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**SATURDAY JANUARY 29, 2011**

Whatever Happened To.....?

## MURDER AT 1 CARTER

***In 2006 A Startling Discovery Was Made At 1 Carter - Two Men Had Been Shot - One Dead - The Other Critically Wounded. Have the Killers Been Found? What Happened? Has Anyone Been Prosecuted?***

Photos and Story By Susan Henderson

April 3, 2006 started like any other spring day in Sierra Madre, however by 5:30 p.m., the tranquility and peace that normally surrounds the city had been violated. What sounded like gunshots is said to have been heard by some residents in the vicinity of 1 Carter. A wounded man stumbled down the fire road looking for help. Another man lay dead in what has been reported to be a 'carjacked' vehicle.

News reports were sketchy. One dead man, one wounded. Investigations by the LA County Sheriff's Department began. For months, there was no news, only speculation that the crime involved gangs and/or drugs. Then in December, 2007, approximately eight months later, an arrest was made.

Federico Gonzalo Narvaez Bustos from Riverside who was age 27 at that time, was arrested for an array of serious felony charges. They included murder and attempted murder. By then it was believed that the crime did involve illegal drugs and that at least two other men were wanted in connection with the murder and attempted murder.

The dead man was Victor Tapia. The wounded man, the only witness to the crime, remained unidentified. After recuperating in the hospital, he kept a very low profile.

In the meantime, the wheels of justice moved very slowly. Arrested in 2007, Bustos has not gone to trial for the murder yet. He was arraigned and a preliminary hearing was held in Pasadena Superior Court in March, 2008, where he was held to answer to seven serious felonies: 1 count of premeditated murder, 1 count of attempted murder, 1 count of assault with a deadly, semi-automatic weapon, 2 counts of kidnapping, 1 count of carjacking and 1 count of robbery.

However, somewhere along the line, Bustos, who has been held without bail since his arrest, has been determined to be mentally incompetent to stand trial.

On January 11, 2011, Bustos was remanded to Patton State Hospital where he will remain until such time as a court finds him competent to stand trial. In the meantime, all criminal proceedings against Bustos have been suspended.

Now 31, this man accused of murder and multiple other violent crimes, may never



*The property where the murder took place, shown above as it looked in late 2006, was formerly known as 1 Carter. It is currently being developed for luxury homes. At the time the crimes were committed, the former developer had just begun clearing some of the vegetation in the area. Since the time of the murder and assault, roads have been paved and the site is preparing to construct new homes. The photo below was taken in 2010.*



come to trial. Whether or not he does is a function of his mental state.

In addition, if and when Bustos goes to trial, he will have to deal with another law enforcement agency. Bustos is an illegal immigrant and on an INS immigration hold. Should he be released from custody for any reason, he will be turned over to the INS for deportation. That will occur whether or not his mental incapacity sets him free or even if he is convicted and serves his time in jail.

So, the full story of what happened on that fire road may never be fully disclosed. The facts may never come out in trial. What drove these men to Sierra Madre we will only be able to speculate for now.

Hopefully, one day we will get the full story and close that chapter of the seemingly never ending 1 Carter dilemma.

## Autumn and Asher Win Top Prizes Students Win Talent Competition



Autumn Rodriguez, a 4th grade student at Sierra Madre Elementary school and Asher Smith, a 5th grader at SME, won First and Second place, respectively at the school's 4th Annual Family Concert's Talent Show. The first place winner was awarded \$200.00 and the second place winner won \$100.00.

Autumn, who won for her vocal rendition of "Part Of Your World" sang a *capella*. Asher won second place for his dance performance to the tune of "It Don't Mean A Thing".

The competition, which consisted of performance by 7 semi-finalists, was sponsored by the school's Annual Fund Committee. The performances were followed by a concert by Dread Zeppelin, which included Sierra Madre's favorite rock star, Elvis.

Judges Meegan Tosh, LynnAnne Hansen-Miller, Ty Gaffney and Susan Henderson had a tough time selecting the top performers for the evening.

Among the other contestants were: Megan Alle, Ashley Mao and Mackenzie Vocek, all 5th graders who sang "A Thousand Miles". (Ashley played the keyboard for the group.);

Aylah Robinson, 5th grade who sang a saucy Country Western Tune, "Our Song";

Camille Kennedy, 3rd grade, who danced a traditional Irish dance and wore an beautiful traditional Irish costume;

Maddie Rahn, a 4th grader who sang "I won't say I'm in Love" and captured the attention of everyone in attendance with her showmanship and Amy Stapenhorst, 4th grade, who sang "Take Me Home, Country Roads" with her father Steve on the guitar.

All of the contestants displayed amazing courage to perform before more than 100 parents, friends and well wishers. Terri Brown and Matt Hourihan were the Family Concert chairpersons. Principal Gayle Bluemel served as MC for the talent show.

Funds raised for the event go to the school's Annual Fund which helps support programs and activities throughout the school year. Paul Beach is the chairman of the Fund and this year, the goal is to raise at least \$100,000, the amount raised last year. The fund helps maintain and protect the quality of children's education. With the severe cutbacks from Washington and Sacramento, private donations are critical.

The next event will be Sierra Madre School Annual Auction on March 26, 2011 - La Salle High School. "100% of the money raised at the Auction goes to the school and funds staff training, science and technology programs, health and safety services, performing and visual arts education and many more programs that would otherwise be eliminated."

For more information on the auction, please contact Lisa Brault (626) 791-3678, Tobi Nishikawa (626) 579-6426 or Mimi Young (626) 818-0184.

Staff/MVNews



*Talent show semi-finalists, left to right: Amy Stapenhorst, Maddie Rahn, Camille Kennedy, Aylah Robinson, Asher Smith, Autumn Rodriguez, Megan Alle, Ashley Mao and Mackenzie Vocek.*



## ONE NIGHT ONLY! "FIBBER MCGEE AND MOLLY" AT SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE ON FEBRUARY 6

"Fibber McGee and Molly" was one of the most popular comedies of the Golden Days of Radio, enduring from 1935-1959. The fun is being re-created by actors of Bill Martyn's Special Mark Productions in a mock radio broadcast on Sunday, February 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Fibber McGee was a likable fellow frequently getting himself into some sort of trouble, patiently endured and soothed by his loving wife Molly. Their home at 79 Wistful Vista was frequently visited by a comical assortment of characters (in every sense of that word).

The actors will re-create the original broadcasts complete with commercials and sound effects. (The show's most famous running gag was the overstuffed hallway closet, which would burst with a cacophonous down-

pour of stuff when anyone opened it.)

The radio episodes being re-created include "Fibber The Magician" (1948), "Molly the Dressmaker" (1949), "Fibber and Molly Braid a Rug" (1952), and "Fibber and the I.R.S." (1952).

The actors of Special Mark Productions play roles originally made famous by Marian and Jim Jordan, Harlow Wilcox, Harold Peary, Gale Gordon, Bea Benedaret, Arthur Q. Brian, Bill Thompson and Cliff Arquette. The series' head writer and co-creator was Donald Quinn. "Fibber McGee and Molly" would have endured into the 60s, but for Marian Jordan's failing health. Now, for one more night, you can see what all the fun was about.

At Sierra Madre Playhouse, 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Free parking behind theatre. Sunday, February 6, 2011 at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20. Seniors (65+) and students (13-17), \$17. Children 12 and under, \$12. Reservations: (626) 355-4318 or [www.sierramadrepplayhouse.org](http://www.sierramadrepplayhouse.org)

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### 5-Day Forecast

#### Sierra Madre, Ca.

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<b>Tues:</b>	Sunny	Hi 60s	Lows 40s
<b>Wed:</b>	Sunny	Hi 60s	Lows 40s
<b>Thur:</b>	Sunny	Hi 60s	Lows 40s
<b>Fri:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 40s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



## Eat - Shop - Worship in Sierra Madre!

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#### Niko's & Friends Coffee

900 Valley View Ave Pasadena (On Sierra Madre Border)

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### Fine Dining:

#### Cafe 322

322 W. Sierra Madre Bl.

#### Ugo's

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#### Charcuterie

120 W. Sierra Madre Bl.

#### Four Seasons Tea Room

75 N. Baldwin

#### Corfu

48 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

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Belle's Nest  
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Brown's Classic Interiors  
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Charlotte's Jewelers  
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11 Kersting Court

Once Upon A Time  
14 W. Sierra Madre Bl.

Baldwin Jewelers  
15 Kersting Court

### Sierra Madre Float Souvenirs

Kersting Court  
Monday Jan 3 8am-5 pm

### Churches

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

**Sierra Madre Congregational Church** - 170 W. Sierra Madre  
(626) 355-3566

**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.  
(626) 355-0629

**Bethany Christian**  
93 N. Baldwin  
(626) 355-1403

**St. Rita Catholic Church**  
38 N. Baldwin  
(626) 355-1292  
and much more!

## 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.

### Become an Independent Contract Instructor

The Sierra Madre Community & Personnel Services Department is looking for new and different classes to offer to the community. If you are interested in becoming an instructor there is a new handbook available to guide you through the process. The instructor handbook is available online [www.cityofsierramadre.com](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com), under departments (Community & Personnel Services) by searching Community Services downloads, by email [city@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:city@cityofsierramadre.com) attn: Recreation Coordinator or by calling (626) 355-5278 ext. 227.

## CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL TO BE HELD AT THE HUNTINGTON FEB. 5-6, 2011

Visitors can experience the beauty of Chinese music, dance, and culture at a Chinese New Year festival on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 5-6, at The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens. Ushering in the Year of the Rabbit, the festival gets under way on Feb. 5 at 11 a.m. (grounds open at 10:30 a.m.) with an exuberant performance by lion dancers and drummers near the north entrance to the Chinese garden. Other activities will include Chinese shadow puppet theater, mask-changing (bian lian) performances, music, folk songs, children's book readings, painting and calligraphy demonstrations, and more. Visitors on Saturday can also purchase freshly cut flowers—a traditional way to celebrate the Chinese New Year. Activities on both days will be ongoing until 4:30 p.m.

The Huntington's Chinese garden, the Garden of Flowing Fragrance, will be one of the focal points of the festival. Inspired by the traditional scholar's gardens of Suzhou, China, this breathtaking landscape features a large lake, tile-roofed pavilions, stone bridges, a tea shop, and native Chinese plants set against a wooded backdrop of mature oaks, redwoods, and pines.

All festival activities are included with general admission to The Huntington: \$20 adults, \$15 seniors, \$10 students (age 12-18), \$6 youth (age 5-11), and free for children under 5. The group rate is \$14 per person for groups of 15 or more. Members are admitted free. For additional information call (626) 405-2100 or visit [www.huntington.org](http://www.huntington.org).

East West Bank is the corporate sponsor of the event. Additional funding provided by the Justin Vajna Memorial Fund for Educational Programs in the Chinese Garden. Special sponsorship has been provided by ICN TV Network enabling a delegation of artists from Chongqing, China, to demonstrate traditional arts.

*The First United Methodist Church presents a Benefit Jazz Concert Sunday, January 30th at 2 pm* The concert will help support Hajime Miyasaka and his family with a suggested minimum contribution of \$10.00. Hajime Miyasaka is a member of the FUMC congregation and was recently diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). Hajime just turned 18.

The concert features Forrest Robinson and Jeff Benedict. Forrest Robinson is an acclaimed percussionist who has played with Indie Aire and is the current drummer for Joe Sample. Jeff Benedict is a nationally recognized saxophone musician. All are welcome. First United Methodist Church of Pasadena is at 500 E Colorado Blvd, Pasadena 91101. For more information contact the church at 626 796 0157

## San Marino Community Church 70th Anniversary Celebration Brunch Sunday, January 30

Immediately following the 9:15 worship service in Fellowship Hall. The congregation is cordially invited to celebrate the official organization of this congregation. We will remember those early days with a "Blue Plate Special" 99¢. All are welcome, children under five, free.

### SMCC Remembers When... January 1941

The church enjoyed a very pleasant working relationship with the San Marino Tribune and was most fortunate to have office space in the original Tribune building. On January 9, 1941 the Tribune reported that "the growth of the Church and Sunday School indicates the desire of the people of San Marino to have a Protestant spiritual center in the Community." The combined church and Sunday school services at Southwestern Academy enjoyed an average attendance of 150 people. Close to 300 people had attended the "Special Christmas Service."

On January 14, 1941 the Presbytery of Los Angeles granted the petition of the people of San Marino for the organization of the San Marino Community Church. On Sunday, January 19, 1941 prospective members, (the Charter members and others interested in becoming members) assembled at Southwestern Academy to receive instruction. Those who belonged to another church were to obtain a letter of transfer. Members were also received by re-affirmation of faith and confirmation of faith. Sunday, January 26, 1941 marked the "Organization of the San Marino Community Church - Presbyterian".

On Wednesday, January 29, 1941 members of the new church gathered at Joy's Inn, on the corner of Huntington Drive and Chelsea for the first Fellowship Dinner. Music was provided by five Huntington students who were members of the new church.

The tradition of fellowship will continue on January 30, 2011!

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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:

February 8, 2011 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 29, 2011

**Parks and Facilities Master Plan Committee**  
**Special Joint Meeting with Community Services**  
9:00 AM – Community Recreation Center

## Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, to Saturday January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 360 calls for service. See [crimereports.com](http://crimereports.com) for updated information.

Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>:

**11:03 AM- Make Annoying Telephone Calls, 100 blk. E Montecito Ave.** A Sierra Madre resident reported annoying and unwanted telephone calls.

**6:23 PM- Grand Theft Exceeding \$400.00, 300 blk. W. Sierra Madre Blvd.** An unknown suspect(s) entered an unlocked car that was parked in a business parking lot. The loss included a purple purse, a black notebook laptop computer, EETC model, valued at \$325, Nikon Coolpix camera worth \$220, and a black Coach wallet valued at \$225.00, containing a driver's license, bank cards and \$26.00 in cash.

Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>:

**4:03 PM- Under the Influence of Controlled Substance, 100 blk. W. Sierra Madre Blvd.** Officers responded to a call regarding a man having chest pains. The man had snorted his prescription medicine to get high and needed medical attention. He was taken to Arcadia Methodist Hospital due to the overdose medication.

**7:31 PM- DUI Alcohol/Drugs, 400 N. Michillinda Ave.** An officer stopped a motorist for a Vehicle Code violation and saw that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The officer arrested the Huntington Beach man and booked him at the Pasadena jail.

Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>:

**8:23 PM- Possession of Marijuana in Vehicle, Michillinda Ave and Orange Grove Ave.** An officer stopped a motorist for a Vehicle Code violation and determined that the two of the passengers were in possession of marijuana. Both Pasadena residents were cited and released with a written promise to appear and released with a warning.

Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>:

**9:45 PM- Possession of Tobacco Under 18, Mira Monte and Mountain Trail, Mt. Wilson Trail Park.** Officers responded to a call regarding juveniles skateboarding at Mt. Wilson Trail Park. Officers cited two Sierra Madre minors for possession of tobacco.

*\*As of January 23, 2011, officers have taken over 515 credit card fraud cases from the EVG gas station at 50 S. Baldwin Ave. since the first fraud was reported on December 27, 2010. The loss now exceeds \$245,000.*

## BEST USED BOOK SALE

"There is no mistaking a real book when one meets it. It is like falling in love," – Christopher Morley.

Yes, with Valentine's Day approaching, love IS in the air! When considering the perfect gift for your Valentine, why not a book, heck, how about a STACK of books from the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library? Your Valentine doesn't need to know that you probably picked up a coffee table book for \$1, or her favorite paperback for only 25 cents!

Plan to visit the rear of the library at 232 W Sierra Madre Blvd on Friday February 4th, 3-7pm, then again Saturday the 5th from 10am to 2pm. If lost, call (626) 355-7186 for directions. Outside tables will be filled with hard back fiction, non-fiction, and the ever-popular paperbacks.

All proceeds from the Best Book Sale help the Friends to support the on-going library programs to make certain your library is up-to-date. Through the efforts such as these of the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library, over \$58,000 was provided for programs and equipment.

## "TRAVELERS & COLLECTORS" SEASON PREMIER

Sierra Madre Public Library's popular "armchair travelers" series will kick off on Friday, February 11, at 7:30 p.m., in Sierra Madre City Hall Chambers with, "Exploring West Africa: Mali, Burkina Faso and Benin" presented by Gary and Kathy Symons. The Symons explored exotic sites from Cotonou to Timbuktu, capturing on film the teeming markets, colorful tribal dances, and fascinating social customs and religious traditions of these three former slave nations.

Intrepid and seasoned travelers, the Symons never present a superficial, "tour-guide" view of the sites they visit. Their broad-minded respect of diverse cultures enables them to present a deeper behind-the-scenes glimpse into the day-to-day lives and customs of indigenous peoples.

Travelers & Collectors is held the second Friday of the month, February through May, at 7:30 p.m., in the Sierra Madre City Hall Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. All programs are free and open to the public. A schedule is available at the Library Service Desk, and can also be found on the Library website, [www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us](http://www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us). Travelers & Collectors is sponsored by the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library. For more information please call Catriona Shafer at (626) 355-7186.

