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Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce
presents

Dickens' Village

Saturday, November 28, 2009

3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

- Sled rides on real snow-
- Santa Claus-
- Horse and Carriage rides-
- Family Arts and Crafts Project-
- Holiday Music and Carolers-
- Tree lighting -

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**See Full Dickens Village Schedule
and Map Inside This Issue on Page 3**

Dickens Village To Host Special Holiday Salute from Sierra Madre to Our Service Men and Women Throughout the World.

Members of the general public will have an opportunity to record a video greeting during intermissions. release form will be necessary for all video greetings. Check for location at the information booth in Kersting Court.

Sierra Madre's BEAN TOWN OFFICIAL TOYS FOR TOTS DROP OFF POINT

Joanna and Matthew Krantz of Bean Town Coffee House and Bakery announced this week that the eatery is an official drop off point for U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program

Bean Town supports the program because Toys For Tot's primary goal is to deliver a message of hope to needy youngsters that will motivate them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders.

Once the toys are collected, the local Marine Corps Reserve Unit will pick them up and distribute them. Cash donations are also accepted, so make certain you stop by Bean Town, located at 45 N. Baldwin, Sierra Madre - 626-355-1596.

Drop A Toy At Bean Town



45 N. Baldwin Sierra Madre 626-355-1596

Winning Lottery Ticket Sold At Happy's Liquors



Lucky Numbers 9,16,19,23 and 28

Picked Just 3 Days Before Thanksgiving

Someone stopped in Happy's Liquor in Sierra Madre last Sunday and bought a Fantasy Five Lottery Ticket. Was it you? If so, and you picked the lucky numbers listed above, you have won \$191,781.00!

'Hapi' Singh (left) and his brother, contacted the Mountain Views News and notified them of the win. It's not the first winning ticket sold at Happy's, but so close to the holidays makes it a very special draw.

"We don't know who the winner is yet", the elder Singh told us. "We think it may be one of our regular customers. We have two fellows that come in every day and play the Fantasy Five." Within minutes, as if on command, one of those daily lottery ticket buyers entered the door. "It wasn't me", he said laughing. "But, I have to admit, when I logged onto my computer and saw that Happy's Liquors had sold the winning ticket, I thought it was me."

At press time, no one had come forward to claim the prize money. The winning ticket is as valuable as cash. If it is you, according to lottery officials, you should sign the back of your ticket in ink and make a photocopy of the front and back for your records. MEGA Millions, SuperLOTTO Plus, Fantasy 5, Daily 4, Daily 3, Daily Derby and Hot Spot tickets must be postmarked or received by Lottery offices within 180 days of the winning draw date.

Sierra Madre City Council To Hold Strategic Planning Retreat

On Monday, November 30, 2009 at 8:30 am, the Sierra Madre City Council and management staff will hold a Strategic Planning Retreat at the Youth Activity Center. The center is located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

The purpose of the retreat is to review past performance and identify goals and objectives for the future. A professional facilitator, Marilyn Snyder of Snider and Associates will preside over the meeting.

Expected in attendance are (partial listing) MaryAnn MacGillivray, Mayor Donald Watts, Mayor Pro Tem, John Buchanan, Council Member, Joseph Mosca, Council Member Kurt Zimmerman, Council Member, Nancy Shollenberger, City Clerk, George Enyedi, City Treasurer, Elaine Aguilar, City Manager, Police Chief Marilyn Diaz, Fire Chief

Steve Heydorff, Fire Marshall Rich Snyder, Paramedic Coordinator, Greg Christmas, Public Works Director Bruce Inman, Karen Schnaider, Director of Finance, Danny Castro, Director of Development Services and Elisa Weaver, Director of Community and Personnel Services.

Among items on the agenda are Sierra Madre's:

- Mission / Purpose Statement
- Vision Statement
- Core Values
- Three-Year Goals (2009-2012)

There will also be a review of what accomplishments have been made since the April 9, 2009 Strategic Planning Retreat.

During the course of the session, city leaders will also discuss what are the internal and external

strengths and weaknesses and/or challenges facing staff.

This includes a look at such external factors as the city's demographic, economic, political, environmental, technological, attitudinal climate and what impact they might have on Sierra Madre in the near future.

The group is expected to identify six-month Strategic Objectives and establish a process to monitor progress on achieving the goals and objectives they set at this retreat.

Under the provisions of the Brown Act, the public is invited to attend this retreat.

It will adjourn to the next regular city council meeting on December 8, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, Ca.

SIERRA MADRE'S FARMERS MARKET!

Wednesday 3-7: 30 pm

Fresh vegetables and seasonal fruits from California family farms. Specialty foods, vegetarian and vegan dishes, ethnic foods and hot food - Everything you'll find at the farmers market has been made or picked fresh, is pesticide-free and preservative-free. Free public parking on Mariposa.

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It's Here! The long awaited, greatly anticipated book, "A Southern California Story: Seeking The Better Life In Sierra Madre" has arrived.



Amy Putnam holds a copy of the most recent history of Sierra Madre that was commissioned by the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society. Her husband Glenn, gave an overview of the book to members of the local Kiwanis club on Tuesday. The coffee table book, written by Michelle Zack of Altadena, covers the first 100 years of the city and includes photographs from 1907 to present. In the background above, is an example of the photo history that is included. Do you recognize this lady? She can still be seen all over Sierra Madre. Be the first to contact the Mountain Views at editor@mtnviewsnews.com with her identity and you will win a gift card to a popular local eatery. (SMHPS and Kiwanis members are excluded from participating.)

To order the book, and you should do it asap, contact SMHPS at P.O. Box 202, Sierra Madre, CA 91025 or call (626)355-8129 or go to www.smhps.org.

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Weather Wise



5-Day Forecast

Sierra Madre, Ca.

Mon: Sunny Hi 70s Lows 50s
Tues: Sunny H 70s Lows 50s
Wed: Sunny Hi 70s Lows 50s
Thur: Sunny Hi 70s Lows 50s
Fri: Sunny Hi 70s Lows 50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

Holiday Happenings

Arts Commission Winter Excursion:

Join the Community Arts Commission for a special holiday excursion to see The Nutcracker performed by the Pasadena Dance Theater. Come experience this full-scale production, with lavish sets and costumes and a cast of more than seventy dancers! For more information or to make reservations, please contact the Community and Personnel Services Department at 626-355-5278.

Date & Time: December 12 at 2:00pm

Location: San Gabriel Mission Playhouse

Cost: \$27 per adult or \$22 per child

Arcadia Breakfast with Santa and Holiday Snow Festival

Get ready for the holidays and come join us for breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 5th at the Arcadia Community Center. Breakfast with Santa is \$8 per person and includes breakfast, photos with Santa and holiday entertainment.

There will be two options for breakfast: 8:30-9:30am (#2661) or 10:30-11:30am (#2662). Space is limited. Registration is now open! Just go on-line to the City of Arcadia's website: www.ci.arcadia.ca.us, to download the registration form or stop by the office, 375 Campus Drive.

The Holiday Snow Festival is free to the public and will also take place at the Arcadia Community

Center on the same day from 9am-2pm. This event will feature holiday entertainment, crafts, trolley train rides, dual sled runs and two snow play areas. In-n-Out Burgers will be available for purchase from 11:30am-1:30pm. Santa will only be present at the Breakfast with Santa Event. Parking will be available at Gate 3 of the Santa Anita Race Track. Shuttle service will be available to transport participants to and from the Community Center from 7:45am-3pm. In the event of rain, the Snow Festival will be held Saturday, December 12th. For more information please call 626.574.5113!

Charles Phoenix Retro Holiday Slide Show

Charles Phoenix's Retro Holiday Slide Show - King of Retro Charles Phoenix returns to spread holiday cheer with a slyly entertaining, live comedy performance that celebrates mid-century holiday life and style. With his unstoppable enthusiasm and wry, eagle eye for the very best and most bizarre of his massive collection of found-Kodachrome slides, Phoenix supercharges the classic living room slide show into a hysterical/historical celebration of American holiday culture. It's a 1950s and 60s New Years, Easter, 4th of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas Jubilee that's sure to get you in the mood for the all the holidays like you never have before! IN COLOR!

Saturday, December 5 at 8 pm Neighborhood Church of Pasadena, 2 Westmoreland Place Pasadena, California 91103 (626) 449-3470

CALENDAR

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Doing Their Part

Sierra Madre Kiwanis Distributes Baskets for Thanksgiving



Kiwanians, from left to right, Dave Pedroza, Clem Bartoli, Pat Birdsall, Susan Henderson, Heidi Hoehn, Eileen Fykes (guest), George Maurer and Marc Van Cleave, proudly display the food baskets assembled to assist six local families during difficult times. The baskets were distributed via St. Rita Parrish and Bethany Christian Church. While the effort was not quite as big as some efforts, the club was quite proud of their work. King Harris, Pastor of Epworth United Methodist Church in Denver visited the club last Tuesday. He is spending a few days with family in Sierra Madre. His church had just completed distribution of 8,160 baskets for their annual food drive.

Photo by Alice Pedroza

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REMEMBRANCE



Roland "Bud" J. Brennan

In Loving Memory of Roland "Bud" J. Brennan born Nov. 25, 1936 and passed away on Nov. 10, 2009 with his family by his side. He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years Marjorie Brennan, his mom Angela Brennan, one brother, two sisters, four children, 10 grandchildren and many friends. Born in Los Angeles and moved to Sierra Madre when he was 3 years old. Bud attended St. Rita's Catholic Grammar School, Graduated from Pasadena High School, attended Pasadena City College and served in the National Guard. He started and continued to work in the family business until he was 73 years old. Bud married his high school sweetheart, Marjorie, at St. Rita's Church. He loved to work in the garden, have family barbecues, vacation with his family. He loved his town of Sierra Madre, walking and visiting with neighbors. He will be truly missed. Memorial contributions can be made in Roland's name to a charity of your choice.

Pasadena

One Million Safe Solar LED Lights to Restore Joy This Holiday

The "Give Light" Initiative switched on its first 500 eco-holiday solar lights of the season, a glimmering speck towards its goal of one million solar powered lights to benefit to those whose power has been disconnected leaving them in the dark.

"Evident that we are in tough economic times are the many dark windows we see during prime time across America. People just can't keep up with their electric bills, especially here in California," said Keith Rogers, Program Director. "And what better way to show we care than to give a gift of light to those families by lighting up their windows at

nights with eco-friendly solar lights."

The initiative estimates that every 10 LED solar light set used will offset 30 watts for 30 days. And this season, everyone can save money, help protect the environment, and experience a joyful and safe holiday with energy-efficiency long-lasting LED lights – powered by the sun and available through the Give Light Initiative at www.lookinggreen.org

Pasadena Development Corporation, Lookin' Green Magazine, and Shepherd's Door are commissioning Give Light Initiative. Community partners include Sam's Club,

City of Pasadena, Side Street Projects, One Community and others.

The Give Light Initiative provides a "green-within-reach" opportunity for homeowners and businesses as they switch to solar LED lights this holiday. This offers a simple yet efficient way to cut demand on the power grid, cut individual carbon footprint, and cut electric bills year after year.

For more information about the Give Light Initiative and partnerships, please contact Charlene Brown at 626-200-9994 or visit www.lookinggreen.org.

Recall Efforts Fail

Assemblyman Adams Issues Statement Regarding Disqualification Of Recall Ballot By Secretary Of State

SACRAMENTO - Assemblyman Anthony Adams (R-Hesperia) issued the following statement today in response to receiving notification by the Secretary of State disqualifying the recall ballot citing a lack of valid signatures necessary to qualify for an election.



Anthony Adams

"I'm pleased that the two counties I represent won't be forced to hold an expensive election at a time when they simply can't afford it. I'm grateful to all those who voiced their support of me throughout this process.

I look forward to finding solutions to the state's budget and economic problems and will continue to work hard for the residents in my district and throughout California."

Assemblyman Adams represents the 59th Assembly District, which includes the San Bernardino County communities of Apple Valley, Hesperia, Lake Arrowhead, Crestline, San Bernardino, Highland and Mentone. He also represents the Los Angeles County communities of Claremont, La Verne, Glendora, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, Bradbury, Arcadia and La Crescenta.



