. Not only did I know that I had the right person, I felt as if I had known her for a very long time.

Immediately we found a subject of mutual pride and joy – Sierra Madre. The town's charm, character

and what a wonderful and what a wonderful place it is to raise children. Guzmán has a 14 year-old son, Conor, who is in Sierra Madre's Pony League and a frequent visitor to the Youth Activity Center. "I simply love living in a town where I feel safe. Safe for myself and safe for my child," she said.

child, she said.
Guzmán went on to tell me some of the incredible history of the home she had purchased some years back, formerly known as "That Drobeck House" or Hatchett Holler.
Apparently its former owner, Estelle Drobeck, was known as somewhat of a "militant" in her day. The story has it that children would ride by her home and yell "Hey Mrs. Drobeck" just for the heck of it.

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#### **This Edition Passionate** Celebrations Mt. Wilson Observatory Odyssey Charter School **Paul The** Cyberian Scott Hood on Retail Taxes For The Turkey Tussle



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5-Day Forecast for Sierra Madre, Ca.

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#### Celebrations

#### Happy $90^{th}$ Birthday to Naomi "Gee Gee" Parker By Christine Baecker

Granddaughter Candace Kimberling and niece Jeannie Baecker hosted a surprise birthday party for Mrs. Naomi Parker at her home in Sierra Madre. Mrs. Parker has lived in Sierra Madre for 20 years.

The day of the party, October 29, was sunny and peautiful. The lunch was Hawaiian and the cake - chocolate. Two-year old great-great niece Naomi Anne Baecker helped blow out the candles

Guests came from Colorado and Ohio. Warren, Mrs. Parker's brother from Ohio, attended with his wife Mary Jo, son William, daughter Linda Sue and

where Marky 30, 300 millions, deadyine Linua 20 and her husband, Roy P. May and niece Christine.

Naomi was born in Ohio in 1916, to George and Brother Warren Baecker & Gee Gee Ella Baecker. She married Paul L. Parker on November 15, 1934. The couple were

married for 54 years until Paul went to be with the Lord in 1988. They had three children: Karen (Smith), Linda Jo (Althouse) and Donald.

Mrs. Parker has six grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. She has three brothers: Fredrick (now deceased), Harold and Warren.

Mrs. Parker, who is affectionately called "Gee Gee," is greatly loved by family and friends wirs. Parker, who is allectionately called Gee Gee, is greatly loved by lariniy and intends. She is blessed with good health and loves to go camping with her family in Montana every year. Mrs. Parker is a member of Pasadena's First Church of The Nazarene. Her family is making plans for her 100th birthday, just a decade away.



#### Jennifer Lynne Tweddle & James Ronald Jesser

It is with much happiness and great pleasure that the families of Jennifer Lynne Tweddle and James Ronald Jesser announce their engagement to

Jennifer is the daughter of Beth Smith-Kellock of Sierra Madre California and Allan S. Tweddle of Charleston, West Virginia. Jim is the son of Dorothy I. Jesser and Ronald N. Jesser (deceased) of Orange, California.

Jennifer grew up in Sierra Madre, attended Ascension Parish Day School and Alverno High School. For many summers, she worked as a lifeguard at the Sierra Madre Pool and as a page at the Sierra Madre Library. She received a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from California State University, Hayward; and a Master's degree in Counseling from Gallaudet University in Washington D.C.

Currently, Jennifer is Middle School Counselor at the California School for the Deaf in Riverside

Jim is a third generation Californian. He grew up in Orange County, attending Savanna High School in Anaheim and San Diego State University. Jim is Executive Vice President at Hub International Insurance Services, after being under his father's tutelage at Jesser Insurance Agency. Jim has three children; Jacquelyn (19), Jillian (18) and Jake (16).

The happy couple plan an autumn wedding on September 15, 2007

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Photos courtesy of Sierra Madre

"When you are blind and deaf, the only senses you have left are senses of smell and touch," said Rand. "Hyper elevated senses." She pulled from her own

experience as a student whose piano teacher was blind from birth. A profound moment occurred Opening Night, upon meeting one of Sierra Madre's own residents who is blind, from the Center For The Blind. This woman wasn't taught how to sign until she was 32 years-old. That was shocking to Rand – the neglect, the backwardness of assumptions about the blind in our lifetime. Like the labors of the

actors offstage and the characters onstage,
Rand says ideas in this play are also Rand says ideas in this play are also about the nature of miracles. "In our society, everything is instant," said Rand. "If a miracle doesn't happen instantly, it's not a miracle. With this play, people can see all miracles don't come on a silver platter. They come from hard work and not giving

The ideal audience for The Miracle Worker, she said, is all ages. Rand said the play is great for kids, adults, seniors – everybody. "What I love about Sierra Madre is the quaintness of the city, she said. "What I love

#### about its theater is that it's family oriented." Sierra Madre Playhouse

The Miracle Worker Fridays and Saturdays. November 3, 4, 10, 11 at 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5 at 2:30 p.m. Encore performance Thursday November 5 Call (626) 355-4318

BARGAIN BOOKS TABLE SHOPPING The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library will have a "Bargain Books Table" inside the Library from Monday, November 6 through Saturda November 11. Biographies, fiction, and mysteries in good condition will be sold for

#### TRAVELERS & COLLECTORS Friday, November 17

\$1 each during the Library's public open hours.

Slide/narrative series "Tribal People of Papua, New Guinea"

Kathy & Gary Symon

SIERRA MADRE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ADMISSION: FREE Contact: Catriona Shafer 626) 355-7186

Sponsored by Friends of the Sierra Madre Library

### The Teen Book Club - For readers in grades 7 and up

Starts Thursday, October 5 and runs twelve weeks through Thursday, January 11, 2007. The program is

free (including books) and open to all students, from public and private schools and home schooling. The group will meet Thursday afternoons from 4 to 5 in the Library basement

## Moon Wise

Why does the Moon have phases? The Moon has phases because it orbits.
Earth, which causes the portion we see illuminated to change. The Moon takes 27.3 days to orbit Earth, but the lunar phase cycle (from new Moon to new Moon) is 29.5 days. The Moon spends the extra 2.2 days 'catching up' because Earth travels about 45 million miles around the Sun during the time the Moon

Earth travers about 45 million miles around the Sun during the time the Moon completes one orbit around Earth.