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

In a nutshell, your event must:

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

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to [radio@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:radio@cityofsierramadre.com).



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## REMEMBRANCE



## JACK, THANKS FOR CHANGING MY LIFE FOREVER

By Hail Hamilton

**Francois Henri “Jack” LaLanne** (September 26, 1914 – January 23, 2011) was an American fitness, exercise, nutritional expert, and motivational speaker who had been called “the godfather of fitness”. He published 11 books on fitness and hosted a fitness television show between 1951 and 1985.

I met Jack when I was kid in junior high. He invited my family over to his house for dinner one night. My father and uncle were friends of his when they were classmates at Berkeley High School. Then Jack had already begun his fitness regimen and was an all-star quarterback, one of the best in California.

I don't remember exactly where he lived; it was somewhere out in the Valley. I do remember how short he was and how my dad -- who was also a Berkeley High football star -- towered over him. I remember him showing us his home gym, a huge matted room filled with perfectly maintained exercise machines and chrome-plated free weights.

What I remember most, however, was the brief lecture Jack gave my brother and I about eating right and the importance of exercise. I remember this because soon afterwards I took up weight training and running; something I still do today.

Jack gained recognition for his success as a body builder and nutritionist, but for me it was his prodigious, almost superhuman feats of strength:

- **1954 (age 40):** swam the entire length of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, underwater, with 140 pounds of equipment, including two air tanks. A world record.
- **1955 (age 41):** swam from Alcatraz Island to Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco while handcuffed and shackled, a distance of 1.3 miles.
- **1956 (age 42):** set a world record of 1,033 push-ups in 23 minutes on Art Baker's television program “You Asked For It”
- **1957 (age 43):** swam the Golden Gate channel while towing a 2,500-pound cabin cruiser. The swift ocean currents turned this one-mile swim into a swimming distance of 6.5 miles.
- **1958 (age 44):** paddled a paddleboard nonstop from the Farallon Islands to the San Francisco shore. The 30-mile trip took 9.5 hours.
- **1959 (age 45):** did 1,000 jumping jacks and 1,000 chin-ups in 1 hour, 22 minutes and “The Jack LaLanne Show” went nationwide.
- **1974 (age 60):** For the second time, he swam from Alcatraz Island to Fisherman's Wharf. Again, he was handcuffed, but this time he was also shackled and towed a 1,000-pound boat.
- **1975 (age 61):** Repeating his performance of 21 years earlier, he again swam the entire length of the Golden Gate Bridge, underwater and handcuffed, but this time he was shackled and towed a 1,000-pound boat.
- **1976 (age 62):** To commemorate the “Spirit of '76”, United States Bicentennial, he swam one mile in Long Beach Harbor. He was handcuffed and shackled, and he towed 13 boats (representing the 13 original colonies) containing 76 people.
- **1979 (age 65):** towed 65 boats in Lake Ashinoko, near Tokyo, Japan. He was handcuffed and shackled, and the boats were filled with 6,500 pounds of Louisiana Pacific wood pulp.
- **1980 (age 66):** towed 10 boats in North Miami, Florida. The boats carried 77 people, and he towed them for over one mile in less than one hour.
- **1984 (age 70):** Handcuffed, shackled and fighting strong winds and currents, he towed 70 rowboats, one with several guests, from the Queen's Way Bridge in the Long Beach Harbor to the Queen Mary, 1 mile.

I don't know why some people are surprised at Jack's death, or why they are disappointed that he didn't live past 100? What is remarkable is that Jack lived a long, healthy and productive life. He practiced what he preached until the day he died. Some people who do not live according to Jack's credo of healthy choices can live long, too, but most suffer and have a very poor quality of life.

“I feel you have three ages: your chronological age (your actual age), your physical age (how you feel today), and your psychological age (how you feel mentally), Jack wrote in one of his books. “Like wine, you should be able to improve with age.”

Jack was inducted to the **California Hall of Fame** and has a star on the **Hollywood Walk of Fame**. He leaves behind his wife of 51 years, Elaine, 82, two sons and daughter; a third son died in an automobile accident in 1974.

Jack once quipped: “I can't die -- it would ruin my image.” Fitting words from a man who dedicated his life to promoting good health.

### ORDINANCE NO. 1314

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

The City Council of the City of Sierra Madre does hereby ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1. Municipal Code Amendment.** Section 15.24.010 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**SECTION 15.24.010 ADOPTION OF THE 2010 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE**  
There is hereby adopted by the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion, 2009 International Fire Code for the 2010 California Fire Code, Part 9, known as the 2010 Fire Code except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified or amended by Section 15.24.070 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code. From the date on which this ordinance shall take effect, the 2010 California Fire Code shall be controlling within the limits of the City of Sierra Madre.

**SECTION 2. Municipal Code Amendment.** Section 15.24.070 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:  
**SECTION 15.24.070 AMENDMENTS TO THE 2010 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE**  
All of the following Sections of the California Fire Code shall be amended to provide as follows:  
A. Section 307.4.2 is amended to read as follows:  
307.4.2 Recreational fires. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet (760mm) of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated

Discontinuance. The fire code official or his representative is authorized to require that recreational fires be immediately discontinued if such fires are determined by the chief to constitute a hazardous condition or if atmospheric conditions reach critical levels as specified in the policies and procedures of the fire prevention bureau.

B. Section 503.2.1 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:

503.2.1 Dimensions. Fire apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 20 feet (6096 mm), except for approved security gates in accordance with section 503.6, and an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than 13 feet 6 inches (4115mm).

1. When fire hydrants are required, fire apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 26 feet (4114 mm) within a linear distance of 25 feet (7620 mm) each side of the hydrant.

C. Section 903.2.1.1 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:

903.2.1.1 Group A-1. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-1 occupancies in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

D. Section 903.2.1.2 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:

903.2.1.2 Group A-2. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-2 occupancies in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

Section 903.2.1.3 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:

903.2.1.3 Group A-3. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-3 occupancies in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

E. Section 903.2.1.4 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:

903.2.1.4 Group A-4. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-4 occupancies in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

F. Section 903.2.1.5 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:

903.2.1.5 Group A-5. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-5 occupancies in the following areas: concession stands, retail areas, press boxes, and other accessory use areas in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

G. Section 903.2.2 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:

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

H. Section 903.2.3 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:

903.2.3 Group E. Except as provided for in Sections 903.2.2.1 for a new public school campus and 907.2.3.6.1 (fire alarm and detection) for modernization of an existing public school campus building(s), an automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group E occupancies in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

I. Section 903.2.4 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:

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

J. Section 903.2.5 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:

903.2.5 Group H. Automatic sprinkler systems shall be provided in high-hazard occupancies as required in Sections 903.2.5.1 through 903.2.5.3.  
903.2.5.1 General. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in Group H occupancies: in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

K. Section 903.2.6 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:

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

L. Section 903.2.7 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:

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

M. Section 903.2.8 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:

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

N. Section 903.2.9 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:

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

O. Section 903.2.9.1 is amended to read

as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:

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

P. Section 903.2.9.2 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:

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

Q. Section 903.2.10 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:

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

R. Section 903.2.10.1 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2010 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission:

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

**SECTION 3. Fire Retardant Roofs** Section 15.24.080 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

15.24.080 Fire Retardant Roofs. Fire retardant roofs shall be installed in accordance with Section

**SECTION 4. Municipal Code Amendment.** Section 15.24.120 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

- A. In all new buildings within the City of Sierra Madre except group U.
- B. All new Group U as classified in the International Fire Code, which are located within thirty five (35) feet of any exposure.
- C. All buildings classified as a Group A, B, E, F, H, I, M, S, U when renovated over seventy five percent (75%) of their existing square footage.
- D. All buildings classified as a Group A, B, E, F, H, I, M, S, U were an addition of fifty percent of their existing square footage is being accomplished.
- E. All Group R occupancies shall install an automatic life safety fire sprinkler system in accordance with Code Section 15.24.110.
- F. All occupancies utilizing roof truss framing as part of new or renovated building construction shall install a fire sprinkler system to protect the integrity of the truss components during a fire.

**SECTION 5. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances.** All existing ordinances or parts thereof conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance or the California Fire Code adopted are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 6. References in Documents and Continuing Legal Effect.** References to prior versions of the California Fire Code, or of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code that are amended or renumbered in this Municipal Code, that are cited on notices issued by the City or other documents of ongoing or continuing legal effect, including resolutions adopting or imposing fees or charges, until converted, are deemed to be references to the new counterpart 2010 Fire Code or amended Municipal Code sections for the purposes of notice and enforcement. The provisions adopted hereby shall not in any manner affect deposits, established fees or other matters of record which refer to, or are otherwise connected with, ordinances which are specifically designated by number, code section or otherwise,

but such references shall be deemed to apply to the corresponding provisions set forth in the code sections adopted or amended hereby.

**SECTION 7. Continuity.** To the extent the provisions of this Ordinance are substantially the same as previous provisions of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code, these provisions shall be construed as continuations of those provisions and not as amendments of the earlier provisions.

**SECTION 8. No Effect on Enforceability.** The repeal of any sections of the Municipal Code, shall not affect or impair any act done, or right vested or approved, or any proceeding, suit or prosecution had or commenced in any cause before such repeal shall take effect; but every such act, vested right, proceeding, suit, or prosecution shall remain in full force and effect for all purposes as if the applicable provisions of the Municipal Code, or part thereof, had remained in force and effect. No offense committed and no liability, penalty, or forfeiture, either civil or criminal, incurred prior to the repeal or alteration of any applicable provision of the 2007 Code as amended, shall be discharged or affected by such repeal or alteration but prosecutions and suits for such offenses, liabilities, penalties or forfeitures shall be instituted and proceed in all respects as if the applicable provisions of the 2007 Code, as amended, had not been repealed or altered.

**SECTION 9. Supplementary of Existing Law.** The City Council intends this Ordinance to supplement, not to duplicate or contradict, applicable state and federal law and this Ordinance shall be construed in light of that intent.

**SECTION 10. Modifications to California Fire Code.** All inconsistencies between the Municipal Fire Code, as adopted by this ordinance, and Part 9 of Title 24 the California Code of Regulations are changes, modifications, amendments, additions or deletions thereto authorized by California Health and Safety Code Sections 17858 and 17858.7.

**SECTION 11. Findings.** The City Council hereby adopts the findings attached hereto as Exhibit A by this reference fully incorporated herein. These modifications to the 2010 California Fire Code, incorporating the 2009 International Fire Codes are reasonably necessary due to the local climatic, geological, and topographical reasons set forth in Exhibit A.

**SECTION 12. Severability.** Should any section, subsection, clause, or provision of this Ordinance for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Ordinance; it being hereby expressly declared that this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase hereof would have been prepared, proposed, approved, and ratified irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 13. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days following its adoption as provided by Government Code Section 36937, or January 1, 2010 whichever is later.

**SECTION 14. Copy with Clerk.** The City Clerk shall maintain a copy of the California Fire Code, 2010 Edition, as amended by this ordinance, for use and examination by the public.

**SECTION 15. CEQA.** This Ordinance has been determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines §15061 (b) (3) as a project that has no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

**SECTION 16. Certification.** The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be processed in the manner required by law.

**SECTION 17. Filing with State.** The City Clerk shall file a certified copy of this Ordinance with the California Building Standards Commission.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011

Ayes: Buchanan, MacGillivray, Moran, Walsh Noes: None Absent: Mosca

City of Sierra Madre	
<i>PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE</i>	
<b>To:</b>	Citywide
<b>From:</b>	The City of Sierra Madre
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF THE LOCAL CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) GUIDELINES</b>
<b>Applicant:</b>	City of Sierra Madre
<p>The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider amendments to the City's Local California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines in compliance with State Senate Bill 97 which requires that the Guidelines incorporate analysis and mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions. At the January 20, 2011 meeting, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed amendments to the City Council.</p>	
<b>DATE AND TIME OF HEARING</b>	<b>PLACE OF HEARING</b>
City of Sierra Madre City Council meeting <b>Tuesday, February 8, 2011</b> (Hearing begins at 6:30 p.m.) All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.	City of Sierra Madre City Council Chambers 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA Sierra Madre, CA
<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:</b> This project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under Class 8, pursuant to Section 15308 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).</p> <p><b>APPEAL:</b> 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.</p>	
<p>By Order of the City Council Danny Castro, Director of Development Services</p>	

City of Sierra Madre	
<i>Public Hearing Notice</i>	
<b>To:</b>	Citywide
<b>From:</b>	The City of Sierra Madre
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b>
<p>The City of Sierra Madre gives notice that the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on February 8, 2011, at 6:30 PM, or soon thereafter, to hear testimony on the Recreation Centers Rental Fee Schedule.</p>	
<p>The City is proposing new and updated fees for the use of recreation facilities.</p>	
<p>The copy of the proposed Recreation Centers Rental Fee Schedule is available at City Hall and the Sierra Madre Library for the public to review.</p>	
<p>If you have any questions about this matter please contact Director of Community &amp; Personnel Services Elisa Weaver at 626.355.5278.</p>	
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<p>Elisa Weaver Director of Community &amp; Personnel Services</p>	



## WOMAN IN WHEELCHAIR STRUCK, KILLED BY VEHICLE



By Dean Lee

An elderly woman in a wheelchair was killed Thursday night after being stuck by a car and dragged up a driveway where she was pinned against a small retaining wall police and fire officials said.

According to reports, firefighters first responded to a call at about 6:30 p.m. with information that a car had crashed into a wall on Fair Oaks Avenue north of Howard Street.

This was the second accident in less than a week in the area involving a wheelchair and car.

Pasadena Fire Public Information Officer Lisa Derderian said at the scene they found the elderly woman in an electric wheelchair between the car and a wall. Derderian said the unidentified woman was pronounced dead at the scene.

A man said to be driving a Jaguar was uninjured according to Derderian. She also said that the car came to rest on a gas meter and because of the smell of gas the utility company had to come out and shut it off. At press time, police were still investigating the cause of the crash.

Last Friday afternoon the California Highway Patrol said an Altadena woman in a wheelchair was also struck by a car while crossing Lake Avenue near Altadena Drive. According to police, she was transported to Huntington Hospital with non life threatening injuries.

The accident occurred when a BMW made a left turn onto Lake Ave. and failed to see the woman. The driver of the Jaguar was arrested for leaving the scene.



Jasper, an adorable terrier mix is about a year old, very friendly and loves to cuddle. He weighs about 15-20lbs, walks well on leash, and would love to take a training class. Come visit with this cutie today!

The regular dog adoption fee is \$120, which includes medical care prior to adoption, spaying or neutering, vaccinations, and a follow-up visit with a participating vet.

Please call 626-792-7151 and ask for A282657 or come to the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA, 361 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena CA, 91105. Our adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 9-4 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets updated hourly may be found at [www.pasadenahumane.org](http://www.pasadenahumane.org).



By Dean Lee

## State to Audit Pasadena Community Development Commission

In the wake of Gov. Jerry Brown's proposal suggesting phasing out redevelopment agencies, state auditors have begun a review of 18 such agencies, including Pasadena, across the state.

State Controller John Chiang made the announcement Monday.

The audits are an effort to obtain facts on how redevelopment funds are used and the extent to which they comply with laws governing their activities Chiang said.

"The heated debate over whether RDAs are the engines

of local economic and job growth or are simply scams providing windfalls to political cronies at the expense of public services has largely been based on anecdotal evidence," Chiang said. "As lawmakers deliberate the Governor's proposal to close RDAs and divert those funds to local schools and public safety agencies, I believe it is important to provide factual, empirical information about how these agencies perform and what they bring to the communities they serve."

In light of Brown's announcement, the Pasadena city council voted during a special meeting Jan. 18 authorizing the city manager Michael Beck to enter into a series of promissory notes memorializing indebtedness previously incurred by the Pasadena Community Development Commission and owed to the city of Pasadena for

a series of loans to the PCDC over the last 30 years.

"It is important for the Pasadena City Council to ensure that obligations its community redevelopment agency made to the city's General Fund are fulfilled and not usurped by anticipated actions by the governor and state legislature," Beck said. "It is important to note that the city of Pasadena is not undertaking agreements for future projects, which would undoubtedly be lost if the governor and legislature proceed as anticipated."

The 18 RDAs selected for the reviews represent urban, suburban and rural communities. They are geographically diverse and represent a mix of varying populations. The reviews will look at, among other things, how the RDAs define a "blighted" area, whether they are appropriately paying for low- and moderate-income housing as required by law, whether they are accurately "passing through" payments to schools within their community, and how much RDA officials, board members and employees are being compensated for their services.

City officials said that all of the loans, for various redevelopment projects in Pasadena, were properly reported annually and filed with the county of Los Angeles. Brown's proposal to do away with all redevelopment agencies in the state by July is a way to help offset the state's \$25.4 billion budget shortfall Beck said.

## Company Behind Americafest Fined for Storage Violations

Pyro Spectaculars, the company behind Americafest at the Rose Bowl, agreed to pay \$29,000 to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives from an alleged violation of Federal explosives laws the agency announced Tuesday.

The company located in a portion of a former World War II military facility in Rialto agreed to forfeit the proceeds for the over storage of approximately 62,000 pounds of explosives stored in excess of individual container limits ATF officials said.