TAP CHICKS AT SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE NOVEMBER 29

The Tap Chicks, choreographed by Pam Kay, are coming to Sierra Madre! The group dances to music ranging from Broadway tunes to 40s favorites to contemporary songs. The dancers are mature in years (from 50 to 84) but young at heart. Sunday, November 29, 2009 at 7 p.m. The Sierra Madre Playhouse is at 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Tickets are \$20 general, \$17 for seniors (65+), \$12 for children under 12. Reservations: (626) 355-4318. Online ticketing: www.sierramadreplayhouse.org

EMBRACE THE HOLIDAYS CAREGIVER STYLE

Care giving can be a rewarding experience, but it also has many challenges. The holidays are commonly a big source of stress for caregivers. The Los Angeles Caregiver Resource Center has designed a training that offers caregivers the opportunity to learn easy and fun ways for better self-care. This free half-day training is open to caregivers in Los Angeles County and will take place at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive Thursday, December 10 from 8:30-11:30am.

Join us as professional storyteller Barbara Clark talks about storytelling as a method to preserve family history and Bernadene Coleman will discuss simple ways to use writing to manage your stress and emotions to create a happier, healthier you. Shawn Herz gerontologist will cover some of the most common sources of holiday stress and how to combat them. Registration is required and can be made by calling the LA Caregiver Resource Center at 213.740.7363.

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The City of Monrovia observed its Forty Fourth Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast this past November 20th at the elegant Doubletree Hotel in Monrovia, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and hosted by The Quota Club of Monrovia-Duarte. As always, there was a capacity crowd, welcomed by Quota Club's President, Laura Ur, who explained to those who may not be familiar with the mission of Quota, that it is an international service club whose main philanthropy is aid to the deaf and hard of hearing, as well as help to abused women and children, plus scholarships for the youth who have a hearing problem. Immediately after the Pledge of Allegiance, a most poignant rendition of America The Beautiful was sung by a dear young girl, Berlynn Milliken, which reminded us of one august reason for which to be thankful.

At that point Mayor Mary

Ann Lutz was introduced, to Emcee the solemn but energizing program now held annually on the Friday before Thanksgiving. The invocation was given by Rev. James Defoe from the Bethel AME Church, Prayer of Thanks by Pastor Gonzalez, all Nations Seventh Day Adventist Church, and a Scripture Reading by Pastor Gregory Douglass of Monrovia United Methodist Church, all inspiring thoughts and ideas for this day of prayer and thanksgiving.

The Main Address, "Staying Positive in Challenging Times", was given by George C. Nalbach, Ph.D., long-time Professor at Pepperdine University, and equally impressive as a very long-time advocate and hard worker for Santa Anita Family Service. I worked with Dr. Nalbach those many years ago getting Family Service on its feet. He reminded us of the rickety, old building on Foothill, razed many years ago, but served

in those early years as our headquarters to bring relief to the many needy families in the area of Monrovia. Many Monrovia's are acquainted with Jim McEwan, renowned piano player at Newman's, The Trails and now the Aztec Hotel, but he was our Treasurer at that time. His talent for tickling the keys was an unknown factor then. Dr. Nalbach's inspiring thoughts were definitely apropos for these "Challenging Times", as he brought home to everyone the necessity of being thankful for the important things and holding steadfast through the cumbersome moments.

The response to Dr. Nalbach's Address was given by Pastor John Mastrogianni from Jesus is Lord Christian Church, followed by everyone singing God Bless America, led by City Treasurer Steve Baker who is also Monrovia's City Historian and favorite Tenor.

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Duarte

Margaret Finlay Elected Mayor of Duarte

Duarte City Council members voted unanimously to elect Margaret Finlay, Mayor for 2009-2010 and Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, Mayor Pro Tem during the annual reorganization of the Duarte City Council at the November 24, 2009 meeting.

Finlay was initially appointed to the Duarte City Council in 1990 to fill the unexpired term of Councilman John Hitt. She has served as Mayor of Duarte three previous times. In addition to her duties on the Duarte City Council, Finlay is chair of the International Committee for the National League of Cities, member of the Advisory Council for the National League of Cities, serves on the Executive Committee for the California Contract Cities Association and the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority, and is a member of the board of directors for both the Southern California Association of Governments and the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

Mayor Pro Tem, Paras-Caracci was first elected to the City Council in 2001. She served as chair of the Redevelopment Agency in 2004 and Mayor in 2006. She is also a member and past president of APAMO (Asian Pacific American Municipal Officials) and served on the board of directors of the National League of Cities and League of California Cities.



Margaret Finlay (right) was elected Mayor and Tzeitel Paras-Caracci (left) Mayor Pro Tem for 2009-2010 in the annual reorganization of the Duarte City Council. Congratulating them is former Mayor and Duarte City Councilman John Fasana.

RAGTIME IN MONROVIA

THE ROSE LEAF RAGTIME CLUB, now in its 15th year meets on the last Sunday of every month, and will convene on Sunday, November 29, 2009 at the Aztec Hotel's Mayan Restaurant from 2:00 to 5:00 PM.

The Aztec Hotel, a marvelous historic building, built in 1925, is located at 311 W. Foothill Boulevard in Monrovia, 3½ blocks west of Myrtle. Plenty of free parking at the west side of the hotel. Suggested donation -- \$2.00 (performers are not asked to donate). Ragtime and related types of music, classic and contemporary, played on one or two upright pianos, as well as on other instruments. Attendees are encouraged to support the hotel (which does not charge the club) by partaking of the reasonable all-you-can-eat buffet. Performers, listeners and dancers (there's a small dance floor) are always welcome.

For further information call Hal Leavens (626) 359-8648 or Ron Ross (818) 766-2384 or send e-mail to ragtimeron@earthlink.net **The Rose Leaf Ragtime Club is on the Web at** <http://roseleafclub.com> Videos of recent meetings can be viewed at <http://valleyragtimestomp.com/>



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The Advent season raises questions about how Christians relate to time. How do we celebrate the coming of the Messiah while we also look for the Messiah's return? Come worship and explore these questions with us.

Seminary Intern Noel Snyder will preach. Adult Spiritual Formation examines prophecies of the Messiah at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall with Rabbi **Dr. Stuart Dauerman**

9:15 am Traditional Worship

Choir, youth worship, Sunday school (K-5), childcare provided

10:30 am Adult Spiritual Formation

11:15 am "The Gathering" worship service
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City Hall Tree-Lighting Cheer



Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard will lead the official tree-lighting ceremony and holiday celebration Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the grand entrance of Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave.

The McKinley After-School Performing Choir under the direction of Robin Turrentine

will sing songs of the season; refreshments will be served.

Bogaard will flip the switch that turns on the lights of the 20-foot Washington Noble Fir. The lights, donated by Pasadena Water and Power, are energy-saving, light-emitting diodes (LED) that use about 90 percent less energy than incandescent tree lights and do not produce any heat. The tree will also be decorated with large, colorful ornaments.

Everyone is invited to bring new, unwrapped toys, sporting equipment or gift cards and place them in Spark of Love Toy Drive boxes provided by the Pasadena Fire Department. The gifts will be distributed to needy children and teens.

For more information call (626) 744-4755.

PCC Courier Picks Up Journalism Awards

The student newspaper of PCC was recently honored with a General Excellence award by the Journalism Association of Community Colleges. The General Excellence award is based on content, writing quality, design, typography, photography, and layout of three consecutive editions of the paper.

The newspaper's staff was honored for their work on The Courier in the categories of critical review, news feature, editorial writing, front page layout, inside page layout, and opinions.

In addition, two PCC students were presented with first place awards for their journalism performances at the Convention. Barbara Beaser, the current Editor-in-Chief of The Courier, won first place in the News Story category. Former chief photographer Daniel Lottes won first place in the Sports Action Photography category.

Spotlight magazine, an annual publication written, designed, and produced also by the Journalism Department students, was also honored with awards for magazine cover, line illustration, photo essay, and profile feature story.

More than 400 students from 27 community college journalism programs attended the two-day gathering at CSU Fullerton in October. For more information, contact (626) 585-7130.

Pet of the Week



Pasha, a lovely, four year old, lynx point Siamese cat is so wonderful! She loves attention and rubs against you while she carries on a little kitty conversations of meows and meows. Pasha would be perfect in an apartment or condo that allows pets. Come visit with this sweet girl today!

The regular cat adoption fee is \$70 which includes the spay or neuter surgery, microchip, vaccinations, and a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. Currently, you can adopt two cats or kittens for just \$85.

Please call 626-792-7151 and ask about A261250 or come to the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA, 361 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena CA, 91105. Our adoption hours are 11-3 Sunday, 9-4 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 9-3 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets updated hourly may be found at www.pasadenahumane.org.

MTA Plans Pasadena to Burbank Busway



Ara Najarian

By Dean Lee

Metro Board Chair Ara Najarian confirmed Saturday afternoon that the MTA is, in fact, considering a new rail line connecting the Pasadena Del Mar Station to Bob Hope Airport in Burbank although he said it would most likely be a dedicated busway first.

"It (The Del Mar connection) is in the long range plan under the strategic portion," he said. "Strategic means it's a good idea but we don't have the money for it."

Najarian made the comment in Monrovia after a Gold Line Extension celebration and station billboard unveiling.

He said the Pasadena to Burbank connection was badly needed.

"Think of all the rider ship that would bring," he said. "That would bring the Orange Line folks, Red Line folks taking the Gold Line all the way through."

Soon he said they plan to have a dedicated busway to make the connection. He said the new line would have only one stop in Glendale, one stop in Burbank and one in Pasadena. He said the Glendale stop would be on Brand Ave.

"I'm really trying to push this to get it going," he said although not giving any dates saying it was too far in the future.

Charity Drive Collects 4,000 Pounds of Food

By Dean Lee

The large 18-foot wooden "Fork in the Road" in-between Pasadena and St. John avenues may have started a mystery but last weekend's food drive at the hottest new attraction was anything but as people from all over dropped



Phil Coombes (left) and Bob Stane (right)

City Seeks Preservation of New Wilderness Areas

By Dean Lee

With the exception of one question, the city council Monday night unanimously approved backing a plan asking Congress to designate an additional 9,100 acres of the San Gabriel Mountains as wilderness.

Congress is already looking at a land management plan recommending 21,414 acres in the Angeles Crest and San Bernardino National Forests to be designated as wilderness city staff explained. This would be added as part of that.

During their regular meeting Councilmember Margaret McAustin asked if the designation would have any financial impact on those that use it.

"Will this have an impact

on use fees or the ability to use this area that we use so frequently?" she asked. "Or will it have sort of different government management that could impact us in a negative way?"

Martin Pastucha, Director of Public Works, explained, "The addition of these areas from the National Forest to wilderness area will basically allow visitors to go in and hike but it creates a much more natural environment, vehicles aren't allowed, generators aren't allowed, all sorts of things."

He added that the intent was to leave it as be going through as a visitor, "Not necessarily leaving their footprint on there."

He said the normal fees for getting into a National Park would cover these areas as well.

Police Launch New Outreach Service

The Pasadena Police Department launched a community information service Monday designed to deliver relevant, timely information and police news to residents using what they say is the latest technology.

According to police the, no cost, service Nixle can provide residents with community information, advisories and public safety alerts, all via email and text

messaging. Participants must sign up by going to nixle.com they said.

"Like some of the other current services that are available, Nixle allows the department to send out information to a large number of people at one time," said interim Police Chief Christopher Vicino. "But unlike those commercial services, Nixle requires authentication and the

Mayor Bill Bogaard said, "This area of forest country is essentially important recreational resource for Pasadena and for the region."

Uses not allowed in wilderness areas are, road building, oil and gas drilling, logging, mechanical vehicles such as dirt bikes, off-road vehicles, mountain bikes, and snowmobiles new mining claims, new reservoirs, power lines and pipelines.

Any form of non-mechanized use is generally permitted, and motorized travel is allowed in cases of emergency the city staff report said, such as hiking, camping, hunting, fishing and backpacking.

The report also states that only Congress and the President have the final say on wilderness designations.

information can be trusted as from the source. We are happy to be able to provide this service as one more tool to use in our efforts to reach out to our community."

Currently police said information is limited to police information and traffic advisories. They anticipate more channels to be added within months.

For more information call (626) 744-4537.

Community Meeting Will Provide Update On Heritage Square



The Request For Proposals Working Group will host a community meeting on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 10 a.m. in the auditorium at Jackie Robinson Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave. in Pasadena.

Discussion topics include an activities update, proposed demolition of the vacant church building, and presentation and discussion of conceptual plans prepared by the architectural consultant.

The working group, comprised of community members and city staff, was formed to prepare an RFP for the development of the first phase of the Heritage Square site at 19 E. Orange Grove Blvd. and north to 790

Leaders Urge Obama to Support High Speed Rail



In a statement released Monday, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, say they have sent a letter to President Barack Obama urging him to support California's applications for high-speed and intercity rail funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, noting that our state is uniquely qualified to employ federal funding quickly. Part of the letter reads.

