

Since late Wednesday evening, the City of Sierra Madre opened the Emergency Operations Center to monitor the Windstorm and its impact on Sierra Madre.

City Manager Elaine Aguilar the director of the EOC, along with city staff and volunteers provided 24 staffing for the center and coordinated disaster relief operations.

In the early morning hours Thursday, a State of Emergency was declared by Aguilar, an action that was later ratified by an emergency meeting of the Sierra Madre city council. The State of Emergency allows the city to draw on county, state and federal resources to help Sierra Madre survive and recover the most damaging windstorm in the last 30 years.

At press time, more than 30 homes had been damaged. Seven of those homes were Red Tagged and deemed uninhabitable. Six were Yellow Tagged because of extensive damage.

Hundreds of trees were destroyed by the winds and tons of debris has been scattered throughout the city.

Fortunately, at press time, there were no reports of injury.

Power Outages Still Widespread

Most of the city at midnight on Friday remained without power and Southern California Edison cannot predict with certainty when it will be restored. The trees and debris damaged Edison equipment and there are scores of downed power lines throughout the town.

Due to the massive power outage, communications with residents has been difficult. Without electricity, many telephones are non functioning and television/cable service has also been interrupted. In addition, internet service for most is not available.

The city has provided regular notices via email and the city's Facebook and website in an effort to keep residents who have access to the internet informed. The Sierra Madre Emergency Radio Station, 1630AM also has up to date information on the city's emergency operations.

As the weekend approaches, the following communication was sent from the City of Sierra Madre:

Sierra Madre Windstorm Update No. 7:

City of Sierra Madre has experienced many uprooted trees, snapped branches, and tree debris throughout the City. City crews have been working to continue to clear roads however, the following area is still impassable; Manzanita Avenue between Park and Sunnyside. The City's main east/west arterial, Sierra Madre Boulevard, is open to traffic. Public Safety and Public Works will be working throughout the weekend.

WINDSTORM!

Hurricane Winds Wreck Havoc In Sierra Madre  
Most Residents Without Power Since Wednesday



There is a Red Cross shelter open in Pasadena at the Jackie Robinson Center at the corner of Fair Oaks and Mountain (626) 744-7300.

The City has been in contact with Southern California Edison regarding restoring power. At this time, Southern California Edison is only responding to 911 wire-down calls. Southern California Edison has advised the City that crews are expected to begin restoring power in 24 to 48 hours from today (some areas may experience longer delays). Customers are asked to stay away from any downed or dangling lines. A downed line or dangling wire is dangerous-even if it appears not to be live. While temporary power has been restored to the City's water system, residents are asked to continue to conserve water.

Property owners are responsible for all tree and vegetation debris; City staff cannot enter private property to remove tree debris. Private property owners are allowed to deposit tree debris from their property onto the side of the street, within the next seven days, for collection by City crews. Under no circumstances can tree debris be deposited in the streets in such a way as to create a hazard to vehicular or pedestrian traffic. If you have other non-vegetation debris, you may schedule a one-time pick-up with Athens at (888) 336-6100. Do not place non-vegetation debris the street until the night before the scheduled pick-up.

Due to the County wide emergency, the 911 lines may be answered by an alternate agency, but your emergency will be handled in the appropriate manner. For non-emergency calls please call (626) 355-1414. Only call 911 for life-threatening emergencies, downed utility lines, or damaged buildings.



Photos show some of the damage incurred by the wind. Residents are encouraged to send photos to the city for inclusion in the emergency fund applications from the state. Photo on left courtesy of Cathy Crockett

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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



## 1630 AM

## Free on-air publicity for local events

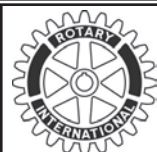
Sierra Madre's new community radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

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

## In a nutshell, your event must:

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

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



## Sierra Madre Rotary Club

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As part of our club's lively weekly meetings, dynamic speakers are scheduled on Rotary's service interests, local community topics and general appeal subjects.

Sierra Madre Rotary operates an active high school service group, the Interact Club, participates in Rotary scholarship, music and essay competitions, raises funds for local and Rotary Foundation causes, recognizes exemplary teachers, offers mini grants for worthy projects, hosts the yearly Elvis in the Park concert and donates hundreds of service hours to community events like the Wistaria Festival, Dickens Village and July 4th Parade.

While all Rotary Club memberships are by invitation, visitors are heartily welcomed to meetings. For more information, please visit our website or contact our membership chairperson at [RudyHayek@gmail.com](mailto:RudyHayek@gmail.com).

[www.SierraMadreRotary.com](http://www.SierraMadreRotary.com)


## THE SIERRA MADRE ROSE PRINCESSES ARE COMING!

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### Community Services Commission is seeking to fill two vacancies on the SMTV3 Community Cable Television Programming Committee

The City of Sierra Madre's Community Services Commission is looking for two motivated, enthusiastic, creative, and a friendly volunteer to serve on the City's the SMTV3 Community Cable Television Programming Committee. The City welcomes any interested residents to apply.

SMTV3 Community Cable Television Programming Committee - 2 Vacancies for Community Members At Large

The SMTV3 Community Cable Television Programming Committee is an eight (8) member committee comprised of a member from the Community Services Commission, Senior Community Commission and six community members at large. The Community Services Commission plans to appoint the community members at large at their regularly scheduled Community Services Commission Meeting on December 19, 2011.

Applications for the December appointments are due by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2011. Applications received after this date will be kept on file until there is another appointment date. Submit applications to the Community & Personnel Service Department at the Community Recreation Center, 611 E. Sierra Madre Boulevard. For an application, please visit [www.cityofsierramadre.com](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com) look for commission/committee applications. For more information please call (626) 355-5278.

### ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR

Sierra Madre United Methodist Church is holding an Alternative Christmas Gift Fair on Sunday, December 4, 2011 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm following the 9:30 am worship service.

Celebrate the spirit of the holiday season by giving a gift that truly "gives back." Your donations help support the relief efforts of local organizations such as San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity, Friends in Deed, Foothill Unity Center, Family Promise, and global efforts such as Heifer International and Imagine No Malaria. Fair Trade items from Equal Exchange, SERRV, and the Ten Thousand Villages store in Pasadena will be available for purchase.

Enjoy free refreshments while you browse.

The Church is located at 695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre.

Call 626-355-0629 for more information.

## Sierra Madre's Farmer's Market Is Back!

The Sierra Madre Farmer's Market new location is in Downtown Sierra Madre on Hermosa Avenue, south of Sierra Madre Boulevard to Mariposa Avenue. The hours will be from 3:00-8:00 p.m. during the summer with the exception of major holidays. During the winter/Pacific Standard time the market could possibly end at 7:00 p.m.

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## PASADENA WIND STORMS – BY THE NUMBERS



## TREE DEBRIS REMOVAL: AFTER THE WINDSTORM

With the recent windstorm, the City of Sierra Madre has experienced many uprooted trees, snapped tree branches, and tree debris throughout the City. One of the main challenges for City staff is the “clean-up” after the windstorm.

The following is a review of the post-storm assistance provided by the City of Sierra Madre:

- o City streets will be cleared as quickly as possible when it is safe to do so. Public Works crews are not allowed to put themselves or the safety of others in jeopardy to clear a street during a storm or after nightfall.

- o The clearing of streets will be prioritized by considering access for public safety vehicles.

- o Tree debris on private property is the responsibility of the property owner. City staff cannot enter private property to remove tree debris.

- o Private property owners are allowed to deposit tree debris from their property

onto the side of the street, within the next seven days, for collection by City crews.

- o Please contact the Sierra Madre Public Works Department at (626) 355-7135 with as much advance information as possible including the location and timing of when the tree debris will be placed on the street.

- o Under no circumstances can tree debris be deposited in the streets in such a way as to create a hazard to vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- o If you have other non-vegetation debris, you may schedule a one-time pick-up with Athens at (888) 336-6100. Do not place non-vegetation debris onto the side of the street until the night before the scheduled pick-up.

It may take time and patience to return the street to pre-storm condition. The City of Sierra Madre thanks its residents for their understanding and all their efforts to assist with the post-storm clean up.

The following information is based on assessments through late afternoon Friday, Dec. 2, and should be considered preliminary and subject to change. Information will be updated as it becomes available.

- 325 miles of streets were impacted by storm debris – falling trees, tree limbs, utility poles and/or wires. The primary goal has been to move debris to the side of the road so at least one lane in each direction is open. Debris will be removed over the coming weeks.

- o 100 percent of arterial streets are accessible
- o 90 percent of secondary streets are accessible
- o The percentage of residential streets is unknown at this time

- 34 traffic signals reported for repair

- o 8 were not Pasadena and were referred to Caltrans and the county of Los Angeles

- o Of the remaining 26, immediate/temporary repairs were completed on 18 with remaining eight pending

- 23 street lights reported for repair

- o Immediate/temporary repairs were completed on 18, with the remaining five pending

- 99 percent of Pasadena Water and Power customers are operational. Crews still working on restoring service to 400 electric and 150 water customers

- 37 people were transported by

Pasadena ARTs buses to a temporary shelter at Robinson Park Center. Twenty-five remained until late Friday afternoon when they were relocated. One senior citizen walk-in was later reported and remains at the shelter.