At the new Moon phase, the Moon is so close to the Sun in the sky that none of the side facing Earth is illuminated. In other words, the Moon is between Earth and Sun. At first quarter, the half-lit Moon is highest in the sky at sunset, then sets about six hours later. At full Moon, the Moon is behind Earth in space with respect to the Sun. As the Sun sets, the Moon rises with the side that faces Earth fully exposed to explicit.

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Will There Be Cookies With That Punch?

We are waiting for that coveted good-bye party invitation from Michael Colantuono, who leaves his post as Sierra Madre's City Attorney. He won't be far away, however since Sandi Levin of Colantuono & Levin will fill his duties. Seems that we didn't have a city attorney afterall. We had a City Law Firm. Hmmm.

In keeping with the "transparent" operations of City Hall, long after the Colantuono rumors were rampant and the press release was prepared, one city council member kept saying it wasn't true, and the Mayor was saying it is true, while they were in the same room and there you have it.

Center Stage
All is well and good with the Sierra Madre Playhouse. Thank Goodness for actors, directors, playwrights, poets, singers, musicians and all other artists

and their producers. We didn't even ask what happened we are easy to forgive and forget.

Who came up with the stupid idea that a pre-recorded telephone message would be an effective campaign tool?

In The Belly of the Beast

There we sat on Alegria
Avenue with the Parkers,
frighteningly close to the spider with 20-foot legs... Inspired by the Switzer family, the Parkers are the ultimate Sierra Madre volunteers. They grow their own pumpkins

including the 450-pounder "Son of Rupert" which sported the spider legs. In a house filled with rats, skeletons and other ghoulish delights, the Parkers warmed up 90 gallons of cider with spices and sorted out 100 pounds of candy for trick or treaters. The tradition began with Switzers and other families who wanted a safe place for their kids to play on Halloween. They created amazing spaces on their front lawns for their kids.

Heather Roberts Parker and Doug Parker are surely the city's Halloween King & Queen and we give them a heartfelt Thank You for their continued devotion to this tradition, years after their own kids have grown

Thanks to all the residents on Alegria Street, your participation is appreciated. And to **Joanne Parker**, Heather's mom, for all her handmade decorations.

Did You Hear About That

Did You Hear About That
Fuzzy Black Volkswagon?
As one resident
was returning home
she noticed what she
thought was a strange car.
Turned out to be a bear!

#### Citizens' Datebook

Wednesday, November 8

Thursday, November 9

7:30am Chamber of Commerce Breakfast

Tuesday, November 14 6:30 pm City Council Meeting

Monday, November 13

Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council 7:00

pm City Council Chambers

This will be a joint meeting of the
Sierra Madre and Big Santa Anita Fire Safe Councils on the topic of 
"Mutual Fire Safety Concerns"

"Mutual Fire Safety Concerns" including participants from the Angeles National Forest and other neighboring Fire Safe Councils.

For more information: smfiresafecouncil@hotmail.com Mike Kinney 355-1182 or Caroline Brown 355-9350

#### WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

## Cafe 322 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sing-A-Long Opera

Broadway

Every Sunday at 6:30 p.m Pianist Danny Guerrero with world class singers Domenico Zangeri, Norma Guerrero, Mario Storace, Mark Almy, Diana Briscoe, Mario and Edalyn Lalli and many more,

including you! Free admission Lindy Hop

Every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at 7:30 p.m. All Ages- Teens to 90s 200 S. Euclid free parking & free dance lessons from 7:30 to 81:50 p.m. \$7 admission www.lindygroove.com

Farmer's Market

Every Saturday 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. PHS Parking Lot 2925 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Pasadena

> Beantown 45 N. Baldwin (626) 355-1596

Vive Dining & Lounge

Salsa Dancing with Live Salsa Band! Free dance classes between
4 and 5 p.m
Dance until 10 p.m.
Ages 21 and up
61 N. Raymond Avenue Pasadena (626) 583-8483

**Creative Arts** Group

ANNUAL ART FESTIVAL Friday, November 10

Opening Night 7-9 om Saturday, November 11 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Sunday, November 12 11:00 am - 5:00 pm 626-355-8350

MISSION WEST FALL STREET FESTIVAL

Saturday and Sunday November 18 & 19 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Gold Line Mission Station So. Pasadena

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At City Hall, Police Department, Library
Alkaline/Zinc/Carbon Nicad – rechargeable Mercury (hearing aids and watches)
Silver Oxide Lithium Ion (computers) Nickel Metal Hydride (cell phones)

For more information, call (626) 355-7135 X803 Seniors Reserve Your Spot Today! Thursday, November 16 A Deluxe Excursion

Tour Rogers Gardens in Corona del Mar, known for holiday inspiration and decorations. Rogers offers exclusive artifacts in an elaborate world of nutreakers, peppermints, pine boughs, angels and stars. The gardens feature unusual plants such as purple elephant ears, the Don Gillogly Avocado tree and spiral aloe from the mountains in Lesotho, Africa. After the Gardens, lunch at the landmark Five Crowns, built in 1953 to replicate Ye Olde Bell at Hurley-on-the-Thames in England. The restaurant, also has an English garden. Call Senior Commissioner Theresa Daley for information at (626)-355-7427.

# TheWild West

Congress is still arguing about the question of whether or no

to authorize oil drilling in the 1002. Earlier this year, Senator Judd Gregg (New Hampshire,

Republican) craftily included

such authorization in the

with Kyle McClure

#### The 1002

Here's some information for you. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, originally set aside in 1960 as part of the Alaska National Lands Conservation Act, was more than doubled in size by Congress in 1980.