"This case is historic for ATF

and the explosives industry in that this is the first time a forfeiture has ever happened for storage violations," said John Torres, Special Agent in Charge of ATF's Los Angeles Field Division. "I commend Pyro Spectacular for agreeing to the forfeiture. Secondly, it shows ATF has zero tolerance for those who may want to circumvent explosives storage laws. For anyone thinking of doing this, don't. Public safety is our main concern and I feel we have done our part in ensuring their well-being."

In March, 2010, an explosive inspection was conducted at Pyro Spectaculars by

ATF Industry Operations Investigators. Investigators found violations of the Federal mandated explosives storage laws which licensee's must adhere to when storing explosives material. PSI worked with ATF to quickly mitigate the public safety concerns and has instituted procedures to ensure full compliance with all Federal explosives laws.

ATF is the Federal agency primarily responsible for administering and enforcing the criminal and regulatory provisions of the Federal laws pertaining to destructive devices (bombs), explosives, and arson.

## PCC Presents Tina Howe's "Museum"



The Pasadena City College Performing Arts Division will be performing "Museum" from Feb. 3-5. Written by Tina Howe and directed by PCC instructors Duke Stroud and Whitney Rydbeck, the play takes place in a museum set in a metropolitan city. It is the final day of an art show and patrons of all types and persuasions attend the event, and of course, hilarity ensues.

"Howe's popular play is a perfect fit for our talented assortment of student actors," Rydbeck said. "The characters are diverse and fun, while the story is entertaining and very humorous."

Performances are scheduled for Feb. 3, 4, and 5 at 8 p.m., and Feb. 5 at 2 p.m. All performances will take place in The Little Theater (C106). Tickets are sold at the door only, starting one hour prior to curtain. Tickets are priced at \$10 for general admission and \$5 for PCC students, PCC staff, and seniors.

For more information, contact the PCC Performing and Communication Arts Division at (626) 585-7216.

## FBI Arrest Former Huntington Memorial Hospital Official

The former director of construction for Huntington Memorial Hospital was arrested Friday morning on federal mail fraud arising from his role in a construction kickback scheme that allegedly brought him more than \$3 million in illegal payments.

David Hamedany, 54, of Glendale, was arrested at his residence without incident by special agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

receiving more than \$3 million from the hospital. The payments were pursuant to invoices approved by Hamedany, even though the three companies performed no construction work for the hospital. These three companies allegedly paid kickbacks of more than \$2.5 million to entities controlled by Hamedany and/or a relative of Hamedany.

The indictment in this case charges Hamendany with 12 counts of mail fraud. Each count of mail fraud carries a maximum statutory penalty of 20 years in federal prison.

Hamedany is expected to be arraigned this afternoon in United States District Court.

On January 11, FBI agents seized approximately \$480,000 from a bank account into which Hamendany transferred approximately \$585,000. Officials said "An indictment contains allegations that a defendant has committed a crime. Every defendant is presumed to be innocent until and unless proven guilty in court."

This case is the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Huntington Memorial Hospital has fully cooperated in the investigation.

Hamedany was the director of construction for Huntington Memorial Hospital from 2006 until June 2010, during which time he had authority to enter into contracts and approve various invoices for the hospital. According to the indictment returned yesterday by a federal grand jury, Hamedany authorized payments of more than \$3.8 million to construction companies that later made kickback payments of more than \$3 million to entities controlled by Hamedany and/or a relative of Hamedany.

The indictment specifically alleges that three Northern California companies received most of the money involved in the fraudulent contracts, collectively

## 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

## Jeanette Mann Appointed to State Student Success Task Force



Dr. Jeanette Mann, a member of the Pasadena Area Community College District Board of Trustees, was recently appointed by the California Community Colleges Board of Governors to the Student Success Task Force. The 21-member committee will meet during the next 12 months to develop a strategic blueprint to help community college students to succeed.

"The purpose of the task force is to help students reach their educational goals," Mann said. "I personally am most interested in establishing a clear path for students so that they may take their courses at a community college, earn their associate degree, obtain a certificate, or transfer to a four-year university. Whatever a student wants to do, we need to have a clear pathway to their success."

The task force includes a broad array of academic, research, and business leaders and will be chaired by Board of Governors member Dr. Peter MacDougall. The task force will examine strategies for promoting student success, including improving student assessment, delivering basic skills instruction, increasing access to financial aid, and academic counseling, and identifying national funding models to incentivize completion rates.

"An area of concern is that

the power of video, audio and print along with online social media. The next meeting is Feb. 1 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](http://pasadenan.com).

graduating high school seniors cannot enroll in community colleges because there are no spots for them," Mann added. "A lack of funding to the community college system is a major reason for the lack of accessibility, but another is that students already at a college are not graduating or transferring. These students may have enough units to do so, but they either are unaware or need some help to take the next step."

Californians holding an associate or bachelor's degree are likely to earn \$1 million more in their lifetime than a person who holds only a high school diploma. For every \$1 invested in higher education, an additional \$3 is generated in tax revenue. Yet, studies indicate educational attainment is declining nationally with each younger generation. Given these findings, in 2010 Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger approved Senate Bill 1143, authored by State Senator Carol Liu. The bill calls upon the California Community Colleges Board of Governors to adopt a plan for improving student success by 2012. It also authorizes the creation of a task force on student success.



# ARCADIA

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## Millions in City, Schools Shortfall

### FROM ARCADIA'S BEST...

By Scott Hedrick

Although the economy is said to no longer be in recession, the stock market is strong, and there are various positive signs in the housing, employment and business sectors, the city of Arcadia and the school district appear to be headed into their most challenging budgets of this economic downturn.

A recent five-year forecast by the city projects a budget deficit of \$2.3 million for 2011/12 and another three years thereafter with deficits of \$1.8 mil., \$2 mil., and \$1.5 mil.

The picture is even worse for the school district. Preliminary projections by the school district that are not yet officially released indicate significantly bigger funding gaps than the city for the next two years, which could lead to teacher layoffs, increases in class sizes, and/or a reduction in the number of school days.

All of these budget deficit projections are preliminary and do not include multiple bits of data that could make the figures look worse or a little better.

Why would cities and schools be doing worse just as the overall economy is improving?

Cities and schools have been minimizing the impact of the economic downturn by putting band-aids on major shortfalls the last couple of years, and using emergency funds that are drying up just as more cutbacks are about to hit.

There are also many major unknowns at this point, such as how much of Governor Brown's proposed state budget will be approved or revised. Will the city lose its redevelopment funding? Will California taxpayers vote to extend expiring sales and vehicle license taxes?

The school district is in the most precarious position at the moment, as was the case two years ago. That's because the teacher's union requires that any teacher to be laid off for the following school year must be notified by the previous March, well before the district will have enough information to forecast next year's budget with any degree of accuracy. Exacerbating the challenge is that the district has to prove that its financial plan will be viable for the next three years.

One key missing component will be the critical ballot issue about tax extensions that, if extended, could spare some teacher jobs. But that issue isn't expected to go before voters until June. If those

extensions are not approved, the school district may have to reduce its budget by another 20%, according to school board member Joann Steinmeier. And that would be on top of a similar reduction the school has already had to absorb over the last three years.

Meanwhile, federal stimulus money from President Obama's administration that kept some teachers from being laid off comes to an end next year. Further, for the last couple of years school employees voluntarily contributed 1.5% of their salaries to cover shortfalls. As agreed, the district has begun restoring those salary contributions, meaning those savings will no longer be available just as more cuts are coming.

And the emergency reserves have already been tapped so much that the available rainy day fund has dropped from 12% to only 4%, a level at which it can no longer be tapped, Steinmeier said.

So, as happened two years ago, the district may be forced to prepare for the worst and send out pink slips in March, only to potentially rescind some of the them later this summer.

In the meantime, the district must prepare spending budgets for multiple scenarios, even the best of which will likely result in some cuts.

Additional major adjustments must also be considered, such as reducing the number of school days, slightly increasing class sizes (which will mean teacher layoffs), and even potentially proposing a parcel tax, a special real estate tax on local property owners to cover shortfalls in the school budget. About 25% of schools in California have instituted a parcel tax, but getting such an additional tax passed by two-thirds of voters in this economy, especially if it were to be placed on the same June ballot as a couple of other tax extensions, could prove difficult.

Throughout the rest of the city, various departments are being asked to consider all possible scenarios for reducing city costs, which could include providing fewer community services and cutting back hours of operation of the library, for example.

Our city and school district leaders will continue to work their magic in finding ways to make all of this as painless and invisible as possible to most of us. But it's important for all of us to be aware of the challenges facing them and to be aware that our belts may still have to be tightened one more notch before we can breathe easily again.

– By Scott Hettrick

## Arcadia Police Blotter

*For the period of Sunday, January 16, through Saturday, January 22, the Police Department responded to 952 calls for service of which 120 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.*

Sunday, January 16:

1. Between 8:50 p.m. on January 15 and 11:20 a.m. on January 16, a commercial burglary occurred at Westfield Mall. Unknown suspect(s) entered a secured T-Mobile stockroom and stole about 100 cellular phones.

2. Units responded to Ralphs, 1101 West Huntington, in reference to a theft that just occurred. A female suspect concealed merchandise in her purse and then left the store without paying for the items. A private person's arrest was made, and a 25-year-old Caucasian was taken into custody for petty theft.

Monday, January 17:

3. A residential burglary occurred in the 400 block of West Duarte between 9:45 a.m. and 11:25 a.m. Unknown suspect(s) entered the home through an unlocked kitchen window and then stole jewelry and a watch for an estimated loss of \$8,200.

4. Shortly after 4:00 p.m., a bicyclist versus auto traffic accident occurred at Baldwin and Longden. A 71-year-old male bicyclist rode through a red light and was struck by a vehicle. He was transported to a nearby hospital in critical condition but later succumbed to his injuries.

Tuesday, January 18:

5. Around 12:20 p.m., units responded to the 5800 block of South Baldwin regarding a suspect threatening to kill her mother with a firearm. A perimeter was established and a 19-year-old female Caucasian suspect eventually exited the house and was taken into custody for assault with a deadly weapon and making terrorist threats. A rifle was found inside the house.

6. While a victim was walking in the 00 block of East Duarte around 12:30 p.m., a group of male Asian suspects approached and attacked him. The victim was struck with fists and kicked repeatedly while he was on the ground and his wallet was also taken. The suspects then fled in a black sedan. An area search was conducted, but the suspects were not located.

Further investigation led to the arrests of 5 male Asian suspects, 16 to 18 years of age, on January 20. The suspects were charged with conspiracy, assault with a deadly weapon, threaten crime with intent to terrorize, and robbery.

Wednesday, January 19:

7. Units were dispatched to Nordstrom around 5:22 p.m. regarding two female employ-

ees detained for theft. An internal investigation revealed that the two employees worked together to make fraudulent returns and then credited over \$1,200 to their personal accounts. A 26-year-old Caucasian and a 24-year-old Hispanic were taken into custody for commercial burglary

Thursday, January 20:

8. Two victims came to the station around 4:14 p.m. to file an identity theft report. Between November 29 and January 20, unknown suspect(s) used the victims' personal information to open a credit card account and made over \$16,500 in fraudulent charges at Nordstrom.

9. Between 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., an auto burglary occurred in the 100 block of East Live Oak. Unknown suspect(s) smashed a car window and stole a designer purse containing cash, expensive jewelry, and a Cartier watch for a reported loss of \$18,600.

10. Shortly after 9:00 p.m., a traffic collision occurred at California and Santa Anita. An intoxicated driver rear-ended a parked BMW, and a 28-year-old male Caucasian driver was arrested for DUI and a \$35,000 outstanding warrant.

Friday, January 21:

11. Officers were called to the 1600 block of Lovell around 11:45 a.m. in reference to a disturbance. Apparently during a fit of rage, a 26-year-old female Asian threatened to kill her 73-year-old grandmother and then struck her, causing the victim to fall and hit her head against a piano. The woman was transported to AMH for treatment, and the suspect was arrested for elder abuse and making terrorist threats.

12. Around 1:45 a.m., a traffic stop was conducted at Huntington and Gate 1 for driving the wrong way on a one-way street. An intoxicated 21-year-old female Hispanic driver was arrested for DUI.

Saturday, January 22:

13. Loss prevention personnel from Old Navy advised that they had detained a woman for theft around 5:49 p.m. The suspect concealed merchandise in her purse and then left the store without making payment. A private person's arrest was made, and a 26-year-old Hispanic was taken into custody for commercial burglary. Additional stolen property from Wet Seal, Forever 21, and American Apparel were recovered.

14. Shortly before 11:00 p.m., units responded to the racetrack regarding an attempted theft of hay bales. Two male Hispanic suspects backed a truck to a large pile of hay bales and began loading them into the truck. Security personnel spotted them, and the suspects fled on foot. An area search resulted in the apprehension of a 22-year-old suspect; however, the other suspect was not located.

## First Lady Martha Washington to Pay a Visit

First Lady Martha Dandridge Custis Washington will visit Arcadia when historical portrayer Debbie McIntosh presents her "Women in History" program to the California Retired Teachers' Association #71 (CalRTA) on Friday, February 11, at the group's 11:30 a.m. luncheon meeting. The meeting will take place at the Senior Center Building in Arcadia Park, 405 W. Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia, next to the Lawn Bowling Greens.

A native of San Diego, McIntosh attended USC where she received a B. A. in Journalism and an M. A. in International Relations. Her career included work for JPL/Caltech/NASA as a personnel representative and a technical writer/editor. Currently, she is the owner/founder of "History through the Eyes of Women" in which she portrays over thirty historical women, including her popular

portrayal of Betsy Ross for school children. At Forest Lawn Memorial Park, she is a lecturer on art and history. McIntosh's portrayal of Martha Washington will follow the young Martha from widowhood, to her marriage to General George Washington, and then to her White House years as First Lady to our first President.

Guests are welcome to come enjoy the CalRTA luncheon and Debbie McIntosh's impersonation of Martha Washington. The cost of the luncheon for members and guests is \$10. The reservation deadline is Friday, February 4. For luncheon information, please call John Gera at (626) 286-0714. Membership in the California Retired Teachers' Association is open to all retired educators, as well as to any others interested in joining this active group, which now numbers 534 members in CalRTA #71 (SGV).

## Pack Station Needs Musicians Picture Attached

Adams' Pack Station at Chantry Flat in the Angeles National Forest above Arcadia is gearing up for its next season of monthly free outdoor live music concerts and sales of pulled pork sandwiches and is accepting applications from musicians willing to perform.

The monthly programs are held from 12 noon – 5 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month from April 17 through October.

The schedule for these events is:

12 noon to 2 pm – First performer(s)

2 pm to 2:30 – Open Mic.

2:30 to 4:30 – Second performer(s)

4:30 to 5:00 pm – Open Mic.

We are looking for musicians who would like to play in this unique atmosphere on the following dates:

4/17, 5/15, 6/19, 7/17, 8/21, 9/18, and 10/16.

If you would like to play, please email Deb Burgess (dburgess@adamspackstation.com) with your preferred date and time slot.



### 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](http://www.ci.arcadia.ca.us), to download the registration form or stop by the office, 375 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007. For more information please call 626.574.5113!

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### ARCADIA CALENDAR

#### City Council Meeting

1/18/2011 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
Council Chamber / Conference Room

#### Missed a Council Meeting?

For the benefit of residents who cannot attend in person, City Council meetings are broadcast live to all residents who subscribe to local cable television service on the Arcadia Community Television Channel (Time Warner customers: Channel 3; Champion customers: Channel 6) with daily replays at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. AT & T, which services some areas of Arcadia, does not yet carry our government access channel, but will in the future.

#### Planning Commission Meeting

1/25/2011 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Arcadia City Council Chambers

#### Modification Committee Meeting

1/25/2011 7:45 AM - 8:45 AM  
Arcadia Council Chambers Conference Room

#### Other Community Events

January 19th Friends of the Arcadia Public Library present historian/curator Phil Brigandi to discuss role of the Ramona Myth in shaping Southern California at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, at the Library, 50 W. Duarte Road. Reservations are not necessary; refreshments will be served.

#### January 22nd Library dog sled

Time: 2:30 PM  
Meet dog sled team mushers of Adventure Quest! at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Arcadia Public Library, 20 W. Duarte Road. More information: (626) 821-5566.

#### January 27th Relay for Life kickoff

Time: 6:00 PM  
Kickoff event for the annual Cancer Society fund-raiser Relay for Life Arcadia, will be at 6 p.m. Jan. 27 at Dave & Buster's.

#### Brown Bag Lunch

Brown Bag Lunch Talks -Museum Treasures: Their Origins and Donors

#### Date/Time:

1/20/2011 12:00 PM

#### Location:

The Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum  
380 West Huntington Drive  
Arcadia, California 91007

Cost: Free

"Museum Treasures:  
Their Origins and Donors"  
Featuring Carol Libby  
January 20, 2011  
12 p.m.

The Museum will continue presenting our popular Brown Bag Lunch Talks which take place the third Thursday of every month on the Museum's outdoor patio. Please dress appropriately according to weather conditions. Bring your lunch and listen to our guest speakers who will present snippets about Arcadia history, people, places and events. For more information on each talk, please call the Museum.

