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RAINY WEATHER CAUSE FOR CONCERN



City of Sierra Madre on Green Flag Alert - expects to issue Yellow Flag Alert before weekend is over.

In a press release sent out early today, the City of Sierra Madre notified residents that the city will remain under the Green Flag alert that was issued on Friday. "However, the City is anticipating the possibility of issuing a Yellow Flag Alert for mudslides and debris flows in the hillside communities this evening or Sunday."

The National Weather Service is predicting continued rain through Wednesday with the heaviest rain expected on Sunday and Monday. The hillsides that were burned two years ago in Sierra Madre have not had time to revegetate thus raising concerns over mudslides and debris flow.

Local TV news channels are watching the town closely. On Friday, Channel 7 news interviewed three residents about the rain and what impact it might have on them. Sierra Madreans Nora Crest and Bill Robinson along with local business owner Ed Rey spoke with reporter Elex Michaelson about the wet forecast. All were reasonably concerned and looked forward to the storm passing.

The City has identified a number of streets that will need to be clear of all vehicles during a Yellow Flag or Red Flag alert. The affected streets are: Mount Wilson Trail, Churchill Rd., Skyland Dr., Fern Glen, Fern Dr., Idlehour Ln., Canyon Crest Dr., Orange Dr., Woodland Dr., Brookside Lane, Sunnyside Lane, Sturtevant Drive, and Yucca Trail. The Yellow and Red Flag Alerts will trigger vehicles being towed from these streets at the owners' expense.

"NO PARKING" RESTRICTIONS MAY GO INTO EFFECT THIS WEEKEND.

Should the City order evacuations, please plan to be as self-sufficient as possible with important paperwork, medications, and clothing for at least seven days. It is important anticipate a possible evacuation order, and make plans for your pets in advance.

Please note that Public Safety Officials do not take evacuation orders lightly and residents should heed these orders. Once mud begins to flow, Emergency Responders will NOT rescue those who failed to evacuate until the mud has stopped flowing and it is safe for responders to enter the mud flow areas.

For more information about mudslide and debris flow preparations, please visit www.cityofsierramadre.com and click "Emergency Preparedness Information" and on the home page. Updates will also be issued on SMTV3 (Time Warner-channel 3), Sierra Madre Community Radio (AM 1630), eBlasts, and the City's Emergency Blog (<http://sierramadreprio.blogspot.com>).

About the Alerts:

GREEN FLAG - Activated under a prediction of 80% - 100% chance of precipitation. Affected residents should get "READY" for potential evacuation. This includes keeping a close watch on weather forecasts.

YELLOW FLAG - Activated with an LA County Phase 1 mudflow forecast, or deemed consistent with the County's forecast thresholds. This is described as small, isolated debris and mudflows possible at specific locations. Affected residents should get "SET" to leave their homes and may choose to voluntarily evacuate.

Please note that all vehicles must be off the streets in potential mudflow areas during Yellow Flag alerts.

RED FLAG - Activated with an LA County Phase 2 or 3 forecast. Phase 2 includes moderate debris and mudflows at more widespread locations. Phase 3 - the potential exists for significant debris and mudflows to be widespread. Affected residents should "GO", meaning they should immediately evacuate, and vehicles should not be parked on the streets.

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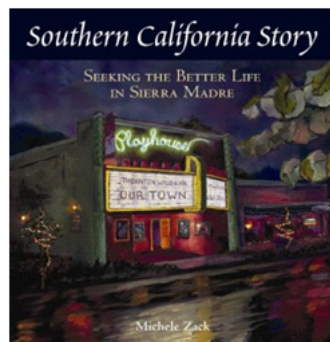
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Holiday Decorating Award Winner!



MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS BEST OF SIERRA MADRE AWARD WINNER - 171 W. Orange Grove. For a complete list of winners go to "One Of A Kind" on page 13. All photos by Chris Bertrand

It's the "Sierra Madre History Book!"



Discussion and Book Signing with Michele Zack!

Tuesday, Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m.
Sierra Madre Books
52 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024
(626) 836-3200

Copies for signing may be purchased at the presentation or in advance at Sierra Madre Books.

BURGLARY SUSPECTS TO FACE JUDGE

Burglary suspect Jason Andrew Mora, age 21, along with co-defendant David Wells, 20, are scheduled to appear before Judge Stan Blumenfeld on Monday, December 20, 2010 in Pasadena.

Wells is currently out on a \$50,000 bail, however Mora remains in custody at press time with a \$100,000 bail.

Both men face two counts of felony burglary. They are accused of breaking into homes in Sierra Madre.

As reported in this paper last week, the accused were apprehended by the Sierra Madre Police Department as they were leaving the area. An alert resident notified the SMPD of a burglary in progress in the 1900-2000 block of Vista Street. When the suspects were arrested, police recovered what is believed to be stolen property from the

suspects vehicle. At the time they were driving a silver Honda CRV.

It was revealed that the twosome may be responsible for other daytime burglaries in Sierra Madre and the Hastings Ranch area of Pasadena. Both men are from Pasadena.

The number of burglaries appears to have increased in the last six months and residents should take precautions to make certain that their homes and cars are secure. In at least two of the recent burglaries in Sierra Madre, entry to the home was gained through an unlocked window.

The swift action that lead to the arrest of the men is attributed to the areas Neighborhood Watch Program. If your area does not have an organized Watch Group, you are encouraged to contact the Sierra Madre Police Department for assistance. *S. Henderson/MVNews*

Drop A Toy At Bean Town



45 N. Baldwin Sierra Madre 626-355-1596

Let It Be Now

Just in time for Christmas, the Rev. George R. Crisp, Pastor of Sierra Madre United Methodist Church, has released a CD for the season.

Let It Be Now is a collection of 18 original songs for Christmas. As a spiritual discipline, Rev. Crisp has written a hymn or song for Christmas each year, and many have been used in worship. The collection includes "Magic of That Sacred Night," "The Miracle of Grace," "Magnify the Love," "Source of Redeeming Hope," "Peace Is In the Air," and this year's addition, the title track, "In the Distance (Let It Be Now)."

Let it Be Now is now available at the Cokesbury Bookstore, 478 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, or through the office of Sierra Madre UMC, 695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre. For more information call (626) 355-0629. The cost of the CD is \$15. Buy one for yourself and then additional copies to give as gifts this Christmas.



Rev. Crisp, Pastor, Sierra Madre United Methodist Church



New Japanese erasers have arrived!



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Weather Wise

5-Day Forecast

Sierra Madre, Ca.

Mon:	Rain	Hi 50s	Lows 50s
Tues:	Rain	Hi 50s	Lows 50s
Wed:	Rain	Hi 50s	Lows 50s
Thur:	Prtly Cldy	Hi 60s	Lows 40s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 60s	Lows 40s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



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Music News

By Sierra Madre Sue Behrens

Gobble Gobble Hey!"

Yeah, yeah, I know - I used that title a couple years ago. But you SAT. 12/11 - SURFIN' WITH ELVIS @ OCEAN VIEW BISTRO IN MONTROSE, 9pm. (sort of the pared-down version of Long-board Ranch) 3826 Ocean View Blvd. (818) 248-2722. Full bar and kitchen. www.ovbistro.com

also.... CHECK OUT THESE live-hosted weekend shows at KCSN:

especially PAT BAKER'S TANGLED ROOTS program, which airs on KCSN 88.5 FM every Sunday from 3-5pm, just before The Dylan Hours, hosted by the lovely and talented Lisa Finnie, 5-7pm.

Pat's show is the longest running and most influential of all the Americana/Roots programs at KCSN. He has an astounding personal library of music and plays everyone from Robert Johnson to Kate Wolf to Frank Zappa to Hank Williams to Nina Simone to Allen Ginsberg to The Grateful Dead to Townes Van Zandt to Steve Earle, etc., etc., etc.

For a complete listing of the live weekend shows and their descriptions, folks can visit: www.kcsn.org

A note: due to the fact that KCSN shares a frequency with Saddleback College, folks on the east side are better off tuning in at kcsn.org, where the stream is crystal clear!

Please remember to call and verify all info. before making plans. Everything is subject to change. This is show biz, after all...

Hope to see you out & about, SierraMadreSue
sierramadresue@yahoo.com

DECO
BLITZ!!Saturday, December 18
and
Sunday, December 19
9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Free lunch will be provided!

"Suenos de California" has the potential to be one of Sierra Madre's most beautiful floats ever. Because this year's entry is so large, we are hoping to complete at least 35% of the decoration before Christmas. To reach this target we need your help!

We'd love to have you join us any time during the month of December to help decorate, but December 18 and 19 are days when we especially need all hands on deck.

Join us for a Deco Blitz! Help decorate the spires of the mission in oatmeal, cinnamon and sesame seed. Create bark for palm trees and bougainvillea vines. Experienced decorators might detail monarch butterfly wings with intricate patterns of orange lentil, rice and strawflower.

Work is available for all experience levels, however we mainly need volunteers aged 14 and up. All minors must have a release form signed by a parent prior to working. Release forms are available at the Float Barn. There's no need to call ahead of time unless you are bringing a large group (more than 6 people).

Float decorating is a lot of fun, but it can be messy so wear your grubby clothes. Free lunch will be provided.

See you at the Blitz! Float Barn 587 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024 355-7005

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RAFFLE

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(Retail Value of \$90.00 Per Ticket)

Available at the Sierra Madre Rose Float Barn

DRAWING TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER
29TH at 7:00PM at the Sierra Madre Rose Float Barn
(Winner need not be present) Donated by Sharp Seating

2011 Entertainment Books Are Here!

Please help the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association raise funds for the 2011 Entry "Suenos De California" buy buying an Entertainment Coupon Book today. You'll not only be helping a wonderful cause, you will save \$\$\$\$ when you redeem the coupons.

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Sierra Madre Little League

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To register for the 2011 Spring Season go to <http://www.sportssignup.com/Sierra-Madre-Little-League-Online-Registration.start>

If you have any questions contact Steve Tanner at 626-355-1249

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For more information contact the church at First United Methodist 626.796.0157

1630 AM

Free on-air publicity for
local events

Sierra Madre's new community radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

Any local non-profit or non-commercial organization can have their event information broadcast to the public on *Sierra Madre Community Information Radio*. This new radio station covers the city of Sierra Madre, plus surrounding areas of Pasadena, Arcadia, and Monrovia.

In a nutshell, your event must:

- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
- Be open to the public
- Be of general interest to local citizens

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to radio@cityofsierramadre.com.

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Remembrance Maureen (Coburn) McAdam

Maureen (Coburn) McAdam was born January 23rd, 1956, in Riverside, New Jersey. She moved to California in 1966 and was a longtime resident of Duarte. She married her husband Wayne in 1976. Maureen worked for more than thirty years as a medical transcriptionist, a job which allowed her to take care of her daughter Heather at home. She greatly enjoyed her long walks along Duarte's bike path and teaching aerobics at the Duarte Fitness Center. Camping was one of her favorite things to do and she has seen a majority of the United States while traveling with her husband. This past summer she was able to enjoy a two-month trip across the country to visit friends and family. As a caring, loving wife, mother, sister, and friend she valiantly finished her fight with cancer on Friday, December 10, 2010. Visitation will be on Thursday, December 16, from 6:00-8:00 P.M. at Douglas & Zook Chapel of Remembrance 600 E. Foothill Blvd., Monrovia. A Memorial Service will be held Friday, December 17 at Immaculate Conception Church, 740 S. Shamrock Ave., Monrovia. Maureen is survived by her husband, Wayne, daughter and son-in-law Heather and David Sark, and nine brothers and sisters, their spouses and children.



CITY OF SIERRA MADRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings listed below are held at the Sierra Madre City Hall

232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
626-355-7135

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
January 11, 2010
6:30 pm

Arts Commission
2nd Wednesday @ 6:30

Community Services
3rd Monday @ 6:00

Library Trustees
4th Wednesday @ 7:00

Planning Commission
1st & 3rd Thursdays
7:00

Senior Community
1st Thursday @ 3:00

Tree Advisory
3rd Wednesday @ 7:00

January 8, 2011
Parks and Facilities
Master Plan Committee
Special Joint Meeting
with Community
Services
9:00 AM – Community
Recreation Center

URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1314-U

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE AMENDING TITLE 15.24 OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS TO THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND THE 2010 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.

The City Council of the City of Sierra Madre does hereby ordain as follows:
SECTION I. Section 15.24.010 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 15.24.010 ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE

There is hereby adopted by the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion, that certain Code known as the International Fire Code, published by the International Code Council, being particularly the 2009 edition thereof, including Appendix Chapters with errata, and Title 24, part 9 of the California Code of Regulations, except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified or amended by Section 15.24.070 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code. From the date on which this ordinance shall take effect, the provisions of the International Fire Code and the 2010 California Fire Code shall be controlling within the limits of the City of Sierra Madre.

SECTION II Section 15.24.070 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 15.24.070 AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE

Section 307.4.2 is amended to read as follows:
307.4.2 Recreational fires. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet (760mm) of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated. Discontinuance. The fire code official or his representative is authorized to require that recreational fires be immediately discontinued if such fires are determined by the chief to constitute a hazardous condition or if atmospheric conditions reach critical levels as specified in the policies and procedures of the fire prevention bureau.
Section 503.2.1 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:
503.2.1 Dimensions. Fire apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 20 feet. (6096 mm), except for approved security gates in accordance with section 503.6, and an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than 13 feet 6 inches (4115mm).

1. When fire hydrants are required, fire apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 26 feet (4114 mm) within a linear distance of 25 feet (7620 mm) each side of the hydrant.
Section 903.2.1.1 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geographic and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:
903.2.1.1 Group A-1. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-1 occupancies in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

Section 903.2.1.2 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geographic and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:
903.2.1.2 Group A-2. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-2 occupancies in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

Section 903.2.1.3 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geographic and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:
903.2.1.3 Group A-3. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-3 occupancies in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

Section 903.2.1.4 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geographic and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:
903.2.1.4 Group A-4. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-4 occupancies in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

Section 903.2.1.5 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geographic and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:
903.2.1.5 Group A-5. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-5 occupancies in the following areas: concession stands, retail areas, press boxes, and other accessory use areas in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

Section 903.2.2 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geographic and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:
903.2.2 Group B. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all buildings containing a Group B occupancy in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

Section 903.2.3 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geographic and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:
903.2.3 Group E. Except as provided for in Sections 903.2.2.1 for a new public school campus and 907.2.3.6.1 (fire alarm and detection) for modernization of an existing public school campus building(s), an automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group E occupancies in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

Section 903.2.4 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geographic and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:
903.2.4 Group F-1. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all buildings containing a Group F-1 occupancy in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

Section 903.2.5 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geographic and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:
903.2.5 Group H. Automatic sprinkler systems shall be provided in high-hazard occupancies as required in Sections 903.2.5.1 through 903.2.5.3.

903.2.5.1 General. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in Group H occupancies: in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

Section 903.2.6 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geographic and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:
903.2.6 Group I. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout buildings with a Group I in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

Section 903.2.7 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geographic and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:
903.2.7 Group M. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout buildings containing a Group M occupancy in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

Section 903.2.8 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geographic and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:
903.2.8 Group R. An automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3 shall be provided throughout all buildings with a Group R in accordance with Code section 15.24.110.

Section 903.2.9 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geographic and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:
903.2.9 Group S-1. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all buildings containing a Group S-1 in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

Section 903.2.9.1 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geographic and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:
903.2.9.1 Repair garages. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all buildings used as repair garages in accordance with the *California Building Code*.

Section 903.2.9.2 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geographic and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:
903.2.9.2 Bulk storage of tires. Buildings and structures with an area for the storage of shall be equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1.

Section 903.2.10 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geographic and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:
903.2.10 Group S-2. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout buildings classified as enclosed parking garages in accordance with Section 406.4 of the *California Building Code* or where located beneath other groups.

Section 903.2.10.1 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geographic and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:
903.2.10.1 Commercial parking garages. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout buildings used for storage of commercial trucks or buses.

SECTION III Section 15.24.120 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

15.24.120 Automatic fire extinguishing systems.
An Automatic fire sprinkler systems shall be installed in the following occupancies;

1. In all new buildings within the City of Sierra Madre except group U.
 2. All new Group U as classified in the International Fire Code, which are located within thirty five (35) feet of any exposure.
 3. All buildings classified as a Group A, B, E, F, H, I, M, S, U when renovated over seventy five percent (75%) of their existing square footage
 4. All buildings classified as a Group A, B, E, F, H, I, M, S, U were an addition of fifty percent of their existing square footage is being accomplished.
 5. All Group R occupancies shall install an automatic life safety fire sprinkler system in accordance with Code Section 15.24.110.
 6. All occupancies utilizing roof truss framing as part of new or renovated building construction shall install a fire sprinkler system to protect the integrity of the truss components during a fire.
- SECTION IV. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances. All existing ordinances or parts thereof conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance or the International Fire Code adopted are hereby repealed.
- SECTION V. Findings of Urgency. The Council finds that unless the Council adopts this ordinance to take urgent action, effective January 1, 2011, the California Fire Code will become effective in Sierra Madre without any Sierra Madre specific amendments applying to those codes. If that were to occur, Sierra Madre could be required to issue permits for construction that is not up to the city's fire and life safety standards, and there could be a gap in the law that would apply in the window between January 1, 2011 and the date that a permanent ordinance goes into effect. Failure to mandate compliance with these important safety and public health standards could allow potentially unsafe buildings and living conditions. This urgency ordinance is necessary to immediately preserve the public peace, health, and safety.
- SECTION VI. Effective Date. This Urgency Ordinance is adopted by 4/5 vote of the City Council and shall take effect immediately. Although the ordinance is immediately in effect, it does not immediately cause an effect. This is because the ordinance is intended to amend the 2010 Building Standards Codes when they become effective until January 1, 2011. No portion of this ordinance shall cause any effect until January 1, 2011.
- PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of December, 2010 by the following roll call vote that meets the minimum 4/5 vote requirement: Yes: Mosca, Buchanan, MacGillivray, Moran Absent: Walsh

Christmas Eve Service

Sierra Madre United Methodist Church



Celebrate the birth of Jesus at Sierra Madre United Methodist Church , December 24, 7:30 p.m. The service will feature scripture lessons, familiar carols, a brief homily and the warm glow of candlelight as "Silent Night" is sung.

