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Pasadena Area United Democratic Headquarters invites you to join us for

Oktoberfest 2016

at the home of Bob & Linda Angel

Hillmont House

Pasadena's first Queen Victorian Home

939 North Hill Avenue Pasadena, California

Sunday, October 23, 2016 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Traditional Oktoberfest Food and Drink Sponsorships available: \$5000, \$2500, \$1000, \$500, \$250, \$100

\$35 per person

For information contact Bill Hacket at larealestate411@gmail.com

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Ballot Results from September *Phoenix*

5th Supervisorial District (ACT)

 Kathryn Barger
 24 (32%)

 Darrell Park
 48 (64%)

 No endorsement
 3 (4%)

5th Supervisorial District (ADC)

 Darrell Park
 29 (72.5%)

 No endorsement
 11 (27.5%)

NOTE: At the October 6 Meeting, the ACT Steering Committee voted to contribute \$750 to Darrell Park's campaign.

Support for Affordable Housing Commission Fails

The proposal that ACT endorse the creation of a City of Pasadena Affordable Housing Commission failed to achieve the required 75% affirmative vote by the General Membership. The final vote tally was 39 YES and 31 NO which resulted in only 56% of the returned ballots in favor.

ACT's By-law and Standing Orders require a super majority of 75% of the General Membership voting for an issue proposal before it becomes an official ACT position.

-- Ed Washatka



Ad-Hoc Committee to Review ACT's Issues Process

The ACT Steering Committee voted October 6 to create an Ad-hoc Committee to review the process for ACT to consider and vote on Issues that become official positions of ACT. The Committee will review the current By-laws, Standing Orders and processes for ACT taking stands on issues and compare their findings to current practices and make recommendations to the Steering Committee for any changes.

The procedure for ACT taking positions on issues was adopted in early 2014 and an Issues Committee was formed. However, by the end of the year, the Issues Committee dissolved. Since then, the Coalition Building and Outreach Committee has stepped in to function as an Issues Committee of sorts.

This has resulted in a process out of alignment with the Standing Rules of ACT's By-laws, less informative discussion on both sides of issues before votes by the Steering Committee, and concern by some members the issue process may not be aligning with ACT's guiding principles.

Bruce Wright has agreed to chair the Ad-hoc Committee. He will be joined by Jon Fuhrman, Executive Director; Marilee Marshall, Chair of the Research Committee; Dale Gronemeier, Chair of the Coalition Building and Outreach Committee; Barbara Paul, Recording Secretary; and Ed Washatka, Treasurer. The Committee hopes to complete its review and present recommendations at the December meeting.

The Committee welcomes any and all input on this matter. Contact Bruce Wright at <u>brucewright@sbcglobal.net</u>. The current bylaws can be accessed through the ACT/ADC webpage, specifically at:

http://actpasadena.org/page/bylawsactadc.html.

-- Ed Washatka

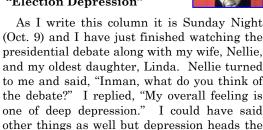
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Wonderings and Wanderings

By Inman Moore

"Election Depression"

list.



I never would have thought I would hear in our United States of America one candidate threaten his/her opponent with jail if he/she is elected. This is third world histrionics. This is what actually occurs in many small poorly educated countries around the world. certainly not in the United States, supposedly one of the world's leading countries? Surely I misheard. But no, it is on the record. If elected Donald Trump says he will appoint a special prosecutor to see that Hillary Clinton goes to jail.

Here is a man that has been in countless law suits, cheated small contractors on his payments to them for work done for him, and declared a number of bankruptcies. He is in his third marriage, with intimations of affairs with other women. And this man is going to put Hillary in jail if he is elected president?

The more I learn about Donald Trump the more my depression deepens. He is one of the world's worst braggarts. For example what is his net worth? No one really knows. On different days you get different numbers from Trump. Anywhere from four billion to 10 billion. It is very probable that he has much much less than that. However, it is a certainty that he has more money in the bank than I do. But then most people have more money in the bank than I do.