"Our state has been a leader and innovator in addressing environmental and transportation challenges on a national level. Last November, California voters approved nearly \$9 billion in state bonds for high-speed rail construction, far outpacing other states' efforts to secure local and state funding for these projects. California has completed design and planning for the nearly 800-mile system and made significant progress on the environmental review, making our state uniquely qualified to employ federal funding quickly."

The letter also states that rail supporters, including the Sierra Club, California Chamber of Commerce, and the Labor Federation of California, have all endorsed the applications for funding. "High-speed rail will help ease congestion and improve air quality," they said.

It also asks that high-speed rail be a continued national priority. The letter was also sent to U.S. Secretary of Transportation Raymond LaHood.



The Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council will host a program on Earthquake Preparation presented by Margaret Vinci of Southern California Earthquake Center, December 7 at 7 P.M., 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. The Earthquake Center at Cal Tech co-ordinated this year's state-wide Great Shake Out after spearheading Los Angeles Counties Shake Out last year. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited to celebrate Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council's fourth year and learn of other current projects: Fire Watch, CERT--Community Emergency Response Team--training sign-up for 2010, and the Emergency AM Radio Station. Please call 355-0741 for information.

Caroline Brown, Public Relations Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, November 15th, to Saturday November 21st, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 299 calls for service.

Sunday, November 15th

5:13 PM – Arrest, Driving under the influence of alcohol, Michillinda Ave/Sierra Madre Blvd. An officer stopped a motorist for a Vehicle Code Violation. Investigation revealed the motorist was driving under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested for misdemeanor DUI and transported to the Pasadena Police Department Jail for remand.

11:23 PM – Arrest, Driving under the influence of alcohol. 600 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. Officers responded to a call of a multiple vehicle car accident. Upon arrival, it was determined that a vehicle had veered to the south side of the roadway while traveling eastbound on Sierra Madre Blvd and struck four parked vehicles. While investigating the traffic collision officers determined the driver of the vehicle was driving under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested for DUI and transported to the Pasadena Police Department for remand.

Saturday November 21st

10:01 AM – Vandalism, Windsor Lane. The victim called the police department to report that unknown suspects had vandalized the front door of her business sometime between 10:00 AM on November 15, 2009 and 9:00 AM on November 20, 2009. Suspects used a white marker to write graffiti on the front door.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, November 15, through Saturday, November 21, the Police Department responded to 839 calls for service of which 121 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, November 15:

1. Officers responded to Auntie Anne's at Westfield Mall around 9:30 a.m. in reference to a commercial burglary that took place around 10:13 p.m. on November 14. A manager discovered that cash and a laptop computer were missing from a safe, and a review of the surveillance video showed a female suspect entered the location, accessed the safe, and took the property.
2. Around 11:33 a.m., units responded to Mandarin Church, 501 North Santa Anita, regarding a man causing a disturbance during mass and refusing to leave. Officers spoke to the 30-year-old Asian and he eventually left the scene. However, the man returned to the church on two more occasions and was finally arrested around 3:49 p.m. for trespassing.

Monday, November 16:

3. Loss prevention personnel from Macy's advised that they had detained a woman for theft around 11:17 a.m. She hid a box of perfume in her purse and left the store without making payment. Two more boxes of perfume and two watches were also recovered from her purse. A private person's arrest was made, and a 44-year-old Asian was taken into custody for commercial burglary.
4. Between 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 700 block of Fairview. Unknown suspect(s) broke a window to enter the home. Once inside, the suspect(s) ransacked rooms and took a laptop computer, video camera, and jewelry.

Tuesday, November 17:

5. Shortly after 5:00 p.m., units were dispatched to First Avenue Middle School, 407 West Duarte, in reference to a fraud report. The victim discovered that her credit card was missing on November 14 and when she notified her bank, she was told that an unknown suspect had charged about \$4,900 to her account on November 13.
6. JC Penney's loss prevention personnel detained two Hispanic women for theft. The suspects entered the location with an empty shopping bag and concealed merchandise inside the bag, as well as their purses and a diaper bag. Private persons' arrests were made, and the 25-year-old and 56-year-old women were taken into custody for commercial burglary. Additional stolen items from Macy's and Nordstrom were recovered from their vehicle. During their shopping spree, the women had stolen over \$2,340 in merchandise.

Wednesday, November 18:

7. Around 10:22 p.m., units were called to Extended Stay, 401 East Santa Clara, in reference to an assault that just occurred. During an altercation, a man drove his car into the victim, hitting her leg and causing her to fall onto the hood of the vehicle. He then exited his car, and struck her in the head

and neck area several times with his fists. When a witness indicated that the police had been notified, the suspect fled the scene. On November 19, the 46-year-old male African-American suspect came to the station and was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon and inflicting corporal injury to cohabitant.
8. Shortly after midnight, officers responded to the 1020 Lounge, 1020 South Baldwin, regarding a battery. An intoxicated 25-year-old male African-American suspect was later apprehended nearby, and he was belligerent and refused to comply with officers' commands. The taser was deployed in order to gain compliance and the man was arrested for battery, obstructing/resisting, disorderly conduct/drunken in public, parole violation, and outstanding misdemeanor warrants totaling \$62,000. While at the hospital, the suspect also kicked an officer.

Thursday, November 19:

9. A residential burglary occurred between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the 1100 block of West Huntington. Unknown suspect(s) entered the home through an unsecured window and stole video game equipment, laptop computer, and other property.
10. Around 7:00 p.m., loss prevention personnel from American Apparel detained two male and one female Asian juveniles for theft. They left the store without making payment after concealing merchandise in a shopping bag and a purse. Additional stolen property from H&M was recovered and one of the male juveniles was found in possession of a burglary tool. Private persons' arrests were made, and 2 males, ages 15 and 17, and a female, age 15, were taken into custody for commercial burglary and conspiracy.

Friday, November 20:

11. Two grand theft autos occurred between 8:00 p.m. on November 19 and 7:45 a.m. on November 20. A 2004 white Ford pickup was stolen from the 1100 block of West Duarte, and a 1998 black Chevy Camaro was stolen from the 100 block of East Colorado.
12. An auto burglary occurred at Arcadia Supermarket, 645 West Duarte, between 8:00 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. Unknown suspect smashed the rear passenger window of the vehicle and took a backpack, digital camera, laptop computer, and other miscellaneous property.

Saturday, November 21:

13. Around 2:41 a.m., officers found debris from a traffic collision at Baldwin and Gate 9 and a traffic signal in the center median was sheared off; however, no suspect vehicle was found at the scene. An area search was made, and a vehicle with major front end damage was found at a 76 gas station located at 701 West Huntington. An intoxicated 26-year-old male Hispanic driver was arrested for DUI and hit-and-run.
14. Units were dispatched to Store America, 5630 Peck Road, around 2:36 p.m. regarding a commercial burglary that occurred between Sept. 1 and Nov. 21. Unknown suspect(s) gained access into a storage unit through a faulty locking mechanism and removed numerous boxes of personal property.

A Weekly Spotlight on Sierra Madre Volunteers

Dane Lenton Pillar of Preservation

Once you see him you won't forget him. Dane Lenton's long, white beard is as distinctive as his demeanor. He might be a quiet man but he gets a lot done. He's the town's pillar of preservation.

Dane is also known for doggedly pursuing repair of the town's historic structures: Richardson House, one of Sierra Madre's historic treasures, located on Mira Monte, and Lizzie's Trail Inn, next door.

Elsie Dammeyer, an early and enthusiastic Sierra Madre historian, obtained a pledge from Dane to pursue reconstruction of the Richardson House, owned by pioneer John Richardson. The structure had suffered the vagaries of neglect and age in the '80s. Acting on Elsie's goading, Dane appealed to friends for help. Michael Sizer brought his talents in electrical work and rewired the old building, adding lighting to the exterior. Lew Watanabe landscaped the outside lawn and helped Dane remove the unsightly chain-link fence.

Ultimately, Dane received a commendation from the City Council for the work he did on the Richardson House.

Dane urged others to work on Lizzie's Trail Inn, the next-door structure that was also rundown. Lizzie's was the century-old restaurant/tavern located at the foot of Mt. Wilson. It was owned and operated by Lizzie McElwain for many years.

Three local men -- Stan Hutchinson, Jay Whitcraft and Maurice Orme -- serve as hosts every weekend at the two renovated museums.

Elsie Dammeyer also urged Dane to join the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society and he was voted in as president of the group 15 years ago. He led them to publishing a history book, written by Michele Zack, well-known San Gabriel author. A completed copy of the book, "Southern California Story of Seeking a Better Life in Sierra Madre," was to arrive in Sierra Madre at the end of November.

Dane said, "Part of the mission of the Historical Preservation Society is to collect and disseminate local history information." He feels the book satisfies that mission.

Dane was the first chairman of the Cultural Heritage Commission in the '80s. The group survived for several years before being cancelled by the City Council.

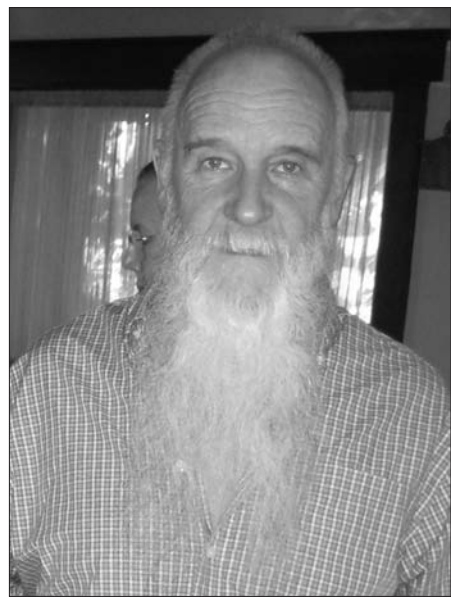
Lenton is the owner of the Tufts House, which was originally built in 1884 and owned by the famous Tufts family, founder of Tufts University back East. Dane was on a bus tour of Sierra Madre's landmark homes, led by town historian Phillis Chapman, when he saw the home from the bus and promptly purchased it and moved in.

Lenton is pleased with the continuing program to provide plaques designating historic structures in Sierra Madre. Of the 29 landmarks in Sierra Madre, 18 owners have purchased identifying plaques to be located in front of their homes. The Historical Society paid for plaques for three City projects: Richardson House, Lizzie's Trail Inn and the Hart Winery (the former wine company that was located at the site of the senior center in Memorial Park).

A decade ago, Dane and Richard Trader appealed to the Sierra Madre Library Board of Trustees to update the archives in the library. Toni Buckner, Director of Library Services, obtained a grant, part of which went toward hiring Debbie Henderson as City archivist.

"The archives are now modern and up-to-date," Dane noted. "We need to credit Elsie Dammeyer and Gertrude Gerke for their years of keeping the archives alive."

Dane was born in the San Gabriel Valley, graduating from Whittier High School. He attended Rio Hondo Junior College and Citrus College. The Sierra Madrean worked for several corporations before opening his own design business, located here for 30 years. He



moved to Sierra Madre in the late '60s and has two children, Lenore and Darren, who live in Northern California.

"I love living here. It's a privilege to work with these talented, civic-minded people who want the past to continue. They are willing to donate their time to help our town retain its character."

One of Dane's friends described him: "Dane is known for his individual appearance, his calming and humble demeanor, his subtle and unifying democratic leadership. He's a team player."

Some friends call him "a mature John Muir." He is also known for his consensus-building and personal humility.

Dane Lenton has earned the title of Sierra Madre's "pillar of preservation." Library Friends December Best Used Book Sale Chestnuts roasting on an open fire.oh my gosh: Is it really that time of year again? Thank goodness the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library's Best Used Book Sale is here just in time for Holiday shopping.

Calling all family chefs: A collection of specialty cookbooks are being offered in the (Saint) Nick of time. They're perfect to help plan holiday meals and tasty new treats for Santa. The Martha Stewart Christmas Cookbook; Marlboro Country Cookbook; One Potato, Two Potato are just a few of the epicurean delight editions on sale. And while you are munching on your Yuletide goodies, enjoy a good Christmas book, such as Christmas in America, and Christmas with Victoria.

Art lovers of the world unite! The World of Picasso, Whistler, Cezanne, Leonardo, Van Gogh, Michelangelo are amongst a new collection of art books available for purchase at fantastic prices.

For the teens the JRR Tolkien books are here. Also a new selection of Collectibles including 2 volumes of The Arabian Nights. Of course a variety videos, DVD's, and books on tape round out our holiday offerings.

The outside tables will be stocked with fiction/non fiction titles for \$1.00 each. Buying a bag of paperbacks for that every waking hour reader in the family is no problem as paperbacks are 25 cents each (or 5 for a \$1.00.) Plus, there are a new selection of children's books. Be sure to come early for best selection and choose wonderful and unique gifts for family and friends.