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board of the Santa Anita Family YMCA, was presented with The Dick Lord Award for her years of outstanding service to the Monrovia Chamber of Commerce.

## Monrovia State of the City Recap

By Vivianne Parker

The measurement for Monrovia's future growth will be five pillars that will guide the City through the hard time, Mayor Mary Ann Lutz emphasized to the 200-plus at Krikorian Theater attending Monrovia's State of the City address. These pillars are financial stability, keeping public safety a priority, maintaining the City's infrastructure, managing the City government efficiently, and improving quality of life for Monrovia's. "All of these have to be in place for the community to succeed," she told the crowd.

"Despite these hard times, I can report to you as we begin 2011, that the State of Monrovia is good. It is stable and it is secure," said the Mayor. What has made the times difficult has been lower-than-expected property and sales tax revenues. Even with this recession, Mayor Lutz expects to "overcome it." "In the past 5 years, property taxes have dropped sharply. City income from property taxes was even below our low expectation. And sales tax revenue has been falling for several years. They are only now beginning to show signs of recovery." In the 6-month budget review to the City Council in December, sales tax revenue were up 6%, "a positive for the first time in two years," added the Mayor. "Still, property tax and sales tax revenue will account for 36% of all the money the City will receive in fiscal year 2010-2011. More than 1/3 of all the money we have for the entire year comes from those two struggling sources," added the Mayor. Another strain on the budget has been the State of California take-aways from local governments budgets, she emphasized.

To overcome these challenges, Mayor Lutz stressed having to "make the important decisions," such as the one made in December 2010 where the City Council heard a budget review recommending to reduce the operational budget by two percent and to postpone the reserve fund contribution. "We didn't take money away from our reserve fund. We just didn't add money to it as scheduled. With that done, our budget is structurally balanced," said the Mayor. When I say the budget is balanced, you need to see how exactly fragile that balance is," the Mayor told the audience. "And, you need to understand there is no fat in this budget. There is nothing now being cut that is going to be felt by the community."

Another important decision was cutting the budget from \$2.6 million in 2010, "which had already been cut three times in the last three years," resulting in postponing services and/or eliminating events like the Food and Wine Festival. "The city staffing has been cut 12% in the last two years. Nearly 30 municipal employees were laid off, retired early or saw positions eliminated. In 2008-2009, seven retired. In 2009-2010, another 19 more retired." In other cost-saving efforts, the city cross trained junior employees into senior positions and/or converted full-time to part-time positions.

"There are only two ways to grow revenue: higher taxes or new productive businesses with a vibrant private sector. The last thing that your city wants to see is an increased tax. We know, given this current recession and the uncertainty of the State of California, that this is not the time to talk about increasing taxes, tax assessments or fees. What we can do is continue to being aggressive when it comes to stimulating our business sector by raising new revenues. Ultimately, it will be those revenues that will make the difference in this community," believes the Mayor, who cited the unemployment economic climate in Monrovia

rate at 11%. "If those numbers are to be believed, it means more than 2,000 of our neighbors are without jobs right now."

By concentrating on the business sector, the Mayor believes it will bring more jobs to the community and stimulate the local economy. The Mayor credits the following new businesses in 2010 such as London, T Phillips in Old Town, Petco Unleashed, Huntington Oaks, Jersey Mikes, Walgreens in the Rosedale Center, plus the relocation of City of Hope's financial and administrative operations as stimulus to Monrovia's economy with those additional employees shopping and having lunch in community, along with the business these companies generate. The Mayor stressed that they nearly lost Worley Parsons with its 600 employees to the City of Pasadena, "but we worked hard to keep them here and we won."

The redevelopment picture for Monrovia from the past 30 years shows successes of a once blighted area developing into a commercial business development like the Autorow area, Huntington Oaks Shopping Center, the Marriott and Doubletree Hotels, and the high tech corridor along Huntington Drive. "It will be redevelopment that will move Monrovia to the next economic prosperity, if it is still in our future, that is. As part of his ambitious reform package, the Governor has proposed that redevelopment be eliminated through the State of California and the redevelopment dollars be redirected to fund other things. We in Monrovia see that as shortsighted. Monrovia has used redevelopment as it was meant to be used. To use it as a benefit not just for this community but for the state, too. We do it right and it works. Redevelopment has enabled us to invest and reinvest in our entire community for an entire generation. It has brought jobs and trade and served the entire region. Doing away with redevelopment is a leap in the wrong direction. It takes away the best tool we have for job creation and, business attraction and market stimulation. And to do away with it just when we're ready take it to make it work to get us out of this recession, that's just kicking us when we're down."

Equally vital is the role the city's infrastructure plays in the character of the city. The Mayor credit's the makeover of Library Park as "being the center of Monrovia's civic life. All last year it was the place for sing-a-longs, art shows. We welcomed the return of the summer concert series." It was the recent victory celebration site for the Monrovia High School CIF Championship win. A repavement project is expected to begin in February along West Huntington Drive, as well as scheduled maintenance throughout the city.

The Mayor also stressed saving a historic home on Myrtle Avenue from demolishing through negotiations; the Anti-Graffiti efforts being conducted, Operation Safe Neighborhood, Chaplain for At-Risk Youth Program, Monrovia's Anti-Grant Intervention Committee; the arts in Public Places Ordinance funded by developers through Councilman Joe Garcia's initiative; the Paragon Apartments and the four single-family homes in Sherman as programs that improve the quality of life for the city and Monrovia's. "We have created a program with the school district that could create neighborhood parks out of school yards when the schools are not in session. We have a pilot program at Monroe Elementary and we hope to expand it through the community this year."

## FINALLY - Snow Day In Duarte



Good sledding. More than 100 kids turned out to play in the snow in Duarte last Saturday (Jan. 22). The Duarte Unified School District after school program, THINK Together (Teaching, Helping, Inspiring & Nurturing Kids), had 20 tons of snow trucked into Duarte Park to give kids a fun afternoon of sledding down a man-made hill. Volunteer organizations helping to make Duarte's Snow Day possible were Duarte Kiwanis, Duarte Area Resource Team (D.A.R.T.), and Caring Helping Youth Leading in Life (CHYLL).

## The Upper Room Stage Production at Duarte Performing Arts Center, Feb. 26

**DUARTE, CA, January 21, 2011** – The Upper Room, a play about faith, family, and the gulf between men and women, will be presented at the Duarte Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Feb. 26 at 4 p.m., sponsored by the City of Duarte and Second Baptist Church in celebration of Black History Month. The Duarte Performing Arts Center is located at 1401 Highland Ave.

The event brings together residents of Duarte and Monrovia of all races and ages, along with local businesses, organizations and churches to celebrate the rich history of African Americans in the community.

Performed by the Ixthus Players of Second Baptist Church in Monrovia, the production also honors the 37<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of Bishop William LaRue Dillard of Second Baptist Church.

General admission is \$20. Children and seniors, \$10. Limited VIP ticket seating is \$25. For more information, call (626) 345-0867 or visit [www.sbcmonrovia.org](http://www.sbcmonrovia.org).

## Monrovia Police Blotter

*During the last seven day period, the Police Department handled 453 service events, resulting in 109 investigations. Following are the last week's highlighted issues and events:*

### Domestic Violence

On January 13 at 12:28 p.m., a resident in the 900 block of West Olive reported her neighbors were fighting and that the male subject had a knife. Officers arrived and summoned paramedics, as both the male and female had injuries. They were taken to separate hospitals; their injuries were not life threatening. An Emergency Protection Order was obtained on the female's behalf. Due to their injuries, neither party was arrested. The investigation will be completed and forwarded to the District Attorney's office.

### Ex-Felon in Possession of a Loaded Firearm / Ex-Felon in Possession of Ammunition - Suspect Arrested

January 13 at 9:41 p.m., an officer was patrolling the area of Magnolia and Central when she observed a Lexus with tinted windows that rolled through a stop sign. She attempted a traffic stop. The driver did not yield immediately, but eventually stopped at Alta Vista and Montana. Upon approaching, the officer observed a rifle in the vehicle and ordered the driver to put his hands on the steering wheel. She requested additional officers. Assisting officers arrived and were able to safely remove the driver and detain him. The weapon had one round of unexpended ammunition in the chamber and a magazine with three additional rounds was found next to the driver seat. The driver is a convicted felon. He was arrested and booked for several felony charges.

### Injury Traffic Collision

On January 17 at 5:08 p.m., a 13-year-old bicyclist was hit in the crosswalk at Mountain and Wildrose. The bicyclist was thrown from his bicycle and paramedics were requested. The 13-year-old said he was a little sore, but did not want to be taken to a hospital by ambulance. His parents said they would take him later if there was a need. A traffic accident investigation was conducted.

### Possession of Burglary Tools - Suspect Arrested

On January 18 at 3:29 a.m., an officer was patrolling the area of Pomona and California and observed a suspicious subject who is known for burglary and is on parole. The officer contacted and searched the individual and found he was in possession of lock picks and slugs in the size and shape of a U.S. dollar coin. The suspect was arrested.

### Commercial Burglary

On January 19 at 3:07 a.m., an employee of a hotel in the 900 block of South Fifth reported a burglary committed by a male suspect seen on video entering the rear of the hotel through an unlocked door. The suspect approached the front counter while the clerk was away, forced open the cash register, and removed an unknown amount of cash. Once a copy of the video is available, it will be provided to police. The investigation is continuing.

### Residential Hot Prowl Burglary

On January 19 at 4:43 a.m., a resident in the 400 block of East Duarte was preparing to go to work when she discovered her purse was missing. Upon further investigation, she discovered her kitchen window screen had been removed. Apparently, someone opened the unlocked kitchen window, removed the victim's keys from the kitchen counter, and unlocked the door. Once inside, the suspect took the victim's purse. The investigation is continuing.

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## Alverno Seniors Take Service Seriously at Inaugural Service Fair

The Terrace at Alverno High School was busy with students learning about service opportunities from members of the senior class in the school's first-ever Service Fair.

The seniors, either individually or as teams, adopted various service opportunities and encouraged others to become involved. Baked goods, jewelry, art pieces and more were sold to raise money for each of the various projects.

"This service opportunity is a blessing," says Campus Minister Susana Capra. "Let's make this Service Fair what it truly is, a chance to come together in service and hope. Alverno has always stood for service; let us continue tradition."

Among the 37 projects were Just as I Am, Supporting Sound, Make a Keychain, Get a Keychain, Soldiers' Angels, and Party for Patients.

Regina Cabrera decided to call her project Just As I Am, and make her fellow students more aware of autism and Down Syndrome. She gathered volunteers for a program called KEEN (Kids Enjoy Exercise Now). She brought 15 students to a recreational center in Los Angeles where they each coached a child with disabilities. She hopes to make this an ongoing project.

Holly Zorbas created her own small fundraising opportunity in what she calls Supporting Sound. She artistically created bangles and other items out of music sheets. The funds she raised from this will go directly to Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, which keeps music alive in our schools and communities by donating musical instruments to under-funded music programs.

Elisa Machon and Araceli Calcanas made students more aware of the treatment of the elderly and the importance of older people in our lives. They developed their own idea, name, and project (Make a Keychain, Get a Keychain). They offered students a chance to use their collection of colorful beads to make a keychain for an elderly person at Two Palms Convalescent Home in Pasadena. In return the student would get a keychain for themselves. Students could also write letters, which would be passed on to those at Two Palms along with their key chains.

Jessica Mota, Erica Tavera and Raquel Gutierrez wanted to help out children with cancer. They have created what they call Party for Patients, selling Beanie Babies and other goodies to raise money for a small party they will hold for patients at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Most of the money will be going to a magician who will host the children. They will also bring a face painter, art activities and more.

Tammy Renzi had a deep inspiration to help soldiers overseas. She designed her own creative packaging and teamed up with



Regina Cabrera helped handicapped kids enjoy exercise.

Pasadena's Soldier's Angels to send holiday gifts to soldiers. She also gathered volunteers and helped Soldier's Angels to package 98 boxed with various goods such as soaps, blankets, books and magazines. These will all be shipped overseas to our armed forces as a thank you and a treat.

Maryanne Householder brought Post Secret, a community art project, to the campus. Through Post Secret, people send an anonymous secret on a postcard to the organization as a way of freeing themselves from the burden of that secret. She presented the concept to Alverno Theology classes through a video she made.

"Last year, Alverno students performed more than 18,000 hours of community service," says Ann Gillick, Head of School. "The Service Fair showed how dedicated and creative our girls are when it comes

The Alverno mission is to empower each young woman to be exactly the person she wants to be. Alverno High School is the independent, Catholic college-prep high school for girls in Sierra Madre, with a college-prep curriculum and emphasis on leadership that attracts students from public and private schools throughout the San Gabriel Valley. The school is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of preparing young women for the future with a series of events through May of this year.

## COOKING HEALTHY AT SCHOOL Story and Photo by Vivianne Parker

Learning to cook nutritiously can be an easy process, parents discovered at the year's first "Parents Nutrition Summit" held last Saturday at Washington Middle School in Pasadena. Through lecture sessions, parents saw first hand that, by changing a few ingredients, eliminating sugars and/or considering the nutritious facts on labels, they can make better choices toward a healthier diet. The Saturday event was an opportunity for parents and students to learn together and gain ideas to implement at home.

"They showed us in the class how to count the sugar in each drink," said Maria Arroyo. "They actually showed us how much teaspoons are in Gatorade, Sunny D Lite. Just looking at that made you think, Oh, we're drinking that much." Reggie Benn, father, was eager to let his two daughters Mia and Mariah practice at home. "They always ask to help, so this is a way they can learn," he added.

During the cooking camp, parents and students made a four-course meal which included Chicken Tortas, Avocado Green Salad, Salsa, and Berry Banana Split. The room featured a team working on each aspect of the menu. Chef Lidia Szpojda showed the students at her table how to prepare the Berry Good Banana Split. As she prepares the materials needed for the recipe, she instructs the students how to dish up the meal. She assigns each student to a task - one to scoop the yogurt, another to place the sliced strawberries, blueberries, and granola, which makes their version of the banana split healthier than the one served in ice cream shops.

"I learned something new about how to do the chicken," mentioned Arpy Aintablian who plans to make this cultural favorite a meal for her family. "I'm from the Mediterranean. I use another kind of chili powder. We have other types of spices. But I liked it. It's very healthy."

The summit was part of a year-round program offered by the Network for a Healthy California, sponsored by the Department of Agriculture based on the parent's income level at the qualifying schools. Nutritionists and chefs visit classrooms throughout the Pasadena Unified School district from pre-kindergarten to high school. "If you're in high school, you teach about 45 minutes. The



last 15 minutes is devoted to the chefs to come in with a healthy taste-testing for the kids. It's good to try out healthy snacks," said Nigel Napolion, Network for a Healthy California nutritionist. "For some teachers, they sign up for nutrition because they are so used to our program. We give a nice lesson. Teachers actually add it [the weekly program] to their health curriculum or science curriculum," emphasized Napolion.

Besides the instruction and cooking camp, each family received complimentary recipe books, one for kid's cooking, and two others for Mexican and Asian cuisines.

Ending the day, the group learned the benefits of physical activity through stretching exercises and dance routines.

### Assemblymember Portantino Announces Applications for Assembly Fellows Program

If your New Year's resolution includes carving out a career in politics or public service, the Assembly Fellows program may be just the ticket. Assemblymember Anthony Portantino (D-La Cañada Flintridge) is pleased to announce applications for the program which includes the prestigious Jesse M. Unruh Fellowship Program.

"The Fellowship Program counts a number of Assemblymembers and at least one former Speaker of the Assembly as alumni," said Portantino. "This world-renowned program has opened the door for many talented individuals who have gone on to long and successful careers in public policy - including our Fellow

from last session, Alfredo Mireles, who was appointed to the University of California, Board of Regents as a student regent."

It's a great opportunity to take part in policymaking and development. 18 candidates are selected for the 11-month, paid internship in an Assemblymember's office. You must be at least 20-years-old with a Bachelor's degree. Graduate students and mid-career professionals are welcome to apply.

Application deadline is February 23, 2011.

For more information about the program requirements and an application, check out the website: [www.csus.edu/calst/assembly](http://www.csus.edu/calst/assembly) or call my district office @ 626.577.9944.

### Civic Club Offers Education Awards

Sierra Madre Civic Club announced its annual Education Awards to worthy Sierra Madre High School seniors graduating in 2011. Awards will be presented to those chosen at the club's May 12th meeting.

Applications are available at local high schools, SM Public Library, City Hall, Youth Activity Center (YAC); by contacting Education Awards Chair Leslee Hinton at [smcceducation2011@hotmail.com](mailto:smcceducation2011@hotmail.com) or by phone (626) 355-5595.

A legible typed or printed personal essay is required as well as a letter of recommendation from the applicant's community service supervisor.

The deadline for applications is March 1, 2011.

### SMWC Scholarships

Sierra Madre Woman's Club announces Academic Scholarships are available for graduating seniors who live in Sierra Madre.

Applications are due by April 2, 2011.

