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CREDIT CARD SCANDAL GROWS



Police Chief Urges EVG Victims to Report Fraud

Sierra Madre Police Chief Marilyn Diaz is urging victims of the EVG gas station fraud to report the crime to the Police Department. The fraudulent charges arising from credit and debit cards used at the EVG station are showing up both as EVG charges and charges to other retail establishments, both in California and out of state. Anyone who has used a credit or debit card at EVG in the past 12 months should report any fraudulent charges to Sierra Madre police.

Some victims have dealt only with their banks to reconcile the fraudulent charges, and opted not to report the crime to police. It is critically important to report as many fraud cases as possible. The greater number of victims, and the higher the loss, increases the chances of a successful prosecution if the suspects are identified and arrested.

As of Saturday, January 8, 2011, over 360 victims have been identified, and the loss exceeds \$100,000. Victims can report fraud at the Sierra Madre police station at their convenience, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The police will process reports promptly. For more information call (626) 355-1414.

DETECTIVES NEED YOUR HELP IDENTIFYING THIS SUBJECT



The Sierra Madre Police Department have issued a Crime Bulletin as part of their investigation into the EVG credit card scandal. The subject pictured above was photographed withdrawing funds from the victim's account in the City of Montebello.

If you recognize this person or have any other information related to this case, please contact Detective Gene Gray at (626) 355-7534 or via email at ggray@cityofsierramadre.com.

On Thursday morning, at 7:00 a.m., city officials held a press conference on the status of the current EVG scandal. At that time, it was announced that the Secret Service and Treasury Department will assist with the investigation. Mayor Mosca and Chief Diaz (left) announced at the conference that the number of thefts that had been reported was 282 with over \$82,000 on monetary losses.

But, by Saturday morning, that figure had increased to over 300 victims and the losses were over \$100,000.

According to Chief Diaz, this is the largest number of individuals victimized by one crime in Sierra Madre.

There are six financial institutions involved: Chase, Wells Fargo, Bank of America, Bank of the West, American Express and Citibank.

Most accounts were only hit once, however, there were several accounts that were hit between two and nine times.

The largest individual loss was \$3,700. Of the victims, 78% of them are Sierra Madre residents.

Several of the financial institutions automatically canceled the credit cards and issued new ones as soon as they became aware of the situation. One resident reported

that although she had not been a victim of the fraud, because she had made a single purchase at EVG over the summer, they were sending her a new card just to be safe.

Pam Cimino, was hit with a \$500 withdrawal made in Calabasas. The withdrawal immediately caught the attention of her husband and

gone Prada on him", suggesting that the husband thought the wife was on a shopping spree.

Chief Diaz and the entire police department have been busy interviewing victims and searching for the suspects. At the press conference, Diaz said there were now three suspects, one of whom is Evgeny Yakimenko, a Russian who purchased the station a year ago. Diaz also noted that the investigation did include the Valero station but said that the owners of the Valero station were cooperating with the department.

Last week, Diaz made a presentation to the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club and to the Senior Community briefing them on the status of the investigation. She reviewed many of the ways in which thieves steal your identity and what one can do to protect themselves.

The notoriety of this crime has had Sierra Madre on all the major network news shows. TV cameras were spotted in town numerous times during the week. Although outside agencies will be assisting with the investigation, the Sierra Madre Police Department is who residents should contact if they find their identities have been compromised. S. Henderson/MVNews

Although this is the largest number of victims reported in one crime, it is not the largest property loss. Here is the total value of all property reported stolen in Sierra Madre for the last eight years.

2002 - \$283,192

2003 - \$237,444

2004 - \$590,084

2005 - \$557,362

2006 - \$569,957

2007 - \$999,063*

2008 - \$213,536

2009 - \$300,706

**The 2007 figure included a house that had been taken by trickery.*

a friend joked, "He thought you'd

A HAPPY, GRAND RE-OPENING



There were smiles all around at the ribbon cutting for the renovated Sierra Madre room. Councilperson MacGillivray (center) was exceptionally pleased with the new bathrooms and kitchen.

At a time when dealing with the disturbing news of the EVG scam and on the heels of concerns over the city's hillsides and debris basins, city officials and staff have had little time for anything else.

However, on Friday evening, there was an opportunity to celebrate the re-opening of the Sierra Madre Room at the Recreation Center.

After months of construction activity, Mayor Joe Mosca and Former Mayor Mary Ann MacGillivray cut the ribbon for the new facility.



Members of the City Council and Community Services Commission, along with approximately 75 residents were on hand to tour the renovated room.

The improvements include a completely new hardwood floor, new bathrooms (something longtime residents who saw them were elated about), and a brand new kitchen complete with new appliances.

The new room also has a 'state of the art' method of distributing heat and air conditioning to the room.




The old fashioned ceiling pipe that ran the length of the room from the ceiling and was immovable, was replaced with a synthetic, pipe that collapses into a decorative hanging object when the heat or a/c are not on. This new, flexible, "pipe thingy", as one resident called it, also cannot be dented by flying objects, etc.

For more information on the availability of the room for events and/or meetings, please contact the Community and Personnel Services Department at 626-355-5278.



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Churches

Episcopal Church of the Ascension - 25 E. Laurel
(626) 355-1133

Sierra Madre Congregational Church - 170 W. Sierra Madre
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Foothill Center For Spiritual Living - 49 S. Baldwin No. A
(626) 836-2022

Greek Evangelical Church
69 Suffolk Avenue
(626) 355-2153

Sierra Madre Church of Christ
212 N. Lima
(626) 355-1817

Sierra Madre United Methodist
695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
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"Religion and Science"

On January 23rd, The First United Methodist Church of Pasadena SpiritSeekers begins a series entitled "Religion and Science" facilitated by Tom Prince. Tom Prince is a professor of Physics at Caltech and a Senior Research Scientist at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL). His research interests include black holes, neutron stars, and the early universe. Between 2001 and 2006, Tom was the Chief Scientist at JPL, responsible for internal research and development. He is currently the Director of the Keck Institute for Space Studies at Caltech.

Is there a dichotomy between religion and science? What are the limits of religion and science? What does the universe tell us about God? These questions and others will be explored during this series. The class is open to all. It begins at 9:00 am Sunday mornings in the church lounge off Green Street. First United Methodist Church is located at 500 East Colorado Blvd, Pasadena CA 91101. For more information contact the church at

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Current work includes writing the column, "Looking Up with Bob Eklund," in Mountain Views News, and writing newsletters for the Mount Wilson Observatory. I recently published a book, First Star I See Tonight: an Exploration of Wonder, and am finishing a second book, Winds Aloft. For writing samples and resume, see my web site: www.bobeklund.com. OR eklund@sprynet.com (310) 216-5947

Christmas Tree Recycling and Holiday Athens Schedule

Athens Services will provide free Christmas Tree removal service for all Sierra Madre residents starting Monday, December 27th - Friday, January 14th. Place your whole tree at curbside during your regularly scheduled trash pick-up day as soon as possible after Christmas Day.

For the next two weeks, Athens will pick-up trash, recycling, and green waste on residents' regularly scheduled day. There will not be a one-day delay as Christmas Day and New Years Day fall on a Saturday this year.

Please remove all stands from trees. Athens will not pick up trees that have stands. Trees must be free of ornaments and the bulk of tinsel must be removed. Trees that have been lightly flocked are acceptable.

After January 14th, please call Athens Services at (888) 336-6100 to arrange for a special pick-up of your tree. Please note- It is an extreme fire danger to keep Christmas Trees in your home for an extended period of time after Christmas. So, please make every effort to put your tree out for pick-up no later than January 14th.

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BRETT PERKINS IN CONCERT ON JANUARY 30 AT SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE; ALSO, MUSICAL GUESTS

Brett Perkins, a singer-songwriter whose brand of pop/folk has won him an international following, will perform in concert for one night only at Sierra Madre Playhouse on Sunday, January 30, 2011 at 7 p.m.

Appearing on the same bill will be musical guests, which include some of the finest singer-songwriters from Southern California, as well as musical friends from Europe.

Perkins began his musical career over 20 years ago, and was lead vocalist for The Sneaks as well as a featured dancer on Soul Train before settling into a solo career as a singer-songwriter. At one point, in the 90s, he was CEO of the National Academy of Songwriters. Over the years, he's worked with legendary musical figures like Burt Bacharach, Joni Mitchell, Graham Nash, Stephen Stills and Jackson Browne.

An American, Perkins has for several years made his home in Copenhagen, where he presents the annual Copenhagen Songwriters Festival. He performs internationally. His mellow, soothing brand of pop has intergenerational appeal.

Brett returns to the Sierra Madre Playhouse following a successful date there last winter.

All seats are \$10. Suitable for all ages. At Sierra Madre Playhouse, 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Ample free parking behind theatre. Reservations: (626) 355-4318. Online ticketing: www.sierramadreplayhouse.org

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CITY OF SIERRA MADRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings listed below are held at 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

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
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Kick start your new year's job search by attending "Women At Work 101", a one hour orientation to learn about Women At Work services to help you obtain employment.

This is offered each Monday beginning with January 10th, 11:00a.m. to 12:00 noon and it's free.

Following "Women At Work 101" on Mondays will be the return of the fantastic "Job Club" from 12:30p.m. to 1:30p.m. At this time all attendees will receive the list of "Hot Jobs" and current employment opportunities. The \$2.00 fee provides you with use of our Career Resource Center for the entire day.

We look forward to seeing you!

All workshops will be held at Women At Work, 3871 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107.

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Older "Sierra Madre" American of the Year

The Senior Community Commission is now accepting nominations for the Older "Sierra Madre" American of the Year. If you know someone living in Sierra Madre who has demonstrated outstanding community service and is 60 years of age or older, please contact the Senior Services Desk at (626) 355-7394 for a nomination form.

Nominations are due to the Community & Personnel Services Department, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., by Monday, February 28, 2011. The Senior Community Commission will discuss nominees at its Study Session on March 3, 2011 and announce the honoree at their regular scheduled meeting also on March 3 at 3 pm in the City Council Chambers. The honoree will also be recognized at a special reception held in their honor on Friday, May 13th at the Sierra Madre Hart Park House.

JPL Climatologist Dr Bill Patzert to Speak About Global Warming

On January 18th, the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club will present a fascinating program by JPL's acclaimed climatologist and oceanographer Dr. Bill Patzert.

Dr. Patzert is making a return visit to the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club, and will present an hour-long program about the realities and ramifications of global warming.

Dr. Patzert is JPL's media spokesperson for ocean and climate related activities. During his career, he has served as a consultant to NASA, the U.S. Department of Commerce, United Nations and many scientific and environmental groups. He has received many awards for scientific accomplishments, including 4 NASA Exceptional Service Medals and the Medal of the Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (highest award of the French Space Agency).

Area residents who want to learn the facts about global warming shouldn't miss this opportunity to have the science of climate explained by a trusted and credentialed expert in the field.

The meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 18 at noon at the Masonic Temple, 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. The public is invited, and lunch will be served. The cost for lunch is \$11 per person; reservations and exact change are required. For reservations, please contact Pat Birdsall at 355-7290 no later than noon the preceding Monday.

Visitors may come for the program only (no charge, without lunch), which will begin promptly at 12:30.

Guests who have difficulty hearing the PA system should bring a portable radio with headphones, and tune to 104.7-FM to hear the PA sound.



Bill Patzert, an oceanographer and climatologist at JPL, has been honored by the American Geophysical Union for his contributions to improving public understanding of Earth science. Photo courtesy NASA/JPL-Caltech

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, December 26, to Saturday January 1st the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 406 calls for service. See crimereports.com for updated information.

Monday, December 27th

EVG Gas Station Fraud, Use Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc, 50 S. Baldwin Ave EVG Gas station. Between Monday, December 27th and Thursday, January 6th over 300 cases of credit and debit card identity theft were reported. Victims used their cards to buy gas between July and December 27 2010. Over the Christmas weekend the suspects illegally accessed the victims' accounts for cash and retail sales, exceeding \$82,000. The loss is expected to increase daily as additional victims report more fraud. The EVG gas station closed after Christmas weekend, and detectives are seeking the owner and his associates for questioning. The Secret Service is also working with SMPD on the investigation.

8:40 PM- Battery, 10 blk. N. Baldwin Ave. Two parties began engaged in an argument which led to a fight in front of Bean Town. Neither of the Sierra Madre residents were injured and declined to prosecute.

Tuesday, December 28th:

9:30 AM- Auto Burglary, Bailey Canyon. Unknown suspect(s) smashed a car's rear window and stole a purse at Bailey Canyon Wilderness Park. The purse contained \$30 and a Bank of America Card. The Bank of America card was used without permission at several stores.

6:37 PM- Grand Theft Exceeding \$400, 600 blk. W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Unknown suspect(s) stole a Canon Powershot SX 10 IS camera worth \$500.00, a Dell Latitude D360 laptop computer worth \$600.00, and a BlackBerry Curve cell phone valued at \$300.00. The three items were in the trunk of an unlocked vehicle and the driver did not realize they were missing until he checked in early December.

Thursday, December 30th:

10:30 PM- Prowling/Peeking in Door/Window, 500 blk. W. Sierra Madre Blvd. An unknown suspect described as a man with light skin, 20-30 years, clean shaven and layered hair, entered a fenced yard and walked to the bedroom window. The suspect looked through the window until he made eye contact with the victim. The suspect walked away in an unknown direction after the victim saw him.

Saturday, January 1st:

1:17 AM- DUI Alcohol/Drugs, 100 blk. E. Orange Groove Ave. An officer stopped a motorist for a Vehicle Code violation. The officer determined that the Monrovia resident was under the influence of alcohol. The officer arrested the suspect and booked him for DUI at the Pasadena Police Department Jail.

TWO-WEEK BARGAIN BOOK SALE AT THE LIBRARY

Do you love Mysteries? Then you'll definitely want to stop by the Sierra Madre Public Library between Monday, January 10 and Saturday, January 22. The Friends received a large donation of books by popular mystery authors, which will be on sale for \$1.00 each. This is an ideal opportunity to try out a new author or fill in a gap in your personal collection. In addition to Mysteries, there will also be a wonderful selection of Fiction, Time Warner, Children's and Specialty books, also only \$1.00 each. Drop by often—there will plenty of new titles to choose from, as books are replenished daily.

The Sierra Madre Public Library, located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre, is open Monday through Wednesday from Noon to 9 p.m., Thursday and Friday from Noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call (626) 355-7186, or check out our website, www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us.

Civic Club Offers Education Awards

Sierra Madre Civic Club will again provide its annual Education Awards to worthy Sierra Madre High School seniors graduating in 2011. Monetary awards and individual certificates will be presented to those chosen at the club's May 12th meeting, 7:30 p.m., held in Memorial Park Hart Senior Center.

Applications for the award are available at local high schools, Sierra Madre Public Library, City Hall, Youth Activity Center (YAC), also by contacting Education Awards Committee Chair Leslee Hinton online by emailing smcceducation2011@hotmail.com or by phone (626) 355-5595.