Mark your calendars for Friday, December 4th from 3:00 to 7:00 pm and Saturday, December 5th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to visit us at the library: 232 West Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre. Need help with directions? Call (626) 355-7186. The Friends operate the Best Used Book Store. Reasonable prices and all proceeds support the library programs. Come and shop early for the best finds.

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Girls Scouts Hold Career Day at St. Rita's



On Sunday afternoon, November 22nd, 65 Girl Scouts, 9-16 years old, had the opportunity to meet and interview some of our community's influential female role models. The idea was to allow the girls first hand access to the perspectives of women in a variety of careers, business owners and those currently in college.

The scouts asked nine local women about how hobbies and high school classes helped prepare and define their career choices, what experience and degrees were required, job interview insights, the influence and use of technology, home and work balance and other questions, also qualifying for badges toward advancement.

The nine panel members were (*Pictured above with Scouts*): Dr. M. Kathleen Jones, Internal Medicine Physician; Karen Crisci, Store owner of Arcadia's Magnolia; Mary Gleason, Social Worker from Five Acres; Patricia Perez, Registered Nurse practicing Home Health Nursing; Celia Workman, Quality Assurance Manager at Unified Grocers; Chris Bertrand, "One of a Kind" columnist, Journalist, Business Writer

and Photographer; Marilyn Diaz, Sierra Madre Chief of Police; Rosann Gooch, Attorney; and Katie Bailey, college student and past Girl Scout.

Jennifer Brady, Colleen Mispagel, and Madeline Salazar of Girl Scout Troop 2581, also in photo, organized this Career Day for area scouts, qualifying for a Silver Award in recognition of their work.

For more information about local Girl Scouting, contact: Girl Scouts of Greater LA, Central Region 101 E. Wheeler Avenue Arcadia, CA 91006 626-445-7771

Trish's Truth By Trisha Collins

Biting Its Way Through Box Offices

Last weekend, millions of teenagers all across the United States begged their parents for \$11.50. Maybe \$20.00 to help pay for overpriced popcorn and Coke. And maybe even \$25.00, just to cover the tax. Many of those thousands of teenagers also camped out in front of theaters, huddling together in line for their very own golden ticket. "New Moon," the second installment of Stephanie Meyer's Twilight saga, opened in theaters November 20th, taking parents' money and box office sales by storm.

I am a fan of the Twilight series. The vampire books are incredibly enticing and the storyline is irresistible. So, of course I had to go see "New Moon" when it first came out. And with my luck, I couldn't see it on Friday. Or Saturday. Or Sunday. On Monday, everyone at school was raving about it. Girls pranced around flashing their "Team Jacob" and "Team Edward" shirts to anyone who cared. My English teacher even took a few minutes out of the class time to let everyone give their opinion on whether the book was better than the movie. Guys argued with girls about the real

meaning of the story, while girls argued with guys over whether they could even appreciate the concept. By the end of the day, I knew about every fight from the movie, every kissing scene, every joke that was made, and the "shocking" ending. That information, combined with a few lengthy movie trailers and knowledge of the book, ruined the movie for me. There were surprises for me, no comical moments, no nothing.

Of course I went to the movie anyway. I figured, so what if I know everything that will happen, at least I'll be able to see my celebrity-crush, Taylor Lautner in action. Unfortunately, my daydreams of him were quickly interrupted by countless screaming girls in the audience who shrieked and giggled every time his character, Jacob Black, moved (which was quite often). All in all, "New Moon" was everything I had hoped for or heard about. I know of many people who had no interest in the series before the movies who are now dedicated Twilight fans. How long will it take to suck you in?

PUSD Announces Winter Concert Schedule

From football fields to churches and shopping centers, the musical and dramatic talents of Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) students will be on display this holiday season as glee clubs, choirs, bands and orchestras perform a full schedule of winter concerts and performances throughout Altadena, Pasadena and Sierra Madre.

"Our students are sharing their talents with the community, and joining in celebration of the winter holidays," said Superintendent Edwin Diaz. "I invite residents and visitors to attend a performance and discover the magic of art and music in our schools."

The Winter Concert season kicks off on Monday, November 30 with the PUSD Band Spectacular on the new football field of Pasadena High School (PHS), when marching bands and pep squads from Blair, Marshall, Muir and PHS strut their stuff in front of hundreds of parents and supporters. The event begins at 5:30 p.m., although concession stand sales begin at 5 p.m. PUSD students will also perform at Green Street Restaurant, the College Women's Clubs, One Colorado in Old Town Pasadena, and the Lake Avenue Church. The full schedule is below.

Monday, November 30, 2009
5:30 p.m. PUSD Band Spectacular, featuring high school marching bands from Blair, Marshall, Muir and Pasadena High School. PHS Football Field, 2925 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena

Tuesday, December 1
1:00 p.m. Washington Middle School's Glee Club performs at the College Women's Clubs at the Women's City Club, 160 N. Oakland Ave., Pasadena

Thursday, December 3
6 - 7:30 p.m. Blair IB Magnet's Choir performs at Green Street Restaurant, 146 Shoppers Lane, Pasadena

Friday, December 4 & Saturday, December 5
7:00 p.m. Blair IB Magnet's Performing Arts Department presents To Kill a Mockingbird, Blair East Cafeteria, 1201 S. Marengo Ave., Pasadena

Sunday, December 6
2:00 p.m. Blair IB Magnet's Performing Arts Department presents To Kill a Mockingbird, Blair East Cafeteria, 1201 S. Marengo, Pasadena

Thursday, December 10
7:00 p.m. Blair IB Magnet's Choir performs It's a Wonderful Life. Lake Avenue Church, 393 N. Lake Ave., Pasadena.

7:00 p.m. John Muir High School's Choir performs its Winterfest. 1905 Lincoln Ave., Pasadena

Friday, December 11
8:20 a.m. Sierra Madre School's preschool, Kindergarten, first, second and third grade students perform in the annual holiday program. Lower Campus, 141 W. Highland Ave., Pasadena

7:00 p.m. Marshall Fundamental School's Holiday Concert, 990 N. Allen Ave., Pasadena

7:00 p.m. John Muir High School's Instrumental Winterfest. 1905 Lincoln Ave., Pasadena

Saturday, December 12
11 a.m. Washington Middle School's Glee Club performs for the AAUW (formerly known as the American Association for University Women) at the Women's City Club, 160 N. Oakland Ave., Pasadena

Monday, December 14
1:30 p.m. Washington Middle School's Glee Club performs for the meeting of the Pasadena Republican Women Federated at the Women's City Club, 160 N. Oakland Ave., Pasadena

Wednesday, December 16
5:00 p.m. Blair IB's Choir and orchestra perform at One Colorado, the shopping and dining center in Old Town Pasadena. Colorado Blvd. at Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena

6:30 p.m. Sierra Madre School students in grades 4 - 8 perform in the annual Holiday Play. Lower Campus, 141 W. Highland Ave., Sierra Madre, CA

7:00 p.m. Eliot Middle School holds its annual Winter Concert. 2184 N. Lake St., Altadena

7:30 p.m. Pasadena High School students perform in the school's annual Winter Instrumental Concert. 2925 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena

Winter Concerts will continue in January and February, 2010.

Breakfast with Santa and Holiday Snow Festival!

Get ready for the holidays and come join us for breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 5th at the Arcadia Community Center. Breakfast with Santa is \$8 per person and includes breakfast, photos with Santa and holiday entertainment. There will be two options for breakfast: 8:30-9:30am (#2661) or 10:30-11:30am (#2662). Space is limited. Registrations will be accepted beginning Monday, November 2nd. Just go on-line to the City of Arcadia's website: www.ci.arcadia.ca.us, to download the registration form or stop by the office, 375 Campus Drive.

The Holiday Snow Festival is free to the public and will also take place at the Arcadia Community Center on the same day from 9am-2pm. This event will feature holiday entertainment, crafts, trolley train rides, dual sled runs and two snow play areas. In-n-Out Burgers will be available for purchase from 11:30am-1:30pm. Santa will only be present at the Breakfast with Santa Event. Parking will be available at Gate 3 of the Santa Anita Race Track. Shuttle service will be available to transport participants to and from the Community Center from 7:45am-3pm. In the event of rain, the Snow Festival will be held Saturday, December 12th. For more information please call 626.574.5113!

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New Happenings at Old Town Cooking School

By LaQuetta Shamblee
on Special Assignment

Subdued excitement fills the room as students arrive to hone their culinary skills at Old Town Cooking School in Pasadena. A roster of affordable, one-session classes includes "hand-on" practice where each student is guided through cooking everything on a recipe list. Demonstration classes are designed for students to watch and take notes, with the opportunity to taste one of the dishes prepared by the instructor. A recent Knife Techniques class was abuzz with activity as a diverse group of adults, ranging from fresh out of college to retired seniors, practiced their newly-learned skills on shallots, carrots, onions and more.



Long-time friends and local residents, Deborah Swartz and Deanna Clark started the business five years ago. Swartz says they consider themselves home cooks, not chefs. Both have formal training, including courses at the Napa Culinary Institute and other recognized programs. Clark took courses in France and Italy. In fact, they were inspired to create their *home cooking* approach to culinary education after realizing that other programs catered to individuals preparing for full-time careers as chefs. What they devised is ideal for everyone else with an interest in learning the basics or simply building upon existing culinary skills. With courses priced around \$25 for a 1½ hour mini-classes to under \$80 for a full-length class, it's a great investment of time and money – and a creative destination for a date night!

Classes are held in various locations throughout the Foothills area. "Holiday Appetizers, Tapas and Cocktails" is on December 11th at the Pasadena Senior Center. "The Food of Burgundy" class will be held at Wine Styles in South Pasadena. Final plans are underway for a creative culinary educational experience at the Armory Center for the Arts in Pasadena.

Exciting things are on their plate heading into 2010. A project underway to engage the community to support local nonprofits is their "One City, One Cookbook" fundraising program, which will result in the publication of a cookbook with recipes that reflect the multicultural diversity of the Foothills Communities. Seven local nonprofits have agreed to collaborate to gather recipes, with each agency to be featured in the book, earning money from every book sold.

"Deb Dishes" is a new internet radio show featuring recipes, interviews, restaurant and cookbook reviews and segments like "25 Holiday Entertaining Tips." Tune in 1pm each Saturday at KSGV.com to hear the program live, or login later at your convenience.

A free "Cookbook Author Series" will kick-off with author and cook Clifford A. Wright on January 7th at 7 p.m. Sponsored by Whole Foods and the Pasadena Public Library, the event will include a cooking demonstration.

For time and money spent that will deliver fun and lasting benefits in your home kitchen, consider enrolling in a course, or getting a gift certificate for an aspiring culinary home cooking master. For information on upcoming classes, "Deb Dishes," or other activities, visit www.oldtowncookingsschool.com or call (626) 791-0358.



Regardless of the level of culinary skill when they register, each student walks away with more knowledge about food selection and preparation, like what means to *sauté* or how to *poach* meat and fish with herbs and seasonings for a tasty low-fat alternative. Old Town Cooking School offers creative teambuilding programs for corporate clients like Yahoo and Disney. This month, forty employees will be divided into teams to create a pasta sauce in their *Iron Chef Yahoo* competition, complete with taste tests and judging.

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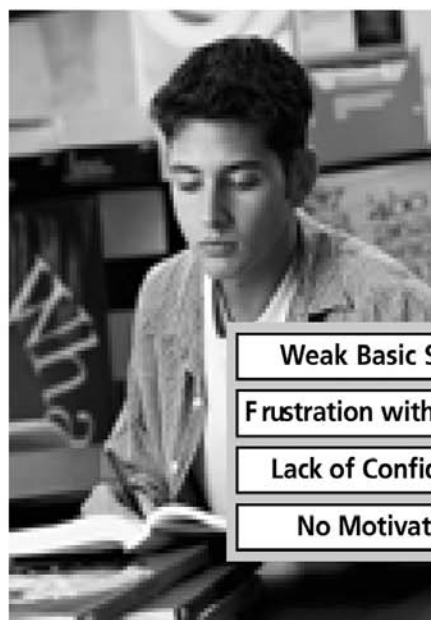
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Spotlight On Business:

Monrovia's O-Fit Opens Doors for Group Fitness, Boxing and Personal Training

Story and photos by Chris Bertrand



O-Fit's owners Steve Larkin and Tommy Osuna, their head trainer, are putting the final touches on their newest venture in downtown Monrovia. Larkin is already well known to the Monrovia community through his successful Toyota and Lexus auto repair enterprise, Luxury Motorworks, on Chestnut.