- Only 4 known injuries

- The Sunset Reservoir roof was damaged, requiring the reservoir to be drained and disinfected and the roof repaired.

- Trees
- o More than 600 street trees fell and an unknown number of street trees were severely damaged

- o 67 trees fell at Brookside Golf Course and 120 more were severely damaged

- o The number of trees that fell or were severely damaged in city parks is unknown at this time

- 5 building inspectors have inspected approximately 200 homes with varying levels of damage

- o 46 housing units have been red-tagged, 40 in the same apartment building

- o 13 structures have been yellow-tagged.

- Street clearing
- o 160 Public Works Department field employees were on duty Thursday and 160 on Friday

- o 29 workers from Los Angeles County Department of Public Works were on duty Thursday and 32 on Friday

- o 122 field employees from contractors were on duty Thursday and Friday

### Fire Calls

- o From 8 p.m. on Nov. 20 to 9 p.m. on Dec. 2, the Fire Department was dispatched to the following:

- 57 fire calls

- 42 medical calls

- 109 service calls

- 163 wires or other electrical system-related calls

- 15 natural gas-related calls

- Total = 386 (roughly 8 times the normal call volume)

- o 11 other agencies assisted us on 94 calls. At our peak, we had 27 units from other agencies handling calls in our city

- o Pasadena Fire Department regularly has 7 engines, 2 trucks and 5 ambulances available in the city and added 4 engines and 1 patrol to supplement capacity on Thursday

### Police Calls

- o From 10 p.m. on Nov. 30 to 1 p.m. on Dec. 2, the Pasadena Police Department Communication Center processed 4,650 calls for service including 9-1-1 and non-emergency requests.

- o During the same operational period the Police Department called back or extended the shift of on-duty personnel, including:

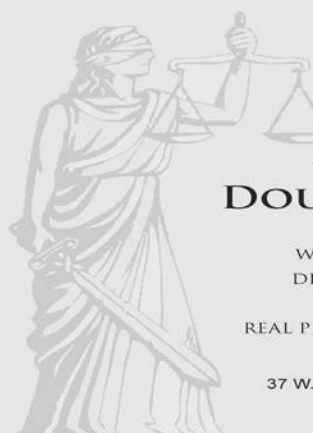
- 13 police officers

- 11 Police Volunteers

- o 248 pending incidents to be investigated were reported on Dec. 1



Homes, structures, electrical equipment, sidewalks and streets were severely damaged by trees uprooted in the windstorm. *Except where noted all photos are by S. Henderson/MVNews.*



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Famous Clydesdales to Buck this Year’s Rose Parade

By Dean Lee

After nearly 60 years of gaiting down Colorado Boulevard, the famous Budweiser Clydesdales will no longer be a part of the Tournament of Roses Parade as Anheuser-Busch InBev moves in a different marketing direction the company officially announced last week. Reports say the company had told Tournament officials about the pullout in May.

In a statement to local news outlets in St. Louis Missouri Anheuser-Busch said the company was investing in other types of events and sponsorships aimed at a higher concentration of beer drinkers.

The company gave no other information or whether they would reenter the parade again at some point.

Local residents told NBC-affiliated television station KSDK they thought the move was another sign of Belgium-based InBev being more bottom line oriented after taking over Anheuser-Busch in 2008.

“It’s just another feeling about them and they seem more, not as a local company, and more international,” said local St. Louis resident Margaret Gallas.

Anheuser-Busch had been a participant in the parade every year since 1953. Reports say the company’s involvement in the Tournament of Roses can be traced back as far as 1910 when the brewery’s co-founder Adolphus Busch started vacationing in Pasadena. He later started the amusement parks Busch Gardens.

The parade is not the only appearance in Pasadena the Clydesdales make, last year the eight horses also greeted shoppers at the Paseo Colorado Jan. 6 as part of the post parade activities.

Anheuser-Busch is also not the only long time parade participant to drop out of this year’s parade, both the city of Long Beach and the city of West Covina have dropped out.

“This decision has been a very difficult one for our Board of Directors,” said Frank T. Scalfaro, President/Chairman of the West Covina Rose Float Foundation, in a statement. “The community has been very supportive of the float and we do not want to disappoint them, but without the needed funds we have no other option.”

Long Beach city officials also said their decision was a funding shortfall.

Tournament of Roses President, Richard Jackson, said last month the tournament would work with longtime participants to welcome them back if they so choose. He also wished them all the best saying they will be missed in the parade.

One City, One Story To Be Unveiled Monday

Pasadena Public Library’s 10th One City, One Story selection will be announced Monday at 6:30 p.m. during the regular City Council meeting.

Mayor Bill Bogaard and Jan Sanders, director of the Pasadena Public Library system, will unveil an enlargement of the book cover.

Pasadena’s annual community reading celebration is designed to broaden and deepen an appreciation of reading and literature in the community, engage participants in dialogue and bring Pasadenans together by promoting greater understanding of differing points of view.

One City, One Story events will be scheduled throughout March 2012, including a March 22 community dialog with the author. The full calendar will be announced in the near future.

For more information visit [www.cityofpasadena.net/library/ocos](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/library/ocos) or call (626) 744-7270.



Freak Windstorm Ravishes City

By Dean Lee

By Thursday morning powerful winds reaching 70 mph had left a wake of destruction throughout Pasadena and nearby cities leaving thousands without power, hundreds of trees blocking streets and forcing the evacuations of over 40 residents. Fire officials said the winds also sparked several fires.

Pasadena Fire responded to wind-related fire incidents in the 100 block of Penn Street where a house fire resulted in four injuries; the 1200 block of Hudson Avenue where 40 residents were evacuated due a large tree falling into the structure; and the 900 block of Del Mar Boulevard where seven residents were evacuated due to a structure fire. The injured

residents were transported to a nearby hospital.

As winds died down Thursday, city officials were able to assess the damage saying over 200 buildings in Pasadena were damaged by the storm. Pasadena Public Information Officer Ann Erdman also said 450 public street trees were down or damaged causing many streets to be blocked. At press time Friday almost all major streets were clear of debris.

Pasadena Water and Power officials said over 6,000 residents were without power early Thursday morning. Thousands were still without power by Friday. Pasadena Public Health Department officials advised residents to Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed. Keep potentially hazardous foods, such as meat or poultry, chilled



NASA began a historic voyage to Mars with Saturday’s early morning launch of the Mars Science Laboratory, which carries a car-sized rover, Curiosity. Liftoff from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station aboard an Atlas V rocket happened at 7:02 a.m.

“We are very excited about sending the world’s most advanced scientific laboratory to Mars,” NASA Administrator Charles Bolden said. “MSL will tell us critical things we need to know about Mars, and while it advances science, we’ll be working on the capabilities for a human mission to the Red Planet and to other destinations where we’ve never been.”

The mission will pioneer precision landing technology and a sky-crane touchdown to place Curiosity near the foot of a mountain inside Gale Crater on Aug. 6, 2012. During a nearly two-year prime mission after landing, the rover will investigate whether the region has ever offered conditions favorable for microbial life, including the chemical ingredients for life.

“The launch vehicle has given us a great injection into our trajectory, and we’re on our way to Mars,” said Mars Science Laboratory Project Manager Peter Theisinger of NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. “The spacecraft is in communication, thermally stable and power positive.”

For more information visit: <http://www.nasa.gov/msl>.

Northwest Commission Meeting to Feature Police Department Presentation

The community is invited to the next meeting of the Northwest Commission on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 6:30 p.m. to learn how the Pasadena Police Department is helping at-risk youths, engaging residents in public safety activities and preparing for the reintegration of convicted felons.

Police Chief Phillip Sanchez will discuss two intervention and prevention programs aimed at helping at-risk youths make positive choices and a third

program that encourages greater understanding between citizens and officers. Sanchez will also address how the department is preparing for the release of state prison inmates resulting from a U.S. Supreme Court decision that found California’s prisons overcrowded.

The meeting will be at Jackie Robinson Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave. For more information contact Lola Osborne at [losborne@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:losborne@cityofpasadena.net) or (626) 744-6879.

City looks at Zero Waste Strategic Plan By 2040

Imagine a Pasadena that less than 30 years from now produces no garbage and recycles and reuses everything that today gets throws away.

The Pasadena Public Works Department wants to work with the community to develop the Zero Waste Strategic Plan to get us there by 2040.

Two community meetings Thursday, in the Donald R. Wright Auditorium at Pasadena Central Library focused on the issue. A morning meeting looked at the perspective of the business community; the evening meeting considered

residents’ perspectives.

