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Special Endorsement Ballot for City Council Run-off

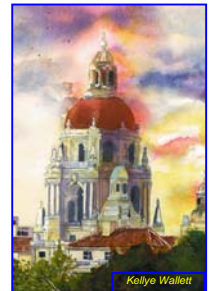
Tuesday April 19th is the date for PUSD and Pasadena City Council run-off elections.

In PUSD, Tom Selinske and Sean Baggett will compete for Seat #6. ACT endorsed Selinske in the primary election, so that endorsement carries forward into the run-off.

In Pasadena City Council District 4, Gene Masuda and Jill Fosselman will compete in the run-off. ACT did not endorse any candidate in that race in the primary, so we now have the opportunity to reconsider that decision. Inside this *Phoenix* is your endorsement ballot on page 7 -- be sure to mail it back so we receive it by March 28!

ACT did not endorse any candidate in the primary. The Steering Committee, by an electronic vote of 22 - 1, recommends endorsing Jill Fosselman. The Research Committee write-ups on these candidates were in the January Phoenix, and are available on the ACT website (www.actpasadena.org) for your reference.

Note: The Arroyo Democratic Club had endorsed Chris Chahinian in the primary, but he did not make it into the run-off election. Since both Gene Masuda and Jill Fosselman are Republicans, the Arroyo Democratic Club cannot endorse any candidate in the run-off, so there is no ADC ballot.



Get Well Wishes to Jeanette

ACT Steering Committee member and PCC Board member Jeanette Mann is home and recovering from March 8 triple bypass surgery. We are glad to hear she is doing really well and wish her a speedy recovery.

Do we have your current Email address?

Please send any new Email address to Jon Fuhrman at jon_fuhrman@charter.net.

2011 Steering Committee Meeting Calendar

In mid 2010 we voted to go back to our old rotating schedule system: Steering Committee meetings will occur on the first Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday of the month in rotation.

Please mark your calendars with these upcoming meeting dates (coffee at 7 p.m.; meeting at 7:30 p.m.):

Wednesday, April 6

Thursday, May 5

Tuesday, June 7

Wednesday, July 6

Thursday, August 4

Tuesday, September 6

Wednesday, October 5

Thursday, November 3

Tuesday, December 6

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April Phoenix Deadline

The Phoenix deadline is normally the Sunday after the monthly ACT Steering Committee meeting. So the deadline for the April *Phoenix* will be Sunday, April 10 (after the Wednesday, April 6 Steering Committee meeting). Please send items to Chuck Hains at Hains27@SBCGlobal.net. We will prep *The Phoenix* for mailing on Thursday, April 14 at 7 p.m. at Chuck's house, 1391 La Solana, Altadena. (Volunteer mailers please verify these details with Ellen Coles, 626-798-2402.)

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The Perfect Gift

Give a friend or loved one a special surprise – **an ACT gift membership!!** For the bargain price of just \$20, you can provide that certain someone with hours of political pleasure including:

Exciting programs and events!

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A full year subscription to the *Phoenix*-of-the-Month Club – chock full of political news, views and prognostications!

Go to the ACT webpage to sign up (see <http://www.ACTPasadena.org>) – or - send your \$20 check per recipient to ACT, PO Box 40074, Pasadena, CA 91114-7074. Be sure to include the full name(s) and address(es) of the recipient(s) and the donor.

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Save the Date – May 29 – for our Jack Scott Event

On Sunday, May 29, ACT will host and roast our favorite Educator/Yellow Dog Democrat, **Jack Scott**, at an afternoon fundraiser.

We will keep you posted on all the details. Please mark Sunday afternoon, May 29 on your calendar now and watch for your invitation in the mail.

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Finance For Women Meeting

On Monday, March 21, 2011, the National Women's Caucus of Greater Pasadena will present a panel of experts to discuss finance for women at a meeting at the Altadena Library from 6 to 7:30 p.m. After the panel's presentation, a question and answer session will ensue. Especially during this Great Recession we are currently experiencing, it is wise to hear advice from experts who deal with financial issues every day.