The Sierra Madre UMC is located at 695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. , on the northeast corner of Michillinda and Sierra Madre Blvd. There is ample parking in the church's parking lot, accessed off Michillinda.

For more information or directions, please call (626) 355-0629.

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, December 5th to Saturday December 11th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 309 calls for service. See crimereports.com for updated information.

Monday, December 6th:

08:04 AM- Residential Burglary, 2000 blk. N. Vista Avenue. Sierra Madre resident notified the Sierra Madre Police department that two suspicious males were entering a neighbor's house. The suspects were out of the house within two minutes and left in a silver Honda Civic. An Officer then observed a car that matched the exact vehicle and male descriptions. The officer detained the suspects, the neighbor then consented that both males (Altadena and Pasadena residents) were the ones that went inside the house. The home owner did not find anything missing, just electronics items moved. Both males were transported to Pasadena Police Department jail.

Tuesday, December 7th:

02:02 AM-Possession of Marijuana/1oz or less, Cynthia Ave and Sierra Mare Blvd. Motorist was stopped for a Vehicle Code violation. Investigation revealed that the rear passenger was currently on parole and with possession of marijuana. The Pasadena resident was cited and released on the field.

Thursday, December 9th:

11:08 AM-Commercial Burglary, 180 blk. S. Baldwin Ave. This case involves a caregiver stealing a credit card from a Sierra Madre resident. The Altadena resident used the credit card without permission and bought clothing items worth \$230.38.

Friday, December 10th:

12:42 AM- Disorderly Conduct/Drunk in Public, 70 blk. W. Sierra Madre Blvd. While an officer was conducting a traffic stop, a male walked up to the vehicle stopped and interfered with the officer's investigation. Further investigation revealed that the male was intoxicated and unable to care for himself. The Sierra Madre was arrested and transported to Pasadena Police Jail.

03:06 AM-DUI Alcohol/Drugs, 660 blk. W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Motorist was stopped for a Vehicle Code violation. Investigation revealed that the driver was driving under the influence of alcohol and also with an expired license. The Redondo Beach resident refused all driving under the influence test and was transported to the Pasadena Police Department Jail.

09:46 AM- Vandalism/Graffiti, 40 blk. W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Unknown suspect(s) vandalized a business property by writing on the walls.

Saturday, December 11th:

07:19 PM- Use Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc, Plymouth, United Kingdom. Van Nuys resident checked his banking account and noticed four purchases were made without his consent totaling \$1889.23 from an unknown address in the Plymouth, United Kingdom.





City Changes Street Name for Mercantile Place

By Dean Lee

The city council voted Monday night in favor of changing the name of Mercantile Place east of Raymond Avenue to Plotkin Alley after a formal request was made by the Old Pasadena Management District in September.

The new street name will honor James Plotkin, a founding member of the Pasadena Central Improvement Association in the early 1980's.

The cost of changing the name is estimated at \$2,500 which also includes a plaque in his honor.

According to Martin Pastucha, Director of Public Works, "Plotkin has been a community leader in the revitalization of Old Pasadena as evidenced in his contributions to the Old Pasadena Streetscapes and Alley Walkways Plan adopted by City Council on July 24, 1995. His dedication and work helped further the City Council's goals to improve, maintain and enhance public facilities and infrastructure and support and to promote the quality of life and the local economy."

Plotkin has also served on a number of Pasadena-based organizations including the Heart of Pasadena Association, as an Advisory Board Member of Pasadena Beautiful, Pasadena Heritage, Pasadena Center Operating Company, Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, and Pasadena Museum of History.

The name change has been reviewed by the United States Post Office and the police and fire departments.

Pet of the Week



Jessie, a gorgeous, four year old Husky is energetic, knows the sit command and would love to learn more. She gets along with other dogs and likes to play. She loves to go on walks and needs a home where she will get plenty of attention and exercise! Come visit with Jessie today!

The regular dog adoption fee is \$120, which includes medical care prior to adoption, spaying or neutering, vaccinations, and a follow-up visit with a participating vet. Jessie earned a blue ribbon in our Shelter School program and qualifies for the reduced adoption fee of \$95!

Please call 626-792-7151 and ask for A279763 or come to the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA, 361 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena CA, 91105. Our adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 9-4 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets updated hourly may be found at www.pasadenahumane.org

Thinking Holiday Safety



Fire Chief Dennis Downs

By Dean Lee

City firefighters held their annual holiday safety media briefing Thursday morning—complete with a dangerous tree burning—although this year's tips came just weeks after three Pasadena family members became hospitalized with carbon monoxide poisoning from a faulty heater.

Pasadena Fire Chief Dennis Downs warned of the dangers of having broken, frayed and damaged wiring on Christmas trees. Firefighters then lit a dried tree on fire.

"All it takes is about 60

seconds, for that little flame, to this," Downs said as a 10 foot fireball behind him slowly fizzled out turning a full sized tree into a shriveled blackened sick. "That's why it's so crucial that we have green trees, that are not dry, that are not old and kept wet."

Downs also explained that one way to tell a dry tree is to test the needles to make sure they do not slip off the branches. He also said not to leave a tree up after the holidays, "you don't leave it up, you get it out."

He said a burning Christmas tree gives off as much heat as burning one gallon of gasoline. Home fires during the holidays kill more than 400 people each year in the U.S., injure 1,650 and cause nearly \$1 billion in damage he said.

The briefing started with Downs cautioning about portable heaters and not putting them near you when sleeping. He also said to check the batteries in smoke detectors.

Pasadena Fire Public Information Officer Lisa Derderian said the carbon monoxide incident Nov. 29 sending a grandmother, a

woman, and a child to the hospital was a good warning about the dangers of faulty gas heaters.

She said residents should invest in carbon monoxide detectors along with smoke detectors. She said they sell combined units.

Derderian warned carbon monoxide is a tasteless, odorless gas, commonly referred to as a, "silent killer." Firefighters said the hospitalized family had a home registering carbon monoxide levels at 525 parts per million. They said carbon monoxide detectors trigger at 20 parts per million.

Man Tries to Burn Down Police Department

By Dean Lee

A man was taken into custody Monday morning on suspicion of arson after entering the Pasadena Police Department's records section with a bottle of flammable liquid with the possible intent of trying to burn the department down police said.

"He had no confrontation or conversation with police department staff in the records section," said Pasadena Police Spokesperson Janet Pope Givens. "He just came in with a flammable liquid; he poured it on some papers and lit a fire."

Pope Givens said even after his arrest, Demetrius Newborn, 35, of Pasadena, did not say why he did it. The fire was quickly put out by officers she added.

Pope Givens said Newborn had done a similar thing in 2008 although the charges were dismissed. She said in the Monday incident there was no real damage done to the department.

Helpful Crime Prevention Tips —Be Alert

The Pasadena Police Department would like to remind all or our, constituents, families, friends, and neighbors, that with the joy of the holiday season also comes crimes of opportunity that can ruin the holiday spirit. Residential and vehicle burglaries increase significantly, many times, simply because the opportunities increase. Whether in your car or at home, please consider the following tips as a way to preserve your safety and security during the holiday season.

Helpful tips: Always lock and secure all windows and doors, Activate your alarm system if installed, Do not leave valuable items such as jewelry, computers, and small electronic devices in plain sight of the exterior windows, Try and make your home look occupied by leaving on a light or even a radio (talk type program), If you are going to be away from your home for an extended period of time have a family member or friend pick up mail and newspapers.

For more holiday and general crime prevention tips, contact the Pasadena Police Department Community Services Section at 626.744.4551.

Police Sergeants Agree to Two Year Pay Freeze

By Dean Lee

The city and representatives of Pasadena Police Sergeants Association reached a deal that increases the number of unused, accrued vacation hours that an employee may cash out per year and increases the maximum number of sick leave hours although, overall, freezes salaries for the next two years.

The council unanimously adopted the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the PPSA last week.

Under the new contract, employee may cash out 72 vacation hours per year up from 50. It also increase the maximum number of sick leave hours that an employee may accumulate from 960



hours to 2080 hours. The MOU also increases health insurance benefits and Dental Insurance benefits. It also allows parties to re-open negotiations on hours of work and the payment for overtime during the second year of the term.

The MOU covers the period April 26, 2010 through April 25, 2012.

Kaiser Permanente Unveils Rose Float



Rose Queen Evanne Friedmann and her Royal Court participated in picture taking Saturday as part of Kaiser Permanente's Rose Parade float public unveiling during the company's annual "Family Day."

The seven members of the court posed with families in front of the float, "Purrfectly Healthy" an image of a momma cat and family practicing healthy eating and active living in a Victorian-inspired garden. Working

and playing alongside these giant feline figures are young patients, all courageous fighters against life-threatening diseases. The float aims to inspire people to make the lifestyle changes that can lead to better total health, a central theme of Kaiser Permanente's ongoing "Thrive" message.

All of the riders to ride on the float are Kaiser Permanente patients who are heroically fighting through significant diseases such as Hodgkins disease and leukemia.

Tournament of Roses Launches New Website

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses today unveiled a completely redesigned Web site for America's New Year Celebration. The new site, www.tournamentofroses.com, provides all the latest information for the upcoming Rose Parade presented by Honda, Rose Bowl Game presented by VIZIO, and other Tournament of Roses events.

Content within the new site allows users to delve into details on everything from the history of the Tournament, to details and historical photos from events such as the Lawry's Beef Bowl, information about the Tournament organization, Rose Queen updates, video and photo galleries. The newly

designed Tournament of Roses Web site will inform, engage, and impress all users. As the events approach, videos, photos and timelines will continue to grow so visitors can look forward to a wealth of content in the weeks to come

"The new site goes beyond providing information on how to visit our events," said Executive Director of the Tournament of Roses Scott McKibben. "It is a one-stop shop to find everything one needs to know about college football, the Rose Parade and much more. We have also updated our model to provide new marketing and advertising tools, which is a first for the Tournament."

County to Provide Law Enforcement for Roses Parade

The Board of Supervisors approved an agreement between the County Sheriff's Department and the City of Pasadena to provide law enforcement services during the 122nd Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1, 2011.

Due to the number of spectators and vehicles that enter the City of Pasadena to attend this event, supplemental law enforcement services are

required to provide adequate police protection and traffic control said L.A. County announced Mayor Michael Antonovich. The estimated cost of the contract is \$728,620.

"By combining resources, the Pasadena Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department will provide a high level of security to protect the public during the Tournament of Roses parade," Antonovich said.



In celebration of the 62nd anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the City of Pasadena joined last week with the Pasadena Unified School District to present a special program to honor the occasion.

The Pasadena City College Student Alliance presented a video tribute to human rights. Five PUSD students introduced by Superintendent Edwin Diaz presented their award-winning essays on human rights.

"In the United States of

Overnight Parking Ordinance Exempted Dec. 23rd to Jan. 3rd

The holiday overnight parking citation moratorium is from 2 am to 6 am, December 23rd through January 3rd. Vehicles legally parked on the street during these dates and times will not be ticketed. All other parking restrictions apply, however, and any illegally parked vehicles, RV's or trailers

America, we express a strong commitment to human rights," said Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard. "But there must be continuing, proactive efforts to make certain that all persons in every nation can rely on basic human rights for their protection and to achieve their full potential. We must never give up on this cause."

Sherry Simpson Dean, executive director of the United Nations Association Pasadena/Foothills Chapter, said the program was a year round effort.

will be cited and possibly towed. Issuance of overnight parking citations will resume the morning of January 4, at 2 am. For more information of the City's Overnight Parking Ordinance and Restrictions, please visit the City of Pasadena Department of Transportation's website at: <http://ww2.cityofpasadena.net/trans>.

Community College District Elects 2011 Board Officers

The Pasadena Area Community College District (PACCD) Board of Trustees held its annual organization meeting last week to elect officers for the 2011 calendar year.

All four existing officers were re-elected after each originally taking their spots in August during a special election following the resignation of Dr. Hilary Bradbury-Huang, William E. Thomson, who represents Pasadena Area 4, was re-elected board president.

Geoffrey Baum, who represents the city of La Cañada Flintridge, the west Pasadena neighborhoods of San Rafael and Linda Vista, and the western portions of Altadena (Area 1), will continue as vice president.

Area 6 Trustee John Martin was re-elected board clerk.

Pasadena City College Superintendent-President Dr. Mark W. Rocha continues as board secretary.

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From Arcadia's Best:

Huntington Drive Closing Temporarily

In addition to all the Gold Line bridge expansion projects set to start soon and continue for a couple years, now comes word that L.A. County is about to undertake a major seismic retrofit project on the railroad bridge over Huntington Drive at Second Avenue that will require lane closures on Huntington starting Jan. 3 for more than three months (14 weeks).

That project, which will reinforce the bridge connections to the abutments, needs to be completed before the Gold Line Foothill Extension begins its own work in May 2012 on building a second bridge side-by-side with the current bridge.

Seven weeks of work will be required on each support leg, so contractors will work on one leg at a time and close the outside lane (#2 lane) under the bridge for east-bound traffic for nearly two months, and then close the outside lane of westbound traffic on the opposite side of the street for the next seven weeks, according to city engineer Phil Wray.

Meanwhile, another significant road near-

by will be closed sporadically during business hours over the next several months in a completely unrelated project by the MTA to build sound walls along the 210 freeway. The project to build sound walls at various locations between Santa Anita Avenue and California Avenue in Monrovia, began in October 2009 and has caused delays at on-ramps at exit-ramps and lane closures and detours on First Avenue under the freeway bridge ever since. It is already well past its scheduled completion date.

First Avenue under the freeway bridge will be closed the rest of this week and for a short while after the first of the year to build the barrier. Contractors will continue to work on the block wall, which will take a few months to complete, according to Wray.

Work on the ramps and shoulders won't get cleaned up until the wall is completely constructed.

- Story Courtesy of Scott Hettrick/Arcadia's Best

From Arcadia's Best:

Westfield Quietly Dropped Caruso Lawsuit?

What happens to a major lawsuit and pending appeal when a \$500 million retail development that was the target of the suit filed nearly four years ago against the city of Arcadia and developer Caruso Affiliated by mall owner Westfield doesn't exist anymore?

Arcadia City Manager Don Penman explained to all attendees that the City Council unanimously approved the 830,000 square-foot Shops at Santa Anita in April 2007, but later had to rescind that approval when a court ruled that 11 points in the massive Environmental Impact Report needed to be reviewed and improved. Suddenly, there was no more City-approved project.

While that was happening, Westfield and partner Arcadia First! appealed the court's ruling in favor of the City and Caruso on 18 other points. In March of 2009, that appeals process was put on hold when the owner of Santa Anita Park filed for bankruptcy protection. Suddenly, everything was up in the air.

A year later, the unit of track owner Magna Entertainment Corp. that struck the joint venture deal with Caruso in 2005, pulled out of that joint venture in April of this year. The track emerged from bankruptcy under a new Magna entity called Magna International (MI) Developments. Suddenly, there was no project at all on

which the lawsuit and pending appeal were based.

Everyone was back to square one, as if all the work of the last six years never happened. Rick Caruso and Magna/Santa Anita Park owner Frank Stronach are negotiating a potential new deal that could be completed and announced as early as this month. Even a slightly scaled-down new project rumored to be in the works would take an estimated two years to open from the time it would finally be allowed to begin construction. The original development was projected to bring more than \$2 million in sales tax revenue to the city each year, and potentially much more in ancillary benefits.

Penman was not the City manager when the Shops at Santa Anita project was begun. And there have been two City Council elections and two new City Councils and four different Mayors since the original approval. But four of the same five Councilmen who approved the Shops at Santa Anita in 2007 — Mayor Amundson and Councilmen Mickey Segal, Bob Harbicht, and Roger Chandler — are on the current Council. Only Mayor Pro Tem Gary Kovacic was not among that body in 2007.

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Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, December 5, through Saturday, December 11, the Police Department responded to 982 calls for service of which 148 required foramal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, December 5:

1. Units responded to Bar Louie located at Westfield Mall around 1:39 a.m. in reference to a possible fight in progress. During an altercation, a 21-year-old male Hispanic pulled out a knife and exposed it in a threatening manner towards other male subjects. He was arrested for exhibiting a deadly weapon.

2. A 58-year-old male Hispanic was arrested at the racetrack for possession of a forged identification. He tried to cash his winning ticket by using a fraudulent social security card.