The ambitious goal includes more recycling and, even more important, an emphasis on waste reduction. The city of Pasadena has already embarked on a planning process to identify policies and programs needed to reach zero waste. Community participation is critical for developing a plan that works for all Pasadena residents and businesses.

For more information call Gabriel Silva, environmental programs manager in the Public Works Department, at (626) 744-4721.

to 41 degrees F. or less to prevent food-borne illness.

The Pasadena Humane Society activated all of its emergency services putting officers on standby.

PHS Spokeswoman Ricky Whitman said dogs and cats running stray pose a danger to themselves and to the public. The shelter has set up emergency kennels for animals lost in the storm. She added that PHS will care for lost animals and return them to their owners at no cost.

A local state of emergency was declared in Pasadena, and in nearby cities of South Pasadena, Alhambra, San Marino, Sierra Madre and Arcadia. A state of emergency was later declared for all of L.A. County.

As of Friday, there was no official estimate in Pasadena as to the cost associated with damage caused by the storm.

*Photo: Shell Station at San Gabriel and Colorado S.Henderson/ MVNews*

Library Opens New Teen Central

Pasadena teens have a new area to call their very own, located comfortably on the fourth floor of Central Library, 285 E. Walnut St. The newly christened Teen Central is a place to study, hang out and check out the library’s expansive selection of teen books, magazines and DVDs.

The latest addition to Pasadena’s flagship library will be celebrated with a special grand opening Saturday, Dec. 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. Enjoy refreshments, meet with friends and discover what this new dedicated space has to offer.

Pasadena Central Library is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Allensworth exhibition on Display at Shatford Library

An exhibition titled “Allensworth: 100 Years of the California Dream” is currently on display in the African American Heritage Room at Shatford Library at Pasadena City College. The exhibition, which celebrates the centennial of the historic town of Allensworth and its impact on California, ends on Jan. 20.

Allensworth is a settlement founded in 1908 by Col. Allen Allensworth, professor William Payne, Dr. W.H. Peck, J.W. Palmer, and Harry Mitchel. As an ideal social enterprise free from the restrictions imposed during “the nadir” of race relations in America, Allensworth symbolized the dream of African Americans across California and the U.S.

The exhibition was made possible through collaboration with the California Department of Parks and Recreation, the California African American Museum, and the California Community Empowerment Foundation.

For more information, please contact the Shatford Library at (626) 585-7221.

Hundreds Show Up to Shaq Book Signing



Over four hundred Laker fans came out Wednesday night to meet former Los Angeles Laker Basketball star Shaquille O’Neal as he signed his new book “Shaq Uncut: My Story” at Vroman’s Bookstore on Colorado Boulevard.

The official biography outlines O’Neal’s life from his early childhood, including an abusive relationship with his father, to his friendship with teammate Kobe Bryant leading up to three championship wins with the Lakers.

Police Named SWAT Team of the Year by California Association of Tactical Officers

The California Association of Tactical Officers (C.A.T.O.) selected the Pasadena Police Department’s SWAT Team as the “SWAT Team of the Year” for the State of California. The announcement was made last week Monday.

C.A.T.O. is a non-profit organization dedicated to increase the professionalism and efficiency in police tactical operations throughout the state. C.A.T.O. executives selected Pasadena’s SWAT Team from a number of highly qualified police SWAT teams in California. The criteria for selection included: tactical ability and experience, number

and type of tactical operations, creativity in solving problems, collaboration and training with other agencies, preparation for resolving critical incidents.

“This is a testament to the level of professionalism and creativity our SWAT team possesses” said Pasadena Police Chief Phillip Sanchez. “This is a team that is not only tactically proficient, but has really connected with our community to help resolve many problems. This award shows the commitment that we all share for the safety of our community.”

The award was presented to the Pasadena Police Department at the annual C.A.T.O. conference in San Diego on Tuesday.

Citizen Journalism Meet-up

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

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

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

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



of video, audio and print along with online social media. The next meeting is Dec. 6 from 6 p.m. to 8p.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).

Fire Department Encourages Donations to Toy Drive

To help bring smiles to thousands of children who otherwise would find no presents on Christmas morning, the Pasadena Fire Department, ABC7 and Southland Firefighters are partnering for their 19th year on the Spark of Love

Toy Drive.

New, unwrapped toys, sports equipment and gift cards for infants, children and teenagers may be dropped off at the following Pasadena fire stations through Dec. 24:

Station 31, 135 S. Fair Oaks Ave.

Station 32, 2424 E. Villa St.

Station 33, 515 N. Lake Ave

Station 34, 1360 E. Del Mar Blvd.

Station 36, 1140 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

Station 37, 3430 E. Foothill Blvd.

Station 38, 1150 Linda Vista Ave.

Fire Department administrative offices, 199 S. Los Robles Ave., Suite 550



Snow is a four-year-old white Siberian Husky. She can be a bit shy so a loving and attentive family would be best.

Snow’s adoption fee is \$120. Her fee includes spay surgery, a microchip, the first set of vaccinations, as well as a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. Also, new adopters will receive complimentary health and wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals.

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A298137, or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday –Friday, 9-4 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets can be found at [www.pasadenahumane.org](http://www.pasadenahumane.org).

Community partners with Spark of Love Toy Drive boxes in Pasadena can accept donations as well, including Paseo Colorado, Western Asset, Plaza Las Fuentes, Pasadena Federal Credit Union, Gold’s Gym, Honda of Pasadena, Victory Park Pasadena, First Tee Pasadena (Brookside Golf Course), Pasadena Central Library, Bob’s Big Boy and Pasadena Water and Power.

The program is also supported by Ruth Management, Operating Engineers, Frostig Center, Bolton and Company, Pro Biz Bank, Optical Research, Rotary Club and Chancellor Place.

For more information contact A.C. Brown, administrative captain and community liaison for the Pasadena Fire Department, at (626) 744-7201.



“What’s Going On?”  
News and Views from Joan Schmidt



How Could Washington Irving, Mt. Wilson and George Patton be connected to the City of Alhambra, CA

Unfortunately, when someone hears the name of Alhambra, CA, they may be reminded of movie producer Phil Specter convicted in the death of an aspiring actress. But there is A LOT more to Alhambra! Its history and connections went way beyond my expectations as I headed to their Historical Museum this past Sunday. The man credited with founding Alhambra is Benjamin Davis Wilson (1811-78), referred to as “Don Benito”. One can gather much information from the Internet about this amazing man by starting with Mt. Wilson, which is named for him! Wilson came to this area from Santa Fe, New Mexico with the Workman-Rowland group in 1841, and intended to go to China, but couldn’t get a passage there! While in New Mexico, Wilson had worked as a fur trapper and Indian trader, but that changed after his arrival here. He became a naturalized Mexican citizen and began to purchase large parcels. His first marriage was to Ramona Yorbuga. Her family’s holdings included the 78,941 acre (Spanish)



raised sheep, cultivated fruits and walnuts and was one of the first to try commercial wine-making. As one of the first sub-dividers-he turned his land into townships-properties he once owned include sections of Westwood, Pasadena, Alhambra, San

is the site where the Gabrielino village, Aleyupkigna once stood. Wilson revamped their path. The trail was half completed and Wilson and William McKee went up the rest of the way on horseback through nearly impenetrable chaparral. When the trail was complete, Wilson built a cabin and began logging and milling ventures, but soon gave up. The trail remained and during the 1880’s, it was used for “recreation”, and each year brought even more hikers and pedestrians. Don Benito Wilson remarried a widow, Mrs. Margaret Hereford, and they had four children. Their daughter Ruth married George Patton and their son is the great General George Patton, Jr. Alhambra’s founding father is the grandfather of George Patton.

How does Washington Irving, the first American author to achieve international literary renown, enter our story? Everyone has read Rip Van Winkle and The Legend of Sleepy Hollow. However, Irving was also a great historian and biographer. He traveled to Spain to research Christopher Columbus for his biography, and served as an Ambassador from 1842-1846. Irving loved the culture and the architecture of the buildings. Since Irving was preparing a book called The Conquest of Granada (a history from 1478-1492), he was granted permission to spend time in the Granada-a castle in Spain. This inspired Irving to write The Alhambra, a legendary history of a castle in Spain. Don Benito Wilson’s 10 year-old daughter Ruth (future Mother of General Patton) LOVED The Alhambra! These legions about a Moorish palace in Southern Spain are STILL popular today-they give a good description of Spain in the 1830’s and are one of the few sources of Spanish folklore. Who would have thought Irving’s The Alhambra would give a California city its name and that’s why the high school’s sports teams are “Moors”.

The Alhambra Historical Museum looks like a cute house! It actually was an office for two doctors, and the building was donated. Moving the building to the current site was costly; but the Fire Department came in and helped to make the museum what it is. There are a few rooms –one is designated to their fire department and had the old alarm mounted on a wall! There is a “kitchen” area and rooms with antique furniture, display cases and several pictures. On the wall is Norman Rockwell-he spent time in Alhambra, met his second wife there, and married her there! The City was the inspiration for some of his work. Alhambra also had an airport! There is much more to see and learn, so come on down. As the case with most local museums, it’s free.