The Caucus was fortunate to book presenters Christine Fuentes, a Certified Financial Planner and Chartered Financial Consultant, with twenty-five years of experience and Leah Thomson Snell, a member of the DiCiaccio Team at Merrill Lynch for fourteen years. The DiCiaccio Team manages \$233 million for 120

clients.

Come improve your financial IQ by attending this valuable (pun intended) meeting. This meeting is part of our celebration of Women's History Month and refreshments will be served.

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Welcome New and Returning ACT Members:

Laramie Haynes, Pasadena
Brian Walsh and Erin Scott, So. Pasa.

Special Thanks to Our Patrons:

John & Susan Caldwell, San Marino
Beth Gertmenian, Pasadena
Anita Pemstein, Pasadena
Kip Thorne & Carolee Winstein, Pasa.

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Special Thanks to Sustaining Members:

Larry Eggers, Pasadena
Jim & Ginny Heringer, Pasadena
Jerry & Nancy Pine, Altadena
Helen Salandra, Pasadena
George Way & Maria Low Way, Pasa.

And Thanks to Members for Additional Contributions to ACT's Operating Account:

Sue Basmajian, Pasadena
Larry Eggers, Pasadena

And Thanks to Members for Additional Contributions to ACT's Political Account:

Larry Eggers, Pasadena
Judy Johnson, Pasadena

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Results and Statistics for the 3-11 PUSD Election:

	Cooper	Stevenson	Kenne	Selinske	Baggett	Chris- topher	Reg Vote	Bal Cast	Turn- out %
PUSD Seat 1	659	388	327	339	217	162	9775	1611	16.5%
PUSD Seat 2	410	302	246	394	119	58	10441	1202	11.5%
PUSD Seat 4	1174	719	705	748	504	238	12345	3582	29.0%
PUSD Seat 6	1140	654	681	780	355	287	14356	3968	27.6%
PUSD Dists 3, 5, 7	638	362	408	406	224	154	24763	824	9.1%
Altadena	778	560	479	595	260	183	28630	1098	10.5%
East Pasadena	63	40	31	49	18	7	3265	76	6.4%
Sierra Madre	170	123	152	176	72	36	7683	288	10.2%
Election Day Precinct Totals	5076	3182	3056	3515	1790	1137	114527	7398	6.5%
		51.0%	49.0%	54.6%	27.8%	17.6%			
Absentees	6389	3004	4548	3270	3240	1383		9279	8.1%
		39.8%	60.2%	41.4%	41.0%	17.5%			
Overall Totals	11465	6186	7604	6785	5030	2520	114527	16677	14.6%
		44.9%	55.1%	47.3%	35.1%	17.6%			

Political Notes

by Jon Fuhrman



Sunday, Mar. 13.

As I write this column, Pasadena's City Clerk is still counting several thousand absentee ballots dropped off on Election Day, and numerous provisional ballots as well. So the vote tallies here are only approximate, but unlikely to change in any significant way.

The story they tell is another somewhat sad tale of voter apathy. Turnout was at least somewhat respectable in the three City Council Districts with contested races: 16.5% in District 1, 29% in District 4, and 27% in District 6. The latter is a bit surprising -- District 6 usually has the highest turnout rate, and the Council race there was by far the most expensive, most hotly contested, and outright nastiest race we've seen in decades. And while 27% isn't a bad turnout for local elections, it's certainly not stellar. Clearly, the widespread discontent which Carolyn Naber

perceived was neither so wide nor so discontented. It's also possible that the overwhelmingly negative tone of the campaign turned off voters and depressed the overall turnout. Whatever the reason, incumbent Councilman (and ACT member) Steve Madison won a reasonably decisive 55% margin.

In District 1, incumbent Councilwoman (and ACT member) Jacque Robinson won a dramatically more decisive win with 76% of the vote. Interestingly, James Smith reported over \$2500 in contributions from Ramon Miramontes and Scott Phelps, which represented nearly 80% of the funds reported in his latest campaign filing, and nearly a quarter of his entire campaign funding. Miramontes and Phelps seem intent on trying to build a new political power structure in the Northwest, and their successful recruitment and support for Berlinda Brown in the 2009 PCC Board election seemed to augur well for their efforts. Now, however, their efforts are becoming mired in controversy as well as proving less successful.