Monday, December 6:

3. Between 3:30 p.m. on December 3 and 6:50 a.m. on December 6, a commercial burglary occurred at the construction site located at Dana Middle School, 1401 South First. Unknown suspects broke into locked storage container units and stole about \$34,000 in tools.

4. Around 9:12 p.m., a traffic stop was initiated at Colorado and Second for a code violation. The 18-year-old male Hispanic driver admitted to possession of a hunting knife and airsoft pistols in the vehicle. Two altered airsoft pistols that were made to look like real handguns and a wooden billy club with a lead weight attached were found. The man was taken into custody for possession of altered firearms and possession of a deadly weapon.

Tuesday, December 7:

5. Shortly after 12:30 p.m., units were dispatched to US Bank located inside a Ralphs market, 1101 West Huntington, regarding a female Caucasian suspect attempting to cash a fraudulent check. The suspect fled the scene when the bank employee was verifying the account holder's signature.

6. An employee from the Solstice store located at Westfield Mall reported a commercial burglary that occurred between 8:00 p.m. and 8:51 p.m. Three male Hispanic suspects entered the store on several occasions to steal five designer sunglasses for a total reported loss of \$1,315.

Wednesday, December 8:

7. A victim came to the station around 4:43 p.m. to file a fraud report. Unknown suspect(s) obtained the victim's personal information illegally and used it to open four credit card accounts.

8. Between 6:45 p.m. and 8:46 p.m., an auto burglary occurred in the 300 block of South First. Unknown suspect(s) smashed a car window and stole an iPhone, wallet, and credit cards for a total loss of \$1,160.

Thursday, December 9:

9. A residential burglary occurred in the 100 block of Wistaria between 8:00 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. Unknown suspect(s) entered the house through an unlocked window and stole three laptop computers, jewelry, and an iPod.

10. Units were dispatched to Tasty To Go, 142 East Duarte, around 10:00 p.m. in reference to a fight. The victim/owner advised that two male suspects, an Hispanic and a Caucasian, approached him and asked if there was any food left. The victim indicated that the location was closed, and the suspects then proceeded to beat and kick the victim. The 18 to 20 year old suspects then fled in an older model black Honda Accord.

Friday, December 10:

11. Between 8:10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 800 block of West Duarte. Unknown suspect(s) pried open a sliding glass door to make entry. Once inside, the suspect(s) ransacked rooms and stole video game consoles, laptop computer, and cash.

12. Officers responded to Wells Fargo, 444 East Huntington, around 3:12 p.m. in reference to a suspect attempting to cash a fraudulent check. The bank teller suspected that the check was a fake, and the 19-year-old female African-American became scared and fled the scene. An area check was conducted, but the suspect was not located.

Saturday, December 11:

13. An attempted robbery was reported in the 1400 block of Lovell around 9:00 p.m. The victims arrived home and were confronted by three male Hispanics, two of whom were armed with handguns. The victims ran to the backyard and one suspect smashed the victims' car window, possibly looking for property. All the suspects then fled in a black Honda Accord driven by a fourth male Hispanic suspect.

14. Around 7:00 p.m., units were dispatched to Westfield Mall regarding two female juveniles detained for theft. Investigation revealed that the girls stole merchandise from Zumiez, Cotton On, Sidecca, Hot Topic, Cali, Classic for Ladies, and H&M stores. Private persons' arrests were made, and the 13-year-old Hispanics were taken into custody for commercial burglary. The juveniles were booked, cited, and later released to their parents.

Holiday Decorating Award Winner!



MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS BEST OF ARCADIA AWARD WINNER 700 W. Camino Real (Story Pg. 13)

Sled Dogs Coming to Arcadia Library!

On Saturday, January 22 at 2:30 p.m. come join the fun and learn what it would be like to lead your own dog sled team. Come meet the mushers of Adventure Quest! Learn about life on the Iditarod and meet the four-legged members of Southern California's only competitive dog racing team.

For more information, please call (626) 821-5566 or visit online at <http://library.ci.arcadia.ca.us>.

For more upcoming fun programs, follow us on Facebook and Twitter too.

The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd. Arcadia.

Monthly Family Fun Nights

Join in for an evening of stories, crafts, games and surprises just right for the whole family. Thursdays, January 6, February 10, and March 3; 6:30 p.m. No registration necessary. The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd. Arcadia. For more information, please call (626) 821-5566.

Book to Movie: Take 3!

Exclusively for sixth through eighth grade students featuring The Lightning Thief January 7 at 3:30 p.m. Enjoy a snack and a themed craft too at the Arcadia Public Library. No registration necessary. For more information, please call (626) 821-5566.

Sunday, Dec. 19, 2010

A LIVE STAGE/DINNER EVENT Arcadia Masonic Center 50 West Duarte Road.

1930s/40s movie musical song writer Harry Warren

Harry Who?, the first live stage production of the 2010-2011 winter celebrity season of Theaters of Vision Productions (TOVP), features the toe-tapping, nostalgic rhythms of Harry Warren, performed by the Theaters of Vision Productions trio (Writer/Producer/Director: Lani Ridley Pedrini; Technical Director: Charles Offenhauser; Choreographer: Pamela Kay & Lani Ridley Pedrini) and a talented cast.

The program will be staged at 4 p.m., followed by a catered dinner at 6 p.m. Dinner theater ticket prices are \$20. Among Warren's more than 800 published songs,

several of which won Academy Awards, are Home in Pasadena, At Last, 42nd Street, Shuffle Off to Buffalo, You Must Have been a Beautiful Baby, We're in the Money, Jeepers Creepers, Chattanooga Choo Choo, I only Have Eyes for You, an The Atchison, Topeka and the Santa Fe.

All were written for classic films produced by Paramount, MGM, Fox and Warner Bros. during the 1930s & '40s.

The dinner theater will feature an elegant Art Deco ambiance, with performers clad in white gloves, top hats and tails, and musicians playing in big band style as the cast perform many of Warren's award-winning numbers to the arrangements of Glen Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, to name a few.

Dinner theater reservations are now available by sending an e-mail to: ltlridl@aol.com or calling (626) 415-7390.

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Recreation and Community Services Department New 2011 Winter Classes!

This winter the City of Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department is offering a variety of new classes for youth, adults and adults over 50 years of age. For youth we have Parent and Me Ceramics; Introduction to Tap; and Improv and Debate for Kids. For adults and adults 50+ we have Cooking; Pajama Bottoms Sewing Class; Brazilian Self Defense; Kinetic Tai Chi; Zumba Gold and Hoopnotics. You can register now on-line, by mail or in person! For times, location and fees 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, Arcadia, CA 91007. For more information please call 626.574.5113!



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Holiday Food and Toy Distribution Sunday-Monday, December 19-20

Food box packing slated for Saturday as Foothill Unity Center prepares to share holiday cheer with 1,852 local families, including 2,988 children

Saturday, December 18: hundreds of volunteers who have worked for months to gather, sort and package food items and children's toys and clothing for this event will go into overdrive. The goal: to get all food boxes packed and to set up the Arboretum's Ayres Hall for the huge influx of clients expected to attend the two events. (Volunteers must be preregistered to participate.)

Sunday, December 19, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.: the Center will welcome families with children. 2,988 youngsters are expected to attend this giant party, where they'll do art projects with Paint 'n Play; get goody bags from SimplyHelp and be entered in a drawing for special gifts like bicycles and iPods. The highlight of the day will be a chance to hobnob with Santa himself. Each family will take home a holiday food box, packed to family size, with a meat and the makings for a festive holiday dinner. Every family will also receive an opaque bag prepacked with new toys and clothing for each child. This allows parents to wrap the gifts and give them to their children as a part of their own holiday traditions



The wall angel is made up of small angels, all decorated by volunteers. Kaiser Permanente volunteers did this wall. In the foreground are boxes of good from the 2009 Holiday food drive. Photo courtesy of Foothill Unity by Jon Didier

Monday, December 20, 8 a.m. to 12 noon is reserved for adult clients.

Key sponsors of the event include 3M Unitek, A Foundation For Kids, Alverno High School, Arcadia Real Estate Professionals, AT&T, Cal Tech, Candy Cane String Lights, Century 21 Ludecke, Certified Grocers, Church of the Good Shepherd, City of Monrovia, Clairbourne School, Corporate Center Pasadena, Creative Woman, Inc., Curves, Domenico's Monrovia, Duarte Promise, ELS The Outlet, First Presbyterian Church, Foothill Federal Credit Union, Foothill Gym, Foothill Unity Center Auxiliary, George Cassat, Georgina-Fredrick Childrens Foundation, Girl Scouts of the San Gabriel Valley, Gold Wind Road Riders Assn., Green Dot, Henry's, Immaculate Conception, Jakks Pacific, Kaiser Permanente, Major Cart Service, Marshalls, Minuteman Transport, Model A Club, Monrovia Chamber of Commerce, Monrovia Unified School District, Monrovia Restaurant, PCL Construction Services Inc., Peach Café, Peter Hoffman, Pink Transfer, Santa Anita Church, Spark of Love, ABC7, StorBox, Street Rods Forever, The Gas Co., Verizon, Vons Employees and Wells Fargo Bank.

Many of the toys and clothing items were gathered through Foothill Unity Center's Holiday Angel Program, which invites community members, businesses and organizations to "adopt" paper angels with children's wish lists written on them. The program is co-chaired by volunteers Dottie Percy-Ward, Christi Anderson and Catherine May.

About Foothill Unity Center

As the Community Action Agency for the Foothill Area, Foothill Unity Center, Inc. is the voice for the poor in our local communities. Operating with a small staff and a corps of dedicated volunteers, the non-denominational organization distributed over four million pounds of groceries to thousands of very low-income families last year. It also provides crisis and health services, clothing, limited motel vouchers, and referrals for the homeless and local people in need. Clients meet stringent income guidelines and are recertified annually. Foothill Unity Center, Inc. is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) corporation.

For 30 years, the Center has been a community-based organization, relying on local individuals, businesses and organizations to support its work to help local people in need. Information on donating to or volunteering at the Center can be found at www.foothillunitycenter.org and the Foothill Unity Center Facebook page.

Monrovia Police Blotter

During the last six day period, the Police Department handled 470 service events, resulting in 93 investigations. Following are the last week's highlighted issues and events:

Vehicle Burglary

On December 3 at 7:51 a.m., an officer responded to the 200 block of East Colorado regarding a vehicle break-in. The victim had parked his vehicle in front of his residence in the evening and locked and set his alarm. He left the driver side window down about two inches. He returned to his vehicle in the morning at 7:45 a.m., and saw the driver side door open. He checked inside and determined several CD's, approximately \$10 in change, and the vehicle's registration and insurance card were missing.

Grand Theft Auto / Vehicle Recovered

On December 3 at 9:34 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 300 block of South Primrose regarding a stolen vehicle. The victim had parked and locked his vehicle on the street in the evening. He returned to his vehicle the next morning and found it was gone. He is in possession of the only key and no one had permission to take the vehicle. Late in the afternoon, a teletype was received from Baldwin Park Police Department advising that the vehicle had been recovered by their agency. An officer responded to the towing company to dust the vehicle for possible fingerprints.

Theft from a Vehicle

On December 3 at 9:39 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 800 block of Valley View regarding a theft from a vehicle. The victim reported an iPod and a Blackberry phone charger were taken from her vehicle during the night. The victim did not know if the vehicle was locked. There were no signs of forced entry.

Vehicle Burglary

On December 4 at 9:38 a.m., an officer responded to a business in the 700 block of East Huntington on the report of vehicle burglary. The female victim parked and secured her vehicle in the parking lot and went inside at 7 a.m. She returned to her vehicle a short time later and saw a window was broken out and property was taken.

Felony Vandalism - Suspect Arrested

On December 4 at 1:48 p.m., a caller reported her neighbors, a mother and son, were causing a disturbance. Officers responded to the residence in the 100 block of East Cherry and contacted them. The son had broken several windows on his mother's vehicle. He was arrested for felony vandalism and was taken into custody.

Vehicle Burglary

On December 4 at 8:23 p.m., a female victim called to report her vehicle had been broken into while she was at a business in the 700 block of East Huntington. Unknown suspects smashed a window on her vehicle and took the victim's purse from the front seat.

Battery Report

On December 5 at 12:17 a.m., security at a business in the 300 block of South Myrtle was removing an intoxicated subject who was refused service. While being escorted out of the club, the subject struck one of the security officers. The subject was restrained by employees and sustained a small laceration to the back of the head. The subject was taken to a hospital for treatment of his injury. The establishment did not desire prosecution.

Commercial Grand Theft

On December 5 at 1:04 a.m., a resident from the 1400 block of California called police to report a suspicious subject inside the yard of a business in a green pickup truck. Officers responded to the location and observed the vehicle leaving the location. The suspect drove to a nearby alley, where he abandoned his vehicle and fled. Containment of the area was set up, and the suspect was found hiding on top of a storage container. Irwindale Police Department responded with a police canine unit and the suspect was taken into custody without further incident. Officers located stolen copper wire in the bed of the suspect's vehicle. The suspect was arrested for grand theft.

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DUARTE'S FIRST SNOW DAY WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 22ND

Our partner THINK (Teaching, Helping, Inspiring & Nurturing Kids) Together the Duarte Unified School District after school program will bring a free snow day to Duarte youth 13 and under next Wednesday, December 22nd from 11:00am to 1:00pm to kick off their winter school break. Twenty tons of snow will be brought into Duarte Park adjacent to Duarte's Teen Center at (1400 Buena Vista St Duarte, CA 91010). Children who might not have seen snow before will also have the opportunity to sled down a man made hill (sleds will be provided, do not bring your own sled). In order to keep everyone in the holiday spirit the event will have plenty of Christmas music and an ornament making workshop. THINK Together will also provide the first 300 youth with peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and Duarte Kiwanis will serve hot cocoa. Parents and youth will be able to interact with LA County Fire, LA County Sheriff, LA County Probation Department. Volunteer organizations making Duarte's first Snow Day possible are Duarte's Kiwanis, High School's Duarte Area Resource Team (D.A.R.T.), and Middle School's Caring Helping Youth Leading in Life (CHYLL). Parent's and educators are also invited to attend a free Drug and Gang Awareness Workshop at the Teen Center from 12:00 to 1:00pm.

For more information about Duarte's Snow Day, please call Duarte Public Safety Crime Prevention Specialist Aida Torres at (626) 359-5671, ext. 316.

City of Duarte Awarded \$70,000 Grant for Disaster Planning

The City of Duarte has been awarded a \$70,000 grant for disaster planning from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Funds will be used to update the City's 2004 Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, required to be updated every five years. Duarte will work with the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) on the plan to ensure compliance with state law. The grant funds will also allow the City to supplement the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan by adding a brush clearance program, as well as development of detailed geotechnical studies to better determine seismic hazard zones with the City of Duarte.

For more information, contact the Duarte Community Development Department at (626) 357-7931, ext. 262.

Duarte Seeking Volunteers for 2011 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count

The City of Duarte is seeking volunteers to assist in the 2011 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count which will take place the nights of Jan. 25 through Jan. 27.

Volunteers can make an important impact in the lives of homeless men, women and children by assisting in the count effort. Data from the count is critical to addressing the complexities of homelessness and planning how best invest public resources, raise public awareness, identify the needs of homeless people, provide vital services to the homeless, and ultimately move families and individuals into housing. Every two years volunteers from across the nation hit the streets to better understand what homelessness looks like in their communities. Due to Los Angeles County's size and population, the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count is the largest in the nation. Some 4,000 volunteers will be required to make the count.

Volunteers are teamed up, trained, given all needed supplies, and deployed to designated areas within the County to enumerate the homeless. Volunteers will be expected to devote approximately three hours of their time.

For more information, visit <http://theycountwillyou.org/> or contact Kelly Koldus at (626) 357-7931 ext. 262.

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Alverno Students Enjoy A “Merry Masquerade”

Tiny lights created a festive yet romantic mood as Alverno High School's Villa del Sol de Oro became home to a Merry Masquerade, the school's winter formal dance.

Open to all grades at the independent Catholic girls' school, students from freshmen to seniors came with dates or groups of friends to enjoy music, dancing, food, and fun. Evergreen boughs, gold beads, and swags of red satin and tiny handmade masks decorated with feathers, sequins, and glitter carried the masquerade theme throughout the elegant Villa.

Many of the guests took the masquerade theme to heart and wore masks for at least part of the evening. Members of the Alverno Student Union (ASU) planned and hosted the event. “The theme was an inspired choice,” says ASU moderator K.C. Merchant. “The girls took the idea and really ran with it.”

The Alverno mission is to empower each young woman to be exactly the person she wants to be. Alverno High School is the independent, Catholic college-prep high school for girls in Sierra Madre, with a college-prep curriculum and emphasis on



leadership that attracts students from public and private schools throughout the San Gabriel Valley. The school is celebrating its

50th anniversary of preparing young women for the future with a series of events during the 2010-2011 school year.

La Salle Hosts 16th Annual Adopt-A-Family Christmas Party



Alumni pictured include: Jamie Bennison '06, Elaine Lugo '06, Ileana Montano '03, Paola Bisharat '09, Lisa Jutsum '05, Lisa Russo '03, Robin Quintanilla '03, and Brittney Medrano '03.

Pasadena, CA – La Salle High School Student Life members joined with Bienvenidos Family Services and Hillside Services for its 16th annual Adopt-a-Family program. On December 4, alumni and students came back to La Salle and helped wrap gifts for the 32 foster children from Hillside Services and the 30 families from Bienvenidos that the student body and the Alumni Association “adopted” for Christmas.