The Alhambra Historical Society Museum  
1550 W. Alhambra Road, Alhambra (626-300-8845) 2nd & 4th Sundays, Thursdays, 2-4pm



Rancho Santiago de Santa Ana. During the Mexican War, he fought on the American side and later was a mediator. “Don Benito” as he was known was a part of the movement to have California admitted as a state. Positions he held included Mayor of Los Angeles and an Indian Agent, establishing many reservations. In 1854, he acquired the 128 acre Rancho Huerta del Cuati- then renamed it “Lake Vineyard Ranch.” Don Benito also purchased much of the old San Gabriel Mission land. He wore many hats-

Gabriel, Riverside and San Bernardino. When his eldest daughter Maria married, her wedding gift was property- renamed San Marino by her husband and later sold to Huntington. (Ramona and Don Benito also had a son who died at an early age, and Ramona died in 1849)

What is the connection to Mt. Wilson? This summit is named because Wilson created the first modern trail into the front range of the San Gabriel Mountains in 1864. The base of Little Santa Anita Canyon

NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT



by Christopher Nyerges

They Live in the Sky and the Tops of Trees

Bird watching is a popular activity for many reasons. We are attracted to the creatures of the sky because of their beauty, their diversity of song, and their unique characteristics. Wandering out into the Angeles National Forest to identify birds is a real adventure and sometimes a detective hunt. Rarely does the bird come to you and sit idly by while you attempt to identify it by thumbing through the pages of your field manual. Maybe you only hear the song, or perhaps you’ve found a feather or a nest. The bird detective uses all these clues, including location and season, to determine which birds are in the area. Many common birds are easily spotted since we already know them from our urban areas around parks and in backyards. Mockingbirds, house sparrows, blue jays, crows, black birds, and pigeons are ubiquitous and are frequently regarded as pests, not friends. Pigeons have been dubbed “rats with wings” due to their pervasiveness and likelihood of spreading disease. There are other birds -- though not as populous -- which are wonderful to encounter. Hummingbirds are easy to attract at home with inexpensive hummingbird feeders. Daily I hear their electric hum outside my kitchen window as they sip the red nectar I put out for them or the flowers from the vines. I’ve seen hummingbirds attracted to the feeders put out at many of the cabins scattered throughout the forest. They are also attracted to the tubular yellow flowers of the tree tobacco, which is why I like the plant. Horned owls are somewhat common. We may not see them, but we can often hear their familiar “hoo, hoo” in the forest at night. I recall camping out one night in the Arroyo Seco. We were sitting around the fire, talking about the meaning of life, and watching the fire. The tall trees surrounding our campsite danced with the orange of the flames and we felt as if we were in a special sanctuary. Then the owls began. They had completely surrounded our camp, for we heard their hoots from all directions. I always watch with awe as they glide off, enormous wings outstretched. American Indians regarded the owls with superstition and awe, as do both Polynesians and Melanesians in their folklore. Owls are regarded as protectors, and providers of omens. Red-tailed hawks are frequently seen in the Angeles National Forest, as well as certain areas throughout Southern California. One Saturday, my wife and

I watched in amazement as seven red-tailed hawks casually glided overhead. It was unusual to see that many at one time, especially in the city.

I frequently see and hear woodpeckers in the forest, which are easy to identify by the staccato of their pecking. I like hearing the woodpeckers, not just because the sound of their picking out insects below the surface of the bark is somehow “rustic.” Their sound is a reassuring reminder that there is still wildlife around.

I’ve only seen eagles on a few occasions. One such occasion seemed most portentous. I was hiking with a class in the upper Arroyo Seco on Pasadena’s west side. A jogger coming from the other direction told us to look across the stream. “Look on the log!” he told us excitedly. “Look at the eagle with the rattlesnake in its mouth” and he ran off.

Sure enough, it was an eagle, though the snake seemed to be a gopher snake. We couldn’t tell for sure because of the distance. Then the big bird quickly flew away as we watched. Our group was dumbfounded for a few moments. Just an hour earlier, one of our party had told us about Montezuma’s dream. In the dream, he was told to settle

a city when he saw the symbol of the eagle with a snake in its mouth. Montezuma continued his journey, and he saw an eagle with a snake in its mouth in a swampy land. That swamp land became Mexico City. An eagle and snake are now found on all of Mexico’s currency.

My only “close encounter” with an eagle was while walking down the dirt driveway of a one acre nature preserve in Highland Park, when I saw a very big bird standing there with a pigeon in its beak. It was an awesome golden eagle, who quickly flew away as I reached for my camera.

So where can one go on a bird walk with an expert?

Audubon Society regularly conducts bird walks in many locations. Check your local phone book, or go to www.PasadenaAudubon.org. Walks are held in Eaton Canyon Park, Descanso Gardens, L.A. County Arboretum, in the Arroyo Seco, and elsewhere.

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ASM. PORTANTINO REACTS TO RULING OF SACRAMENTO SUPERIOR COURT – “VICTORY FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT”

SACRAMENTO – A Sacramento Superior Court has made a preliminary ruling in the lawsuit filed by the Sacramento Bee and Los Angeles Times against the California State Assembly challenging the Assembly’s decision to keep members’ budgets secret. Late this afternoon, the Assembly declined to challenge that ruling and a public hearing scheduled for Friday morning has been cancelled.

“I am ecstatic that the court has given a sound decision that will benefit democracy and the taxpayers of California. Hopefully, now decisions can be made on the merits of the policy and not on the ability of leaders to use the budget to force votes.

This is a huge victory for transparency and accountability. Although I am saddened that the Assembly would spend precious dollars fighting to keep secrets, I am heartened and encouraged that the court saw through this unwise strategy and made a right and significant ruling.

My situation was long-settled when the press and non-profits uncovered the truth that my budget had been cut mid-year. This issue is no longer about me, but is now about making Sacramento function better by using transparency to improve decision-making and the democratic process.”



Pet of the Week

Sally: Animal ID #A4364748

Meet the cute and cuddly Sally (A4364748). Sally is an irresistible three-month-old brown and black female shorthaired Chihuahua mix puppy who was found in Covina on November 13th and brought to the Baldwin Park shelter. Weighing seven pounds, she walks very well on the leash, although shelter volunteers do not think she has had formal training yet. Sally likes other dogs, and she really loves children. Those who have met Sally strongly feel that she will be the perfect indoor pet for an individual or family living in an apartment or condo. Sally would also be an excellent companion for a senior with her loving personality. To watch a video of Sally interacting with a volunteer, please visit: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=UqjAr6Rz6bI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UqjAr6Rz6bI)

To meet Sally in person, please see her at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378). She is currently available now. For any inquiries about Sally, please reference her animal ID number: A4364748. The shelter is open seven days a week, 12 pm-7 pm Monday-Thursday and 10am-5pm Friday-Sunday. This is a high-intake shelter with a great need for adoptions. For more information about Sally or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at [samanthasayon@gmail.com](mailto:samanthasayon@gmail.com) or 661-309-2674. To learn more about United Hope for Animals’ partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter through its Shelter Support Program, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.



LA VERNE FLIGHT SCHOOL OPERATOR ARRESTED

According to Los Angeles news outlet, KTLA, an arrest was made on Wednesday of the operator of a flight school alleged to train foreign nationals. The woman was charged with a visa fraud scheme.

The charges allege that foreign nationals from Egypt, Sri Lanka and Taiwan entered the United States for commercial pilot training. According to reports, the school did not have the credentials, which include extensive background investigation since 9/11. The owner, 28 year old Karena Chuang of Lake Elsinore operated Blue Diamond Aviation in La Verne. A spokesperson from the US Attorney’s Office confirmed the arrest. According to the KTLA story, “thecomplaint alleges Chuang helped foreign nationals obtain visas to attend flight schools approved to train foreign students when the students actually intended to enroll at Blue Diamond Aviation, which was not approved to enroll foreign nationals in its pilot training program.

Foreign nationals who want to obtain commercial pilot training in the United States are required to obtain an M-1 student visa, and apply to a flight training school that has been certified by the U.S. government to enroll foreign students.

“Protecting national security is the top priority for the Justice Department, and one important way to protect the homeland is to have a secure system to control who enters the United States,” said United States Attorney André Birotte Jr.

“Visa fraud schemes, such as the one allegedly operated by Ms. Chuang, may be driven by promises of financial gain, but they directly compromise the security of the United States.”

Claude Arnold, special agent in charge for ICE Homeland Security Investigations in Los Angeles, commented: “No one needs to be reminded why visa fraud involving flight schools poses a potential national security threat. There’s a good reason flight schools that accept foreign students must comply with extremely rigorous requirements and an equally good reason these cases are a top enforcement priority for HSI.”

Authorities say the investigation into Chuang began in June 2010 when visa security officers in the ICE Attaché Office in Cairo reported that two Egyptian nationals who had received visas to attend a northern California flight school admitted in an interview that they had in fact planned to enroll at Blue Diamond Aviation.