Larkin was so impressed with his own success in getting fit and healthy with two years of Osuna's guidance and training, he had to find a way to share it. After months of careful planning, O-Fit opened its doors earlier this month, though the final touches are still being applied. Painters were finishing up as I toured the historic building at 137 E. Colorado last week.

Darin Gruber, a new O-Fit member, saw his friend and former business associate, Steve Larkin trim down from 195 to 159 pounds and 8% body fat over the past two years. He and his wife, Wendy, were so impressed with the way Osuna guided Larkin's journey to health, they were among the first to join O-Fit. "Steve is living proof that Osuna's system works," enthusiastically commented Gruber.

Osuna's been training elite and professional boxers for decades, in addition to his personal and group fitness work. "This is *not* your old school, sweaty dank boxing club," says Tommy Osuna. Most of our members really enjoy the focus on kick boxing and boxing in their group

fitness classes."

"We're completely visible from the street, with big windows. Each person's training is carefully analyzed and individualized, down to the macro-nutrient profile of protein, carbohydrates and fats in your eating program. It's definitely not a one size fits all."

O-Fit has joined forces with Peach Café next door to provide healthy, nutritious and delicious meals for members. Osuna orders the correct portions and proportions of food, according to each person's needs and input from their nutritionist.

After their workouts, members exchange a cooler full of food from Peach Café for the empty one they just finished. "We've tried to take the hard figuring and thinking out of the process to increase successful results. It's a great, delicious way to get fit," says Larkin.

In addition to boxing and fitness, O-Fit offers "boot camp" style early morning sessions, aerobics, circuit training and a room for your child to hang out while you're training. Grand opening celebrations, and special events will take place on Saturday afternoon, December 5, but they're open for your business now with great membership promotions.

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HAIL Hamilton



With Thanksgiving past and Christmas on its way I thought a word about society's least fortunate is in order. I am of course referring to the nation's growing homeless population. The number of homeless in the United States has worsened since the current economic and foreclosure crises began last fall. By some estimates, more than 311,000 tenants nationwide have been evicted from homes this year after lenders took over the properties. People being evicted from foreclosed properties and the economic crisis in general have contributed to the growing homeless population. As more people fall into homelessness, local social service providers are seeing an increase in the demand for services. In Los Angeles, nearly 30 per cent of the homeless population is newly homeless.

The National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty and the National Coalition for the Homeless recently released a report, "Homes Not Handcuffs", tracking a growing trend in U.S. cities - the criminalization of homelessness. The report focuses on specific city measures from 2007 and

CRIMINALIZING THE HOMELESS

2008 that have targeted homeless persons, such as laws that make it illegal to sleep, eat, or sit in public spaces. The report includes information about 273 cities nationwide. On average, cities reported a 12 percent homeless increase in 2007-2008. The lack of available shelter space leaves many homeless persons with no choice but to struggle to survive on the streets of our cities.

Even though most cities do not provide enough affordable housing, shelter space, and food to meet the need, many cities use the criminal justice system to punish people living on the street for doing things that they need to do to survive. Such measures often prohibit activities such as sleeping/camping, eating, sitting, and/or begging in public spaces and include criminal penalties for violation of these laws. Some cities have even enacted food sharing restrictions that punish groups and individuals for serving homeless people. Many of these measures appear to have the purpose of moving homeless people out of sight, or even out of a given city.

Examples of criminalization of the homelessness include:

Laws that make it illegal to sleep, sit, or store personal belongings in public spaces in cities where people are forced to live in public spaces.

Selective enforcement of more neutral laws, such as loitering, jaywalking, or open container laws, against homeless persons.

Sweeps of city areas in which homeless persons are living to drive them out of those areas, frequently resulting in the destruction of individuals' personal property such as important personal documents and medication.

Laws that punish people for begging or panhandling in order to move poor or homeless persons out of a city or downtown area.

Laws that restrict groups sharing food with homeless persons in public spaces.

Enforcement of a wide range of so-called "quality of life" ordinances related to public activities and hygiene (i.e. public urination) when no public facilities are available to people without housing.

The report "Homes Not Handcuffs" says these common practices that criminalize homelessness do nothing to address the underlying causes of homelessness. Instead, they drastically exacerbate the problem. They frequently move people away from services. When homeless persons are arrested and charged under these ordinances, they may develop a criminal record, making it more difficult to obtain the employment and/

or housing that could help them become self sufficient.

Instead of criminalizing homelessness the report recommends:

Local governments, business groups, and law enforcement officials should work with homeless people, providers, and advocates for solutions to prevent and end homelessness.

Cities should dedicate more resources to creating more affordable housing, permanent supportive housing, emergency shelters, and homeless services in general.

Cities should work with homeless persons and advocate for solutions to homelessness instead of punishing those who are homeless or poor everyone benefits.

To address street homelessness, cities should adopt or dedicate more resources to outreach programs, emergency shelter, and permanent supportive housing.

Business groups can play a positive role in helping to address the issue of homelessness. Instead of advocating for criminalization measures, business groups can put resources into solutions to homelessness.



STUART Tolchin On...LIFE

About a year and a half ago I wrote an article entitled "The Times They Are A Changin' Maybe They Ought To." (For the benefit of the vast number of you that collect and file the articles written by me, the precise date was June 27, 2008.) In this article, which feels like it was written so long ago, I bemoan the fact that the nuclear family seems to have died. I urge people to release their old values and form more expansive relationships appropriate to the changing times. In the article I told the story of my 93 year old mother pestering my daughter about not having a boy friend. My daughter walked around for awhile and upon her return my mother asked if she met anyone. My daughter responded that she had in fact met someone but there was a problem—"He's a duck". "Well you can't be too choosy", my mother said.

I think many of us are doing the same thing now. WE want to believe that change, any change, indicates that all problems are solved. Yes, I believe, we were entitled to be elated by the end of the eternal Bush nightmare. Now we were certain that there would be a return to sanity. The purposeless wars would end and our almost-ruined society would be reclaimed from the evil special

interests that had been stealing from us for the last eight years. Well, as we all can see, the wars are still going on and the evil financial manipulators are still profiting while the rest of us are increasingly worried about job security. To me both our state governments and the Federal government seem grid-locked and unable or uninterested in dealing with the problems that most of us are facing. The increase in college tuition is so extreme that formerly indifferent students are becoming activated. Really, I don't know if this is a good or a bad thing but it will be different.

Perhaps there will be a return to the huge student demonstrations of the sixties and seventies. If the wars continue and a draft becomes necessary to meet increasing troop requirements maybe the general population will become angry enough to take to the streets. Actually, this is a pretty frightening possibility. I am equally alarmed by the new proposed health-care bill which excludes abortions from its coverage. As is explained in the book Freakenomics, the drop in the crime-rate may be the direct result of the availability of abortions. Unwanted babies are often uncared for and unsupervised and become involved in crime often by the time they reach adolescence. This makes sense to me and I believe that the continuing ridiculous availability

THE TIMES THEY ARE CHANGIN' - AGAIN

of guns makes the problem even worse. Why is there no more talk about gun control?

The times they are a changin', but the problems remain the same and we cannot pretend that everything is fine. What about global warming, overpopulation, campaign financing, unemployment and the increasing disparity between rich and poor? Science seems to be on the verge of a new understanding of the origins of the universe as the huge Swiss collider has become operational again and new huge telescopes are being installed all over the world. Still the solutions to present problems are unknown. I read in the paper today that things are so bad that even I may well be affected. I always maintain that I am indifferent to material wealth and care little about luxury or excess. One thing that I admittedly do love is a hot shower. When I read that water shortages may become so severe that lengthy hot showers will be prohibited I became terrified. Sure, let the times change but let me keep my showers.

I just remembered there was a time in my life when long hot showers were never a possibility. I survived, and so will we all, but life might feel considerably different. Maybe the real lesson of a long life is to understand that sometimes "we can't be too choosy".



RICH Johnson

The phenomenon that makes American culture "American culture" consists of our own set of peculiarities. What are some of them? Well, akin to the laws of perception, we know it is often easier for someone on the outside to detail our particular cultural idiosyncrasies from their vantage point, rather than our ability from the inside.

Now, I'm not sure which member of the global community came up with this analysis of our great democratic republic. And actually who is somewhat irrelevant. More importantly is the call for us to meditate on these observations and make adjustments where necessary. Let's begin:

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On a slightly different note, ever wonder:

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Why the person who you entrust with investing your money is called a broker?

Why the time of day with the slowest traffic is called rush hour?

And for heaven's sake, as a believer in the Judeo-Christian God and the Bible, my first question when I get to heaven will be to ask Noah why he didn't just swat those two mosquitoes?

Shameless Plug Time (Again): My friend, Jane Fuller, will be performing a Christmas themed show at Corfu Mediterranean Restaurant here in town on Friday night December 18th. It might be worth noting that since Bethlehem is in Israel, the traditional Christmas meal Joseph and Mary ate on that glorious night 2000 years ago was Mediterranean cuisine. Probably shish kebabs and hummus. So, come on out for a real "traditional" Christmas meal on December 18th at Corfu on Sierra Madre Blvd just west of Baldwin Ave. Their phone number is 355-5993.

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HOWARD Hays As I See It

Debates over healthcare and Afghanistan have similarities. Both seem to have been going on forever, with multiple options rather than clear-cut choices. With both issues, some feel President Obama should speak out more directly, more often. They both involve enormous costs in lives and money. In both cases there is little if any agreement on what the goals are, let alone how to reach them, yet with both there are signs of progress: With healthcare, Senate Democrats recently garnered the 60 votes necessary to open debate on the floor (the next hurdle is to garner the 60 votes necessary to end debate on the floor); for Afghanistan, the president is due to publicly announce his policy within the next couple of days.

With both debates, there is an abundance of partisan posturing, "expert" opinion and over-the-top alarmism. There's also a dearth of testimony from those at the front lines. Several weeks ago I offered a profile of Wendell Potter, a former executive at CIGNA insurance company. I've recently learned about Matthew Hoh, a former foreign service officer stationed in Afghanistan. Both men made news after submitting resignations, speaking out after leaving positions they felt they could no longer hold with a clear conscience.

Matthew Hoh is a Marine veteran of the Iraq War, who resigned his commission as Captain to become a civilian contractor in 2004. At one point he employed over 5,000 Iraqis, involved in tens of millions of dollars worth of reconstruction projects. His performance received commendations from the U.S. Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction. He resumed active duty with the Marines in Iraq, and a year later became a contract employee of the State Department in Afghanistan. His resignation was submitted last September.

Since then, Matthew Hoh has been the subject of several interviews and opinion columns. Some of the most illuminating comments, though, are found in that letter he wrote two months ago, in which he says, "I have lost understanding of and confidence in the strategic purposes of the United States' presence in Afghanistan. . . . I fail to see the value or the worth in continued U.S. casualties or expenditures in support of the Afghan government in what is, truly, a 35-year old civil war."

Hoh reminds us that a year from now our incursion into Afghanistan will be as long as that of the Soviet Union's, and "Like the Soviets, we continue to secure and bolster a failing state, while encouraging an ideology and system of government unknown and unwanted by its people." The conflict is described as being between "urban, secular, educated and modern" Afghanistan and the "rural, religious, illiterate and traditional" majority, which feeds the Pashtun insurgency. In fighting U.S. and NATO troops, as well as the Afghan army and police, Hoh observes that insurgents battle "not for the white banner of the Taliban, but rather against the presence of foreign soldiers and taxes imposed by

an unrepresentative government in Kabul."

That central government is described as one of "Glaring corruption and unabashed graft"; "A President whose confidants and chief advisors comprise drug lords and war crimes villains"; "local power brokers, opportunists and strongmen allied to the United States solely for . . . the value of our USAID and CERP contracts" with "nothing to gain from . . . reconciliation"; and recent elections "dominated by fraud and discredited by a low voter turnout, which has created an enormous victory for our enemy".

Our rationales are questioned: "If honest, our stated strategy of securing Afghanistan to prevent al-Qaeda resurgence or regrouping would require us to additionally invade and occupy western Pakistan, Somalia, Sudan, Yemen, etc." Hoh explains how our presence in Afghanistan threatens the stability of Pakistan, and how the fact that the attacks of September 11 as well bombings in London and Madrid were "planned and organized in Western Europe . . . highlights the threat is not one tied to traditional geographic or political boundaries." Finally, Hoh suggests that "if our concern is for a failed state crippled by corruption and poverty and under assault from criminal and drug lords", then we should turn our attention to Mexico.