A personal essay is re-

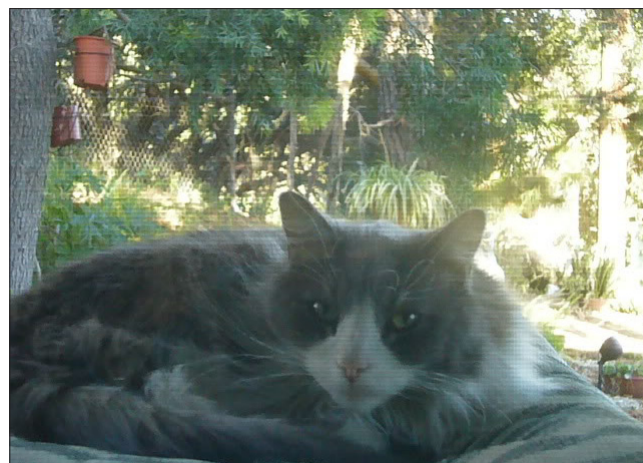
quired in the completed application that is submitted and this must be typed or printed legibly. Also, to be included is a letter of recommendation from the applicant's community service supervisor with significant knowledge of his or her experience and involvement.

The deadline for applications to be received is March 1, 2011. Those postmarked after that date or those that are incomplete will not be considered.

The Education Awards are consistent with the club's traditional support for young people in their education and career pursuits.

- Phyllis Chapman

PLEASE HELP US FIND THIS MISSING CAT:



If you see this cat, please contact our neighbor on W. Carter... Jane Rowland 626-355-6075. The cat is grey with white face and tummy, legs and paws. Weighs 8-9 pounds. This shy animal is a dear dear companion to this family. They are devastated.

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The Shabby Dog is Canine Chic

by LaQuetta M. Shamblee



The cozy retail space at The Shabby Dog houses an impressive selection of practical, yet fashionably chic items for canine lovers who want the best for their four-legged family members. Owner, Sandy Duvall has been featured on several national TV shows, including Rachel Ray. Duvall has created quite a buzz with the design and marketing of an innovative, "hands-free dog-walking system." One of her most popular products is a *Pupercise* kit, which includes a wrist cuff (worn by the human) that can be attached to one of her signature leashes, along with a small matching pouch (for cell phone and I.D.) and a pedometer to track the progress of pooch and owner. The online store makes it convenient for anyone to shop, but it's great to have the opportunity to visit the retail store at her Sierra Madre headquarters to see and feel the merchandise.

Looks can be deceiving, but oh so delightful! A small purse that looks similar to a small hat box, opens to reveal two dog bowls; an attractive wristband for the dog walker is constructed of Italian leather – the attached watch is optional. A finely-tailored leather dog jacket that rivals fashions in the finest department stores hangs among a selection of fashions. One of her newest lines of the hands-free system features Swarovski crystals – including an optional, matching carrying case. All leashes are adjustable to a length of four or five feet.

With the Shabby Dog product lines established and growing with online distribution and at a growing number of stores throughout the country, Duvall is expanding to personalized services, including full-service grooming and Doggy Day Care. Always attentive to quality and detail, she says, I've recruited the best groomers in the Los Angeles area, some with 25 years+ experience. Day care services will be offered from 7am to 7pm, with man's best friends hanging out in a safe, cage-free environment. Staff certified in first-aid and CPR are hired to care for them. The service will include dog walking and of course, grooming is available, as well as more intensive spa treatments.

All Shabby Dog products are made in the U.S., including all leather merchandise that is produced in Sierra Madre by the same artisan who does work for Gucci, Coach and other major designers of fine leather goods. An exclusive "Rodeo Drive" selection of dog carriers by Shabby Dog resembles exquisite high-end designer purses and handbags. With moderate prices for some items ranging from \$18 to \$80 for dog collars, and matching wrist cuffs from \$20 - \$50 (\$60 with the watch), we're sure to see an increasing number of fashionable dog walking teams strolling around town.

For information on grooming, Doggy Day Care or fashions and accessories, call (626) 836-5452 or visit the online store at www.theshabbydog.com. The Shabby Dog is located at 312 E. Montecito Avenue, Sierra Madre, CA 91024.

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Police File Charges Against Murder Suspect



Police announced Tuesday that they had made a break in a nine month old murder case charging local area resident Terry Adkisson, 23, with the murder of Abraham Rodriguez.

Rodriguez was killed March 7, 2010, near the intersection of Fair Oaks Avenue and Tremont Street. The charges against Adkisson are the result of an investigation by the department's Homicide Unit, lead by Detective Curry police said. Detective's efforts resulted in witnesses identifying Adkisson as the assailant, and as such Adkisson admitted to his involvement in the homicide. The victim's family has been apprised of the arrest and they were extremely pleased with the commitment of the Pasadena Police Department to find Abraham's killer.

"Like every violent crime, Abraham's murder was tragic," says Chief of Police Phillip Sanchez. "We hope to send a message to predators that the Pasadena Police Department will pursue them relentlessly. More importantly, we want our community to know that their police department will work tirelessly on their behalf to pursue justice."

In addition to murder charges, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office filed gang enhancements and felon in possession of a firearm. His bail is set at \$2,035,000.

Pet of the Week



Buddy, a handsome, three year old, cameo tabby is looking for a new home. He is calm, friendly and loves to lounge around. Buddy would be perfect for someone in an apartment or condo that allows pets. Buddy had already been neutered and would love to be adopted today!

The regular cat adoption fee is \$70 which includes the spay or neuter surgery, microchip, vaccinations, and a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. Miso qualifies for our Senior for Senior program where people over age 60 can adopt a pet over 5 years for just \$20!

Please call 626-792-7151 and ask about A280788 or come to the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA, 361 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena CA, 91105. Our adoption hours are 11-3 Sunday, 9-4 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 9-3 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets updated hourly may be found at www.pasadenahumane.org

And the Winners Are...



Out of 47 floats in this year's Rose Parade 25 received Trophies.

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Grand Marshal's Trophy for excellence in creative concept and design -- Discover Financial Services: "A State Fair to Remember"

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President's Trophy for most effective use and presentation of flowers -- Alzheimer's Assn. and Pfizer: "It's Time to Face Alzheimer's"

Lathrop K. Leishman Trophy for most beautiful entry from a noncommercial sponsor -- Downey Rose Float Assn.: "A Stroll Down Memory Lane"

Directors' Trophy for outstanding artistic merit in design and floral presentation -- Kaiser Permanente: "Purrfectly Healthy"

Queen's Trophy for best use of roses -- Cunard Line: "A Grand

Celebration at Sea"

Mayor's Trophy for most outstanding city entry -- City of Beverly Hills: "City of Dreams Come True"

Theme Trophy for best presentation of the Rose Parade theme -- Donate Life: "Seize the Day!"

National Trophy for best depiction of life in the United States, past present or future -- The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation: "Ronald Reagan: Inspired Freedom, Changed the World"

Governor's Trophy for best depiction of life in California -- Sierra Madre Rose Float Assn.: "Suenos de California"

Bob Hope Humor Trophy for most comical and amusing -- The Quikrete Cos.: "What America's Made of"

Judges' Special Trophy (pictured) for outstanding showmanship and dramatic impact -- Namco Bandai Games America: "Pac-Man's 30th Anniversary Party"

Stephen Hawking to Speak at Caltech

Noted theoretical physicist, cosmologist, and best-selling author Stephen W. Hawking has returned to speak at Caltech for the seventh time. His free lecture, "My Brief History," is intended for a general audience and will take place on Tuesday, January 18th, at 8 p.m., in Beckman Auditorium.

Hawking is the Director of Research in the Centre for Theoretical Cosmology in the Department of Applied

Mathematics and Theoretical Physics at the University of Cambridge. He did much of his seminal research on black holes during a yearlong visit to Caltech in 1974-75. Since 1992, Caltech has been Hawking's home away from home; he spends about a month each year here, carrying out research and exchanging ideas with Caltech faculty, postdoctoral scholars, and graduate students.

Mayor to Give State of The City

"Leading the Way" is the theme of Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard's 2011 State of the City event Thursday, Jan. 20, at ArcLight Cinemas at Paseo Colorado, 336 E. Colorado Blvd., second level.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 7 p.m. with Vice Mayor Victor Gordo serving as master of ceremonies.

The colors will be presented by the Blair High School JROTC, Lineage Dance Company will perform "The Art of Dance"

and a video presentation narrated by a community leader will highlight the accomplishments of the past year in Pasadena.

During his remarks to the community, Bogaard will provide updates and future plans regarding the city's fiscal health, economy, environment, arts and culture, public safety, transportation and more.

The event is free and open to the public. Spanish translation will be provided. Validations up to four hours will be available for all Paseo Colorado parking areas.

Police Explorers to Compete in Tactical Competition

The Pasadena Police Department Explorer Post 19 will be heading to Chandler, Arizona over the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend (Jan 14th - 17th) to participate in the Annual Explorer Tactical Competition. They have been preparing themselves by diligently training to represent the Pasadena Police Department in Arizona.

The last local training day will be on Saturday, January 8th using several buildings and sites in and around the Pasadena Police Department, beginning at 9:30am. The explorers, all young people between the ages of 14 and 20, will be actively participating in the following role play exercises: Rapid Response,

Vehicle Assault, Narcotics Takedown, Tubular Assault, 5 Man Rescue, Hostage Negotiation, Incident Command, Narcotics Take Down, and High Risk Warrant.

"Our Explorer Post has won numerous awards and recognitions, both statewide and nationally," says Chief of Police Phillip Sanchez. "They continually place in the top three in multiple events. This speaks, not only to their commitment, but to the volunteers at our police department who have given thousands of hours of their personal time to advise, mentor and train these young people over the years. Some of our current police officers began as explorers."

Animation Trophy for best animation and motion -- Trader Joe's: "Exploring Planet Dinner"

Fantasy Trophy for most outstanding display of fantasy & imagination -- Cal Poly universities: "Galactic Expedition"

Founders Trophy for the most beautiful entry built and decorated by volunteers from the sponsoring community or organization -- Burbank Tournament of Roses Assn.: "Centennial Celebration"

Princesses' Trophy for most beautiful entry under 35 feet in length -- Odd Fellows and Rebekahs: "Underwater Fantasy"

International Trophy for most beautiful entry from outside the United States -- China Airlines: "Collaboration Builds Friendship and Winners"

Isabella Coleman Trophy for best presentation of color and color harmony -- HGTV: "HGTV Dream Home 2011"

Tournament Special Trophy for exceptional merit in multiple classifications -- Dick Van Patten's Natural Balance Pet Foods: "Friends Havin' a Splash"

Past Presidents' Trophy for most creative use of floral and non-floral materials -- Saving America's Mustangs: "Mustang Monument"

Tournament Volunteers' Trophy for best floral design of parade theme under 35 feet in length -- City of Torrance: "Afternoon Tea with Friends"

Craftsman Trophy for outstanding showmanship and dramatic impact over 55 feet in length -- RFD-TV: "One Nation"

Extraordinaire Trophy for most spectacular entry including floats that cannot retract to 55 feet in length -- Farmers Insurance: "Dream Machine"

Crown City Innovation Trophy for best use of imagination and innovation to advance the art of float design -- U.S. Bank: "Home Is Where the Heart Is"

Robinson to Hold "Mingle and Meet" Mixer



Councilwoman Jacque Robinson invites residents to the District 1 Mingle and Meet Mixer on Tuesday, Jan. 11, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Neighbors will celebrate the new year with cuisine and beverages prepared by Fete on West Egg. Robinson will provide a brief overview highlighting District 1 events and opportunities in 2011.

The mixer will be at the Pasadena Museum of History, 470 W. Walnut St. Free parking will be available in the museum lot.

To RSVP, e-mail district1@cityofpasadena.net or call (626) 744-4444.

North Lake Avenue Parking Study To Be Discussed

Pasadena's Northwest Commission and the Lake Avenue Village Business Association will host a community meeting Saturday, Jan. 15, at 9 a.m. to discuss the recent North Lake Avenue Parking Study. The two groups will address issues of concern about findings of the study and ask for public comments for solutions to recommend to the Pasadena City Council.

The meeting will be at Santa Catalina Branch Library, 999 E. Washington Blvd. For more information call Northwest Programs Manager Lola Osborne at (626) 744-4791.

Hill Ave. Library to Close Jan. 10 to Feb. 21 For Renovations



Hill Avenue Branch Library, 55 S. Hill Ave., will be closed from Monday, Jan. 10, to Monday, Feb. 21, for renovations including new paint and carpeting.

While the project is underway, the next nearest locations in Pasadena include Lamanda Park Branch Library, 140 S.

Altadena Dr., and Central Library, 285 E. Walnut St.

Book holds for delivery to Hill Avenue Branch Library customers may be picked up at Lamanda Park Branch Library during the closure.

The library will reopen Tuesday, Feb. 22. For more information call (626) 744-4066.

Steve Haderlein To Host District 4 Candidates Forum

Councilman Steve Haderlein will host a candidates forum featuring District 4 residents who are running for that seat on the council.

The forum is scheduled Wednesday, Jan. 19, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the dining hall at La Salle High School, 3880 Sierra Madre Blvd.

The public is invited to the forum, which will be videotaped for future broadcast on the Arroyo Channel, 32 on the

Charter Communications cable system. The replay schedule will be announced.

For more information or to provide questions for the candidates, contact District 4 Field Representative Rhonda Stone at rstone@cityofpasadena.net or (626) 744-4740.

For election information visit www.cityofpasadena.net/cityclerk/election_2011 or call (626) 744-4124.

Haderlein is not seeking re-election.

Citizen Journalism Meet-up

Learn not just how to blog but how to report the news



The Pasadena Community Network and this newspaper are holding a workshop on Citizen Journalism.

This group is the place where aspiring journalists can learn from trained professionals and support their local community by covering what's really happening in their neighborhoods.

We will put the news in your hands. Learn how to find the story, the tools needed to capture the story and the means to tell the story using

the power of video, audio and print along with online social media. The next meeting is Jan. 11 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Pasadena Community Network - Studio G, 2057 N. Los Robles Ave.

For more info call 626.794.8585 or visit pasadenan.com.

Cal Poly Wins Viewers' Choice



Photo Courtesy of Cal Poly

Cal Poly Universities won the Viewers' Choice Award for the 2011 Rose Parade presented by Honda, themed Building Dreams, Friendships and Memories. The float, themed "Galactic Expedition," received 10,802 votes out of a total of 44,730 votes submitted. This is the third time that Cal Poly Universities has won the Viewers' Choice Award.

"The Cal Poly Universities students have constructed floats that prove to be fan favorites year after year," said Gene Gregg, chairman of the Tournament of Roses Judging committee. "This is a very special award and we are thrilled that so many Rose Parade fans took an active role in Tournament of Roses history by casting their vote."