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## WINDSTORM UPDATES FROM CITY HALL:



Courtesy Arcadia's Best/Scott hettrick/Frank McDonough

2 p.m. December 2, 2011 - City staff and outside crews are working diligently to clear major streets of trees and debris. The primary focus is public safety and access throughout the City. Crews will be transitioning to local streets as they are available to provide clear access. No injuries have been reported and traffic signals are in the process of being restored.

### Southern CA Edison - Power

Southern CA Edison is still working on power restoration. Edison crews and additional resources are being staged at Santa Anita Park and a command center has been established there. Edison is currently working on a local substation that energizes a substantial part of Arcadia. They are also working throughout the region. Staff has been working continuously with Edison but has not received notification when all power will be restored or how it will be phased.

If you encounter a downed power line – DO NOT TOUCH the line! Notify authorities immediately. A downed line or dangling wire is dangerous — even if it appears not to be live. Please be aware that once areas are re-energized, lines may become live.

Questions and status reports from Edison can be obtained by calling (800) 655-4555.

Please visit the following website for Edison information:

[http://www.sce.com/AOC\\_Outagemap/OutageMap.html](http://www.sce.com/AOC_Outagemap/OutageMap.html)

### Trees/Debris Removal

Please remember that removal and clearing of trees that are not in the public right-of-way is the responsibility of the owner. Public Works Services Staff will take care of removing and clearing City-owned trees within public right-of-way and are moving as quickly as they can in taking care of this issue.

### Street Closures

The following street segments remain closed:

- W/B Colorado at Santa Anita
- W/B Camino Real at El Monte
- Longden closed between El Monte and Holly
- Colorado Place closed between Colorado Bl and Huntington
- 200 blk. W. Leroy & 1100 blk. S. 5th due to wires down

### Event/Facility Updates

All City Recreation and Senior programs have been cancelled today. The Community Center is closed today. Wilderness Park is closed until further notice.

The County Arboretum is closed until further notice.

Breakfast with Santa and the Snowfest will still take place this weekend. Event parking will be at the Santa Anita Race Track, Gate. Free shuttle is available. For updates on recreation programs, please call (626) 574-5113.

### Please Be Cautious

Numerous hazards from fallen trees, power lines and debris still exist due to yesterday's severe wind storm. Please be aware of your surroundings and be extra cautious when driving to avoid injury or accident.

Treat any signals that are "blackened out" or not working as a four-way stop sign and be alert with your surroundings.

Remember to dial 911 for emergencies only. All non-emergency calls or request for service calls should be directed to Public Works Services Department at (626) 256-6554 or (626) 256-6650. Please be patient as staff has been receiving a very large volume of calls and requests. You can also sign up for e-mail and text messages by visiting: <http://local.nixle.com/arcadia-police-department/>

## Arcadia Unified School District Announcement

The SAT testing scheduled for Saturday, December 3, will take place as planned.

## Arcadia Police Blotter

*For the period of Sunday, November 20, through Saturday, November 26, the Police Department responded to 794 calls for service of which 131 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.*

### Sunday, November 20:

At about 4:30 p.m., an officer responded to JCPenney at the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a vandalism report. The victim and another vehicle simultaneously attempted to park in the same parking spot, however the victim parked in the slot before the other vehicle and observed him speed off. When the victim returned after shopping, she noticed her entire vehicle had been keyed except for the roof and rear bumper.

At approximately 7:50 p.m., an officer responded to Sport Chalet at the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in regards to a female adult in custody for theft. The suspect attempted to make a purchase with a fraudulent credit card. The officer located nine fraudulent credit cards and an altered identification card inside the suspect's wallet. The 32-year-old Hispanic female was arrested for Commercial Burglary, Fraudulent Use of an Access Card, and Possession of a Fraudulently Altered California ID Card.

### Monday, November 21:

Around 2:10 a.m., an officer entered the parking lot of Chevron Gas Station, 102 East Huntington Drive, and ran a license plate check on a parked motorcycle. The officer learned the registration was expired and noticed the motorcyclist was just waiting in the parking lot. A search of his person revealed a box containing small baggies of methamphetamines. The 50-year-old male of unknown race was arrested for Possession of Narcotics for Sale and transported to Arcadia City Jail without incident.

A victim of fraud filed a report at the Arcadia Police Department front counter. He was notified by his bank that an unknown suspect withdrew a large amount of money from his account in Nevada. The victim had his credit card in possession at the time of the report and does not know how anyone got his information.

### Tuesday, November 22:

Shortly after 9:00 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle at Peck Road and Live Oak Avenue for tinted windows and a warrant attached to the license plate. Through investigation, the officer learned the driver was never issued a license. The 33-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At about 3:28 p.m., an officer responded to H&M at the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in reference to a theft report. A 16-year-old Chinese female concealed merchandise inside a used shopping bag and left the store without making payment. Through investigation, the officer determined the juvenile had also stolen from other stores. She was arrested and released to her parents.

### Wednesday, November 23:

At approximately 4:24 a.m., an officer was dispatched to Colonial Pharmacy, 1326 South Baldwin Avenue, in reference a burglary alarm being activated. Upon arrival, the officer noticed the glass of the front double doors had been shattered. No items were reported stolen and the incident was recorded on the store's surveillance cameras. Further investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.

Around 9:50 a.m., officers were traveling in the 000 block of East Colorado Boulevard, and observed a male adult with a backpack riding on

the sidewalk. The officers watched the subject enter a residential driveway and conducted an area check behind the location where they observed the subject leave his backpack in an unattached garage. The officers located the subject riding his bicycle on the sidewalk nearby and conducted a traffic stop. A search of his person revealed a pair of wire cutters and numerous burglary tools were found inside the backpack. The 49-year-old White male was arrested for Suspicion of Burglary and Possession of Burglary Tools.

### Thursday, November 24:

Shortly after 11:30 a.m., an officer responded to a new residential construction site in the 500 block of West Woodruff Avenue, in regards to a suspicious vehicle. Dispatch advised two male adults were seen entering the property empty handed and left carrying an orange bucket. The officer located the suspect vehicle and conducted a traffic stop for bald tires. Through investigation, the officer determined the driver, a 28-year-old Hispanic, was driving without a license and had four misdemeanor warrants for his arrest, and the passenger, a 29-year-old Hispanic, had one misdemeanor warrant. The officer learned the suspects took a bucket of security wire from the construction site without permission. They were arrested without incident.

On November 23rd, a victim of fraud received a package in the mail containing an Apple iPad. The victim thought it was a gift until she saw her name listed as the purchaser on the packing slip. Through investigation, the victim discovered two online credit accounts had been opened in her name. She is unaware of who may have opened the accounts.

### Friday, November 25:

When Victoria Secret at the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, opened for business there were many sweaters on display at the front of the store. Within minutes of the store opening, a sales associate noticed fifteen sweaters missing. No customers were seen purchasing the items. It is believed that unknown suspect(s) took the merchandise and fled undetected as numerous customers were entering.

At about 3:13 p.m., an officer responded to the 2000 block of Lee Avenue regarding an attempted burglary report. The victim was away from her home while it was being fumigated, and when she returned she observed a key jammed in the door lock of a rear sliding glass door. Fingerprints were recovered from the door handle and no property was reported missing.

### Saturday, November 26:

Around 3:00 p.m., an officer responded to Santa Anita Avenue and Campus Drive regarding a hit and run resulting in injury. The victim was riding his bike southbound on Santa Anita Avenue near the curb line at Campus Drive when a vehicle made a right turn into his path of travel, and failed to slow down or stop. The bicyclist collided with the rear passenger side of the vehicle and sustained abrasions to his head. The vehicle is described as a light blue Honda CRV.

At approximately 3:51 p.m., officers responded to Antique Arts at the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a disturbance. A customer became upset after the store owner refused to return her purchase of jade jewelry, which she believed was not real. After learning the owner would only provide exchanges, the customer kicked a display case and caused damage to a window pane and merchandise. The subject pushed two security officers as they tried to escort her out of the store and kicked an APD officer as he attempted to make contact with her. The 49-year-old Chinese female was arrested for Vandalism, Battery, and Battery on a Police Officer.

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## MAJOR POWER OUTAGES STILL REPORTED, CITY STARTING TO COME BACK ONLINE

MONROVIA - While much of the City remains without power Thursday night, there is optimism that Public buildings and facilities will be up and running by Friday morning, however schools, Canyon Park and all wilderness access will remain closed.

High winds that swept across Monrovia and Southern California on Thursday resulted in a Local and County State of Emergency due to the damage, including fallen trees, downed power lines and the closure of some public facilities.

On Thursday night, nearly 13,000 Monrovia households were among the 211,500 Southern California Edison customers still without power since Wednesday night. Edison officials asked for patience as crews worked to restore power for customers, though they have advised Monrovia residents that power would not return until Friday, possibly longer.