The following Saturday, August 11, hundreds of students, parents, children and families enjoyed games, attacking the Grinch, face painting, Christmas Carols, bingo and a delicious lunch at the Adopt-A-Family Christmas party. Santa and his elves arrived to visit with the children at the party and help distribute Christmas presents. “It is a wonderful and generous way to start the Christmas Season,” said Brandon Burr, Student Life Service Coordinator.

SIERRA MADRE SCHOOLS DO WELL IN LOCAL MATH COMPETITION

St. Rita's and Sierra Madre Middle School competed at the 3rd Annual Bishop Amat Math Competition. St. Rita's placed 3rd overall (out of nearly 30 public and private schools). Sierra Madre Middle School had the overall winner. Both schools earned honors in multiple categories.

By Lina Johnson

Bishop Amat High School in La Puente held its third annual math competition on Saturday, December 11, 2010. There were 466 student from across the San Gabriel Valley competing this year. The competition, called the Mathapalooza gives mathematically strong students an opportunity to compete and win prizes.

Saint Rita's school and Sierra Madre Middle school participated in this event.

Saint Rita's placed third overall out of approximately 30 public and private schools. Sierra Madre middle school student, Emily Tchong was the highest overall winner and she earned a thousand dollar scholarship. Glendowyn Howse and Cathy Johnson, 6th graders at St. Rita placed second and third in their division. Kristine Kuhn of St Rita 7th grade and Kathryn McDougal of Sierra Madre Middle school both placed third in their divisions. Both of these school earned honors in multiple categories.

Bishop Amat High School Mathematics Director Dan Lodolo, a resident of Sierra Madre initiated this math competition because he wants students who might not



Emily Tchong Sierra Madre Middle School, Dr Hemenway Principal Bishop Amat School and Joshua Alaan Saint Martha's School Photo by Dan Lodolo

usually compete or participate in athletic competition a chance to experience a competitive environment and possibly win trophies for their successes. It is very exciting for these students to participate in this event and the parents, teachers and students themselves should be applauded for all the time and energy it takes to compete in a mathematical arena.

The competition will take place around the second week in December next year and consists of students solving 50 problems in 50 minutes. It starts with registration at 7:00 am. Problem solving begins around 8:00 am and goes for 50 minutes. Competitors have a snack and play a game, such as “Who Wants to be a Millionaire” while they wait for the results. Students interested in participating should begin training as soon as possible because this competition is not for the feeble minded.

PUSD NEWS AND NOTICES DISTRICT AWARDED \$250,000 EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY GRANT

Federal Funds to Boost College and Career Readiness and Graduation Rates

Pasadena, CA – The Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) announced that it will receive a \$250,000 federal Enhancing Education Technology (EETT)/American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant to support college and career readiness and raise graduation rates. The grant will support an early warning system that uses student attendance, discipline and behavioral data to identify and provide early intervention for students who may be at risk of dropping out of high school.

“This grant recognizes the District's strategic approach to improve graduation rates, and to use data to support the individual student,” said Superintendent Edwin Diaz. “We actively sought this grant to ensure that we can maintain our focus on dropout prevention and college and career readiness despite the current budget crisis.”

The funds will be used to make data part of the ongoing cycle of instructional improvement, teach students to examine their own data and set learning goals, establish a clear vision for the use of school-wide data, and to provide training to support teachers' use of online grading to increase student and parent engagement. The grant will also support intervention activities that improve students' ability to pass the California High School Exit Exam.

The federal Ed-Tech grants seek to improve student achievement through the use of technology in elementary and secondary schools. Additional goals include helping all students become technologically literate by the end of the eighth grade, through the integration of technology with both teacher training and curriculum development, and establishing innovative, research-based instructional methods that can be widely implemented.

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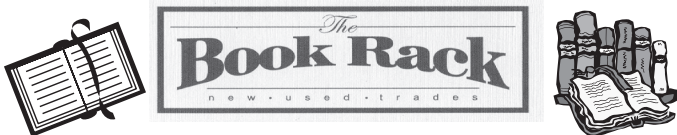
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San Marino Community Church holds its fourth annual “Service of Darkness and Light” on Sunday, December 19, 2010 at 4:00 pm in Christ Chapel. All who grieve life's losses are encouraged to attend. The service is specifically designed for those who experience

grief at the holidays – a time of joy for most. This important time of worship offers comfort and encouragement, and allows folks to be where they are and experience peace.”

San Marino Community Church also offers three ongoing grief groups. They meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the church library, every Wednesday at 2:15 pm in the church library, and every Wednesday at 4:00 pm in the church lounge. Led by trained Stephen Ministers, participants can experience the empathy and encouragement of those who are traveling a similar path. For details, contact Rev. Karen Berns at (626) 282-4181 x 20 or KBerns@smccpbby.com

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Glendora is ten miles east of Sierra Madre and was founded in 1887, incorporated in 1911 with only 700 residents; Glendora lies nestled in the shadows of the scenic San Gabriel Mountains. Today, Glendora is one of Southern California's finest residential communities and has a population of over 52,000.

How many restaurants make it 10 years? The fatality rate in the restaurant world is exceptionally high. Miraculously, I found a restaurant in Glendora that has survived over 80 years. The Golden Spur isn't a Peter Dills discovery, but more like a re-discovery. Located on the historic Route 66, where the area residents used to be able to



TABLE FOR TWO

ride their horses down to the restaurant and leave them in the dirt parking, well the restaurant has been paved over and the restaurant does still offer the charm of bygone era. I assure you the interior look is modern and that the wagon wheel inside is just a prop.

The restaurant is full service, with bar, dining room and an entertainment lounge. Chef David Kretoviks formally of the Central Park Restaurant of Pasadena has taken over kitchen duties and transformed this once sleepy village restaurant into a hot destination. Out with the old and in with the new? Not so fast!!! Chef Kretoviks has added his take to the menu, but still has kept the charm of the old-time favorites. *"Even down to the garlic bread I had to recognize that the regulars wanted change but a few of the favorites had to stay."* The menu covers all of the diners needs with fish, chicken, beef and pasta. The menu is the perfect size for the kitchen

staff to excel. I started off with Grilled Artichokes, (\$9.95) a meal in itself. The chef tells me that they are in season so that is my first choice. For you less adventurous shrimp cocktail and crab cakes are another great selection. On the night that I was there the chef let me try Pan Crusted Salmon (\$22), pan seared Diver Scallops (\$22), and the Grilled Bone-in Rib Eye Steak (\$42.95). I must admit that the salmon and scallops were very good, I mean, very good! But, the Bone in did it for me, when I am at a steak restaurant; I think that the bone-in is a must. It adds a wonderful flavor to the meat. There are less expensive cuts on the menu including a 12 oz. New York Cut (22.95), that the menu describes so appropriately as smaller cut same great taste, and I agree.

This isn't your parents Golden Spur, the staff is exceptionally knowledgeable and the Spur even boasts a sommelier that walks to each table suggesting a wine to go with your entrée. He suggested a ruby port that went great with my dessert the Chocolate decadent cake.

In the mood for entertainment? Most nights there is something happening in the lounge. On my visit on Tuesday night they had Karaoke. I love the spur and think you will as well.

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41st Annual Wine and Cuisine Tasting Event – Artist Selection:

Djbril N'Doye

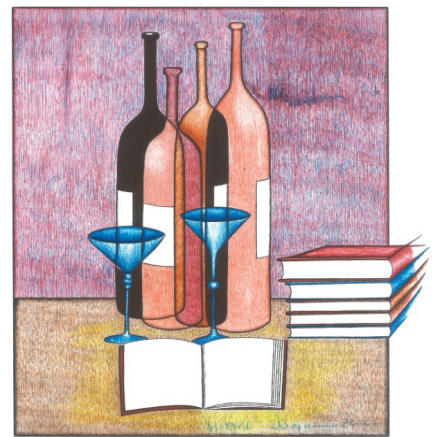
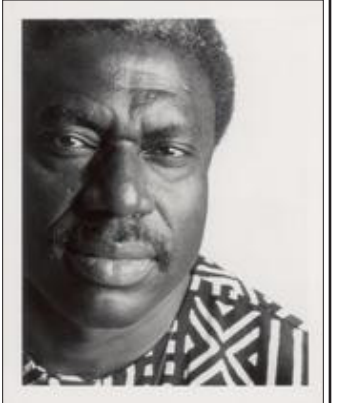
Any good sports coach knows that to win, you not only have draft the right players, but also put these players in the right position – where the player is naturally talented. The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library Wine Tasting Chairpersons have been busy doing just that – getting the right players in place for their annual February event.

De and Pat Alcorn are pleased to announce Djbril N'Doye as the poster artist for the Friend's 41st Annual event. Djbril is an internationally recognized artist with work in galleries, homes and businesses throughout West Africa, the USA, Mexico, Cuba, Western Europe and Japan.

"Djbril is a Sierra Madre resident, and has exhibited his work at our Friend's Art Fair for several years" said Pat. "He's graciously agreed to produce and donate his original art work for our Wine Tasting poster which you'll soon see around town. And, you can purchase the piece at our silent auction" Pat added.

Born 1953 into the Lebou Tribe in Senegal, West Africa, self-taught N'Doye considers his work to be "universal" art, his style of drawing inspired by sculptures in ebony. Previously working with standard materials such as oils and watercolor, after a half dozen years of experimentation and research, Djbril developed his own distinct technique using only ballpoint pen. After taking the ballpoint pen drawings to a very high level of professionalism, he began using charcoal pencil on larger surfaces to further develop his intensely emotional drawing style. After receiving numerous awards throughout Africa, in 1985, Djbril founded Suunu Artist's Group in Bargny, his hometown, with the objective of encouraging and developing local artists, painters and writers, to support the Bargny Artist community. After relocating to the USA in 1995, N'Doye has devoted his time to developing his own exhibits. He's actively participating in a number of Southern California galleries and festivals as well as speaking to students from grammar schools to college.

The always-popular Friends Wine Tasting and Cuisine evening will take place at the Alverno High School Villa, 200 N Michillinda Avenue, on Friday February 18 7:00p – 9:30p. General entry tickets at a cost of \$60 will allow entry at 7:00, but Premier admission will allow 100 folk an early entry at 6:00 and include many new surprises. Current paid members of the Friends will receive a \$5 discount off general entry when purchased at the library. Beginning mid December, tickets can be purchased at Arnold's Hardware, The Bottle Shop, Iris Intrigue, and Savor the Flavor. You can also pick up tickets at the Sierra Madre Library, or on-line at sierramadrelibraryfriends.org. In addition to attending one of the social highlights of the year, you'll enable the Friends to support your library services and programs. This past year The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library provided over \$58,000 for equipment upgrades and improvements.



Win Two Tickets to the Friends of the Library 41st Annual Wine and Cuisine Tasting Event

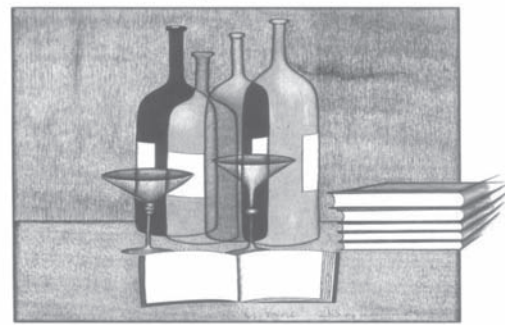
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AT SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE:

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Review by Despina Tsiknas-Arzuoman

I thought this could be the shortest review I've ever written, i.e. "WOW! I was blown away! What an extraordinary show and tremendous effort by everyone involved -- from top to bottom. The dramatization of this Charles Dickens' classic, *A Christmas Carol* (adapted and directed by Christina Harris), was not only visually beautiful, it was emotionally engaging, intelligent, and as thought-provoking as the classic film renditions -- except it is better because it is live theatre, and playing right here in our lovely Sierra Madre Playhouse!! Everybody should drop what they're doing and reserve their tickets today for the next show."

However, I realize there is far more to say. For example, all the costuming was period-perfect as well as beautifully tailored; the acting was great -- especially the lead role of Scrooge played by Stuart James Galbraith which was nothing short of outstanding. Not only was the entire cast superb, but on opening night the director (Christina Harris) filled-in as the Mrs. Fezziwig character (as if she didn't have enough to do). The program also included dancing, and singing, and there's even little added surprise performance during one of the festive scenes. In addition, the entire crew has to be highly commended. The stage backdrop was wonderful, the lighting effects were well designed and perfectly timed, the stage-set transitions were smoothly executed, the music was well chosen, and the stage management couldn't be better. I also have to add that not-only can I see this show become an annual

tradition here in Sierra Madre, but I can also imagine it moving to Broadway. (It should).

Of course, there is also the content of the story itself. A Christmas Carol is a masterpiece that so eloquently tells the story of the trials, tribulations, mistakes, and habits-patterns of one man (the main character, Scrooge) that have caused him to become a nasty, old, scornful (but financially rich) man. We observe how Scrooge's life affects the lives of other individuals --especially that of his employee and nephew-- and how the interwoven circumstances in those people's lives (especially of his deceased partner and now ghostly visitor, Marley) Scrooge is afforded the opportunity to change the course of his thinking and life from the downward spiral of light-losing anger, meanness, exclusiveness and of course 'humbug,' and redirect his efforts in an upward-wending direction; in which he practices care, lovingness, thoughtfulness, and true consideration and assistance in supporting the real needs of others.

Lastly, because I endorse the credo of full disclosure, it is necessary to reveal that Director Christina Harris has been a client of mine -- BUT I assure everyone that that fact has not swayed my review of her "blew-me-away" play. And, in fact, this just goes to show . . . any one of us might find ourselves in the presence of someone and never realize the potential greatness "hidden" in the depths of their character.

A Christmas Carol is currently playing through December 23 at the Sierra Madre Playhouse, 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. For reservations call (626) 355-4318, or visit online ticketing at www.sierramadreplayhouse.org. All seats are \$23 each (or groups of 12 or more, \$20). This show is the ideal holiday family entertainment.



Mark Charlotta (l.), Stuart Galbraith
Photo Credit: Ward Calaway

City of Sierra Madre
ORDINANCE NO 1315-U
AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL
CODE TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE 2010 CALIFORNIA
BUILDING STANDARDS CODE WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS,
MODIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre does hereby find that there is a need to enforce the most current editions of the California Building Standards Code, with the local amendments recited herein for regulating and controlling the design, erection, construction, enlargement, installation, alteration, repair, relocation, removal, use, occupancy, demolition, conversion, height, area, location, maintenance, and quality of materials of all buildings and structures and plumbing, mechanical, electrical and fire suppression systems and certain equipments with the following areas:

WHEREAS, pursuant to sections 17922, 17958, 17958.5 and 17958.7 of the California Health & Safety Code, the City may adopt the provisions of the Uniform Building, Plumbing, Mechanical and Electric Codes, with certain amendments to the provisions of the codes which are reasonably necessary to protect the health, wealth and safety of citizens of Sierra Madre because of local climatic, geological and topographical conditions;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre made the factual findings outlined in Exhibit 1 attached hereto relating to the amendments to the uniform codes recited herein in accordance with Health & Safety Code section 18941.5;

WHEREAS, the city Council also finds that areas within the City are hazardous fire areas that have only limited fire suppression forces and facilities available for the protection of life and property;

WHEREAS, the City Council does hereby further find that the southern California region, which includes the City, is within a very active seismic area and local soil conditions can be highly expansive and subject to local topographic considerations including extensive hillside construction that is prone to erosion;

WHEREAS, the City Council does hereby further find that in accordance with section 15061(b)(3) of the California Code of Regulations, the adoption of local amendments to the California Building Standards Code, and amending the Sierra Madre Municipal Code are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 1. Amendments to Chapter 15.04, entitled "Building Code and Permits".
The following sections of the Municipal Code are hereby amended or added to provide as follows:

15.04.010 Adoption of the 2010 California Building Code.
Subject to the additions, deletions and amendments specified in this chapter, the rules, regulations, provisions and conditions set forth in that certain code entitled 2010 California Building Code based on the "International Building Code 2009 edition," promulgated by the International Code Council and referred to and by this reference expressly incorporated herein and made part hereof as fully and for all intents and purposes as though set forth at length, and said 2010 California Building Code is made part of this code and the same shall be designated, known and referred to as the "building code" of and for the city.

15.04.030 Amendment to Section 702 Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone
A. The definition of "Very high fire hazard severity zone" in Section 702A of the California Building Code is amended to provide as follows.
Fire hazard severity zones are geographical areas designated pursuant to California Public Resources Code sections 4201 through 4204 and classified as very high, high, or moderate in state responsibility areas or as local agency very high fire hazard severity zones designated pursuant to California Government Code sections 51175 through 51189. See California Fire Code Article 86.

The California Code of Regulations Title 14 Sections 1280 entitles the maps of these geographical areas as "maps of the fire hazard severity zones in the state responsibility area of California."

For the purposes of this code, the entire city of Sierra Madre is hereby established as a Fire District and shall contain within it an area designated as a very high fire hazard severity zone, and shall include such territories or portions of said city as outlined in Chapter 15.04 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code. Whenever in this code, reference is made to any fire zone, it shall be construed to mean the fire zone created by this chapter.