These 19.6 million acres (about the size of South Carolina, according to a map published by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources) are in the northeastern-most corner of Alaska. The vast majority of the land in the Refuge is covered by boreal forest, and undra (in the south) and the 9,000-foot mountain peaks, deep river valleys and foothills of the Brooks Mountain Range, which is the rugged last hurrah of the Rocky Mountains.

However, along the northern boundary of the Refuge, lies the relatively small, but ecologically significant, arctic coastal plain. The coastal plain stretches from the Brooks Range foothills north to the Arctic Ocean. And. (according slim REI-outfitted field ologists who know how o look cool while peering through binoculars) it supports the richest diversity of wildlife in the Refuge. One example:

of the arctic coastal plain as the "1002 area" (if you ever find yourself testifying before Congress about any of this, make sure you call it the "ten-oh-two" area – that's how they'll know that you know

what you are talking about).
And because, (duh) you can't make a law protecting nearly 20 million acres of wildlife habitat (even if it is 1980) without including some reason for oil company executives to get up and face the day, the legislation also mandated studies of the "natural" (Petroleum! Petroleum!) resources of the 1002 area, to be followed by congressional authorization for any subsequent oil drilling that would take place.



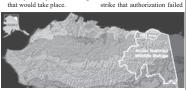


Photo Courtesy of the USFWS

The 1002 Area is critically important to the ecological integrity of the whole Arctic Refuge.

To summarize: in 1980, Congress passed a bill that simultaneously created a European country-sized wildlife refuge and required that oil exploration take place in



arctic coastal plain is the calving ground of the huge Porcupine River Caribou herd (480,000 hooves; 240,000 nostrils; 120,000 tails), which migrates 3,000 miles each year, farther than any other land animal on earth, other than the poor bent people who nave to commute to LA from

San Bernardino County.
The 1980 legislation that created the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in its current form designated 1.5 million acres (that would be an area about the size of Delaware) its most ecologically sensitive area and gave itself the power to decide when to maybe allow BP and Conoco-Phillips to begin building oil pipelines and drilling platforms there. It's like members of Congress were worried that they wouldn't have a nice polarizing issue (More jobs! Clean environment! Oil Independence! Happy Caribou!) to argue about for the next quarter century, so they just kind of set themselves up... "Hey, this will keep us busy for a while..." by a vote of 200 to 231... Apparently, it is too much to ask that our representatives debate and vote on a bill that actually has anything to do with the purpose of the bill.

How about one called something like, "Authorization to Begin Drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge"? Could you maybe set that up Barbara? Diane? Anyone? Sadly, it looks like Congres might have to find something new to argue about (the Patriot Act, maybe?) because this sucker is about to pass. At this very moment, oil drilling authorization, having passed the Senate as a part of the 2006 budget bill, is awaiting "reconciliation" with the House budget bill.

Things are starting to get exciting if you are a government

approved vendor with expertise in the installation of wells, well pads, roads, collector pipelines, water disposal pipelines, well head compressors, separators, dehydrators, or storage tanks. If that's you, you already knew that, right?

But, if you don't happen to possess the equipment or motivation required for high quality oil field innovation, if this authorization is not going to provide your daughters with four-year private school liberal arts educations, then how do you feel? Are you excited? Just checking.

#### **Fire Safe Council Makes** Plans for the Future

The Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council, a chapter of the California Fire Safe Council, is planning to tise "\$500,000 to finance the purchase of the Sierra Madre Canyon Fire Station #2", says Caroline Brown, Public Relations person for the group. The city is declaring the 1961 facility a surplus according to the group's Case Statement which lays out the plan for the purchase.

The Council is part of a statewide organization created by Senator Dianne Feinstein after the



devastating 1991 Oakland Hills Fire. Sierra Madre's chapter was organized by Caroline Brown and Mike Kinney. The purpose of the council is "to provide education, exhange information and foster fire prevention and fire safety" to Sierra Madre residents.

The group's vision includes use of the No. 2 facility as a central point for emergency materials and information. Sierra Madre is part of a Wildland Urban Interface Zone. It was previously known as Fire Zone 4 and has been designated as a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. For additional information please call 626-355-9350

## Looking Up

"First Light" For the 100-Inch: November 2, 1917

November 2 marked the 89th anniversary of the opening of Mount Wilson Observatory's famous 100-inch Hooker Telescope. On that date in 1917, the Observatory's founder George Ellery Hale and a few close associates gathered on the floor of the massive dome for "First Light"-the first testing of the newly completed telescope's operation.

It had been eleven years since Hale had proposed the idea for the telescope to Los Angeles businessman John D. Hooker, who provided the \$45,000 needed to create the 100-inch-diameter mirror. It took years for the hundreds of tons of steel and concrete needed to build the dome and mountings to be brought up the narrow dirt toll road from Altadena—all of it on mule- and horseback, aided by one gasoline-electric Mack truck for the larger pieces of the telescope.

The entry of the United States into the First World War in 1917 had caused numerous delays in construction, but by November all was ready for testing. At first, it looked as though the

telescope may have been a failure - when they tried to look at Jupiter, six or seven overlapping images filled the eyepiece. After an initial reaction of dismay, the astronomers realized that the dome had been left open during the day and sunlight had probably fallen on the mirror, distorting the glass. The distortion was, as it turned out, only temporary, and by 3:00 A.M. the performance of the telescope was flawless

down, Hale talked at length with a guest he had brought to the mountain for the occasion. the noted British poet Alfred Noyes. As Helen Wright records in her biography of Hale, Explorer of the Universe, Hale said to Noyes, "You poets write of many things, but you never write of the development of science in the modern world. You write of wars. Why don't you write instead of the fight for knowledge?