For the first time ever, fans were able to cast their votes via text message in addition to an online poll. Out of a total 44,730 votes, 25,122 were cast via text message and 19,608 were cast at www.tournamentofroses.com/viewers-choice-award. Voting took place from 8:00 a.m. (PST) to 2:10 p.m. (PST) on January 1, 2011. Parade fans were able to vote for their favorite float up to

five times. The 2011 float submission from the two universities of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly Pomona depicts seven childhood friends building the rocket ship of their dreams and taking their imagination to soaring heights. An operative crane, a spinning planet and a full complement of tools and toys are all situated on an airy cloud high above the earth's surface. The float is decorated with more than 12,000 roses, 8,500 mums and approximately 9,500 carnations. The Cal Poly Rose Float student organization has participated in the Rose Parade since 1949. The organization is comprised of students from both Cal Poly Universities campuses located in Pomona and San Luis Obispo, California. Students collaborate throughout the year to produce a crowd-pleasing float in two pieces and join them together in October when the decorating process begins. The winner of the award was announced by Tournament of Roses President Jeff Throop, live from the Post Parade Showcase of Floats.

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Assistance League® of Arcadia Receives \$50,000

Arcadia, CA,—Assistance League of Arcadia (www.alarcadia.org) was the recipient of a \$50,000 donation from Chino Valley Ranchers (www.chinovallयरanchers.com) to be used to enhance and expand the Arcadia chapter's philanthropic programs. The donation was presented to Shelly Romo, Assistance League of Arcadia President, by Kathy Nichols, co-owner of Chino Valley Ranchers, at the December membership meeting and luncheon.

Chino Valley Ranchers has been donating to a charity a percentage of every Chino Valley Organic egg sold since the inception of their organic egg sales in 1993. Kathy Nichols explained why they chose Assistance League of Arcadia. "We (Chino Valley Ranchers) recently ended our relationship with the charity we had been supporting and did a lot of research on other charities. We wanted to make sure our donation went to an organization that actually used the majority of the funds to support the community."

Assistance League of Arcadia develops and funds programs that make it possible for school children in need to concentrate on academics by providing proper clothing and supplies; for seniors and visually impaired the opportunity



to gather and socialize; for the education of elementary students with puppet shows about the dangers of smoking, bullying, disabilities, as well as the importance of healthy eating; and for new mothers to receive much needed supplies and clothing for their newborns. Assistance League of Arcadia serves the communities of Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Temple City, Alhambra, and Rosemead.

For more information about Assistance League of Arcadia's philanthropic programs and membership opportunities visit www.ALArcadia.org

Immediate Action Needed to Save Sycamore Oak Woodland in Arcadia!

This 11-acre sycamore oak woodland is slated for destruction. LA County Public Works Department has approvals and permits to destroy this woodland habitat to create a disposal site for sediment removed from behind Santa Anita Dam. On the recommendation of Supervisor Antonovich, on December 7th the Board of Supervisors authorized a 30-day moratorium on tree removals, which was originally scheduled to begin on December 13th. This moratorium will expire on January 6th!

Please immediately voice your opposition to this oak woodland destruction by communicating your concerns to Supervisor Antonovich and your local newspaper/radio/television station. Removal of the sycamore/oak woodland to create a sediment disposal site is a short-term solution to a long-term problem. Sedimentation will continue to occur indefinitely until foothill dams are removed, an unlikely occurrence. However, other locations exist to place sediment that does not involve removal of trees.

The sycamore/oak woodland provides water storage, pollution filtration and carbon sequestration benefits to the community. Woodlands provide ecosystem services including (but not limited to) intercepting rainfall and storing it underground; filtering particulates and other pollutants; and sequestering carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. (One large tree can store 10,000 lbs of carbon dioxide) Residents of the local community lose these benefits if woodland loss at this

location is mitigated off-site. In addition, it would take many years for nearby mitigation plantings to create similar benefits to those which this mature woodland provides.

This is an intact, functional and dynamic ecosystem. The ecological functions of groundwater storage, shade, habitat, nutrient cycling, carbon sequestration and wind/noise/dust abatement are occurring in this self-sustaining and regenerating woodland, which is not severely degraded as the project Environmental Impact Report suggests.

The area has potential to become a recreation corridor for activities such as hiking and mountain biking. Although a public hiking trail through this area from Arcadia to the Angeles National Forest is shown on some maps, the area is currently fenced off from public use.

There is a need for coordination between the County's Departments of Public Works and Regional Planning. The Regional Planning Department is currently working with the Los Angeles County Oak Woodland Habitat Conservation Strategic Alliance, a group of tree and biological professionals, to develop oak woodland preservation and enhancement policies to meet the requirements of the California Oak Woodlands Conservation Act (SB 1334). The Department of Public Works should join in this effort.

For updates regarding the campaign to save the Arcadia Oak Woodlands, visit www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena and www.arcadiapatch.com.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, December 26, through Saturday, January 1, the Police Department responded to 808 calls for service of which 138 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, December 26:

1. Between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., an auto burglary occurred at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 170 West Duarte. Unknown suspect(s) smashed a car window and stole the victim's designer handbag, credit cards, bank checks, and cash. The suspect(s) then used a stolen credit card to make a gasoline purchase in El Monte.

2. Units responded to Sport Chalet around 12:24 p.m. in reference to a man detained for theft. The suspect used pliers to remove electronic sensors from two pairs of football gloves. He concealed the gloves in his pocket and tried leaving the store without paying for them. A private person's arrest was made, and a 22-year-old Caucasian was taken into custody for commercial burglary and possession of burglary tool.

Monday, December 27:

3. A victim came to the station to report a fraud that occurred between October 19 and December 6. Unknown suspect(s) obtained the victim's bank account information by unknown means and made fraudulent transactions totaling about \$8500.

4. Around 1:42 p.m., a victim came to the station to file a fraud report. She received a call from the Old Navy/Gap fraud department and was advised that an account was opened using her personal information on December 26, and the unknown suspect(s) made online purchases of almost \$800.

Tuesday, December 28:

5. Between 6:30 p.m. on December 27 and 8:01 a.m. on December 28, a white flatbed truck was stolen from the racetrack.

6. Units responded to a solo traffic accident at Orange Grove and Oakwood around 11:18 p.m. An intoxicated 39-year-old male Caucasian driver lost control of his vehicle and struck a tree and several trash cans.

Wednesday, December 29:

7. A 2007 blue and white Toyota FJ Cruiser was stolen from the 2400 block of South Baldwin between 11:00 p.m. on December 28 and 8:17 a.m. on December 29.

8. Shortly after 10:30 p.m., officers were dispatched to AMH regarding an assault victim being treated at the hospital. The victim advised that two male Hispanic suspects stole bottles of

alcohol at Rite Aid, 39 Las Tunas, where he is employed. When the suspects were confronted, one suspect jabbed the victim's face with a bottle causing a laceration to his face. The victim tackled the suspect to the ground, but both suspects were able to get away.

Thursday, December 30:

9. A theft from a storage unit in the 700 block of South Old Ranch occurred between 9:00 p.m. on December 29 and 8:00 a.m. on December 30. Unknown suspect(s) removed a lock and stole a box containing swords, knives, and axes worth over \$3000.

10. Shortly before midnight, a car was stolen from the 76 gas station located at 701 West Huntington. While the victim was filling his tire with air, a male Caucasian, 40's with gray hair and gray goatee, entered the running vehicle and drove away. The victim tried to stop the suspect by opening the passenger door but fell to the ground when the handle broke off. An area search was conducted, but the suspect was not found.

Friday, December 31:

11. A residential hot prowler occurred in the 800 block of West Duarte between 10:03 p.m. and 10:09 p.m. A male African-American suspect, 20's, 5'9", entered the house by prying open a bedroom window. He fled through the front door when he saw an eight-year-old resident.

12. Around 9:53 p.m., a traffic stop was initiated at Live Oak and Second for a moving violation. Three male occupants were contacted, and record checks revealed that the 42-year-old Caucasian driver had a suspended/revoked license so he was cited and released at the scene. A 41-year-old Caucasian passenger was found in possession of a baggie of marijuana and a baggie of cocaine, and he was taken into custody.

Saturday, January 1:

13. While APD officers were working a DUI checkpoint in Baldwin Park around 1:00 a.m., a driver in a blacked-out vehicle, going the wrong way, tried to avoid the checkpoint. The driver failed to yield to officers and a short pursuit ensued. An intoxicated 43-year-old male Hispanic was located at his residence, and he was belligerent and resisted arrest. When he was finally handcuffed and placed inside a patrol unit, he continued to violently kick the seats.

14. A traffic stop was conducted at Colorado and Old Ranch around 11:46 p.m. when officers observed a car swerving and crossing over the double yellow lines. A 51-year-old male Caucasian was arrested for DUI.

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.

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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!

Sled Dogs Coming to the Arcadia Public 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

Gaming Unplugged

The popular board game returns to the Arcadia Public Library with old and new favorites on January 26 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. exclusively for high school students. Come and get your game on.

The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd. For more information check out the Library's website at <http://library.ci.arcadia.ca.us> or call (626) 821-5569. For more upcoming events, follow us on Twitter or Facebook.

Will Read For Chocolate!

A special storytime on Saturday, January 29 at 3:30 p.m. filled with everyone's favorite candy. Join us for chocolate stories, sweet songs and make an amazing craft to take home. All ages welcome and no prior registration required.

For more information, please call (626) 821-5566 or visit the Arcadia Public Library's website at <http://library.ci.arcadia.ca.us>.

You can also follow the Library on Facebook and Twitter too. The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd. Arcadia.

Thursday Garden Talks with Lili Singer

WINTER 2011: 8 Thursdays: January 6 – February 26
9:30am–Noon / Palm Room
(Please note special times for field trips, which are self-driven and require pre-registration)

\$100 for the series, \$20 per class / Reservations or you may pay at the door:
Information and registration: 626.821.4623 or jill.berry@arboretum.org

January 13 The Native Flower Garden with Susan Van Atta
This inspiring talk profiles colorful native plants in fabulous combinations and locations, from habitat restoration to urban gardens and campuses. Susan is a Santa-Barbara based landscape architect. Her award-winning designs pay careful attention to form and detail, as well as "making places better" by regenerating the land, engaging the public and promoting health for both people and the environment. Following the lecture, Susan will sign her new book, *The Southern California Native Flower Garden*, a beautifully illustrated and fun-to-use guide to plant selection.

January 20 Recycling in the Garden with Yvonne Savio
Go really green in your garden! Join Yvonne Savio, manager of the University of California Cooperative Extension Common Ground Garden Program in Los Angeles County, and most recently the Southern California Horticultural Society's 2010 Horticulturist of the Year, for a showing of the "California's Green" program of Huell Howser's visit to her garden and a stimulating discussion of the many ways that household throwaways can be used as garden tools in home and community.

January 27 Field Trip: Four Westside Gardens by Susanne Jett 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Traveling from the Pacific Palisades to Mar Vista to the Robertson district, we'll visit four residential gardens of varying sizes, styles and ages – each with its own stunning mix of native, South African and other Mediterranean-climate plants. Susanne, owner of Jettsapes Landscape (jettsapes.com), has been designing and installing environmentally sensitive gardens in the Southern California area for nearly three decades. Since 1989, as landscape consultant to the City of Santa Monica, she has designed and coordinated four public demonstration gardens. Pre-registration required.

Kindergarten Information Night at St. Luke School

St. Luke School, Temple City, will hold a Kindergarten Information Night on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the school library. Parents with children who will be starting kindergarten in September 2011 are invited to attend.

Parents attending this informational meeting will find out why a Catholic education is an investment for life and what St. Luke School has to offer children and families, both academically and spiritually. In addition to getting a first-hand look into the kindergarten experience, parents will be able to have their questions answered regarding the registration process, curriculum, extra curricular activities and the benefits of attending St. Luke School. Additional information is available at the school's website, www.stlukelions.org

St. Luke School is located at 5521 North Cloverly Avenue, Temple City, CA 91780. Established in 1947, St. Luke School has a reputation for excellence that provides a strong academic and spiritual foundation for children from Kindergarten through 8th grade. The school is fully accredited and certified.

ARCADIA ROAD INFORMATION

Santa Anita Avenue

Santa Anita Avenue from Camino Real to Longden Avenue, Duarte Road to Christina Street and Foothill Boulevard to the 210 freeway are being rehabilitated. Damaged concrete will be repaired, a signal communication line and new signal poles are being installed, the surface of pavement will be removed and the roadway repaved. Work hours are from 7:00am to 5:00pm through January 14. Motorists can expect to see traffic control devices, lane closures, equipment operations, materials on the street, driveway and sidewalk closures. Possible delays may occur when traveling through the area.

Railroad Bridge Retrofit - Huntington Drive and Second Avenue

Beginning on January 3, Los Angeles County will be seismically retrofitting the railroad bridge crossing at Huntington Drive and Second Avenue. The project will take 14 weeks to complete and will be divided into 2 work periods for each abutment. For one 7-week period, westbound Huntington Drive will be reduced to one lane and for the other 7-week period, eastbound Huntington Drive will be reduced to one lane. If you would like a more detailed construction schedule, or if you have questions about this project, please contact Neil Munawera of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works at (626) 458-4952; refer to Project ID #RDC0011732. Office hours are from 7:00am to 5:30pm Monday through Thursday.

LAWN BOWLERS PAIR OFF ON THE GREENS



January 6th the Santa Anita Bowling Green Club held their first Floy Torvid Tournament of the New Year, between the rain storms. Beaming with pride for winning two games in the Floy Torvid Pairs Tournament against seven other teams are Rose Blenno (L) and Margi Rambo (R) who really enjoy the sport of lawn bowling.

Photo by Gene Plunkett

American Teens Are Asking For A Challenge

(NAPS)—A recent survey of teenagers in the U.S. uncovered surprising insights about math and science education in America.

What The Study Found

For one thing, the survey, commissioned by Intel Corporation, found the vast majority of American teens feel confident in their own math and science abilities. But they also generally agree there's a math and science crisis in K-12 education in the United States. This suggests they may not feel personally responsible for the problem of falling math and science scores in the U.S. Instead, teens primarily attribute their lack of confidence in the United States' math and science abilities to a lack of work ethic and discipline on the part of others, not a lack of school funding or resources, which many experts point to as the culprits.

Fortunately, the teens do understand that math and science are important to their future success and express an

interest in these subjects. Ninety-nine percent believe it's important to be good at math and science and nearly 60 percent aspire to pursue a math- or science-related career.

What You Can Do

There are several ways parents can help children learn science and math. Here are just a couple of suggestions:

- Encourage questions. Encourage kids' natural curiosity about the world. Scientists are professional question askers and relentless in their quest for answers.
- Offer a math- and science-friendly home. Science happens everywhere. Gardening, working on the car, construction, cooking and plumbing all use math and science. Encourage kids to practice predicting, measuring, observing and analyzing.