In District 4, it would seem that having 5 candidates did boost turnout to the highest level in the city and PUSD district. Gene Masuda, who entirely self-funded his campaign, appeared at least somewhat successful in his effort to leverage his name recognition and support from 2007; he won the absentee votes convincingly, with almost 43%, and ended up leading the pack with 38%. Gene's run-off opponent will be Jill Fosselman, who won the election-day ballots with 36% and ended up trailing Masuda narrowly with 35.4% of the overall vote. Fosselman had the late advantage of endorsements from the Star-News and retiring incumbent Steve Haderlein. But with five candidates, it was unlikely that any candidate could have avoided a run-off.

This election continued the trend of increasing numbers of absentee ballots -- over 55% of the votes counted so far are absentee ballots, and

that percentage will climb as the City Clerk finishes counting the absentees turned in on Election Day. They constituted about half the ballots cast in those districts with contested Council races, but over 64% of all ballots cast in the rest of the district. The April 19th run-off election will be even more tilted toward absentee balloting.

Turnout in the rest of the PUSD district was pretty abysmal, even after correcting for absentee ballots. Altadena, Sierra Madre and the Pasadena precincts without Council races all showed about a 10% turnout rate. In Pasadena's District 2, where Councilmember McAusten was unopposed, the turnout was 11%.

What should we make of this anemic turnout? Are voters generally satisfied with the District? Are they simply disconnected, and are our public schools simply no longer of much interest to the bulk of the voting public? Are voters dissatisfied but have simply given up? Interestingly, the City Clerk tallies the number of blank votes for any given race, so we can see, among the voters in City Council districts with contested races, how many actually voted for PUSD candidates and how many just walked away after voting for City Council candidates. Of the "extra" voters who seemed to turn out because of the contested Council races, about half stayed to vote in PUSD races, while half left their ballots blank. That means perhaps 20% of the overall electorate seems willing, or interested enough, to vote in PUSD elections, with half of those needing some extra encouragement to bother to vote. It seems hard to argue that the overwhelming majority of our voters appear to have become terminally disconnected from our public schools.

Looking at the actual results, Gene Stevenson

narrowly won the election day voting for PUSD Seat 4, but Kim Kenne built a huge lead in the absentee ballots which carried her to a comfortable 55% majority. In Seat 6, Tom Selinske similarly had a solid 54.6% majority among Election Day voters, but carried only 41% of the absentees, leaving him just shy of the magic 50% needed to avoid a run-off election.

That bodes ill for Selinske: the last three incumbent PUSD Board members forced into run-off elections -- George Van Alstine, Susan Kane, and Bill Bibbiani -- all lost the subsequent run-off. The turnout for run-off elec-



tions routinely drops by about a third, the electorate becomes more conservative, and the voters angry at the incumbent, for whatever reason, tend to be more likely to stick around and vote again. Further, having a run-off in City Council District 4, one of the more conservative Pasadena districts, should benefit Sean Baggett as the more conservative candidate and the one endorsed by the local Tea Party adherents.

The politics of the race for Seat 6 were intriguing. The two challengers came from apparently quite different political orientations, with Sean Baggett, a Republican, being endorsed by Tea Party folks, and Gaylaird Christopher, who reregistered as a Democrat, attracting support from the left. Yet, each received contributions from a number of the same donors -- \$2,500 from the Del Terra Real Estate Group in La Puente, \$1,500 from the Seville Group, \$1,000 from an employee at Learning Works. Together, these contributions came to a disproportionate share of Christopher's contributions, and a lesser, but still significant, proportion of Baggett's contributions. It would seem strange that multiple donors would give to two opposing candidates, unless

one considers a "grand strategy" of attacking the incumbent simultaneously from the left and the right, in order to deny the incumbent a majority. Unfortunately, the strategy seems to have worked.

These contributions seem to have been coordinated by Ramon Miramontes and Scott Phelps. The fears that they are seeking to win an electoral majority on the Board, which a recent Pasadena Weekly article discussed in great detail, appear well founded. More troubling, though, is the possibility that one result of that control might be to implement a system like that at the L.A. Community Colleges, where outside project management and construction management firms are hired to manage bond-funded construction projects. The recent LA Times articles about the potential for waste and mismanagement that comes with that style of management remind us of what might be at stake in this election.