Internet and cable service had also been down, though it was expected to be restored by midnight Thursday. Winds hit speeds of up to 100 miles per hour in some parts of Monrovia on Wednesday, but the National Weather Service forecasted winds of just 25 miles per hour Thursday night.

In response to the damage, City of Monrovia Public Works, Police and Fire crews have been working around the clock. As of 8 p.m., city officials received nearly 470 calls for service, including 150 fallen trees, 16 damaged cars, 7 buildings with structural damage, and six damaged fences.

On late Thursday, Police advised residents to be cautious when driving. Much of the City was still blacked out as of 8:30 p.m. As of 8:30pm, traffic signals on Huntington Drive, Highway Esplanade, and Duarte Road east of Myrtle are working and power was restored to the City Yard. Residents are urged to steer clear from downed power lines. Fire officials also encouraged residents to have enough food and water to last for 72 hours, and to practice safety at home by avoiding heating the house with gas stoves, barbecues or the oven.

Closures in place for Friday include: Monrovia Unified School District Schools, City Hall, the Library, the Community Center, Canyon Park, and all wilderness areas.

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## TEACHER PEDDLES AROUND THE WORLD TO HELP FOSTER CARE KIDS

(PASADENA, CA)--As a substitute teacher, Christine Farrugia, 56, always rode her bike to her school site. She has decided to peddle just a little farther to raise awareness of the needs of vulnerable children. On December 1 at 1:00 p.m., Farrugia will kick off her one-year ride around the world in front of Hill-sides, a foster care children's charity in Pasadena. City of Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard and Hill-sides CEO, Joseph M.Costa, will bid her good luck at 1:00 p.m. while students from Hill-sides Education Center also cheer her on.

After her parents and brother died in a car accident, she felt alone and was left with a desire to do something to make a difference. She thought about how foster children or orphans must feel when they are no longer with family, which is how she decided to raise money for organizations that offer services to children in need.

"I believe with all my heart that ordinary people do extraordinary things every day," said Farrugia and she's about to show everyone how it's done. Farrugia explains how sometimes you have to walk through a situation or ride through a storm to see what your human spirit is made of. Along her journey she will be giving presentations to students, sending an uplifting and encouraging message.

"If you have a passion or a talent, no matter the circumstance, you could do something to make a difference. Just get out there and do it. Keep putting one foot in front of the other," said Farrugia.

"Although this journey can appear daunting, Chris' positive energy, enthu-

siasm and commitment are infectious," said Costa. "We are excited to have been chosen as the charity in America to join Chris on her journey. This feat reminds me of the many journeys our vulnerable children and families are on, and together with our support we restore hope in their lives." She did just that. After much investigation and many test rides, Farrugia brought home a "bouncing baby FARGO by SALSA. 29" tire to 29" tire of total riding bliss!" She is using front and rear ORTLIEB saddle bags, each with a small top rack, one for a small tent and the other for a sleeping bag and pad.

"Within one week of having the little darling I had my first spill," said Farrugia. "Everything was fine, no scratches. I'm just getting used to riding shoes that clip in, my first pair."

She is funding the world cycling tour with her inheritance and welcomes sponsors to host her campground stays, weather permitted, or hotel accommodations. Farrugia is also considering families willing to host her for a night in a safe place. Students can also get involved by sponsoring a school ride. The majority of the proceeds from the ride



Prior to the kickoff event, Chris Farrugia discussed her trip around the world to students at Hill-sides Education Center. Students will be tracking Chris' route, ask her questions along the way and learn about geography and different cultures via her YouTube videos and blog.

will raise funds for Hill-sides and Good Shepherd Centre Orphanage in Zimbabwe, Africa.

On a recent visit to Hill-sides, Farrugia explained the mission of Project Miracle Co, the charity she established to raise funds for other deserving children's charities. "I wanted to help the wheels that were already in motion." "I feel this is the right place to do this—like I'm home," Farrugia said while touring the Pasadena charity.

She encourages other bicyclists or anyone wishing to ride for a few miles to join her along her route, cross country and overseas.

To learn more about her route or how you can help Farrugia and donate, visit <http://www.projectmiracleco.org>. To contact Farrugia, call 720-215-6450 or e-mail at [cfarrugia54@yahoo.com](mailto:cfarrugia54@yahoo.com).

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## PATIENCE

There is nothing more frustrating in this world than having your license but no car to drive. Trust me, I would know. Since May, I have had my license and have been waiting patiently for a car to call my own. Something that I can drive to a friends or practice so that the fear and dependence on others to get a ride would be a chapter I could gratefully close. My waiting was not a selfish, undeserving one either – my grandparents had promised to buy me a car in June for my great work in school. But June turned into September and after Thanksgiving and eventually to an undecided time. The continuous postponing of my car was frustrating and irritating. I wasn't asking for a new Lexus or even a car from this millennium, only something that I could use to get from Point A to Point B without blowing up

or springing a leak. During my period of waiting I would go online and search for cheap but safe cars only to be turned away by owners or face another postponement by my grandparents. Then, last week I looked online, just to see what was there and I saw an opportunity, a REALLY good opportunity. The ad was already four days old but I contacted the owner just in case. It was still there. Gratification was looking me in the face, but I couldn't let my hopes up yet – I still had to go see the car. I was planning to go and see the car with my dad after waterpolo on Wednesday but my dad said he hadn't called. Then, as we're driving, he hands me some papers. It's the pink slip and bill of sale! After months of waiting and frustration, my prize finally came.

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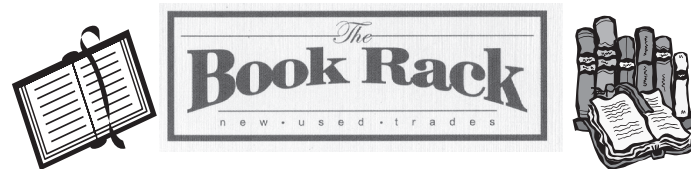
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## CENTRAL PARK CAFÉ IN PASADENA &amp; CHARITY IN WEST LOS ANGELES

I have referred to Central Park Café in Pasadena's as a rising star in the competitive Pasadena restaurant scene. Central Park specializes in mouthwatering steaks, fresh fish, handcrafted pastas and gourmet pizzas. I have dined here at least once a month since its opening over five years ago; hence, it's not the newest fire on the block but it remains one of Pasadena's best kept secrets. When I go here, I find myself irresistible drawn to the same dishes over and over again, as I order the Ahi Sandwich (\$11.85) with its exceptional partnering of a delicious side salad of Broccoli. If and when I get more adventurous, and break free from the spell that Central Park has placed me under, the eggplant sandwich on foccacia bread has all the makings of a new favorite (\$9.95). When I am hungry and have a big appetite, usually at dinner, I dive into the braised short ribs (\$19.50).

I love breakfast here. So, on those mornings when the sun beckons with an irrepressible invitation, I invite my friends, Kind Ken Fuller and his wife Becky to meet me for breakfast. I get a sly indicator that they, like me, know that something special is on its way. It is displayed in the little smile that forms as they sit at the table and survey the menu. Ken religiously orders the eggs benedict. Breakfast is notable here and it makes sense, since the owners also own the Diner on Main St. Both places are known for a good breakfast. Now, I wouldn't call Central Park upscale; however it would be wrong to translate the experience visually and flavorfully of those two restaurants to Central Park.

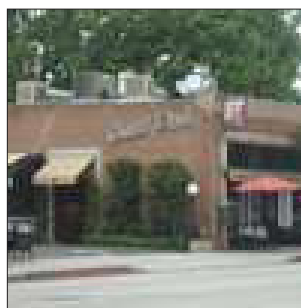


TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills  
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To make your experience more enticing, Central Park add another allure to their award winning and hand selected wine list, they added a full Bar. It is quaint, more the appearance of a service bar than a full one, but if you are in the mood for a Martini, you can use your best James Bond to impress the ladies. It never works for me though! All the Desserts here are created in-house, and are very affordable in the (\$7) range. My recommendation is the Carrot Cake, an expressive ending to a great dining experience.

Central Park occupies the One Hundred year old flower warehouse. You might remember it as Soda Jerk's at one point. It still has the same beautifully exposed brick walls, which tease the imagination into believing that you have entered a Fifties Chicago style Restaurant. If you are a Pop Culture buff, the walls yield in homage as a testament to that nostalgic era. There are black and white photos of celebrities from Joltin' Joe DiMaggio to the cigar tapping, comedian, Groucho Marx. With the exposed brick, and the high vaunted ceilings and elegant decor, Central Park will transport you back in time. Central Park has their own off street parking, which gives you enough time to really enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner, without worrying if there are enough coins in the meter.

I place Central Park Café in a similar category with Parkway Grill, Hustons and Smitty's. The difference being that Central Park is a little less expensive than these other three.