What Others Are Doing

The aim of the survey was to offer a student perspective on the complex issues facing American education today and to spark a debate about how best

to challenge American teens to excel in math and science. As the sponsor of the Intel Science Talent Search and the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, Intel recognizes math and science as critical foundations for innovation. Over the past decade, it has invested more than \$1 billion and its employees have donated close to 3 million hours toward improving education.

How To Learn More

To join a community of people sharing their stories with the hope of becoming a catalyst for action and a voice for change in global education, visit www.inspiredbyeducation.com. To view ongoing updates, join the Face-book group at www.facebook.com/Inspired-ByEducation or follow Twitter updates at www.twitter.com/intelinspire.

American teens told researchers they understand the importance of math and science for their futures.

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High Point Academy

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325 East Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA 91016
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Norma Coombs Alternative School

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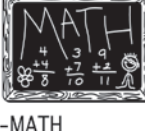
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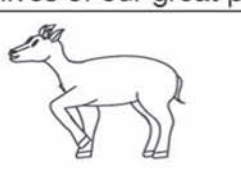
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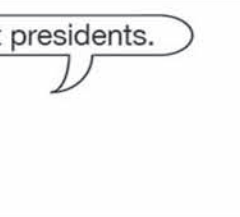


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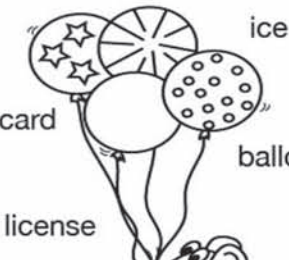
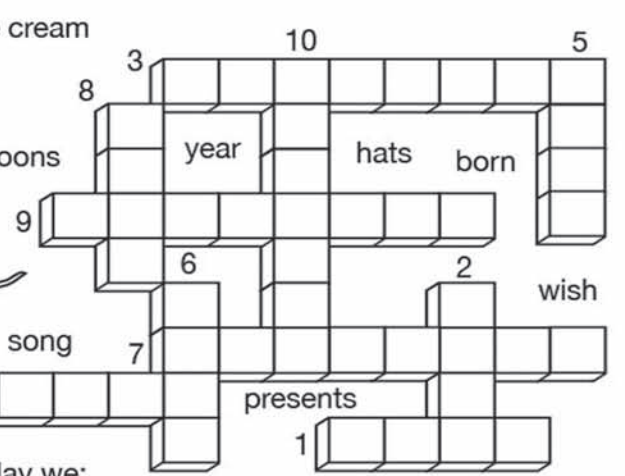
What is the date of your birthday? In our country, we all have our own special day to celebrate what is special about us. It is our birth day. Yes, the party fun starts when we are turning one and continues as long as we live. We also get to celebrate birthdays for everyone in our family – and our friends' birthdays, too! We celebrate birthdays all year round.

In some countries, like Saudi Arabia, people do not celebrate birthdays due to their religious beliefs. In other countries, like China, everyone celebrates his or her birthday together on the country's New Year's Day. Everyone turns a year older at the same time! The children there may receive gifts of money. On special birthdays very long noodles are served at meals to bring long life.

I'll bet the surprise is a puppy!
No, a ball!
No, a game!
No, a...



Birthday Celebrations

On a birthday we:

- celebrate the day a person was _____.
- become one _____ older.
- may decorate with _____ and streamers.
- may wear colorful birthday _____ on our heads.
- may hear the popular "Happy Birthday to You" _____ sung to us a few times.
- make a _____ before we try to blow out the candles on our cake in one breath.
- share cake and _____ with our family and friends.
- may receive a _____ in the mail.
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Eat Well! Take A Ride To Montrose

The question poised to your local restaurant reviewer this week was, "What was your greatest discovery of 2010?" Easy Answer.

Divina Cucina - Ristorante Italiano. How it had managed to slip past my knife and fork for all these years is a true mystery, since Divina Cucina has been around for 19 years.

The restaurant itself is quaint, with a bar, a main dining room and an attached patio. I sat on the enclosed patio and found it comfortable and acoustically perfect. You can have a nice conversation without the bother of shouting or the need to whisper so that no one hears you. As I tilted to look above my table I noticed the rich wood beams spanning the room which brought to mind a chalet in Aspen.

The restaurant is owned and operated by the husband and wife team of Horacio and Alicia Lavanchy. My server, Luis, followed Horacio from his own restaurant to Montrose and has been serving with him for all of the 19 years. He was lightning quick, and his service reminded me of the professionalism that is lacking in too many restaurants.

I was fortunate enough to be able to try an array of dishes. I soon discovered that all the breads are made right in Divina's kitchen. Horacio explained to me that there is a big difference between bread that was made a day before and bread that is made an hour before. I agree with him - the difference is measurable. It certainly was evident in the Bruschetta Con Pomodori (\$6.95). Sticking with appetizers, I enjoyed the Carpaccio di Manzo (\$10.95), with a mustard caper sauce that made this dish a must on my next return. Soup of the day was a delightful Mushroom Soup and I sampled the Squash Soup as well. I have long since said that, if the soup is good, it usually leads to a great dining experience.

I don't know of anything they could have done to improve these two liquid delights.

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills

Continuing with the house-made theme, I moved on to the pastas, which are all made from scratch at Divina Cucina. The pastas offer so many layers of intriguing flavors that it was self-evident that their preparation was under the watchful care of this restaurant. "The Special" of the night was the four-cheese Gnocchi. I also tasted the Ravioli di Zucca, filled with butternut squash mousse in Alfredo sauce. Exceptional, but the lobster filled Ravioli di Aragosta was even better! Both are in the (\$16) range. Other entrées that pepper the menu: Veal, Chicken, Beef and a Fresh Salmon, the one menu item that Alicia said is her favorite. I thought the Pollo alla Gorgonzola (\$19) smelled wondrous when it arrived at the table, as it cast its rich aromas in bouquets. In a word, Perfection. The sprinkling of olive oil, shallots and Gorgonzola cheese made you want to sing as you dined on this dish. For beef lovers, I highly recommend the Filetta con Porcini. A thin fillet of beef grilled in porcini mushroom sauce. Yes, there are pizzas here, and no, I didn't have the room to sample one, but the owner, Horacio, guarantees that they are great as well. I trust this man! This restaurant cares about your dining experience! I cannot remember the last time I could say this, but every dish I dined upon ranged in the well-above-average to exceptional. This is one my best finds in the past year. The restaurant is a great combination of thoughtful owners and tantalizing dishes. Divina Cucina, means Divine Kitchen, and the food here, is indeed, Heavenly.

Divina Cucina, 3730 N. Verdugo Rd., Montrose, (828) 248-3077. Full bar; reservations are suggested. View their on-line menu for current updates. www.divinacucinarestaurant.com

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Imagine over the holidays you invited 500 of your closest friends over for dinner and wine. Now imagine that these same 500 are pretty sophisticated wine drinkers - each having a different preference for varietal, and each expecting to find their "surprise" vintage. Such is the job description for Bill Sullivan, 26-year owner of the Bottle Shop in Sierra Madre. This will be the second year Bill has taken on the task of selecting the wines for



the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library's Wine and Cuisine Gala scheduled next month. This means finding the right wine makers among hundreds of wineries that bottle some of the world's finest wines right here in California.

"Because this is my second year, I can now take a look at some of the sales trends to meet the demand at this event," said Bill. "I have a good idea of what attendees purchased, and can make adjustments for next month," he added. According to Sullivan, the most popular wine at last year's Friends event was Pinot Noir, with Zinfandels running a close second. Most of the wine purchased was under \$15 a bottle. "Many in the community don't realize this is great opportunity to BUY wine. This is a convenient way to "visit" over 20 different producers. And, because the wines ordered that evening are discounted 15% - 45% off retail, for those buying wine, this savings should easily pay for the cost of the ticket."

So, how are the wineries chosen? "I'm most concerned with the value of the wine, finding that right balance of quality and value" Sullivan said. He works to find a good selection of not only different varietals, but Bill focuses on wine that is affordable. "There are always brands that some find comfortable,

so we make certain that some familiar wines are present, such as Jordan, Mondavi, or Sterling. Most of our folks are now looking for value in wine," Sullivan answered. "With so many wine-related events to choose from, it's important that the attendee sees value in what they can buy, but also in the event. This is really a unique community effort, which is a win-win-win for everyone - the Library is supported, the producer gets to promote the wine, and the attendee is buying wine at a significant discount off retail." Bill added. So, what was most surprising about last year's event? "Without a doubt, it was WHERE the attendees were from," Bill answered. "I'd expected to see mostly Sierra Madre residents, as this is an event to help our local library. But because friends told friends, who told friends, it seemed that a many of those

buying wine were from outside the city, he added. "This method of advertisement really speaks to the overall quality of the evening." Thus far, Sullivan expects the participating wineries to be Madellana, Sterling, Coppola, Hahn, Jordan, Mumm, St. Francis, One Hope, Cupcake and Beringer.

Mark your calendar to attend The Sierra Madre Friends of the Library 41st Annual Wine and Cuisine Tasting Event. The always-popular 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.

Tickets can be purchased at Arnold's Frontier 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.

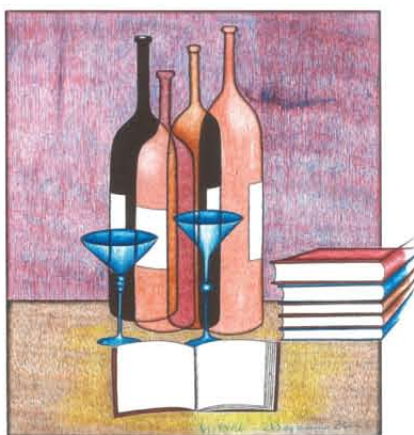
In addition to attending one of the social highlights of the year, you'll enable the Friends to support your library services and programs. This past year The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library provided over \$58,000 for equipment upgrades and improvements.

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

February 18th at the Alverno Villa

Look for this Wine-Tasting Artwork in Mt. Views Publications now until January 31st. Answer the wine trivia question, complete the entry form and drop off at the Sierra Madre Library.

Drawing Rules - Limited to one entry per person, per Mt Views publication. Winner need not be present to win General Admission tickets. Completed entry from must be delivered to the Sierra Madre Library during hours of operation, same week of publication. Drawing tickets have no cash value and cannot be refunded. Eligible entry form does not require a correct answer to the trivia question.



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Wine & Cuisine Tasting Ticket Give-away Entry Form



Wine Trivia Question:

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- [] Where the bottle was purchased
- [] The type of grape used in producing the wine
- [] That my girlfriend is better looking than I'd initially thought



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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: QIZLY, 5627 TEHAMAST, L.A., CA 90042. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) YONG LEE, 5627 TEHAMAST, L.A., CA 90042. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: YONG LEE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/03/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec. 18, 25, 2010, Jan. 01, 08, 2011

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1806279

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RAPID SERVICES, 7123 RIO FLORA PL., DOWNEY, CA 90241. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BRENDA AGUIRRE, 7123 RIO FLORA PL., DOWNEY, CA 90241. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: BRENDA AGUIRRE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/07/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec. 18, 25, 2010, Jan. 01, 08, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1823472

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SUCCESS COMMERCIAL, 155 S. MEDNIK AVE., L.A., CA 90022. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MANUEL DAVILA, 155 S. MEDNIK AVE., L.A., CA 90022. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MANUEL DAVILA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/09/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec. 18, 25, 2010, Jan. 01, 08, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1822292

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WAVE JANITORIAL SERVICES, 11747 COLIMA RD., WHITTIER, CA 90604. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ABDALMASHEH GABER, 11747 COLIMA RD., WHITTIER, CA 90604. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ABDALMASHEH GABER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/09/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec. 18, 25, 2010, Jan. 01, 08, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1831630

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CASTLE AND HONORS, 939 CONCHA ST., ALTADENA, CA 91001. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KAREN ELIZABETH BOEHM, 939 CONCHA ST., ALTADENA, CA 91001. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: KAREN ELIZABETH BOEHM. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/10/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec. 18, 25, 2010, Jan. 01, 08, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1847714

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DOLL HOLIZE MUSIC, 10853 FIRESTONE BLVD. #5A, 90604 NORWALK, CA 90650. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LANDRIA HUNTER, 10853 FIRESTONE BLVD. #5A, NORWALK, CA 90650. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CAMILLIE S. ANDERSON, 823 N. GOWER ST. #12, L.A., CA 90038. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/14/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec. 18, 25, 2010, Jan. 01, 08, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1827179

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ETA SUPPLIES, 141 S. LAKE AVE. STE 104, PASADENA, CA 91101. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TIMOTHY P. O'BRIEN, 1518 UNDA VISTA AVE., PASADENA, CA 91103. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TIMOTHY P. O'BRIEN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/10/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/1/10. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec. 18, 25, 2010, Jan. 01, 08, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1856790

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HIGH WAY IS THE RIGHT WAY, 1762 W. 43rd ST., L.A., CA 90062. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CHARLES HILL, 1762 W. 43rd ST., L.A., CA 90062. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CHARLES HILL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/15/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec. 18, 25, 2010, Jan. 01, 08, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1867548

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HOP PRINTING, 12129 PANTHEON ST., NORWALK, CA 90650. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALFREDO GALLARDO, 11621 GWYNNE AVE., NORWALK, CA 90650. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALFREDO GALLARDO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/16/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec. 18, 25, 2010, Jan. 01, 08, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1849140

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HYPE DANCE STUDIOS, 1951 CARSON ST., TORRANCE, CA 90501. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KPAFUSION DANCE REPERTOIRE, 14428 CERISE AVE. STE 3, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: KATILIA P. ADAMS, 1951 CARSON ST., TORRANCE, CA 90501. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/14/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec. 18, 25, 2010, Jan. 01, 08, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1840612

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: J and S TAX SERVICES, 5150 E. CANDLEWOOD ST. #24, LAKENWOOD, CA 90712. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOEY R. JIMENO, 11 JACKRABBIT LANE, CARSON, CA 90745. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOEY R. JIMENO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/13/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec. 18, 25, 2010, Jan. 01, 08, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 10-1833493

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LOS ANGELES BREWING CO., 756 S. BROADWAY ST., L.A., CA 90014. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JAMES R. KIRKLAND, 756 S. BROADWAY ST., L.A., CA 90014. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: RALPH VERDUGO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/10/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec. 18, 25, 2010, Jan. 01, 08, 2011

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File No. 10-1866582

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: S & M MAINTENANCE SERVICE, 460 HINDRY AVE. STE A, INGLEWOOD, CA 90301. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SANDRA M. MARTIN, 303 W. REGENT'S, INGLEWOOD, CA 90301. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SANDRA M. MARTIN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/16/10. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec. 18, 25, 2010, Jan. 01, 08, 2011

City of Sierra Madre

To:

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The City of Sierra Madre

PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL CANYON ZONE ORDINANCE

City of Sierra Madre

Properties within the proposed Residential Canyon Zone of the City of Sierra Madre, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider a text amendment to the City's Zoning Code (Title 17), and corresponding Zone Change and General Plan Amendment for the proposed Residential Canyon (RC) Zone. The difficulties inherent in applying citywide R-1 Zoning standards to the Canyon area of Sierra Madre prompts the need to adopt zoning standards that allow reasonable development of properties located therein while preserving the unique character and natural environment of this area, as well as preserving the overall quality of life for its residents. The purpose of the new Ordinance is to 1) facilitate residential canyon preservation through single-family development standards; 2) maintain the environmental equilibrium unique to the residential canyon consistent with the aesthetic of its rustic and historic character; and 3) establish dwelling size, lot coverage, building massing, and floor area ratios specific to the Canyon area. Adoption of the Ordinance includes amendments to the City's Zoning Map, Land Use Map and Title 17 (Zoning Code) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code. At the September 16, 2010 meeting, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed Canyon Zone Ordinance to the City Council.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

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City Council meeting

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

(Hearing begins at 6:30 p.m.)