So, watch for a strong effort by all candidates in the run-off elections to focus on absentee voters. Don't be surprised, if you voted absentee, to get several calls and mailers beseeching you to continue voting. And if, perchance, you didn't vote in March, be sure to in the April 19th run-off.

While Pasadena works out our elections, the state is on the very edge. Gov. Brown has been frantically lobbying Republicans. At least 5 Republican Senators seem actively engaged in negotiations, but no significant indications of progress have yet emerged (although the fact that they're still talking is positive). The Governor has a mere handful of days to get the Legislature to act. Democrats have approved a budget with severe cuts in social services and safety net spending, which would save \$12 billion. But cutting another \$12 billion would just massacre school spending and other key services.

My hope, more than guess, is that the Gover-

nor will succeed. But my suspicion is that Republicans will hang tough and hold out. They seem utterly unfazed by the prospect that schools, colleges and social services will all see dramatic budget cuts. Perhaps they believe they can both cut the budget and force the Governor to adopt fundamental reforms to pension, spending rules and regulatory schemes, because they seem unwilling to bargain for gradual reforms or incremental changes. Next Monday, March 21, is about the very last day the Legislature can put the Governor's proposals on the ballot, so we'll be on tenterhooks till then. Let's hope sanity prevails.

-- Jon Fuhrman



Hear Author Michelle Alexander

Wednesday - March 23rd
6:30 P.M.

Central Library
285 E. Walnut St. – Pasa.
Free and Open to the Public



Author Michelle **Alexander** will make her only LA area appearance in Pasadena to discuss her book *The New Jim Crow ... Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*. Alexander, currently on law faculty at Ohio State, is former Director of Stanford Law's Civil Rights Clinics, clerked for Supreme Court Justice Blackmun, and has been a commentator on CNN, NPR, and MSNBC.

This event is sponsored and supported by the City of Pasadena Library, Pasadena Human Relations Commission, the Flintridge Center, Sankofa, ACLU-SC Pasadena/Foothills Chapter, NAACP Pasadena, Former California Attorney General John Van de Kamp, the YWCA Pasadena-Foothills Valley, Lovebirds Café and Bakery, Diversified Educational Services, Inc., The Alkebulon Cultural Center and The National Lawyers Guild/LA.

ACT ENDORSEMENT BALLOT

For April 19 Run-off Election



Endorsement Ballot Instructions

The membership of ACT recognizes that ACT is a democratic organization dependent on the goodwill of its members. Towards this end, the following rules shall govern the election procedures for ACT endorsements. The purpose of these rules is to prevent the manipulation of the endorsement process, to safeguard the voting privileges of members, and to further the democratic principles and procedures of ACT.

Who can vote? Year 2010 and 2011 members who are 18 years of age or older can vote. Each member on your address label is entitled to one vote and only one vote (if there is one name on the label, you have one vote; two names, two votes. If a person casts more votes than authorized, those votes are voided.

How do I vote? Mark and return your ballot in the enclosed envelope with the label attached. Or, if you desire a secret ballot, you may enclose it in an additional unmarked envelope. Each completed ballot sent by mail shall be submitted in the ACT envelope. Each voting member must sign the outside of the ACT ballot envelope. If there is no enclosed envelope, please send the ballot in an envelope with your name and return address to: ACT, Attn: Endorsement Election Committee, P. O. Box 40074, Pasadena, CA 91114-7074.

Ballot rules - No proxies or duplicated ballots may be used in voting in ACT endorsement elections. If your ballot is damaged, write "void" on it and send it along with a note indicating how you voted.

Ballot Deadline Ballots must be received by 5 p.m. Monday, March 28. Further endorsement election information can be found in this *Phoenix*.

Why do we vote? ACT's endorsement can mean access to donor files, computer data, and such financial contributions as are voted by the Steering Committee.