Out of that chance remark came Noyes's book-length epic in verse of the growth of astronomy over the centuries. Watchers of the Sky. In the book's prologue he gives this picture of that memorable night on Mount Wilson:

Up there, I knew The explorers of the sky, the pioneers Of science, now made ready to attack That darkness once again, and win new



PASSION (continued from Page 1) Unknown to them, however, Mrs. Drobeck often took photographs of the pranksters. One day, while of the pranksters. One day, while Guzmán was moving out tons of newspapers and other documents left behind, a young man stopped by to chat and indicated that he had been one of those pranksters on a bike. He promised to stop by again sometime to say hello. He should, too. As it turns out, Suzanna found a photo of him and a buddy on their bicycles - taken by the mysterious Mrs. D. Our conversation soon turned to

Our conversation soon turned to Our conversation soon united a Suzanna Guzmán the artist. Born and reared in Los Angeles, 2006 marks her 20th anniversary as a professional opera singer. Her

marks her 20th anniversary as a professional opera singer. Her talents go beyond opera, however, as Time magazine called her a "Fire-eating singing actress." Singing and acting are only a part of Suzanna's life. This week she will be performing in a workshop based on an idea by her, Canta Luna, at The Boston Court theater. The work looks into the life and death of Spanish poet and composer Federico Garcia Lorca.

Of her introduction to Lorca's works early in her career she says, "it [Blood Wedding] changed my life." In changed my life." In this production when she sings Lorca's works set to the music of Ian Krouse, she calls it "pure love."

Even though she Even though sne
is an internationally
renowned celebrity,
having sung at New
York's Metropolitan
Opera as well as the
National Anthem
at Dodger Stadium,
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our youth. She has received numerous awards for her highly acclaimed school program, "DON'T BE AFRAID: IT'S JUST OPERA" which has been 200,000

performed for over students nationwide. Suzanna Guzmán is truly a phenomenal treasure of Sierra



Guzmán never forgets the need to encourage Suzanna and cast of CSI. She made a guest appearance in an episode which aired November 1st

Don't miss her performance of Canta Luna Monday, November 6; Tuesday, November 7; and Wednesday, November 8 7:30 p.m Boston Court Performing Arts 70 N. Mentor in Pasadena. For tickets, call (626) 683-6883

In response to inquiries to this paper regarding where to sign the ballot measure for an initiative to require a citywide vote on all projects exceeding the the current limits of 2 stories, 30 feet high and 13 units per acre, the information below was supplied by Sierra Madre Residents for Responsible Development:

Volunteers will be gathering signatures for the Height and Density Restrictions Ballot Measure (commonly known as 2-30-13) at:

> CAFE 322 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre

9am - 12:00 noon Saturday and Sunday November 4th and 5th

For additional information go to: www. smrrd.org or call 626-388-2168

ALVERNO, LaSalle, Pasadena High School, St. Francis, Sierra Mesa Middle School, The Barnhart School, The Gooden School, Sierra Madre Elementary School, Bethany Christian, St. Rita's, Wilson Middle School, Odyssey Charter School, Norma Coombs Alternative School, and the Pasadena Unified School District

#### Odyssey Charter School Celebrates New Home

Odvssev Charter School threw open the doors of its new six acre campus on Altadena Drive, hosting a

Altadena Drive, hosting a Community Open House and Breakfast for new neighbors and friends. Eraca Allen, president of the Altadena Chamber Of Commerce welcomed the school and led the guests in a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to officially open the new campus. Guests attending included members of the Altadena

Guests attending included members of the Altadena Chamber of Commerce, Town Council, Los Angeles County Education Office, PUSD and other community figures and families who gathered on the front lawn to calebrate and acknowledge. celebrate and acknowledge the K-8 school's many achievements this year.

"Our wonderful new home is making the world of difference to our world of difference to our students" acknowledged Mr Ray Joseph, president of the Odyssey Board of Directors. As well as bright, larger classrooms the school now has rooms dedicated to visual art and music and the playing field has meant the sports program has been greatly expanded.

led on tours of oy eighth grade student docents and were able to ask questions and see Odyssey's

hands-on program in action for themselves. Community members were delighted with the lively classrooms and enthusiasm of both

teachers and children.
"We see that our active

"We see that our active learning environment, where skills are put in the context of the real world enables children to become really involved in their own learning says Odyssey's director Franca Campopiano "Individualized Learning Plans further ensure

Plans further ensure that each child can achieve excellence while

their learning styles are honored." An approach that certainly seems to be working. As well as the obvious enthusiasm and engagement of students, Odyssey's test

scores have scores have in creased. Its 2006 A cade mic Performance Index (API) scores rose by 40 points. The school The school

also met all of its federal 2006 Academic Yearly Progress (AYP) criteria.

"I went to school on this campus thirty five years ago and I've been back to visit a few times" said one community member "seeing what Odyssey are doing here today, it's a breath of fresh air honestly. The difference it makes is written all over the bright faces of these kids."

Master Class Series at the Pasadena Conservatory of Music: Presenting Excellence and Mastery

Pianist Stephen Cook, currently a factory member of the factor of Performing. Arts and Whittier College. He was the director of the pianist program at the Orange County High School of the Arts from 1996 to 2004 and is a frequent clinician and adjudicator for such organizations as the Music Teachers' Association of Ca., the California Association of Professional Music Teachers and the Southwestern Youth Music Festival. Pianist Stephen

Classes are held at the Conservatory, 10N. Hill Avenue in Pasadena. All sessions of the series are free for PCM students and families and \$15 for the general public. Please call (626) 683-3355 or visit the website at pasadenaconservatory. Org.

The 2006-2007 master class series at the Pasadena Conservatory of Music offers students and lovers of music the opportunity to receive the wisdom of renowned performers and teachers.

Thursday, November 9 at 7 p.m.

#### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Alverno High School 200 N. Michillinda

(626) 355-3463 A Thousand Cranes November 2 and 4 at 7 p.m. November 5 at 2 p.m. The Auditorium is at 141 W. Highland at Sierra Madre Elementary School.
Tickets are \$8 in advance, or \$11 at the door.
Call (626) 355-3463 for more information.