My prediction is that Hillary Clinton will win the election. But, as I write these words going onto midnight, I may not sleep well tonight. Do you think Trump will win? God forbid!!!

-- Inman

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UDH Free Events Calendar



Visit Pasadena United Democratic Headquarters (UDH) to phone, walk, and do GOTV work. You can also shop for election T-shirts for children and adults, buttons and other items, or take your picture with life-size Hillary. And to attend any or all of our special events. UDH is at 400 S. Lake Avenue, Pasadena (with ample parking in the back off RSVP for free events at Shopper's Lane.) http://pasadenademocrats.nationbuilder.com/

Fridays, 7-9 p.m. = Movie Night

Oct. 21 ... To Kill a Mockingbird Oct. 28 ... By the People - President Obama

Saturdays, 6-8 p.m. = Special Events Night

Oct. 15... Music Night (TBD) Oct. 22... 'Twas the Night before Oktoberfest (with pretzels and German food)

Sunday 4-5 p.m. = Discussion Night Oct. 16 ... Gun Violence

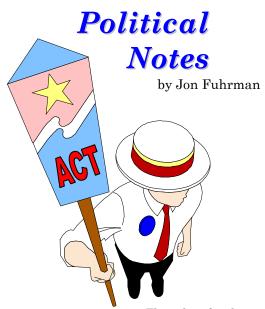


Volunteers Needed at UDH!

With the election just three weeks away our United Democratic Headquarters (UDH) needs your help for the final push. Campaign

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Thursday, October 6.

There were a couple of rocky weeks last month. Trump seemed to be ascendant; Hillary's polls were teetering; the pundits were circling like sharks, pouncing on every misstep or presumed misstep. Did I really, I mean really, still think it would be a blow-out for the Dems?

Yes, yes, yes, and I think it still will be, although it will take a lot of effort and a LOT of money. So clear your calendars and open your wallets, but I think we'll have a killer Election Day.

Underlying my predictions were two assumptions: that Secretary Clinton would shine in the debates, and that Trump's hubris in eschewing the traditional approach to organizing a ground operation would sink his candidacy, and much of the Republican down ballot candidates along with him.

The first of those assumptions seems to be holding even more strongly than I would have anticipated. Trump had just a terrible performance in the first debate, and Clinton has gained 5 to 10 points in essentially all the polls, across all the battleground states. The next "debate" – actually a town hall format – is this Sunday, well before you receive this Phoenix. My guess is that, once again, Trump will manage to embarrass himself, even compared to the very low "expectation" bar that is set for him. If indeed that happens, his campaign is likely to descend into a downward spiral from which it is nearly impossible to recover.

Secondly, the difference in the approach of the two campaigns to the ground game is fascinating. Trump is not ignoring it, but is just approaching it in a uniquely Trump fashion. The special strength of his campaign has always been the mass rallies he has and the large attendance those rallies generate. So these days, now that early voting has started in many states, outside each rally he has volunteers soliciting absentee ballot applications, collecting absentee ballots where it is legal to do so, and otherwise trying to follow up on the absentee vote - a perfectly logical thing to do given the importance of early voting. But that apparently is the only thing they are doing, and Trump can have only one rally a day and probably only two or three rallies in any given battleground state before Election Day.

The Clinton campaign, in contrast, has offices and paid staff strewn across the battlefield, far outnumbering the Trump personnel, and is assertively working the early voting opportunities, using all the expertise and data learned from the past two Obama campaigns. So there are early reports of absentee ballot requests in Ohio exceeding the levels set in 2012, of high numbers of early votes in North Carolina, and

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so on. In Colorado, Democrats have surpassed Republicans in the number of registered voters, whereas in 2004, Republicans had a 175,000 voter advantage. Right here in Pasadena, one volunteer joined a caravan to Las Vegas, and he reported that the volunteers in his bus alone registered 400 new Democrats in North Las Vegas. In a state where less than 1 million votes were cast in 2012, numbers like that can make a real difference in the Presidential race, the Nevada Senate race, and the contested House race.