Endorsement Requirements

1. A 60% majority of ballots cast is required to endorse a candidate or either the "Yes" or "No" side of a proposition. Abstentions will not be counted, i.e. only ballots cast in each race will be counted as part of the percentage.
2. No quorum is required.

Example: (family has 3 ACT members qualified to vote), Member #1 supports Candidate X; Member #2 supports Candidate Y; Member #3 decides to vote "No endorsement":

Vote for one	Voter: #1	#2	#3
Candidate X.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate Y.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Endorsement.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

ACT Endorsement Ballot

Pasadena City Council District 4

The Steering Committee by a vote of 22-1, recommends endorsing **Jill Fosselman**.

Vote for one	Voter: #1	#2	#3
Jill Fosselman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gene Masuda	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Endorsement.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Recommendation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

End of ACT Endorsement Ballot

**From
44th District
Assemblymember
Anthony
Portantino**



Greetings from
Sacramento!

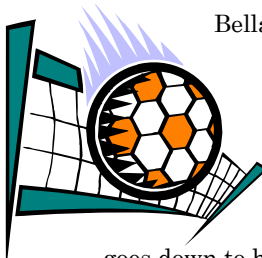
Sunday, March 6 was a great day in the 44th Assembly District, the Altadena Library celebrated its 85th year and unveiled some exciting expansion plans and the Pasadena League of Women Voters celebrated its 75th Anniversary. I really do have the best Assembly District in the State of California. I recently joined with women's rights groups, our local Planned Parenthood leadership and Congresswomen Judy Chu, Jane Harmon and Laura Richardson in opposing the Pence Amendment intended to cut Title X funding. This mean-spirited attempt to derail funding for women's health such as pap smears, cancer screenings and preventing unwanted pregnancies is just wrong and I think will backfire as a political and social agenda.

And speaking of health, I have introduced a bill (AB 428) to help young cancer patients preserve fertility. I was concerned when I learned that some patients will postpone treatment or choose a less effective therapy in order to protect their fertility. Although most insurance covers the consequences of cancer treatment, such as reconstructive surgery, losing reproductive ability as a result of chemotherapy is currently not covered. This bill would require insurers to treat fertility preservation just as they would any other cancer after-effect.

My work on Rape Kit processing legislation has led to me receiving the Extraordinary Advocate Award from the California Coalition

against Sexual Assault. Though I am very honored to be receiving this award, it's a sad day that legislation is even necessary to force public safety agencies to process physical evidence for such a heinous crime.

As you may have read in recent news reports, I am taking steps to begin an exploratory campaign for Congress. It will come as no surprise to ACT members that the new congressional district lines being drawn for the San Gabriel Valley will favor my run. We won't know until August 15 what the new boundaries for the 26th Congressional District are, but I want to be ready when the opportunity presents itself. Thank you to all my ACT friends who have supported me over the years, who have encouraged this effort and who have offered their early support.



Bella started softball season in February. Her nickname on her jersey is "Lucky Charm." It's extremely cute as she was given an adult small instead of a children's small and it goes down to her ankles. I bought her Nike wrist bands so she can look like a scrappy ball player. Ellen, along with many other deserving PTA volunteers received a Founders Day Award last week. I'm very proud of all she does for our family and our community that allows me the time to represent our great district.

Assemblymember Anthony Portantino represents the 44th Assembly District of California, including La Canada, Pasadena, Altadena, South Pasadena, Eagle Rock, Highland Park, Glassell Park, Temple City, Duarte and parts of Arcadia and Monrovia. He can be reached by Email at:
<http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a44/>



**From
43th District
Assemblymember
Mike Gatto**

**Assemblyman Gatto
Introduces Landmark
Legislation to Capture
Roadside Energy**



**Innovative New Technology Will Allow
California to Harness Power Otherwise
Lost as Cars Travel Over Pavement.**

Hybrid vehicles capture the energy lost while slowing down a vehicle and use that energy to power the car independently from the engine for significant stretches of time. But what if we could capture the energy lost as all automobiles move along a stretch of pavement and channel that power into the electrical grid? A bill that I have introduced (AB 306) would do just that.