The Gooden School (626) 355-2410 www.goodenschool.org

Sunday, November 12 Open House from 1 to 3 p.m. All classrooms open for current and prospective families

LaSalle High School 3880 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Pasadena (626) 351-8951

> Sunday, November 5 Open House 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Pasadena High School 2925 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Pasadena (626) 798-8901

> Friday November 17th is the deadline for original stories, poems and art for consideration in the PHS literary magazine Submit your work to Dr. Verdi in G206

Sierra Madre Elementary School 141 W. Highland Ave. (626) 355-1428

Monday, November 6 to Friday, November 10 Scholastic Book Sale in the Library 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 16 Spotlight Assembly Grades 3,4 & 5 8:30 am

Friday, November 17 Spotlight Assembly Grades K,1 & 2

Sierra Madre Middle School 160 N. Canon (626) 836-2947

Friday, November 3 Flag Football 3:30 p.m. in the field Sierra Madre vs. Barnhart

St. Rita's Catholic School 322 N. Baldwin (626) 355-9028

The Barnhart School 240 W. Colorado in Arcadia (626) 446-5588

Odyssey Charter School 725 West Altadena Drive Altadena CA 91001 626 –229-0993 www.odysseycharterschool.org

For information on upcoming Open House dates. Odyssey Charter School is a K-8 public charter school serving a diverse population of students without district boundaries.

#### Alverno Students Named AP Scholars By Candace Siegle



Alverno students Monica Alverno students Monica
Haymond, Lauryn Hykes, Lydia
Petrovic, and Melissa Velez have
been recognized by the College
Board for their exceptional
achievement on Advanced
Placement Examinations. These
are college-level courses taken
in high school. Only about 15% of more than 1 million students nationwide who took AP Exams in May 2006 performed at a high enough level to merit such recognition.

Lydia Petrovic from Alverno's Class of 2006 was named a Scholar with Honor for earning an average grade of 3.25 out of a possible 5 on all their AP exams. Lydia is currently attending UC Berkeley.

The other AP Scholars

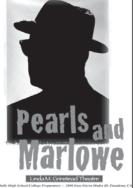
from Alverno's Class of 2006 are Monica Haymond, who is attending UC Davis, and Melissa Velez, currently a freshman at UCLA. Melissa was also named an AP Scholar last year based on scores on AP teststaken her junior

scores on A Pteststaken her jumor year, and was also recognized by the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program.

One of the recognized scholars is a senior at Alverno, and the honor is based on scores on AP tests taken her jumor year.

Laurun Hybes, completed three Lauryn Hykes completed three or more AP Examinations with scores of 3 or higher. She has one more year to complete college level work.

Alverno is proud of all these young women and congratulates them and their families on this significant achievement.



Nov. 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19 2006 at 2:45 Fri. and Sat. at 8pm. Sun. at 7:00pm







# **TechKnowled**

#### Why Can't EVM's Be Perfect?

By Paul the Cyberian

By this time next week the news stories that will probably consume the most print in this country will be about the recent elections and the recent elections and why this party or person won and why the other party or person didn't win. Another story that will almost certainly find its way to the print pages will be all the problems that hampered the voting process, specifically those dealing with Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs). Already tales Voting (EVMs). Voting Machines (EVMs). Already tales are circulating about how difficult these machines may be to use in some areas because of a variety of factors. No doubt the conspiracy theories will be flying around like bats left over from

like bats left over from Halloween.

The most puzzling thing about this entire issue is the fact that we as a society entrust huge portions of our personal lives to automation without a second thought. The fact that EVMs make some of us a little legry in some of us a little leery in itself ought to make the rest of us wonder. How can we be intimidated by automation in voting when we rely on it every day?

In a nutshell, the

automation that we trust so blindly usually comes with its own built-in safeguards to insure proper operation and customer satisfaction. ATM machines for example have earned the public trust by making our funds available in a variety of locations and

doing it accurately. If the ATM's of a certain bank were to cause customer dissatisfaction

through slow processing or errors in accounting, I seriously doubt that the company would make it to the end of the week before having to declare bankruptcy. Market forces insure that the manufacturer adheres to the highest standards in order to guarantee in order to guarantee the financial success of the company. There is no such regulating factor with EVM's. And by the time we would find evidence of any widespread irregularity the single event for which they were created will have passed with possibly

disastrous results for our Democracy.

A Salon.com article by Leslie Miller (August 2004) states that there were 204 Million cars in 119 Million American households that year. Each of these vehicles has a unique identifier called a VIN or Vehicle Identification Number. Ever heard of a computer glitch with a VIN?

That same year, the Presidential Election saw 105.6 Million votes

disastrous results for our

saw 105.6 Million votes cast with dubious results. Remember the chads that the computer couldn't read?

The 2006 mid-term

elections promise to have more of the same because of the simple fact that the problems discovered in 2004 haven't been addressed.
For my money (and

Democracy) I'd like to see a paper ballot with a unique, one-way identifier and a receipt. I think we've had enough dubious election results. We have near perfect ways to count our money, what about a perfect way to count our votes?



Good luck without an appointment They'll never let you through.



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- what you pay for.

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#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Big Santa Anita Canyon in Angeles National Forest needs trail maintenance volunteers November 4 and 5. Call USFS, Chris Fabbro, 818-899-1900x250 for further information.

Volunteers can camp free as Sturtevant Campground. Also, visit www.adamspackstation. com to see the current activity at this historic Pack Station in our local National Forest. Al are National Forest. Al are invited to join in this activity supported by the Big Santa Anita and Sierra Madre Fire Safe Councils. For Fire Safe Council Information call: Caroline Brown



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An Open Letter to Joe Mosca By Stefan Bund

You are in serious trouble

First of all, let me introduce myself.

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The former Mayor Pro-tem also didn't support the people of this city having a right to vote on the DSP.

Watching your freshman performance has been like watching the

education of a politician.

Here are a few truisms for modern

iving between a rock and a hard place.

## By Susan Henderson intelligent (adj.): 1. possessing a high or satisfactory degree of understanding or mental capacity; life: (n): the quality that distinguishes a vital and functional

Already, a former mayor threatened a City Council member for opposing the DSP. He said it would be 'bad for your health' to continue opposing the DSP.

Third lesson: Beware the middle class.