B. Section 704A is revised to add:
Building or structures hereafter erected, constructed, moved within or into the very high fire hazard severity zone shall meet the requirements of this section as follows:

1. Exterior walls of all buildings shall be of one-hour, fire-resistive construction. Exterior glass in such walls shall be double-glazed. Wood shake shingles being used as an exterior wall covering shall be covered with fire retardant chemical.

2. Roof soffits (including eaves), open patios, carports, porches, unenclosed underfloor areas and all open structures, attached or detached, shall be protected on the under side with materials as approved for one-hour fire-resistive construction or shall be of incombustible materials throughout.

Exceptions:
a. Asphalt composition shingles with Class "B" rating.
b. When in the opinion of the Building Official, no material increase in fire hazard will occur, additions not exceeding twenty-five percent (25%) of the existing square footage over the life of the building, may be covered with the same materials used on the existing building.

C. Any roof covering conforming to the specifications of the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) for Class "A" roof covering as published in the Underwriters Laboratory "List of Fire Protection Equipment and Materials" shall be considered a "fire-retardant" roof covering".

15.04.090 Amendment to Section 1505 Roofs – Fire Classifications
The 2010 California Building Code Section is amended to add the following to Sections 1505:
A. Any building alteration, replacement or repair, which does not exceed twenty-five percent of the area of the existing roof, over the life of the structure, may use existing like materials on said roof.

B. Any building alteration, replacement or repair, which exceeds fifty percent of the area of the existing roof, over the life of the structure, shall be made with fire retardant covering as specified in the California Building Code.

C. Any building alteration, replacement or repair, which exceeds fifty percent of the area of the existing roof, over the life of the structure, shall be made with fire retardant covering as specified in the 2010 California Building Code.

D. Any building addition, which does not exceed twenty-five percent of the area of the existing roof, over the life of the structure, may use existing like material on the roof addition, and any alteration, replacement or repairs to the existing roof, required by such addition may also use existing like materials.

E. Any building addition, which exceeds twenty-five percent of the area of the existing roof, over the life of the structure, shall be made with fire retardant covering as specified in the 2010 California Building Code, and any alterations, replacements or repairs to the existing roof, required by such addition, shall also be made with such fire retardant roof covering.

F. Wood roofs shall not be considered a Class A covering regardless of the rating of an assembly.

15.04.100 Amendment – Section 202 – Additions, alterations or repairs
A. The following is added to the end of Section 202 of the California Building Code:
The phrase "additions, alterations and repairs" as used in this section, and all subsections thereof, shall not be construed to apply to the remodeling of an existing building to provide new facades or other aesthetic embellishments or accouterments which do not modify the structural support or members of such building.

B. Section 3403 of the California Building Code is amended to include and read as follows:
Section 3403 Buildings or structures to which additions, alterations or repairs are made shall comply with all requirements of this code for new facilities, except as specifically provided in this section. Section 907 of the Building Code for provisions requiring installation of smoke detectors in existing Group R, Division 3 Occupancies.

15.04.110 Amendment – Section 109.4 Work commencing before permit Issuance
The following is added to the end of Section 109.4 of the California Building Code:
Where the work for which permit is required by this code is started or proceeded prior to obtaining said permit, the building permit fee shall be doubled, but the payment of such double fee shall not relieve any persons from fully complying with the requirements of this Code in the execution of the work nor from any penalties prescribed herein.

15.04.115 – Section 105.7 Demolition Permits.
The following is added to Section 105 of the California Building Code

Section 105.7 Demolition Permits

A. No permit for the demolition of all or any substantial portion of any building in the city shall be issued for a period of thirty days after such application is made. For the purposes of this chapter, demolition shall be considered the alteration, reconstruction, or elimination of 50% or more, of the floor area or monetary value. Projects that involve less than 50% of the alteration, reconstruction, or elimination of the floor area or monetary value may still be subject to requirements of Chapter 8.13 and/or 12.20 of this code.

B. There is a 30 day wait period after the application is submitted.

C. Within 10 days of the application, the applicant should submit a mitigation plan for vermin, noise, dust, asbestos, salvage, trash removal, air pollution, historic preservation, and neighborhood peace and enjoyment. Failure to submit such mitigation report may be grounds for denying such permit.

D. Notice of the application for a demolition permit shall be made available within three days to every city councilmember and city official. Copies of the applicant's mitigation report shall also be made in similar fashion.

E. Prior to the release of the demolition permit, the applicant shall demonstrate that notification of, and compliance with, the following:

1. South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD);
2. Electricity provider;
3. Natural gas provider; and
4. City Department of Public Works (Chapters 8.13 and 12.20.)

F. Prior to the issuance of a demolition permit, the applicant shall file (in general terms) his/her intended reuse of the property with development services department. Such plan shall indicate the intended use and condition of the property after the demolition of structures requested within the demolition permit is concluded.

G. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, in the event of an immediate threat to the public health, safety and welfare, the thirty-day "wait" period for the issuance of a demolition permit may be waived. Evidence of such an immediate threat shall be submitted by the applicant to the director of development services. Upon receipt of such information, the director of development services shall determine if an immediate threat to the public health, safety and welfare exists.

The filing of any notice or report, as called for herein, is not intended to vest any discretion (under CEQA or otherwise) in the building official to deny such application. Instead, at the end of the thirty-day period, such permit shall be issued unless such issuance is contrary to any law or regulation applicable at that date.

H. To the extent, if any, that this Section 115 differs from the California Building Code (CBC), the city council finds that there are conditions unique to this city that justify such change, including high fire danger, steep hillsides, vermin infestation, wildlife and asbestos levels, the issuance of a demolition permit shall be considered a ministerial duty under the provisions of CEQA Section 15268 except for historical and unique archeological resources as outlined in CEQA Section 15064.5. If the demolition permit is for a historic structure, a cultural resources report shall be prepared at the property owner's expense.

I. Any person, firm or corporation demolishing a structure without a permit shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and a conviction of any such person shall be punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment in the city jail for not more than one hundred eighty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

J. Demolitions of Historic Structure.

1. If a structure that is deemed to be a historic resource is demolished without a permit:

a) The violator shall within one year completely rebuild the demolished structure to pre-existing condition and shall submit a surety bond that shall be in amount equal to the replacement value as calculated by the department of development services;

b) The city may rebuild it within said one-year period placing the costs thereof as a lien on the property which shall indemnify the city against all costs so incurred and all liabilities arising there from; or

c) No building or construction related permits shall be issued, and no permits or use of the property shall be allowed, from the date of demolition for a specified time period, as follows: for five years, if the structure was listed or deemed eligible for listing on the local, state, or Federal Registry of Historic Resources. In addition, for a historic structure, a cultural resources report shall be prepared at the property owner's expense. For the purposes of this section, the demolition shall be presumed to have occurred on the date the city has actual knowledge of the demolition. The owner shall have the burden of proving a different date if one is claimed. Such waiting period shall be for the purpose of consideration of rebuilding, relocation, grants, etc., for replacement.

2. The director of development services shall cause notice that this section is applicable to property to be served by mail on the person shown as the owner on the rolls of the tax assessor, and on any other person known to have an interest in the property, as soon as practicable after having knowledge that the provisions of this section are applicable to property. The date the city first had actual knowledge of the demolition shall be stated in the notice. The provisions of this subsection are directory only.

3. The decision of the director that this section is applicable may be appealed by the property owner to the city council. The city council may grant relief from the requirements of this section if the demolition in violation of this section was not done to any of the following:

a) A building or structure deemed eligible for landmark status;

b) A building or structure listed or deemed eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;

c) A building or structure listed or deemed eligible for listing in the California Register of Historic Resources;

d) Any cultural resource determined to have historic significance.

15.04.117 Section 105.2 Work Exempt from Permits
Section 105.2 Building Exception 2 is hereby deleted and the following is added at the end of Section 105.2 of the California Building Code:

"All walls, retaining walls and fences regardless of type or height shall require building permits."

15.04.118 Amendment – Section 903 Automatic Fire Sprinklers
The following sections within section 903 of the Building Code, entitled, "Automatic Sprinkler Systems" are revised to provide as follows:

903.2.1.1 Group A-1. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group 1 occupancies in accordance with Sierra Madre Municipal Code section 15.24.120.
903.2.1.2 Group A-2. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-2 occupancies in accordance with Sierra Madre Municipal Code section 15.24.120.
903.2.1.3 Group A-3. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-3 occupancies in accordance with Sierra Madre Municipal Code section 15.24.120.
903.2.1.4 Group A-4. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-4 occupancies in accordance with Code Sierra Madre Municipal section 15.24.120.
903.2.1.5 Group A-5. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-5 occupancies in the following areas: concession stands, retail areas, press boxes, and other accessory use areas in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

903.2.2 Group B. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all buildings containing Group B occupancy in accordance with Sierra Madre Municipal Code section 15.24.120.

903.2.3 Group E. Except as provided for in Sections 903.2 .2 .1 for a new public school campus and 907.2.3.6.1 (fire alarm and detection) for modernization of an existing public school campus building(s), an automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group E occupancies in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

903.2.4 Group F-1. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all buildings containing a Group F-1 occupancy in accordance with Sierra Madre Municipal Code section 15.24.120.

903.2.5 Group H. Automatic sprinkler systems shall be provided in high-hazard occupancies as required in Sections 903.2.5.1 through 903.2.5.3.

903.2.5.1 General. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in Group H occupancies in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

903.2.6 Group I. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout buildings with a Group I in accordance with Sierra Madre Municipal Code section 15.24.120.

903.2.7 Group M. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout buildings containing a Group M occupancy in accordance with Sierra Madre Municipal Code section 15.24.120.

903.2.8 Group R. An automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3 shall be provided throughout all buildings with a Group R in accordance with Sierra Madre Municipal Code section 15.24.110.

903.2.9 Group S-1. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all buildings containing a Group S-1 in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

903.2.9.1 Repair garages. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all buildings used as repair garages in accordance with the California Building Code.

903.2.9.2 Bulk storage of tires. Buildings and structures with an area for the storage of shall be equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1.

903.2.10 Group S-2. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout buildings classified as enclosed parking garages in accordance with Section 406.4 of the California Building Code or where physically located beneath other occupancy groups.

903.2.10.1 Commercial parking garages. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout buildings used for storage of commercial trucks or buses.

15.04.140 Adoption of Los Angeles Regional Code Program – Los Angeles Basin Chapter 2010 Technical Amendments

The 2010 California Building Code is hereby amended by adopting by reference the Technical Amendments as published on August 26, 2010 by the Los Angeles Regional Uniform Regional Code Program – International Code Council – Los Angeles Basin Chapter.

SECTION 2. Addition of Chapter 15.06, entitled "Residential Code" to Municipal Code.
Chapter 15.06 is hereby added to the Sierra Madre Municipal Code. Chapter 15.06 shall be entitled, "Residential Code", and shall provide as follows:

15.06.010 Adoption of the 2010 California Residential Code
Subject to the additions, deletions and amendments specified in this chapter, the rules, regulations, provisions and conditions set forth in that certain code entitled 2010 California Residential Code based on the "International Residential Code 2009 edition," promulgated by the International Code Council of Whittier, California, and referred to and by this reference expressly incorporated herein and made part hereof as fully and for all intents and purposes as though set forth at length, and said 2010 California Residential Code is made part of this code and the same shall be designated, known and referred to as the "Residential Code" of and for the city.

15.06.020 Amendment - Section R105.2 Work Exempt from PermitsSection R102.2 Building Exception 2 is hereby deleted and the following is added to the end of Section R105.2 of the California Residential Code:
"All walls, retaining walls and fences regardless of type or height shall require building permits."

15.06.030 Amendment - Section R108.6 Work commencing before permit issuance
The following is added to the end of Section R108.6 of the California Residential Code:
Where the work for which permit is required by this code is started or proceeded prior to obtaining said permit, the building permit fee shall be doubled, but the payment of such double fee shall not relieve any persons from fully complying with the requirements of this Code in the execution of the work nor from any penalties prescribed herein.

15.06.040 Amendment - Townhouse automatic fire sprinkler systems
Section R313.1.1 of the California Residential Code is amended to provide as follows:
"An automatic residential fire sprinkler system shall be installed in townhouses in accordance with accordance with Sierra Madre Municipal code section 15.24.110."

15.06.050 Amendment - One and two family dwellings automatic fire systems
The following is added to the end of Section R313.2 of the California Residential Code:
"An automatic residential fire sprinkler system shall be installed in one- and two-family dwellings in accordance with accordance with Sierra Madre Municipal code section 15.24.110."

15.06.060 Amendment – Required sprinkler locations, exception 4
Section R313.3.1.1, exception 4 is amended to read as follows:
"Detached garages and carports in accordance with Sierra Madre Municipal code section 15.24.110."

15.06.070 Water flow detector alarm
A new section R313.3.3.5 is added to the Residential code and shall be entitled "Water flow detector alarm." That section shall provide:
"Water supply"
"The flow of one sprinkler shall activate a water flow detector alarm that shall be audible on the exterior of the building."

15.06.080 Adoption of Los Angeles Regional Uniform Code Program Technical amendments to the 2010 California Residential Code
The 2010 California Residential Code is hereby amended by adopting by reference the Technical Amendments as published by the Los Angeles Regional Uniform Regional Code Program – International Code Council – Los Angeles Basin Chapter published August 26, 2010.

SECTION 3. CHAPTER 15.08 – 2010 California Mechanical Code
The following sections of the 2010 California Mechanical Code are amended or added to provide as follows:
15.08.010 Adoption of the California Mechanical Code.
The 2010 California Mechanical Code which is based on the Uniform Mechanical Code, 2009 Edition," published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials is adopted by reference, together with all indexes and appendices therefore, except as herein amended in this chapter and said 2010 California Mechanical Code is made part of this code and this chapter shall be designated, as known and referred to as the "mechanical code" of and for the city.

15.08.030 Amendment – Section 110.0 Violation
Section 110.0 of the Mechanical code is amended to include the phrase:
"In addition to the penalties herein above provided, any condition caused or permitted to exist in violation of any of the provisions of this code shall be deemed a public nuisance and may be abated in the manner provided by law as such. Every day such condition continues shall be regarded as a new separate offense."

SECTION 4. CHAPTER 15.16 – California Electrical Code
A. California Electrical Code, section 15.16.010 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code – is amended as follows:
15.16.010 Adoption of the 2010 California Electrical Code.
Subject to the additions, deletions, and amendments specified in this chapter, the rules, regulations, provisions and conditions set forth in those certain codes entitled, 2010 California Electrical Code which is based "National Electrical Code, 2008 Edition," therein contained, published by the National; Fire Protection Association is adopted by reference, together with all indexes and appendices therefore, except as herein amended in this chapter and said 2010 California Electrical Code is made part of this code and this chapter shall be designated, as known and referred to as the "electrical code" of and for the city.

B. Section 15.16.015 is added to the municipal code to provide as follows:
15.16.015 Amendment – Annex H: Administration Section 80.27 Inspectors Qualifications
Section 80.27 of the California Electrical Code is amended to provide the phrase "The building official is exempt from requiring certification as an electrical inspector."

SECTION 5. CHAPTER 15.20 California Plumbing Code
The following sections of Chapter 15.20 of the municipal code are hereby added or amended to provide as follows:
Chapter 15.20.10 Adoption of the California Plumbing Code and Appendixes
The 2010 California Plumbing Code which is based on The Uniform International Plumbing Code, 2009 Edition, is adopted. That certain document "International Plumbing Code, 2010 Edition," published by International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials is adopted by reference, together with all indexes and appendices thereof and therefore, except as herein amended in this chapter and said 2010 California Plumbing code is made part of this code and this chapter shall be referred to as the "plumbing code" of and for the city.

Section 710.1 Drainage of fixtures located below the next upstream manhole or below the main sewer level.
Section 710.1 of the California Plumbing Code shall be amended to read as follows:
Sewage backflow. Where the flood level rims of plumbing fixtures are below the elevation of the manhole cover of the next upstream manhole in the public sewer, such fixtures shall be protected by a backwater valve installed in the building drain, branch of the building drain or horizontal branch serving such fixtures. Plumbing fixtures having flood rim levels above the elevation of the manhole cover of the next upstream manhole in the public sewer shall not discharge through a backwater valve.

SECTION 6. CHAPTER 15.26 2009 California Existing Building Code
A new chapter 15.26 is hereby added to the Municipal Code, to be entitled, "2009 Existing Building Code" in the name of the code.

15.26.010 Adoption of the 2009 Existing Building Code.
Subject to any additions, deletions and amendments that may exist in this chapter, the rules, regulations, provisions and conditions set forth in that certain code entitled "Existing Building Code 2009 Edition," promulgated by the International Code Conference and referred to and by this reference expressly incorporated herein and made a part thereof as fully and for all intents and purposes as though set forth at length, and said California Historical Building Code is made a part of this code and the same shall be designated, known and referred to as the "existing building code" of and for the city.

15.26.020 Violation–Penalty.
No person shall violate any provisions, or fail to comply with any requirements of the Existing Building Code. Any person violating any provisions or failing to comply with any of the requirements of this code shall be guilty of a misdemeanor under the provisions of this code. Any person convicted of a misdemeanor under the provisions of this code shall be punishable by fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in the city or county jail for a period of not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each person shall be guilty of a separate offense for each and every day and every day during any portion of which any violation of any provision of this code is committed, continued, or permitted by such person and shall be punishable accordingly.