Thus it appears to me that both underlying assumptions are holding steady, which should

lead to a major Democratic victory in November. I'm still holding to my prediction of 395 Electoral votes for Hillary Clinton, a strongly Democratic Senate, and a Democratic House.

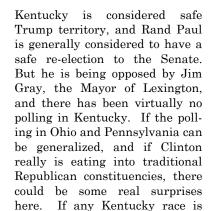
So as you settle in to watch the returns on Election Day (after doing a stint of GOTV phoning at the United Democratic Headquarters on South Lake), here are some potential early indicators of whether we should be

toasting our victory or drowning our sorrows. The first states to close their polls at 6 pm (3 pm Pacific time) are Indiana, Kentucky, and South Carolina (although both Indiana and Kentucky have some parts of their states in the Central Time zone, and thus some polls stay open for an extra hour).

Indiana is generally considered a likely Republican win (my prediction to the contrary notwithstanding). If the early returns are judged too close to call, or you see an early Clinton lead, Dems are in really good shape. The strongly Democratic precincts of Gary and other northwest industrial areas are typically the last to report, so staying even or leading early on is an excellent omen.

Indiana also has a crucial Senate race. Evan

Bayh is seeking to return to the Senate after a four-year absence (when he chose not to run for re-election). Winning this seat is crucial for the Dems to build a substantial majority. Bayh started out with a strong lead, stemming from his name recognition and his father's legendary stints as Governor and a three-term Senator. But his Republican opponent has caught up to some extent. Bayh should run even or ahead of his opponent all night, with the northwest industrial areas of Gary giving him a comfortable margin at the end of the night. If Bayh is running more than a few points behind, then we're in trouble.



"too close to call", that's a really good sign for Democrats.

At 7 pm EST, or 4 pm our time, Florida, Georgia, Vermont and Virginia close their polls, although parts of the Florida panhandle keep their polls open for an extra hour. Results are likely to be slow in all these states (except, perhaps, for Vermont, where there are no surprises). There might, however, be some early indications if you follow two Florida Congressional races: CD 07, where incumbent Republican John Mica is seeking re-election in the central Florida area, and CD 26, where incumbent Republican Carlos Curbelo is seeking re-election from western Miami-Dade County.



Both these races are among the 14 Republican seats considered Toss-ups. If both these seats trend Democratic, as they may well, then the Democrats' chances for retaking the House are looking good. If neither is heading Democratic, then our chances for the House pretty much evaporate. So watch to see if they are rated as "Too Close to Call"; if so, that's a good sign, given that Democratic-leaning precincts often report later in the night.

At 7:30 pm EST, North Carolina, Ohio and West Virginia close their polls. North Carolina is particularly critical; the Presidential, Senatorial and Gubernatorial races should all pretty much run in synch, and losing North Carolina makes it essentially impossible for a Republican to win the Presidency. There will likely have been a considerable amount of early voting, so fairly large numbers may be reported early on. The Democrats should have a 3-5% lead; more than that and it portends a blowout for us.

At 8:00 pm EST, the rest of the East Coast pretty much closes down. Some states, like Pennsylvania, may take some time to report. Others, like New Hampshire and Maine, should be reporting fairly quickly, and those two together are a good bellwether. In New Hampshire, Gov. Maggie Hassan should have a significant 5-8% lead over incumbent Sen. Kelly Avotte. If Hassan doesn't win this Senate race, we probably can't retake the Senate. But if she wins by 10 - 15%, it suggests that Trump really is hurting his down ballot companions. Additionally, both New Hampshire and Maine have critical House races: in NH -01, incumbent Republican Frank Guinta is opposed by Carol Shea-Porter, whom Guinta defeated in 2014. Taking this seat back is critical to winning the House, and it's considered leaning toward the Democrats. Maine's CD-02, however, incumbent Republican Bruce Poliguin is one of the Republican Toss-up seats. He has a checkered past, but that district seems to be a hotbed of Trump support. In fact, since Maine is one of two states that allocate Electoral votes by Congressional District, and not on a winner-takeall basis, Trump could actually carry CD-02 and get 1 Electoral vote from Maine. If Poliquin does well, and if Trump really carries this CD, it would provide some early evidence that the Trump phenomenon is real and that his fringe voters were truly committed and actually turned out to vote.

