

Happy Thanksgiving



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The new 2012 members of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council gather to be installed by man about town Lloyd Hitt.

Alarcón Acts to Preserve Historic WWII Tuna Canyon Site

Los Angeles City Councilmember Richard Alarcon has introduced a motion that would protect an important part of the cultural legacy of the Northeast San Fernando Valley by including the site of the Tuna Canyon Detention Station in Tujunga on the City's list of Historical and Cultural Monuments.

The Tuna Canyon Detention Station site, which is known by local residents as the "Verdugo Hills Golf Course," has been facing the threat of a proposed residential subdivision, which would degrade the site's historic value, remove natural open space and eliminate an opportunity to commemorate a significant historic resource. Alarcon's motion would preserve and protect the important historic site from the threat of development.

"There is a rich and important history in Northeast San Fernando that must be protected so kids today and generations in the future can learn from our past," said Alarcon. "I strongly believe that a housing development would be inconsistent with our goal to preserve the legacy of the Tuna Canyon Detention Station site, and I am proud to work with partners in the Sunland-Tujunga community to protect the area."

A recent release of records at the National Archives and Records Center at Laguna Niguel revealed for the first time that there were two detention centers located in the Los Angeles area following the attack on Pearl Harbor.

At the outset of World War II, the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service took over the former Civilian Conservation Corps camp, which opened in 1933 at 6330 Tujunga Canyon Boulevard, and transformed it into the Tuna Canyon Detention Station. A barbed wire enclosure with lights and

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S-T Neighborhood Council is Installed

By Pat Kramer

The new board for the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council was installed at their monthly board meeting on Sept. 12, 2012. While three of the new board members were not present for the installation (Angela Vick was giving birth to a new baby, and Al Timins and Arsen Karamians were not present), the rest of the board was sworn-in by Lloyd Hitt, formerly of Bolton Hall and Little Landers Historical Society. Hitt was standing in for Councilmember Richard Alarcon, who was scheduled to swear in the new board but was not able to attend the meeting.

Returning to the board are incumbent members: Mark Seigel (president), Cindy Cleghorn (2nd Vice President of Outreach), Region 1 Rep Kresse Armour, Region 2 Rep Arsen Karamians, Region 4 Rep Araz Parseghian, and Group Reps Richard Stewart (Environmental Rep), Lydia Grant (Parent Rep), and John (Blue) Herget (Veterans Rep). Nina Royal, a former board member, also returned to the board as Treasurer.

Incoming new board members include Paolina Milana-Edwards as 1st Vice President-Community Improvement, Secretary Melodee Patterson, Region 1 Rep Angela Vick, Region 2 Rep Thomas Smoker Jr., Region 3 Reps Michael Jones and Michael Higby, and

Group Reps: Patrick O'Brien (Veterans), Joe DeCenzo (Writers & Poets), and Krystee Clark (Entertainment Industry). Additionally, Al Timins will serve as Senior Rep.

There are currently two vacancies on the board: newly-installed board member Jan Linsalato has resigned due to a change in her work schedule. There is also a Region 4 opening for another rep. STNC hopes to bring in a Youth rep to fill Jan's Group seat.

On returning to the board, Region 4 Rep Araz Parseghian said, "My first term with STNC had many rewarding moments for me and the community.

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Community Rallying to Save the Verdugo Hills Golf Course

By Kresse Armour

Seldom in the history of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council has an issue such as the preservation of the Verdugo Hills Golf Course brought out as many people as those who came to show their support on Oct. 11. It was standing room only at the regular monthly meeting.

An issue that is receiving renewed attention is that the land on which the Golf Course was built has great historic value: it is estimated

that during WWII some 3,000 Japanese and Japanese-Americans were detained there in barracks built by FDR's Civilian Conservation Corps.

A growing number of citizens in and around the Sunland-Tujunga area would like to see the open space remain pristine — a monument built and perhaps a park erected. A place with a dark past could then look forward to a brighter future.

The Little Landers Society has worked diligently over the years to collect information from detainees of

this camp, as well as from their survivors, who may have stories and artifacts to share that would help to cement a comprehensive recounting of this time in history.

Over the next several months, the *Voice of the Village* will be printing follow-up stories on this issue and would welcome information on the subject of the Tuna Camp and the efforts to preserve this historic site.

Those with contributions are invited to contact the paper at: editor@voiceofthevillage.org

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Blake Dahlgren: A Champion Who is Giving Back

By Kresse Armour

From every aspect, Blake Dahlgren is a standout. Tall and dark with movie star good looks, at 6'3" he is one of the world's tallest competitors in the thrilling sport of vaulting — his long, lean lines adding to his striking presence on the back of a horse.

Much shorter when he found what he calls his "passion," Dahlgren was then just a youngster, tagging along behind his brother, following an adventurous mom who'd made Saturdays at the stables a regular family outing. But skipping the routine walk, jog and trot of traditional riding lessons, the Dahlgrens jumped straight to vaulting — and by the age of 8 Blake was already a competitor. National competition came by the age of 9. By the age of 14 he'd reached six feet, and standing on horseback with his arms outstretched he became known as the 'The Flyer' as he circled the arena.

Dahlgren describes vaulting as a sport that incorporates the flowing and graceful elements of dance and gymnastics, which are combined and elegantly expressed on the back of a cantering horse. It can involve one, two, or three vaulters. Evocative of the Renaissance era, the intricate movements are stunning.

A solid competitor for 20 years, Dahlgren is both a national and international champion, representing the US at the 2000 World Equestrian Games in Germany, the 2002 games in Spain, the 2006 games in Austria, and the 2010 games in Lexington, Kentucky.

Most recently, at the 2012 games in Le Mans, France, Dahlgren and partner Megan Benjamin took the bronze medal in the 'Pas de Deux,' which translates as a "Dance of Two," a spectacular category of competition in which rhythm and coordination are crucial, and the margin of error is gauged in millimeters.

With uncommon strength, rock solid balance and split-second timing, Dahlgren and Benjamin are the picture of grace under pressure in this distinct type of pairs competition. Spellbinding, Pas de Deux, is something like Olympic level pairs skating — skillful maneuvers through time and space that breathtakingly test the bounds of human capability. But instead of moving on steel blades across an ice arena, its two performers are atop a swiftly moving horse in an equestrian arena.

For a sport so demanding, physical conditioning is imperative. A dedicated and disciplined competitor, Dahlgren trains upward of 15 hours a week incorporating running, weight lifting and Pilates into a comprehensive exercise schedule.

In 2011, Dahlgren decided that he would take his career to the next level. Following years of training and guidance under mentors Rick Hawthorne of Valley View Vaulters and Devon Maitozo of FACE Vaulting Club, he felt the time was right to take a leap of faith in himself. In September of last year he founded his own organization, the Los Angeles Equestrian Vaulting Club (LAEVC), a non-profit nationally competitive sports program.

An inspiring coach, Dahlgren has a way of bringing out the best in his vaulting students, who have gained wide recognition in both individual and team events. This past summer at the National Vaulting Championships in Lexington, Kentucky, Dahl-



Blake Dahlgren

gren coached student Geoff Woolson, on Wyeth, a horse from LAEVC's own stable, to the Silver Men's National Championship.

And with the bronze medal from this year's Le Mans games, Dahlgren's partner Megan became the first vaulter in history to medal in the World Championships in three different divisions: Individual Female Gold in 2006, Team Silver in 2006, and Pas de Deux Bronze in 2012.

As mentor and coach, Dahlgren understands that people have different ways of learning. At LAEVC, he aims to provide "high quality equestrian vaulting instruction, inspire creativity and provide young equestrians with a deep appreciation and unique understanding of the human-equine relationship through the art and sport of equestrian vaulting."

His student base is growing, with vaulters learning at all ages and levels.

"I know what it takes, because I've been there," he said. "My goal is not to tell them how to succeed, but to help them find their own individual paths to success."

To find out more about the Los Angeles Equestrian Vaulting Club, which is both a member of the American Vaulting Association and a supporter of the United States Equestrian Federation, call 818-618-5274 or 818-590-3319. Check out the website at: laevc.com.

Top: Blake Dahlgren and Pas de Deux partner Megan Benjamin give a winning performance at the World Equestrian Games. Above right and below right, Dahlgren and Benjamin continue their performance. Above left, Dahlgren demonstrates his coaching skill by getting Los Angeles Councilmember Richard Alarcón up onto Wyeth, one of LAEVC's champion horses, after the councilmember had presented a special certificate of recognition to Dahlgren. Below, international champions Dahlgren and Benjamin receive their medals.





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There's a new Sheriff in town: The annual Honorary Sheriff campaign, a fund-raiser sponsored by the S-T Chamber of Commerce, found Brenda Fortune winning the position, which comes with a badge. Councilmember Richard Alarcón congratulated outgoing Sheriff Tawnya Gartside and swore in S-T's newest peace officer. From left: Alarcón, Gartside, Fortune, and former Chamber president Sonia Tatulian.





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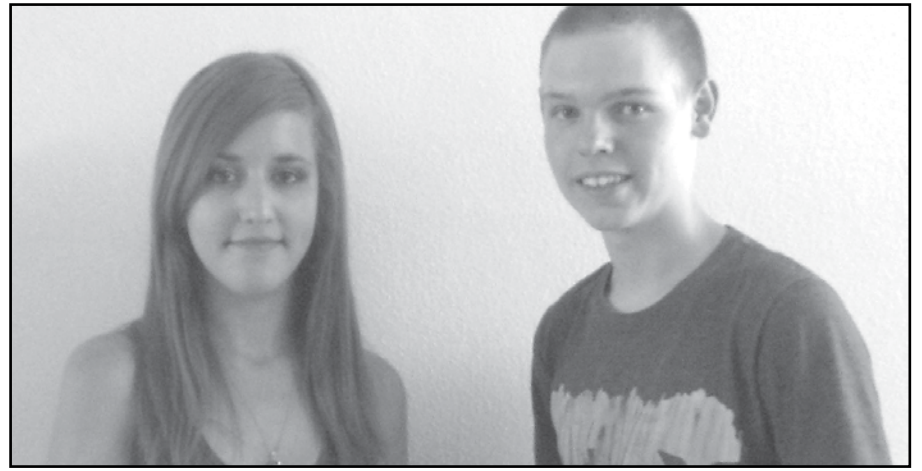
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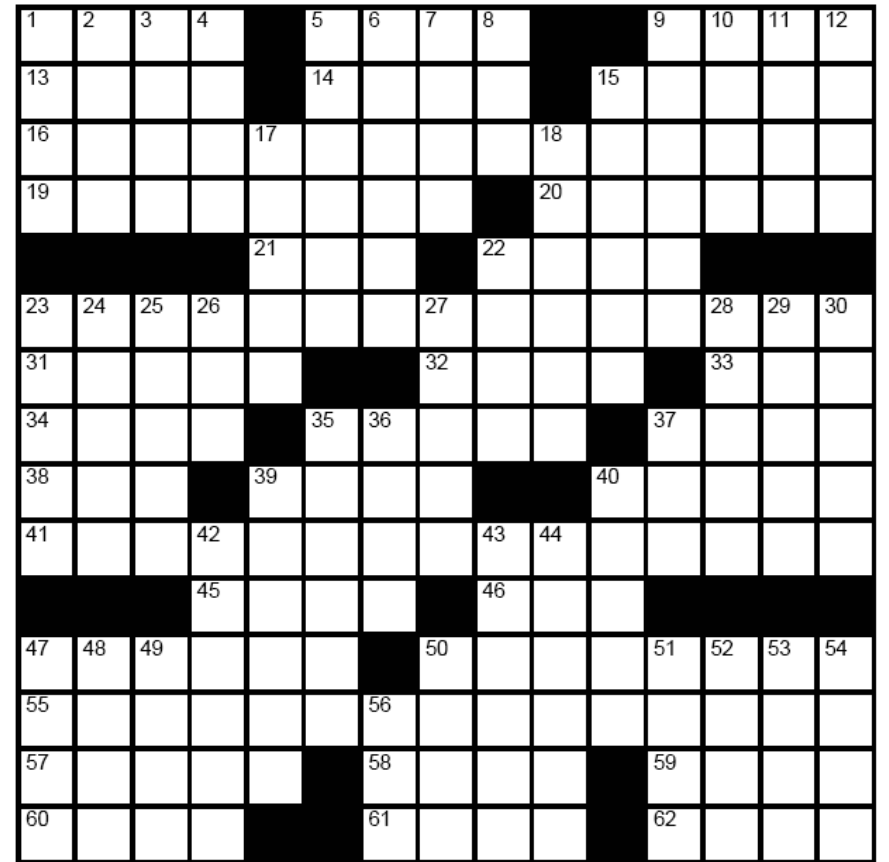
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VHH Offering Improved Website

Verdugo Hills Hospital (VHH) is pleased to announce the launch of its new and improved website. The dramatically redesigned website's new homepage welcomes visitors with bold new colors, a new and improved design, and interactive images with featured rich content. The new website offers a contemporary new look that will provide a streamlined user-friendly experience with improved navigation, search functionality and social media tools.

In addition, VHH's Emergency Room wait times are posted on the website; wait times are updated in real time for the convenience of the nearby communities. Estimated wait times (30 minutes, 60 minutes or 90 minutes) posted on the website indicate wait times from door (time of check-in) to health-care provider.

"By providing ER wait times, we are showing yet another way in which the Verdugo Hills Hospital Emergency Department is listening to their patients, understanding their requests and trying to provide up-to-date real information to better serve our community," said Armand Dorian, MD, Co-Director of the Emergency Department at VHH.

VHH's new website features new tabs with a plethora of new information, plus links that include "Meet our Physicians" which consists of physician videos on their respective specialty and services – as well as videos of our recent Physician Lectures Series.

"The redesign of the new VHH website lays the groundwork for our in-house staff to work with our new website developer to continue with our philosophy of ongoing evolution and expansion of our website with

new features and improvements being made on an ongoing basis," said Jim Sevilla, Executive Director of Information Systems at VHH. "Please continue to visit our website periodically to see how it will be evolving."

For Sevilla, who has worked at VHH since 2008, the best part of his job is working with VHH's Senior Leadership Team and his colleagues to improve information technology and to ensure that VHH's clinical team of physicians and hospital professionals continue to provide excellent patient care to residents of the Foothill communities with state-of-the art technology.

VHH's new website was developed by Caspian Services, Inc. For more information, please visit www.vhhospital.org.

Verdugo Hills Hospital is a 158-bed nonprofit primary care facility nestled in the foothills between Glendale and La Cañada Flintridge. Hospital features include Primary Stroke Center, emergency services, comprehensive inpatient and outpatient diagnostic and treatment facilities, and a family birthing center. The Hospital also offers surgical services, including bariatric and orthopedic surgeries. It is an independent, free-standing hospital in the greater Foothills community. VHH was named "The Finest Hospital" by readers of Crescenta Valley Weekly newspaper. Previously, VHH was voted "Foothills' Best Hospital" by readers of the Glendale News-Press for five consecutive years. For more information, please visit www.vhhospital.org. For more information about funding initiatives or to support the hospital, please call the Foundation at 818-952-2226.