High school counselors may request application forms by email: [smwc-finearts@charter.net](mailto:smwc-finearts@charter.net).

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Steak is one of my favorite dishes. My parents told me that when I was a boy, they would say the magic words, "We are having steak for dinner." My excitement level would explode. As if a long awaited birthday had finally arrived. Some things never change. I still love a great steak. Maybe I have been spoiled but an Argentinean restaurant or the Brazilian Chascaria that gives you all you can eat and stuffs you like a human luggage container. But I really believe you can't get a great steak for \$19.95. A great steak restaurant must have two essential ingredients, first and foremost, "The goods," a quality piece of meat, and secondly, the correct oven to prepare it in. Chef Gary Watanabe of The Ruth's Chris Steak House in Pasadena has both!!!

Founder Ruth Fertel was raised in Happy Jack, Louisiana, Fertel graduated from LSU with a degree in Chemistry, and in the 1960's Ruth saw an ad for a local steak house and took the job where she met Chris Matulich, the owner of Chris Steak House. Against advice, Ruth borrowed enough money to buy Chris out. The story has many more twists and turns, but as they say, "the rest is history."

Each of the Ruth's Chris has an identity of its own, the Pasadena Restaurant has a perfect greeting area as you walk in. The hostess to your front the main dining room to your right and to the bar area is on your left. Now I have dined at Ruth's Chris at least ten times since it opened five years ago and I am very comfortable pulling up a chair in the bar area. I am a people watcher and this is a great stop to watch people.

Steak makes up 90% of all sales in the restaurant; each steak is artfully prepared in an 1800-degree double broiler over. It is one of the reasons that you cannot get your steak at home to taste like theirs. The Beef is dry-aged in Chicago and shipped twice weekly to Pasadena. Here it is just like when I was just a boy, for eating at Ruth's Chris is a special day. The Petite Filet (\$) was incredible, I ordered it medium rare as my first test. All the steaks come out on a sizzling plate with butter, and Chef Watanabe cooked my steak to perfection. I must confess that I rarely order a NY Steak, it isn't sexy enough, Chef agrees, that NY strip steak was under appreciated. I am now a convert. The

### TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills

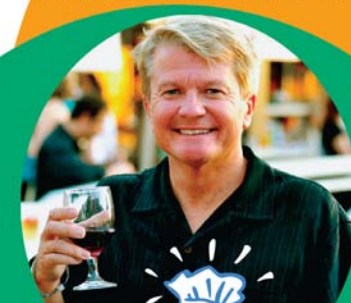
New York Strip

Steak was delicious. In fact it might have new best friend in this reviewer. Guests devoured the Rib Eye Steak as if they hadn't eaten in weeks. Impossible, because we also enjoyed some of the best Calamari that I have ever had, yes, the best. Too many restaurants try to fool you with frozen rings, Yuk! If you have been reading my articles and following my radio show, Crab Cakes are one of my favorites, and they certainly pass the test here. A little hint, some of these items are available for sampling a great price during happy hour. What would a Steak House be without a legendary wine list. The list headed with selections from the manager and boosts 8 pages of wine. If you can't decide there are some thirty to 40 wines by the glass. Desserts, are you kidding me, I am supposed to be on a diet. Leave your diet at home, the chef prepared cheesecake and a cram-bellay that made me want to hang out at the bar and have a glass of wine here every night. Our server was a delight and she knew her steaks, great training!!

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## C.S. Lewis' The Screwtape Letters

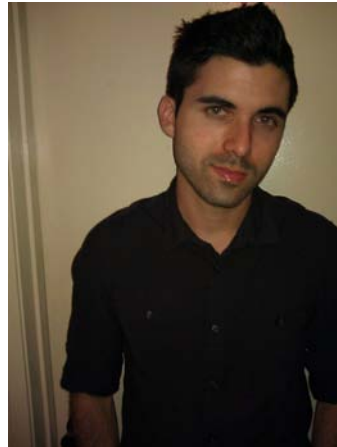
A Play Review by Despina Tsiknas-Arzouman



Having read C.S. Lewis's book The Screwtape Letters many years ago, I couldn't wait to review this play when I learned it was coming to the Alex Theatre (in Glendale) on January 15 & 16th. The three scheduled showings were a sell-out, so the chance of not getting seats caused me some anxiety (but luckily, a forth show was added). Now, for any of you dear folks who are not familiar with this work, I am privileged to tell you a little about it. The Screwtape letters was a novel written by C.S. Lewis and published in 1942. And, while Lewis wrote this book in satirical style (thank heaven) using a branch of Christian theology called Christian apologetics, the "lead character" was none other than "the devil." Now, you might wonder who in their right mind would want to head-up a writing using the most abominable of characters as the center of attraction!? Well, it was obvious that C.S. Lewis was devout in his desire to comprehend the full scope of life's spiritual mysteries, and through his focused observations of how such workings might exist, he was intent on shedding Light upon a subject matter which he found dwelt mostly in the recesses of one's mind. I'm sure such endeavor was not only fearsome and quite mysterious in nature, it is also one of global proportion. And so, no matter what language, jargon, or argot is used (i.e. "a 'rose' by any other name would smell as sweet") there is a fundamental principle in the concept of evil in every culture, religion, and race -- from ancient times to the present. And, though couched in christian dialect, "Screwtape" represents a paradigm which every human being is at sometime or other has considered thinking about, or wondered about. The adaptation of "Screwtape" for the stage worked quite well and probably couldn't have been better. The cast consisted of two people, and I found it to be quite profound and appropriate that the playbill also listed nine "unseen characters" characters as well. Max McLean who played "Screwtape" did an extraordinary job in his delivery of presenting, reciting (and memorizing) all the Letters written to, from, and between himself and "Wormwood" (a junior temptor in his internship to influence a young man on earth -- and one

of the unseen characters in the play). Screwtape's secretary, "Toadpipe" (played by Elise Girardin) took Screwtape's dictation and sent the Letters, but also acted-out some of the insidious "thoughts" referred to in the subject matter in the correspondences, which really served to be a mirror for our own self to look at. The stage setting and special effects were just-enough to create an environment conducive to feel a spooky, skin-crawl quality of "hell," while still (simultaneously) allowing the 'space' to be able to pay enough attention in order to perceive and grasp the underlying message being conveyed through the (thankfully) brilliant use of satire. However, despite the satirical angle, perhaps the most chilling line was this: "The safest road to Hell is the gradual one." Before ending, I'd like to quote what C.S. Lewis himself wrote in the Introduction of his book: *"I have no intention of explaining how the correspondences, which I now offer to the public, fell into my hands."* There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight. Readers are advised to remember that the devil is a liar. Not everything that Screwtape says should be assumed to be true, even from his own angle. There is wishful thinking in Hell as well as on Earth." -- C. S. Lewis, July 5, 1941

The Screwtape Letters had a nine month run at the Westside Theatre in New York, and prior to that all shows were a sold-out hit in Chicago and Washington D.C. The current tour of The Screwtape Letters will next be in San Diego at the Balboa Theatre on January 29th; then in Portland at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts on February 12; then moving to Seattle on Feb. 26; Colorado Springs on March 19, and Charlotte on March 26 & 27. If you can go see it, do so; and tell your friends and family members about it too!

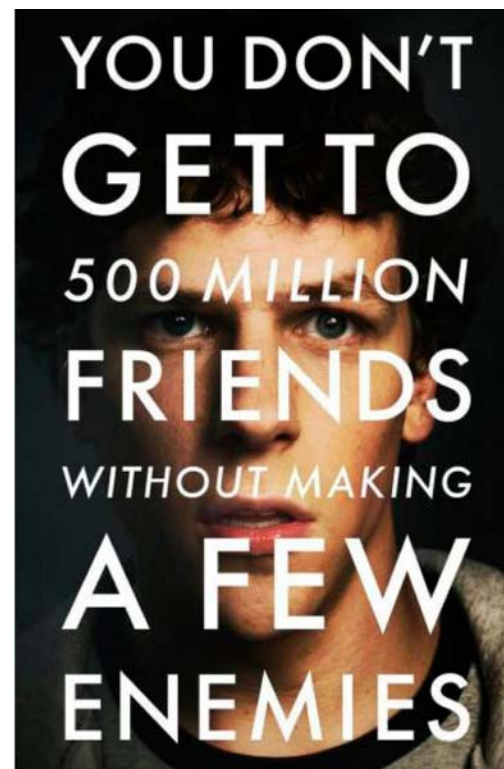


Sean Kayden

Many critics have declared "The Social Network" as the defining movie of a generation. Perhaps this is a bold statement from individuals not all that familiar with the new genesis of socializing, but for someone who is, I truly endorse this proclamation. Without a doubt, this is a movie completely directed toward my generation (18 - 35). Just how good is this film? In the very least, it's a triumph in every aspect of filmmaking and storytelling. From the moment the plot begins, the film becomes enormously gripping. It grabs you, rattles, and engulfs you for its entire two hours. The story opens up in a bar where the protagonist, Mark Zuckerberg, (portrayed by rising star Jesse Eisenberg) is having a fast-paced, condescending in nature conversation with soon-to-be-ex-girlfriend, Erica Albright (Rooney Mara). He belittles her yet for the strong, intelligent, and independent woman that she is, she's able to verbally rebound back at him. Arguably the best five minutes of the movie, we soon develop a sense for what Mark Zuckerberg is all about. A socially inept pariah and computer genius of sorts, whose so geared on personal success that he doesn't have any regard for how others may be feeling. "You're going to go through life thinking girls won't like you because you're a nerd, and I want you to know from the bottom of my heart that's not true." Albright says. "Girls won't like you because you're an asshole." Ringing true to Erica's statement for the rest of the movie, Zuckerberg embodies that persona. There are continual shifts throughout the film in which particular story is being told to the audience. We not only witness how Facebook materializes, but also view the lawsuits occurring between Zuckerberg and his ex-best friend and co-founder of Facebook Eduardo Saverin and fellow Harvard students Tyler and Cameron Winklevoss. Newcomer Andrew Garfield is terrific as Saverin, the affable, intelligent, low-key co-pilot to Zuckerberg. The scenes with Zuckerberg and him are easily the most entertaining and engaging scenes within the film. The Facebook guru himself isn't much of a likeable guy, even though he has the potential of being well liked. Saverin, on the other hand, is the type of character one always roots for -- the charismatic, amiable underdog in the movie. The other key player in "The Social Network" is Sean Parker, portrayed exceptionally well by Justin Timberlake's performance. Parker has the too-cool-for-school attitude as he comes into play in the second half of the movie. He's confident, sly, sleazy, manipulative, and conniving. Still, he's awfully fun to watch on screen. Nonetheless, Parker's real concern is what kind of role he's going to carouse with the immeasurable success Facebook potentially has. If Eduardo Saverin is the angel on Zuckerberg's right shoulder, then Parker is definitely the devil on his left. Jesse Eisenberg is able to effortlessly slip into the role of Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg as if the role was tailor made for his acting prowess. Every scene he's in and every calculated spoken dialogue he speaks, Eisenberg consistently knocks it out of the park. At the same token, nearly every important character is captivating to both watch and listen to in this movie. Undoubtedly, this is a superior script with tantalizing dialogue that never has a dull moment. Most of the credit is due to Aaron Sorkin's razor-sharp, magnanimous wit. The storytelling reads more like lines of poetry than scripted material. The screenplay is amusing, heartbreaking, beautiful, metaphoric, and symbolic of the times. For a movie driven by words and communication (and/or lack of),

## SEAN'S SHAMELESS CINEMA REVIEWS

director David Fincher masterfully directs this film with such grace and stylish precision. Just the like pro he is, Fincher has one again out done himself by giving the movie a heart-pounding pulse with his acute directing, rapid cuts, and vivid colors and tones displayed in each scene. Additionally, the movie's score by Atticus Ross and Nine Inch Nails frontman, Trent Razor, spectacularly captures the mood and atmosphere



**"The Social Network"**  
Theatrical Release Date: 10/1/2010  
Directed by: David Fincher  
Screenplay by: Aaron Sorkin  
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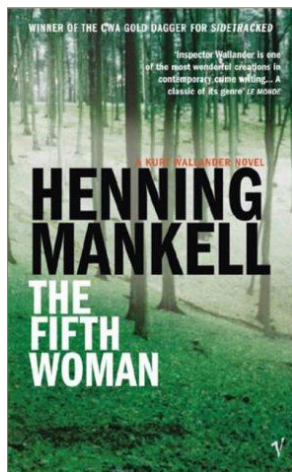
of the film. From a technical standpoint, "The Social Network" exceeds on every level and truly is modern movie making at its absolute finest. For a film about the establishment of an online social networking site, it's surprising to realize that there are very dark and ominous tones embedded deep within the narrative. A plethora of themes found in the movie that range from friendship, betrayal, greed, power, success, and acceptance. Still the real significance of the film delves into the lives of the brightest minds on earth. To watch all the trials and tribulations Zuckerberg had to go through and the kind of brilliance and creativity it took to do what he did, makes for such a wildly entertaining and downright engrossing motion picture. Think of Mark Zuckerberg however you may (the movie obviously isn't 100% accurate), but know that "The Social Network" represents what geniuses can do when they become entrepreneurial. They can always make a fortune, but some have more important goals and desires than just that. They have a vision to accomplish something that is totally intoxicating, despite any copious amounts of money that may be earned from their process. I believe Zuckerberg sees success as the journey, not the destination. If it were a final harbor, he'd retire and sell his business at the ripe old age of 26. From the very beginning, the actual Facebook site could have easily been deemed merely a copycat of social networking sites before it's time, but the movie version is no carbon copy. It's the real deal and deserves every bit of praise and recognition that it's received and then some. Swiftly paced, brilliantly acted, impeccably written, and superbly directed, "The Social Network" is a stunning achievement in every aspect of art. It's emblematic of the times and unquestionably, a contemporary masterpiece. Grade: 5 out of 5.

## Jeff's Pics

### The Book Report

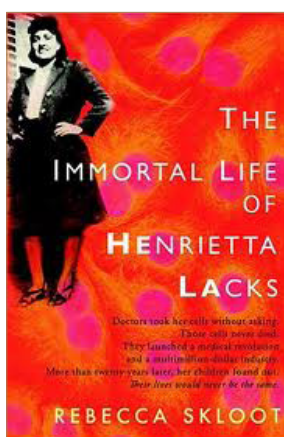
*The Fifth Woman (A Kurt Wallander Mystery) by Henning Mankell*

Mankell is another wonderful Swedish mystery writer. At the start of this excellent version of a station-house police investigation, set in the Skne district in the south of Sweden, Detective Inspector Kurt Wallander, who has just returned from an idyllic vacation in Rome, joins the hunt for the missing Holger Eriksson, an elderly poet. Finding the man's body in a ditch, impaled on sharpened bamboo stakes, brings Wallander back abruptly to the realities of crime in modern Sweden. While Wallander and his colleagues investigate the murder, another man is found dead in the local woods, making it clear that they have a brutal killer on their hands. . Mankell takes the reader slowly and meticulously through the long investigation's progress, including frequent reversals. The policemen are constantly overworked and exhausted, but they make acute deductions and chase down every lead relentlessly. There has been 9 Wallander books and 6 movies starring Kenneth Branagh!



*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot*

Doctors took her cells without asking. Her cells never died. This launched a medical revolution and a multi-million dollar industry. More than twenty years later her children found out. There lives would never be the same. Science journalist Rebecca Skloot writes this multi-layered tale about faith, science, journalism, and grace. It is also a story of medical wonders, racism, medical arrogance, poverty and the bond between two very different women, Skloot and Deborah Lacks, sharing a desire to learn about Deborah's mother, Henrietta, and her amazing, immortal cells. The book covers science, ethics, and the story of a family who was terribly wronged in the pursuit of scientific research. This book is considered by many reviewers as one the best science books of 2010.



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**2011 The Year of the Rabbit**

Chinese New Year is a two-week celebration that begins with the New Moon on Thursday, February 3rd. In China, the seventh day of the holiday is everyone's birthday...everyone turns one year older at the same time. What a party that must be! The last day, on Thursday, February 17th, is a joyous celebration called the Lantern Festival.

What do you know about the **Chinese New Year**? Read these clues to fill in the puzzle:

- Chinese New Year, also called \_\_\_\_\_ Festival, is a 15-day celebration
- it comes between the fall \_\_\_\_\_ and the season for spring planting
- it is celebrated in parts of Asia as well as in U.S. \_\_\_\_\_ like San Francisco
- families work hard preparing themselves and their \_\_\_\_\_ for the holiday
- they clean the house, \_\_\_\_\_ away "the old," the dust
- during the holiday, some get new haircuts and wear new \_\_\_\_\_
- paying back \_\_\_\_\_ is important at this time
- vases of beautifully arranged \_\_\_\_\_ and bowls of tangerines and oranges decorate homes
- families cook special \_\_\_\_\_ like Eight Treasures Rice, which can be made from many things: rice, walnuts, dry fruit, raisins, sweet red bean paste, jujube dates, almonds, cherries
- children may get red envelopes (Hongbao) filled with \_\_\_\_\_
- the Chinese \_\_\_\_\_ has 12 animals, with each animal standing for one year
- 2011 is the year of the \_\_\_\_\_
- on the 7th day, which is everyone's \_\_\_\_\_, people eat very long noodles to bring long life
- people make \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lantern Festival and hang them or carry them into the street
- "dragons" dance in \_\_\_\_\_ for good luck on the final day of the celebration

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## STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE



### WHAT DO WE GAIN FROM AN EDUCATION?

President Obama in his State of the Union Speech on Tuesday night emphasized the importance of improving the quality of education in America. He further emphasized the importance for Americans to be innovators in our changing world. This got me to thinking about what I had actually gained from my education.