The technology is called “piezoelectric generation.” Current conservative estimates indicate that a 1.5 mile stretch of two-lane roadway generates enough power to meet the energy needs of 1000 homes for a year. The science works as follows: When a car or truck passes over pavement, the pavement vibrates ever so slightly. (You can feel these vibrations if you have ever stood on a road as a truck speeds by.) By placing relatively inexpensive piezoelectric sensors underneath a road, the vibrations produced by vehicles can be converted into electricity, which can be used to power roadside lights, call boxes, and neighboring communities. Identical technology has already been placed underneath highways in Israel, and Italy has signed a contract to place the technology under a stretch of the Venice-to-Trieste Autostrada. The technology can be placed under asphalt during regularly scheduled repaving, and does not affect the vehicles traveling on the road, in terms of “road

feel”, fuel efficiency, or emissions.

A major source of renewable energy is right beneath our feet -- or, more accurately, our tires. California is the car capitol of the world. It only makes sense to convert to electricity the energy lost as cars travel over our roads.

My bill would require Caltrans to use existing funds (already set aside by AB 118 in 2007) to run two pilot projects with the new piezoelectric technology, one in Northern California and one in Southern California. Caltrans could sell the power to local businesses and use the proceeds for other piezoelectric retrofitting, or simply for much-needed repairs to regular roads. These projects would quite literally pay for themselves, and will be a significant source of 'green sector,' private-sector jobs.

Assemblyman Mike Gatto represents all or part of Silver Lake, Franklin Hills, Los Feliz, Atwater Village, Glendale, Burbank, North Hollywood, Valley Village, and Van Nuys in the California State Assembly. Please call 818-558-3043 or e-mail assemblymember.gatto@assembly.ca.gov.



A History of Middle East Tensions

By Hannah Naiditch,

excerpted from the Pasadena Star News: 02/15/2011

The accusation that the Jews stole their land from the Palestinian people refuses to die, but don't judge unless you know Israel's history.

For centuries Arabs and Jews lived together. They lived mostly at peace, although Arabs greatly outnumbered Jews. The land was a sparsely populated barren desert, and its people were mostly nomadic. Large Jewish communities prospered between the 12th and 13th centuries; then the crusaders came and went, massacring infidels, Jews and Muslims alike.

In 1917, Palestine became a British mandate,

and Britain issued the Balfour Declaration which promised the Jews a national homeland. On May 14, 1948, David Ben-Gurion, leader of the Palestinian Jews, declared the formation of the Jewish state of Israel. The United States recognized the state of Israel and the Soviet Union soon followed. Israel's right to exist was historically legitimized.

Within hours Egypt invaded from the south, Arabs attacked from the east, and Syria and Lebanon attacked from the north. It marked the beginning of the 1948 War of Liberation. The war ended with a spectacular victory for Israel. The West Bank became part of Jordan, and Egypt got the Gaza Strip. Israel got Galilee, the Negev, and a central section of Palestine. Jerusalem became a divided city.

In 1956, Nasser of Egypt created a major crisis by nationalizing the Suez Canal. Israel saw Nasser's actions as a declaration of war and Israel invaded Egypt to ensure its right to free trade. By 1957, under pressure from the U.S., it gave up all Egyptian-occupied territory. Nasser threatened all-out war, got rid of the U.N. peace forces, and again declared sovereignty over the Suez Canal. He also threatened Israel's right to exist. In 1967 Israel launched a preemptive strike, marking the start of the third Israeli-Arab war. In six days, Israeli troops occupied the Sinai, Gaza, the West Bank, East Jerusalem and the Golan Heights.

The Arabs' 1967 defeat only created more bitterness and anger as Jewish settlements grew in numbers on disputed territories. The Yom Kippur war of 1973 started when Syria and Egypt launched a surprise attack on Israel. The two-week war was won by Israel but at enormous human cost.

A breakthrough occurred in 1978. A historical meeting between two adversaries, Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat, took place at Camp David, bringing new hope for peace as Israel

agreed to return the Sinai to Egypt. In 1993, Yitzak Rabin and Yasser Arafat met and signed the Oslo Peace Accords, but some of the most difficult issues, namely the Jerusalem and the Palestinian refugee solutions, were postponed. Since then the hope for peace has faded and the cycle of violence has increased.