SECTION 7. CHAPTER 15.30 2010 California Green Building Standards Code
A new chapter 15.30 is hereby added to the Municipal Code, to be entitled, "2010 California Green Building Standards Code" to provide as follows:
Section 15.30.010 – Adoption of Green Building Standards Code
Subject to any additions, deletions and amendments that may exist in this chapter, the rules, regulations, provisions and conditions set forth in that certain code entitled "California Green Building Code 2010 Edition," and referred to and by this reference expressly incorporated herein and made a part thereof as fully and for all intents and purposes as though set forth at length, and said California Historical Building Code is made a part of this code and the same shall be designated, known and referred to as the "green building code" of and for the city.

15.30.020 Violation–Penalty.
No person shall violate any provisions, or fail to comply with any requirements of the green building standards code. Any person violating any provisions or failing to comply with any of the requirements of this code shall be guilty of a misdemeanor under the provisions of this code. Any person convicted of a misdemeanor under the provisions of this code shall be punishable by fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in the city or county jail for a period of not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each person shall be guilty of a separate offense for each and every day and every day during any portion of which any violation of any provision of this code is committed, continued, or permitted by such person and shall be punishable accordingly.

15.30.030 Adoption of Los Angeles Regional Uniform Code Program Technical Amendments to the 2010 California Green Building Standards Code
The 2010 California Green Building Standards Code is hereby amended by adopting all of the Technical Amendments as published by the Los Angeles Regional Uniform Regional Code Program – International Code Council – Los Angeles Basin Chapter published August 26, 2010 except for the two amendments that would have authorized the addition of Sections 101.12 and 101.12.1 to the Green Building Standards Code which would have authorize a 10% increase in fee to be charged for processing green building projects.

SECTION 8. CHAPTER 15.34 2010 CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE
A new chapter 15.34 is hereby added to the Municipal Code, to be entitled, "2010 California Energy Code" to provide as follows:
15.34.010 – Adoption of California Energy Code
Subject to any additions, deletions and amendments that may exist in this chapter, the rules, regulations, provisions and conditions set forth in that certain code entitled "California Energy Code 2010 Edition," and referred to and by this reference expressly incorporated herein and made a part thereof as fully and for all intents and purposes as though set forth at length, and said California Historical Building Code is made a part of this code and the same shall be designated, known and referred to as the "energy code" of and for the city.

15.34.020 Violation–Penalty.
No person shall violate any provisions, or fail to comply with any requirements of the energy code. Any person violating any provisions or failing to comply with any of the requirements of this code shall be guilty of a misdemeanor under the provisions of this code. Any person

convicted of a misdemeanor under the provisions of this code shall be punishable by fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in the city or county jail for a period of not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each person shall be guilty of a separate offense for each and every day and every day during any portion of which any violation of any provision of this code is committed, continued, or permitted by such person and shall be punishable accordingly.

SECTION 9. CHAPTER 15.35 2010 CALIFORNIA REFERENCED STANDARDS CODE
A new chapter 15.35 is hereby added to the Municipal Code, to be entitled, "2010 California Referenced Standards Code" to provide as follows:

15.36.010 Adoption of the Referenced Standards Code
Subject to any additions, deletions and amendments that may exist in this chapter, the rules, regulations, provisions and conditions set forth in that certain code entitled "California Referenced Standards Code 2010 Edition," promulgated by the International Code Conference and referred to and by this reference expressly incorporated herein and made a part thereof as fully and for all intents and purposes as though set forth at length, and said California Historical Building Code is made a part of this code and the same shall be designated, known and referred to as the "referenced standards" of and for the city.

15.36.020 Violation–Penalty.
No person shall violate any provisions, or fail to comply with any requirements of the Referenced Standards Code. Any person violating any provisions or failing to comply with any of the requirements of this code shall be guilty of a misdemeanor under the provisions of this code. Any person convicted of a misdemeanor under the provisions of this code shall be punishable by fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in the city or county jail for a period of not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each person shall be guilty of a separate offense for each and every day and every day during any portion of which any violation of any provision of this code is committed, continued, or permitted by such person and shall be punishable accordingly.

SECTION 10. References in Documents and Continuing Legal Effect. References to prior versions of any portion of the Building Standards Code, or of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code that are amended or renumbered in this Municipal Code, that are cited on notices issued by the City or other documents of ongoing or continuing legal effect, including resolutions adopting or imposing fees or charges, until converted, are deemed to be references to the new counterpart part of the Building Standards Code or amended Municipal Code sections for the purposes of notice and enforcement. The provisions adopted hereby shall not in any manner affect deposits, established fees or other matters of record which refer to, or are otherwise connected with, ordinances which are specifically designated by number, code section or otherwise, but such references shall be deemed to apply to the corresponding provisions set forth in the code sections adopted or amended hereby.

SECTION 11. Continuity. To the extent the provisions of this Ordinance are substantially the same as previous provisions of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code, these provisions shall be construed as continuations of those provisions and not as amendments of the earlier provisions.
SECTION 12. No Effect on Enforceability. The repeal of any sections of the Municipal Code, shall not affect or impair any act done, or right vested or approved, or any proceeding, suit or prosecution had or commenced in any cause before such repeal shall take effect; but every such act, vested right, proceeding, suit, or prosecution shall remain in full force and effect for all purposes as if the applicable provisions of the Municipal Code, or part thereof, had remained in force and effect. No offense committed and no liability, penalty, or forfeiture, either civil or criminal, incurred prior to the repeal or alteration of any applicable provision of the 2007 Code as amended, shall be discharged or affected by such repeal or alteration but prosecutions and suits for such offenses, liabilities, penalties or forfeitures shall be instituted and prosecuted in all respects as if the applicable provisions of the 2007 Code, as amended, had not been repealed or altered.

SECTION 13. Supplementary of Existing Law. The City Council intends this Ordinance to supplement, not to duplicate or contradict, applicable state and federal law and this Ordinance shall be construed in light of that intent.

SECTION 14. Modifications to California Fire Code. All inconsistencies between the Building Standards Code as amended and adopted by this ordinance, and Part 9 of Title 24 the California Code of Regulations are changes, modifications, amendments, additions or deletions thereto authorized by California Health and Safety Code Sections 17858 and 17858.7.

SECTION 15. Severability. Should any section, subsection, clause, or provision of this Ordinance for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Ordinance; it being hereby expressly declared that this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase hereof would have been prepared, proposed, approved, and ratified irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 16. Findings of Urgency. The Council finds that unless the City adopts this ordinance to take urgent action, effective January 1, 2011, the California Building Standards Codes will become effective in Sierra Madre without any Sierra Madre specific amendments applying to those codes. If that were to occur, Sierra Madre could be required to issue permits for construction that is not up to the city's seismic, sanitation, electrical, energy, safety standards, and there could be a gap in the law that would apply in the window between January 1, 2011 and the date that a permanent ordinance goes into in effect. Failure to mandate compliance with these important safety and public health standards could allow potentially unsafe buildings and living conditions. This urgency ordinance is necessary to immediately preserve the public peace, health, and safety.

SECTION 17. Effective Date. This Urgency Ordinance is adopted by 4/5 vote of the City Council and shall take effect immediately. Although the ordinance is immediately in effect, it does not immediately *cause* an effect. This is because the ordinance is intended to amend the 2010 Building Standards Codes when they become effective until January 1, 2011. No portion of this ordinance shall cause any effect until January 1, 2011.

SECTION 18. CEQA. This Ordinance has been determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines §15061 (b) (3) as a project that has no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, because any changes caused by this ordinance would be speculative, and do not have any significant impact on the environment.

SECTION 19. Publication. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be processed in the manner required by law.

SECTION 20. Certification. The City Clerk shall file a certified copy of this Ordinance with the California Building Standards Commission.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of December, 2010 by the following roll call vote that meets the minimum 4/5 vote requirement:

AYES: Mosca, Buchanan, MacGillivray, Moran NOES: None Absent: Walsh
Exhibit 1

SIERRA MADRE BUILDING DEPARTMENT
2010 BUILDING CODE FINDINGS
This report contains the "Findings" to support this ordinance to amend the California Building Standards Code. Each of the proposed amendments to the non-administrative provisions of the building standards code are based on local climatic, geologic and topographical conditions and cause the new code to be more restrictive in nature than the underlying California Building Standards Code.
The amendments address the building problem(s), concern(s), and future direction(s), by which the City can establish and maintain an environment which will afford an adequate level of building and life safety protection to its citizens and guests.

Section 1 of this Exhibit sets forth the various finding.
Section 2 of this Exhibit explains which findings apply to which amendments.

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STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE



THE ART OF LIVING WELL

I think I'm beginning to understand; it's not about understanding. I'm the kind of person that is always trying to find the true meaning of things. Often I am caught up in my head pondering questions of ultimate truth and am eternally caught in internal dialogues that seem pointless even to me. As you may have already guessed, I freely admit that I don't really know what I am talking about. The experience I have of writing these articles is something like that of a turbo-charged engine operating in a car being driven by someone who has little idea of where he's going. Now I admit that sometimes, even most of the time, I have some general idea of where I want the writing to go but generally what I'm aware of is the recommendation given to me by a friend. A piece of writing should conclude with "the dog biting itself in the end". What I want to share with the reader is a kind of mental hiking experience that is both enjoyable and instructive. My aim, I think, is to have my imaginary readers accompany me on a trek through our joint mental wilderness. Occasionally along the way I will notice something of interest like a flower, or an interesting rock grouping, or a fascinating cloud formation and I will point that out to the reader as we continue along our trail. Giving attention to these incidental observations I have been told is often distracting and annoying to my actual readers. What can I say? Reader, we are continuing our joint-journey to who knows where. We will get there soon enough, about at the eight hundred word limit, and until then it's best to relax and just enjoy the view. Yesterday I was leaving the hospital where I had left my mother the day before. (See already doesn't this seem like an annoying digression? Why am I talking about my mother? I thought we were on a hike. Yes, we are; but we're chatting as we hike and it is all connected—JUST BE PATIENT!) Back to my mother. I had called the hospital at about 4:00a.m. and was told she had a fall as she tried to make her way to the bathroom. This sounded crazy to me as my mother had not

even been able to walk for three days which was part of the reason I had brought her to the hospital in the first place. She was weak, she wasn't recognizing me, and wasn't even acknowledging my presence. How could she have fallen on her way to the bathroom when she couldn't even get out of bed? I had to be in Pasadena Court by 9:00; nevertheless, I soon found myself dressed and diving for an hour and 45 minutes through traffic to get to the hospital located west of Chatsworth. Breathlessly I eventually reached my mother's room and saw her diminutive form lying under the covers of her bed. I called her name and she uncovered her face and looked at me and said "Stuart" I'm glad you're here. Help me find some clothes and let's go somewhere." Hallelujah! She had been given some medication and was stronger and, if not quite back to reality, she was much closer. We had a short conversation; she has wax in her ears and doesn't really hear very well. I held her hand and learned that my sister was on the way and I was able to leave and head back to Court. As I walked back to my car, after about a fifteen minute visit, and prepared to drive another hour and a half back to Pasadena, I heard in my head Bob Marley singing, "Everything is Gonna Be All Right". Where was this coming from and Why? I looked around and noticed a car on which a picture of Bob Marley was displayed. I had not noticed the picture before but, I guess, a part of my brain had. Not only had my brain seen the picture it had selected a song to go with that picture and that song was exactly the right song for me to be hearing at that moment. Way to go, brain. Well that's the insight. Our brain, or I guess it should be called our mind, often acts as a great survival tool. How does it do that? In my head I hear Wittgenstein saying, "Ask not the meaning, but the use." Ready for the dog to bite itself? The Art of Living Well is probably quieting the constant brain chatter about meaning and rules and fears and, in this momentary quiet, hearing the music and experiencing the miracles all around and inside of us. How to do that?—I think that is the challenge. Let us live well. HAPPY HOLIDAYS

RICH Johnson



How Hard Does Santa Work on Christmas?

Santa Claus does not get his due. I was reached by his handlers who asked me to help make the public aware of the sheer scope of his job. I am focusing on the tip of the iceberg so to speak. The

days immediately surrounding Christmas. Though the data for this article was accumulated nearly twenty years ago and should be adjusted for population growth, these 1990 numbers will give us a peek into Santa's Herculean efforts. There are roughly 2 billion children under the age of 18 in the world. Fortunately for Santa, he need deal with only 15% of that number. He doesn't have the franchise to deliver Christmas presents to Muslim, Hindu, Jewish or Buddhist households. That leaves him responsible for roughly 378 million children or roughly 92 million homes. Traveling east to west and considering the time zones and rotation of the earth, Saint Nick has only 31 hours in which to deliver his gifts. Do the math and he has to visit 822.6 households per second (less if we discount the houses that have no children that have been good.) This gives Santa 1/1000th of a second to park, hop out of the sleigh, jump down the chimney, fill the stockings, distribute the presents, eat the snacks, back up the chimney, out and on his way. If the average distance between houses is .78 miles he has a total trip of 75.5 million miles. (I'm not counting the occasional rest stops for him and the reindeer.)

Live Free Or Die Under Obamacare

Hopefully, the title of this week's article grabbed your attention, because the topic really is of critical importance. With all the press coverage focused on the tax deal, one of the most important court decisions in this country has gone relatively unnoticed. The central core facet of Obamacare has always been the mandate that individuals must buy health insurance of a type approved by the government, and it is that central core facet which, if allowed to stand, threatens our most basic freedoms. Fortunately, a federal judge has come to the same conclusion, striking down the individual mandate. This is not an argument against or in favor of healthcare supplied by the government. This is an argument about basic freedoms.

Last week U.S. District Court Judge Henry E. Hudson ruled that Obamacare's requirement that everyone carry health insurance or be fined is unconstitutional, which will ultimately force this issue to the U.S. Supreme Court, and that is exactly where this issue needs to be decided. The stakes are so high that to have the issue decided at any lower level would be a travesty. There can be no mistake about the fact that if the government can compel me to buy health insurance under the commerce clause in the U.S. Constitution, then it can force me to buy anything, or not buy something, based on that same clause. It may seem incredibly silly, but it is nonetheless true, that if I can be forced to buy insurance for my own health, I can be forced to eat my spinach as well. If this requirement is allowed to stand, all vestiges of individual freedom will eventually disappear.

Fortunately, Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli filed the lawsuit challenging the law's individual mandate provision that requires all citizens to buy health insurance or, beginning in 2014, pay a penalty. More than 20 states now have similar lawsuits pending. Mr. Cuccinelli has accurately pointed out that the individual mandate is the "common thread" running through all of the legal challenges. It is absolutely fitting that he ask the Supreme Court to take the case immediately because it is of such imperative public importance as to justify deviation from normal appellate practice and to require immediate determination in this Court.

Judge Hudson is the first judge to strike down the law, but he is not the only serious-thinking public official to see the obvious. Most Republicans and the vast majority of Americans (65% at last measure) believe that the government has overstepped

its proper boundaries with this requirement. That's why even as the courts consider this, there is plenty of time for our political leaders to do the right thing, which is to kill this monstrosity and start over with something that actually solves the problem while preserving our individual liberties. The major provisions of this law, including the individual mandate, won't take effect for three years, so there really is plenty of time for newly-empowered Republicans to draft legislation reflecting true health care reform, which would be based more on the free market and individual choice, not top-down government mandates.

Of course, we still have a president who is likely to veto such an approach, but the recent ruling and the Supreme Court hearings are likely to make this a central issue in the 2012 campaigns. The individual mandate is the clearest example of the core issue in today's culture wars: the power of the government vs the power of the individual citizens.

Obamacare's individual mandate always rested on the absurd theory that the Commerce Clause empowered the federal government to regulate Americans' decisions not to engage in commercial activity. That wording is key. We're not talking about the commerce clause applying to business transactions that have already been completed. We're talking about making someone engage in a business transaction that they might not want to do. That is to say, the purchase of a product or service from a government approved supplier. If that principle is accepted, then it will vest the federal government with the power to regulate virtually every aspect of Americans' lives.

Hopefully, my liberal friends and readers of this column can put aside their feelings and really think this one through. If the federal government is allowed to order individuals to buy health insurance based on interstate commerce laws, then the federal government could order us to submit to any other practice or purchase any product or service it deems in our best interest. That might seem a bit over the top, but we already have some debates occurring in this state over the sale and advertisement of fast food. I kid you not! At least one city council in this fine state has debated whether or not to allow fast food restaurants to exist because their product is bad for the consumer's health. Of course, ice cream is bad for us too. Last I read, there are some pretty



GREG Welborn

HAIL Hamilton



My Turn

HO! HO! HO!

The DREAM Act and Amnesty may be under the tree this year

The DREAM Act includes a massive amnesty, regardless what its proponents say. This amnesty opens a wide path to citizenship for any alien who entered the country before the age of 16 and has been in the country for at least five years. The guiding notion seems to be "The longer you have violated federal law, the better."

Beyond that, all the alien needs is a high school diploma or a GED earned in the United States. If he can persuade an institution of higher education in the United States—any community college, technical school, or college—to admit him, that will suffice. Any illegal alien who meets these conditions (or who can produce fraudulent papers indicating that he meets the conditions) gets immediate legal status in the form of a "conditional" green card good for six years, according to Section 4(a)(1).

It is important to recognize just how sweeping this amnesty is.