One other set of results to keep an eye on are the House races in New York. Clinton will undoubtedly carry the state, but her margin might be important. If it's more than 20 points, there could be some surprising coattail effects. The 19th and 22nd Congressional Districts have Republican incumbents and are in the Toss-up group; the 1st, 3rd, and 24th Districts are thought to lean Republican, and the 21st is considered a likely Republican seat. If Democrats take three or more of these seats, then we're off to the races; six seats, and Paul Ryan is out of a job.

So plan on joining us down at 400 S. Lake, at the United Democratic Headquarters, both for some GOTV phoning and for a HUGE celebration!

-- Jon Fuhrman

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Next ACT Meeting

The next meeting of ACT and the Arroyo Democratic Club will be Thursday, November 10 at the Linda Vista home of Wendy Gordon and Michael Gottlieb, 1535 Ontario Avenue, Pasadena.

The program topic will be an Election Analysis by the "Sages" of ACT. You won't want to miss it. Please come and bring a friend.

Socializing begins at 7 p.m. with the meeting following at 7:30 p.m.

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Statewide Ballot Measure Recommendations

Proposition	Subject	Description	ACT	Democratic Party	LWV	LA Progressive
Prop. 51	Education	\$9 billion in bonds for education and schools	YES	Support	YES	YES
Prop. 52	Healthcare	Voter approval of changes to the hospital fee program		Support		YES
Prop. 53	Elections	Projects that cost more than \$2 billion		Oppose		NO
Prop. 54	Accountability	Conditions under which legislative bills can be passed		Oppose	YES	YES
Prop. 55	Taxes	Personal income tax increases on incomes over \$250,000	YES	Support	YES	YES
Prop. 56	Tobacco	Increase the cigarette tax by \$2.00 per pack		Support	Neutral	YES
Prop. 57	Trials	Felons convicted of non-violent crimes	YES	Support	YES	YES
Prop. 58	Education	Bilingual education in public schools	YES	Support	YES	YES
Prop. 59	Campaign Finance	State's position on Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission		Support	NO	YES
Prop. 60	Movies	Require the use of condoms in pornographic films		Oppose		YES
Prop. 61	Healthcare	Prescription drug price regulations				YES
Prop. 62	Death Penalty	Repeal the death penalty	YES	Support	YES	YES
Prop. 63	Firearms	Background checks for ammunition purchases		Support	YES	YES
Prop. 64	Marijuana	Legalization of marijuana and hemp	YES	Support		YES
Prop. 65	Environment	Grocery and retail carry-out bags	NO		NO	NO
Prop. 66	Death Penalty	Death penalty procedures	NO	Oppose	NO	NO
Prop. 67	Business Ref	Prohibition on plastic single-use carryout bags	YES	Support	YES	YES
Measure	LA County Tax	$\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ sales tax for traffic improvement	YES			

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Coordinator Bill Hacket says just 2-3 of your hours per week will make a huge difference.

Phone banking is from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sunday – Thursday. We are calling Democrats. (You can come in and phone anytime the office is open, but the main calling is Sunday – Thursday afternoons and evenings.)

Canvassing happens every Saturday at 9:30 p.m. We are walking to Democratic households and we need your help. Any time you can devote to this activity is golden.

Saturday, November 5 is All-Hands-on-Deck Door Hanger Distribution. Come at 9 a.m. for this crucial GOTV effort. State Treasurer Betty Yee will be here to help and to cheer us on.

Sign up to volunteer on the UDH webpage (see below) or just come in and the staff will get you going. And remember, UDH always feeds the volunteers!

UDH hours are:

M-F 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

P. S. Have you checked out the webpage? Don't miss Malcolm Johnson's Blog. Sign up for events and volunteer jobs. Get your tickets for Oktoberfest. Find out what supplies UDH needs. Make a contribution. The webpage makes it all easy to do.