Matthew Hoh praises the men and women serving in our military, whose "tactical proficiency and performance . . . is unmatched and unquestioned." He faults, however, "our leaders, uniformed, civilian and elected" who have sent our soldiers to war "inadequately prepared and resourced." "Our forces, dedicated and faithful, have been committed to conflict in an indefinite and unplanned manner that has become a cavalier, politically expedient and Pollyannaish misadventure." He describes "dedicated and talented" civilian employees and contractors as being "led by guidance and intent shaped more by the political climate in Washington, D.C. than in Afghan cities, villages, mountains and valleys."

Hoh warns that "Success and victory, whatever they may be, will be realized not in years, after billions more spent, but in decades and generations." He concludes by citing the thousands of family separations, of homes that "bear the fractures, upheavals and scars" of multiple deployments, of physical and mental wounds "that will never heal but only worsen with time", and finally of the dead "to be received by families who must be reassured their dead have sacrificed for a purpose worthy of futures lost, love vanished, and promised dreams unkept. I have lost confidence such assurances can anymore be made. As such, I submit my resignation."

For the past ten weeks, President Obama has been listening to prominent voices from government, the military and academia - voices many have become familiar with through congressional testimony, op-ed columns and Sunday talk shows. As I see it, sometimes it's those voices we haven't heard, from those who've lived the experience on the front lines without a general's security entourage or politician's press retinue, that can be the most valuable voices of all.

COMMENTARY FROM THE RIGHT Water Deal Breakdown

By Senator Bob Huff

California's population of 38 million residents currently depends on a water delivery system originally built for 16 million. This 50-year-old system has faced extreme challenges including environmental change, court-ordered restrictions, and years of continued drought.

In these past few years, crops have been plowed under, water availability has declined, and housing and business projects have stalled throughout the state. In 2005, enough water to supply 13 million families for a year was lost to sea because our state had nowhere to store it.

By investing in projects to improve our water storage and delivery systems, we will jumpstart our lagging economy, help put people back to work and get a safe and reliable water source to the people of Southern California. These projects will immediately create crucially needed jobs in the construction sector--with the added benefit of contributing more to the state's tax base without raising taxes.

For over three years, Senate Republicans have been drafting, amending, and introducing legislation for a comprehensive water package that would ensure that all of California's families, farmers, ranchers and business owners have the necessary water to continue to grow and thrive.

This celebrated agreement was not a fly-by-night exercise as some would suggest. It

was a well thought-out water agreement that includes funding for increased water storage, improves the Delta water delivery system, and provides for many local/regional supply and conservation measures. Each of these tools is being employed to bring our state's water supply-demand picture into balance.

It is important to note that taxpayers alone would not pay for these water management improvements. In fact, bond dollars cannot even be issued until private beneficiaries put up their share of the funds to build more storage. To leverage private capital, state bond financing may account for no more than half of the project's total funding, with the other half being financed by private beneficiaries. Just as public bonds would contribute to the construction of a new road or school because it benefits taxpayers, improving our water infrastructure is being financed in a similar way. This \$11 billion bond will eventually cultivate into an estimated \$30 billion for much needed projects.

The Water Supply Act of 2010 includes:

Water Storage: \$3 Billion

Includes both above- and below-ground storage. More groundwater and surface storage will allow California to capture excess water in wet years for use in dry years. Senate Republicans established a continuous appropriation of funds via the California Water

Commission to ensure that new storage projects are not co-opted by the legislature. This agreement also provides ecosystem restoration, water quality, flood control, and emergency uses.

Water Recycling and Water Conservation: \$1.25 Billion

Provides water recycling and advanced treatment projects, such as contaminant and salt removal. This measure also provides water conservation and water use efficiency programs for the reduction of water use in some areas by 20% in 2020.

Regional Water Supply: \$1.4 Billion

Provides assistance for local and regional water delivery systems, ensuring the delivery of safe drinking water in economically distressed areas across the state. Also provides funding for desalination projects, water recycling, local surface storage, stormwater management, and flood management.

Groundwater Clean-up and Projection: \$1 Billion

Provides grants and loans for groundwater contamination prevention and reduction.

Senator Bob Huff serves as the Senate Republican Caucus Chair. He represents portions of Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino counties. You can follow Senator Huff on Twitter @bobhuff99.

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 1300 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA ADDING CHAPTER 15.60 (WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE) TO TITLE 15 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION) AND AMENDING CHAPTER 15.04 (BUILDING CODE AND PERMITS) AND CHAPTER 15.48 (EXCAVATIONS AND GRADING) OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE

Pursuant to Government Code section 65595(c), Ordinance No. 1300 adopts water efficient landscape requirements that are intended to be at least as effective in conserving water as the model local water efficient landscape ordinance adopted by the California Department of Water Resources. Ordinance No. 1300 imposes water efficient landscape requirements upon: (1) new construction and rehabilitation of landscapes for public agency projects and private developer projects with a total project net landscape area equal to or greater than 2,500 square feet; (2) new construction and rehabilitation of landscapes for residential projects by developers with a total project net landscape area equal to or greater than 2,500 square feet; (3) new landscapes for residential projects by individual homeowners with a total project net landscape area equal to or greater than 5,000 square feet; (4) existing landscapes equal to or greater than one acre, with a dedicated or mixed use water meter; and (5) new and rehabilitated cemeteries. Ordinance No. 1300 establishes a landscape permit. It requires applicants to submit a Landscape Documentation Package to the Director of Public Works, who will grant the permit if the proposed landscape complies with the landscape design and plant requirements, the irrigation requirements, and the soil and grading requirements contained in Ordinance No. 1300. Further, Ordinance No. 1300 requires the use of recycled water irrigation systems, provides for public education on water efficient landscape practices, and prohibits runoff from irrigation, which may result in assessment of civil or administrative fines up to \$1,000 or revocation of the landscape permit for willful or repeated violation of the runoff prohibition.

Additionally, Ordinance No. 1300 amends Section 15.04.070 of the City Municipal Code to require new development to incorporate design elements for: (1) the prevention of stormwater runoff onto pavements; (2) the retention and reuse of stormwater for irrigation; and (3) rooftop designs, rain gutters, and other stormwater retention designs. Finally, Ordinance No. 1300 amends Section 15.48.240 to require all drainage provisions to be designed to retain stormwater onsite or carry it to the nearest onsite landscaped area.

On November 24, 2009, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 1300 for first reading. Pursuant to Sections 15307 and 15308 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Ordinance No. 1300 was determined to be exempt from environmental review. The City Council will consider a second reading of Ordinance No. 1300 on December 8, 2009. This summary is published pursuant to Government Code Section 36933(c)(1) and a full and complete copy of the text of Ordinance 1300 is available at the Sierra Madre City Manager's Office located at City of Sierra Madre City Hall, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA.



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City of Sierra Madre ORDINANCE NO. 1301-U

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHING AN INTERIM MORATORIUM ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65858 REGARDING LAND GENERALLY IN THE CANYON AREA OF THE CITY AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF

WHEREAS, the City of Sierra Madre has adopted the R-1 One-Family Residential Zone ("R-1 Zone");

WHEREAS, the Canyon area of the City (the "Canyon") is substantially different than other residential areas of the city, due to its hillside topography, irregular lots, narrow winding streets, and unique rural character;

WHEREAS, the City Council created the Canyon Zone Committee, and the Committee has been regularly meeting since April 2009 to draft a new zoning ordinance that would apply only in the Canyon (the proposed "Canyon Zone");

WHEREAS, the Canyon Zone Committee determined that the map in the General Plan depicting the Canyon Area incorrectly bifurcated some parcels, and will be recommending that the Planning Commission recommend to the City Council that it amend the General Plan map as shown on Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2009, the Canyon Zone Committee passed a motion setting a goal to approve a draft of the Canyon Zone Ordinance by March 2010;

WHEREAS, when the Canyon Zone Committee completes its proposed ordinance for the Canyon Zone, it will forward the proposal to the Planning Commission for review;

WHEREAS, thereafter, the Planning Commission will review and make any necessary amendments to the Canyon Zone Committee's proposal, and is expected to ultimately refer a zoning ordinance to the City Council for approval;

WHEREAS, the City Council intends to approve a new zoning ordinance for the Canyon which will be substantially different than the existing zoning requirements of the R-1 Zone, and such zoning requirements are likely to address the current development challenges with respect to parking, building bulk, building location, and building setbacks, among other things;

WHEREAS, since the Canyon Zone Committee began evaluating the issues facing the Canyon, it has become apparent that if additional construction continues to occur in the Canyon pursuant to all of the existing requirements of the R-1 Zone, houses will be built or expanded to sizes far too large for their lots and which would be inconsistent with the overall character of the Canyon, and the construction would exacerbate the already insufficient street parking problems and the difficulty navigating the streets faced by large vehicles or emergency vehicles traveling in the Canyon;

WHEREAS, these issues constitute a current and immediate threat to the public health, safety, and welfare, within the meaning of Government Code § 65858;

WHEREAS, approval of any additional subdivisions, use permits, variances, building permits, or any other applicable entitlement for use which is not authorized by this ordinance would result in these threats to the public health, safety, and welfare;

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 65858, a provision of the State Planning and Zoning Law, authorizes an interim, urgency zoning ordinance to prevent development which may be inconsistent with a plan under development pending the adoption of that plan;

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that certain areas of the City and certain developments can be excluded from the scope of the moratorium without impairing the City's ability to plan for the preservation of Canyon resources;

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2009, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1299-U, establishing an interim moratorium on new development in the Canyon;

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1299-U will expire on November 27, 2009;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE HEREBY FURTHER FINDS that the adoption of this Ordinance is necessary to protect the public safety, health and welfare by ensuring well-planned development of properties in the area generally known as the "Canyon" and that it should adopt this interim urgency zoning ordinance as authorized by Government Code Section 65858; and

THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. "Canyon" Defined. This ordinance applies only to the parcels shown on the map entitled "City of Sierra Madre Canyon Area (Per Decision Made on July 21, 2009 Canyon Zone Committee Meeting)" which appears as Exhibit A hereto.

Section 2. Scope of Moratorium. Except as provided in section 4 or when subject to the exceptions provided in subsections a and b below, no variances may be issued in the Canyon Zone during the term of the moratorium. No subdivision, use permit, building permit, grading permit, or any other applicable entitlement for use may be issued unless the proposal is consistent with the requirements of the R-1 Zone and one of the following applies:

a. **200 Square Feet on First Story.** The proposal would not include the construction of more than 200 square feet of new floor space to any structure, and such construction would occur only on the first story. For this purpose, "construction" includes any new building, additions to existing structures, and the complete or partial demolition and then reconstruction of an existing structure.

b. **Substantial Disrepair.** The proposal is for the demolition and the replacement of a structure that is in "substantial disrepair" as determined by the Director of Development Services ("Director"). The applicant shall pay a preliminary planning fee to the City in order to receive the Director's determination. The replacement structure must have a total square footage less than or equal to that of the demolished structure, must not exceed the building envelope of the demolished structure, and have a ground floor with total square footage less than or equal to that of the original structure.

c. **Act of God.** The proposal is for the rebuilding of a structure, or portions of a structure that was greatly damaged by an "Act of God" as determined by the Director. The applicant shall pay a preliminary planning fee to the City in order to receive the Director's determination. The rebuilt structure must have a total square footage less than or equal to that of the demolished structure, must not exceed the building envelope of the demolished structure, and have a ground floor with total square footage less than or equal to that of the original structure.

If the Director determines that either b or c applies to a property, then the Director shall provide notice of this determination to all names and addresses of the owner of record of each lot abutting the property and to each property within 150 of the property, and the applicant shall post a notice on the property.

The Director's determinations under subparts b and c of this section may be appealed to the Planning Commission if the appeal is timely, and an appeal fee is paid to the City, pursuant to the City's fee schedule. With respect to determinations of the Director denying the application of b or c, an appeal is timely if made within 10 days of the Director providing actual notice to the applicant. With respect to determinations of the Director approving the application of b or c, an appeal is timely if made within 10 days of the date of the notice of the Director's determination. Any such determination by the Planning Commission shall be final.

Section 3. Limitations on Moratorium. This ordinance does not:

- Affect any of the requirements of the R-1 Zone except as expressly stated herein.
- Prohibit parties with existing and valid building permits from continuing to build pursuant to those permits.
- Affect the construction, reconstruction, or repair of non-habitable improvements such as outdoor patios, decks, pools, and spas.
- Direct staff to stop processing any pending proposal that is affected by this moratorium, although applicants may request that staff stop any such processing.

Section 4. Taking. If a person can demonstrate that the application of this ordinance to his or her property would constitute a taking in violation of the federal or California Constitution or would otherwise be unlawful, an exception to this moratorium can be made pursuant to a variance approved under Section Chapter 17.60 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code. No variance application shall be required if the Director, in consultation with the City Attorney, determines that an exception to this Ordinance is legally required. In such case, an approval may be granted only if the approving officer or body of the City finds that the exception is legally required.