Well, to put it simply, by going to college for four years and then Law School for three years and then passing the State Bar Exam I became eligible to follow a profession. Almost all of my friends from Junior High School and High School have obtained Graduate Degrees which have allowed them to enter professions and to enjoy fairly comfortable economic lives.

This earned entitlement to follow a profession, I believe, is something very different from learning to be an entrepreneur or an innovator. None of my friends have become particularly creative within their professions. I really don't know what it means to be an innovator and I certainly don't know where one obtains the skills. My son, for a while, worked in a restaurant that was owned by one of my High School classmates. This guy owns something like 22 restaurants and is immensely successful. As far as I can tell he is a considerate employer and a socially responsible person. He vaguely remembered me from high school as one of the "students". This term is a pejorative one which implies that I was part of a group that took school too seriously, worried a lot, and missed the joys of irresponsible teenage hood.

Really I think my friends are typical of the vast group of kids who did pretty well in school, but were underdeveloped in most other areas. We were not the geniuses who could go on to Cal Tech or MIT or Harvard and become research scientists. In fact we all avoided science classes and we all knew we had to get good grades to get into Law School or Graduate School. We were all so intimidated by our schoolwork that we frequently had little time to read anything outside of our assignments. I think that this is still true today. Students are generally so involved with their own stuff that they have little time to be concerned about the rest of the world.

I am leaving out something very important. Almost every college kid I knew was involved in numerous

emotional upheavals. Everyone was either suffering from unrequited love or coping with betrayals and depression. The sad thing is that these emotional upheavals did not stop in College. Maintaining honest stable relationships is, I think, a great problem for everyone. We never learned how to do it and our lives have involved the break-up of families and have damaged the people that we hold most valuable in the world. Things have not changed. Everywhere I look relationships are breaking up and people live their lives as walking-wounded. Many of the cases that I see in Court are the culmination of jealousies and distrust.

Yes I know jobs and the economy are important. I know health care and immigration and Afghanistan, and Iraq, and Iran, and North Korea are important. Global warming, gun control, clean energy, and school tuitions must be considered. Still, I believe, if Americans are to cope with this changing society and utilize their abilities to be innovators creating new businesses, then it is necessary that there be some change in mental health. Isn't it possible that our "education" actually include realistic models and methods to assist us in coping with our own emotions? Too many students and parents seem to be trying to cope through the use of drugs. There are consequences to this behavior. While drugged, we are robbed of our own creativity and are frequently unaware of what is going on around us. We often live our lives in secret from our loved-ones and are out of touch with our own feelings.

I believe that it is necessary to understand that what we all need is not more information about the outside world but, instead, a better understanding of ourselves. We need to be able to control our emotions rather than be controlled by them. We need to learn to actually communicate. How are we to learn to do this? Are there any models of sane people? Can our schools of all levels be of any help? We spend an awful lot of time there, memorize and forget tons of nonsense, and write papers that are quickly forgotten. It would be very nice if an "Education" had something to do with the attempt to provide an individual with help in maintaining mental health. It would be nice if an education helped us be happy in our lives. Frankly it would be nice to hear someone talk about the importance of mental health - that would be the start of an education.

## RICH Johnson



One of my favorite websites is Notstarring.com. A terrific group of researchers have sorted through all manner of data pertaining to actors who were originally signed or seriously considered to play movie roles they ended up not playing.

I wrote about them a couple of years ago and I think it would be fun to retake this trip down memory lane.

It doesn't just include actors. For example, George Lucas was originally slated to direct *Apocalypse Now*. However Francis Ford Coppola decided to direct it himself.

Mel Gibson, and Tim Curry auditioned to play the lead role of Mozart in *Amadeus*. Of course it went to Tom Hulce. Mark Hamill was also considered as he played Mozart on Broadway. And Mick Jagger auditioned to play Antonio Salieri, the part that went to F. Murray Abraham. Speaking of Mick, he also wanted the lead role of Dr. Frank N. Furter in *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. That role went to Tim Curry.

Remember the movie *Arthur* starring Dudley Moore and Liza Minnelli? Liza's role, Linda was turned down by Lucie Arnaz and Carrie Fisher.

## And now Not Starring...

Kim Basinger and Mia Farrow also auditioned for the part. Pete Rose was original going to play the role of Murdock in the movie *Airplane*. That role went to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. And the doctor played by Leslie Nielsen was originally offered and turned down by Christopher Lee.

In the Batman movie, *The Dark Knight*, several actors were seriously considered for the role of the Joker, which ultimately went to Heath Ledger. Among the considered: Paul Bettany, Adrien Brody, Sam Rockwell, and Robin Williams.

In the grizzly Quentin Tarantino film *Grindhouse*, the role of Stuntman Mike that ultimately went to Kurt Russell had originally been offered and turned down by Ving Rhames. Mickey Rourke was originally cast in the part.

And the wonderful 1938 film *The Adventures of Robin Hood* starring Errol Flynn had originally planned to star James Cagney (Wouldn't that have been different?) Douglas Fairbanks Jr., also turned down the part because his father had done a silent version in 1922. David Niven had been intended for the role of Will Scarlett but was off vacationing. And Orson Welles had been offered either the role of Friar Tuck or King Richard, but turned both of them down.

Then there's the 1951 classic *The African Queen*. Had the movie been made (cont. on page 15)

## HAIL Hamilton My Turn



### Think We Have An Illegal Immigration Problem?

The Manitoba Herald recently reported that the flood of American liberals sneaking across the border into Canada has intensified in the past week, sparking calls for increased patrols to stop the illegal immigration. The recent actions of the American Tea Party are prompting an exodus among left-leaning citizens who fear they'll soon be required to hunt, pray and to agree with Bill O'Reilly and Glenn Beck. Canadian border farmers say it's not uncommon to see dozens of sociology professors, animal-rights activists, administration officials, Bayer employees, and Unitarians crossing their fields at night.

"I went out to milk the cows the other day and there was a Hollywood producer huddled in the barn," said Manitoba farmer Red Greenfield, whose acreage borders North Dakota. The producer was cold, exhausted and hungry. "He asked me if I could spare a latte and some free-range chicken. When I said I didn't have any, he left before I even got a chance to show him my screen play." In an effort to stop the illegal aliens, Greenfield erected higher fences; but the liberals scaled them. He then installed loudspeakers that blared Rush Limbaugh across the fields. "Not real effective," he said. "The liberals still got through and Rush annoyed the cows so much that they wouldn't give any milk."

Officials are particularly concerned about smugglers who meet liberals near the Canadian border, pack them into Volvo and Mercedes station wagons and drive them across the border where they are simply left to fend for themselves. "A lot of these people are not prepared for our rugged conditions," an Ontario border patrolman said. "I found one carload in a Mercedes wagon without a single bottle of imported drinking water. They did have a nice little Napa Valley Cabernet, though."

When liberals are caught, they're sent back across the border, often wailing loudly that they fear retribution from conservatives. Rumors have been circulating about plans being made to build re-education camps where liberals will be forced to drink domestic beer, watch NASCAR races and read the Constitution.

In recent days, liberals have turned to ingenious ways of crossing the border. Some have been disguised as senior citizens taking a bus trip to buy cheap Canadian prescription drugs. After catching a half dozen young vegans in powdered wig disguises, Canadian immigration authorities began stopping buses and quizzing the supposed senior citizens about Perry Como and Rosemary Clooney to prove that they were alive in the '50s. "If they can't identify the accordion player on The Lawrence Welk Show, we become very suspicious about their age," an official said.

Canadian citizens have complained that the illegal immigrants are creating an organic broccoli shortage and are renting all the Michael Moore movies. "I really feel sorry for American liberals, but the Canadian economy just can't support them," an Ottawa resident said. "How many art history and English majors does one country need?"

Canada isn't our only neighbor upset about the invasion of unwanted Americans. Mexico City's La Prensa reported last week that Mexican immigration officials are alarmed about the thousands of Americans illegally entering their country each day, and have filed a formal complaint with U.S. ambassador. They say most of these undocumented migrants "are unemployed middle-class moderate Republicans, Democrats, and Independents fleeing persecution and public humiliation for their opposition to the liberal-socialist agenda of the Obama administration."

One official complained that "these gringos are abusing the Mexican legal system by claiming refugee status under the UN Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, and are costing Mexico millions of dollars for resort quality detention facilities, not to mention clogging up our immigration courts with a backlog of frivolous deportation appeals to process."

He said, "I fear the influx of so many Norte Americanos with their innovative ideas of free enterprise could have a catastrophic impact on the our economy by challenging our tradition of corruption, and could even threaten the very existence of our wealthy ruling elite." He warned, "Order could quickly turn into chaos."

Drug cartels are also fearful of the American invaders. A cartel boss said, "The idea of thousands of well-armed and well-organized NRA members moving south is very disturbing." He complained, "Fighting the Mexican Army is one thing, but going up against a profit-motivated efficiency-based all-volunteer armed force of greedy capitalist crusaders screaming 'God Bless the Almighty Buck' is quite another."

Think we have an illegal immigration problem? Think again. I don't know about you, but I'd much rather have a bunch of hardworking drug smugglers and human traffickers importing much needed narcotics and cheap labor into my country than the hordes of pretentious, often ostentatious, liberals or innovative politically moderate entrepreneurs invading Canada and Mexico.

# LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN

## HOWARD Hays



### As I See It

Rush Limbaugh told listeners they needn't listen to the State of the Union address; he'd tell them all they needed to know. I'll do the same, but while

Limbaugh's audience might exceed mine in size ("might"), I'm sure a greater percentage of mine listened to the speech themselves. I consciously avoided post-speech commentary to avoid skewing my own recollections (and because I'd miss Keith Olbermann).

There wasn't the traditional separation of the parties on either side of the aisle, and some intermingling took place. One result was that audience reaction wasn't as predictable; apparent applause lines were met with silence, while ovations that did occur seemed more sincere, spontaneous and bipartisan.

President Obama alluded to this when he said the important thing was "not whether we can sit together tonight, but if we can work together tomorrow." He reminded that it will now require both parties to pass any new laws.

The opening topic was jobs and the economy, and what the president called our "Sputnik moment". Rather than spurred by a Soviet space program, we now see China as home to the world's fastest computer and largest solar energy research center. The president mentioned the one million private sector jobs were created last year, but stressed that to compete we have to "out-innovate, out-educate and out-build the rest of the world."

The role of government was emphasized. Innovations such as the internet, GPS systems and computer chips began, the president reminded us, as part of government programs, and government support would continue in developing information technology, biomedical research and clean energy. "Innovation," the president said, "is how we make our living." Goals were set; a million electric vehicles on the road by 2015 and 80% of our energy from "clean" sources by 2035.

It would be paid for by eliminating billions of dollars in subsidies now going to oil companies; "They're doing okay already."

The president stressed the need for a new attitude towards education; that "It's not just winners of Super Bowls that deserves to be celebrated, but the winners of science fairs."

He noted that in South Korea teachers are referred to as "nation builders", and called on young people still deciding on a career path, "Become a teacher - your country needs you."

The successful "Race to the Top" initiative was noted, where programs come from state and local innovation, under both Republican and Democratic leadership, while direction for "No Child Left Behind" came mainly from Washington.

The president called for making tuition tax credits permanent, and noted federal funds for student loans are no longer going to subsidize banks serving as middle-men.

There was a push for the DREAM act, as the president observed that a promising student knowing no home other than the USA can live in fear of deportation, while foreign students on visas take their diplomas home to compete against us.

The goal set by the president is that we become first in proportion of college graduates, moving up from the ninth place we occupy now.

The nation that built the transcontinental railroad, the president suggested, should now commit to high-speed transportation and internet systems. In 25 years 80% of Americans should have access to high-speed rail, and 95% access to the internet.

Businesses stand to benefit from lower tax rates; achieved not by adding to the deficit, but by closing loopholes. The president predicted a doubling of exports by 2014, and mentioned the 70,000 new jobs resulting from talks with South Korea. He announced upcoming trade initiatives with Panama, Columbia and Asian-Pacific nations.

The president recognized the economic benefit of reviewing federal regulations, but reminded that the purpose of those regulations is to protect the American people. He cited new rules protecting consumers from exploitation by credit card companies, and protecting patients from exploitation by private health insurers.

He promised not to return to the days of patients losing coverage because of a "pre-existing condition". While acknowledging shortcomings in the Affordable Care Act, his advice was to "fix what needs fixing" rather than "re-fight old battles".

The last thing we need, the president said, is to go \$250 billion further in debt by repealing the ACA. In addressing the deficit, he proposed a five-year freeze on domestic spending, but not with cuts carried "on the backs of the most vulnerable citizens". (cont. pg. 13)

## State of The Union

### Is In The Details

There were two State of the Union speeches delivered this week, and both were done by the same man. President Obama started his 2011 address in a manner that echoed Ronald Reagan and seemed to indicate that he's waking up to the economic reality that our economy is in serious trouble. "... the naysayers predicting our decline are wrong," "We are the first nation to be founded for the sake of an idea," We need to out-innovate, out-educate and out-build the rest of the world," and "Our free enterprise system is what drives innovation," could easily have been said by President Reagan. So it looks like he gets it, that he understands that his policies, and those the Democrats have been pushing since they came to power, are part of the problem. But then we get to the rest of the speech. The back 3/4ths of it where the devil in his details clearly demonstrate he's grandstanding and posturing while pushing through more of his devastating economic agenda.

The speech stressed U.S. competitiveness and the need for a strong manufacturing base. The speech followed several other less significant announcements which in their own right built momentum toward the State of The Union. The trend pointed toward an awakening in this still-naïve president to the three basic realities of how to grow an economy. 1) let people work harder and smarter; 2) foster innovation; and 3) allow investment capital to be used as efficiently as possible. All three are heavily dependent on government policies, but a very different set of government policies than what Obama has been pursuing.

Harder, smarter work requires that you let the people doing that work keep the potential rewards earned by their efforts. That means lowering taxes, not increasing them. It's a simple rule of economics that what you tax you get less of and what you reward you get more of. Tax those who work and innovate to give it to those who don't is not a recipe for success. A variation on that rule applies to the allocation of investment capital. When the government manipulates investment markets by pushing investments into favored areas and away from disfavored ones, we end up with boom and bust cycles of the depth and severity of the one we're in now.

Lest someone say I'm being too harsh on President Obama who's only been in power 2 years and a couple months, I am incorporating the fact that he is the leader of the Democratic party and has been

## GREG Welborn



a part of it since his political birth. Democratic control began with the 2006 congressional elections and was confirmed in 2008 when they took the presidency.

It was during these years when the tax and regulatory burden punished whole industries. It was during these years when government financial regulations forced banks to lend to borrowers who clearly couldn't afford the mortgages in the interest of creating more home ownership among the supposedly "disenfranchised". Industries started shutting factories and moving production overseas, bad loans were packaged and sold, and when the loans started going bad, it was no surprise that major banks and insurance companies were in deep trouble. The government had directed capital away from productive parts of the economy and into unproductive parts of the economy.

So much for the history, but why am I still criticizing the president's efforts? Because I do believe that details give us better insight into what a man is thinking and where he wants to take us than the lofty philosophical thematic statements do. Don't get me wrong; I loved the thematic elements in the beginning. Reagan could have delivered them. The difference is that Reagan believed in them and acted on them; Obama is still wedded to the Democrats' old, tired big government policies. That was in evidence in the speech's policy statements where we learned that the solution to what the government has done to our economy is to have it do more to the economy by building high-speed trains and solar shingles. I could almost live with those statements as simply red meat for his leftie listeners were I not aware of the details contained in his previous big policy announcement.

Last week, in preparation for the State of The Union speech, President Obama unveiled amidst great fanfare an executive order telling all the regulatory bureaucracies to subject their rules to cost-benefit analysis to eliminate those regulations which needlessly destroy jobs or prevent companies from expanding. Sounds like a great idea, and certainly the press treated it as an amazing move to the middle by this practical, centrist president. Unfortunately, it was just media hype. Tucked away in the executive order was the qualifier telling the bureaucracies to consider in their calculations (cont. pg. 13)



Looking Up

with Bob Eklund

NASA Spacecraft Prepares for Valentine’s Day Comet Rendezvous



NASA’s Stardust-NExT spacecraft is nearing a celestial date with comet Tempel 1 on Feb. 14. The mission will allow scientists for the first time to look for changes on a comet’s surface that occurred following an orbit around the Sun.

The Stardust-NExT, or New Exploration of Tempel, spacecraft will take high-resolution images during the encounter and attempt to measure the composition, distribution, and flux of dust emitted into the coma, or material surrounding the comet’s nucleus.

