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'SAVE the DATE!! SPREAD the WORD!!'

We are looking forward to our next Temple Hills Annual Meeting and PARTY! What a great opportunity to enjoy an evening with friends in the lovely setting of Amy and Greig Altieri's beautiful, historic home. We have sent our e-vite; however, some returned needing e-mail address updates. If you would like to be added to our e-vite list, please call Rhonda at (949) 376-9270 with your current e-mail. If you received your e-vite but noticed people missing from our list, PLEASE feel free to forward a copy. There is a place on the e-vite that says "invite more people." Just click and it will let you invite as many people as you like. Any problems with the e-vite, please call me. Hope your summer is going great. Can't wait to "See you in October...."

— Rhonda (949) 376-9270 ☎

Annual Meeting

Temple Hills will hold its annual meeting just prior to the annual party on Saturday, October 17. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. and be chaired by Carol Olson. Business items, including an approval of last year's minutes, a financial report from John Walker, and an annual report by Ron Chilcote should take up 10 to 15 minutes followed by comments by Mayor Kelly Boyd along with questions and answers from those attending. ☎

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New Website for Temple Hills Community Assn.

See story on page 3. ☎

IT'S FIESTA TIME AGAIN!

SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY, OCT. 17, 5 P.M.

Plan to spend a festive evening at

"Casa Altieri" with our hosts,

Greig and Amy Altieri

1107 Coast View (entry also from Temple Hills Dr.)

Temple Hills Community Association Annual Meeting at 5:30 will be chaired by Carol Olson, with our special guest speaker, Mayor Kelly Boyd, and honoring Stu Saffer.

Expect to have a great time with old and new friends!

Tasty tapas and fajitas!

Beautiful sunset views from the lovely balconies of Casa Altieri.

WINE TASTING!

We will be tasting wines from South America, Central America, and Spain. To participate, bring a \$12 to \$20 bottle of wine from the designated regions. If you are not participating in the tasting, please still bring a bottle of wine or beverage of your choosing to share.

Cost is \$15/pp for dues-paying members and \$25/pp for guests.
Checks are payable to THCA, PO Box 4913, Laguna Beach CA 92652

Stay tuned for your E-vite with all the tempting details. If you have questions or haven't received your E-vite, please contact Rhonda at (949) 376-9270.

Approval of New Land Use Element

In the past, Temple Hills has relied on the Land Use Element of the General Plan to give us guidance in efforts to maintain open space on our hillsides.

A revised Land Use Element of the General Plan was approved unanimously by the City Council on July 7. It is the centerpiece of the City's General Plan and one of the most important tools for determining how our city will look and work in years to come. The revision, the outcome of 17 public workshops and 17 Planning Commission hearings over a five-year period, lists the following goals:

1. Create a community that is sustainable, resilient, and regenerative.
2. Preserve, enhance, and respect the unique character and identity of Laguna's residential neighborhoods.
3. Preserve, enhance, and respect the unique, small-scale village character and individual identity of Laguna's commercial areas.
4. Recognizing that Laguna Beach is a worldwide visitor destination, enhance the visitor experience while maximizing protection of the community's coastal and other natural resources.
5. Promote compatibility among land uses in the community.
6. Provide a diversity of land uses that enhance the community.
7. Protect, preserve, and enhance the community's natural resources.
8. Minimize the impact of the automobile on the character of Laguna Beach and emphasize the pedestrian-oriented environment, safe sidewalks, landscaped buffer zones, and alternate means of transportation.
9. Provide comprehensive public services and infrastructure.
10. Ensure that proposals for new development, subdivisions, and major remodels are sufficiently evaluated to protect public health and safety and natural resources.
11. Proactively participate in the planning activities of regional and adjacent jurisdictions.

Under each of these goals is a set of related policies and actions (e.g., "Policy 2.1. Maintain the diversity and uniqueness of individual neighborhoods" and "Action 2.1.1. Evaluate the adopted building envelope and lot coverage standards and amend as necessary to ensure that the building scale of proposed development is compatible in scale and mass with surrounding residences").