Section 5. Severability. Should any provision of this Ordinance, or its application to any person, parcel or circumstance, be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unlawful, unenforceable or otherwise void, that determination shall have no effect on any other provision of this Ordinance or the application of this Ordinance to any other person, parcel or circumstance and, to that end, the provisions hereof are severable.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance, adopted by a vote of at least 4/5 of the Sierra Madre City Council, shall take effect immediately upon its adoption as provided by Government Code Section 65858, and shall be of no further force at 11:59 p.m. on October 9, 2010, unless extended or terminated by further action of the City Council.

Section 7. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published or posted according to law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 24th day of November 2009 by the following vote:

AYES:
 NOES:
 ABSENT:
 ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Nancy Shollenberger, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM

MaryAnn MacGillivray, Mayor

Sandra J. Levin, City Attorney

Looking Up Spitzer Telescope Observes Baby Brown Dwarf

with Bob Eklund



NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope has contributed to the discovery of the youngest and coolest brown dwarf ever observed—a finding that may solve a mystery that has long puzzled astronomers about how these cosmic misfits are formed.

Brown dwarfs are misfits because they fall somewhere between planets and stars in terms of their temperature and mass. They are cooler and more lightweight than stars, and more massive (and normally warmer) than planets. This has generated a debate among astronomers: Do brown dwarfs form like planets or like stars?

Brown dwarfs are born of the same dense, dusty clouds that spawn stars and planets. But while they may share the same galactic nursery, brown dwarfs are often called "failed" stars because they lack the mass of their hotter, brighter stellar siblings. Without that mass, the gas at their core does not get hot enough to trigger the nuclear fusion that burns hydrogen—the main component of these molecular clouds—into helium. Unable to ignite the fusion process as stars, brown dwarfs end up as cooler, less luminous objects that are more difficult to detect—a challenge that was overcome in this case by Spitzer's heat-sensitive infrared vision.

To complicate matters, young brown dwarfs evolve rapidly, making it difficult to catch them when they are first born. The first brown dwarf was discovered in 1995 and, while hundreds have been found since, astronomers had not been able to unambiguously find them in their earliest stages of formation until now. In this study, an international team of astronomers found a so-called "proto brown dwarf" while it was still hidden in its natal star-forming region. Guided by Spitzer data collected in 2005, they focused their

search in the dark cloud Barnard 213, a region of the Taurus-Auriga complex well known to astronomers as a hunting ground for young objects.

"We decided to go several steps back in the process, to the stage where brown dwarfs are really hidden," said David Barrado of the Centro de Astrobiología in Madrid, Spain, lead author of the paper on the discovery in the *Astronomy & Astrophysics* journal. "During this step, they would have an opaque envelope, a cocoon, and they would be easier to identify due to their strong infrared excesses. We used this property to identify them."

Spitzer's longer-wavelength infrared camera penetrated the dusty natal cloud to observe a baby brown dwarf named SSTB213 J041757. The data, confirmed with near-infrared imaging from Calar Alto Observatory in Spain, revealed not one but two of what could prove to be the faintest and coolest brown dwarfs ever observed.

Barrado said the findings potentially solve the mystery about whether brown dwarfs form more like stars or planets. The answer? It would appear that they form like low-mass stars. This theory is bolstered because the change in brightness of the objects at various wavelengths matches that of other very young, low-mass stars.

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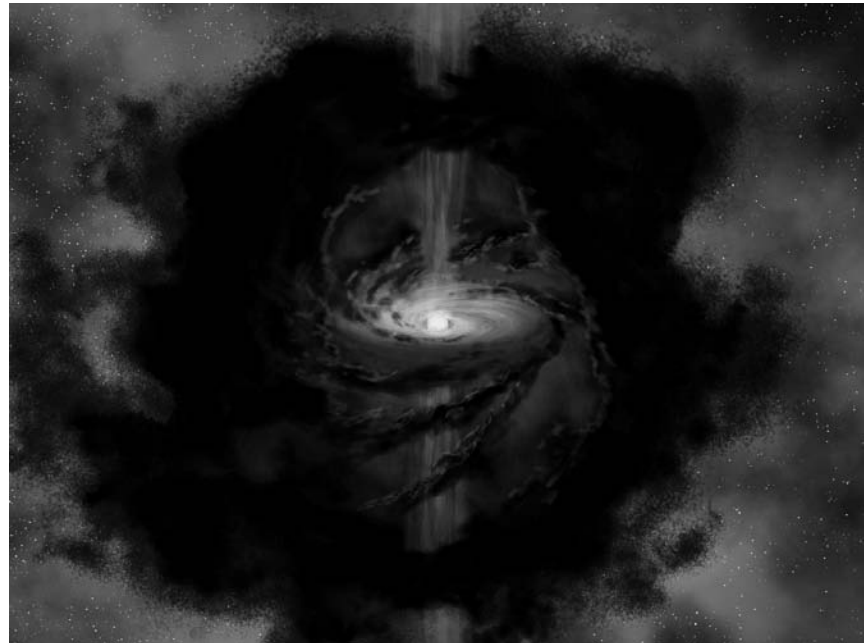


Illustration courtesy NASA

On Line By PJ Carpenter Going Chrome

For the part of the computer known as the Operating System, this has truly been a year in which the consumer has had more choices made available to them than in any year in recent memory. The Operating System is that part of the computer software that acts as an interface between the user and user applications and the actual hardware of the computer. The OS coordinates the activities of all the resources used in a computer and turns a collection of sophisticated electronic equipment into something the users can communicate with and use to run useful applications. Even in this condensed explanation of what an OS does, it's quite clear that it is a vital component in the computing process. In consumer computing, Microsoft has come to dominate the market with its various OS's that have been around since the inception of the personal computer. The ever-popular Mac computing system has always had its own loyal following and enjoys a well-deserved reputation for putting what might be considered by many to be a superior OS on the desktop. Its list of flops is much shorter than its list of successes. Unix is considered by many to be the progenitor of all modern OS's but the high-level of technical expertise required to make it run make it a difficult choice for many in the

its dominance of the market and now Google would like to use this resentment to leverage a new computing paradigm in its attempt to take that coveted position for itself.

The computing model known as Cloud Computing consists of hosted computer resources and a thin client to be used for access in its most basic form. In this setup, all of a users' applications and data are stored on remote servers and the local storage is used for starting the access device and storing the access software, in this case a web browser of some sort. To this end, Google has introduced Chrome OS to much fanfare and with the intent of leveraging the Cloud Computing model to replace Microsoft as the dominant OS in the desktop market. Chrome OS is based upon Google's own Chrome web browser and is designed for netbooks and other lightweight computing devices. In a best-case scenario for the newcomer OS a wildly successful, market-wide implementation would lead to a victory on several fronts for the internet giant, the least of these being the chance to change the way the world thinks about computers (sort of like Microsoft did in its early days). All that remains to be seen is if this change would represent something truly meaningful for the end user.

NOT A PUBLIC EVENT

"Classical Underground" music event by Despina Tsiknas-Arzuoman

One of the recent "words around town" happened at Whole Foods market when I ran into Alison Kalmus last month. She told me about a classical music concert she attended at an artist's studio; mentioned there was an article published about it in the L.A. Times recently, and has become a venue for musicians to practice (and challenge) their performance-art skills in front of a live audience (and supportive friends). Alison said "you would love it." So, I made it a point to contact this artist and find out if I could attend the next event. The truth of the matter is that it is actually a "private party," not a public event. Needless to say, Alexey Steele, (the artist / painter / humanitarian) graciously replied to my communication and told me how to get on the mailing list.

I got three tickets for the most recent event which took place on November 9th, in Alexey's studio -- a huge studio space which is obviously being shared with other painters. There were canvases large and small of works-in-progress, and works that looked complete; some were mounted large easels surrounding the entire room, and others on the wall. The artworks took one's attention around and around the room several times, which effectively "set the tone" and shared a look into the inner sanctum of an artist's work space. In the front of the studio (amidst the tangible sensation of the countless hours every artist does spends thinking and working in that studio) was the space that was set aside for the grand piano, the music stands, and microphones.

In the center of the room there were sofas and some chairs for the resident artists, and within the immediate periphery of the sofas (still within the center of the room) were photographers, video cameramen, and audio technicians (all with professional equipment) photographing, filming, and recording the event. Just beyond the piano was a magnificent tall wooden bookcase that must've been 12 feet high and spanned more than 20 feet in width (at least, that's what it looked like). There before our very eyes were the living dynamics of the various elements necessary that artists use to do and document their work. Being an former dancer and having had and been surrounded by many artists and musician friends myself, there was a comfortable and familiar feeling to the quality of mind -- even though I didn't personally know anyone (except for my two friends).

There must've been 300 people, and the program featured over a dozen musicians. Most pieces were by familiar classical composers like Brahms, Bach, and Tchaikovsky. It was obvious everyone was an accomplished musician, but couldn't help notice that some artists were nervous -- despite the "supposed" casual atmosphere. Even though there were cameras going, the artists

should've still treated the event like they were "just visiting" and came by to share their art (i.e. not get preoccupied dressing up and "putting on a show"). Nevertheless, the entire event was a work of art in-and-of-itself: observing each individual in the audience glancing around and talking, hearing different languages (especially Russian), watching each musician, each artwork on the wall, Alexey welcoming his friends and announcing many of the musicians, hearing the musical notes being played, the lights and shadows, were all part of another artwork. We were all working together and captivating some profound moments in time in each of our personal progression.

One musician I would like to call attention to is young pianist Rex Lewis-Clark who, though suffers from autism (and whose mother was told that Rex had a severe learning disability) is on his way to becoming a musical master. If anyone has any self doubts about accomplishing something, then they should meet Rex. What a perfect example of demonstrating an ability, but also a real desire and perseverance to play music (something that cannot be measured even by "experts").



Rex Lewis-Clark Photo by Michael Herf

By midnight, my friends and I were tired and decided to go. Our experience was a good one. And on a final note, it was just announced that Alexey Steele received a Peace Prize in Philippines and is flying to Manila for the official ceremonies presided by the President Arroyo for his work on turning ART into a tool of International Conflict Resolution and for his "Fire of Peace" composition in the works since 2001. Congratulations, Alexey!



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TAP CHICKS AT SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE ON NOVEMBER 29

The Tap Chicks are seasoned tap dancers who dazzle with youthful energy. A favorite at the L.A. County Fair for many years, their previous performances at the Sierra Madre Playhouse have sold out.

The Tap Chicks were originally formed at Pasadena Senior Center. They are choreographed by Pam Kay, who also provides musical accompaniment, comedy and sings.

The fully group dances to music ranging from Broadway tunes to 40s favorites to contemporary songs. The dancers are mature in years (from 50 to 84) but young at heart. You don't have to drive all the way to Palm Springs to see an act like this. It's coming to Sierra Madre.

It's a good idea to reserve tickets. A great demand for tickets is expected.

Sunday, November 29, 2009 at 7 p.m. The Sierra Madre Playhouse is at 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Tickets are \$20 general, \$17 for seniors (65+), \$12 for children under 12. Reservations: (626) 355-4318. Online ticketing: www.sierramadreplayhouse.org



The Senior Spot

By Bruce Lamarche

Reduce Debt To Survive

Business Week magazine recently indicated that people over the age of 55 are filing bankruptcy more than any other group of Americans. The problem seems to be an increased reliance on credit to cover routine expenses. Credit card debt among seniors has grown over 200% in the last ten years.

Credit is generally easy to come by. With the increasing cost of food, medical expenses, and gasoline, unexpected expenses can overload the budget. This can result in an increase in debt.

It is often difficult for seniors to increase income so what to do? The answer might be to reduce outgoing money. Reducing debt can be the largest factor in doing this. Consider the following:

- 1) Summarize on paper where you stand. Look at your expenses over the last couple of months and list all expenses (housing, utilities, food, insurance, and debt payments)
- 2) Make a budget. Start by labeling the expenses that you feel can be reduced. Remember that most utility companies have senior programs. Consider expenses you can eliminate outright. Stick to your plan.
- 3) Pay down the credit cards with the highest interest rates first. Consider transferring balances to new card which offer with at least one year of zero interest. Read the terms carefully. Remove credit cards from your wallet to eliminate impulsive spending.
- 4) Consolidate debt with a low interest loan to reduce total payments. Do not allow spending to increase because of this. Take the saved money and use it to further pay down this new consolidation loan.
- 5) Negotiate with your creditors. Push for reduced interest rates, lower minimum payments. Professional help can be had by contacting Consumer Credit Counselors, a national non-profit organization.
- 6) Consider using a Reverse Mortgage to consolidate bills and produce additional income. This type of mortgage tool can eliminate all existing mortgage and bill payments.
- 7) Make or bake holiday or birthday gifts instead of going to the mall.
- 8) Think carefully about your spending habits. Pay as you go and forgo unnecessary expenses.