Across

- 1. Like some columns
- 5. Strike
- 9. Cheerless
- 13. Paella pot
- 14. Maintain
- 15. Not fine
- 16. Acquisition method
- 19. Ones at the helm
- 20. "You don't say!"
- 21. "___ time"
- 22. Old Icelandic literary work
- 23. Snubbing
- 31. West Indian folk magic
- 32. Catch
- 33. Farm call
- 34. Fabric
- 35. Acadia National Park locale
- 37. Bakery buy
- 38. Extreme suffix
- 39. Foofaraw
- 40. Ism
- 41. Eluding an officer
- 45. Feeder filler
- 46. Legal org.
- 47. Catalog

50. Eccentric

- 55. Kamikaze run?
- 57. X-Men villain, and namesakes
- 58. Place
- 59. Big name in pineapples
- 60. Eyelid woe
- 61. Leavings
- 62. Abreast of

Down

- 1. Cries at fireworks
- 2. Map
- 3. Further
- 4. Watch feature, perhaps
- 5. Fourth letter of Hebrew alphabet
- 6. Exceedingly
- 7. "___ go!"
- 8. Bygone polit. cause
- 9. Tree type
- 10. **** review
- 11. Sheltered
- 12. Maryland stadium
- 15. Gregor Johann ___
- 17. Dander
- 18. Certain federal tax
- 22. Distinctive flair

23. Show fear

- 24. Having a lot to lose?
- 25. Boxing blows
- 26. Not dis
- 27. Kind of jack
- 28. Candidate's concern
- 29. Standards
- 30. Reached
- 35. Unaccompanied compositions
- 36. Passage
- 37. Lookout point
- 39. Aggravation
- 40. Harsh Athenian lawgiver
- 42. King Mark's bride
- 43. January's birthstone
- 44. Old calculator
- 47. Does something
- 48. Dirty coat
- 49. Cut down
- 50. Coconut fiber
- 51. African antelope
- 52. Play thing
- 53. Capital near the 60th parallel
- 54. Adult-in-waiting?
- 56. U.N. workers' grp.

Crossword answers on page 31.

Cindy Cleghorn Named New S-T Chamber President

By Sonia Tatulian

Following elections, here is the new Sunland-Tujunga Chamber of Commerce 2013 Board of Directors:

- President – Cindy Cleghorn, C&M Printing, Copying & Mailing
- Immediate Past President – Sonia Tatulian
- 1st VP – Phil Tabbi II, Abbott Industries
- 2nd VP– Amal Machhour, Sunland Discount Market
- 3rd VP– John Loussararian, Verdugo Hills Family YMCA
- Treasurer – Ann Marie Flaherty, HKG,LLP

Here are new Directors:

- David Bellusci, Kiwanis Representative
- Tomi Lyn Bowling, Tomi Realty
- Louis Buono, Louie Electric
- Ron Cech, The Insurance Store
- Paul Johnston, Century 21 Crest Real Estate
- Dr. Kathie Mathis, CA Cognitive Behavioral Institute
- Dr. James Mertz, DDS
- Mike Perry, Fidelity Title Insurance
- Nina Royal, North Valley Reporter
- Jim Saurer, Resident
- Mark Seigel, President STNC
- Richard Stewart, Richard Stewart Paint Company
- Phil Tabbi, Resident
- Jana 'ACE' Wunderlich, Podley Properties

New Chamber President Cindy Cleghorn is the owner of C&M Printing, Copying, Mailing, located on Commerce Avenue in Tujunga. Serving the Sunland-Tujunga, Glendale, Pasadena, Burbank and neighboring Los Angeles communities, her small business provides services in legal copying, business printing, newsletters, marketing and mailing services.



Cindy Cleghorn

C&M has been a part of the Sunland-Tujunga community since 2001, when Cindy and her family remodeled the building that was once the Elks Lodge in the '60s and '70s.

Cindy's involvement with the community helped to spearhead the restoration of the business section of Commerce Avenue in Tujunga, which has now been designated 'Historic Olde Towne Tujunga.' She has been an elected board member of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council. She currently serves as VP-Outreach and is on the Land Use Committee. Cindy just completed her second year as chair of the Congress of Neighborhoods, an annual event that brings more than 600 people to City Hall.

Cindy recently completed a tour of speaking engagements on "Print Campaigns that Work" and works with a wide range of businesses and organizations in their print, graphic design and marketing plans.

She received the honor of being elected to serve on the White House Conference on Small Business in 1995. She is a member, as well as serves on

the board of several business associations including: the National Association of Women Business Owners – Los Angeles Chapter, which selected her as Member of the Year 1993; Women Impacting Public Policy – WIPP; California Association of Business Printers, serving as president; California Small Business Association; and the Kiwanis Club of Glendale, where she served as Vice President. In addition to serving on the board of the Sunland-Tujunga Chamber of Commerce, Cindy will represent Sunland-Tujunga at the United Chambers of Commerce and its Government Affairs Committee.

Hobbies: Cindy and Mark Seigel are licensed Amateur Radio Operators and have served on the Disaster Communications Service –L.A. County and Tournament of Roses Radio Amateurs.

Cindy is looking forward to working with the new leadership elected to serve the S-T Chamber this coming year and getting to know all the businesses in the Sunland-Tujunga community.

CHAMBER BOARD INSTALLATION DINNER:

Congratulations to our new Chamber Board of Directors for 2013. Councilmember Richard Alarcón is expected to officiate at the Sunland-Tujunga Chamber of Commerce installation dinner to be held Friday, Nov. 9.

This event will be held at the Sunland-Tujunga Elks Lodge, starting at 6:30 PM. Tickets to this event are \$25 per person — paid in advance — or \$30 at the door. Please RSVP with Fran at 818-352-4433.

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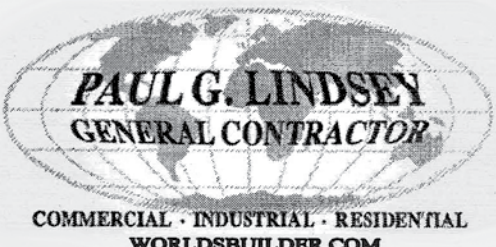
Did you know that every week, Chamber representatives attend the Food in the Foothills event and provide plastic bags filled with Chamber member's brochures and flyers to as many people attending this event as possible. If you have any brochures or other informational literature that you would like distributed to the many attendees at this event, please drop off this information at the Chamber office, and we will include it in our packets. Even if you can't be at the Food in the Foothills event, your Sunland-Tujunga Chamber will provide your information to the many, many participants.

HOLIDAY MIXER:

On Tuesday, Dec. 4, the Sunland-Tujunga Chamber of Commerce will be co-hosting our annual Holiday Mixer with the Sunland-Tujunga Elks Lodge, located at 10137 Commerce Avenue, in Tujunga. We will also be collecting toys and food for the holiday gift baskets prepared by the Elks each year for some of our local residents. There will be some great food, music and raffle prizes as well. Don't miss this fun event while helping out with your donations for this very worthwhile cause.

Your Sunland-Tujunga Chamber of Commerce office is open Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 am to 12 noon.. For further information about the events and activities going on in the Foothill Community, please check our website at www.STChamber.com under the community calendar tab.

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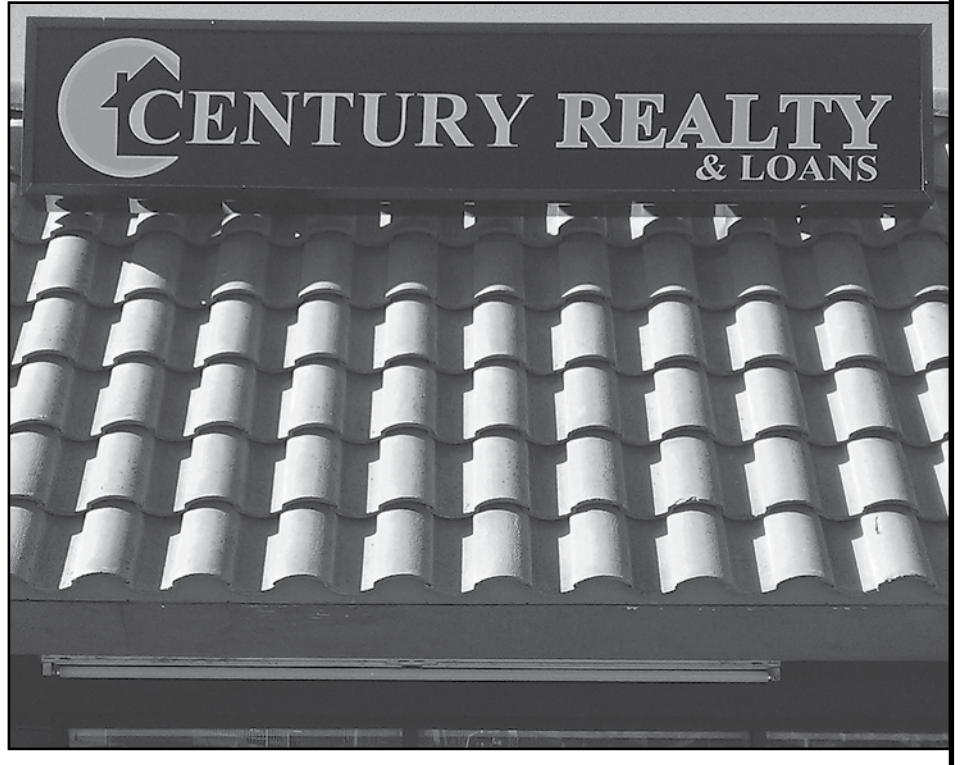
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Finance Matters: Look Before You Leap, the Fiscal Cliff Looms

By: Del Londono

What is the "fiscal cliff"? It's the term being used by many to describe the unique combination of tax increases and spending cuts scheduled to go into effect on January 1, 2013. The ominous term reflects the belief by some that, taken together, higher taxes and decreased spending at the levels prescribed have the potential to derail the economy. Whether we do indeed step off the cliff at the end of the year, and what exactly that will mean for the economy depends on several factors.

With the "Bush tax cuts" (extended for an additional two years by legislation passed in 2010) set to sunset at the end of 2012, federal income tax rates will jump up in 2013. We'll go from six federal tax brackets (10%, 15%, 25%, 28%, 33%, and 35%) to five (15%, 28%, 31%, 36%, and 39.6%). The maximum rate that applies to long-term capital gains will generally increase from 15% to 20%. And while the current lower long-term capital gain tax rates now apply to qualifying dividends, starting in 2013, dividends will once again be taxed as ordinary income.

Additionally, the temporary 2% reduction in the Social Security portion of the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) payroll tax, in place for the last two years, also expires at the end of 2012. And, lower alternative minimum tax (AMT) exemption amounts (the AMT-related provisions actually expired at the end of 2011) mean that there will be a dramatic increase in the

number of individuals subject to AMT when they file their 2012 federal income tax returns in 2013. Other breaks important tax breaks can be lost as well in 2013. This includes Estate and Gift Tax provisions, earned income tax credit, the child care tax credit, the American Opportunity Tax Credit (Hope), loss of deductions for student loan interest after 60 months of repayment and other itemized deductions phased out for higher reported adjusted gross incomes.

There continues to be discussion about extending expiring provisions. The impasse, however, centers on whether tax breaks get extended for all, or only for individuals earning \$200,000 or less (households earning \$250,000 or less). Many expect there to be little chance of resolution until after the November election.

The failure of the deficit reduction supercommittee to reach agreement back in November 2011 automatically triggered \$1.2 trillion in broad-based spending cuts over a multiyear period beginning in 2013. New legislation is required to avoid the automatic cuts. But while it's difficult to find anyone who believes the across-the-board cuts are a good idea, there is no consensus on how to prevent them. Like the expiring tax breaks, the direction the dialogue takes will likely depend on the results of the November election. Del Londono is the President of Centric Financial Services and can be reached at (818)249-7800, del@centricfs.com, www.centricfinancialservices.com.

READERS OPINIONS

Your Voice Counts: Get to the Polls and Make Yours Heard

Editor: If ever there was an election in which it was important to 'get out the vote,' this one is it.

It matters who is in the White House — which candidate will serve the common good and which one will not?

It matters who wins the Assembly seat — which candidate will serve the common good and which one will not?

It matters who lands up in the Senate — which candidate will serve the common good and which one will not?

It matters who becomes our new district attorney — which candidate will serve the common good and which one will not?

It matters in every race.

And with issues of more cuts to education, higher taxes, food modification, and big business trying to keep average citizens from exercising their democratic voting rights, the people must make their voices heard.

DO NOT BE SILENT ON ELECTION DAY. GET TO THE POLLS ON NOVEMBER 6 AND VOTE.

If you remain silent, someone else will speak for you.

Will you be happy with their choice?

Carole Gordon
Tujunga

Food Trucks and Local Restaurants Both Have a Place

Editor: I've seen the signs that read: support local restaurants, not food trucks. Why can't we do both? I've recently dined at Sweet Cherrie's Diner, Sake Sake, Panda Express, Burger King, McDonald's, Jack In The Box, and other local fast and slow food restaurants. But Sweet Cherrie's Diner is not going to make Chicken Tiki Masala if I'm in the mood for Indian cuisine. The Food Trucks are great for the community, one night a week. They offer fun and different food options, an energizing environment, and don't endanger the continued long term business to local establishments.

Paul Solomon
Tujunga

Think Outside the Work Box: a Change of Career May Change Your Future

Editor: Many of you have passed multiple times by Senne Technical Services (STS) and have probably never phased on what lays behind the RED door at 7841 Foothill Boulevard. Well, it is what many refer to as the "Home of the Level IIIs."

Let me tell you a little bit about my venture.

Senne Technical Services (STS) offers extensive training, courses and instruction into the Aerospace Industry. A couple of years ago I found myself abruptly out of a 15-year solid office

management job, at the time when layoffs where on the super rise. I was frustrated, stressed and worried, as I was unable to find anything remotely close to what I was doing and the pay I was receiving. I was overqualified for most positions, and most jobs available were in the neighborhood of minimum wage. I found myself with a challenge of having to just settle or venture into a new career. This is when STS crossed my path, and Steve Senne suggested I take one of his courses. After all, what did I have to lose?

To date, I have completed three courses (MT - Magnetic Particle Testing, PT - Liquid Penetrant Testing and RT - Radiography) and I am on my way to the top, after all this is the Aerospace Industry - it is the top of the top, right!

In the past few years, I have seen many people in the same situation as I have been and felt compelled to write about STS. Even if this article guides just one person to a better future then I would feel like I have done my one good deed for the day.

Nondestructive Testing (NDT) is the form of testing utilized in the aerospace industry to test, without destroying, the hardware on airplanes, jets, etc. STS offers training for eight such methods and offers Level III refresher courses and Auditing/Procedural Writing courses.

I remember the first day of class I sat there thinking what have I gotten myself into? Everything was sounding so foreign to me as I had never ventured into this type of field before however, I must say I surprised myself as I finished the course top of the class with 98%. WOW, I really had no idea, and if I can do it, then you can do it, too.

Once I completed my first course and showed great interest in this field, STS guided me through and found a company in which I began my hands-on training. These classes have led me to a great future with great enhancements and an amazing career. I physically put my hands on parts and pieces of hardware that travel around all over the world, hundreds of times, this is truly a spectacular feeling. STS has led to a career that allows me to utilize my skills and run inspections for some of the greatest companies in the aerospace industry Boeing, Lockheed Martin, American Airlines, Southwest Airlines, Rolls-Royce and Pratt - Whitney Rocketdyne just to name a few. My inspection stamps will linger with these companies for years to come.

I encourage anyone even remotely interested in building a solid career in this industry to take just one class with STS - open the door to your future! Young men and women, fresh out of high school, if you have no idea of what you want to do? You have no idea of what career to choose? Let STS lead you!

Steve Senne has been a wonderful mentor for me and has lead me into an unimaginable career and I will always be grateful for that opportunity. Five years ago, I never would have imagined doing what I do today. I encourage you to visit the site: www.senne-tech.org. Read about the courses and challenge yourself to step into your future. Contact Senne Technical Services at (310) 767-6203, you will not regret it.

Margret Yakhaman,
NDT, Level II - MT / PT

How to Help Children Reach Their Learning Potential? Start Teaching Them Early, Very Early...

By Tom Mendola

From time to time we see or hear of young children exhibiting great feats of intellect or demonstrations of talent such as speaking several languages, solving complex math problem, reading long novels or writing them, composing symphonies, delivering virtuoso musical performances, etc. all before the age of six. We tend to think that these children are gifted and indeed some are. However, research over the past 50 plus years on how children learn has yielded some remarkable data.

The child is able to learn tremendous amounts of data from late prenatal up until the age of around six. Actually, starting a child's education normally around five or six in a classroom is actually a disadvantage to the child. It is almost too late! After six, brain and mind development occurs in other areas and learning slows.