Stu News Laguna

Stu Saffer is reporting Laguna Beach news online. To read the latest edition of Stu News Laguna, go to <http://www.stunewslaguna.com>.

If you would like to receive Stu News Laguna directly, send an email to stu@stunewslaguna.com. To ensure you receive the emails, please add stu news laguna to your address book.

Jim Hall's Vietnam Diary

I used to think it odd that a member of my family who served in the Vietnam War never wanted to talk about his tour of duty. In fact, though I lived through that era, I never knew anyone who was willing to do so. And so it was with a great deal of interest that I read Jim Hall's recent book, *Through the Eyes of a Tiger: An Army Flight Surgeon's Vietnam Journal*, written under the pseudonym of Jay Hoyland. Jim was a founding member of the Temple Hills Community Association and a good friend since 1972 when we both moved to Laguna Beach. However, I only knew of his military service because I happened to see in his home his lovely picture of rice paddies in the Mekong Delta.

The journal takes us from the time of his medical internship in 1962 at Harbor General Hospital in Torrance through his military training in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, his wartime experiences at Soc Trang in the Mekong Delta, and his return home in November 1963, to be followed a week later by the assassination of President Kennedy.

To place events into context, the author has also done research into the history of the period and included excerpts from books by David Halberstam, Richard Tregaskis, Stanley Karnow, and Neil Sheehan. The diary of his tour of duty is impressive in that the entries are for the most part on a daily basis. Although Jim often complained of lack of sleep due to nighttime assignments, he somehow managed the time to write extensively not only about his experiences, but also the emotional impact they had upon himself and his fellow soldiers.

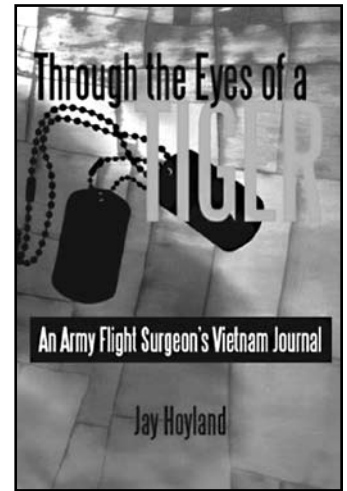
It strikes me that the book is particularly relevant today in recognizing the impact that war has upon the young soldier and why it might be that their experiences haunt them or lie buried for years.

The book, presently a Laguna Beach best-seller, is available through Latitude 33 bookstore in downtown Laguna Beach.

— Fran Chilcote

About the Author: Jay Hoyland is the pen name for James G. Hall, M.D. Originally from Versailles, a small town in the Missouri Ozarks, he graduated from the University of Missouri School of Medicine in 1961. After discharge from active duty, he completed residency training in adult and child psychiatry. He practiced in Orange County, Calif., for over 30 years, and is now retired. He resides in Laguna Beach with his wife, Janifer. His previous book is *The Palace of Versailles: A Novel*.

Through the Eyes of the Tiger: An Army Flight Surgeon's Vietnam Journal is available from: www.iUniverse.com, www.bn.com, and www.amazon.com



Transition Laguna

Climate change, melting glaciers, rising sea levels, running out of oil — what can we do about it? It's all too much to bear.

That's where Transition Towns comes in. This is a positive proactive response to all the doom and gloom that we hear all the time. It's called "Power Down." We can live with less energy, and we can do something about climate change. And far from being some sort of future of deprivation, it will be a much better and healthier future for us and our descendants.

The Transition Town concept originated in England about two years ago and is rapidly spreading around the globe. Nearly 200 communities have already signed on, including Laguna Beach, the city of Los Angeles and Santa Barbara locally, and over 600 are in the initial "mulling it over" stages.

It's about community. The goal is self-sufficient communities that are resilient, meaning that they can withstand external shocks, such as sudden rises in fuel or food costs. We will start to grow much more of our own food. We will start to resurrect a sense of community and get to know our neighbors. We will start to turn off the television and become involved in activities that benefit the entire community instead of just ourselves.