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All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The project qualifies for a Negative Declaration pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

APPEAL: If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the City Council in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Development Services Department at (626) 355-7135.

By Order of the City Council

Danny Castro, Director of Development Services

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Citywide

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ORDINANCES NOS. 1314 AND 1315 – AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL

CODE TO AMEND AND ADOPT THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL FIRE

CODE AND THE 2010 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE; AND TO ADOPT

BY REFERENCE THE 2010 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS

CODE WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, MODIFICATIONS AND

ADDITIONS

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HOWARD Hays As I See It



The new (pre-owned) Republican leadership will be pursuing something Democrats have yearned for: hearings and Congressional investigations into the Executive Branch.

Since Democrats took control of Congress, there's been clamoring for thorough and transparent investigations into the Bush Administration's dismissing warnings prior to 9/11, "fixing the facts" to lie us into the Iraq War, sanctioning torture and "renditions" to "black-site prisons", etc. There was disappointment when President Obama said we should "look forward, not backwards", confounding those who saw public accounting not as settling scores, but as deterring others who'd consider such malfeasance in the future.

Republicans harbor no such reticence. Their target is one whom House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA) referred to on comedian Rush Limbaugh's show as "one of the most corrupt presidents in modern times", Barack Obama. (Later on CNN, Issa said he was referring rather to a "corrupt administration". Then, he explained what he really meant to say was handling so much money, much of it appropriated under President Bush, can't help but have a "corrupting effect".)

Top priorities for Congress were to be jobs and the economy, but Rep. Issa's committee is set to tackle more urgent matters, such as overreach by the FDA under the food safety bill signed by President Obama. Rep. Jack Kingston (R-GA), Chair of the appropriations subcommittee covering the FDA, referred to "nanny-state politicians" and assured that "the system we have is doing a darn good job."

HHS Sec. Kathleen Sebelius might testify at Rep. Issa's hearing that, as she's stated before, "Today, one out of six Americans gets sick from food-borne illness each year with 128,000 people ending up in the hospital and 3,000 people dying every year." Republicans would argue that doesn't justify the bill's cost of \$1.4 billion over five years. Democrats could counter by comparing that to the \$152 billion annual cost to the U.S. economy of food-borne illnesses (according to a Georgetown University study) - but Republicans have never been good at math.

Another concern to be addressed by Rep. Issa's committee is the hurt feelings of multi-millionaires on Wall Street, who've had to endure accusations they share culpability in the 2008 economic meltdown. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are the new designated culprits. If they're at fault, though, it's for coming late to the party; Fannie and Freddie being prohibited from dealing in sub-prime mortgages while Wall-Streeters were already making fortunes off them - along with their collateralized securities, derivatives and credit-default swaps.

The task of Rep. Issa's committee is to place blame for the Great Recession on those grifters who snookered naive loan officers at Chase, B of A and Wells Fargo into granting bad loans. Blame a maddlesome government and shiftless poor folks, not victimized Wall Street innocents.

Other committees are planning their own hearings. Homeland Security Chair Rep. Peter King (R-

NY) wants to delve into the "radicalization" of Muslims in the U.S. He might attempt to debunk reports that recent terrorist plots have been thwarted by authorities who'd been tipped off by - Muslims. Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX) wants his Judiciary Committee to hold hearings on whether Attorney General Eric Holder has sufficiently addressed threats to election integrity posed by members of the New Black Panthers. ("Both of them", quipped Keith Olbermann).

Barely into his seat again as Chair of the House Rules Committee, Rep. David Dreier (R-CA) has already embarrassed himself and his constituents here in the 26th District. Try as he might, he was unable to make sense to Greta Van Susteren in an interview on Fox News. When asked about Republican pledges to hold hearings on proposed legislation, then scheduling a vote to repeal the Affordable Care Act with no hearings at all, Dreier replied there would indeed be hearings on the matter - after the vote had been taken. This didn't get him anywhere, so he then explained there would be no hearings because the legislation itself was one sentence long. The impact of repealing the ACA might be monumental, but the language itself was short, so therefore no hearings. (Van Susteren evinced a clear expression of "Huh?")

Republican handlers are aware of the concern over jobs, and that President Obama, at fifty-percent approval, is still polling significantly higher than Congress. "Obamacare", therefore, won't do anymore as the label for the Affordable Care Act; it's now "The Job-Killing Healthcare Act". Rep. Dreier had some trouble following the script in his interview with Van Susteren; at one point simply referring to "The Healthcare Act", then stammering to retroactively add the "Job-Killing" part.

In this new hearings-crazy House, why no hearings on repeal of the Affordable Care Act? Probably, because then they'd have to specify what they're willing to repeal. Referring to parts of the act that are already in effect, or will be this year, do they want to return to having young adults kicked off their parents' plan at 23, rather than 26? Let insurance companies deny coverage to sick kids upon discovery of a "pre-existing condition"? Let insurance companies cancel coverage if you get sick? Allow lifetime caps on coverage? Revoke tax credits to small businesses providing coverage for employees? Force seniors to again pay full price for prescriptions falling in the "doughnut hole" of Medicare coverage? Let insurance companies spend as much of your premium dollar as they want on marketing and executive bonuses, and as little as they want on actual healthcare?

Already, Rep. Darrell Issa has sent over 150 letters to businesses, trade associations and think tanks requesting lists of regulations they'd like to see eliminated - regulations established in the interests of We the People, but which might affect the profits of those who purchase House members.

We're told such actions relate to jobs, but the end result is more jobs moved overseas, continued high unemployment at home, and more tax breaks encouraging off-shoring defended by Rep. David Dreier.

I wish there'd be a Congressional hearing on that.

America, Down But Never Done

As we turn a new year, we find ourselves confronted with many problems that collectively have caused some to claim that the American era is finished. Wars, terrorism, recession and debt have given rise to a crisis of confidence. But I write today with unshakeable conviction that the American era is just beginning. This is not a wish, it is a certitude, and to prove that, we have only to look at our history and character.

We can start at the very beginning if you wish. Our country was birthed in total opposition to the prevailing wisdom which held that the young, untrained, ill-skilled farmers and yokels of these distant colonies would never be able to hold off, let alone defeat, the British Redcoats, believed by many to be the greatest army ever fielded in combat up to that time. Our country also faced a grave test less than one hundred years into its young history in which brother fought against brother in a civil war that was all but sure to end the experiment in self government and devotion to the rights of all men. But America prevailed as it has always done.

Coming into modern times, there has been no shortage of pronouncements that the American era is ending. In the 1930s, the Great Depression was supposed to mark the end of our economic system. The rise of Nazi Germany and then Stalinist Russia both promised the triumph of a better engineered man, devoted to the common good rather than the selfishness of the individual. In the 1950s, Americans were caricatured as unthinking, unimaginative company-men. The 1960s saw a counterculture movement which again postulated the end of traditional American culture. The 1970s witnessed recession and inflation of such magnitude that many believed we truly had reached the terminus of our age of plenty. In the 1980s, we were told that the Japanese model of state-directed economic policy, with its emphasis on the collective at the expense of individual dreams and aspirations, was the only model which could guarantee economic dominance. In the early 2000s, it was Europe's turn to be our superior. Given our tech-bubble collapse and the rise of the kinder, gentler European Union, we were relegated once again to has-been status. And finally, today, we are told that China will inevitably dominate us and the rest of the world.

The common thread across all the years, decades and centuries has always been the absolute conviction in the irrelevance of the American model and the pronouncement of its imminent defeat. But that hasn't happened; it isn't happening now; nor will it happen anytime in the foreseeable future. The common thread is a lie postulated by those who stand opposed to the American ideal of self government and individual freedom, both of which necessarily undergird and sustain the economic success and international influence we have enjoyed and will continue to enjoy.

After all was said and done, America was born and survived its civil war to see its founding principles finally extended to all Americans. The massive economic dislocations of the depression, oil shortages, stagflation and tech-bubble collapses pushed us back a bit into unfamiliar, defensive, self-doubting postures, but they didn't last for long. So, too, the false prophesies of a superior man engineered and controlled by strong fascist or communist elites collapsed on to the ash heap of history - ironically, the place where we were supposed to land. The most highly touted of the Asian models, Japan Inc., has flirted with national bankruptcy for more than a decade, and Chinese successes of the last several years mask growing social and political problems which are more likely to rip the country apart than to propel it into a world leadership role.

GREG Welborn



America is not dead, nor is it terminally wounded. Our future today is brighter than it has ever been, despite the current economic statistics. We've overcome 10% unemployment before; we've overcome the ravages of inflation; we've risen out of the public malaise and self-doubt which has periodically gripped our national psyche. The reason we have overcome all previous setbacks and challenges, as we will overcome our current challenge, is found in our national character. The true strength of a nation can't be measured by the sum-totalling of its economic parts. Those are but a result of true strength. America has been great and remains great because its people are free and believe in themselves. The two are inseparable and thankfully they exist together in our country today, as they have since the beginning.

We are a people who can do great things. We are free-thinkers, tinkers and perpetually restless, always seeking to build a better mousetrap and reap the rewards there from. We are fortunately also a free people where such innate human curiosity and desires are allowed a free rein. Spiritually, philosophically and politically we seek to improve what already is and to create what is not yet.

In contrast to our national character, stands the rest of the world. Europe still clings to the privilege of birth and cannot assimilate those foreign to its shores. The Muslims cannot provide tolerance to the different religious factions within Islam, let alone to its other religious minorities. Japan remains focused on genealogy and still cannot let its dead economic entities die. Russia sadly has returned to rule by a kleptocracy, although it clothes itself in the shallow appearances of democracy. And China remains opposed to the freedoms demanded for creativity and progress to truly flourish. They copy and imitate well, but they create very little that is unique and boundary-breaking.

Thirty years ago, we faced an economic and philosophical crisis similar to the one we face today. Both then and now we were caught in a moment of national self-doubt. Back then on January 20th, 1981, a new president rose to the lectern on the west terrace of the capital and called a nation back to its self. Ronald Reagan told us that "we achieved so much, prospered as no other people on earth [because] in this land we unleashed the energy and individual genius of man to a greater extent than has ever been done before." His words rekindled the American spirit which has always been the true backbone of our strength and success. It hasn't died, and we have no reason today to limit ourselves to small dreams. We remain a great nation and thus are worthy of great dreams, big dreams that others will say are impossible. The true test of where we will go from here forward is whether the prevailing wisdom in the rest of the world claims it to be impossible. If we find ourselves dreaming of what they say is possible, we're finished. If we dream of what the rest say is impossible, then our brightest days still lay ahead of us. We are Americans, and we must be willing to believe in ourselves and in our ability to accomplish the impossible. Through confidence and faith, and with God's help, we will rise above the problems of today and accomplish deeds that have yet to be imagined. We may be down, but we need never be done. That's what it means to be an American.

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DAVID Dreier News From The Hill

Dreier Introduces Four Key Bills on Opening Day of 112th Congress



WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman David Dreier (R-San Dimas, CA) today introduced several bills aimed at helping our economy recover, cutting federal spending, securing our borders and protecting our natural resources.

"My top priority is to get our economy going again,"

Dreier said. "Helping families keep more of their hard-earned money and providing businesses with additional resources to invest in their operations will help create jobs and get our economy back on track."

Dreier re-introduced the Fair and Simple Tax Act, a comprehensive tax reform plan to simplify the code and reduce the burden on taxpayers. The bill creates an optional one-page tax form with three simple rates of 10, 15 and 30 percent. The bill also preserves major deductions, including mortgage interest, charitable, state and local taxes, the child tax credit and the personal exemption.

Dreier also re-introduced his bill to enhance oversight of government programs and eliminate waste, fraud and abuse in federal spending. The Biennial Budgeting and Appropriations Act, establishes a two-year budget cycle to streamline the budget process and improve the fiscal management of government programs.

"It is critical to our economic recovery that we rein in the size and scope of government," Dreier said. "Reforming the federal budget process will allow Congress to better scrutinize federal spending, helping us to cut wasteful and duplicative programs."

In addition, Dreier is demonstrating his longstanding commitment to stopping illegal immigration by introducing the Illegal Immigration Enforcement and Social Security Protection Act, to crack down on the hiring of illegal immigrants.

"The roots of our broken immigration and employer verification system can be traced to three underlying factors: too many unreliable documents, including the Social Security card; a faulty employment verification system; and lax enforcement," Dreier said. "Improving the security of the work authorization verification program will help to stop the hiring of illegal immigrants."

The legislation creates an easy-to-use electronic verification system based on a secure, tamper-proof Social Security card, which employers can use to electronically verify the work authorization status of prospective employees. The bill also raises penalties for employers who hire illegal immigrants and increases personnel to enforce compliance with the law.

Finally, Dreier is introducing bipartisan legislation to protect and enhance recreational opportuni-

ties on our federal lands in the San Gabriel Valley. The Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests Protection Act adds to existing wilderness areas in both the Angeles and the San Bernardino National Forests and directs the Forest Service to address the backlog of maintenance, focusing on the recreation areas impacted by the Station Fire. In addition, this legislation includes language expanding forest fire prevention activities.

"As two of the most visited national forests in our nation, it is vital that we preserve recreational opportunities in the Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests for future generations," Dreier said. "In addition, we must continue to ensure that the men and women who work to prevent and contain wildfires have the ability to do their job safely and effectively." In drafting this legislation, Dreier worked with dozens of individuals, organizations and local officials who are focused on protecting this area, including property owners, as well as the Los Angeles and San Bernardino County Fire Departments.

What DO You Think?