Central Park 219 S. Fair Oaks Pasadena (626) 446 4499 Breakfast Lunch Dinner

## CHARITY EVENT

Please join me this coming Saturday December 10th at the Smart and Final on Pico in West Los Angeles. Talk Radio 790 KABC is joining forces with Smart and Final to help feed the hungry this holiday season. Saturday we'll be taking your food donations at the Smart and Final at 11221 West Pico right by the 405.

Our goal is to "Stuff a Truck" full of food to benefit the Community Distribution Center. Join me, Saturday, at our "Stuff a Truck Food Drive" At Smart and Final on Pico by the 405! Go to KABC dot com keyword Smart for details.

*Please note of a change of radio time. Dining with Dills will be on Sunday at 12 Noon. KABC Talk Radio AM 790.*

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## HOWARD Hays As I See It



“(Congressional opponents are) saying that my ability to marry another man somehow jeopardizes heterosexual marriage. Then they go out and cheat on their wives.”  
 “The problem with the war in Iraq is not so much the intelligence as the stupidity.”  
 “(Conservatives) believe life begins at conception and ends at birth.”

- Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA)

Congressman Frank announced he won't be seeking a seventeenth term in Congress. The results of re-districting promised a competitive race; one he felt he'd win, but which would require spending a year campaigning and raising funds. And, at age 71, "there are other things I hope to do before my career ends."

Frank was unequaled in summing up a situation with a comment that left opponents gasping for a rejoinder. Early in George W.'s first term, there was controversy surrounding the secrecy of Vice President Dick Cheney's energy task force. The administration refused to disclose the names of participants, arguing such disclosure might be inhibiting. Barney Frank wondered, "I don't know why people are so ashamed to admit they've met with the vice president."

Unlike today's Tea-party Republicans, he never shied from constituents at town halls. Two summers ago, he responded to a participant characterizing health care initiatives as "Nazi policy" by asking, "On what planet do you spend most of your time? . . . As you stand there with a picture of the president defaced to look like Hitler . . . trying to have a conversation with you would be like trying to argue with a dining room table."

Barney Frank grew up in New Jersey and attended Harvard College in Massachusetts, taught at the JFK School of Government and served as Chief Assistant to Boston Mayor Kevin White. He received his Harvard law degree while serving in the state legislature, and took time in the mid-1960s to register black voters in Mississippi.

"(O)ne day around 1950, when Barney was around ten, (sports)writer Uncle Rosie brought home a talent scout for the Yankees. And I remember Barney asking the guy why the Yankees didn't have any black ballplayers."

- sister Ann Lewis

"He was smart as hell and funny as hell and worked like hell."

- former Gov. Michael Dukakis

Barney Frank won his first election to Congress in 1980 with 52% of the vote, his last (2010) with 54%, and in between won 14 times with never less than 67% of the vote.

"The Republican Party in the House today . . . consists half of people who think like Michelle Bachmann and half of people who are afraid of losing a primary to people who think like Michelle Bachmann."

Among early causes was joining with Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA) and Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-MA) in urging national action against the

AIDS epidemic, and denouncing those who used the disease as an excuse to vilify gays. In 1987, Barney Frank became the first gay member of Congress to publicly declare his own orientation. "(T)he 'Radical Homosexual Agenda' - Let me own up to that agenda: It's to be protected against violent crimes driven by bigotry. It's to be able to get married. It's to be able to get a job, and it's to be able to fight for our country."

Barney Frank's interest in affordable housing began with Mayor White in Boston, in forging public-private partnerships rather than relying on government projects. Recently, he's been at the receiving end of those shifting blame for the subprime mortgage crisis. Setting the record straight in a 2009 New Yorker interview: "In 2004, it was Bush who started to push Fannie and Freddie into subprime mortgages, because they were boasting about how they were expanding homeownership for low-income people. And I said at the time, 'Hey - (a) this is going to jeopardize their profitability, but (b) it's going to put people in homes they can't afford, and they're going to lose them.'"

Frank partnered with Financial Services Committee Chairman Mike Oxley (R-OH) on tighter regulations for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. It passed the House, but wasn't voted on in the Senate because of a likely veto from President Bush.

In September 2008 when Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson begged Congress for a bank bailout, Barney Frank presented the Democratic proposal which included equity for taxpayers, foreclosure protection for homeowners, executive compensation reform at firms receiving bailouts and strict congressional oversight. Paulson countered with a three-page bill which didn't even explain how the \$700 billion would be spent.

Barney Frank has mentioned goals unmet; reducing the federal debt by drawing down our military overseas, protecting the Dodd-Frank Financial Reform Law from those profiting from the conditions that led to the meltdown, and establishing universal healthcare: "(W)hen the conservatives say (a public option) will lead to a total public plan, they are conceding our point, namely that people will find that there is a better level of care."

As a warning to those hoping he'll go away, "in some ways I believe I may have more impact speaking, writing and in other ways advocating for the changes that I think are necessary than trying to bring them about inside our constricting political process."

"This country has never had a Congressman like Barney Frank, and the House of Representatives will not be the same without him. . . . He has worked tirelessly on behalf of families and businesses and helped make housing more affordable. He has stood up for the rights of LGBT Americans and fought to end discrimination against them. And it is only thanks to his leadership that we were able to pass the most sweeping financial reform in history designed to protect consumers and prevent the kind of excessive risk-taking that led to the financial crisis from ever happening again."

- President Barack Obama

"We are at a moment now when liberalism is poised to have its biggest impact on America since Roosevelt, because the conservative viewpoint has been so thoroughly repudiated by reality."

- Congressman Barney Frank

## JOE Gandelman Independent's Eye



### HOW TO MAKE THE REPUBLICAN DEBATES LESS BORING

The Republican Party's stream of debates is coming under fire for being "increasingly intolerable," hurting the Republicans' brand - and becoming boring. Here are two suggestions on how to

liven things up.

**Suggestion One: USE HUMOR:** Jon Huntsman's campaign has fizzled and many call him dull. Huntsman could gain traction by adding "switched" classic comedy club, Las Vegas style comedy and shtick in debates. Like this:

"So where are you all from? From the looks of this crowd, from Ruths' Chris Steak House. Hey, there's Texas Gov. Rick Perry. Hi, Rick. Make yourself at home. Execute someone. These are the jokes, folks: not what I'm saying (he points to the others), but these people standing next to me. Hi, Ron Paul. If you go to Vegas, place money on Ron Paul getting the nomination. I wonder what the odds are in the "Snowball in Hell" category. And there's Newt Gingrich. Newt invited me to his last wedding. I couldn't go. But I'll go to his next one.

"I gave up my job as Ambassador to China to run with these people. Take Michele Bachmann. Please. And there's Herman Cain. Herman says he's staying in the race even though a woman claims she had an extramarital affair with him on top of the many harassment claims. He needs that like Rush Limbaugh needs a banana split. During an affair a man does to a woman what Congress does to voters.

"Hola, Mitt Romney. I wouldn't say Mitt has changed positions but if they want to put him on Mount Rushmore there might not be room for his two faces. Well, my time is up. If you liked me, my name is Jon Huntsman. If you didn't like me, my name is Barack Obama. I'll be in this race all month. I think."

**Suggestion Two: USE HIGH DRAMA.** Perry's attacks on Romney for not being a "real conservative" have fallen flat. He should be more dramatic. Imagine Perry holding up a pair of flip flops as the lights dim and he slowly says:

"To Romney, or not to Romney--that is the question:

Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of Rush Limbaugh's mouth

Or to take arms against a sea of troubles And by opposing end them. To endorse, to hold your nose and vote Or to find someone - preferably a governor from Texas -- to head the ticket instead. The heartache and the thousand natural shocks that flesh is heir to enduring the debates again and again and again and again. And again.

'Tis a consummation devoutly to be wished.

To risk Romney going moderate - there's the rub:

For in that sleep of acceptance Sean Hannity and Mark Levin might frown the base may prefer to lose rather than have Romney in office for four or eight years if we shuffle to this mortal coil.

It must give us pause. There's the respect That makes calamity of so long life.

For who would bear the whips and scorns of time, His not trying to repeal Obama care,

His compromising with Democrats once he gets in office, Him not following the success we've had in Texas.

His insolence of office, his hair that looks better than mine That patient merit of th' unworthy takes,

When he himself might his quietus make With a bare bodkin?

Or does 'bare bodkin' have something to do with Herman Cain?

Thus conscience does make cowards of us all, Except Romney who holds a manicured finger up to the wind.

With this regard their currents turn awry And lose the name of action. -- Soft you now, The fair Michele Bachmann! --

Be all of Romney's RINO sins remembered."

On the other hand, maybe I've just watched too many of these darn debates.

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## Making Sense by MICHAEL Reagan

### Barney Frank: Good Riddance

To listen to the "elite" media you'd think that a renowned statesman was regrettably planning to leave the political scene.

As Jason Mattera of Human Events has noted, "After his announcement that he won't seek reelection, the Washington Post heralded the disheveled congressman Barney Frank as leaving a 'legacy that crosses from legislative cornerstones to political confrontations to a historic place as the nation's most prominent gay lawmaker.'"