We will learn how to become self-sufficient in energy so that we are not dependent on distant corporations or the government.

This is treated as a "twelve-step" process to wean ourselves off our addiction to cheap oil. We are addicted to low energy costs, and one of the side effects of this is all the self-centered behavior that is so prevalent in our society, particularly excessive materialism leading to drug, alcohol and prescription medication addiction.

The solutions will come from the community itself, by tapping into the "collective genius of the community," with which Laguna is exceptionally well endowed.

Transition Laguna is in the initial twelve-month "Awareness Raising" phase, at the end of which there will be the "Grand Unleashing," when we will throw open the doors and embark on the planning stages for a low-energy future.

— Charles Alban

Everyone is welcome to join in. We hold frequent gatherings and show movies, and we have an initial vegetable gardening group already formed. Information on our local events is available at <http://www.transitionlaguna.com>. Information on the Transition movement in the US is at <http://www.transitionus.org> and the main UK site is at <http://www.transitiontowns.org>.



**Steering Committee
2008-09**

- Joe Baker Neighborhood Watch
Evacuation Plan & Group 4 Chair
- Lisa Black..... Neighborhood Liaison
- Tim Black..... Land Use Issues
- Bob BorthwickCommunity Issues
- Fran Chilcote..... Corresponding Secretary
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- Ron Chilcote.....Newsletter
- Jamie and Stephen Crawford.....School Issues
- Anne Frank..... Archive & Historian
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- Cindalee Hall.....Community Issues
- Jim Hall..... At Large
- Richard Holmes..... At Large
- Doug Kinn Annual Party
- Rhonda Kinn..... Annual Party
- Charlotte Mazarik.....Community Issues
- Carol OlsonWalkways
- Bo Powell.....Group 1 Chair
- Chris Reed..... Invasive Plants
- Verna RollingerLand Use
- Lorna Shaw.....Web Site and Group 2 Chair
- Ben Teschner..... At Large
- Mary Lou Teschner..... Party Committee
- Kurt Topic..... Group 3 Co-Chair
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- Robin Walker Design Review & Planning
- Grant Wetzel Open Space
- Marian Whitney Distribution
- Dorothea YellottPathways

Honorary Members

Recognized for long-term service and commitment to Temple Hills.
Bill Parrish
Estelle Warner

Liaison

Linda Brown..... League of Women Voters
Jeanette MerrileesNorth Laguna

The Coordinating Committee

Comprised of those with major responsibilities who may meet on an emergency basis.

Neighborhood Groups

Temple Hills is broken into six neighborhood areas. Group Leaders focus on issues and problems if and when they occur.

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New Website for Temple Hills

Our website was put together by Richard Holmes a few years ago and has periodically been updated. Lorna Shaw has offered to maintain it, and in response to concern that we update the site, we have been helped by an outside consultant, Stephen Rodriguez, who has altered the format and reorganized the content into a new site at lagunatemplehills.com. We have added a blog as well as a photo gallery (see accompanying story).

The new site includes the historical documentation about Temple Hills, including past newsletters, association bylaws, and so on. A blog will allow for current dialogue. We hope to encourage community involvement and in particular are interested in ideas, suggestions, and being aware of problems and needs of our community. We are looking for positive and constructive input with the objective of enhancing community spirit and togetherness. We desire photos too (see accompanying story).

Email us at lagunatemplehills@gmail.com. ☛

Temple Hills Photo Gallery

We will be experimenting with a photo gallery on our website. We ask residents to send us old and new photos that reflect activities in our community. These photos not only can be organized and posted on our website, but can also be used to accompany future blogs on our website. In the very preliminary design that represents our effort to renew and update our website (lagunatemplehills.com), some of my images are there to illustrate how this will work. So think about:

- Historically relevant images
- Photos of people on the hill
- Photos that help us to understand problems, and especially beautiful photos that show the best of our neighborhood.