- There is no upper age limit. Any illegal alien can walk into a U.S. Customs and Immigration Services office and declare that he is eligible. For example, a 45 year old can claim that he illegally entered the United States 30 years ago at the age of 15. There is no requirement that the alien prove that he entered the United States at the claimed time by providing particular documents. The DREAM Act's Section 4(a) merely requires him to "demonstrate" that he is eligible—which in practice could mean simply making a sworn statement to that effect. Thus, it is an invitation for just about every illegal alien to fraudulently claim the amnesty.

- The alien then has six years to adjust his status from a conditional green card holder to a non-conditional one. To do so, he need only complete two years of study at an institution of higher education. If the alien has already completed two years of study, he can convert to non-conditional status immediately (and use his green card as a platform to bring in family members). As an alternative to two years of study, he can enlist in the U.S. military and spend two years there. This provision allows Senator Durbin to claim that the DREAM Act is somehow germane to a defense authorization bill.

- An illegal alien who applies for the DREAM Act amnesty gets to count his years under "conditional" green card status toward the five years needed for citizenship. (Section 5(e)) On top of that, the illegal alien could claim "retroactive benefits" and start the clock running the day that the DREAM Act is enacted. (Section 6) In combination, these two provisions put illegal aliens on a high-speed track to U.S. citizenship—moving from illegal alien to U.S. citizen in as little as five years. Lawfully present aliens, meanwhile, must follow a slower path to citizenship.

- It would be absurdly easy for just about any illegal alien—even one who does not qualify for the amnesty—to evade the law. According to Section 4(f) of the DREAM Act, once an alien files an application—any application, no matter how ridiculous—the federal government is prohibited from deporting him. Moreover, with few exceptions, federal officers are prohibited from either using information from the application to deport the alien or sharing that information with another federal agency, under threat of up to \$10,000 fine. Thus, an alien's admission that he has violated federal immigration law cannot be used against him—even if he never had any chance of qualifying for the DREAM Act amnesty in the first place.

The DREAM Act also makes illegal aliens eligible for federal student loans and federal work-study programs—another benefit that law-abiding foreign students cannot receive—all at taxpayer expense. A consistent theme emerges: Illegal aliens are treated much more favorably than aliens who follow the law. There is no penalty for illegal behavior. In short, the Dream Act is a dream for illegal immigrants who refuse to obey U.S. Immigration Law.

aWhen it come giving out the biggest (and arguably) the most expensive present this Christmas you can thank Nancy Pelosi, Barbara Boxer, Jack Reid, and all the other amnesty-open borders advocates in Congress.



HOWARD Hays As I See It

'Tis the Season - for images on TV of bundled-up kids building snowmen, glittering icicles beneath the eaves, couples skating over frozen duck ponds, and familiar faces on Fox News declaring it all proves there's no such thing as "global warming".

'Tis the Season - to check the scores, the "win-loss" stats, and predict who might take it all the way. The Super Bowl (Falcons vs. Pats?) is on for February 6 in Arlington, Texas. The "final" showdown over the Affordable Care Act looks to be on for the Supreme Court shortly before 2014, when the full Act is set to kick off.

Ever notice how partisans for a team might gloat over a successful play from their favorites while ignoring decisive plays from the other side, or that overall prospects for their team are lousy? That happened last week with the ruling by U.S. District Judge Henry Hudson against the ACA, in particular its "individual mandate" provision. Lots of cheering from the bleachers, but last I checked the scoreboard read 1-2-14; that's Judge Hudson's decision against the Act, two Judges' ruling in support, and 14 who didn't see a contest so wouldn't take it up.

Even those siding with Judge Hudson are Monday-morning-quarterbacking about his ruling, and there's not much optimism for the playoffs. Regulating healthcare falls under the Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution, and passing laws to advance those regulations falls under the "Necessary and Proper" clause. Although some laws might be "necessary and proper" to carry out Congress' intent, others, like imposing consequences for buying (or not buying) something (like health insurance), are not specifically permitted under the Commerce Clause, so are therefore unconstitutional - according to Judge Hudson.

But according to law professors and legal scholars, this reasoning turns the whole purpose behind "Necessary and Proper" on its head. The reason it's in the Constitution at all, they say, is to allow Congress to exercise powers not specifically enumerated under Article 1 (which enumerates the powers of Congress). This view is especially popular among conservatives - and has been promoted by Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia in decrying "judicial activism"; judges who "legislate from the bench" by overturning laws passed by Congress.

To the consternation of coaches from the healthcare and insurance industries on the sidelines, Judge Hudson's ruling was confined to the "individual mandate" portion of the ACA - with other portions unaffected. Those money players argue the only way they can survive restrictions on lifetime benefit caps or denials based on pre-existing conditions is if they're coupled with mandates that everyone gets insured.

In calling defense at the next big game, I'd have them resurrect those impassioned speeches and op-ed columns by Republicans extolling the "individual mandate" as their preferred alternative to President Clinton's healthcare plan in 1993.

'Tis the Season (every two years) - for those heading to Washington after the holidays to tell us of the bright new day coming with the bright new Congress. Our own Congressman David Dreier, as quoted in last week's MV News, cites the "need to make the House more transparent and accountable", and to "encourage spending reductions and economic growth." I can only surmise he's had some epiphany over the past four years, and is committed to an entirely different path than that by which he and his Party plunged our country into two disastrous wars and set us on the road to economic meltdown before being kicked out in 2006.

Along with Rep. Dreier set to take over the House Rules Committee, we're familiar with others set to take over prominent committee chairs - and we know who bought them their seats.

Set to head Armed Services is Californian Rep. Howard McKenon, paid for by the defense industry, as part of a total \$1.8 million in PAC money. He's been a strong

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Looking Up

with Bob Eklund

ACTIVE SUN, ECLIPSED MOON

A massive solar storm erupted from the Sun Dec. 6, creating a huge tendril of plasma that stretched across the face of our star.

The giant solar eruption created a long filament of plasma (high-temperature gas), which extended an astounding 435,000 miles—nearly twice the distance between the Earth and the Moon—across the Sun's southeastern region, according to the website Spaceweather.com, which monitors solar storms and sky events.

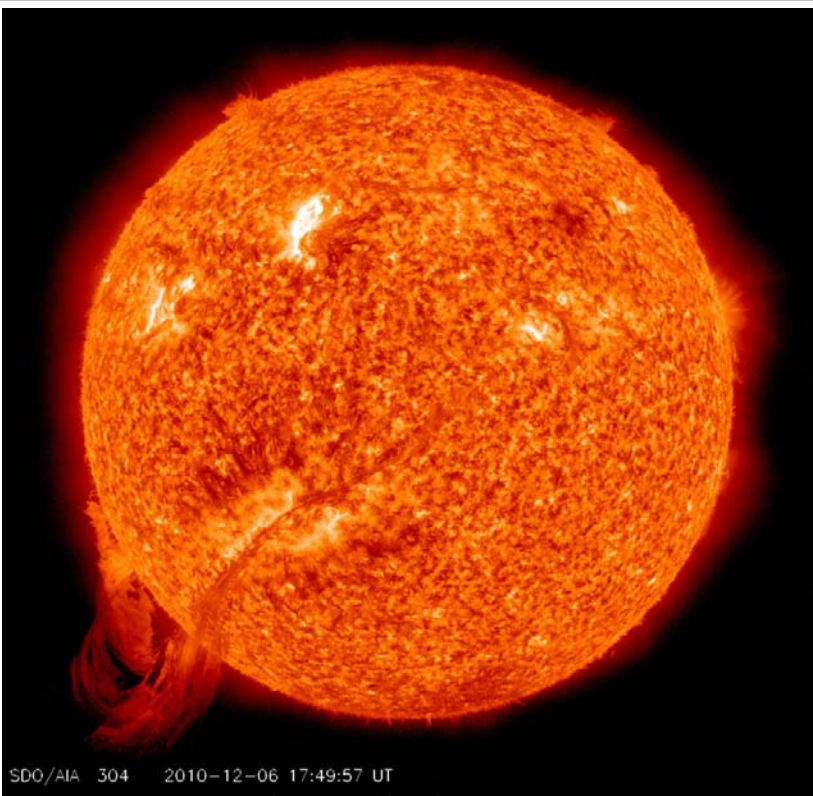
NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory caught this stunning photo of the monster sun storm on the first day of the eruption.

"The massive structure is an easy target for backyard telescopes and it has the potential for an impressive eruption if it happens to collapse in the hours or days ahead," Spaceweather.com reported in an update. The website described the solar prominence as a "mega-filament."

Skywatchers should never look directly at the Sun with their unaided eyes or through a telescope. Permanent eye damage can result. Instead, proper telescope filters or protective glasses from reputable astronomy dealers should be used for solar observations.

From Mount Wilson Observatory's 150-foot Solar Tower, where solar astronomers have been watching the Sun every clear day since the tower was built in 1912, the event appeared (in ordinary white light) as an extra-large sunspot, according to Solar Observer Steve Padilla. The spot has moved a little each day across the face of the Sun, carried along with the Sun's rotation (a full rotation takes about a month), and on Dec. 14 it disappeared from sight at the Sun's "west" edge.

Sunspots appear dark against the brighter background of the Sun's surface, meaning that they are somewhat cooler



This huge tendril of magnetic plasma erupted from the Sun on Dec. 6, 2010. In this photo from NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory, the filament stretches across nearly 700,000 km of the sun's surface. Credit: SDO/NASA.

than the rest of the sun. That coolness is believed to result


from the intense magnetic fields associated with these spots. Every eleven years, sunspot activity goes from a minimum to a maximum and back again. Padilla notes that this is the third year of the current cycle, and the spot associated with the massive filament of plasma is the largest he has seen so far in this cycle.

Total Lunar Eclipse, December 20-21

A total eclipse of the Moon will occur during the night of Dec. 20-21 and will be visible from Hawaii, Alaska, the continental United States, and Canada. Lunar eclipses only occur when the Moon is full and the Sun, Earth and Moon are nearly in a straight line. In these relatively rare events, the full Moon passes directly behind the Earth, which causes the Earth to block the Sun's rays from striking the Moon. The total eclipse is deep red in color, because the Earth's atmosphere filters out the blue, green and yellow light while transmitting most of the red sunlight to the Moon.

Sky-watchers in Southern California should have a good view of this event (provided the sky is clear) on the night of Monday, Dec. 20, as the Moon will be high overhead during the eclipse. The Moon will begin to move into Earth's shadow at 10:32 p.m. The total phase of the eclipse, which lasts 72 minutes, begins at 11:40 p.m. The Moon will begin to emerge from the shadow at 12:53 a.m. Dec. 21—which is also the day of the Winter Solstice (the shortest day of the year and the first day of winter).

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Ask jai.....

Ask jai is a weekly column that will strive to honestly answer your job search questions relating to job searching techniques, networking skills, resume writing and interviewing. The employment situation is getting better, however, it is still a challenge finding where the jobs are located and how to get pass the "gate-keepers". As an Executive Recruiter I was privy to working directly with Corporate Recruiters and understanding their process in selecting which candidates to interview and hire. I will candidly answer your questions, possibly bluntly answering your questions, but I will be totally honest. My objective is to help you achieve your employment goal.

Q: My daughter will graduate from college in two years with a Bachelor Degree in Marketing. My concern is that she is going to have a hard time finding a marketing job. I keep encouraging her to find an internship or part-time job while she is in college. She says that her Marketing Degree is all she will need to get a job after graduation. I am afraid that is just what will happen she will get "a job". I support my daughter financially and emotionally to get a degree that will eventually lead to a rewarding career. I emphasize career not "a job". How can I impress on her how important it is to get work experience before she graduates from college? What type of advice would you give her? Concerned Mother

Dear Concerned Mother

You and your daughter are putting in a lot of time, energy and money over a four year period for her to only eventually just get "a job". It appears to me that your daughter is not focusing on her future or career aspirations. This is normal for students in their junior year of college. However, this is the right time for her to focus on her future employment and develop a career plan. What is her long-term career path, objective and goal? Marketing Degrees are very diverse in their areas of career focus and paths. I would suggest that you encourage your daughter to find out (or decide) what area (or areas) of marketing she is interested in pursuing.

Student internships, summer and part-time jobs, and volunteer experience are very important in the hiring decision making process today. Employers seek out college students and graduates who have career-related experience as an intern, volunteer, summer or part-time employee that matches with their requirements and qualifications.

Express to your daughter that participating in career related activities or employment during college is an excellent way to explore her chosen career path and passion. I suggest that your daughter visits her college career center and make an appointment with a career advisor. The center will have information and job descriptions from employers about internships, jobs and volunteer positions. The advisor will assist her in designing a career development plan based on her course of study, area of interest, career goal and objective. The career center advisor will also assist her in acquiring work-related experience that will eventually be vital to her in securing employment in her chosen field of study.

Employers make their final decision about which student or graduate to hire based on the student's commitment to their career goals, and that could be reflected in the student's experiences and skills acquired in their internships, part-time jobs and volunteer activities. Pre-graduation work experience can separate those who get hired and those who do not. Continue to encourage your daughter to include work experience either on-campus or off-campus to her educational experience. Career driven knowledge, experience and focus will make it easier for her to find gratifying employment before or after graduation.



KATIE TseThis and That

CHRISTMAS

Merry Christmas! My family isn't big on traditions (déjà vu from my Thanksgiving article). We used to have a few, but they've faded away over the years. I think this is because Christmas is for kids. (I'm speaking of the crass, commercialized holiday, not the celebration of the birth of Christ. Although since He came for everyone, kids are certainly included!) When I was a kid I loved Christmas! No driving in holiday traffic, fretting over what to buy for family and friends, or awkward get-togethers for me! (Okay, I was probably *at* some awkward get-togethers, but at that age I didn't know or care about their awkwardness).

I'm family, so now that I've the "traditional" have all but gone. The my parents didn't


In the old days, a good two or three tree lot while my compared height and found the perfect stabilized our mighty That sounds easy, but it person job. My dad ladder and tilted forth until my mom looked straight. I held Our trees even had a my mom! (Weren't

Now I congratulate efforts if they get their artificial tree, expand and collapse umbrella. They might the coffee table, but for the yard and other much.

One unique I love and always keep lunch with my mom. This started over ten years ago when I was in junior high. We headed out in the morning to shop at the mall (An activity we both hate! Which is probably why we procrastinated until the last minute). By the time we escaped it was the afternoon and we were exhausted and hungry. A restaurant in Sierra Madre was one of the few places still open, and as we collapsed into the expansive booth, their piano's soft music gently unraveled our taut nerves. I think we were probably the only customers there that day.

Lunch with my mom is always a pleasure, but having just come from the holiday mayhem made it all the more soothing. Since that day, no matter what last minute Christmas chores demand our attention, we have set them aside on Christmas Eve to enjoy each other's company over a leisurely meal. But these days we don't torture ourselves at the mall before hand. We learned our lesson the first time!





On Line

By PJ Carpenter

"Deserves Got Nothing To Do With It Kid"

In "Unforgiven" Clint Eastwood plays a grizzled gun-for-hire sought out to exact revenge for wrongs committed but the henchmen of the movies' bad guys. Fast-forward to the scene where Clint finally gets his man and we hear the villain trying to make his case by telling Clint, "I don't deserve to die like this" to which Clint replies, "Deserves got nothing to do with it".

I love that line and this movie is full of great ones just like that one. I always look for a chance to drop it just so wherever I can get it to fit into a conversation. Just the other day I found a situation where it just might fit but I'm not too thrilled with the placement. Time Magazine announced that it had selected Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg for its prestigious "Person of the Year" award for 2010 and after seeing the puff piece for myself I found myself muttering my pet line to myself; deserves got nothing to do with it. I fully realize that my personal opinion on this matter probably doesn't amount to a hill of beans, a view further strengthened the fact that the good people at Time Magazine didn't contact me for my input on their selection and probably for good reason. It seems they poll actual readers of the magazine and I haven't been one of those regular readers in a little while. Anyway, the results of the latest poll listed the top vote-getter, Julian Assange, leading the pack with 382,206 votes. Mark Zuckerberg placed tenth with 18,353 votes. In its long and prestigious history the Person of the Year honor has most often gone to the person, entity or event that's had the most profound impact on world events during the last calendar year. Other than a year-long publicity tour, including a 100 million dollar publicity stunt called a donation to public schools in New Jersey and efforts to blunt negative publicity from an unflattering movie portrayal, FaceBook and its founder spent the better part of this year trying to explain why their plans for your data was more important than end-user privacy. Several different times.

As big a role as FaceBook may play in the lives of its users, its real impact on world matters can be considered negligible at best and a distraction at worst. The top vote-getter in the Time poll, however, is making an impact on a global scale that will not soon be forgotten. No matter. The results are in and the choice has been made. Better Luck Next Time!

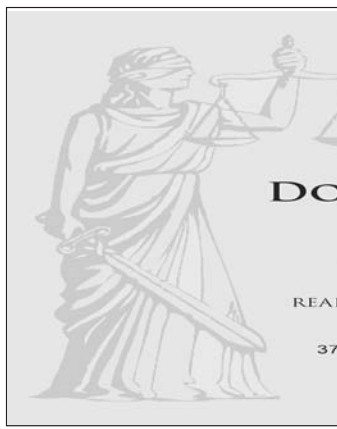


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high levels of natural carcinogens in strawberries, or was it blueberries. Doesn't really matter. There are so many "bad" or "unhealthy" products available that it is not hyperbole to predict that validation of Obamacare's mandate would eventually and inevitably lead to the erosion of our most basic liberties all in the interest of preserving or promoting good health. Remember that the path to hell, or at least to a dictatorship, is paved by good intentions. With the intention of preserving my health, the government could make a pretty good case against many of the foods I enjoy and the activities in which I partake. Wine and cigars may be bad for me, but they sure add some zest to life.