As a college student I became fascinated with the work of Jean Piaget, who keenly observed children from birth (his own included) through various stages of physical and mental development. He wrote down exactly what he observed and constructed a timeline of when children would develop certain motor, intellectual, and emotional skills. He noted that children learned in early childhood and how much information they absorbed.

Soon after I knew I was going to father my first child, I heard of Glenn Doman. As all parents do, I wanted to give my child a head start so she would not have as difficult a time as I had in school. I knew reading was the key to literacy and the sooner that skill could be developed, the better.

Children learn through all their senses. For intellectual absorption, sight, sound and touch (in that order mostly) are the most important. I read Doman's books and did his reading program with my daughter. By the time she was 22 months she read her first book. By the time she was five she had learned phonics and was reading short novels. At ten she was a published poet. After graduating college she received a Fulbright grant from the U.S. government and today she is wrapping up her PHD in Comparative Literature. Her education was funded mostly through scholarships.

Needless to say I am very proud of her and very relieved that I didn't have to spend a couple hundred thousand dollars on her education. But the point I want to drive home is we, as parents need to start early if we want our children to learn the skills that will help them survive.

As a music teacher I have had the pleasure of teaching drumming to children as young as two. These little people can hardly hold the sticks nor can their feet reach the foot pedals. But, they can count 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 beats in a bar of music and can hit the drum on the one when the counting of beats revolve back to 1.

They can recognize musical notes and their values and how long sounds last; they can hold simple basic patterns in time with music. They will also retain these skills as new ones are added. By the time they are bigger and can execute technically, watch out world!

Children learn language before they can speak. Speaking baby talk to a child only delays them from learning their native language. If there are several languages spoken around the child they can learn multiple languages.

The first barrier you must overcome is thinking that children are too young to learn. Children are learning in a constant fury and get bored very quickly once they figure out what they are trying solve. Any parent knows that when you give a child a toy that toy will be abandoned as soon as the child figures it out. The child is not very interested in it anymore. Parents wind up with a big box of toys that the child is no longer playing with.

The second barrier is having the patience and correct attitude to teach your child. Children should always be taught with a happy, up tone frame mind. They should never be forced especially if they are ill or they will associate your attitude and the conditions with learning and it will be a negative experience. It should always be a fun game.

Most important to remember is that children learn so rapidly that you must expose them to the material very quickly and end off with love and validation. Then add a little more data the next time. Learning sessions should be short and quick.

Remember, even though they may not be able to vocalize what you have shown them, it has been recorded. You will bore them if you try to drill the same information into them over and over. Don't test them or have them parrot back what they learned to you or your friends like a circus animal. They will resent it.

We owe our children literacy not only because we love them and want them to succeed but also to improve conditions in the future for mankind.

An educated society can make sane decisions if it's individual are literate. Certain societies go to great lengths to keep their populations uneducated so their leaders can control them and drive them into war and hate.

If you invest the time to educate your children when they are young enough, before you know it, they will be teaching you!

California Homeowners 'Bill of Rights'

By **Connie Saunders**

As put out by the Attorney General on broad public lines. It would be great to alert homeowners that finally in California they will have a standard set of rules that will have to be followed (not just 'voluntary' for the lenders) to ensure they have been considered for the various assistance programs if they have a hardship on their home. Some of the features are:

- Dual track foreclosure ban – meaning that a lender must decide if the homeowner qualifies for a Loan Modification before they are allowed to file a Notice of Default or Notice of Trustee Sale. Homeowners can also force a lender to document their right to foreclose.
- Prior to issuance of Foreclosure options lenders must explore the alternatives. Rights for appeal of 'denial' will also be developed.
- Single Point of Contact must be named for each borrower in trouble, who has knowledge of the borrower's status and provides for them access to the decision makers.
- Borrowers will have the ability to file an injunction and get relief by way of foreclosure 'stay' (hold) if this law is violated, with the Courts. Prior to this there was less sympathy from some Courts.

Willful violation of this act by lenders could lead to a \$7,500 fine per mortgage.

This illustrates the primary reasons I've seen as to why a homeowner ends up getting foreclosed on before they've had a fair chance with a lender looking at and evaluating their options – with, of course, the follow through of explanation of any denials. Before this, lenders have "misunderstood" something and refused to take a second look and give opportunity to correct the error, when asked to do this.

Good news for all. Communities experience just as many negative effects of foreclosure as the homeowner in trouble. These changes go into effect Jan. 1, 2013. It has already been helpful in communicating with lenders about these rights and getting immediate relief. I recommend all Realtors or Home Owners to keep up on this and insist on their rights.

Connie Saunders is a California Realtor

Q & A: The Debt Lady Tackles Finance Queries

I've been asked so many questions on the subject of debt that I've decided to share them with you in hopes of helping you and others with their financial difficulties. If you have any questions that you would like to share with me, please send me an email at info@thedebtlady.com, and get your answer published in the newspaper!

81 YEAR OLD, GIVES MOBILE HOME BACK TO BANK, STILL OWES MONEY!?

DEAR DEBT LADY: I am having a problem with a collection agency. I am an 81-year-old man who bought a mobile home with my wife. My wife passed away and half of my income was no longer coming in. I put the home on the market and could not find a buyer. I was up to date on my payments and my rental space through September 2011. But I was struggling to survive so I went to a bank and turned the mobile home back to the bank. No repo, no foreclosure—just released it to the bank with all payments up to date. The home was sold for wholesale and the bank turned it over to a collection agency for the \$15,000. I was continually harassed for the \$15,000 that I don't have. I have no savings, a 15-year-old car, and a 15-year-old motor home that I park at a friend's house for \$100 a month.

The first collection agency could not collect anything so they turned it over to another agency. They want me to use a credit card to pay them. I don't even own a credit card. I am frustrated. I have never been in such a situation in all my 81 years. Is there anything I can do to get out of this mess? I thought I was doing the right thing when I went to the bank to release the mobile home.

Thank You,
L. H.

DEAR L. H.: You have several options available. If the phone calls and harassing mail from the collection agency are too much, there is an easy fix. You can send a "cease and desist letter" to the collection agency. It's basically a letter asking them to stop communication with you or you'll file complaints against them, or possibly even a lawsuit. Whether you actually do any of that is up to you. I can direct you to the proper agencies if they continue to harass you after you've sent the letter. By law, they HAVE to cease communicating with you once you send this letter. If and when you decide to call them to discuss a resolution on the account, they may ask you to lift the cease and desist letter verbally or with another letter, which is pretty simple. I have included a generic cease and desist letter for you to use.

Now, as far as a solution to your debt, you have a few options:

1. You can pay off the \$15,000 in one chunk, or by resuming monthly payments. Setting up monthly payments is fairly easy, just give them a call and discuss your financial situation. Realize that some people never resume making payments, and they know this, so make sure your monthly amount is reasonable and within your budget. If you encounter a representative who is being difficult, I recommend hanging up and calling back at a later time to speak to someone else. Also, never ever give them a payment without getting a payment arrangement in writing FIRST! This is important, verbal agreements are worthless in the financial industry.

2. Settle your debt for \$7000 or less. You can negotiate with your creditor to settle your account for a lot less. When a creditor accepts a settlement offer, he forgives a part of your debt. Why should a creditor agree to such an offer? Creditors understand that a consumer can go bankrupt if his financial situation is poor and in some cases hardly recover any money at all. Whatever agreement you make, make sure you get it in writing!

3. If you're unable to pay anything at all, then consider this: There are state and federal laws called statutes of limitations. These laws protect consumers by making creditors write your accounts off after a certain amount of time. The federal law is seven years, and in some states even less. If you have not paid anything toward an account for a certain amount of time, it can be removed from your credit report altogether and you never owe it again.

The Debt Lady says, "Know your rights, know the law, and you will be free from stress!"

To get more details on debt free options, visit my website at www.thedebtlady.com

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The Health & Safety Fair held at All Nations Church (ANC) on Oct. 6 drew hundreds of visitors who received a variety of services and treatments from vision, dental and diabetes screening to acupuncture and nutrition counseling. Many attendees received free flu shots, which were provided by Councilmember Richard Alarcón's office. ANC also partnered with Anthem Blue Cross, Medicare, UCLA Dental, USC Dental, USC Pharmacy services, the Los Angeles Fire Department, as well as many local hospitals and medical practitioners.

All Nations Church, located at 1000 Foothill Blvd., Lake View Terrace, offers a variety of programs throughout the year. For more information visit their website at: www.ancot.org.



DENTAL BITS AND BITES: PERIODONTAL DISEASE

By James Mertz



More teeth are lost due to periodontal disease, the breakdown of the gums and bone supporting the teeth, than are lost due to decay.

Most people in our society are well aware of the causes of dental decay. The number one product causing dental cavities is soda drinks. If soda were to be eliminated in our culture, probably more than 80 percent of dental decay would be eliminated. Other sugar-containing products would account for the remaining 20 percent. The average person is usually well aware of the ill effects of refined carbohydrates on the

teeth.

The breakdown of the supporting structure of the teeth is, for the most part, a slow progressive occurrence happening over many years. The causes for periodontal disease can be multiple:

1. Lack of good oral hygiene — brushing and flossing — not only causes dental decay, it also causes the gums to become inflamed and tender. Continued

neglect leads to a breakdown of the bone surrounding the teeth. It is imperative for the average person to have their teeth cleaned by a professional

every six months. Some individuals build up heavy calcified deposits at a more rapid rate and require more

frequent hygiene appointments.

2. When I see a severe breakdown of bone in an individual in their 20s, I usually suspect that that individual was involved with "recreational drugs" for a period of time. An in-depth interview usually confirms that suspicion.

3. For many patients who manifest severe breakdown of the bone in their late 40s or later, the cause is the consumption of alcoholic beverages on a regular basis. Many of these same patients smoke, which causes an added risk.

4. Many people grind their teeth, often while they are sleeping. This results in

severe wear of teeth and in some cases loss of bone and loose teeth. If

diagnosed early, the dentist can construct an appliance to help reduce the premature loss of teeth.

5. Systemic diseases, such as diabetes, gastro-intestinal problems, hormonal imbalance, nutritional deficiency, can also lead to periodontal disease.

As with most disease, regular visits to the dentist, early diagnosis, proper diet, and good oral hygiene can assure each individual that they can retain all their teeth all their life.

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OLL Offers a Timely Reminder: Do Unto Others...

by Sonya Marquez

Do Unto Others...Isn't that what our parents always taught us? Or more commonly phrased, "How would you like it if someone did that to you?"

October marks an important time at Our Lady of Lourdes School (OLL). Along with a yearlong push, OLL dedicates a week in October to their Character Counts philosophy. Teaching kids the basic rules to building good character within themselves.

OLL has integrated the Josephson Institute's Six Character Pillars into their philosophy and teaching formats. Those six Pillars are Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. This is what Catholic Schools have preached and lived throughout their existence.

While children are still young, parents and teachers can work to instill these important values, so when that child grows to adulthood, they will hopefully know how to deal with everyday situations and treat others respectfully.

The way we treat people often says more about our character than what we say or do especially when we think no one is looking. Imagine how people treat or speak to a homeless person compared to a judge, for example. See a difference?

During the last week of October, kids are able to integrate these lessons into fun activities to further instill those characters. They will also soon be collecting food and household goods for the Thanksgiving Food Drive and Christmas Basket Giveaways, adding Giving to their lessons.

When you are among the kids at OLL it is pleasantly surprising how



polite they are. I have had kids open the door for me, reply with "please" and "thank you" and even a few "yes ma'ams." It truly is encouraging to know these kids will soon become teens, young adults and eventually those running our cities. And it is good

to know that way back when they learned those six important Pillars to becoming trusting, respectful, responsible, fair, caring citizens.

Everyone has character. Our Lady of Lourdes School wants to help their kids have Good Character.

YMCA to Launch New Chaplain Services Program

The Board of Directors at the YMCA of the Foothills recently approved the launch of a Chaplain Services program to benefit the community. Chaplain Services will come alongside the community in a caring and compassionate way to meet people where they are and assist them in any way possible. The program will also have a presence and provide support in the community when needed for emergency or crisis situations.

Chaplain Services is available and open to all. A Chaplain is not a pastor as they do not proselytize or attempt to persuade any particular religious beliefs onto anyone. Chaplains are welcoming to people of all faiths and backgrounds.

The Chaplain Services program at the Y will listen to anyone who needs help or guidance and recommend fitting strategies to navigate their lives forward in a positive direction. Collaborations and professional community resources have been established to provide further opportunities for those who seek them.

The Chaplain for this new program is Mark Yeager, who has served as a volunteer in our community and with the Y for 18 years. Chaplain Mark is credentialed with two National Chaplain Organizations, is FEMA and Red Cross certified, and is a Certified Disaster Relief Chaplain Trainer. Chaplain Mark and a team of volunteers are available at the Y eager to serve the community.

To utilize Chaplain Services, or for more information, please contact Chaplain Mark Yeager at Chaplain@ymcafoothills.org

The Y is located at 6840 Foothill Boulevard, Tujunga.

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GROWING UP IN SUNLAND

Great Catch, But No Cigar: 'Merchants' in Sunland Park

By Tom Gilfoy

No longer visible today but not lost to memory is a small, natural stream that used to flow by the edge of Sunland Park. Long since captured and confined to an underground culvert, this year-round stream may still be found but only where it emerges from the culvert in one of the trailer parks below. Paralleled by a waist-high, one rail fence, the stream and fence once delineated not only the western boundary of the park but also the end of right field on Sunland's only baseball diamond. It was here, at the fence, that I saw the greatest catch ever made.

A high drive was hit to right field. Percy, the right fielder, kept drifting back towards the fence until it was obvious the drive was going over. Not giving up, Percy jumped on top of the fence and then leaped skyward again to make the catch. Although admittedly, a memory that may have been enhanced by the passage of so many years, in my mind's eye I can still see good ol' Percy making that leap and coming down with the ball. "The catch," as it was to be known forever after, is but one of many memorable highlights from the days when the Sunland-Tujunga Merchant's baseball team ruled Sunland Park on Sunday afternoons.

These were the heydays of the park — when it overflowed with visitors during WW II. Gas rationing was one of the reasons. It kept people close to home for their entertainment. With nowhere else to go on their meager gas allowances, most Sunland-Tujunga families ended up in the park. That's not to say settling on the park was such a bad alternative. Unlike today, there were two amusement parks, several restaurants and other attractions, like Kimsley's Pony Rides, that helped pull in people. Also unlike today, the park was covered by one of the largest still-intact oak groves in Southern California, and many of the well-shaded picnic sites included not only a clean concrete table but also a gas stove for cooking and a sink for washing dishes. As might be imagined, these sites were very much in demand. If you wanted to use one on a typical summer Sunday, you had to arrive early in the morning to nail it down. The baseball game in the afternoon was, however, the biggest magnet, and if you intended to go you better be on the move towards the field by noon or all the best seats would be taken.

The games were played on the park's unique little field tucked away in the oaks and sycamores in such a peculiar way that there had to be many special ground rules. The distance to the right field fence, for example, was so short that hitting it out of the park in that direction only counted as a two-base hit (Percy's catch had thus robbed the batter of a double, not a homer). A ball hit into the trees in left field was not far enough to be considered a legitimate home run either, but since it was farther than to right field, it was a three bagger. A home run was allowed only if hit out of the park between two designated oak trees in center field.

And so it went, with one special rule following another. Looked at in total, the rules appeared as though they were made up by a bunch of kids for a sandlot game. But they were not, they were the official rules for playing base-



From left, Tom, Dick and Maryane Gilfoy, Sunland Park, 1940. Note the old oak trees in the background that have long since disappeared from the park.

ball on Sunland-Tujunga's only baseball diamond. Although years later, after the little stream was put underground, a second field was constructed in the park and the whole complex was shifted westward to allow for more standard dimensions, this cozy little ballpark served for many years as the home field for the most popular sports team in town: the Sunland-Tujunga Merchants, a semi-pro baseball team managed by Frankie Perez.