The mission will expand the investigation of this comet initiated by NASA’s Deep Impact mission. In July 2005, the Deep Impact spacecraft delivered an impactor to Tempel 1’s surface to study its composition. The Stardust spacecraft may capture an image of the crater created by the impactor.

“Every day we are getting closer and closer and more and more excited about answering some fundamental questions about comets,” said Joe Veverka, Stardust-NExT Principal Investigator at Cornell University. “Going back for another look at Tempel 1 will provide new insights on how comets work and how they were put together four-and-a-half billion years ago.”

At 209 million miles away from Earth, Stardust-NExT will be almost on the exact opposite side of the solar system at the time of the encounter. During the flyby, the spacecraft will take 72 images and store them in an on-board computer.

As of now, the spacecraft is about 15 million miles from its encounter. Since 2007, Stardust-NExT has executed eight flight



path correction maneuvers, logged four circuits around the Sun and used one Earth gravity assist to meet up with Tempel 1.

Another three maneuvers are planned to refine the spacecraft’s path to the comet. Tempel 1’s orbit takes it as close in to the Sun as the orbit of Mars and almost as far away as the orbit of Jupiter. The spacecraft is expected to fly past the 3.7 mile-wide comet at a distance of 124 miles.

In 2004, the Stardust mission became the first to collect particles directly from a comet (comet Wild 2). These samples were returned in 2006 for study via a capsule that detached from the spacecraft and parachuted to the ground southwest of Salt Lake City.

Mission controllers then placed the still viable Stardust spacecraft on a trajectory that could potentially reuse the flight system if a target of opportunity presented itself. In January 2007, NASA re-christened the mission Stardust-NExT and sent it on a four-and-a-half year journey to comet Tempel 1.

“You could say our spacecraft is a seasoned veteran of cometary campaigns,” said Tim Larson, project manager for Stardust-NExT at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena. “It’s been half-way to Jupiter, executed picture-perfect flybys of an asteroid and a comet, collected cometary material for return to Earth, then headed back out into the void again, where we asked it to go head-to-head with a second comet nucleus.”

The mission team expects this flyby to write the final chapter of this spacecraft’s success-filled story. It is nearly out of fuel as it approaches 12 years of space travel, logging almost 3.7 billion miles since launch in 1999. This flyby and planned post-encounter imaging are expected to consume the remaining fuel.

More information about the Stardust-NExT mission: <http://stardustnext.jpl.nasa.gov/>

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Ask jai.....

Ask jai is a weekly column that will strive to honestly answer your job search questions relating to job searching techniques, networking skills, resume writing and interviewing. The employment situation is getting better, however, it is still a challenge finding 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.

*I have been interviewed by five employers within the past month. They have all called to inform me that I am no longer being considered for their positions. I finally asked one recruiter for feedback as to why I did not get the job. The recruiter said that I did not past the initial interviewing process based on my responses. She said that my interviewing skills were not up to date and that this made it very difficult for the hiring managers to determine my future success with their company. What am I missing? Is there a new way to interview? P.T.*

Dear P. T.

First, congratulations, you were contacted by an employer for an interview based on your resume and accomplishment statements. You obviously have excellent qualities to offer.

My knee-jerk emotional reaction answer to your question, however, would be...maybe this (these) job(s) were not for you. Don’t sweat it, move on and keep positive! My rational answer is that for the past seven years or more employers have moved from Traditional Interviewing to Behavioral Interviewing. Traditional interviewing is based on specific and direct questions from an employer. “Tell me about yourself” or “Where do you see yourself in the next five years?” are typical traditional interview questions. This style of interviewing usually results in a candidate giving intuitive rather than insightful responses.

The Behavioral Interview process has been embraced by employers in order for them to glean information about a candidate’s past and possible future performance in certain situations, their problem solving skills and outcomes. Employers believe that this style of interviewing helps them to evaluate candidates and make good hiring decisions.

How do you prepare for a Behavioral interview? Research, review and practice. Research the employer’s method of interviewing by networking or contacting former employees. You could even ask the employer before the interview if they would be conducting a Traditional or Behavioral interview. However, I would suggest that you prepare for either or a combination of both.

Your achievements are the bases for you to build your behavioral interview answers. Review your resume accomplishment statements and develop them into “Story Telling” responses. The employer wants to hear about how you were involved in situation or problem, how you solved it and the result. The result should always end positive and about what you learned from the situation. Always listen to the question and respond only to that question. Keep your responses short and concise. Practice, practice, practice! I can not overly express how important it is to practice interviewing. Find a friend or recruiter and ask them to conduct a mock interview with you. Good luck.

*Everything you ever wanted to know about how to get a job ... but didn’t know who to ask. Ask jai! Send your questions to: [jai@resumeandcareerservices.com](mailto:jai@resumeandcareerservices.com). Please visit our website for Resume and Career Workshops. [www.resumeandcareerservices.com](http://www.resumeandcareerservices.com).*

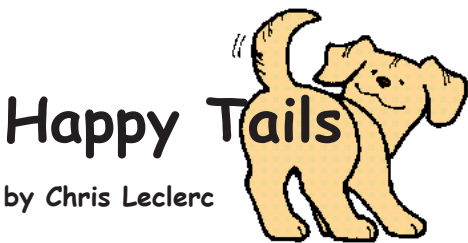
Big Cats, Big love

I have been an avid “junk picker” since I was a little kid, and I still enjoy going to yard sales now and then. I especially like it when I find rare vintage treasures to add to my jewelry collection. You know what they say, “One man’s trash is another man’s treasure..“ (or something along that line). Well, a few months ago, I stumbled across a really interesting estate sale in Sierra Madre where I purchased several gorgeous vintage jewelry pieces, some of which I kept for myself, and others that I gave away or sold on eBay for a small profit. It was a lot of fun, but that is not the best part of the story. The best part of this story is the fact that my yard sale purchases that day helped benefit a non-profit organization called “Animazonia Wildlife Foundation”. I knew nothing about Animazonia when I stopped to shop that early Saturday morning, but after having spent some time chatting with the friendly ladies & gentleman who ran the sale, I left feeling informed and very inspired to become a part of their mission.

Animazonia Wildlife Foundation is a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to rescue and provide a safe haven for exotic animals in need of a home. The big cats rescued and housed by Animazonia were born and bred right here in the USA. As a Matter of fact, most of them were intentionally bred and sold as domestic pets. I must say, that fact came as quite a surprise to me. While I have heard tales of famous, wealthy individuals owning big cats or other exotic animals as domestic pets, I never would have guessed that there could possibly be enough breeding and/or selling going on in the US, to present the need for a wildlife refuge! When I first heard of Animazonia, I naturally assumed that they rescued wild cats who were retiring from zoo or circus careers; you know, those worn and weary creatures who had spent too many years being exploited by voyeuristic humans for entertainment purposes. But, apparently I was wrong.

Regardless of where they are from, or why they end up in need of a home, the animals rescued by Animazonia Wildlife Foundation are welcomed with open, loving arms, and given the kindness, love and accommodation they need to live out a healthy full life in captivity. One of the big cats that receives

big love at Animazonia is named “Saba”. She is an



African lioness who came to the refuge as a cub in 1989. Her rescue was the result of commercial breeding gone bad, but the good news is that she now has a home where she is cared for and loved. Her powerful presence helps teach visitors at AWF about the intense nature and remarkable intelligence of big cats. “Sheba” is another resident who was taken in and given refuge at AWF. She started out as a “photo booth” cat, (if you can imagine that) but at four months old, her large size and natural god-given instinctive behavioral traits apparently over rode the value of the cute face she had to offer for photos. Thank God there was a place for her to go and be loved and cared for, when her enterprising owner was ready to give her up! “Majic” is an Asian black leopard who was rescued by the foundation as a baby, in 1990. Following a disastrous de-clawing operation that resulted in her fear of humans and refusal to eat, “Majic” required physical and emotional rehabilitation. Fortunately, she was given the care she needed by the volunteers at AWF.

Many individuals have “come to the plate” by providing professional animal health care, time and money to keep Animazonia Wildlife alive. One of the ways they have succeeded in keeping the foundation workable, is through fund-raising events such as the Wine & Chocolate Tasting gala to be held this Saturday, February 5 from 4:30 - 7:30 PM at Historic Lighting, 114 East Lemon Ave. in Monrovia. All are welcome to join in on the festivities. Come and taste a variety of good wines & chocolates, and learn more about the exotic animals who are being rescued and cared for by AWF. For more information visit their website at: [animazonia.org](http://animazonia.org).



Due to the unrest currently going on in Egypt the government there decided to shut down Internet traffic in and out of the country. This essentially amounts to shutting down the Internet for users inside the country of Egypt. These days most areas of the planet are covered by the telecommunications net the covers the globe. This same net is what makes the Internet as we know it possible and makes it mirror the ease with which just about any Point A on the globe can reach just about any Point B by telephone. For areas not covered by wired access to the Internet, satellite communications can provide coverage. Under normal conditions, it’s hard not to be connected if one really wants to be connected. The current state of modern technical affairs makes it seem as if shutting down the Internet would be a huge undertaking and in reality, it is a big job. But just how would one go about accomplishing this task, such as the Egyptian government felt it needed to do earlier this week? The answer comes from the a part of the TCP/IP protocol known as BGP or Border Gateway Protocol. BGP is the protocol used by the Internet to connect different areas (or networks) to other areas on the Internet. BGP

makes routing decisions regarding the best path for packets to take to their desired destinations. ISP’s and other very large telecommunications concerns use BGP on their routers to let other ISP’s know where they are on the network and they also use it to advertise learned routes to other networks. In other words, BGP is used by the big boys to make the big decisions about how the Internet works. In the case of the Egyptian unrest the big boys decided that they wanted Internet traffic to the outside world stopped in its track. And they stopped it.

There appears to have been a well-planned and coordinated effort that consisted of blocking access to the “.eg” top-level domain (which is the suffix for Egyptian addresses) through DNS manipulation and turning of the advertising feature used by BGP to let the rest of the Internet know how to reach the Egyptian network. It was reported that more than 3,500 BGP routes were turned off effectively cutting off Egypt from the rest of the world. By late Friday only one ISP, Noor Data Networks, was still operating and communicating with the outside world and this was largely left open for the government to control the flow of information.

KATIE Tse .....This and That

HAPPY RABBIT



Gung Hay Fat Choy! “Best wishes and congratulations! Have a prosperous and good year!” February 4 marks the beginning of Chinese New Year 2011. 2010 was the year of the tiger, a bold and impulsive creature. According to my unquestionable sources, tiger years are plagued by disasters, wars, and major public acts of stupidity. So now we know the reason behind all those tragic and scandalous headlines of 2010!

2011, however, is the year of the rabbit, and will be a placid time of discretion, refinement, and amiable international relations. Sure... As for parents of children born under the sign of the rabbit, they can breathe a sigh of relief that they didn’t get tiger children, purported to be strong-willed live-wires who constantly test the limits (my apologies to my tiger friends!). Rabbit children, on the other hand, are sweet tempered, obedient, and quick to learn. Well, five of my friends are expecting these hassle-free bundles of joy, so I’ll have to check back with them in two years to see if these predictions held true.

For single folks, Chinese New Year is auspicious for finding love. In certain parts of Asia, girls write their contact information on oranges and toss them into the river. Downstream the men eat them and if they are sweet, they might call the number. I guess risking infection from water parasites for the chance of finding your soul mate is pretty romantic. I wonder if any girls think to package their oranges in zip lock bags? “Call me! See, I’m already looking out for your health!”

No matter what year it is, lion dancers and dragons are always prominent. However, their presence in the iconic Chinese New Year parade actually started in 1860’s in San Francisco! Residents of Chinatown decided to incorporate their favorite New Year’s creatures into a non-Chinese event - the parade. Apparently the Chinese invented everything except the idea of a large group of people following each other down the street.

Having a Chinese husband entitles me to participation in mildly authentic Chinese New Year celebrations. For die-hard traditionalists, the holiday is a 15-day-long event, preceded by a thorough house cleaning to remove all of last year’s bad luck. We never get around to that. Chinese New Year is kind of like Thanksgiving, in the sense that everyone gathers at a big family dinner to recall all the good things that happened last year and look forward to future blessings. At Thanksgiving, we wait in a line that stretches around the block outside Honey Baked Ham. For Chinese New Year, my husband and father-in-law join a slow-moving queue leading to a Chinese restaurant or deli, the kind that has whole ducks and dismembered pigs suspended from hooks under heat lamps. They buy two chickens that make it to the table in their entirety, except for the feathers. While having chicken heads staring back at you induces some guilt, at least the kids learn that their KFC drumsticks were once living things. Kids love Chinese New Year though, especially since they rake “lai see” money in little red envelopes. All in all, everyone leaves the holiday feeling pretty lucky, except for the chickens!



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



### Just Listed: Hilltop Contemporary with Panoramic Views from Valley to Ocean!

If you're an aficionado of the clean lines, steel, glass and stone design, you'll be in for a treat. 525 Lotus Lane in Sierra Madre, just listed, sits atop a hillside location perched for stunning views of much of the Los Angeles Basin.

The four bedroom, three bath home on a third of an acre, was built in 1990. The three level floorplan offers 3857 square feet. After a winding drive up Camillo, the home is located at the end of a lane shared with several homes, where the property is wrought iron gated for added privacy.

A study in white and grey, the home's palette of materials and color uses white stucco and walls to complement grey steel, cabinetry and doors, extensive Utah stone and grey washed hardwood flooring plus a white marble master bath.

Cubes of glass block provide light while preserving privacy, adding architectural interest and pattern both inside and out on the west face of the home. The single blocks reflect the western sunlight like glittery jewels strung on a necklace.

The architect used repeated long horizontal lines of the stucco separators, exposed beams that traverse from outside to inside plus the glass block arrangement to emphasize the width of the home. The veridigris-colored patina of oxidized copper for the gutter and top fascia lines draws the eye upward to the roof line and ultimately to the wide sky.

The Utah stone begins at the driveway and flows inside like a river bottom, in to the foyer, then down the steps to the living room and into the family room. Double stacked windows bring the views and the landscape in, allowing the eye and activities to move seamlessly from indoor to outdoor living.

The floor to ceiling fireplace, faced with a continuation of the Utah stone, opens in three places: the see through living to family room and upstairs in the dining room, drawing an intimate feel around a formal meal.

The dining room exudes a feeling of an aerie, with two walls of glass, sliding doors to an outdoor balcony and an overlook to the living spaces below. The kitchen, also done in tones of grey, includes a walk in pantry, center cooking island with slab granite counters, Thermador appliances


The upper level bedrooms include a large master bedroom suite with a sleek white and grey marble counters, tub and shower surrounds, darker grey porcelain tile floors contrasted by black cabinetry and the shadow play of an inset ceiling. Since the home is high above other homes, a wall of sliding glass doors provides an unobstructed view and entrance to a huge private balcony, with a retractable shade cover.

A grotto planting area outside the main level living spaces and patio also provides architectural interest, with stacked diagonal planters forming interconnecting triangles against a retaining wall. For those who crave a bit of grass for play or relaxation, a large level lawn abuts the south face of the home.

525 Lotus Lane in Sierra Madre is offered at \$1,848,000 by Caroline Khabbaz of Century 21 Earll, Ltd. For more information, contact the agent at 626-705-7705.

**Know of an interesting home, garden or person who helps create them? Send the details to Chris Bertrand by email to [C.Bertrand@MtnViewsNews.com](mailto:C.Bertrand@MtnViewsNews.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.

#### HAYES - AS I SEE IT (cont. from page 11)

Tax breaks would be ended and loopholes closed. We wouldn't, though, subject Social Security to "the whims of the stock market". Also, the president made clear he wouldn't sacrifice education and research to sustain tax cuts for the wealthiest 2% of us.

Government would be made more efficient and departments consolidated. The president invited Congress to have members' meetings with lobbyists listed online, as is now the case for the White House. He said he'd veto bills containing earmarks.

The president began his remarks on foreign policy with an obvious but needed statement; "American Muslims are part of our American family". Also obvious but needed was his statement that "Afghanistan needs to deliver better governments." In signaling impatience with ineffectiveness and corruption in Kabul, he confirmed troops would begin returning home in July.

He announced visits to Brazil, Chile and El Salvador in March. When engaged abroad, the president reminded it's "not just the power, but the purpose behind it" that matters.

There was encouragement from recent elections in Sudan, and confirmation that the United States "stands with the Tunisian people" in their struggle for democracy.

The president was proud to declare now there is "no American forbidden from serving the country they love because of who they love", and urged that ROTC now be welcomed on all campuses.

In the months to come, the president predicted, "we will argue about everything", but reminded that "not a person here would trade places with any other nation on earth."

In a recent column, former Congressman Alan Grayson said the job of a president is not to preside, but to lead. Last Tuesday, President Obama indeed did the latter.

#### WELBORN (cont. from page 11)

"the values that are difficult or impossible to quantify, including equity, human dignity, fairness, and distributive impacts".

I'm not sure what any of those words mean in terms of real economic analysis, but I am very sure that the bureaucracies know what they mean: anything they damn well want them to mean. The EPA lost no time in telling us they were "confident" they wouldn't have to change a single regulation. The EPA is already on record telling its regulators to "explicitly integrate environmental equity considerations into the fabric of its process".