Look for alternatives such as using the public library in lieu of renting video movies. Start a vegetable garden.

Avoid unnecessary expenses and watch the little things. Small expenses are often overlooked, yet add up to major impact on budgets. Attack the problem from every angle and do not let temporary setbacks discourage you. Make good choices.

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Board certified neurologi- cal rehabilitation specialist Dr. Vincent Fortanasce will present his prescription for Alzheimer's prevention on Monday, November 30, 9:30 a.m., at the 20th Century Club of Eagle Rock, 5105 Hermosa Avenue. Dr. Fortanasce blends his years of academia and clinical experi- ence with the real-world insight gained while coping with his own father's dementia and his mother's cognitive decline.

He has published three books and numerous articles. All of his book profits are donated to the Fight Against Alzheimer's Foundation. His latest book, The Anti-Alzheimer's Prescrip- tion, includes his four-step plan and recipes.

His appearance is a part of the Fall Council presented by the San Gabriel Valley District of the General Federation of Women's Clubs International. The event is open to the public

and includes an auction to ben- efit the non-profit Alzheimer's Association. Dr. Fortanasce's most recent book, The Anit- Alzheimer's Prescription will be available for purchase. A catered lunch will be served for \$12.00 with advanced res- ervations necessary. Those interested in attending only the free program do not need reservations.

Call 626 /430-0058 for more information and/or lunch reservations.

Healing Your Retirement: Part 4 of 5

by Kyle Davis, Financial Advisor
The Ladera Group at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney

Step Four: Join the "Working Longer" Brigade

According to a 2007 report from the Urban Institute, working an additional year increases annual retirement income about nine percent. Even more impressive, working an additional five years could boost annual income approximately 56 percent. This is due to the potential for higher pension benefits and Social Security credits if you delay



your retirement. You can also save more in tax-deferred retirement accounts if you have earned income.

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS:

» On average, if individuals worked full time until at least age 66, they could enjoy a long and financially secure retirement, with incomes one-third higher than if they retired at age 62.¹

» Eighty-four percent of people between the ages of 51 and 70 expect to work after they formally retire, and nearly two-thirds say they can't see themselves ever retiring completely, according to a survey by management consulting firm McKinsey Global Institute.²

» The McKinsey analysis also indicated that 60 percent of boomers will need to

Benefits of Delaying Retirement or Working in Retirement

- » Save more within a tax-deferred retirement plan
- » Postpone Social Security
- » Reduce withdrawals from savings
- » Build a larger emergency cash cushion
- » Possible supplemental medical insurance and other benefits
- » Psychological and social benefits

work in order to maintain something like their current lifestyle.²

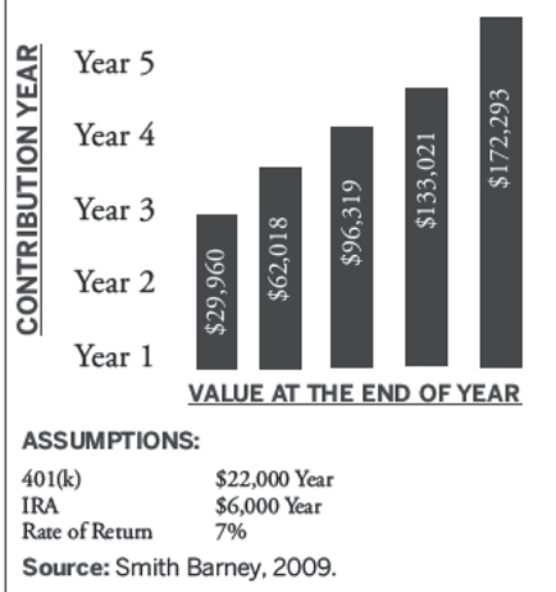
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² "Serving Aging Baby Boomers," The McKinsey Quarterly, Nov. 7, 2007

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Keep Working and Keep Saving



SENIOR HAPPENINGS

FYI: Helping Guard Against MRSA

(NAPSI)-Learning about an increasingly common health risk, MRSA, could help you prevent the spread of it in community settings, such as locker rooms, gyms, schools and even your home.

MRSA (methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus) is a potentially life-threatening antibiotic-resistant Staph bacteria. Infections caused by MRSA are becoming increasingly common in community settings. In 2005, invasive MRSA affected about 90,000 Americans. NBA all-star Grant Hill is among those who've been inflicted.

To help others avoid MRSA, Hill and the STOP MRSA Now coalition joined the North American Booster Club Association to launch the Bleacher Brigade challenge. "It encourages people to get in the game to help reduce the spread of MRSA," says Hill.

Practical tips such as not sharing personal items like towels, using an appropriate bleach solution to disinfect hard surfaces, and keeping cuts covered can help prevent the spread of the germ.

"Simple prevention steps can go a long way in helping to prevent the spread of MRSA, and we need everyone's help in spreading the word," says Steve Beden, president, North American Booster Club Association. "Join Booster Clubs around the country in the Bleacher Brigade challenge and encourage prevention in your community."

For more tips or to share steps you've taken to help prevent the spread of MRSA, visit www.stopmrsanow.org/bleacherbrigade.html.

Recipe of the Week: Creamy Turkey Pie

Ingredients:
1/4 cup chopped sweet onion
1/4 cup thinly sliced celery
4 tablespoons butter
1/3 cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper
2 cups turkey

Directions: Heat oven to 450°.

Prepare filling:

In a skillet, melt butter over medium-low heat. Add onion and celery; saute, stirring, until tender. Blend in the flour, salt, and pepper, stirring and cooking until smooth and bubbly. Gradually add chicken broth, stirring constantly. Add milk, stirring. Continue cooking, stirring, until mixture is thickened. Add remaining filling ingredients and bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Continue stirring and cooking gently for about 30 seconds. Pour filling into an 11 1/2 x 7 1/2-inch baking dish. Keep warm in the oven while making the biscuit topping.

Prepare topping:

In a bowl, combine the baking mix, shortening, and milk. Stir with a fork to make a soft dough. Shape into a smooth ball on a floured surface and knead about 5 times. Pat dough into a rectangle about 11x7-inches to fit baking dish. Cut 4 to 6 slits in top of the dough then carefully fit over the hot filling. Bake for about 15 to 20 minutes, until topping is browned and filling is bubbly. Serves 6.

November Birthdays



Alberta Curran, Carmelo Frontino, Lena Zate, Anna Mary Hession, Valerie Howard, Janice Kacer, Joan Keppler, Flo Mankin, Dollie Morant, Mike Ruggles, Marge Smith, Lois Stueck, Jean Wood, Shirley Yergeau,

Helpful Hints:

Tips To Help Avoid The Flu - According to the Center for Disease Control, the best precaution is to a Flu shot

- * Wash hands with soap for at least fifteen seconds at a time, as often as possible and don't touch your face. When a person coughs or sneezes tiny flu particles get caught in the air and then are inhaled by people who walk through the area. The flu is also transmitted when a person touches a household object, such as a door handle, that has been touched by an infected person and then fingers are placed on the face, mouth and eyes, where the virus is then contracted. This is why it is essential to wash hands and not place them near the face where the virus may be ingested.
- * Don't spend time around others with the flu if this is possible. If you feel you are getting sick, rest immediately and drink plenty of water to prevent it from worsening and to help your immune system fight off the virus.
- * Talk to your doctor about getting the flu vaccine. In many circumstances it is easier to be vaccinated rather than risk a disruption to health or work.
- * Keep your immune system strong during winter by taking the daily recommended dose of vitamin C and take echinacea at the first sign of a flu. Garlic is a natural antibiotic and may also be taken during winter to keep your immunity strong. Be sure to consult your doctor before taking any supplements.
- * Drink lots of water to flush excess toxins from your body. Adding a splash of lemon to your water will also help to keep your internal organs strong and healthy so that elimination of toxic build up is easier.

Pasadena Highlands Sponsors Bingo Prize

Pasadena Highlands, an independent and assisted living community, is proud to provide a special gift basket on the first Tuesday of each month. Bingo takes place every Tuesday at 1:30 pm in the Hart Park House / Senior Center in Memorial Park. The game begins at 1:30 pm but those wishing to play must arrive 10 minutes before to secure your Bingo cards. Join us on the first Tuesday of each month for your chance to win this special prize and learn more about the Pasadena Highlands.

Activities:

Unless listed differently, all activities are at the Hart Memorial Park (Senior Center) 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre

Lunch Program: Monday- Friday at the Intervale Café -12:00 Noon-Call (626) 355-0256 to make your daily reservation. Suggested donation \$2.00 for seniors (60+) and \$3.75 for visitors.

Monday:
1:00 pm to 1:45 pm: Strength training with Lisa Brandley. FREE class of stretching with light hand weights while you sit.

Tuesday:
2nd Tuesday of each month FREE blood pressure checks by Methodist Hospital; 11 am to 12 noon
3rd Tuesday of each month FREE financial consulting; 10 -12 noon call 355-7394 for an appointment
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm: BINGO; cards are only 25 cents each so stop by & play
5:30 pm to 7 pm: Yoga; \$7.00 - 50 & over. Please call 355-5278 for more information

Wednesday:
11 -11:45 am: Balance Class with Teryl. FREE class designed to improve balance & refresh the joints
2nd Wednesday of the month: FREE Legal



Senior Excursions

Thursday, November 19th - Nixon Library & Museum - 10 am to 3:30 pm
Cost is \$26 per person and includes transportation, lunch & driver's tip
Thursday, December 17th - Christmas Show - 10:30 am to 4 pm. Join us at the Candlelight Pavilion Theatre in Claremont. Cost per person is \$51.00 for lunch, show, transportation & tip.

To register for future excursions, please call (626) 355-7394. *Payment required to reserve space*

Meals-On-Wheels

Meals are delivered to home-bound seniors by volunteer drivers through the YWCA Intervale Lunch Program M-F (with frozen meals for the weekend.) \$2.00 suggested donation per day. Call Susan Garcia at (626) 858-8382 for more information.

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One Of A Kind: Featuring unique homes & gardens and the people who create them

Story By Chris Bertrand

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San Marino Estate Overlooks Huntington Library Gardens

Listing agent, Tink Cheney, uses real estate vernacular to describe this San Marino estate's spectacular view as "borrowed" landscape. The unique location of this secluded property is unusual; its privacy unparalleled. Located on a ridge in the mostly flat San Marino community, the land drops off behind the back yard without another home in sight, and nary a neighbor except the birds, the trees and the local wildlife of [Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens](#).

Situated on Patton Place, this street and the cul de sac adjacent were originally cut through the area, so Mr. Patton (yes, THAT Patton family... General Patton's father) could easily visit his dear friend and neighbor, Henry Huntington. Patton's own estate, though no longer owned by the Patton family, is just a few houses away.

This expansive, Monterey Colonial home was designed by noted local architect Bob Ray Offenhauser in 1975 for the current owners, with five bedrooms, five baths, four fireplaces and 5652 square feet on two thirds of an acre.

Utilizing the owner's affiliation with the lumber industry, the home incorporates several types of wood in the flooring as well as wall paneling and ceiling beams. Of particular note is the library's exotic African Shedua wood, known for its interlocked grain producing striped and curly figures. In addition, walnut is featured in the family room, unusual applications of rough hewn cedar are used in a bedroom and bath, plus gorgeous oak shines in the impressive living room.

The living room is stunning, looking out to the pool and the Huntington Gardens beyond from floor to ceiling windows and French doors opening to the yard. A central fireplace creates a focal point for this traditional room with high, beamed ceilings and parquet flooring on a pleasing diagonal installation.

Several other living spaces provide sumptuous



privacy for family members employed or relaxing in multiple simultaneous activities. A step down library with fireplace provides a cozy respite, or perhaps room for a billiard or game room. The main floor study or family room, with wood burning stove mural of birds in flight and hunting treasures, currently reminisces of the owner's childhood hunting on what was once a ranch in nearby Pasadena.

work/laundry area and bedroom with full bath is perfect for au pair or live-in needs.

Upstairs, the master suite, with vaulted wood enriched ceilings, offers some of the best views in the house, both from bed and from the retreat area around the fireplace. One of the owner's favorite reading haunts is located at the top of the stairs in a built in seating, with more of those fabulous Huntington views. It feels like hiding away in a tree house.

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Saltillo tile ties the main level design together, beginning in the entry through the spacious dining room and down the hall and gallery that spans the back of the home. Beyond the kitchen, a

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