The Merchants took on all comers. With their undersized field burdened by all its special ground rules, it might be expected that there wouldn't be too many teams interested in playing the Merchants, but just the opposite was the case. There was no problem getting other teams to come out to Sunland, and this was true even though the Merchants never reciprocated by playing a game on their opponent's home field. This was a good deal for local fans as it meant there were games in the park on Sunday afternoons all summer long. The Merchants played some pretty good teams too, including a very talented and entertaining all black team that came up to the park a couple of times a season from somewhere in south L.A.

My brother Dick and I went to all the games with our dad. A lot of the time we sat with him, but sometimes we could earn pocket money by being the team's batboy or by keeping score on the big scoreboard in center field. In the latter job it was our responsibility to hang up the numbers for the outs, and at the end of each half inning, to hang up a number for the runs scored. I took the job very seriously, and I think Dick did, too. We certainly never wanted to be embarrassed by someone in the stands yelling out to center field, "Hey kid, there's two outs now, not one."

It was a big deal to get the job too, as it paid a whole quarter. Batboys only got a dime and had to work a lot harder. Frankie also paid a dime for each foul ball brought back, but the odds were against getting one of these as a gang of older kids usually stationed themselves strategically all around the field at the best places to retrieve foul balls.

There was a big old-fashioned grandstand located behind the third base line in about the same location where the Senior Center sits today. Made with heavy planks, it had an open back but was shaded by a big, arching wood roof. One of the reasons

for arriving a little early for a game was to get one of the preferred seats in the grandstand. But it was crowded everywhere else too. Although some people watched from their nosed-in cars along Fenwick, most of those not in the grandstand were either in the small bleachers farther up the third base line or were picnicking three or four rows deep under the oaks beyond left field. On big days such as the Fourth of July, when doubleheaders were usually played, the crowds sometimes encroached onto the playing field. I recall more than one game having to be stopped so the umpires and team managers could walk around and move picnickers off the outfield. That included some who, over my protestations, had spread out their blankets next to me at the center field scoreboard.

Our dad had his favorite seat in the grandstand where he could usually be found smoking his once-a-week cigar. Mom hated dad to smoke and nagged him quite a bit about it. I don't know why — there was probably no good reason — I once told her I saw him smoking cigars at the ballgames. Dad was standing close enough to overhear and I'll never forget the look of disappointment he gave me. It was as though I had betrayed our special times together watching the games.

And they were special, too. I learned a lot about baseball from these times together. He and I knew all the players by name and talked about their batting averages the same as though they were major leaguers. One thing he could never explain to my satisfaction though, was why all the great players on the S-T Merchants weren't in the majors. I wasn't old enough to comprehend then, but the truth was the Merchants were nearly all older men, well past their prime, or they would have been in the armed services during these wartime years. But that's something I couldn't be made to understand then. All I could think of was how could someone make a great catch like Percy's or drive a ball out of the park between those two oak trees and not be a major leaguer?

Our favorite player on the Merchants was the manager, Frankie Perez. Even though Frankie usually only played late in the game when needed as a relief pitcher, he was definitely the one I admired the most. Sometimes I secretly wanted the other team to get

a rally going so we could yell, "Hey, Frankie, you better go in and put the fire out." I couldn't wait to see him come out of the dugout and start pitching. He seemed to never fail to stop a rally by fooling the batter with his famous submariner. I think Frankie hurt his arm or shoulder at some point in his career and don't think he could have pitched overhand even if he wanted to. Maybe it was a good thing too, as his submariner was a good change of pace that threw the other team off balance. Dad liked Frankie and what he was doing with the baseball team so much that, to our mom's chagrin, he made him a special deal to get him into one of the houses he built on Grenoble Street in Sunland. Frankie lived there the rest of his life, passing away only recently.

There were a lot of good things I learned from my dad that you could shout from the stands at the players. Things like, "Get the water hot." This you yelled at the opposing pitcher when he was getting hit pretty hard and it was time for him to take an early shower. At seven or eight years old I thought this was one of the more sophisticated things you could yell, as you had to be a real fan or a ball player to understand the connection between getting the water hot and the need for taking the pitcher out of the game. I mean, that was right up there with calling a pop fly that dropped in for a hit a "Texas Leaguer," or referring to a double play from third to second to first as "going round the horn." The one thing I never understood, though, was why dad would yell, "The umpire needs a new pair of glasses" when the umpire didn't wear glasses in the first place. But no matter, whenever a close call went against the Merchants, I yelled it too. We had such a good time. To this day I'll never understand how I could have ratted on him about those cigars.

If only dad had passed out one of those cigars every time a great play like Percy's was made, there would have been none left for him to smoke and my painful memory would have been avoided. The Merchants made that many great plays, too. They were that good. They should have all been in the majors.

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Four old-time baseball players reenact Percy's great catch at nearly the exact place in Sunland Park where the catch was made in 1939. That's Bill Taylor as the top rail on the fence as Ted Capuano and Joe Sinclair assist Joe "Percy" Kertes as he goes skyward for the ball. (From 'Growing up in Sunland,' Page 12)



The NBA is Almost Here

By Michael Gates

It's been a while since we were all watching the Miami Heat being crowned NBA champions in last year's NBA finals. Now the time has come for the NBA to start up again. Most of you reading this are probably a Laker or Clipper fan, and most of you were probably disappointed that your team did not win it all last year.

The Lakers this off season acquired some huge offensive threats. Dwight Howard and Steve Nash look to help Kobe and Pau win it all this year. Many would say the Lakers are a strong contender this year but no one really knows how Dwight Howard will play after coming off of back surgery. Steve Nash may be up there in age but is still ready to ball most people up. So will the Lakers be a strong contender for the title this season? We will all find out soon enough.

The Los Angeles Clippers also acquired some huge weapons this season. They signed Lamar Odom former Clipper and Laker and also Grant Hill. Lamar Odom looks to bounce back after a disappointing season with the Dallas Mavericks last year. The Clippers need him to play like the 6th man of the year like he did with the Lakers. Grant Hill is an incredible shooter who brings great experience and leadership abilities to this young team. Who knows, the Clippers might be a strong contender also for the title.

Well folks there you have it. The NBA is just around the corner, and your teams are looking to win it all this year. What an exciting season this is going to be. Enjoy it while it lasts because in a blink of an eye the regular season will be over and it will be Playoffs time.

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For the second year in a row the theme was Country Western!

This is an event that Villa Scalabrini's senior residents look forward to year after year and offers a great opportunity to share fun time with their families and friends.

The repeat success of the Family Picnic is the result of a combination of factors: the exceptional participation of the Villa's families, the generosity of many businesses and the hard work of volunteers and staff.

Thank you everyone!

Villa Scalabrini Retirement Center is located at 10631 Vinedale St., Sun Valley, CA 91352. Villa Scalabrini offers independent living, assisted living, memory care and skilled nursing care. For more information call (818)768-6500 or visit www.villascalabrini.com



Villa Scalabrini residents and their families enjoy a down-home, true family-style picnic. The annual bash is a favorite event.

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Verdugo Hills Hospital (VHH) has upgraded its MRI system to the advanced Optima™ MR450w MRI system from GE Healthcare. VHH now has the same, premier diagnostic imaging as some of the most prestigious cancer organizations in Southern California.

The new in-house MRI system uses advanced, cutting-edge technology while providing extra comfort for the patient. It delivers accurate imaging capability, allows for reduced wait times, and offers quiet technology to reduce acoustic noise. The new MRI technology also maximizes comfort for each patient with an extra wide comfortable and less claustrophobic patient space.

The new MRI system has a specialized breast imaging system that allows for quick and comfortable scans.

It also has the capability to perform accurate breast biopsies with reduced complications due to clearer, detailed images available before a biopsy. Patients will also have access to MRI imaging 24/7 while receiving the highest-quality care by board-certified MRI technologists (they are certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists - ARRT).

"We are very proud to have such an advanced imaging system here at Verdugo Hills Hospital," said Scott Cameron, Administrative Director

of Diagnostic Services at VHH. "This is the type of technology you would normally see at a university hospital or major medical center.

The addition of breast imaging and MR-guided breast biopsy means that our patients will no longer have to go out of the community to receive this type of specialized care."

The new MRI system, along with VHH's full-field digital mammography system also by GE Healthcare, will help physicians make the most accurate diagnosis.

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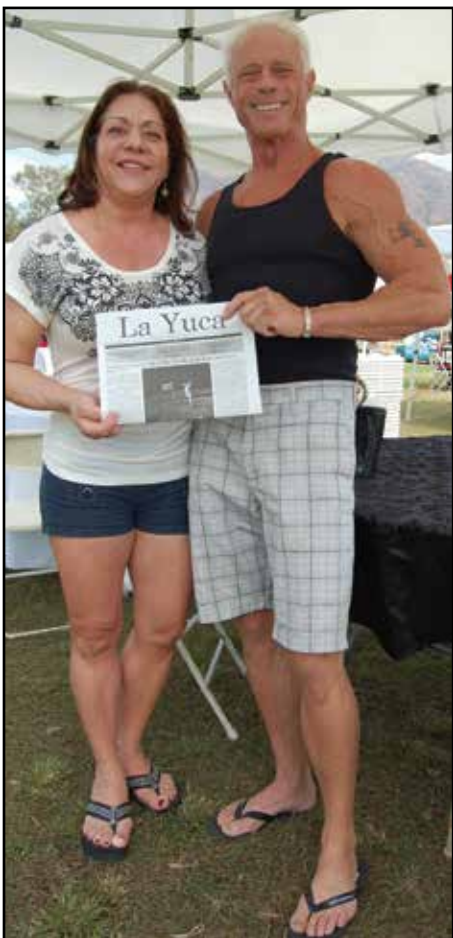
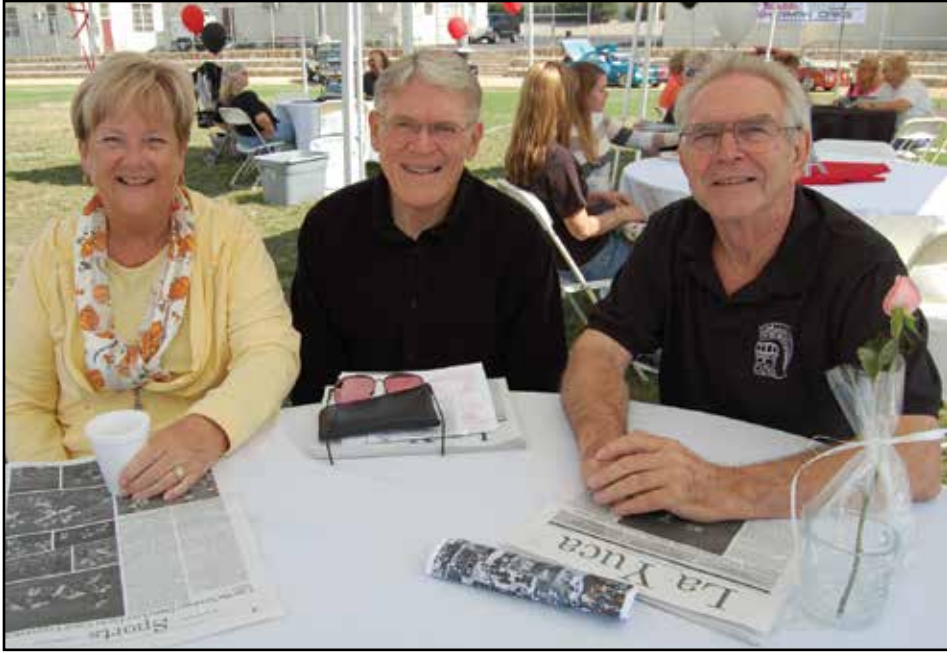


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COWBOY FUN AT ALISAL GUEST RANCH & RESORT

By Greg Aragon

As a light wind whipped through a grove of giant sycamores, we galloped through a beautiful canyon, bound for an historic adobe outpost. When we got within a 100 yards of our destination, I caught the aroma of sausage sizzling on an open campfire and heard the twang of a singing cowboy. This was the kind of rustic adventure I was hoping for when I booked a stay at the Alisal Guest Ranch & Resort.

My recent getaway to the 10,000-acre ranch began when a friend and I drove through the Dutch-inspired, windmill-laden town of Solvang, crossed an old bridge spanning a creek, and entered the wooded wonderland known as Alisal. Here we checked into a charming one-bedroom casita and began a memorable western journey.

Located between the pool and the fitness center, the suite was highlighted by a real wood-burning fireplace, sleeper sofa, comfy chairs, a bedroom with a king bed, separate tub and shower, and free wireless Internet. The room had it all – except what we didn't need: television and telephone.

From the front porch of our suite, we had a great view of the pool, sandy volleyball court, activities room, and the majestic Santa Ynez Mountains looming in the distance above Solvang. Behind us was a basketball court and fitness room, where I worked out before soaking in the Jacuzzi.

After the soak, I put on a dinner jacket and we headed to the Ranch Room for an eclectic Californian din-



Horseback riding is all part of the fun of the Alisal Guest Ranch & Resort.

ner with a western flair created by executive chef Pascal Godé.

While sitting beside a large window that overlooked the barn and stables, we began our meal with Alisal tortilla soup — with chicken, avocado, cilantro and crispy tortillas — along with a roasted beet salad and a couple glasses of merlot.

For a main course, I enjoyed succulent seared sea scallops on a bed of creamy pasta with asparagus and crunchy potato slices. My friend had a juicy 10-ounce grilled hangar steak with French fries, broccoli and shallot-bordelaise sauce. After dinner we

strolled back to the room beneath a coal-black cloudless sky, teeming with shimmering stars. We then relaxed by the fireplace with a bottle of wine and dozed off to the sound of wood crackling.

In the morning we met near the barn and saddled-up for a unforgettable breakfast ride to the Old Alisal Adobe Camp.

Along the way, we rode over dusty trails lined with shady trees and rolling hillsides, through empty canyons, where the sounds of horse hoofs echoed, and past herds of grazing cattle and flowing streams.

After a 45-minute ride we reached the camp, where we were greeted by a guitar-playing cowboy and a full country breakfast cooked outdoors, western-style. While eating a plate of flapjacks, sausage and eggs, and listening to a cowboy recite poetry and pluck his six string, I took my Stetson off, rubbed my belly and wished I could stay a few more days in this rustic, slow-moving paradise.

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This example illustrates that a few things that have happened: first, he made a decision to perform in front of others, which takes a great deal of courage. Second, by agreeing to perform he has committed to be responsible for preparing himself to be able to perform well. Third, he has strengthened his self-discipline by diligently working hard at a skill he enjoys. Fourth, when he gets up on the stage, plays his song and hears the audience's roaring applause, he is appropriately acknowledged for the hard work and dedication he has put into learning the song that he has performed. With this, his self-confidence skyrockets. He is now energized to continue on the path he has chosen — with a higher degree of responsibility, discipline and confidence in himself.

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The Community Center will be working with local schools and businesses to collect items, such as canned foods, pasta, rice, baby food, beans and other non-perishables.

Because of potential breakage, please do not donate items in glass containers. Grocery store gift cards are also welcomed.

This year the Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is again partnering with the Crescenta Valley Sheriff Station to collect food and to distribute to families in need.

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VHHS at 75: A Diamond in the Community

By Eric Owens

Verdugo Hills High School's Diamond Jubilee was celebrated this past month on Oct. 12-13 and featured a variety of events.

Highlights included a homecoming football game that pitted the Dons against the Grant Lancers of Van Nuys, a homecoming parade, a dance (at which football and volleyball player Kenny Lamano was crowned King), school tours, a golf tournament at Verdugo Hills Golf Course, food trucks, live music from the alumni sponsored by Dwayne Jones & CREOLE BOYZ Productions, and the first-ever Hall of Fame Ceremony in any sport: Girls' Volleyball with new inductees Crystal Perryman and sisters Jenise and Jennifer Espindola.

Friday night, Oct. 12, found Turner Stadium packed with eager fans of all ages wanting to know if the Dons could pull off another victory after winning their two previous contests beating the Chavez Eagles (54-0) and the Monroe Vikings (73-14). The Dons (5-3 overall and 4-0 in the East Valley Conference) pulled away with a 42-33 victory, their second straight win on homecoming night after last year's 37-0 blowout game against Monroe.