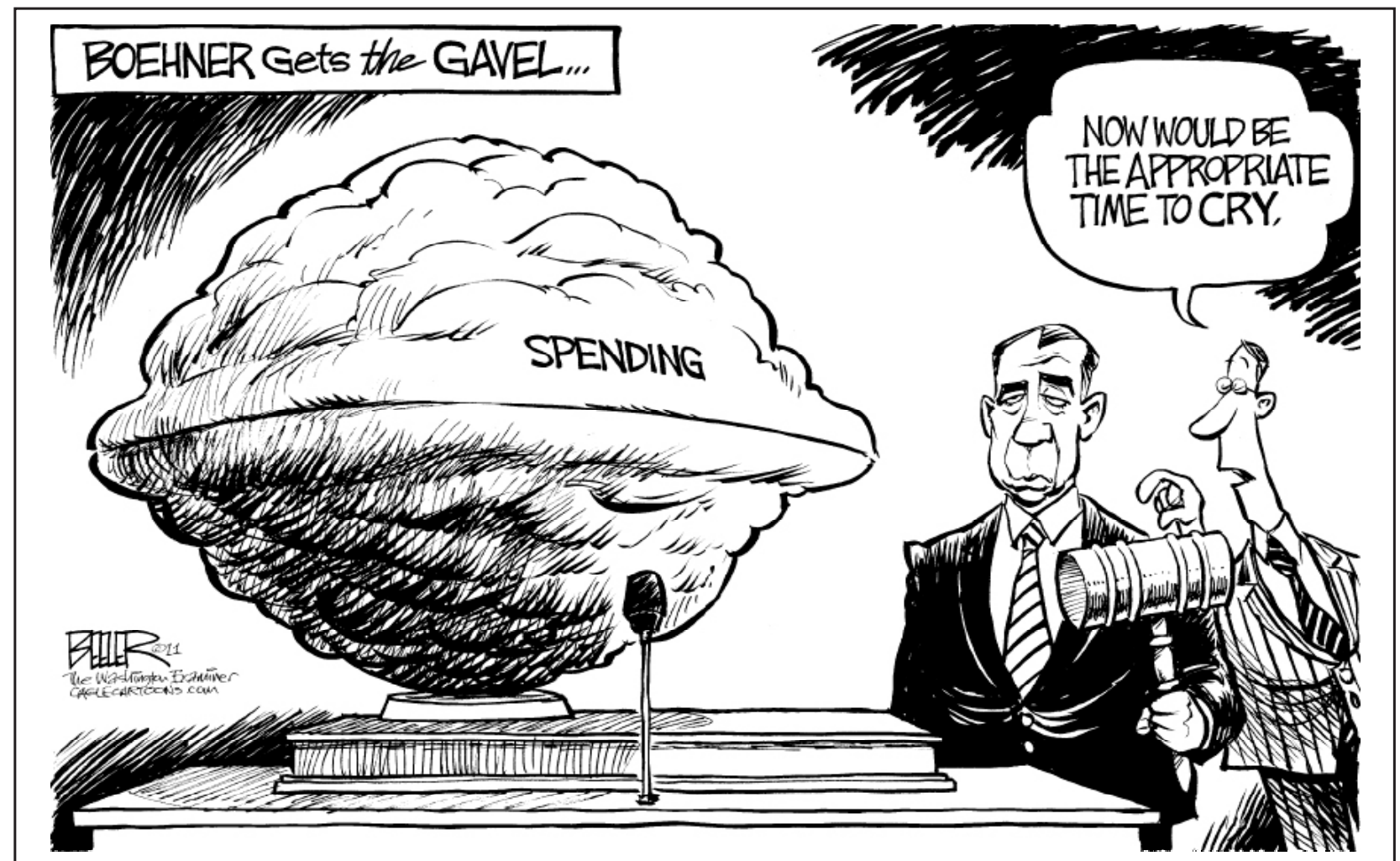
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SUSAN Henderson



true? Been there done that? Nope. None of them seem to work for me. Well, he used to be *Governor Moonbeam*, but, ah yes, I think I have it, how about Governor Sunshine? Now I know that sounds a bit optimistic, but I am. Why? Because since his emergence as a candidate last year, he has spoken with a level of honesty that I believe we can trust. And, as some may know, especially my sons with whom I have engaged in hundreds of lively political discussions over the years, Jerry Brown has not always had my support.

The challenges we face are very real and very threatening. Not only is the state in crisis, the country is slowly recovering from the "W" years. Imagine if you were unexpectedly incapacitated and your only means of support was your parents. You have the taxi drop you off at their house and you roll up in your wheel chair and have your parents open the door. Surprise....they are in wheel chairs too. Imagine that....the cripple hanging on to the cripple. The blind leading the blind. Well, that's pretty much the state we are in now. California's economy is crippled and so is the federal government. There is no one for us to turn to for help. So, I find it comforting to know that a person with real experience, successful experience, is in charge. After all, it was Jerry Brown's California back in the 70's that attracted Meg Whitman here! (Not my words, she is the one of spoke of the great state of affairs and the opportunities in California that brought her here. Jerry Brown was the governor then.)

Right out of the gate, Governor Brown got straight to the point: *"First, speak the truth; Second, no new taxes unless the people vote for them. Third, return—as much as possible—decisions and authority to cities, counties and schools, closer to the people."* Isn't that what we all wanted? He went on to say, *"Choices have to be made and difficult decisions taken. At this stage of my life, I have not come here to embrace delay or denial."* And those words are a ray of sunshine in an otherwise truly gloomy situation.

Now, I am ready for the critics, after all, what would they do if they didn't have me to criticize. But Brown's message and agenda isn't about upholding the party platform and trouncing on everyone else. It is an agenda of a wise man who recognizes, as I said last week, that "time marches

"First, Speak the truth."

Jerry Brown has returned as Governor of California and I've been searching for a catchy phrase for him. Let's see, *The Terminator* is gone. *Re-Pete* was worn out with Governor Wilson. Hmm....how about... *Second time around? Older but wiser? Tried tested and*

on" and we certainly don't have any more time to waste on figuring out how to fix our economic crisis.

But the Governor didn't just talk about the money, he went on to say, *"Aside from economic advance, I want to make sure that we do everything we can to ensure that our schools are places of real learning. Our budget problem is dire but after years of cutbacks, I am determined to enhance our public schools so that our citizens of the future have the skills, the zest and the character to keep California up among the best."* Amen!

Well, since I too have a word limit, I just want to share one more thing from his speech. He quoted Josiah Royce, a famous American philosopher born in a mining camp. Royce had a "Philosophy of Loyalty" that Brown feels we all need to embrace, *"Loyalty to the community, to what is larger than our individual needs."* Amen again!

Neither Kindler nor Gentler...

Just as this paper was going to press, word of the senseless murder of 6 people and shooting of 12 more in Tucson, Arizona was breaking. Early reports indicate that the target was Democratic Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords who was shot in the head. She was recovering in critical condition at press time. Among those murdered were an innocent 9 year old little girl and a Federal Judge who had just left Mass. The alleged gunman was a 22 year old who was known to rail against government mind control.

As this story unfolds, it is quite clear that our society has not become a kindler, gentler one, but one in which the 'language of hate' is recklessly banded about. CNN noted that in March, on Sarah Palin's website, Congresswoman Gifford's district was in the 'crosshairs' of Palin's political rifle site. One can only wonder if that, and other hateful rhetoric, drove this young man to commit such a heinous crime believing he was doing the 'right' thing.

Pima County Sheriff Clarence Dupnik warned America that the current level of vitriol and bigotry was the root cause of incidents such as this. He said, *"That may be free speech, but not without consequences."* Regardless of what we learn about this young man's actions, we must address the wholesale hate mongering that is permeating this society under the guise of 'freedom of speech'.

Over 20 years have passed since President George H.W. Bush made the "kindler, gentler society" remark. We have gone completely the opposite direction. When you cultivate an environment of hate, massacre's like the one in Tucson are what you get. What, say you then, shall we do about it?

STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE



Yesterday as I drove home from work I heard on the radio that Philosophy Courses had become very popular in a certain New York Community College. In a separate article in the New York Times an article appeared identifying itself as a forum for contemporary philosophers. Both the item on the

radio and the newspaper column emphasized the importance of taking time out and reflecting upon what it is that we are actually doing with our lives. Coincidentally, I happen now to be reading a book entitled HOW TO LIVE -OR--- A LIFE OF MONTAIGNE-- IN ONE QUESTION AND TWENTY ATTEMPTS AT AN ANSWER.

For those few of you who were not previously acquainted with Montaigne he is described on the book jacket as a Renaissance writer who is perhaps the first recognizably modern individual. He wrote free-roaming explorations of his thought and experience that were unlike anything written before. He called them "essays" meaning attempts or tries. The method used by Montaigne was to write down everything that he thought of as he addressed himself to any subject. He did not seem to be concerned with impressing anyone else but instead was obsessed with just trying to understand what influenced him to do as he did. His writings were a best-seller four hundred years ago and the book I am describing is a best-seller today. As described on the book cover the writings of Montaigne have for over four hundred years drawn readers to him as they search for companionship, wisdom, and entertainment—and in search of themselves. Readers for centuries have found in these writing an inexhaustible source of answers to the haunting question, "How to live?"

The popularity of the Montaigne book, together with the radio message and the New York Times article have shown me that I am on the right track. In my approximately 165 articles entitled Stuart Tolchin On Life I, unknowingly of course, have addressed myself to the same philosophical concerns that interested Montaigne and which now seem to be important to contemporary readers and students. One of my favorite chapters in the Montaigne book is entitled Read a lot, forget most of what you read, and be slow-witted. Really, this could and should be my rallying cry. I read continually, forget most of what I read and have a lifetime of spectacular non-achievement to testify to my slow-wittedness.

To clarify what is meant by this prescription I be-

EDUCATING GROWNUPS

lieve Montaigne is remarking upon the importance of learning all that one can but still not taking oneself too seriously. He speaks of the importance of understanding that there are always many perspectives by which to judge anything and that it is always important to be ready to change one's mind. Have patience, and above all Pay Attention. Pay Attention to What?

Why to everything, of course. In addition to paying attention reflect upon what you perceive rather than absorbing what others tell you. Montaigne lived through horrid times of religious, dogmatic wars in which death was always preferable to compromise. Somehow these times do not seem so very far away.

The New York Times Article explains that Philosophy, among other things is that living activity of critical reflection in a specific context, by which human beings strive to analyze the world in which they find themselves, and to question what passes for common sense or public opinion. This is the very process utilized by Montaigne and it is described in the New York Times article as THE EDUCATION OF GROWN UPS. This process must form part of the life of a culture. It must engage the public and influence how a culture converses with itself, understands itself, talks to other cultures and seeks to understand them. The article emphasizes that without a willingness to seriously reflect upon our own actions we cannot really engage in dialogues intended to influence one another. Without this willingness to look at ourselves from different perspectives the best we can do is simply to exchange opinions in kinds of parallel monologues that carry no influence other than to already believing members of the choir to whom we preach.

Yes, I think my articles are on the right track and at long last they have obtained some physical recognition. Hung upon the walls of my favorite breakfast place, Andy's Coffee Shop on Colorado two blocks west of Hill are a couple of my articles next to my favorite table. Check out the good food at Andy's and meet the owner Ysenia and the server Lorena, both delightful folk. While at Andy's notice the other contemporary figure and customer to whom a portion of the wall is dedicated. This contemporary hero is Steve O, one of the stars of Jackass. As I understand it the Jackass programs and films (I have not seen them) are completely within the spirit of Montaigne as they question the rules of society and the boundaries of good taste and endeavor to entertain at the same time. I really don't know, but like everything else, you'll have to check it out for yourself.



HAIL Hamilton My Turn



Mission Impossible -- Obama's "Lame Duck" Congress

After the November elections, members of Congress returned to Capitol Hill for their "lame duck" session with one huge piece of unfinished business – the Fiscal Year 2011 budget. And while they failed to complete work on the budget – the government is currently running on a "continuing resolution" that funds federal agencies through March 4, 2011 – the lame duck session of the 111 Congress did pass legislation on a number of serious issues in the last weeks in Washington.

The most significant piece of legislation was the agreement between the Obama administration and the Republican leadership to extend the Bush era tax cuts. Congress opted to extend the tax cuts for all taxpayers by another two years. The package also extended unemployment benefits by thirteen months, and cut the Social Security payroll tax by 2 percent, from 6.2 percent to 4.2 percent through 2011. It is estimated this legislation will add almost \$1 trillion to the national debt over the next two years.

A lot happened in the area of national security. The Senate ratified the new START nuclear weapons reduction treaty by a vote of 71 to 26. Both the House and Senate voted to repeal the Pentagon's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," policy which barred gays from serving openly in the military. Congress also enacted the Fiscal Year 2011 Defense Authorization Act, which, at roughly \$725 billion, including \$158 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, is the highest Pentagon spending bill since World War II.

Congress did not, however, pass the controversial DREAM Act, which would have created a way to legalize young undocumented immigrants who arrived in the United States before the age of 16, lived here continuously for at least five years, and who either go to college or enlist in the U.S. military. The legislation passed in the House but was blocked in the Senate.

Congress also reauthorized the "America COMPETES Act" which is intended to maintain U.S. global economic and scientific leadership by supporting basic research, improving science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education and fostering innovation, especially in the area of new energy technologies.

Congress also approved the Government Performance and Results Modernization Act of 2010. This legislation forces federal agencies to prioritize programs and report quarterly on progress in reducing redundant programs and increasing efficiency as a way to save money.

Congress also adopted the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act – the first major overhaul of U.S. food safety laws since the 1930's. It gives the Food and Drug Administration new authority to recall tainted food. Under current law, the FDA can only recommend a recall and it is up to the food companies to voluntarily recall suspect foods. The Act also gives new protections to whistleblowers who report fraud-related food manufacturing problems.

And finally, Congress passed the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act, which would provide \$4.2 billion in compensation and long-term health-care benefits for first responders who became ill from working at Ground Zero in the wake of the September 11 attacks. Originally the bill would have provided \$7.4 billion over 10 years, but this was scaled back to \$6.2 billion, and then to \$4.2 billion over concerns about the legislation's costs and how to pay for it. The legislation is named for James Zadroga, a police detective who died from respiratory disease it was believed he contracted at Ground Zero.

RICH Johnson



If, Then

I'm not sure which phrase was used more by parents in raising us kids: "if and then," or "why and because?"

I was certainly flogged by my parents with "if" and "then." If you do that, then this will happen. And if you don't do that,

then this will happen. The why and because was a bit different. The "why" was typically ensconced at the beginning of a string of words comprising a question or request uttered by me. The "because" was typically a one word answer with no further elaboration other than the occasional "I said so." The word "if" is often used in aphorisms. Not sure what an aphorism is? Me either, so I looked it up: Aphorism: "a terse saying embodying a general truth, or astute observation." Let's take a look at several aphorisms. First out, some uttered, or at least attributed to famous persons:

"If it tastes good, it's bad for you." Isaac Asimov
"If the phone doesn't ring, it's me." Jimmy Buffet
"If passion drives, let reason hold the reins." Ben Franklin
"If you can't convince 'em, confuse 'em." Harry Truman
"If you ship doesn't come in, swim out to it." Jonathan Winters
"If you don't think too good, don't think too much." Ted Williams

"If your wife wants to learn how to drive, don't stand in her way." Sam Levenson
"If you don't say anything, you won't be called upon to repeat it." Calvin Coolidge

"If you're going to be thinking anyway, you might as well think big." Donald Trump
"If you aren't fired with enthusiasm, you'll be fired with enthusiasm." Vince Lombardi

"If you want to get rid of somebody, tell him something for his own good." Kin Hubbard
"If you can't be with the one you love, honey, love the one you're with." Stephen Stills (Is that in the Bible?)