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Fracking Ban on Ballot in Monterey County

The voters in Monterey County will vote on Measure Z on their November 8th ballot. To date, the following counties have banned fracking in their respective county: Santa Cruz, San Benito, Mendocino, Butte, Alameda, along with the City of Los Angeles. In addition to Monterey, environmentalists are looking to target Santa Clara County as the next California county.

Monterev is one of the state's top 10 oil producing counties. According to the LWV of Monterey County website, this Measure will: ban fracking, ban new wastewater injection wells and ban new oil and gas wells. It does not affect the existing 1500 operating wells which may continue to operate. Currently, there are 35 fracking wells which are illegally injected with chemically treated water, contamination to the aguifers in this County. This League has voiced their support of Measure Z, along with a long list of supporters headed by Senator Bernie Sanders and including local Democratic Clubs who have jumped on board.

A portion of the Monterey Shale Formation, which runs from Monterey to Los Angeles, is located in this county. This formation is considered to be one of the richest areas for oil production. It boasts of a vast area of marine deposits, rich with fossils. It is also deeper than most other shale areas in play, thus making it more expensive to drill.

The Yes on Measure Z has approximately 100 contributors (including Joan Baez) and has raised \$144,000 (4% of total raised). The oil industry has raised \$3.3 Million. Supporters of Measure Z have been outraised 24-1. Environmentalists will be watching this Measure very closely.

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Progressive Discussion Group

Friday Morning Progressive Discussion Group meets every first and third Friday of the month at 9 a.m. at Dupar's Restaurant, 214 S. Lake Ave., Pasadena. (The next meeting is Friday, October 21.)

Come and join the discussion. Everyone is welcome. Order breakfast, coffee, etc., or not. Check with Inman Moore for additional information.at inmanmoore3@gmail.com

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Where Have You Been Recently?

Either near or far. Please send a high-resolution photo (of you) to Chuck Hains at hains27@sbcglobal.net for inclusion in *The*

Phoenix.



Judicial Races

There are four judicial races on the ballot on which we offer the Los Angeles County Bar ratings as well as any Democratic Party endorsements.

	LA County Bar	Demo. Party	LAProgressive
Office 11			
Debra Archleta	Qualified	Endorsed	Recommended
Steven P. Schreiner	Well Qualified		
Office 42			
Efrain Matthew Aceves	Well Qualified		
Alicia Molina	Not Qualified		Recommended
Office 84			
Javier Perez	Qualified		
Susan Jung Townsend	Qualified	Endorsed	Recommended
Office 158			
David Berger	Not Qualified		
Kim Nguyen	Well Qualified	Endorsed	Recommended

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In our present presidential race there has been much said in a derogatory tone about immigration and all the tragedies involved with it. It would seem from the Trump campaign that most of the immigrants coming into our country, either legally or illegally are hell-bent on missions of destruction, and that most of the crime in America is perpetrated by these immigrants coming into the United States in rampages of rage. Yes, according to Donald it is the immigrants that are at the root of all these criminal acts in our country.

Yes, it is those damned immigrants! Look, for example, at what happened earlier here in America. Those damned white immigrants from Britain and the rest of Europe killed and chased away many of the Native Americans, took over their land, and put them into reservations. Those damned immigrants also took over the properties of Mexicans all over the Southwest of the present United States, killing some and sending others packing. Yep! It is amazing what these damned immigrants do.

For one thing, we need to remember that, because of all this immigration, most of us are of a variety of races. I am mostly Irish. My wife, Nellie, is mostly English and Welsh. We have four children. Three of them are married and have children. So, in the family that Nellie and I started, we now have racial strains that also include Chinese, Mexican, Spanish, Italian, and Argentinean.

My wife and I live in a city (Pasadena) where

there is no longer a racial majority. The largest percentages are Caucasians (includes many white races), Latinos, and Blacks. But we also have Chinese, Japanese, Koreans, Vietnamese, etc. Religiously we have Christians (largest by far of all the other religions), Jews, Muslims, and Buddhists. Also, there is a Muslim School in Pasadena which is doing quite well. Nellie and I have lived in Pasadena for forty-six years. It is not perfect, but it is a city of great diversity. I say all this in order to say that in America immigrants are simply not "the" problem in the larger scheme of things.