Sophomore QB/DB Chase Keough made his varsity debut throwing seven complete passes for 189 yards and two touchdowns and rushed the ball five times for 20 yards. Junior QB/DB Mark Powell was 10 for 15 in passing for 134 yards as well as having four carries for 29 yards. Riggs Brothers (Josh and Tyler), both seniors, combined for 12 receptions on 211 yards, 13 tackles and three touchdowns. Josh also collected 12 carries for 120 yards rushing. Junior Varsity (6-2, 4-0) also came away a winner, 48-14.

This year's parade included Los Angeles Councilmember Richard Alarcón, Principal Dr. Edward Trimis, Grand Marshals Harry MacGregor and wife Susie Taylor-MacGregor. Duke and Duchess Cordell and Marlene



Three generations of the Martinez Family gather to celebrate the VHHS anniversary.

Bowman, 2011 King and Queen, 2012 Homecoming Court (seniors: Joey Estevez, Yesenia Rivas, Abigayle Shepherd, Ryan Wallace, Michael Ramirez, Sierra Duggar and Tanner Anderson; Juniors: Branko Ayala, Courtney Campbell, Michelle Mesta and Austin Obregon; Sophomores: Matthew Zavala and Monika Deukmejian; and Freshman: Savanna Lynn Bowling and Jacob Maloles); 1962 Homecoming Court (Karen Olson, Roberta Webb Cline and Natacha Kenyan); Mr. Dino Stirpe's Leadership Class; Glee Club with Senior President Josie Catalan; Book Club; Cheerleaders on the back of two Station 74 fire trucks; City Champion Marching Band and Drill Team; JROTC - Dons' Battalions; reigning league champion teams in baseball, COED water polo and girls volleyball; girls golf team and Junior Cheerleaders/Football Players from this past summer's camps.

Saturday morning's program in the auditorium included Councilmember Alarcón, District 6 School Board Member Nury Martinez, Deputy Superintendent Michelle King, ESC-N Representative Dr. Margaret Kim, Glee



Principal Ed Trimis receives a certificate of congratulations on the event from LA Councilmember Richard Alarcón.



Fast Times at Verdugo Hills High: several muscle cars on display added to the great nostalgia of the VHHS Anniversary.

Club, Comedy Sportz from Mr. Warren, Retired Principals Dr. Gary Turner and Cheryl Dellepiane, and special alumni speakers: the Martinez Family, Michael J. Kouri ('82), Jeff Mitchum ('77), Jon Hurst ('69), Ana Escobedo ('90), Greg Gentry ('72), Aaron Peterson ('89), and event EMCEE Will 'The

Thrill' Reinhart from the Class of 1987. After this great week, the football team won their fourth straight game (42-6) at Sun Valley Polytechnic on Friday, Oct. 19, going into the Time Warner Cable Game of the Week, Dons vs. Arleta (Oct 26), airing Nov. 1 at 10:00 am on SOCAL 101 TV.

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Non-Profit Foothill MOMS Club to Host Informative Preschool Expo Nov. 3

The Foothill MOMS Club will host its fifth annual Preschool Expo from 11:00 am-1:00 pm Saturday, Nov. 3 at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, 2902 Montrose Ave. The event is free to the community.

The public will have an opportunity to meet representatives from preschools in the Foothills area and learn about school philosophy, programs, and admissions policies.

Representatives from local businesses will also be in attendance, and a bake sale will be held. Proceeds will benefit the MOMS Club International Mother-to-Mother Fund and the YWCA of Glendale Domestic Violence Assistance Program.

"This event will offer an opportunity for parents with children starting preschool to meet directly with representatives from each school," said Gabrielle Dagan-Winstead, Preschool Expo Coordinator. "Parents can get their questions answered in one place at one time, and really narrow the search for the right preschool for their child."

Preschool representatives interested in participating are encouraged to contact Gabrielle at pschoolexpomcott@yahoo.com. Local businesses that would like to donate an item for the planned auction can contact natalie@nataliecerpa.com.

For updates and a list of participating schools, go to <http://foothill-momsclub.wordpress.com/preschool-panel-information/>.

The MOMS Club is an International non-profit club offering support to primarily stay-at-home MOMS, but all MOMS are welcome.

Our club provides a way to meet other MOMS and their children and enjoy a variety of fun activities.

The Foothill Chapter welcomes MOMS in La Canada, La Crescenta, Montrose, North Glendale, Sparr Heights, Kagel Canyon, Lake View Terrace and Sunland-Tujunga. For more information contact Aileen Seijo at Seijo@cheerful.com.

Land Use Committee Meeting to Address Proposed 40-Unit Apartment Complex

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council will hold a public community meeting of the Land Use Committee to discuss proposed plans for a 40-unit apartment complex at 8316 Foothill Blvd., on the site of the former DVD world location.

The meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 5, at 7:00 pm, at North Valley City Hall, 7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga. Parking is behind the building, off Wyn-gate.

For agenda and information call 818-951-7411. Check out the website at: www.stnc.org.

10th 'Spirit of Johny Carpenter' Awards Set

Hosted by the Courtship Ranch, the 10th Annual Spirit of Johny Carpenter Awards will be held Friday, Nov. 16, from 6:00-8:00 pm. Admission is free. Refreshments and appetizers will be served. The ranch is located at 11270 Dominica Ave., Lake View Terrace.

The 2012 Recipients include: Rene Herrera, Mike Carpenter, and the Foothill Mounted Patrol.

Past recipients include:

- 2011: Nancy Woodruff, Susan Bartlett, Robert Stephens
- 2010: Richard Troy, Eva Lund, Andrea & James Guttman
- 2009: Royan Herman, Fritz Bronner
- 2008: Corral 210, Foothill Division LAPD, Station 24 LAFD
- 2007: Phyllis Hines, Sunland Tujunga Lions Club & Joe Soto
- 2006: Cile Borman & Pacoima Graffiti Busters.
- 2005: Otis Wallace & The Reel Cowboys.
- 2004: Lee Diebold.
- 2003: Ahead with Horses, Judyth Foley, LA Bridges, Phoenix House, Tierra Del Sol, Vaquero Heritage Foundation, Valley Vaqueros, Valley View Vaulters, and Valley Village.

Please RSVP to: 818 470-5235. Or, e-mail: lamikec@yahoo.com

Visit our website at: www.NHOER.org

Legion to Present Flag Program at STNC

Sons of the American Legion Post 377 will be presenting our Flag Program at the next Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council Meeting, which will be held Wednesday, Nov.14, at 7:00 pm at North Valley City Hall, located at 7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga (by the Library & Fire Station).

American Legion Hosting Vet Open House

All vets in the community are invited to attend and receive information and help with Veterans' Benefits at our Veterans Open House, to be held Sunday, Nov. 4, from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Pot Luck is provided.

On Sunday, Nov. 11 and Monday, Nov. 12 we'll be having a Veterans Day BBQ from 1:00 – 4:00 pm, followed by Monday Football.

The Sunland-Tujunga American Legion Post 377 is located at 10039 Pine-wood Avenue, Tujunga. For more information call 818 353-9856. Or, contact Commander Pat O'Brien at 818 653-2192.

Angel Hanz For The Homeless Fund-raiser

"We Never Forget About the Pets," a fund-raiser sponsored by photographer Harvey Branman, owner of Photography As An Art, located at 1307 N. San Fernando Blvd., Burbank has offered our supporters a FREE Portrait Session of you with, or without your pets, PLUS a donation of 50 percent of your purchases to our organization.

Gift certificates available and make holiday gifts! Call 818-954-9294 for your appointment. Flyer must be presented to get the discount that will come to Angel Hanz.

For more information check out the website at: www.PhotographyAsAnArt.net

'In Our Own Voice'-Mental Illness outreach: An Evening of Courage and Inspiration

You are cordially invited to a powerful evening of courage and inspiration! On Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 7:00 p.m., the Glendale Chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) will present "In Our Own Voice" at Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church.

This free event will feature the autobiographies of two extraordinary young adults who are learning to thrive in the face of mental illness. Both speakers were diagnosed with mental illness as teens.

During the presentation they will recount the dark days when they were first diagnosed, how each learned to accept their illness and reach out for treatment, and how they are celebrating their successes and planning for the future. One of NAMI's mottos is: "Mental illnesses can affect persons of any age, race, religion, or socioeconomic status and are not the result of personal weakness, lack of character, or poor upbringing."

This presentation is open to all adults and teens and we hope you will come away inspired. There will be time for questions and answers with a reception to follow.

If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact the church office at: 818-353-2500. The church is located at 10158 Johanna Ave., in Sunland.

Black Friday comes to the YMCA Nov. 23-25

The Verdugo Hills Family YMCA invites you to join the Y between Nov. 23 and Nov 25 and pay nothing until 2013!

The YMCA is located at 6840 Foothill Blvd. Tujunga. For more information call (818) 352-3255. Or, check out the website at: www.ymcafoothills.org

Alarcón to Host East Valley Job Fair Nov. 15

In partnership with Los Angeles County, Councilmember Richard Alarcón is osting the East Valley Job Fair on Thursday, Nov. 15, from 9:00 am-1:00 pm, at Northeast Valley Neighborhood City Hall, located at 13520 Van Nuys Blvd., Pacoima.

Prospective employers will be interviewing at the fair, hiring both seasonal and full-time workers. Bring copies of your resume, and don't forget to 'dress for success.' Professional attire is strongly encouraged.

Methodist Church Tujunga Food Bank Open

The United Methodist Church, located at 9901 Tujunga Canyon Blvd, just north of Foothill in Tujunga is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:30 to 12:00. Last year the church served more than 9000 people by providing food and clothing.

For more information or to make donations contact Pastor Mike at 626-534-5277. The Church phone is 818-473-4185.

Foothills Music Academy Recital Nov. 10

The Foothills Music Academy is having its 2012 Fall Recital on Saturday, Nov. 10, at 10:00 am at New Hope Community Church, located at 10438 Oro Vista Ave. in Sunland. This recital is FREE to anyone who would like to attend and see the many talented students of the community perform.

Free Electronic Waste Recycling Event Nov. 17

The First Baptist Church La Crescenta is hosting a free collection event on Saturday, Nov. 17, from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Electronic devises that will be accepted include: TVs, phones, tape players, photo copy machines, car batteries, audio-visual equipment, electronic devices, computers, monitors, laptops, printers, and other computer peripherals that will be safely and legally recycled by E-waste Center, Inc.

Please bring items to the church parking lot, which is located behind the main building at 4441 La Crescenta Ave.

Help us reach the goal of diverting 10,000 lbs from the landfills.

Please call Nancy Jacobson at 818-249-1603 if you have questions about the event.

If you have questions for the church staff, please call First Baptist at 818-249-5832. Check out the website at: www.ewastcenter.com

OLL Annual Holiday Boutique Set Nov. 14

The holidays are here, and it's time to start shopping for that perfect gift! Crafters of all kinds will be selling their unique, handmade items at the annual Our Lady of Lourdes (OLL) holiday boutique to be held on Nov. 14.

Find one-of-a-kind crafts such as beaded items, purses, knitting, sewing, jewelry, candles, homemade soaps, baked goods and so much more.

The 8th grade class will be holding a fund-raiser selling tamales, chili beans with all the best toppings and their handmade holiday crafts.

Sales will be before and after the school's PTO meeting; 6:00-7:00pm and 8:00-9:30pm, in the auditorium.

Skip the malls and mega-stores and support your local crafters by giving unique, handmade gifts to all those on your "nice" list.

The Holiday Boutique will be held at OLL, located at 7324 Apperson St., at the corner of Tujunga Canyon Blvd.

Friends of the Library Bookstore is Booming

The Friends' bookstore, located inside the library, is open during library hours. We are receiving donations every day, so new books are being added daily. Donations keep the bookstore open, so if you are fall cleaning or moving, the Friends would appreciate your donations of saleable books. Bring them to the bookstore or call the library at 818 352-4481 to arrange for a pick up.

Money collected from the sale of these donations is used to buy books, DVDs, equipment and supplies for the library, as well as sponsoring programs for children and young adults. (No encyclopedias, please).

We have slightly used books on every subject from Religion, to Do-It-Yourself, to Occult, to Foreign Language, and everything in between.

Come in for a visit, and you will probably find that certain book you have been looking for — or just visit with our friendly and helpful volunteers. We look forward to seeing you at the bookstore.

Thanks for supporting the bookstore and your local library – the Sunland-Tujunga Branch, located at 7771 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga.

Holiday Boutique at the Hub Church

The Hub Church will present its special Holiday Boutique, "A Celebration of Gifts," on Saturday, November 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Look for handmade crafts, doll clothes, jewelry, fashion scarves, baked goods and much more.

The Hub Church is located at 8263 Foothill Blvd. in Sunland, between Burger King and Sunland Discount Liquor.

Image West Holiday Boutique set for Dec. 2

The 3rd Annual Holiday Boutique hosted by Image West Salon will be on Sunday, Dec. 2, from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at 8824 Foothill Blvd., Sunland (located behind Ralph's). No Admission. Come and browse all the unique gifts: Jewelry, Crafts, decorations, and more. Enter their RAFFLE!

LLS Presents Story of Water for Los Angeles

Little Landers Historical Society Presents 223 Miles, \$23 Million and Gravity: The Story of Water for Los Angeles.

An extraordinary amount of time and effort went into the development of water services for the San Fernando Valley and greater Los Angeles. Abraham Hoffman, PhD, a Professor of History at Los Angeles Valley College, will join us on Saturday, Nov. 10 to talk about the 99-year old 'Owens Valley to Los Angeles' Aqueduct and the history of bringing water to our communities. In addition to being an educator, Dr. Hoffman is a researcher and writer on all things western.

This program is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome. The presentation will be held Saturday, Nov. 10, at 1:00 PM at the Bolton Hall Museum, located at 10110 Commerce Avenue, Tujunga. Parking is available a few doors uphill at the Elks Lodge.

Additional information is available from Little Landers Historical Society, (818) 352-3420 or www.littlelandershistoricalsociety.org or E-mail littlelanders@verizon.net.

Republican Luncheon to Feature Tony Katz

Tony Katz will be the guest speaker at the La Crescenta Valley Republican Women Federated Luncheon to be held on Thursday, Nov. 8, from 11:30 am–1:00 pm. As host and creator of 'The Tony Katz Show,' Tony extols the virtues of freedom, liberty and open markets — focusing on 'right vs. wrong,' instead of 'right vs. left.' He methodically works his way through current events and pop culture, exposing MSM hypocrisy and making the complex easy to understand. Tony is a contributor to Breitbart.com, Daily Caller and TownHall.com and has provided political and election coverage and insight to FOX News, MSNBC, CNBC and radio stations around the country. He is a sought after public speaker and host. The cost of the luncheon is \$25.00 and will be held at the La Canada Country Club, 5500 Godbey Drive, La Canada-Flintridge. Call Ellen Hedrick (818) 248-0924 or Molly Powers (818) 248-2825 no later than November 6.

Sierra Club Presents Program on Indonesia

The Crescenta Valley Sierra Group will feature 'Fred Dong's Indonesia,' a slide presentation, on Tuesday Nov. 13, at 7:30pm, at the Los Angeles County Public Library, 2809 Foothill Boulevard, La Crescenta. (Please enter on La Crescenta Avenue for the meeting room and parking.)

Dong, a long-time Sierra Club member and world traveler, will present slides from his recent trips to Indonesia. Journey with us as we visit the islands of Bali, Lombok, Flores, Sumatra, Komodo and Rinea. Huge Komodo dragons and unusual sea life in the magnificent coral reefs will be seen as well as Hindu Temples, Indonesian dancers, Sumatran Asian elephants and wild orangutans and so many more wildlife images. The Indonesian culture so colorful and interesting welcomes the traveler's return.

Our program begins following news of Conservation and Outings. Refreshments will be served. This is a free event and everyone is welcome. For further information please contact program chair Wayne Fisher at 818 353-4181.