"If you think a quarter horse is that ride in front of Kmart, you might be a redneck." Jeff Foxworthy

Then there are some anonymous aphorisms that bear repeating:
"If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you."
"If at first you don't succeed, try reading the instructions."
"If at first you DO succeed, try not to look so astonished."
"If a cow laughs, would milk come out of her nose?"
"If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Now for a self-serving aphorism: "If you have an iPhone, then buy my and my writing partner Lisa Bowman's App called Upelevator." \$1.99 is all it costs and it gives you a cornucopia of clever, often funny quotes on a variety of topics. Let me close using another aphorism: If you travel to the Coach House in San Juan Capistrano on Thursday night, January 13th, then you'll see my friend, contemporary pop musician Jane Fuller, open for a great guitarist, Lee Ritenour. Buy tickets for \$20 (normally \$25) by going online to jane-fuller.com and click on the store. Hope to see you there!

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Looking Up with Bob Eklund

Closeups of Saturn's Moon Rhea Show Unprecedented Detail



Newly released by NASA, images of Saturn's second largest moon Rhea obtained by the Cassini spacecraft show dramatic views of fractures cutting through craters on the moon's surface, revealing a history of tectonic rumbling.

During a flyby In March 2010, the Cassini craft made its closest approach to Rhea's surface so far, swooping within 62 miles. An even closer flyby is planned on January 11, 2011, when Cassini will take images just 47 miles above the icy, cratered surface. "These will be by far the best images we've ever had of Rhea's surface—details down to just a few meters will become recognizable," said Thomas Roatsch, a Cassini imaging team scientist based at the German Aerospace Center Institute of Planetary Research in Berlin.

Images from the March 2010 flyby show bright, "wispy" fractures resembling some that were first spotted on another part of Rhea by the two Voyager spacecraft in 1980 and 1981. At that time, scientists thought the wispy markings on the trailing hemispheres—the sides of moons that face backward in their orbit around a planet—of Rhea and the neighboring moon Dione were possible cryovolcanic deposits, or the residue of icy material erupting. The low resolution of Voyager images prevented a closer inspection of these regions at that time. Since July 2004, Cassini's imaging cameras have captured pictures of the trailing hemispheres of both satellites several times at much higher resolution. The images have shown that the wispy markings are actually exposures of bright ice along the steep walls of long scarps, or lines of cliffs, indicating that tectonic activity rather than cryovolcanism produced the features.

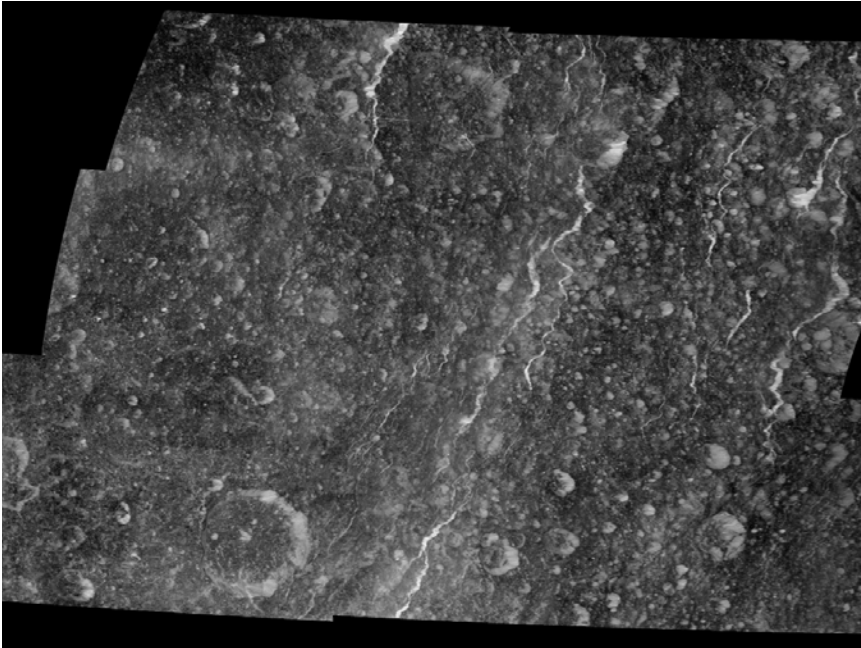
A mosaic of the March flyby images shows bright, icy frac-

tures cutting across the surface of the moon, sometimes at right angles to each other. A false-color view of the entire disk of the moon's Saturn-facing side reveals a slightly bluer area, likely related to different surface compositions or to different sizes and fine-scale textures of the grains making up the moon's icy soil.

"These recent, high-resolution Cassini images help us put Saturn's moon in the context of the moons' geological family tree," said Paul Helfenstein, Cassini imaging team associate, based at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. "Since NASA's Voyager mission visited Saturn, scientists have thought of Rhea and Dione as close cousins, with some differences in size and density. The new images show us they're more like fraternal twins, where the resemblance is more than skin deep. This probably comes from their nearness to each other in orbit."

The new images have also helped to enhance maps of Rhea, including the first cartographic atlas of features on the moon complete with names approved by the International Astronomical Union. Thanks to a recent mission extension, Cassini will continue to chart the terrain of this and other Saturnian moons with ever-improving resolution, especially for terrain at high northern latitudes, until 2017.

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Rhea's Western Wisps
Icy fractures on Saturn's moon Rhea reflect sunlight brightly in this high-resolution mosaic created from images captured by NASA's Cassini spacecraft during its March 2, 2010, flyby. This flyby was the closest flyby of Rhea up to then. Photo courtesy NASA



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 were 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 you questions, but I will be totally honest. My objective is to help you achieve your employment goal.

Q: I spend between 10 and 20 hours a week applying on-line and sending out resumes to about 20 employers with no results! What am I doing wrong? Unemployed and desperate

Dear Unemployed and desperate,

There could be numerous and various reasons. So, I am going to answer your question based on the information that you have given me. "It's a job looking for a job"! You have probably heard this or read it somewhere. It is true. You probably worked 35-40 hours a week for your previous employer and the reward on payday was money. Now - it is time to work for you. You should increase the time you spend job searching to at least 40 hours a week. This will result in you finding and applying for more job opportunities and increase your chances of being contacted by employers. Your payday will be getting an interview and, hopefully, a job.

Q: Everyone thinks I have a great job and work for a wonderful company. I hate my company. I hate my job. I hate what I do. What do I do? Miserable

Dear Miserable,

It's time you find out what you would like to do. Employment should be enjoyment. Start by identifying what you really enjoy. This could be an activity, volunteer work, a hobby or something that you enjoy doing with your free time. Look for a company or industry that is this area. Re-write your resume and focus on your skills, experience and education that will target your new interest and objective. Devote time and a lot of energy in your new job search. You will be surprise how many companies you will find and the type of positions that will be open to you. 40 hours a week, 52 weeks a year for the next 30-40 years doing something you hate does not make either a happy person or sense. Finding out what you like to do will result in finding the right company, the right job and being happily employed.

Q: I am being told that I dress inappropriate for job interviews. I have my own personal and unique style of dressing and refuse to change it. Stylish.

Dear Stylish,

I would suggest that you research the company culture before applying for employment or accepting interviews. This can be achieved by searching the company on the internet, reading trade magazines, talking with employees, sitting outside the company and observing employees entering and exiting the building or asking the person who contacted you for the interview. You can not change a company's culture. Find employment with a company that matches with your style of dressing. They do exist.



It's becoming more common these days to hear some computer users making the case that their iPad could totally replace their PC or other desktop computing model and, for a large number of users, this may actually be the case. If a user typically stores very little data on their local machine and is primarily interested in connecting to internet-based resources, then the iPad or one of its many competitors just might do the trick. As the field of likely challengers to the dominance of the desktop computer continues to enlarge, both in number and types of alternative mobile devices, one no longer has to wonder if the desktop computing will be replaced one day, but when that day will be upon us.

There's an old adage about "beating the champ in order to take the title" that may shed some light on exactly what it is that the new tablet computing model will have to do in order reign supreme over the old desktop computing model. It's clearly not enough for the contenders to the throne to merely equal the performance standards and paradigms set by the desktop computing model. They will have to exceed those standards on many fronts and, in some cases, create new standards that are not currently reachable with a desktop Mac or PC. There are several factors that make this task easier for the new guys than in times past.

The first among these is basic computing power. While your basic desktop computer has grown in computing power over the years to the point where no one expects anything

less than a computer that has all the bells-and-whistles right off the shelf when shopping for a new machine, the entire generation of smartphones and tablet computers simply started out that way and are progressing at what may be rightly termed breakneck speed. This solid foundation in computing hardware gives the new platforms plenty of room to work out the more comprehensive operating systems and applications that allow the new guys to compete and regularly attract new converts. While the new guys are still growing, the basic hardware and software for desktops has virtually stood still; new titles and versions but no new tricks.

Another factor that bodes well for tablet computing is price competition. These devices are seriously honing in on delivering more bang for the buck with each new release and in many cases they're doing just that. The trend towards internet services being delivered via "the cloud" also works strongly in favor of tablet computing. In a properly configured home or business office, a tablet computer may be all that the user really needs. Some users. But the most significant factor would be the great trending towards the marketing of our ever-increasingly mobile culture. Our mobile culture is in all ways about being connected wherever we are and staying connected as we move from point A to Point B and desktops and notebooks just can't keep up on these fronts. But for all of the apparent pluses for the new guys they still have a ways to go in order to be king.

KATIE TseThis and That



STAMPEDE AT THE PRIME RIB STATION

What's your favorite restaurant? Is it some romantic bistro with dim lights and Puccini playing softly in the background? Or do you like homey pubs with bangers and mash and darts? I don't have one particular favorite, but I can tell you one thing – it's not a buffet! It's not that I hate buffets; it's just that they bring out the worst in human nature. All that's grotesque and greedy is aroused by the prospect of endless food to be had for the taking. I don't frequent buffets, so I'm approaching this subject from limited experience. However, I've been to enough of them and have conducted enough "interviews" to speak with some small amount of authority.

Obviously, not all buffets are the same. At one place, folks race to get to the prime rib station first. At another, patrons' gluttonous self-interests might be much more subdued. The difference is the amount of control one has over the food! Of course, what makes a buffet a buffet is the promise of limitless helpings, but some establishments make this trickier than others. At one popular diner, you get a plate and they funnel you toward the salad bar, where there are no seconds. You could linger over the Wonton Chicken Happiness salad, but there's a line of people behind you, and they might get ugly if you don't move along in a timely manner.

Some buffets have stations where servers prepare omelets, crepes, or burritos to order. I've seen people rush to get to there before the attendant leaves, but once there they are at his mercy. Sure, they could ask him to add two additional pints of

cheese to their omelet, but that might seem a little tacky.

I discovered a wealth of tips on the Internet for maximizing one's ability to consume as much food as humanly possible. "Don't have too much soda or soup, liquid takes up space." "Wear big pants." Then there's the two-plater strategy. Since I don't have great balance, the concept of maneuvering through a crowd carrying two heaping plates of food never entered my mind.

The buffets I hate most are the ones where people camp out by popular entrees such as prime rib or crab legs.

They seem to come solely for these items, stealthily waiting for the server to bring a fresh batch. Then they descend like a swarm of locusts to consume all they can. I'm surprised the waitress doesn't lose a finger or two in the frenzy. Some people even enlist their children in staking out optimal positions near these hot spots.

Of course everyone knows Vegas is the Mecca of buffets. As if an entire strip of eating options wasn't enough, the casinos have now made it easier for visitors to sink to a new low in indulgence. I speak of the all day buffet pass. Yes, now you have 24 hours to get your money's edible worth.

When buffet-ing, you must consider the likelihood of others contaminating the food. Do you really want that unsupervised seven year-old dipping his fingers into the communal mashed potatoes tub? You must also gauge how long the turn over is for some foods. Is that iridescent sheen on the sashimi sesame oil or rancidity? At the end of the day I demand only two basic consumer rights –don't give me ptomaine, and don't give me a black eye if I want to get a crab leg!



Molly's Miracle

I will never forget the day I first met "Molly". She had just been adopted by my dear friend and neighbor Frederick, who fell in love with her the very moment he saw her. I had asked Fred to call me when she arrived, so I could meet her and be the first to welcome her to the neighborhood. Somehow, I already knew that Molly was going to play a very important part in Frederick's life, but I had no idea that she would have such a positive impact on mine.

If you have never visited an SPCA facility, I highly recommend it, even if you are not ready to adopt a pet. Although it can be an emotional and somewhat sad experience, if you are an animal lover one thing is for sure, it will prompt you to do whatever you can to play a part in saving homeless animals in your community. Frederick's visit to the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society last year proved to be a life changing experience for him. It had been a few months since he had said good-bye to his beloved four-legged friend of many years, "Chelsea" who died of bone cancer, and Fred was finally ready to adopt a new companion. After a walk down the isle between the fenced kennels housing numerous adult dogs waiting to be claimed, he asked the caretaker if there were any puppies available for adoption. He was taken to the puppy department, where he stepped through the doorway and immediately locked eyes with a brown-eyed babe who looked up at him as if to say, "we were made for each other"! Frederick didn't even bother to walk over and take a closer look at her before he told the lady at the desk, "I definitely want that one". He later confided in me that he felt as though Chelsea was there, telling him to take that little girl home; "She is the one for you". Chelsea had played such a big part in Frederick's life over the past several years, and that would be a tough act to follow for sure, but his instincts told him he had made the right choice.

My first impression of Molly was that she had the most darling, honest face and an amazing ability to show her appreciation for having been invited to live in such a cozy home, with a big yard where she could romp and play freely. I remember thinking that she somehow knew she would be loved unconditionally for the rest of her life!

Within a couple of days after her arrival home, Molly became quite ill. The veterinarian diagnosed her with kennel cough, and treated her accordingly. This was not great news, but with the proper treatment, we knew Molly would recover and grow strong and healthy. Unfortunately, Molly did not respond to treatment as expected, and soon it became clear that there was something radically wrong with her. She was re-evaluated and re-diagnosed with a much more serious dis-



ease...Molly had distemper. Canine distemper is a contagious, very serious viral disease with technically no known cure. The disease affects dogs, and certain species of wildlife such as raccoons, wolves, foxes, skunks and ferrets. Young, unvaccinated puppies and non-immunized older dogs tend to be more susceptible to the disease. Molly had been vaccinated by the SPCA after being rescued, but unfortunately it was too late. She had already been infected with the disease before she received the vaccination.