The process is simple: Send images (include a caption and a credit) to Lagunatemplehills@gmail.com. We will place incoming images on a biweekly photo blog. We will organize photo clusters of families in Temple Hills. We welcome your ideas and expect the website to evolve as we learn your feedback. ☛

View Historical Photos of Laguna



If you haven't already, please take a look at smug.mug (see website below) and be transfixed! 472 historical photos of Laguna Beach available for us all to see and enjoy no matter where we live, here in LB or in Timbuktu. I can't imagine the time and work involved. What a labor of love this is.

Please pass this on to those who might be interested: The Laguna Beach Historical Society has a new website to view historic photographs at <http://laguna-historical-society.smugmug.com>. As people loan the Society historic photographs, they will scan in and post on www.laguna-historical-society.smugmug.com for people all around the world to view and enjoy. The Society has more photographs to add to the site, but currently has uploaded 472 photos.

— Charlotte Masarik ☛

THCA 2009 MEMBERSHIP COUPON

Membership in the Temple Hills Community Association is Laguna's best bargain! Annual dues are \$20 per household (any lesser or greater amount is appreciated). Newsletters are mailed to every home in Temple Hills.

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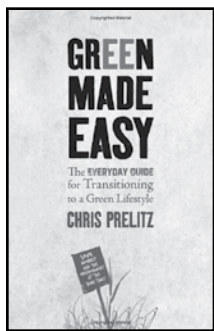
If you are interested in volunteering, please call 497-2218.

News from City Hall

2009 Mural Competition -- The Arts Commission has received 15 submissions for a proposed mural installation at the restrooms on Forest Lane. This is the first time the Commission has conducted a request for qualifications rather than proposals. The Arts Commission selected up to three finalists at its meeting on Monday, August 24. The finalists will be asked to design proposals and present their concepts to the Arts Commission on September 28. ♻️

Laguna Coalition

THCA is participating with the Laguna Coalition, an informal group that comprises civic and neighborhood groups across our town. The coalition is also working on a website that identifies issues of contemporary concern such as the Aliso Canyon project, the South Laguna Community Hospital along with descriptions of positive accomplishments and successes in Laguna Beach such as Vision Laguna, the Laguna Greenbelt and Wilderness. Among those of us participating are Bob Borthwick, Ron Chilcote, and Charlotte Maserik. ♻️



A Guide to Green Lifestyle

In his new book, *Green Made Easy: The Everyday Guide for Transitioning to a Green Lifestyle* (Carlsbad: Hay House, 2009), local author Chris Prelitz sets forth an agenda that describes what the good green life can be and exposes myths about it. He argues that “going green is about making different choices — choices that are healthier and create greater joy for every living being, and that will sustain a better planet for generations to come” (p.xvii). The book is divided into three parts, the first on how to live your life in a green way (what to wear, eat, and care for yourself as well as your children and pets; the second on greening your home with attention to your water, garden, compost, recycling, cleaning supplies, furnishings, and so on; and the third on how to green your workplace, paper supplies, lighting, electricity, travel and vacation).

This is a detailed account on how to relate to your environment in everyday activities. It is loaded with ideas and things to do, some of them obvious to many of us. But it serves as a primer on how to better organize our lives and lifestyles.

Like Jim Hall's book (see review in this newsletter), it is a Laguna best-selling book. It is available at Latitude 33. — Ron Chilcote ♻️



Dragon dance at the '03 Tet parade, Little Saigon, Anne Frank, photographer

Anne Frank and the UC Archive on Southeast Asia

A story in the July 13, 2009, *Los Angeles Times* reveals not only the impact of cutbacks at UC Irvine, but also the threat to a significant collection of materials gathered and curated by our own archivist, Anne Frank. Now retired (since 2007), Anne devoted her career as librarian to the history of Orange County and so came to focus on the many refugees who settled in California from 1975 into the 1980s, and who today contribute to our county's progress. She began by collecting letters in refugee camps and stories of those who had fled Vietnam. She gathered together Vietnamese-language publications, and clipped newspaper articles documenting life in Little Saigon. She was quoted: “It was the stuff people usually throw away... If you keep it long enough, it becomes interesting. These things fade from people's memories.”

Congratulations, Anne, on your great success with this project! ♻️

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