Working Stiffz Coming to Steel Pit Nov. 21

So it's the beginning of the holidays, you have guests in town and are looking to start things off with a bang. Well then just head to the Steel Pit Wednesday Nov. 21 for the 6th Annual Thanksgiving Eve Holiday Kickoff Dance Party with The Working Stiffz. Since 2007, Erik has been cooking up some great holiday fare while the Working Stiffz have been rocking the doors off the place, and this year promises to be even bigger and better.

Taking the event up another notch this year there will be local resident Andrew Vogel's band opening the evening with a rousing set of classic rock. Andy and the band will hit the stage at 8pm

Also on the bill for the evening are the soulful sounds of Eric Edmond Vasquez. Eric has been a regular at The Steel Pit, Universal Bar and Grill, and also played this year's Relay for Life and the 4th of July Fireworks festival.

The Working Stiffz are coming off their busiest year to date and are always excited to play in their home town. "The Steel Pit is one of our favorite stages," says bass player Richard Wollard. "It just adds so much to have all your friends and family around, dancing and singing along. It's become a very special night for us!"

The Steel Pit is located at 7279 Foothill Blvd. Tujunga. For more info call 818-352-6020 or visit their website WWW.STEELPIT.COM.

Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church to Host Annual Treasure Sale Boutique on Nov. 3

The Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church, 10158 Johanna Ave, Sunland, will host its Annual Treasure Sale on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 8am – 3pm.

We have collectibles, vintage, and gently used good stuff. This year we have some vintage whiskey decanters (1960 +1970), collectable wo

If and Native American plates, 1950s fur stoles, costume and fine jewelry, saddles, and lots more. Shop for yourself, shop for your friends and family, and shop for gifts.

Show up early (Early Bird Special 7:30am – 8:00am -- \$5.00) and be first to buy all those great items. For more information call (818) 353-2500.

YMCA Prayer Breakfast Nov. 1

YMCA of the Foothills will hold its Annual Community Prayer Breakfast on Nov. 1. The YMCA is located at 1930 Foothill Blvd., La Canada Flintridge. For more information call (818) 790-0123, Ext. 262. Email: cstrazzeri@ymcafoothills.org. Or, check out the website at: www.ymcafoothills.org.

Table Talk to show film 'Facing the Giants'

On Tuesday, Nov. 6, Bethel Church, 10725 Penrose St., Sun Valley, 818-767-4488, will offer a showing of the film "Facing the Giants." This inspirational drama combines faith and football in the tale of high school coach Grant Taylor, who faces a losing team, a fading marriage and the possibility of being fired, but puts his life in God's hands and, in doing so, rises above failure to create a winning spirit on the field. The presentation will be preceded by a potluck supper. The potluck starts at 6:30 pm; the presentation starts at 7:15 pm, followed by dessert and discussion at about 9:15. This event is free.

Recognition Lunch set at United Chambers

The United Chambers of Commerce, San Fernando Valley & Region is sponsoring a Legislative Aide Recognition Luncheon will be held Wednesday, Nov. 28, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, at the Porter Valley Country Club. Sponsorships are still available. RSVP by Nov. 21.

The country club is located at 19261 Singing Hills Dr., Northridge. Call 818-981-4491 to make reservations or for more information.

VH Art Association to Rick Rotante Nov. 9

Artist and Author, Rick Rotante, will be Verdugo Hills Art Assoc.'s featured artist for its upcoming November meeting, set for Nov. 9, 7:00 pm, at the La Canada Community Center, 4468 Chevy Chase Dr., La Canada. The meeting is open to all.

Rick has sold and exhibited his work in both New York City and in California and currently teaches at Art Classes of Pasadena. His work can be found in several private collections and he has been a member of California Art Club and Oil Painters of America for over 22 years. Rotante works in multiple media including; oil, pastel, gouache, china white pencil and charcoal. Mr. Rotante will demonstrate in oil.

Just who Settled the Sunland-Tujunga Area?

When Sunland and Tujunga were undeveloped wide-open spaces, people heard about the cheap land, good climate, high water table, and saw an opportunity to forge a good life. Who were these people and where were they from? Why did they settle here, and why did they stay? How did they survive? What did they contribute of their experience, knowledge, culture, foods, and all else they brought with them? As the years have gone by our community has benefited from the contributions of many cultures from the pioneer days until today. Bolton Hall Museum's brand new exhibit opened on Oct. 13, and features a random sampling of photographs and captions of those who built this place from bare land to a suburb of Los Angeles.

Bolton Hall, located at 10110 Commerce Ave., Tujunga, is open to the public on Tuesday and Sunday afternoons from 1:00-4:00 p.m., and entrance is free. Additional information is available from Little Landers Historical Society, (818) 352-3420, or www.littlelandershistoricalsociety.org. E-mail questions to littlelanders@verizon.net.

Free Estate Planning Seminar Set for Nov. 1

Estate planning is a process that involves people whom you want to give things to: your family, other individuals and, in many cases, charitable organizations of your choice. It also involves the division of your assets (your property) – what you have now and what you may acquire in the future. Through estate planning, you can determine such things as: how and who will manage your assets for your benefit during your lifetime, if you ever become unable to manage them yourself; when and under what circumstances it ever makes sense to give away some or all of your assets during your lifetime; How and to whom your assets will be distributed after your death; who will make health care decisions for you if you can't – and the limits on their power.

Estate planning includes: a will, which is a basic estate planning document. It is an instruction regarding the division of property and assets. A Will ensures that your wishes are followed after you are gone. It allows you to name guardians of your minor children (if neither parent is alive), and how and when your estate will be distributed to heirs; it includes an Advance Health Care Directive that states who will make health care decisions for you when you can't (your agents) and what rules those agents must follow. It can include a Living Trust, which is a way of holding assets so that when you die, or are incapacitated, your heirs need not be involved with an expensive and time consuming probate. Your heirs can have immediate control and access to your property. A Living Trust can also be a way of saving money in estate taxes.

For a young couple in good health, a will is usually enough. For privacy and to ensure immediate access to your funds, you should consider a Living Trust. To ensure that your health decisions are honored, consider an Advance Health Care Directive so that your loved ones can help you carry out your care wishes.

A complimentary seminar on Wills and Trusts will be held Thursday, Nov. 1, from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm in Glendale at Gerald McNally & Associates, 517 E. Wilson Ave., Suite 104. RSVP to 818-507-5100. Seating is limited. There will be free parking and refreshments. Visit the website at: www.geraldmcnally.com.



Photo by Kresse Armour

Cheerleaders are all part of the fun of fall football. Be a good support and support VHHS games — and the coaching staff is always looking for volunteers to join the team.

1	Team Roping Gibson Ranch 8:00-10:00 PM 9655 Wentworth, Sunland	Bloomin' Squares Square Dancing 7:00-10:00 PM North Valley City Hall 7747 Foothill Blvd. Tujunga	Church 7:00 pm 10158 Johanna, SH	20	Free Arts Classes for 55+ 9:00-10:00 AM Middle-Eastern Dance Senior Center 8640 Fenwick, Sunland	26	Sunland Senior Center Movie • 12:30 pm 8640 Fenwick St. Sunland 818-353-1413
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4	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS	10	Art Workshop with Oils by Lennartz \$30-members/\$40- guests 10:00am-2:00-pm S-T Library 818-352-4481	16	Spirit of Johnny Carpenter Awards 6:00-8:00 pm Courtship Ranch 11270 Dominica Ave. Lakeview Terrace RSVP 818-470-5235	28	Food in the Foothills 5:00-10:00 PM
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For more Events and Happenings in our "Foothill Community"
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e-mail: STChamber91040@gmail.com 818-352-4433

A CHANCE TO VIEW ZEUS AND HIS LIGHTNING BOLTS

By E. Gary Ireland

November is always one of my favorite times to get outside and stargaze. Come on, you all know you want to try it. Grab some blankets, some good friends, and a cup of Java or your favorite hot chocolate and spend some time in the early evening and late skies. This November promises some spectacular viewings.

Remember when you view during the month of November (even though we live in California), the night skies can give you quite a chill, so don't forget to dress warmly and bring a blanket or two, you may need it.

You might have noticed the stars have changed slightly since October. The night sky brings out some of the most spectacular constellations the later it gets. Even if you don't recognize them, it still makes a spectacular sky to watch. Want to learn all about them? Join us on Thursday nights at Mount Gleason Middle School for our weekly astronomy nights. (See the e-mail address below for more details).

November not only brings the Lord of the Greek gods to view, Zeus, (ok the Romans know him as Jupiter), but you might also get to see the Mighty Zeus fling a few lightning bolts our way. Let me explain. Zeus, OK we will call him Jupiter from now on, rises earlier and earlier in the month of November. Look to the east and you can't miss it. Although not as bright as the full moon, Jupiter will be the brightest star (planet) in the night sky. Still can't find the elusive god? Look for the grouping of stars that forms a "V" in the sky. This is the constellation Taurus. Jupiter is hiding in the top horn of the Bull and shines brightly. Follow the "V" to the opening at the top and



you can't miss it. The further into the month we get the easier it is to locate the bright planet.

Have a telescope in your possession? Turn your eyepiece to the great planet. Jupiter is easily recognizable by its great diameter and the twin bands of atmospheric clouds spanning the equatorial region. Both bands are caused by high winds and differential weather patterns throughout the Jovian planet. These belts have been known to disappear and then reappear on occasion. Spend some time in the evening watching the great planets and you may notice changes in the equatorial belts. Jupiter's rotational period is only about 10 hours, so an entire evening of viewing time may produce a variance in the belts features.

Depending on the type of telescope in your possession, if you study the belts on one evening or you spend some time during the month study Ju-

piter each evening, continue to view the southern equatorial band. You may be lucky enough to see a change in the belt as it swirls into a great red "splotch." It's not your scope, it is the famous Great Red Spot on Jupiter. This colossal storm has raged on the planet's surface for hundreds of years. Wind speeds in this galactic hurricane have been known to reach over 1500 miles per hour. Jupiter's fast rotation period will allow you to see this Great Spot at some time during your viewings of Jupiter.

Surrounding the great lord Zeus (Jupiter), are four of his loves: Io, Europa, Ganymede, and Callisto. The orbital revolution of these moons, also known as the Galilean moons, is quite rapid so observing them as Galileo did 400 years ago, is rather dramatic. Spending time this month will allow you to observe the various locations of the moons throughout the evenings.

Each night may produce a new location for each moon. The most spectacular nights to view one of its moons, IO, will be Nov. 7 and 30. Io, Jupiter's closest moon, will transit the face of Jupiter and cast its shadow onto the planet's surface. Just as the sun can be eclipsed by our moon, so too can the moons of Jupiter eclipse the great planet. This event as mentioned not only happens once, but twice this month. The transit can last up to 130 minutes. Don't worry too much about spotting Io; it might be hard to see against the lighter backdrop of the planet, but since the shadow is dark it is a very hard object to miss.

Jupiter's temper rises on Nov. 17 when his wrath can be seen in the Leonid meteor shower can be seen on this date. The Leonids always perform spectacularly during the night sky. This is the one meteor shower that most astronomers wait to see. This year there should be no moon out in the early morning of the 17th so the skies should be perfect to view them.

Before the cold evenings of December, before the clouds return to bring our winter rains, before you forget to grab a friend and get outside and watch, look to the skies to see an immortal ancient god, and watch him work his magic as he hurls his thunderbolts earth-ward in a spectacular light display. As always, ad Astra... Look to the stars!

For questions or to learn more about the subjects this month, e-mail Mr. Ireland at: gireland@lausd.net

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Colorful Pioneer: Marshall Valentine Hartranft

By Marlene Hitt

One of the most important Crescenta Valley pioneers was Marshall Valentine Hartranft (heart-raft), the man who was responsible for much of the land sales and development in Sunland-Tujunga during the years from 1910 until his death in 1945.

Using his childhood experience and knowledge, he started his own produce market. After the failure of that first business, he was known to have recited the jingle: "To grow crops to sell is to speculate like hell, but to grow crops to eat keeps you standing on both feet."

Hartranft came to Los Angeles in 1890, where he published an agricultural newspaper called The Los Angeles Daily Fruit World, a periodical that gave information to fruit-growers. In 1900, he published a magazine-type paper called the Western Empire. George Harris became the advertising editor. Hartranft then went into the business of promoting the sale of agricultural land and using Western Empire magazine as a sales instrument.

"A Little Land and a Living" was his favorite slogan, a phrase thought to have been adopted from a New York lawyer and author, Bolton Hall.

It was Hartranft's plan to find land of 1000 acres or more about 15 or 20 miles from a city. He acquired option on the land, then sold bonds. The bonds were used to buy the land. Once the land was paid for, it was subdivided into small farms and a townsite;



Marshall Valentine Hartranft

roads were constructed, and water provided. One acre for \$300, nothing down and \$3 a month.

In many ways his ideas about a little land and a living were like those of William Smythe. The two men joined together in their business ventures. Smythe was the idealist of the two, and Hartranft was the businessman who could make the ideas work. And so the Little Lands Colony in Tujunga was started in 1913 by the two men. For the townsite of the subdivision, the Clubhouse (Bolton Hall) was built.

Mr. Hartranft moved into the val-

ley in 1907 and was soon known by the name of "Uncle Marsh." His wife was "Aunt Lou." His business associates called him "M.V." Mr. and Mrs. Hartranft lived in Sunland on the "Lazy Lonesome Ranch," so named because, in his words, "I'm lazy and my wife's lonesome." This lovely ranch was located at the southern end of Sherman Grove.

His love for the valley showed in the generosity he extended by giving land for churches, clubs, for the Cross of San Ysidro, and for the cemetery. He gave the land to the women for their Sunland and Tujunga Women's clubs so they could organize and do all the good things he knew they would do. In 1924 he saw the need for a fire station, so he priced the land far below the appraised value, selling it to the citizens for \$750.

Men of Hartranft's caliber were controversial. Some thought him an ogre, some, a savior helping folks. His work in soil conservation, as an author, in exploration of the growth of things, made him popular. He ran for Congress twice, 1932 and 1934, but did not win.

Marshall Hartranft, wearing prince-nez spectacles and leather puttees on his legs must have been a colorful man. He rode around town in a Studebaker sedan with disk wheels and balloon tires. He died at age 73 while working hard at his desk.

The framework of our community was formed by this man and was built upon by all those who followed.

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Food Drive, we are able to give back to those that are trying to get back on their feet and working hard. With the costs for food so high, they have a hard time meeting that need. With this Food Drive, we, as a community partnership, are able to give back to those in our area that cannot meet that need to their children this holiday season. We are honored to work in such a caring and giving community."

Community Center President, Ara Aslanian, is thrilled with the number of local businesses and schools participating in the 2012 Food Drive. "The Community Center has a long history of working with local organizations," he said. "And we are grateful for their participation in our Food Drive." The theme of this year's Thanksgiving Day Run & Food Drive is "Running Forward to Give Back."

With the unprecedented amount of businesses and schools participating as food drop off spots, this year promises to be the biggest food collection ever. Non-perishable food donation drop off spots are located in La Cañada, La Crescenta and Montrose. La Cañada locations include: the Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge, Gilmore Bank, Giuseppe's Pizzeria, La Cañada Elementary, La Cañada High School 7 thru 12 grade, Palm Crest Elementary, Paradise Canyon Elementary, City Hall, North Shore Burgers, Printefex, Citibank, La Cañada Valley Sun, State Farm, FastFrame, Citizen's Business Bank, Flintridge Family Chi-

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ASTROLOGICAL AFFECTS: NOVEMBER HOROSCOPE

**Astrological Affects
by Ren Yogamaya,
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Aries: Your financial picture should brighten near the 8th and 9th and again by the Scorpio Solar Eclipse, which is a Super-New Moon on November 13. Best time for career or business opportunities is between the 16th through December 24. Prepare for this now.

If possible, lay low from the 22nd through the end of the month with communications and travel. With romance, maintain a positive attitude between the 24th to the end of the month.