This news broke Frederick's heart. After the trauma of loosing Chelsea earlier that year, he was just not ready to let go of his new-found friend. When I got the news about Molly's real diagnosis, it was all I could do to hold back the tears. I have always been a praying person, believing that God listens and answers our prayers, however it had been quite some time since I had prayed to God, and I was way over-due for a good long talk with Him. I guess sometimes it takes a traumatic experience to drive us to our knees. I did get on my knees that day and I prayed that God would grant a miracle for Molly. I thanked Him for people like Frederick who are willing to care for the animals he created. I asked God to let Molly live, mostly for Frederick's sake, because he clearly needed her in his life.

Things got worse before they got better. There were moments when it seemed Molly would die, then she would get stronger and show signs of recovery. This went on for several weeks, but with continued medical attention and consistent tender loving care, Molly did indeed recover. She now lives a full, very happy healthy life and she brings smiles to the faces of all of the neighbors who greet her during our daily walks together. I don't know what I would do without seeing that open, honest little face with those perky ears peering up at me each morning before our walks. I believe that God did indeed grant Molly a miracle, not the least part of which is manifested in the joy that little girl brings to Frederick and to me, as well as so many others who know and love her! Thank God for "small" miracles!

Happy Tails is a new feature of the Mountain Views News brought to you by Chris LeClerc an avid animal lover and pet owner who operates Canyon Canines in Sierra Madre. For more info on Chris go to: www.canyoncanine.com.

One Of A Kind: *Featuring unique homes and gardens and the people whoe create them* Story By Chris Bertrand Photos by Daniel Todd Dorrance



The (Fabulous) House and Views That Come with Sierra Madre's Famous Wistaria Vine

Tucked up against the foothills of Sierra Madre is the historic Wistaria vine (Wistaria is the historic spelling of choice used by the city) that made Sierra Madre "famous." Noted in the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's largest vine, the plant ram-

bles through a property recently listed by Judy and Amy Skiff of Dickson Podley.

We've done yearly articles on the vine and the associated mid-March festival in town with all the details, (http://mt-nviewsnews.com/old/mvnews/v04/MVNews_2010_03_13.pdf on p. 18).

On and off for almost a century, two adjacent properties on Hermosa have been open for public viewing one day a year. The current owners have been delighted to share this "Sierra Madre Treasure" with the public since their purchase of the property in 2006.

The first question people inevitable ask is about hosting the viewing in March every year. "It's really been no trouble at all to host the vine viewing," reflects the owner. "The city and the local Chamber have it all well organized."

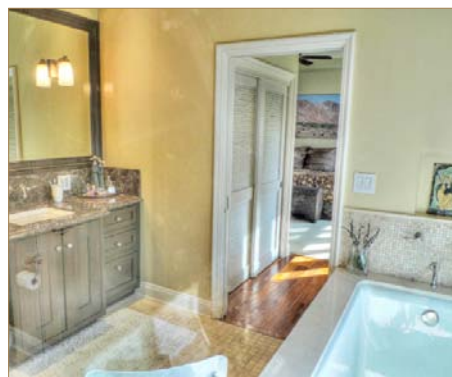
"They pay insurance during the period visitors will be onsite, so our liability is covered. Then it's only a very brief time during the year and we get to enjoy it for months in between! There isn't any requirement that we open our property on that one day in March. We've considered it a privilege. A new owner can choose to open it or not, BUT we've loved doing it!"

What Wistaria Festival visitors never see is the stunning 3520 square foot (measured), four bedroom, three bath home that sits atop a sloping site affording twenty to thirty mile views toward downtown LA. "We get fabulous sunsets all year long and get to enjoy the vine from above. When in bloom it's like a rolling sea of purple for a month or two," say the owners.

Inside, the film production designer owners remodeled just about everything over the past five years, using their creativity, design and artistic backgrounds to create a soothing Sierra Madre sanctuary. A pale celadon and white palette on the bead board in the great room provides a nonintrusive foundation for the magnificent open beam and trussed great room ceiling. Skylights and lighted ceiling fans were added to illuminate the intricate beam patterns as well as the huge living and dining space.

Old asphalt tiles were peeled up, revealing a patterned concrete floor which was then polished to a soft patina. An indoor planter box was removed in the dining area to expand the seating area. The tremendous fireplace creates a focal point on one wall, and includes a setup for a flat screen TV. Opposite, a wall of French doors facing the yard and views reflects in a soft green glow of the outside vegetation, complementary to the wall color.

Nearby a walk in nook in the owner's office allows easy



complete access to all technology hooks for media, intercom, electrical, etc. No crawling under the house or into the attic. It's all neatly arranged in its own closet. The kitchen is perfect for someone who loves to cook, with professional Thermador cooktop, Sub Zero and Perlick appliances, double ovens, stainless steel sink with pot filler, CaesarStone counters in a deeper shade of that celadon, The piece d resistance are the open cabinets. The owner specifically designed them for easy access during cooking with pop up mechanism for the mixer and slide out drawers for pots, canisters and supplies.

The main floor master suite includes a wonderful bath warmed in wonderful goldenrod walls, an extra deep soaking tub, a walk in shower with plate glass surround and gorgeous detail work here... and everywhere else in the home. You'll find teak floors, intricate inset ceilings, gorgeous stone and

tile work, professional landscape, updated electrical and plumbing, etc. In short... a home with character and history, with all the current technology, bells and whistles.

"We reconfigured the lower level with two bedrooms, a full bath and a family room with walkout access to the yard. We expected the kids to hang out down there, but everyone gravitates to our wonderful great room. It's a fabulous welcoming space for small and large family and friends to gather," said the owners. "All this being said, sadly we have to leave the area for work."

535 N. Hermosa Avenue in Sierra Madre is offered at \$1,350,000 by Judy and Amy Skiff of Dickson Podley. For more information, contact them at 626-355-2384 or visit the company's website, www.DicksonPodley.com.

Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou

Proceed with Caution

Many sellers are tempted to list For Sale By Owner (FSBO) because they feel home prices are down and they don't want to lose one more penny to paying a commission. But with fewer than ten percent of all home sales falling into the FSBO category, it's a challenging strategy.

In personal terms, you'll have to safeguard yourself against prospects who have not been screened and qualified by a professional. When someone calls to request a showing, note their caller ID and keep a log of visitors. Stash away prescription medications and valuables before showings, and afterwards check that all your windows and doors are locked.

There are also legal considerations for your listing and hopefully, your eventual sales contract. Be sure your listing complies with the Fair Housing Act, which prohibits discrimination against buyers. If you're unfamiliar with escrow and title insurance, hire

a real estate attorney to draft, review and record all documents.

This economy makes securing a loan difficult, so it's wise to require a loan pre-approval letter from buyers before accepting any offers. If you really want to get attention, sweeten the pot by offering a two to three percent commission to any agent who brings buyers to you. FSBO is not the easiest route, and many impatient and frustrated sellers end up hiring an agent to make the sale happen.

Luther Tsinoglou was named the top producing sales agent in Dickson Podley Realtor's Sierra Madre office for 2009, making the top 10% at the company overall. Luther has been licensed and practicing real estate since 1992. He specializes in residential and income property in Southern California. Luther can be reached at his direct line (626) 695-8650 or at luther@tsinoglou.com.

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PROTECTING YOUR PROPERTY

New Cost-Saving Flood Insurance Option From FEMA

(NAPSI)-There may be good news for residents and business owners in locations recently designated as high-risk flood areas. Starting in 2011, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) low-cost insurance policy may be available to help them save on flood protection.

Making New Insurance Requirements More Affordable

Flood risks are dynamic and change over time due to a variety of factors, including changes in the natural landscape, the impacts of land use and development, and the condition of flood control structures such as levees.

Since mandated by Congress in 2003, a multi-year effort has been underway to update the nation's flood maps to reflect these changes. The new maps are providing more accurate information about where flooding is most likely to occur.

As a result, many property owners are finding that their risk has changed and they may now be required to purchase flood insurance. Fortunately, FEMA understands the financial burden this may place on some property owners and is expanding eligibility for its popular lower-cost flood insurance policy.

A New Insurance Option

Beginning January 1, 2011, a new insurance rating option from FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) will allow many property owners who previously didn't qualify, to take advantage of the low-cost insurance for two years before they are required to pay standard rates.

The program will make Preferred Risk Policies (PRPs), which start at just \$129 a year, available for properties that have been newly mapped into high-risk areas due to a flood map revision on or after October 1, 2008.

"Floods are the nation's most costly and frequent natural disaster and those who are now in the highest risk areas really must have flood insurance protection. But we recognize the challenge of additional expenses in the current economy. This new option provides time for residents to adjust to the higher risk level and continue their flood coverage at a more affordable rate," said Edward L. Connor, Acting Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administrator.

While extended eligibility for the PRP does not become effective until the start of the new year, policyholders who believe they may qualify should contact their insurance agent for further details.

After two years at the reduced PRP rates, policies will increase to standard rates. However, there are other options to reduce cost, including a grandfathering provision, use of elevation ratings and higher deductible policies.

To learn more, visit http://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/flooding_flood_risks/prp_extension_for_property_owners.jsp or call (800) 427-4661.

Addressing Your Risk

This new option represents an important way to save on flood insurance for those who are newly required to carry it. But flooding routinely impacts people across the country, and flood insurance is recommended even when not legally required. FEMA encourages residents to learn more about their risk and consider flood insurance to safeguard their home and assets.

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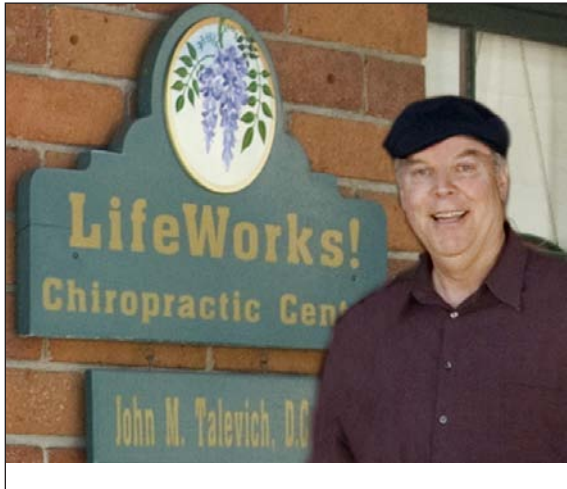
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YOUR HEALTH MATTERS
Today's Subject:
PERFECTIONISM



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.

We all know what this means. It is that parallel road that runs beside us, representing where we want to go ,and someday become. (If we can only get it right.) As we are all too easily reminded, we are not "there" just yet. So, on we struggle. What to do? Try harder? Be even more demanding than usual? Surely, there must be a solution.

Self-Talk

At the heart of the change game lies the desire within us to be fully alive. Perhaps the biggest misconception we entertain is that we are our habits. When we say, "I am fat" or "I am lazy," there is no distinction made between what we do and who we are. This leaves very little room for improvement, due to the critical nature of internal dialogue. In time, discouragement sets in which can lead to becoming even more self-punishing in our behavior.

Compassion

Kristen Neff, of the University of Texas, Austin, is one of the world's leading researchers on the topic of self-compassion. Her research indicates that, contrary to the belief we need a high degree of self-criticism to effect change, long-term change is more likely with self-compassion. In a 2007 set of studies published in "The Journal of Personality and Social Psychology," Neff found that those who tested high on the self-compassion scale were less upset by their failures and less likely to obsess about them. Those who were harder on themselves were less resilient after setbacks and were prone to anxiety and depression. Essentially, this suggests that being compassionate about our shortcomings and failures allows us to become more resilient, healthier people. In that respect, our failures offer us opportunities to grow.

Discipline

Usually, when we think of discipline, we visualize a tough love approach. But, what happens when the inevitable failure occurs? Instead of pushing harder, we might use this as an opportunity to acknowledge our accomplishments to date, remind ourselves that we are whole, and, with compassion intact, continue on.

Here's to a compassionate New Year! Dr. John

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SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Activities:

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

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

Monday: Center & City Hall Closed on January 17th
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
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
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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:
City Hall Closed on January 14th & 28th

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



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Recipe of the Week:

Red Wine Beef Stew With Potatoes & Green Beans

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 pounds beef chuck for stew, cut into 1-inch cubes
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 4 medium carrots, peeled, halved and cut into 1-inch chunks
- 3 small onions, diced
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 (14 1/2-ounce) cans reduced-sodium beef or chicken broth
- 2 cups dry red wine
- 1 cup canned crushed tomatoes
- 3 sprigs fresh rosemary
- 2 medium russet or Yukon gold potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks
- 2 handfuls green beans, ends trimmed

DIRECTIONS:

Season the beef cubes lightly with salt and pepper. Heat 2 tablespoons of the butter in a heavy 6-quart pot over medium heat. As soon as the butter starts to turn brown, add half the beef and raise the heat to high. At first, the beef will give off some liquid, but once that evaporates, the beef will start to brown. Cook, turning the beef cubes on all sides until the pieces are as evenly browned as possible, about 5 or 6 minutes after the water has boiled off. If the pan starts to get too brown at any point, just turn down the heat a little. Scoop the beef into a bowl and brown the rest of the beef the same way using the remaining butter.

Scoop out the second batch of beef, then add the carrots and onions and raise the heat to medium-high. Cook until the onion starts to turn translucent, about 5 minutes. Stir in the flour until it has been worked into the veggies and you can't see it any more. Pour in the chicken broth, wine, and crushed tomatoes, and toss in the rosemary. Slide the beef back into the pot and bring the liquid to a boil.

Turn down the heat so the liquid is just breaking a gentle simmer. Partially cover the pot and cook 50 minutes. Stir the stew several times while simmering so it cooks evenly and nothing sticks to the bottom.

Stir the potatoes into the stew, cover the pot completely, and cook until the potatoes and beef are tender, stirring occasionally, about another 45 minutes. Add the beans and cook for another 5 minutes until the green beans turn bright green and are cooked through but still have a nice snap to them.



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9 am to 3:30 pm
To register, please visit the Senior Center or go online to www.cityofsierramadre.com/onlineregistration.

Lunch Café — January Menu				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Navy Bean Soup & Roast Beef	4 Albondigas Soup & Chicken Fajitas	5 Minestrone soup, pasta & meatballs	6 Tomato Soup with Salmon or Pork	7 Squash Soup & Baked Chicken
10 Broccoli Soup & Roast Turkey	11 Birthday Cake Soup and Sweet & Sour Pork	12 Corn Soup & Sub Sandwich	13 Navy Bean Soup & Baked Chicken	14 Chicken Soup & Cheeseburger
17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day CENTER CLOSED	18 Tomato Soup & Meatloaf	19 Albondigas Soup & Steak Picada	20 Lentil Soup & BBQ Pork Sandwich	21 Squash Soup & Pot Roast
24 Split Pea Soup & Baked Chicken	25 Potato Soup & Tuna Salad	26 Bean Soup with Salmon or Pork	27 Albondigas Soup & Tostada Salad	28 Soup & Stuffed Peppers
31 Broccoli Soup & Turkey ala King				

*All meals also include low fat milk, whole grain roll with margarine and dessert (fresh fruit or pie). Also, on the 2nd Tuesday of the month the Café hosts a special "Birthdays of the Month" party with cake & ice cream.



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