Our founding fathers realized early on in the drafting of our constitution that preserving the right of individuals to make stupid decisions in the conduct of their own lives was essential to maintaining freedom. There will always be a legitimate sounding argument to curtail our freedom. After all, humans make mistakes. We all eat things we shouldn't, buy things we shouldn't, fail to save enough or provide well enough for ourselves and our families. If stopping us from making those mistakes is to be the basis for passing laws, then we had all better get used to living without any freedom. The old adage has never been more true: he who gives up his freedom for security, will soon find that he has neither freedom or security.

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One Of A Kind: *Featuring unique homes and gardens and the people who create them* Story and Photos By Chris Bertrand



Holiday Decorating Award Winners!

Thanks to our readers and other volunteers, we at Mountain Views News received many nominations for our 2010 Holiday Decorating Awards! We welcomed submissions from our service area including Altadena, Pasadena, Arcadia, Sierra Madre, Monrovia and Duarte, though not all communities received nominations.

We hope you'll enjoy touring our award winners' decorations as much as we enjoyed choosing them! Though our awards are totally subjective, what's not to like???? If you're feeling Scrooge-like, here's the perfect cure!

- **Best Overall Decorations:** 100 White Oak, Arcadia (*top right*)
- **Best Sierra Madre Decorations:** 171 W. Orange Grove, Sierra Madre
- **Best Monrovia Decorations:** 241 Magnolia at Oaks, Monrovia (*bottom right*)
- **Best Arcadia Decorations:** Arcadia Gardens Retirement Hotel, 720 W. Camino Real at Baldwin, Arcadia
- **Best Altadena Decorations:** Balian Mansion, Mendocino Drive at Allen, Altadena
- **Best Pasadena Decorations:** Upper Hastings Ranch Association

(North of Sierra Madre Blvd between Riviera and Michillinda, Pasadena)

- **Best Small Display:** 413 N. Baldwin Avenue, Sierra Madre

- **Best Neighborhood Decorations:** Madison, north of Foothill, Monrovia

- **Best Year after Year Decorations:** 27 N. Auburn, Sierra Madre

- **Best Store Window Decorations:** Leonora Moss, 7 Kersting Court, Sierra Madre

- **Best Decorations Seen from Far Away:** 331 N. Grove, Sierra Madre

- **Best Historic Display:** Christmas Tree Lane, Santa Rosa Avenue between Woodbury and Altadena Drive, Altadena

Honorable Mentions:

1. 1503 Highland Oaks Drive, Arcadia
2. 47 Hacienda Drive, Arcadia
3. 1255 Ramona, Arcadia
4. 1505 S. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia
5. 1601 S. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia
6. 1412 Orlando Drive, Arcadia
7. 1503 Highland Oaks Drive, Arcadia
8. 152 May, Monrovia
9. 912 S. Mayflower, Monrovia
10. 711 Foothill, Monrovia
11. 217 Greystone, Monrovia




Don't miss these streets on your tour!

- Grandview from Michillinda to Baldwin in Sierra Madre

- Highland Oaks from Foothill to Elkins, Arcadia
- Orlando Drive, Arcadia
- Alegria, Sierra Madre between Baldwin and Mountain Trail
- Camino Real from West of Baldwin to Santa Anita, Arcadia

Next week... City of Arcadia Decorations Awards





Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou

Smooth Sailing

As a buyer, you want your offer to be accepted and your contract to close on schedule. However, in today's climate, you should expect some negotiation, and submit your offer with the following advice in mind.

The financing contingency in your offer will state your loan total and anticipated interest rate and approval date. Strongly consider locking in that rate with the lender, as rates are still very low, and you'll avoid any future fluctuations in the market.

Reserve funds now for your settlement costs at closing. Anticipate anywhere from 2% to 6% of the amount you're financing, plus your down payment (less any earnest money you offered as a deposit), which will be presented in the form of an official (cashier's) check.

If your down payment funds are not in an im-

mediately liquid account, keep things on track by moving the funds into your checking account at least a week before closing, so you're sure that you'll be able to access the money in advance of the closing date.

Finally, try to avoid a closing date at the end of the month or the end of the year, as these are the busiest times for lenders and could cause undue delay in meeting your approval deadline for financing. Speak with your agent about other factors in crafting your offer and successfully closing on schedule.

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proponent of defense spending, especially hundreds of millions for programs the military says it could do without. He's cautioned against cuts advocated by Defense Secretary Robert Gates, worried that savings might be "harvested by Democrats" for "domestic spending", and has called for a "robust homeland missile defense system."

Education and Labor is to be chaired by Rep. John Kline (R-MN). He's been devoted to protecting banks' ability to gouge young people with high-interest student loans, by taking options for low-interest government loans off the table (receiving \$30,000 from the American Bankers Association for his trouble). A staunch defender of worker exploitation and union-busting, he received a "zero" rating from the AFL-CIO.

Incoming Financial Services Chairman Rep. Spencer Bachus (R-AL) made his view clear in an interview with The Birmingham News: "... Washington and the regulators are there to serve the banks." As committee member he fought against creation of the Consumer Protection Bureau and restrictions against risky trading with taxpayer-guaranteed funds. Rep. Bachus is paid for by Bank of America (\$45,000), Wells Fargo (\$35,000), and about \$2.6 million in additional PAC money (about four times as much as from individual donors).

Rep. Joe Barton (R-TX), set to chair Energy and Commerce, is best known for apologizing to BP at a committee hearing for the "shakedown" by those suggesting BP itself, rather than taxpayers, pay the cost of cleaning up their Deepwater Horizon oil spill. He's also known as the biggest recipient of oil industry money in the House (\$22,800 of it from BP). He's paid for by \$3 million in PAC money, largely from cable and telecommunications - about three times as much as from individual donors. He informed Al Gore he's "totally wrong" on global warming.

Whatever Rep. Dreier might mean, when you look at his actions and those of his Republican colleagues in relation to who's paying them, it couldn't be more "transparent". As for being "accountable", we should all commit to holding our representatives accountable throughout the year - not just every-other November.

That would make a nice New Year's resolution.

After all - 'Tis the season.

4th Quarter Construction Update

Southern California Edison's Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project – Segments 6-9 & 11

Project Update — Southern California (SCE) contractors have begun construction-related activities along portions of Segments 4-11 of the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP). Upon completion, the project will provide renewable generated electricity and help meet California's renewable energy goals.

Construction Activities: Segments 7 & 8 Transmission Line During the next three months, construction activities as part of TRTP upgrades to the electrical system will include the following (please note that the construction schedule is tentative and may change depending on weather and other factors):

Removal of existing electrical wire, structure foundations and structures, within SCE's existing right-of-way corridor

Duarte: From the Van Tassel Motorway area south to Huntington Dr. near Encanto Pkwy.
 ■ Installation of new foundations and structures will also begin within the city of Duarte

Irwindale: From Huntington Dr. (north of the Foothill Freeway (210) south along the San Gabriel Freeway (605) to Ramona Blvd.
 ■ Installation of new foundations will also begin within the city of Irwindale
 ■ Development of one material yard and two contractor yards in the city of Irwindale that will serve as storage sites for material, equipment, and vehicles (*in support of TRTP Segments 6 and 11*)

Baldwin Park: From Ramona Blvd. south along the western side of the San Gabriel Freeway (605) to Valley Blvd.

Industry: Along the western side of the San Gabriel Freeway (605) south of Valley Blvd.

South El Monte: North of the Pomona Freeway (60) along the western edge of the San Gabriel River, crossing the Pomona Freeway in a southwest direction to the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area.

Montebello: Crossing the Pomona Freeway (60) near Paramount Blvd., proceeding south of Montebello Blvd. to San Gabriel Blvd.

Monterey Park: Crossing the Pomona Freeway (60) near Paramount Blvd. and proceeding west along the north side of the Pomona Freeway to SCE's Mesa Substation.
 ■ Installation of new foundations will also begin within the city of Monterey Park
 ■ Use of a material yard and contractor yard adjacent to SCE's Mesa Substation in the city of Monterey Park, along Potrero Grande Dr.

Unincorporated Los Angeles County: Portions of SCE's right-of-way along the western side of the San Gabriel Freeway (605) and in the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area south of the Pomona Freeway.

Rowland Heights: Installation of new foundations and poles - *South* of Fullerton Rd and northwest of Graystone Way (east of Harbor Blvd.), *Northwest* of the intersection of Fullerton Rd and Harbor Blvd., *South* of Sunrise Dr. and east of Fullerton Rd.

Every effort will be made to reduce the amount of noise generated by activities related to construction. SCE understands that construction may be inconvenient to local residents. We greatly appreciate your patience as we move to complete construction as quickly and safely as possible.

Questions?

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During standard business hours, please contact the SCE regional project manager in your area:

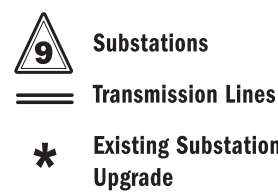
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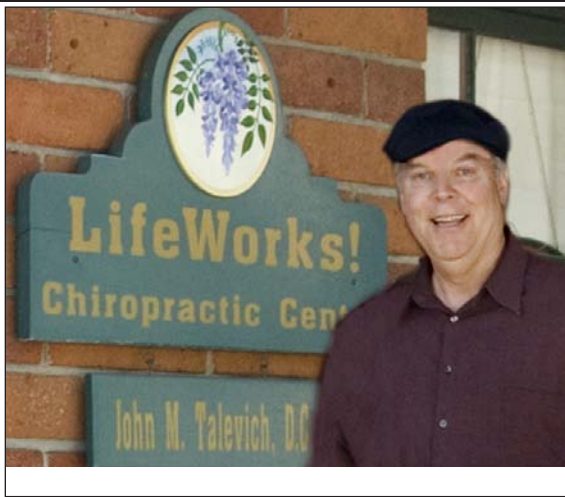
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YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Today's Subject:

Toward A Deeper Model of Healing



Dr. John Talevich, D.C. has practiced in Sierra Madre for thirty years. His clinic, LifeWorks! Chiropractic, offers patient-specific approaches to the alleviation of pain and individually tailored wellness programs.

As our old year wanes and we are presented with a new year of possibilities, it may be beneficial to look at a couple of things. As medical leaders such as Ahmet Oz, Deepak Chopra, Bernie Siegel, Dean Ornish, Elson Haas and many others assert, the emotional life of the patient is essential to well being and longevity. Research has demonstrated time and again how the presence of negative emotions causes physiological changes that promote chronic inflammation and, ultimately, diseases such as cardiovascular conditions and cancer. So, what can be done about it? After all, we can't avoid being rubbed the wrong way. It's just a part of life.

What all of these outstanding physicians are saying is: Your attitude can kill you. Once we accept this observation as a very real factor in our health and longevity, then we can start to shape our experiences differently. The first step might be something as simple as acknowledging the practice of releasing them for our own

negative feelings that we have and committing to the practice of releasing them for our own good and for the sake of others.

While this sounds like a moral equation, it is more like a workout at the gym. As we develop an awareness of thoughts and feelings - as we shed light on them - we begin to release the attachment that has gone largely unnoticed. We may have been gloating in our rightness, not realizing that we are harming ourselves. One succinct way of viewing this is to consider that anger, hostility and resentment are like drinking poison to kill someone else!

So, here are two things that can be done to balance the emotional equation:

1. Forgive ourselves. Sounds easy, doesn't it? But think about this: If someone said to us what we often think and say to ourselves, we would be shocked and hurt. Think back to the last time you looked in the mirror: Did you have anything pleasant to say to yourself?
2. Forgive others. Yeah, I know, they don't deserve it. Consider this: These grudges are like dust on the windshield - all we have to do is turn on the wipers with an acknowledgment that, yes, I can do that, I can forgive - and practice it.

Finally, write down all the people that you're "on it" with and do a ritual fire by yourself and with friends: Burn up those thoughts. Be careful, though, that you don't go overboard and burn the house down!

Have a great week! Dr. John

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SENIOR HAPPENINGS

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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. MENU BELOW

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 Consultations: 10-11:30 am. Appointments call 355-7394
 Wii Wednesday - 1:00 pm or call the senior desk at 355-7394 to arrange another time & day to learn how to play. No previous experience or skills required and it is great exercise.

Thursday:
 1:00 to 3:30 pm: Game Day. Join us for UNO and Poker with Bridge on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays; so please call for more information.
 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm: Yoga; \$7.00 - 50 & over. Please call 355-5278 for more information

Friday:
 1:00 pm: Ping Pong

Saturday:
 11:30 am: Senior Club brown bag lunch and BINGO at 12:30 pm



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DIAL - A - RIDE TICKETS

Tickets can now be purchased at:
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Recipe of the Week:

Cranberry Apple Cake

Submitted by Mrs. Bonnie Landsberg

INGREDIENTS:

1 yellow cake mix
 16 oz. apple cranberry pie filling (found at Trader Joe's)
 3 eggs
 1/2 stick margarine, cut into small cubes
 2 tsp cinnamon
 1/4 cup sugar
 1/3 cup dried sweetened cranberries, chopped fine

DIRECTIONS:

Heat oven to 350 degrees.
 Mix first four ingredients in large bowl with mixer on med-high. Blend well.
 Pour half the batter into greased and floured 13 x 9x 2 pan. Combine cinnamon and sugar and sprinkle over batter. Sprinkle with chopped cranberries. Pour the rest of the batter over the top.
 Bake for 35-40 minutes, until cake tests done.
 Moist and yummy! Serve with whipped cream or ice cream.



December Birthdays

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LaSalle Soccer Sweeps



LaSalle Lancer Varsity Soccer Teams had a great day Friday. The boys defeated Monrovia and the girls beat South Pasadena 1-0. Courtesy John Blackstock

Camp Aggie Baseball School

La Salle Varsity Baseball Coach Harry Agajanian is running a baseball camp on December 27th & 28th to prepare players for all star and high school teams. The camp runs from 10am-2pm both days and costs \$50.

Email Lasallebaseball52@yahoo.com for more information.



GOLF SWING BALANCE DRILL

There have been millions of words written about the golf swing. Balance seems to always get left out. I am going to explain to you today exactly what great balance in the golf swings means and how to attain it.

If I can show you how to make a golf swing with balance your swing will be more fluid, you will make more solid impact with your shots and the ball will go further. There are two reasons why your golf swing is not in balance. The first reason is clubhead speed and the second is the direction you swing the golf club. Let's start with direction first.

When you swing the golf club it has to swing on an arc. The clubhead has to swing back on an arc and down on an arc. If the clubhead swings too much out to in (across your body) it will pull you off balance towards the golf ball. If you swing the golf club too much from in to out (under your body) it will throw you off balance and you will fall backwards away from the ball.

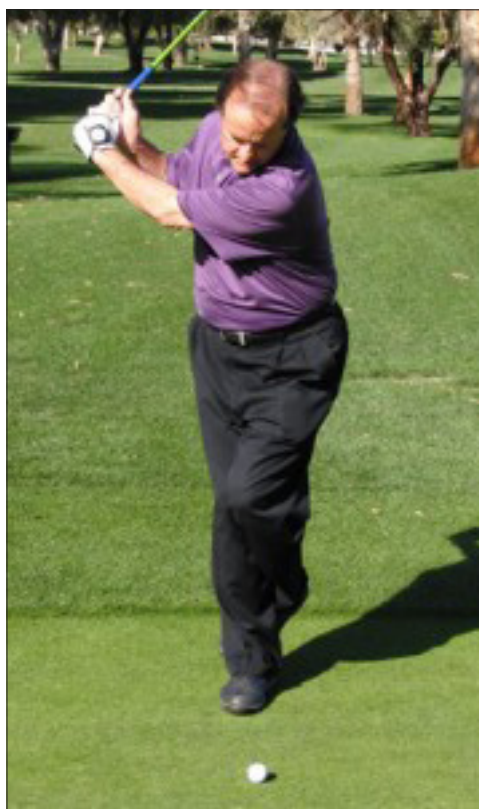
I have a drill that will help you learn proper balance. You have to start this drill out very slowly.

The next time you are at the driving range take out a 7 iron and tee up a golf ball. After you have addressed the golf ball, lift your left leg a couple of inches off the ground. You have to balance yourself on the right leg, now I want you to make a swing. That in itself is very difficult to do the first time. You can start out by making tiny swings, chip shot swings. After you make some swings and hit a few shots, do the same thing with your right leg in the air.

This drill will teach you how to maintain proper balance in the golf swing. It is a fantastic drill for those of you that struggle with this part of your swing. After you hit 5 shots with your left leg off the ground and then 5 shots with the right leg off the ground you can hit 5 shots with both feet on the ground.

You see the first reason you lose your balance is because of the direction you swing the club, the second reason is clubhead speed. This drill teaches you how to swing the golf club in the correct direction with the proper speed. For better golf swing balance-hit practice shots on one leg.

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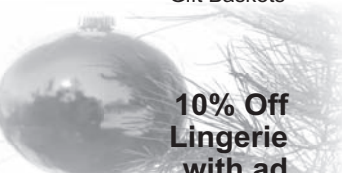


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