Taurus: Finances may continue to be on your mind. Lay low regarding signing contracts between the 6th and the 26th. A close relationship should be rewarding and not taxing, you'll know after the Solar Eclipse on the 13th. The Gemini Lunar Eclipse on the 28th brings change to your communications and partnership status, for the better.

Gemini: The first three weeks will bring good times with romance, especially the 8th or 9th. Remain patient from the 6th to the 26th as your ruling planet Mercury is Retrograde.

Stay focused, be in top health as a new project may appear from the 13th onward when the Solar Eclipse in Scorpio occurs. Cash flow in and out will be higher this month. The 27th is a very

good day. The lunar Eclipse is in your sign on the 28th and brings positive results.

Cancer: The last Full Moon on Oct. 29th should have had you feeling good about Life.

Are you ready for new Love? The Solar Eclipse in Scorpio on the 13th may bring more than one opportunity. The weekend of the 17th is a good one. You will shine after the 22nd, address career issues then. Progress picks up after the 26th. The lunar Eclipse in Gemini on the 28th may reveal some information publicly.

Leo: Expect some positive news regarding your career on the 8th. The Solar Eclipse on the 13th brings new opportunities affecting your domestic life and shared resources. The 16th may show an increase in projects, your productivity. Your home and love life are more important now. Be understanding while Mercury is in retrograde from the 6th to the 26th. The Lunar Eclipse on the 28th will help you to face your priorities.

Virgo: Your ruling planet Mercury will be in retrograde from the 6th to the 26th, avoid starting new projects, buying electronics or signing important documents. The Solar Eclipse in Scorpio on the 13th helps you to gain information that you have searched for.

Romance is best from the 21st through December 13th, a good time to circulate. The Lunar Eclipse in Gemini

on the 28th helps your career.

Libra: Early in the month, your thoughts are all about money. The 8th and the 9th are good days to take a break. After the Solar Eclipse in Scorpio on the 13th, an opportunity may appear to assist your career or job. Real estate may also be interesting. The Lunar Eclipse in Gemini on the 28th gives your incentive to change, improve your domestic scene. You'll also be serious about business.

Scorpio: Romance is best on the 11th and gets easier after that. The Solar Eclipse on the 13th is in your sign, prepare for new opportunities, both personal and public. You could form a new partnership; best not to make a firm commitment until after the 26th. The Lunar Eclipse in Gemini on the 28th should bring positive news related to finances. Your

Best days this month are the 22nd and the 29th.

Sagittarius: At the start of the month, you focus on your health and fitness goals, if single, the first week may bring new love. The Solar Eclipse in Scorpio on the 13th will pump up your energy, self-esteem and outlook. From the 21st onward the Sun will be in your sign and you will feel a positive shift. A decision regarding your closest relationship or partnership may be needed on the Lunar Eclipse in Gemini on the 28th.

Capricorn: Find time this month to relax and have some fun. Put energy into romance that is coming you way, or, what is here now. The Solar Eclipse in Scorpio on the 13th may find you in a new spot with new people. Life may become more exciting after the 16th. By the Lunar Eclipse in Gemini on the 28th, a new client or project may appear, be ready. Take up meditation or Yoga to bring you the results that your deserve.

Aquarius: Your living situation is up for review at the start of the month. The 11th marks a time of new energies coming in. The Solar Eclipse on the 13th brings new, professional

opportunities and possible acknowledgements. Be considerate of your friends from the 6th through the 26th. Romance may surprise you on the 28th when the Lunar Eclipse occurs; a new spark may ignite with someone new.

Pisces: VIPs will notice if you bring yourself to their attention. Set up meetings and communications this month. The 11th is a good day to revive your optimism. The Solar Eclipse in Scorpio on the 13th will help to sharpen your communication skills, but lay low on accepting offers until after the 26th. Your private life may light up by the 28th with the Lunar Eclipse, have fun, socialize and enjoy life. Your best day is the 29th.

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LIVING WITH WILDLIFE: GRAY FOX AND RED FOX

By Martine Colette



The smallest canine species in Southern California are the foxes; they are the California gray fox, the red fox and the island fox. The Southern California kit fox died out in 1903. Foxes generally conjure up childhood fairy tales, with their large eyes, and slightly upturned nose, they touch the hearts of people. Rare is the child who did not have the red fox as part of her childhood memories of fairy tales.

One of the prettiest and most charming wildlife neighbors is the tiny California gray fox, with the beautiful ticking in its grey coat — accentuated by russet, black and white colorations. It is much smaller than the red fox and holds its own position in the California landscape.

Its menu consists of small mammals, eggs, birds, small reptiles, insects and fruit.

The Wildlife Waystation has frequently received calls from very surprised residents asking us to "rescue" a little fox that appears to be stuck up a tree, and we have to assure the homeowner that the fox climbed up the tree of its own volition and is perfectly able to climb down and requires no rescuing! Most folks don't know that the California gray fox is quite an adept climber, using strong, hooked claws to scramble up trees to escape predators such as the domestic dog or coyotes, and they also will climb trees for arboreal food sources. To get down, they will either jump from branch to branch,

or will descend slowly backwards like a housecat will do.

They are monogamous and the breeding season tends to vary depending on where they are geographically. The gestation period is approximately 53 days, at which time they can have a litter that ranges anywhere from 1 to 7, and generally 2-4 kits will reach adulthood.

They are no threat to people, and unless you have newborn chicks or ducklings, or other small fowl or animals, you should be able to enjoy watching this skilled animal go about its business! However, they can be a carrier of both canine and feline distemper, but if your pets are vaccinated even that would not be an issue.

Although California has its own version of the red fox that lives in the Sierras, the red foxes that may be seen in areas of southern California are an accidentally introduced species. Some say they are escapees from fur farmers or people that had them as pets. They have done very well adapting to living here and are considered a danger to our ground nesting birds, and where endangered species are present the red fox has found itself afool of the authorities to the extent that trapping is encouraged to eradicate the fox from certain areas.

The fox will not harm your children or larger pets, but if you do have poultry, make sure that your coops are sturdy, as the fox is very skillful when it is looking for food!

In short, try and get along with these shy, elusive, beautiful animals. They are great wildlife neighbors, and we are lucky to have them!

OBITUARIES

Farewell Joan

Longtime Little Landers member and friend, Joan Conrad, passed away on Oct. 6, 2012, at the age of 87. Joan worked as a legal secretary, loved to write plays and poetry and dedicated many hours to Little Landers and Bolton Hall. She served as Little Landers' Treasurer for two years; as Docent Director, where she wrote LLHS' second Docent Education Handbook; and then as President from 1996-1999. Joan regularly attended programs and events at Bolton Hall until late last year. She will be missed.

A Funeral Mass for Joan was held at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Tujunga on October 18. The family has suggested that donations in Joan's honor may be made to Little Landers Historical Society.



Joan Conrad
November 9, 1924 – October 6, 2012

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ropactic, Kobeissi Properties, and the offices of the La Cañada Unified School District. The La Crescenta locations include: the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station, CW Weekly, Rosemont Animal Hospital, and CV Water District headquarters. The Montrose locations include: Bath & Biscuit, Color Me Mine, and RDC Dance Academy. Both chapters of Kiwanis in La Cañada will assist with the donations and collections.

In addition, all participants in the CCLCF's Thanksgiving Day Run are encouraged to bring food items on race day to donate to the Food Drive. The Thanksgiving Day Run & Food Drive will take place at 8:30 a.m. in Memorial

Park. We encourage all participants to pre-register at: www.ThanksgivingDayRun.eventbrite.com.

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 1949. Originally known as the Youth House and built entirely by volunteers, today's Community Center is home to the LCFCC Preschool, a first class ceramics program and offers a variety of programs for children, teens, adults and seniors.

The Community Center is funded through tuition, grants, programs and events such as the Thanksgiving Day Run. For more information visit: www.cclcf.org.

Special Ceremony Honors 4 Cousins, All Eagle Scouts

By Janet Weaver

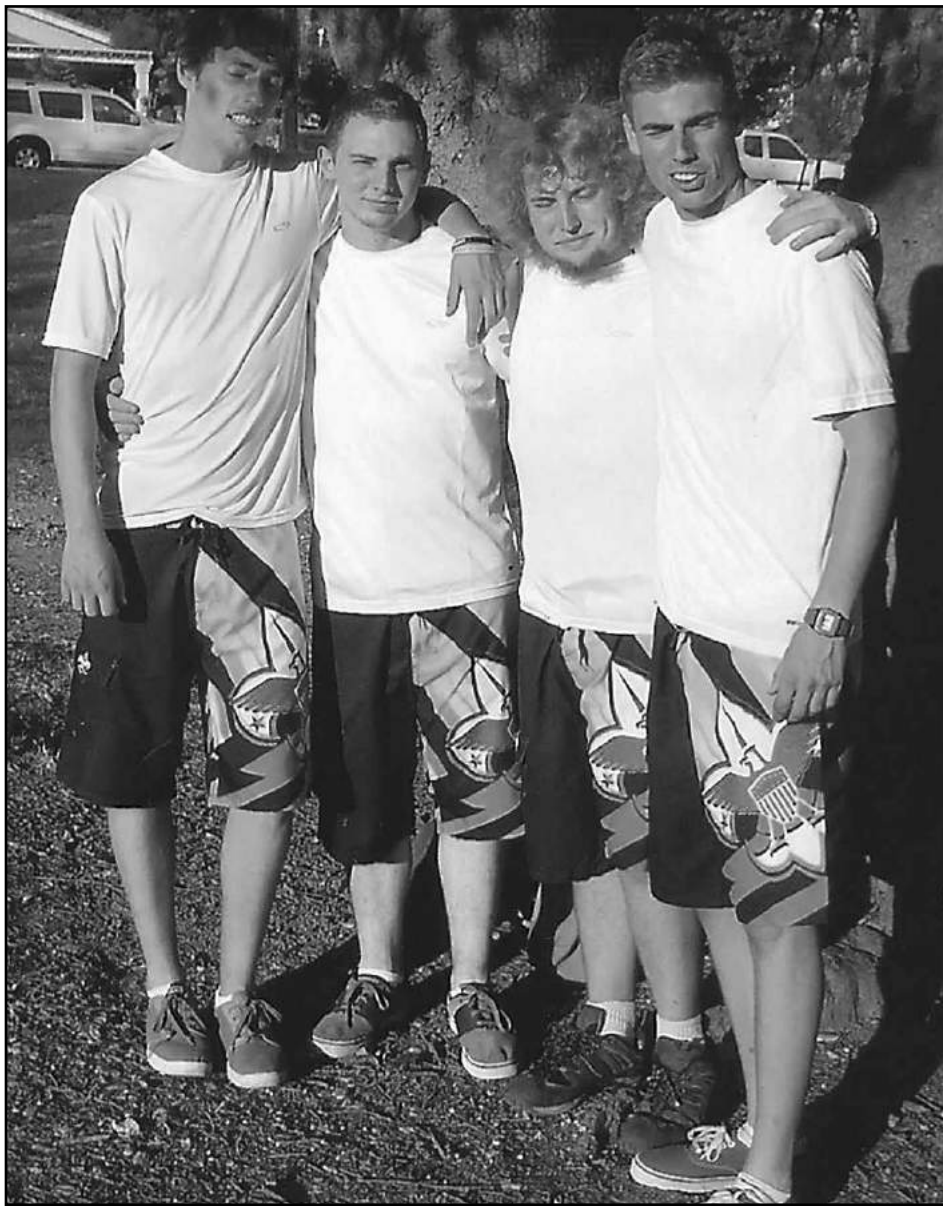
On Thursday, Aug. 30, BSA Troop 307 from Tujunga, honored four boys who achieved Scouting's highest rank: that of Eagle Scout.

Aaron Weaver and his brother, Jeremiah (JJ) Weaver, are sons of Ron and Kim Weaver, and all are from Tujunga. William Weaver and his brother, Weston Weaver, are sons of Ray and Janet Weaver, who are all from La Crescenta.

Yes, these boys are cousins, and it was the first time that BSA Troop 307, which meets at the First United Methodist Church in Tujunga, had a Court of Honor for more than one Scout. The Weaver boys achieved their Eagle Scout ranks at different times, but their families were not able to plan their respective celebrations due to time limitations.

Aaron Weaver achieved his Eagle Scout rank in June of 2007, and shortly thereafter attended UCSB in the fall. William Weaver achieved his Eagle Scout rank in August of 2009, and in December he went off to Navy Boot Camp at Great Lakes, Illinois. Jeremiah (JJ) achieved his Eagle Scout rank in October of 2009 and, like his brother, went off to UCSB in September of 2009. Weston Weaver achieved his Eagle Scout rank in February of 2012.

The informal ceremony, held at Crescenta Valley Park, began with an invocation by Vance Gilless. Bob Peters Ron Coste to read "One Hundred Scouts" prior to the Pin Ceremony. Vance's two boys, Aaron and Joshua, are also Eagle Scouts from Troop 307. Bob Peters, who was Troop 307 Scoutmaster from 2001 to 2007 served as emcee for the Eagle Scout recognition celebration. Bob also had two Eagle Scouts from Troop 307, Chris and Steven. Bob was the first of three Scoutmasters in attendance to call up an Ea-



From left, Aaron, William, Weston and Jeremiah Weaver, all of whom have earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

gle Scout for the pin exchange. In this case, it was Aaron, along with his mom and dad, Ron and Kim. Aaron pinned his parents with the Mother's Pin and the Father's Pin. Bob, who was Scoutmaster of the Troop when Aaron achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, then

proudly pinned the Eagle Scout medal onto Aaron.

The next Scoutmaster, Ron Coste, who was the Troop's Scoutmaster from 2007 to 2010, also had an Eagle Scout from Troop 307. His name is Shane. Ron called up both William and his

parents, Ray and Janet, and JJ and his parents, Ron and Kim. William then pinned his parents with the Mother's Pin and Father's Pin. Next, JJ repeated the process with his parents. Ron, who was the Scoutmaster for William and JJ, then had the honor of pinning the Eagle Scout medals onto the boys.

Lastly Patrick Sylvester called up Weston and his parents, Ray and Janet. Patrick is the current Scoutmaster of Troop 307 and has three boys currently in the Troop, all working hard on the road to Eagle. After Weston secured the Mother's Pin and the Father's Pin onto his mom and dad, Scoutmaster Sylvester proudly pinned the Eagle Scout medal onto Weston.

The four new Weaver Scouts also presented eight Mentor Pins to people who played an important role in their scouting experience and were integral to the achievement of their Eagle Scout goal. These leaders included Bob Peters, Ron Coste, Scoutmaster Patrick Sylvester, Dave Coorough and his wife Cricket Coorough, Ed Lopez, the Troop's current Committee Chairman, and Vance Gilless and his wife Claire Gilless.

Tom Moore also received a Mentor Pin, which was mailed to him, along with a letter of appreciation. A high point of the evening was a call from Tom, an Eagle Scout himself, who was also an Assistant Scoutmaster who mentored many of Troop 307's older Eagle Scouts, who were often invited to his home for get-togethers, fellowship, food, and swimming.

The evening ended with an audience participation song led by Bob Peters: "Hi! My Name is Joe (and I work in a button factory)." This was a favorite song of Weston Weaver's when he was a Cub Scout in the troop, so it was decided that everyone would sing it again!



Honorees receive certificates of recognition for their volunteer service. Honorees have donated at least 50 volunteer hours.

YMCA Recognition Night Honors Community Leaders

On Thursday, Oct. 4, the YMCA of the Foothills honored several community volunteers who have dedicated at least 50 hours to the Y at Angeles National Golf Club in Sunland.

In 2003, prompted by tremendous volunteer response as a result of the events of 9/11, President George W. Bush formed the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. The purposed of the Council was to determine a way to recognize the valu-

able contributions made by volunteers in our communities, thereby encouraging more people to serve.

The President's Volunteer Service Award was the result of the Council's work.