They are numerous, and form the base for Iney are numerous, and form the base for any vote. These are the folks who voted you in, based on your persona, and your vows. As it pertains to Sierra Madre politics in 2006, it's a simple deal. If you can't handle tricky tactics from the development community, then you can't handle the job. If you think the arsenal of the development with the intermediate is intimidation to frome a reall.

elite is intimidating, try facing a recall.

The problem for you, I think, is that the development elite thinks you have potential. They think you are likeable, and that you have charisma. Instead of strong arming you and making you feel trapped, the development elite have a special program for you. So long as you're good to them, they can create you, and subsidize future campaigns. You can effectively disarm people, and convince them that development is needed to subsidize the city. And as long as they keep you in government, all sorts of good things will

California:
California:
Description Politics is more slippery than law, because it uses verbal contracts. People hold you accountable to what you say during the election. Second lesson: Politics is about living between a rock and a hard place.

Intelligent Life

Do you know what I really get fed up with? (If you don't want to know, stop reading right now.) I really get fed up with people in positions of power and influence treating the rest of us as though we either have no brains or are dead. This is true from Washington, DCtoSierra Madre, California. The conventional wisdom among the politicized and/or the moneyed is that we are a bunch of that we are a bunch of tip top dummies too stupid to make the right

being from a dead body

For those of you who have experienced the joy and pain of rearing a child, I'm certain you can remember saying something to the effect that, "just because I didn't say anything doesn't say anything doesn't mean that I didn't see what you did" or, as my father used to say, "every

decision for our lives.

shut eye ain't sleep."

Well, to the purveyors of propaganda, lies and just plain ole' bull, please know that we are on to

In a few days, we will go to the polls and vote for a slate of statewide officers and propositions. We have been bombarded with telephone calls, radio and TV ads, mail, door hangers and other sordid and sundry items that may tell half of the truth if we are lucky. Political conventional

Political conventional wisdom says we will either not bother to vote or not read the fine print. Such wisdom is praying for a knee jerk reaction that will twist in their favor. Think I'm kidding? Consider this the arti Prop 96 ad (the - the anti Prop 86 ad (the proposed cigarette tax) broadcasts the fact that only 11% of the funds will go to anti smoking programs. It doesn't mention that the other 89% will go to support educational programs and help offset the health costs of smoking and illnesses related to tobacco use, thus leading one to believe that only 11% of the taxes raised

11% of the taxes raised will be accounted for. The spinmasters are depending that you don't have enough intelligence to look at the facts on the

Needless to say, this lack of respect for the intelligence of voters has no boundaries. no boundaries. Incre
are those speaking
loudly right here in our
own town that ignore
the mental capacity of
the residents of this city.
Shame on me for
pointing this out, but do
over this the fact that

you think the fact that the Arcadia Association of Realtors is against 2-30-13 may have anything to do with earning commissions on the new proposed developments? And how about the

way labels are used to

People have been labeled as 'radical' and 'crazy' simply because they have opinions and voice them. Political hot button words like 'down zoning' are bandied around to frighten.

I even saw one young lady verbally attacked in our Downtown Dialogue meeting Monday night because she dared to ask an innocent question. She was accused of being "part of the problem."

Asking questions causes problems? Intelligent beings, and the majority of citizens in this town certainly are, have the mental capacity to control their own lives Albeit we are often busy, we are not

And while we generally operate from a place of trust, it is time for us to recognize that there are those who would take advantage of our trusting nature. However, being intelligent forms of life, once we know the consequences of our inaction, we will use that intelligence to divine the

Intelligent Life doesn't just go with the flow. Intelligent life does not tolerate elected officials who spoon feed them information on a 'need to know' basis. Intelligent beings do not delegate responsibility for their lives and homes to lives and homes to people who don't respect their intelligence, or treat them as if they

don't exist.

As far as we know, only dead bodies are incapable of action. Life is the quality that distinguishes a vital and functional being from a dead body. I'm not dead dead body. dead body. I'm not dead. Are you?

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#### Scott Hood on The Myth of the Retail Windfall

Increasing retail sales in Sierra Madre does not improve our city's financial condition in any meaningful way. The facts below will show the minimal impact it would have on our city's budget.

On the other hand, having more retail sales means our city needs to incur additional costs to accommodate out-of-town shoppers. And more importantly, it would negatively impact our town's character for the long run. As I have learned from talking with many residents of Sierra Madre, the quiet, safe, and resident-friendly character is the very reason why they character is the very reason why they moved here. That is also why three generations of my family live here. As residents of Sierra Madre, we need to carefully consider the costs, both tangible and intangible, of these increased business activities.

During a recent presentation by RBF Consulting (preparers of the Downtown Specific Plan), an economist presented some key figures for retail sales. However, these figures were inappropriate for

our town.

The presentation showed that if Sierra Madre were to increase its per-capita retail sales to that of the average California city, it would add \$28.7 million in additional sales. The only problem is that Sierra Madre is not an average California city. It is a small town with 10,000 residents at the outskirt of LA County with no highways running through it.

We will not be able to sell a large

number of high-ticket items such as cars, or have the likes of Wal-Marts and Home Depots. In other words, \$28.7 million of additional retail sales is an aggressive target. But let's assume for the moment that somehow we can reach the state average, we need to ask what \$28.7 million in additional retail sales

million in additional retail sales would bring to the city. That is point of the whole exercise, right? The truth is \$28.7 million in additional retail sales would bring in, at most, a gross amount of \$287 thousand of revenue for the city. This actually represents less than 6% of the general fund. Yawn.

Some might say that is better than nothing, but let's not forget the costs needed to accommodate these additional retail sales.

Assuming that an average person spends \$25 when he or she shops, the annual sales of \$28.7 million would translate into about 1.15 million shoppers. On a daily basis, that's 3,145 shoppers. And assuming that each car on avera ge carries 1.5 shoppers, we would have 2,097 additional cars per day.

#### PROPOSED RETAIL SALES FACTS:

The city takes in 1% of retail sales in the form of sales tax revenue.

Increasing retail sales in Sierra Madre by \$28.7 million therefore brings in at most \$287 thousand of city revenue, just under a 6% increase in the general fund.