The complex history shows that there was enough blame to go around. There have been many missed opportunities on both sides.

From the very beginning, the Arabs rejected Israel's right to exist and never gave up the hope to push Israel into the sea. If the Arabs had accepted Israel's right to exist, four bloody wars may have been avoided, and history may have taken a different course. Instead they taught their children to hate, eradicated Israel from their maps and viewed their suicide bombers as heroes.

On the other hand, Israel chose disproportionately punitive responses to an Intifada that began with kids throwing rocks. It was wrong to bulldoze homes of Arab suspects while the rest of the family helplessly watched. And wrong for Begin and his Likud party to build settlements in disputed territories.

Recently Arabs have found their own weapon, suicide bombing, via an unlimited supply of young men and women willing to die and take as many Israelis as possible with them. No matter what we think of its moral validity, suicide bombing is a powerful political weapon, unpredictable, almost impossible to eradicate, and devastating when it hits.

Not everything can be fought with bombs or suicide bombing. Minds cannot be changed by weapons, ideas cannot be conquered by weapons, grievances cannot be silenced by weapons, and hate cannot be eradicated by weapons. It is this final recognition that may eventually bring peace to this troubled region.

Hannah is a member of the ACT Steering Committee.

ACT and ADC Members: 2011 Dues Are Now Due

Yes! 2011 ACT and Arroyo Democratic Club dues are due! Technology makes renewing your ACT and/or ADC memberships very easy. Just go to ACTPasadena.org and follow the steps.

Or you can use the membership renewal coupon printed here and mail it in with your check, if you choose. Either way, know that ACT and ADC need and appreciate your continued membership and involvement.



Our grateful thanks to all the ACT and ADC members who have already renewed.

I'd like to join both groups for one low price! (Checks payable to ACT/ADC)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$40 Single | <input type="checkbox"/> \$70 Single Sustaining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Each additional member per household | <input type="checkbox"/> \$90 Double Sustaining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Student or limited income | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150 Patron |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> \$275 Benefactor |

I'd like to join ACT (Checks payable to ACT)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Single | <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Single Sustaining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Each additional member per household | <input type="checkbox"/> \$85 Double Sustaining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Student or limited income | <input type="checkbox"/> \$125 Patron |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Gift Membership (NEW!) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$275 Benefactor |

I'd like to join the Arroyo Democratic Club (Checks payable to ADC)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Single | <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Single Sustaining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Each additional member per household | <input type="checkbox"/> \$85 Double Sustaining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Student or limited income | <input type="checkbox"/> \$125 Patron |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> \$275 Benefactor |

Extra Contribution

- \$ _____ Political Account (for endorsed candidates and issues)
- \$ _____ Operating Account (for organizational costs) \$ _____ **Total enclosed**

Name

Home Phone

Address

Office Phone

City

ZIP

Email address

Mail to ACT, P. O. Box 40074, Pasadena, CA 91114-7074



Calendar

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| March 28
Monday | ACT endorsement ballot deadline. Your ballot must be received at the ACT mailbox by 5 p.m. on this date. | April 6
Wednesday
7 p.m. | ACT Steering Committee and ADC meeting at the home of Carolyn Carlburg, 2041 Rosemont Avenue, #2, Pasa. All members welcome and urged to attend. Coffee at 7 p.m.; meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. |
| April 1
Friday
8-9 a.m. | Friday Morning Progressive Discussion Group at Conrad's Restaurant, NW corner Lake & Walnut, Pasa. Call Inman Moore for info at 626-795-2201. We meet on 1 st & 3 rd Fridays. | April 15
Friday | Friday Morning Discussion Group. (Details same as 4/1.) |
| | | April 19
Tuesday | Run-off Election PUSD Seat 6 & Pasadena City Council Dist. 4. Polls open from 7 am to 8 pm |
| | | May 5
Thursday | ACT Steering Committee and ADC meeting. |
| | | May 6
Friday | Friday Morning Discussion Group. (Details same as 4/1.) |
| | | May 29
Sunday | Save the date: ACT Fundraiser with Jack Scott |



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