The PVSA is given to volunteers who have given a minimum of 100 hours of service. The award is given at various levels:

- Bronze – 50-74 hours (Children up to age 14)

- 100-174 (Young Adults, ages 15-25)

- 100-249 (Adults)

- Silver – 75-99 hours (Children)

- 175-249 (YA)

- 250-499 (A)

- Gold – 100+ hours (Children

- 250+ (YA)

- 500+ (A)

Bronze winners: Andrea Nino, Corrina Conroy, Isabella Jorbajian, Jeanne Baldwin Jenna Yoskowitz, Kirsten Wright, Lillian Alden, Logan

Kyhn, & Shilla Aram.

Silver winners: Alison Corti, Myl-es Dalmau

Gold winners: Allison Terry, Chris Lyons, Jake Ksendzov, Karina Abou-Chakra & Mike Thompson

President's Call to Service: Anthony Angelica. This is the highest level, given to those who have volunteered in excess of 4000 hours. This is viewed as a celebration of a lifetime of volunteer service.

Fund-raiser for VHH is Success

More than 60 community members and friends and supporters of Verdugo Hills Hospital (VHH) attended the Women's Council's recent bingo luncheon at the Hospital. The event raised \$2,000 for VHH. The proceeds will go toward needed purchase of capital equipment.

"Our bingo event is an annual fundraising event sponsored by the Women's Council for the benefit of Verdugo Hills Hospital. It is an event that brings friends and the community out to support our wonderful hospital in a fun-filled afternoon. A big thanks to Chris Rothrock for her skill in planning and executing the event," said Betty Hurn, Chair of the Women's Council.

The Women's Council of the VHH Foundation was founded shortly after VHH opened its doors in 1972. The Women's Council's focus for the remainder of the year include the installation of the 2013 Women's Council's Board of Directors and VHH's Poinsettia Ball / 40th Anniversary Celebration, which is set for December 1 at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. For more information about the Women's Council or upcoming events, please contact the Foundation Office at 818-952-2226.

Real Estate 411: News on Foreclosures

By Sue Hilton Gysin

I know that I said we were going to explore loans for the next few months, but the recent news reports have been talking about the foreclosure market dropping and getting so much better I thought that would be an interesting topic. I scouted websites to find one that had an average. This is the closest to "average" I could find.

Foreclosures hit a five-year low – Highlights:

Some states still have a lot of foreclosures ahead of them.

Some states see increase in foreclosures, others a drop

Number of delinquent loans down 11% from a year ago

Foreclosures have been dropping for nine quarters in a row.

However, let us not forget that the Short Sale market is rising.

Foreclosure activity hit a five-year low in September, further lessening fears that lenders might flood markets with foreclosed homes and curtail price gains.

Market researcher RealtyTrac reports today that 180,427 properties received foreclosure filings in September, down 16% from a year ago. Although it depends on where you get your "stat" from, everyone seems to have different numbers. RealtyTrac seems to be middle ground.

Foreclosure activity has been dropping for nine consecutive quarters. There were expectations it would pick up this year, following a mortgage servicing settlement earlier this year between big lenders and federal and state officials. However, this hasn't happened. Instead, home prices have been rising a small percentage from a year ago.

"We've been waiting for the other foreclosure shoe to drop," said Daren Blomquist, RealtyTrac vice president. Instead, it's "being lowered, slowly to the floor."

Foreclosure activity has been dropping for many reasons, including:

- Nationwide, almost 7 percent of U.S. home loans in August were 30 or more days delinquent but were not in foreclosure. That's down almost 11 percent from a year ago, according to mortgage tracker Lender Processing Services.

- More short sales. Short sales occur when lenders agree to a home sale for less than what's owed on the property. In the first five months of this year, short sales were up 18 percent from last year, RealtyTrac data show. In some states, they were up much more. California saw a 39 percent year-over-

year jump in short sales that occurred before the first foreclosure filing went out.

- More restrictions. California has passed legislation in the past year that requires lenders to take more steps to foreclose. Such measures may be slowing the foreclosure process.

Some judicial states are moving faster on foreclosure activity.

In the third quarter, RealtyTrac noted substantial increases for New Jersey, New York and Indiana. Florida also posted increases.

If you have any questions or are thinking of buying or selling your home/property please give me a call --I would love to help you!

Next month we will go back to exploring the loan process and the wide array of loans available.

Have a GREAT Thanksgiving Holiday! Enjoy family and friends! Eat lots of turkey and pumpkin pie!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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Annexation of the City of Tujunga

By Dorothy Skiles

Last month's few cool October days gave me pause to sit down with a cup of coffee and search the Internet, dig through some old historical files, and dust off several historical books about this town written by past and present local residents. I was hoping to find out what was going on in Sunland-Tujunga in the 1930s.

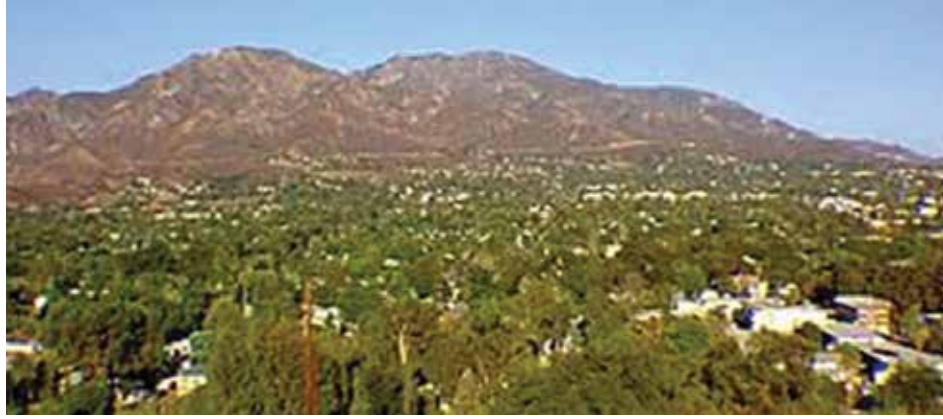
Without question, the angst over the annexation of the city of Tujunga to the city of Los Angeles was on everyone's mind. Proponents of annexation argued that unless Tujunga was annexed to the city of L.A., for all practical purposes, the town could not count on a sufficient water supply in the years to come.

The anti-annexationists were just as adamant, claiming that the town had adequate supplies of water and electricity. Their position was based, in part, on an assessment made by an engineer from the American States Water Company, who concluded that there was enough water to last far into the future and that annexation would not improve the water supply.

After contentious debates and failed elections, held over several years, finally, on Jan. 5, 1932 — by a vote of 718 to 659 — the people voted to have the city of Tujunga annexed to the City of L.A.

This decision was decided by a mere 59 votes.

As Mabel Hatch, a local resident and civil leader at the time, pointed out



A view of the sweeping Tujunga Valley.

so eloquently:

"The question of annexation to the city of Los Angeles was one of the most controversial that ever plagued and divided the people of the Verdugo Valley. The residents... were deeply conscious of its importance, and they fought with all they had, some on one side and some on the other, for what they thought were the best interests of their town. They knew the long shadow of that decision would lay across the valley for many a year. The heart of the discussion was water. Annexationists felt all services would be improved under the protecting wing of a big city with its vast resources..." (Source: Sunland-Tujunga from Village to City by Marlene A. Hitt, Little Landers Historical Society.)

In March of 1932, officials of Los Angeles were given the key to the "Tujunga City Hall."

When Los Angeles refused to assume any part of the \$7,000 debt of the building, residents were forced to pay off the indebtedness themselves by a

further tax increase of ten cents, making local taxes \$4.35. The City of L.A. continued to use "Tujunga's City Hall" for 20 years.

And of course, Tujunga, now part of the city of L.A., automatically had to assume its share of the millions of dollars of bonded indebtedness of the City of L.A.

The City of L.A. got to work making La Crescenta Avenue the boundary to the east, instead of Lowell as it is today. North and south streets were designated as avenues and east and west streets continued to be called streets. A total of 51 street and 60 avenue names were changed, much to the chagrin of some residents.

In the same year, 1932, "Tujunga's City Hall" officially changed its name to Bolton Hall. Now, 80 years later, I'm sure you'd still find those who could argue against annexation. It's now water in the "Wash." Or, then again, maybe not.

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drift
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reach out fingers
impotent
to stay the water
from its

falling

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Moon-Drenched In Love

She stood alone
beyond the bounds of light and
sound
alone
her arms held high in prayer
held high as if to catch
the perfect roundness of the moon

I stood alone
poised on the boundary of solitude
and revelry
alone
I watched in humble awe
her fluid silhouette
moon-drenched
in silver radiance

I walked to her
hidden in the darkness
entranced
afraid to draw a breath
lest I disturb her silent joy
her oneness with creation

sensing my approach
she turned
her arms released the moon
and reached for me
welcoming our first embrace
moon-drenched in love

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Day of Warm Breezes

Arms outstretched in
a greeting that
sisters share while
a warm breeze ushers
us into the kitchen
where light abounds.

The sounds of conversation
fill our ears and our hearts
while the makings for salad
are carefully prepared.
A bouquet of fall flowers lies
fan-folded on the countertop.
You stop to cut the stems,
Placing them in a vase,
your son comes in, we
smile and embrace.

Lunch is served,
we talk easily
between bites of
chicken, salad,
and berries.
Later, I show you
pictures of the
young marrieds.
We share books
and memories.
I browse the
photographs
on your den wall.

Soon it's time to
collect my belongings
from the hall,
both of us better
for the visit
less miles -
between us.
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Lois P. Jones, host of 'Poets Café' on Southern California's KFPK Radio.

Village Poets to Feature Lois P. Jones on Nov. 25

The Village Poets of Sunland-Tujunga are pleased to announce their upcoming Monthly Reading Series on Sunday, Nov. 25, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., at Bolton Hall Museum, 10110 Commerce Ave., Tujunga, CA 91042.

The featured poet for this event is Lois P. Jones who is host of Southern California's "Poets Café" (Pacifica Radio, KFPK 90.7 fm in Los Angeles), and co-produces Moonday West and Moonday East's poetry readings in Pacific Palisades and La Cañada, Flintridge.

She is the Poetry Editor of Kyoto Journal and the administrator of Penshells, an on-line poetry workshop forum.

She has published in *American Poetry Journal*, *Qarrtsiluni*, *Sierra Nevada Review*, *Askew*, *Raven Chronicles* and other journals in the U.S. and abroad and is a three-time Pushcart nominee.

She considers herself a devoted but amateur photographer with photographs published in several literary journals. Her poems have won honors under judges Kwame Dawes of Prairie Schooner, Fiona Sampson of Poetry London and others. New Yorker staff writer, Dana Goodyear selected "Ouija" as Poem of the Year (2010) in the competition sponsored by Web Del Sol.

Jones is the winner of the 2012 Tiferet Poetry Prize and will be featured in The Tiferet Talk Interviews, which includes conversations with Robert Pinsky and Julia Cameron forthcoming winter 2012.

We come to painting, to poetry, to the stage, hoping to revive the soul. And any artist whose work touches us earns our gratitude. (Lewis Hyde, *The Gift: Creativity and the Artist in the Modern World*)

Come join us in welcoming Lois!

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TUNA, from Page 1

armed troops, it was designed to receive individuals considered "enemy aliens" who had been taken into custody by the FBI on December 16, 1941.

Thereafter, the Tuna Canyon Detention Station operated as a gateway to internment for civilians of Japanese, Japanese-Peruvian, Italian and German descent. From its opening in 1941, until May of 1942, some 1,490 Japanese males passed through the camp and were transferred to other internment camps in Fort Missoula, Montana, Fort Lincoln, North Dakota and Santa Fe, New Mexico. The camp, which included seven barracks, an in-

firmery, a mess hall, and sundry office buildings, could hold up to 300 detainees at once and processed more than 2,500 individuals in total.

"I absolutely support Councilmember Alarcon's effort to protect the site of the Tuna Canyon Detention Station as a historic monument," said Lloyd Hitt, past president of the Little Landers Historical Society and a Sunland-Tujunga resident since 1946. "The historic significance of this site cannot be overstated, and preserving the area would be a positive statement that reflects both our community and the families of those whose fathers passed through the Tuna Camp."



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STNC, From Page 1

I decided to run for a second term to continue giving back to the community where I live. It is a great feeling to be on the board; to be helping is truly all-around rewarding."

Araz lists as his goals and objectives: listening to stakeholders and determining the needs for Region 4.

"I would like to be proactive and have an open channel of communication to be more effective and redemptive to the need of the community. I also want to roll out solar energy power for homes, something I am passionate about."

New to the STNC board, Pat O'Brien, Veterans Rep, said he was grateful to those who supported his election bid to the board. Pat received 198 votes, which was the second highest vote for all the group seats.

"As Veterans Representative, I plan to use this position to reach other Vets in the Community and help them with their benefits. I'll be working closely with American Legion Post 377 Service Officer Art Otten and the VA Hospital to walk other vets through the process and get them in the system, the same day, without the regular wait time."

Returning to the board as Treasurer after serving as Safety and Outreach Chair, Nina Royal said it was an easy transition because everyone has a voice through committee participation. "Since I attend all the meetings anyway, the only difference is I won't be free to walk around and visit [during the meeting] as I have become used to doing."

Royal says her main goal is to assure that the monies the city allows STNC to keep (after cutting the budget

every year) are optimized for the maximum amount of outreach between the City and our community, which is the funds' intended use by Neighborhood Councils per the City Charter.

Also returning to the board for another term is Parent Rep Lydia Grant, who has been proactive on the cause of improving education as far away as Sacramento with the state legislature.

"I am very excited to be returning to the STNC Board," Grant said. "It is wonderful to work with so many great leaders. Together we try to protect, stand up for, and improve our community."

Grant says that her plan for the next two years is to continue to address concerns about local schools and support parents and students in getting resolutions for their problems. "I am looking for others in the community who are interested in improving and supporting our schools by holding education discussions through the STNC Education Committee."

In the next issue of *Voice of the Village*, we'll focus on some of the other faces serving on your Neighborhood Council and what they are doing to make this community better.

Join us for the next STNC board meeting at North Valley City Hall on Wednesday, November 14th at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments followed by the board meeting.

For more information on the STNC, go to: www.stnc.org and sign up for STNC's E-Newsletter or contact the office at (818)951-7411 to learn how you can be a part of your community's active and well-respected all-volunteer neighborhood council.

Cookin with Mary!

By Mary Russo, Corsica's Italian Deli



This recipe has been passed down in my husband's family. The first year that I was married I had the pleasure of dinning at my in-laws for Thanksgiving. My Mother-in-law, Gloria passed the recipe to me, and now I'm going to share it with you. Hope you enjoy it as much as we have!

ITALIAN STUFFING

Ingredients:

- 1lb Loaf white bread cut into 1/6 / dry 1-2 days ahead
- 8 cups water
- 1/2 onion chopped
- Neck, gizzard heart & liver
- 1 cube of butter
- 3 cups onion chopped
- 3 cups celery chopped
- 3 Links Italian sausage, remove casing (hot or mild I use hot)
- 1/2 cup walnut chopped fine
- Salt & Pepper
- Granulated garlic
- 2 Tablespoons olive oil

Directions:

In a large bowl place dried bread. Set aside. In a stock pot, add 8 cups water, 1/2 chopped onion, neck, gizzard, heart, and liver. Bring to a boil and simmer for 40 minutes. Remove cooked neck, gizzard, heart & liver, let cool 5 minutes. Save stock. Take meat off neck and chop, remove tough part

from gizzard, chop gizzard, liver and heart, add all to dried bread. Set aside. In a large skillet melt butter (do NOT brown). Add celery and onion simmer until onions are clear. Add to Dry bread, set aside. Add olive oil and Italian sausage to skillet, fry until Italian sausage is crumbly and cooked. Add to dry bread. Add chopped walnuts to dry bread. Add stock a little at a time to dry bread. Mix, do NOT make it too wet. Add Salt, pepper, and granulated garlic to taste. Stuff your Turkey and bake. Your Turkey will be moist and flavorful. The stuffing will be delicious! Place the rest of stuffing in a baking dish, bake covered 35 to 45 minutes. Add it to the stuffing you remove from the turkey, mix and enjoy!

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