Property tax, on the other hand, makes up over 40% of the general fund.

Residential property values in Sierra Madre could potentially decrease in a more business-like environment.

\$28.7 million in additional retail sales would bring over 2,000 additional cars driving through town daily and seeking parking spots.

The costs to service the shoppers and to provide infrastructure would lower t already modest retail sales tax revenue.

Downtown rents would increase and drive out some local businesses.

And finally, Sierra Madre would have a more business-like character, rather than the resident-friendly one that we have grown to know and love.

Our obligation to these people at a minimum is to accommodate the traffic and to provide parking spaces and public safety. How much would these obligations cost and what would we have left of that \$287 thousand?

\$287 thousand?

According to the latest Sierra

Madre budget report, the state
legislature was considering reducing
sales tax. How stupid would it be
to build up our retail sales only to
have the numbers reduced or even eliminated? Maybe this reduction is unlikely, but are we willing to make such significant changes to our town based on a gamble that the state legislature will not make unfavorable changes in the future.

You can't turn things back the way they were once the cat is out of the

bag.
Equally important to the citizens of Sierra Madre are the intangible on sierra Maure are the imaginer costs and degradation of our town character. People don't move to Sierra Madre to be closer to crowds, traffic, pollution, and the same retail stores they see from their car windows as they plod through bumper-to-bumper traffic to get home. They turn into their streets. home. They turn into their streets

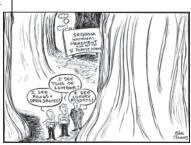
nome. They turn into their streets and breathe sighs of relief to be in Sierra Madre and to go to sleep at night in quiet and safety.

And let's not forget our local businesses. Unless the businesses own their buildings, they would eventually be driven out by higher restr. rents. One only needs to look at other large retail development zones to see this.

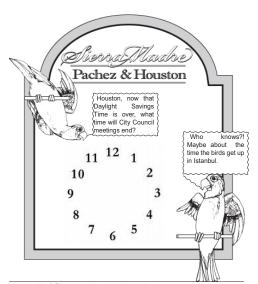
The economist for RBF suspiciously didn't bring up these very important points, which would fall under the scope of economics. What also wasn't discussed was the for decrease in property values from all these increased business activities. People would not be as attracted to Sierra Madre if it increases traffic levels and chain stores. That means lower home prices and therefore lower property taxes. Property tax is 40% of the budget and by far the largest component. The city should therefore first make sure we protect that revenue source. In terms of contribution to the city's revenue, sales tax comes after property tax, utility user tax, a category called "other" and vehicle license fees.

Our residents need to know these facts, and so do the city officials. Decisions are being made without these facts being taken into account.

Too often people optimistically cite increased businesses in town as a method to save our finances. Another related opinion is that all this development will pay for needed infrastructure, without any explanation of how that would exactly work. Please bring up these points when discussing this issue and come to your own conclusions. Your decisions will have a lasting impact on Sierra Madre



# The Funnies



#### BIRD'S EYE VIEW

#### Trick or Treat?

By Pat Birdsall

While I was watching the local news the other evening, the entertainment reporter asked why scary movies are so very popular. The gorier the better, it seems. Since we are in

better, it seems. Since we are in the throes of an upcoming election, I thought perhaps the films might be a respite from politics. Silly me... scary movies, politics; how can one tell the difference?

Speaking of scary movies, why is it that while being chased by a monster of one kind or another, the woman ALWAYS falls down? It's always the beautiful one who does the most falling: the uply girl seems the most falling; the ugly girl seems to be more sure-footed, if she's on

the screen at all. Not only does the beautiful girl fall down, but always in a fetching position, while wearing a scanty and tight outfit. She never falls "arse over tea kettle" like the rest of us. Her hand goes limply to her mouth as she prepares to scream and scream she does ...but for whom? Our hero of course! The dashing and terminally handsome for whom? Our hero of course! The dashing and terminally handsome fellow, who comes out of nowhere and slays the monster. While they are batting eyes at each other, the saga ends. That is until next year when Part XXVII is released. New heroine, new hero, same monster returned from the dead. I guess that lign could labe apply the publics: paw. line could also apply to politics; new heroine, new hero, same monster returned from the dead. Trick or Treat...

#### SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During the week of Sunday, October 22, to Saturday October 28, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 185 calls for service.

12:43 AM - Public Intoxication, 300 block Acacia Street, A resident reported a prowler in her yard. Officers found an intoxicated man seated on the front steps and arrested him.

Monday, October 23rd:

6:59 AM – Vandalism, 160 North Canon Ave, Sierra Madre Elementary School upper campus. The school principal called to report vandalism to rooms 10 and 19. The damage to the rooms consisted of a smashed window, a telephone pulled from a wall, ceiling tiles down, black spray painted graffiti and a fire extinguisher discharged within the rooms. The vandalism occurred between Friday 10/20 and Monday 10/23. Estimated damages unknown, pending district personnel review.

Tuesday, October 24th:

 $2:\!14$  AM – Stolen Vehicle, 300 block North Lima Ave. A resident reported his green 1995 Honda stolen. The Honda was parked in front of his home and was stolen between 7:30 AM, 10/23 and  $2:\!00$  AM, 10/24.

 $8.02\,$  AM – Vandalism, 400 block Auburn Ave. A resident reported white painted graffiti sprayed on a wooden fence. The damage occurred between 7:00 PM, 10/25 and 7:30 AM, 10/26. No suspects were seen or heard. The damage was estimated at \$50.00.

 $2.49\,\mathrm{PM}$  – Forged credit card,  $100\,\mathrm{block}$  South Baldwin Ave. A resident came to the station to report her debit card account number was stolen though she still had the debit card in her possession. Several transactions were charged against her card. The loss occurred between  $10/165\,\mathrm{and}$  10/17 and totaled \$1500.00.

#### MANUAL OF STYLE



It's A Shoe Thing

Actress Rosario Dawson and hostess Vanessa Minnillo in New York at the party thrown by GAP to launch its new shoe shopping website.