The sad reality is that any government agency can justify shutting down or severely restricting or taxing a company simply on the grounds that while the regulations may cost jobs, they somehow add offsetting value because they will help make the community fairer. Can't really dispute it because "fair" is a tough one to quantify. You can use it to justify almost anything.

My bottom line take on all this is similar to Rep. Paul Ryan's. "Our nation is approaching a tipping point. Either the government leads the economy" or the economy will be "driven into the 21st century by the nation's pioneer legacy of individual innovation". The devil is always in the details. Obama has learned to speak like President Reagan, but he certainly hasn't learned how to act like him.

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## THE 47TH ANNUAL PASADENA SHOWCASE HOUSE OF DESIGN 'EMPTY HOUSE PARTY' DRAWS A CROWD

### Unveils Celebrated Architect Paul R. Williams' Estate and Kicks-off Community Music and Arts Programs Fundraising Efforts



GROUP from left to right: Assistant to the Benefit Chairman Eileen Reilly, Benefit Chairman Kathryn Hofgaarden, Interior Chairman Susanne Abbott, Exterior Chairman Linda Jenkins, President Marti Farley, Exterior Chairman Cindy Steffen, Exterior Chairman Briggett Guitron

**Pasadena, Calif.**— Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts (PSHA), an all-volunteer non-profit organization, supporting outstanding music and arts programs throughout the greater Pasadena-area community, held its *Empty House Party* this past Friday drawing more than 600 guests. The event unveiled the 47th *Pasadena Showcase House of Design* prior to renovation and kicked-off the organization's annual fundraising efforts. Over the next three months, 24 acclaimed interior and exterior designers from all over Southern California will transform this English Period Revival-style estate designed by celebrated architect Paul R. Williams into an inspiring, must-see destination for design enthusiasts and industry professionals.

"We are most fortunate to be in partnership with some superb designers this year," said PSHA Benefit Chairman Kathryn Hofgaarden. "Their plans for the renovation are remarkably innovative and will undoubtedly offer every visitor inspiration and enjoyment as well as practical information."

Walking past expansive pastoral grounds, guests gathered inside this elegantly designed, architecturally detailed house while viewing illustrations and descriptions of the designers' concepts. An extraordinary selection of culinary delights were offered to guests at gourmet stations located throughout the house. The menu, created by Peggy Dark of The Kitchen for Exploring Foods, included savory seafood, farm fresh grilled vegetables, delectable hors d'oeuvres and sumptuous desserts.

Showcase 2011 highlights one of Williams' earlier designs that boast Old World charm and masterful detail. Built in 1927, Williams borrowed ideas from the past without using excessive ornamentation and married traditional architectural styles with smart, stylized looks. Resting in the heart of La Canada Flintridge,

California, the estate features a 7,200+ square foot home, 1,800 square foot guesthouse, eight gardens, championship concrete tennis court, oversized swimming pool and accompanying pool house on 4.5 acres.

In addition, the Showcase will feature for the first time in 47 years, a three-car garage as a design space. Outfitted with hearty design elements, such as custom-light fixtures made from welding tanks, this man cave will also house a wine refrigerator, beer tap and flat screen TV for the ultimate hangout.

One of the oldest house and garden tours, the 2011 *Pasadena Showcase House of Design* will be open from April 17 – May 15, 2011. The proceeds from the Showcase support music and arts enrichment programs throughout the community. Since its inception, the Showcase has helped raised over 17 million dollars and brought music programs to hundreds of thousands of school kids throughout Southern California.

Every year, volunteers come together to make the Showcase possible and this year is no exception. "I am inspired and amazed by the tireless efforts of our devoted volunteers working to transform this property into the 2011 Pasadena Showcase House of Design. I am really proud to be part of the organization," said PSHA President Marti Farley.

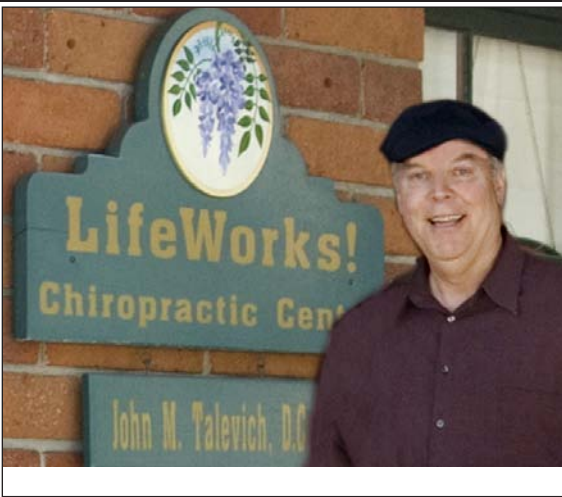
Approximately 35,000 guests will visit the Showcase House this Spring to view the results of the time and dedication invested by the designers and the PSHA volunteers. For more information visit [PasadenaShowcase.org](http://PasadenaShowcase.org). Tickets cost between \$30-\$40 and can be ordered by mail, online or by calling 714-442-3872. For updates on construction and to follow the story of Showcase 2011, please visit PSHA on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Pasadena-Showcase-House-For-The-Arts/182693644177>



## YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Today's Subject:

## Why The World Needs Chiropractic



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.

The world needs chiropractic today because it needs men and women who offer an alternative to drugs and surgery. In the past, the world needed practitioners who were willing to fight and even go to jail for the right to practice conservative approaches to health care. Today's revolution in health care has been carried on the shoulders of those people.

The world needs chiropractic because bodies need to be touched, bones repositioned, and muscles relaxed. The world needs chiropractic because it needs doctors who witness and chart the day to day miracles that simple, non-invasive approaches to health problems can yield. Without this, who would remember such healing is possible? The world needs chiropractic because it needs practitioners who can remind us that lifestyle changes can come first, with conservative interventions second, and drugs or surgery third. Without those practitioners to remind us of that, where would we be?

The world needs chiropractic because it is sane. If a patient has been prescribed a course of treatment including pharmaceuticals (with their side effects) or surgery, and the chiropractor recommends a more conservative approach with a positive outcome, that patient has been brought into a whole new level of self-empowerment. He now recognizes he can maintain a level of wellness through his own lifestyle choices.

The world needs chiropractic because it needs doctors networking with other health care practitioners who believe that less is more, that "First, do no harm" is still....first.

Finally, the world needs chiropractic because, as long as there are nerves, bones, joints and muscles, there will be a need for people skilled in helping them function optimally. As one of the oldest forms of healing, there has always been the need for such an approach, and there always will be.

Have a healthy week ~ 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  
 Wii Wednesday - 1:00 pm or call the senior desk at 355-7394 to arrange another time & day to learn how to play. No previous experience or skills required and it is great exercise.

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

**Friday:**  
 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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## Save the Date

## AARP SAFE DRIVING CLASS

Next class: February 23 & 24  
 9 am to 1 pm both days.  
 \$12 for AARP Members  
 \$14 for Non-members  
 Please call the Senior Desk at (626) 355-7394 to register in advance or for more information.

## WHALE WATCHING

Saturday, March 12th  
 9 am to 4 pm; \$25

We are using a NEW boat company & the excursion will be narrated by an Aquarium of the Pacific staff member.

## Recipe of the Week:

## ASIAN FIRE MEAT

## INGREDIENTS:

1/2 cup soy sauce  
 1 tablespoon sesame oil  
 2 tablespoons brown sugar  
 3 cloves garlic, crushed  
 1 large red onion, chopped  
 Ground black pepper to taste  
 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes  
 2 tablespoons sesame seeds  
 2 leeks, chopped  
 1 small carrot, chopped  
 1 pound beef round steak, sliced paper thin

## DIRECTIONS:

In a large bowl, mix together the soy sauce, sesame oil, brown sugar, garlic, and red onion. Stir in the black pepper, red pepper flakes, sesame seeds, leeks and carrot. Mix in the meat by hand to ensure even coating. Cover and let marinate for at least 2 hours or overnight. Brush the bottom half of a wok with cooking oil, and heat over medium-high heat. Put in all of the meat and marinade at once, and cook stirring constantly. The meat will be cooked after just a few minutes. Remove from heat and serve with rice or noodles. For Korean style fire meat, roll the meat mixture up in a leaf of red lettuce.



## January Birthdays

Loyal Camacho, Becky Evans, Roberta Rahmanian, Louise “Sandy” Thistlewaite, Sue Watanabe, Ruth Wolter, Mary Tassop,

## FEBRUARY EXCURSION

February 17th - Bower's Museum - Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World - join us as we travel to Santa Ana to take a special tour of this exhibit which includes an original of the 1776 "Pennsylvania Constitution" as well as explore the museum. Cost is \$21 per person for transportation & the tour (lunch will be on your own at the museum).  
 9 am to 3:30 pm  
 To register, please visit the Senior Center or go online to [www.cityofsierramadre.com/online/registration](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/online/registration).



## Meals-On-Wheels

Meals are delivered to home-bound seniors by volunteer drivers through the YWCA Intervale Lunch Program M-F (with frozen meals for the weekend.) Call the YWCA at (626) 214-9460 or Darlene Traxler at (626) 355-0256 for more information.

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## 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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I have a number of quotes my mom passed on to me during her lifetime and one of my favorites is "Can't Never Did A Darn Thing". Sounds simple but let's see how we can apply it to putting.

I have never ever been a fan of the idea "think positive". It might go down as the all time worst bit of advice you can give anyone. Of course we all want to think positive all of the time. If it was that easy we would all be doing it.

I believe that having positive thoughts most of the time is a process. I think positive thoughts and positive thinking is a result of doing a number of things on a regular basis.

When you talk to successful people, whether it is in business, sports, construction worker you hear the same feed back all of the time. They just don't allow negative thoughts into their head. It sounds like a broken record but every one of them are on a journey with no end in sight.

#### Practice Makes Perfect

The second thing they talk about is how they WORK at it everyday. See, believing in yourself is not a part time job. To succeed in life and to succeed in golf they both have the same ingredients.

Finally, the one thing successful people and golfers talk about is the negative self talk that enters your mind during the day. If you walk when you play golf, there is lot of time between shots where you have the opportunity to tear yourself up.

If a round of golf takes five hours and it takes less than two seconds to hit a shot and you shoot 100, you have 298 minutes a day on the golf course to either be nice to yourself or destroy yourself.

#### Remember CAN'T NEVER DID ANYTHING.

Henry Ford said "If you think you can do a thing or think you can't do a thing, you're right."

I do not claim to be a renowned sport physiologist, however, after playing and teaching this wonderful game for the past 50 odd years I know I have spent as much time learning about what works and doesn't work on a golf course.

In closing I want to share a promise with you that I made in 1985. I did not touch a golf club for two years prior to this date. I was playing so

bad and had tried to compete for so long I just walked away from the game. I actually gave my clubs, bag, shoes, golf balls, umbrella, gloves to my next door neighbor.

One day I went to hit some balls (I had to borrow a club) and before I hit my first shot I sat on a bench at the practice facility and I said to myself. "If I EVER find my own personal net worth in this game one more time I would quit FOREVER". If I ever measured myself against how well or how poorly I performed I would NEVER EVER hit another golf shot.

I must confess something else, I have shot my share of rounds in the 80's since that day. I mean to tell you I have played some horrible rounds but I have never ever thought less of myself since that day. And the opposite holds true as well, I have shot some rounds in the low and mid 60's since that day and I never thought anymore of myself when I was finished with the round.

Why am I sharing this with you? It changed my golf life. I do not have the negative self chatter on the golf course, no more can't do it attitude.

In closing yes this is a difficult thing do this old game of golf however is there anyplace you would rather spend five hours? I haven't found it yet.



## ANTHONY HARRIS NAMED NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AT LA SALLE

La Salle High School has named Anthony Harris its next Director of Athletics. He will replace John Matheus, on July 1, 2011. Harris was formerly the Athletic Director at Campbell Hall High School in North Hollywood, and is currently serving as the Special Assistant to the President for Planning at La Salle.

"With his experience and leadership skills, Anthony Harris is the best choice to lead La Salle Athletics into the future. He is exactly who we need as athletics director, working to ensure that every Lancer team succeeds on the field and in the classroom, as well as making sure our programs operate with respect and integrity," said La Salle President, Richard Gray. Harris was chosen from an elite group of six candidates that the La Salle selection committee created from over 250 applicants. "After an intensive and inclusive interview process Mr. Harris emerged as an outstanding candidate and we are certainly pleased to have him join our community," said Principal, Patrick Bonacci, AFSC.

In his ten years as Director of Athletics at Campbell Hall, the athletic programs transformed from participation based programs to a strong athletic program claiming numerous league titles, six CIF titles and two state championships. "All of these accomplishments were achieved while pursuing victory with honor, integrity, and respect. I'll bring a similar approach while creating excellence and expecting the best of an already very



successful La Salle athletic program," Harris said.

A native of Pasadena, and an outstanding football and track athlete at John Muir High School, Harris was an All-American track athlete, and also All Conference football player at California State University, Northridge. Harris earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Leadership and a Master of Physical Education from Azusa Pacific University. Before moving to administration, Harris was the head football coach at Campbell Hall and Chaminade College Preparatory in West Hills. He was a defensive assistant football coach at Pasadena City College last season. In addition to his Athletic Director duties, Harris will be the Lancers' offensive coordinator for the football team next season.

"Although many of La Salle's athletic programs are first-rate, we hope to elevate all our athletic programs to a sustainable level of excellence that is worthy of this school, its students, faculty and parents. Already well-known for its outstanding

academics, arts and music programs, we intend to focus on the athletic program's quest for long-term success," Harris continued. "My desire to strive for perfection and passion to make a significant and positive impact will serve as my personal motivation for success at La Salle. I see this opportunity as an avenue to utilize my unique leadership abilities to pursue excellence by mentoring, motivating, and creating a strong sense of team within the department," Harris said. "I am very excited and privileged to be part of an athletic program that has 12 CIF championships, 15 CIF Finalist banners and 157 league championships. What's more, in just the last few years La Salle has sent 17 athletes to D1 universities on athletic scholarships. That's impressive to me for a school this size," he said.

Harris will continue his strategic planning duties within the Office of the President, while preparing to assume the role of Director of Athletics this spring.

## PENNY CHENERY ANNOUNCES CREATION OF SECRETARIAT VOX POPULI AWARD

*Zenyatta to be Celebrated as Inaugural Winner in Feb. 5 Ceremony at Santa Anita Park*

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Jan. 19, 2011) – From the covers of national magazines to more recently the silver screen, "America's Horse" Secretariat captured the heart of a nation. Today, his celebrated owner, Penny Chenery, announced the creation of an award that will annually recognize a horse whose popularity and racing excellence best resounded with the American public and gained recognition for the sport during the past year. The award is the first of its kind in horse racing.

The inaugural Secretariat Vox Populi Award, or "Voice of the People," will be awarded to Zenyatta, the brilliant mare whose only loss in her 20-race career was a nail-biting defeat in the Breeders' Cup Classic last October. Owned by Ann and Jerry Moss, Zenyatta is also the recent winner of the 2010 Eclipse Horse of the Year Award and considered one of the most popular horses ever to have raced. Chenery is scheduled to present the custom-made Vox Populi trophy to the Mosses in a public ceremony at Santa Anita Park on Feb. 5.

"Horse racing already has established avenues to award outstanding accomplishments, and we certainly should honor superior performance," Chenery said. "But achievement can be measured in many ways, and fans occasionally feel a disconnect when the horses who most impacted the public are not recognized through the traditional equine awards. The industry is long overdue in annually acknowledging the star horse who brings the most excitement and attention to the sport. It is my hope that the Secretariat Vox Populi Award will achieve that purpose."

Although Chenery selected this year's recipient, plans are in place for a committee of both distinguished racing personalities and industry representatives to choose the winner each year going forward in conjunction with a national online vote.

"I think racing fans will be just as excited about this award as I am, and we welcome everyone to come and share in the presentation festivities on Feb. 5," Chenery said. "The award is sure to be an honor that reflects the heart and soul of this sport and will help build upon the devotion the public has for a horse they love."

For more information about the Secretariat Vox Populi Award, visit [www.Secretariat.com](http://www.Secretariat.com), the official website for the legendary Thoroughbred champion. Celebrating racing's past to enrich its future, Secretariat.com is a comprehensive online source for historical information, photography, merchandise, and memorabilia chronicling the enduring legacy of America's Horse.



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In 1938, as was intended, the Katherine Hepburn role would have starred Bette Davis. And the Humphrey Bogart role would have been played by David Niven. In 1949, Bette was offered the role but turned it down as she was with child. James Mason was the first choice in the late 1940s to play the role made famous by Humphrey Bogart.

And finally, though I've

reported this before, it is always fun to regale you with the actors considered for the lead in the movie *Patton*. Of course the Oscar winning performance went to George C. Scott. The actors who turned down the role include, Burt Lancaster, Robert Mitchum, Telly Savalas and Rod Steiger. John Wayne wanted the role but the producer turned him down.

Speaking of performances you must go see *Cinderella* at

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