Frankly mine and Nellie's chances of being killed over racial or religious issues are extremely small. We are both struggling with health issues at the moment (possibly to be expected at the ripe old age of 91), but we don't go to bed at night fearful that an "immigrant" will harm us before daybreak. My greatest fear at the moment is of a confirmed womanizer and racist becoming our next president. Now, that is a genuine concern.

-- Inman Moore

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Help with Oktoberfest!



Can you give some of your time to help with the tasks* that go into making UDH's big Oktoberfest fundraiser (October 23 this year) a success?

*Like working the sign-in table, selling raffle tickets, preparing and serving food, setting up and/or taking down – to name a few.

Please contact UDH Chair Patty Horton at 818 383-3204 or patty.campaign@gmail.com or – UDH Vice-Chair Joanne Wendler at 626 590-1678 or joandtim@charter.net. Thanks for your help.

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2016 ACT and ADC Membership Renewal

An Address Label Red Check Says Your Membership Has Expired

<u>And</u> we are still eagerly awaiting your 2016 dues. You may use the form below or renew online at <u>www.ACTpasadena.org</u>.

If you have any questions about your membership contact Executive Director Jon Fuhrman at <u>jon_fuhrman@charter.net</u> or 626 795-5255.



P.S. Thanks to everyone who has already renewed. We are ever grateful for your generosity!

I'd like	to join both groups for one low price	e! (Che	ecks payable to ACT/ADC
\$40	Single	\$70	Single Sustaining
\$25	Each additional member per household	\$90	Double Sustaining
\$15	Student or limited income	\$150	Patron
		\$275	Benefactor
I'd like	to join ACT (Checks payable to ACT)		
\$35	Single	\$60	Single Sustaining
\$20	Each additional member per household	\$85	Double Sustaining
\$15	Student or limited income	\$125	Patron
\$20	Gift Membership (NEW!)	\$275	Benefactor
I'd like	to join the Arroyo Democratic Club	(Check	s payable to ADC)
\$35	Single	\$60	Single Sustaining
\$20	Each additional member per household	\$85	Double Sustaining
\$15	Student or limited income	\$125	Patron
		\$275	Benefactor
Extra C	Contribution		
\$	Political Account (for endorsed candidates a	nd issue	es)
	Operating Account (for organizational costs)		Total enclosed
Name			Home Phone
Address			Office Phone
City			ZIP



Calendar

October 21 Progressive Discussion Group Friday at Dupar's Restaurant, 214 S. 9 a.m. Lake Ave., Pasadena. Also Nov. 4 and 18

October 23 Oktoberfest UDH Fundraiser at Sunday Hillmont, 939 N. Hill St., Pasadena. Traditional food, drink, and fun. \$35 person or sponsorships from \$100 - \$5000.

October 24 Last day to register to vote. Monday

November 1 Last day vote-by-mail ballot Tuesday applications accepted.

November 5 All-Hands-on-Deck UDH Door Saturday Hanger Distribution. Meet at 9 a.m. 400 S. Lake Ave., Pasadena (UDH) for this big GOTV effort. November 8 Election Day. Polls open from 7 Tuesday a.m. to 8 p.m.

November 10 ACT/ADC Meeting at the home Thursday of Wendy Gordon and Michael 7 p.m. Gottlieb, 1535 Ontario Ave., Pasa.. Election Analysis. Socializing at 7 p.m.; meeting at 7:30.

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November Phoenix Deadline

The deadline for the November *Phoenix* is Sunday evening, November 13. Please submit your *Phoenix* items to Chuck at hains27@sbcglobal.net. *The Phoenix* will be mailed Friday, November 18. Mail preparation will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 17 at a location to be decided.

ACT/ADC Website Improvement

Bruce Wright who is responsible for the ACT/ADC webpage is considering attempting to simplify and improve the site. Send suggestions to him at brucewright@sbcglobal.net. The site can be accessed at actpasadena.org. You may also phone Bruce at directly at (626) 577-7852.



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