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By Larry Bortstein

#### THE TEAMS

Muir and Pasadena high school Muir and Pasadena high school obtall teams face off in the 53<sup>rd</sup> "Turkey Tussle" at the Rose Bowl on Thursday night, Nov. 9.
Muir Mustangs, from the west side, wear the blue and gold. The Pasadena bulldogs, in red and white, stand up for the east side.

But when the longtime Pacific League opponents line up at 7 p.m. at

League opponents line up at 7 p.m. at Pasadena's most famous sports venue, there will be a major difference from Muir-Pasadena games of recent years.

Both teams will have winning records. This is a major change in what has been a one-sided rivalry in Muir's favor

The series began in 1954 and Muir won the first eight games between the schools. But the Bulldogs won 16 of the

schools. But the Buildogs won 16 of the next 21 meetings through 1982 to take a 16-13-1 lead.

There was a 7-7 tie in 1983, but Muir now holds a 33-17-2 advantage, which means the Mustangs have won 20 of the last 22 games, including the last seven.

Pasadena's last victory over Muir came by a 14-7 score in 1995. There was a 20-20 tie in 1998. The Mustangs' average winning score in the seven

games since 1999 has been 41-15. They won, 37-15, last year. To Muir second-year coach Ken Howard and his staff, this is simply the natural order of things and will always

"That game means more to us than any other," Howard said. "We hate the

any other," Howard said. "We hate the 'Dogs and want to beat them bad every time."

But Kevin Mills, in his second year at PHS, has other ideas. "We don't want to be a doormat any more," he said.

Ironically, both men are Pasadena High graduates. But a lot has changed on both campuses since their high

school days

school days.

Jim Brownfield, Muir's longtime head coach, brought stability to the program over more than a decade on the job.

The last two Bulldogs teams before Mills became coach were 0-10 and 1-9. They lost to Muir, 57-26 and 48-25. In 2005, Mills' first year, PHS was 3-7.

"There was a defeatist attitude around here for a long time," Mills said.
"That's gone now. There's no excuse for our not being able to compete."
"But the fact the game is played in the Rose Bowl makes it big for all the players," Muir coach Howard said.



## View From The Couch

#### THE ELECTION THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN

By Stanley J. Forrester

This is the season of voting, the time of year that representatives are picked to govern, Home coming kings and queens are crowned to reign over the big game and dance, and in Pasadena, the Rose Queen and her Court are selected.

Everyone wants to win the vote, to reign, but sometimes it is just not meant to be.

A loss to Oregon has caused the Trojans to be voted out of their number two position.

The Trojan fans are sad it doesn't look as if they will face the Buckeyes in January for the number one spot. (In this house, some family members are in mourning.) Yet voting in sports not only involves tracking for Number One but also such things as who should be honored in their particular venue as The Best.

Being a relic and a fan of Major League Baseball, voting for baseballs' Hall of Fame holds particular interest for me

a player has been out of baseball for five years his name is eligible to go on the list for consideration into the Hall Of Fame. The Baseball Writer's Association then votes on whom should be on whom should be elected. It is an additional honor if you are selected on your first year of eligibility. Now that is an election really worth winning!

In percent, years, the

In recent years the In recent years the conversation often revolves around the name of Pete Rose aka "Charlie Hustle," the man who was always on. He was so on that he ran to first base when the pitcher surrendered up a walk!
Rose never stopped trying. There was no quit in The Player.
No matter what you feel about Rose, The Man there must be some sympathy for Rose The

sympathy for Rose The Player. For here is a man whose

stats said election on his first year of eligibility and was a shoo-in on every ballot. But he didn't win the votes.

What does it mean to be voted into the Hall? To be a member of the Hall says that you are among the best of the best. You played the game with integrity, enthusiasm and great skill. It also says that your actions were always in the best interest of the

game.

It is that latter, the best interest of baseball, where Pete encounters his detractors. It seems that Rose has an addiction. He is a gambler, a gambler

that bet on baseball.

No one in their wildest dream thinks that Rose threw a game or attempted to influence the game negatively. It has not been said that the threw games or did has not been said that he threw games, or did some other action which influenced the game inappropriately. His bets were independent of his performance. He never compromised the integrity of his playing. Therefore, the real question is, is it in the best interest to deny admittance to someone admittance to someone that has over 3,000 hits?

No matter how you

count it, The Man was among the best that ever played. The Hall of Fame therefore, is where he should be, isn't it?

From the couch I nder, but I don't know. I do know that I enjoyed seeing Rose play as part of the Big Red machine; I do know that gambling is a disease that Pete had. Do we ban people who

#### THE BANDS

By Larry Bortstein

Pasadena High School hasn't done well in the last two decades of its football rivalry with Muir High School. But when it comes to its bands, the Bulldogs have had the manpower advantage.

Like other local schools. both Pasadena and Muir have suffered cutbacks in their music programs in recent years. But Pasadena still sends out about 80 band members to play at halftime of its football games, while Muir can respond with only about 30. "It's tough to find

enough people who can play their instruments well enough," said Mitch Cyman, 25, who is in his second year as director of Muir's band.

of Muir's band.
What the Muir group
lacks in volume, it makes
up for intensity and spirit
in matching up with the
Pasadena band led for the last 20 years by David

Miller. "Considering we've won considering we woon only one game and tied one in all the years I've been here, the students in our band do a good job keeping up their end of things," Miller said.

Both Cyman and Miller point out that trying to

point out that trying to be heard on the floor of the Rose Bowl in front of a crowd that finds other

#### Bulldog Marching Band

things to do at halftime is a test for both bands.

"You can only get so much volume from a small group," Miller pointed out.
"The chance to play in the Rose Bowl is very appealing to our band members," Cyman said.

Pasadena is the designated home team for its game with Muir on Nov. 9, so its band will play second. Each group performs for about 10

minutes. The Bulldogs' outfit will Ine Buildogs outnt win play a collection of songs with a "funk" theme and the Mustangs group will perform tunes from the hit Broadway show "Rent."