Paul Kane of the Post continued to slobber: "On the left, Frank was a hero both for his effort to rein in the nation's largest banks and for his role in promoting gay rights, having been the first member of Congress to declare his sexual orientation while in office."

The Post glossed over the fact that Barney Frank's homosexual roommate and lover had once used the congressman's residence almost as a brothel. That, I assume, comes under the heading of "promoting gay rights."

For all his sexual deviancy, Barney Frank's greatest offense had more to do with his ultra-left wing policies.

During his 16 terms in Congress Barney Frank was ultra-liberalism's poster boy - witty and quotable, but fundamentally wrong on so many issues.

Called by Britain's Telegraph newspaper "one of the most strident liberal voices" among the Democrat members of Congress, Frank championed scores of far-left policies over his 30-plus years on Capitol Hill.

Frank said that running for re-election in his newly redrawn Congressional district would prove too strenuous and that he had chosen to step down rather than engage in a tough re-election fight.

The damage Frank caused to the economic health of this nation -- especially in the housing scandal, where his meddling with the industry brought the United States to the brink of a national banking disaster -- is unforgivable.

The facts are familiar but worth reviewing. Frank worked to expand the reach of the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 and opposed oversight of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac for many years during both Democrat and Republican administrations.

## BUSINESS TODAY

### The latest on Business News, Trends and Techniques

By La Quetta M. Shamblee,

### Contingency Planning Applies to Everyday Business Operations

Southern Cali's wind storms of the past week provided a timely reminder of the need to have contingency plans for your business. Hopefully it will rarely be as serious as it was for some businesses that had to wait for the public utility companies to repair transformers and power lines. However, it can serve as motivation to plan and follow-up on basics that will ensure you're prepared to maintain momentum when you're confronted with lesser challenges than power outages caused by Mother Nature.

Think of the areas of your business operations that could bring your sales to a halt if there was an unexpected change. Consider the following examples:

Your employee who is responsible for opening the store for the morning shift has a blowout on the freeway won't be able to make it in until an hour later. What is your contingency plan? Is there another employee already designated to assume that responsibility or will you be prepared to take on that role.

A new client is expecting a delivery of inventory from you and your company's cargo van breaks down enroute to another delivery earlier in the day. Assuming that you have only one van, do you have a backup plan? Do you have a list of all of the local vehicle rental companies that are likely to have the size van that you will need? Will you call UPS, knowing that you'll cut into your profit margin, however, relieved that you'll probably get repeat business in the future to soften the blow.

You routinely need to ship packages overnight and your office manager was in an important meeting

In 1991, Frank fought to loosen lending regulations for two- and three-family homes, even though the default rate in that sector was much higher than the single-family sector. He later blocked a Clinton administration plan to pull the reins on Fannie Mae.

During that period, Frank's sexual partner was a Fannie Mae executive, Herb Moses. Shockingly, the revelation didn't prevent Frank's re-election and he went on to do more damage to the economy.

As ranking minority member of the House Financial Services Committee starting in 2003, Frank strenuously opposed tighter regulation of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac even as the warning signs of risky management and impending disaster became strong, and Republicans tried to take action. He accused his opponents of exaggerating the facts, the Republican reforms lost steam, and the result was the great recession we are still trying to shake off.

Not allowing a crisis go to waste, the disingenuous Frank then tried to cover up his mistakes with the Dodd-Frank "reforms" of 2010, which are nothing more than a Democrat wish list of ways to stifle economic recovery. Higher bank fees and layoffs are just a couple of inevitable consequences.

Like a sexually transmitted disease, Barney Frank was the gift that kept on giving. He will not be missed.

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an unable to prepare the package in time for the day's latest pick-up by FedEx. Do you know where the nearest FedEx drop off is and the latest drop off time possible for you to be able to get the package to your client?

These are just a few examples of routine business tasks that warrant contingency planning. To minimize unnecessary inconveniences, business owners can make a list of all of the important routine tasks with easy-to-implement ideas. Contingency planning isn't limited to high-profile, catastrophic events. Daily business operations will benefit from advance planning to have a predetermined response in place, which will alleviate spending unnecessary time and stress trying to figure out what to do.

When the power was down during the recent week's windstorms, some people were more prepared than others. Those who had flashlights or lanterns with working batteries, candles with matches or lighters readily available, ample gasoline in car and cash on hand didn't have to expend any time or energy stressing out or trying figure out what they needed to do. In light of the fact that many local stores were without electricity and were unable to 't able to accept EBT or credit cards, customers who had cash in the bank were in the same category as those with no money at all. The basics of preparing for unexpected, temporary inconveniences for our personal residences are equally important for our business operations.

Take some time to develop your list and perhaps solicit input from your staff about their ideas to ensure that you have a basic contingency plan in place for unforeseen circumstances.

## CLIFF Schecter

### Everybody Hates Newt Romney

Newt Gingrich and Mitt Romney--the perfect dynamic duo for our times, if not end times. A Batman and Robin for the 1 percent. Defenders of truth, justice, and a Gulag Archipelago filled with child janitors and the fandango of the foreclosed.

If you're rooting for President Obama, or just plain enjoy the guilty pleasure of watching a Real Housewives of the Neo-Confederacy, your dream contest has arrived. Even before the news cameras and nation's attention trek north to the frostbitten fields of Iowa, these two should provide constant amusement as they do battle over who's had the swiftest conversion to the principles of the Tea Party.

While they may be very different, they're also one in the same. Romney's a patrician's patrician, a guy who naturally grows khakis as a sort of protective exoskeleton that makes John Kerry seem like Jack Hanna. Gingrich grew up in more humble circumstances, a "historian" whose second wife (I think, allow me to consult my calculator) told Esquire a year ago that her former husband "always wanted to be somebody" and didn't feel a need to privately live up to the principles he espoused publicly (I smell sitcom!).

Romney is handsome with his hair dry-iced to his scalp. Gingrich, well, let's just leave it at this: go back and watch some old 80's episodes of Jake and the Fatman.

The similarities, however, once you get past the surface, are striking. Both started off as Rockefeller, or moderate, Republicans, and moved expeditiously right to stay in tune with the base of an increasingly radicalized party. Both have no patience for government assistance, even though they've grown wealthy via the tried and true path of Washington political welfare--where your father's name or former position in Congress takes the place of a dollar and a dream.

Gingrich cut a television ad with Nancy Pelosi warning that we had to address climate change, a scientific phenomenon that Romney believed included "human contribution." Meanwhile, Romney passed the pre-cursor to "Obamacare" (you may remember Tim Pawlenty's lone memorable phrase from his 2.5 weeks as a GOP Presidential candidate, when he referred to "Obomneycare") and Gingrich, as recently as a few years ago, was "earning" the whopping \$37 million given by Big Health Care to his "Center for Health Transformation" by advocating for the very same individual health care mandate that can be found in Romney and Obama's health care laws.

As I bet you've guessed by now, Romney has disavowed his own health care legislation as nationally relevant (and climate change as real), and Gingrich goes all Jason Bourne when it comes time to discuss his climate-change ad with Pelosi (ditto his advocacy for

any solutions to these two crucial issues by attending the dinosaur exhibit at The Creation Museum or a board meeting at the Chamber of Commerce. In fact, a current Democratic National Committee advertisement hitting Romney and a Ron Paul web ad savaging Gingrich for their ever-changing ideologies are almost interchangeable.

What they most possess in common, however, is personal. They may literally be the two least popular men in their party. In a recent piece by Charles Pierce for Esquire, he reminded us that "one of the few insights worthy of anyone's time in that horrible Game Change book was the fact that, by the end of the 2008 presidential cycle, all of the other Republican candidates had come to despise Willard." Willard being Romney's real first name, even though he (yes, really) denied it in a recent interview.

Gingrich, similarly, since his sudden rise in the polls past apparent Barry White stand-in Herman Cain, has been torn to shreds by a who's who of conservatives--from Joe Scarborough to Tea-Party favorite Rep. Allen West, George Will to Rep. Paul Ryan.

Forget having a beer with these guys, most Republicans (and not just elites, as evidenced by Romney's inability to surpass 25% in polling of the Republican primary electorate) seem to think finding something likeable about either man to require a splunking expedition into their souls to search for hidden treasure.

Of course, the big winner in all this is President Obama, who with unemployment at 9% and a foreclosure crisis still unfolding, should be all but finished in next year's election. But he must be thanking his lucky stars for the Tea Party and its chosen Republican representatives, who threaten to make him a 2-term President, much as a bevy of B-listers did for another incumbent who had no business being reelected in 2004.

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## HAIL Hamilton



fumble THIS football"

John Heisman/Georgia Tech

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"Show me a good and gracious loser and I'll show you a failure."

Knute Rockne / Notre Dame

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"I make my practices real hard because if a player is a quitter I want him to quit in practice, not in a game."

Bear Bryant / Alabama

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"It isn't necessary to see a good tackle, you can hear it."

Knute Rockne / Notre Dame

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"After you retire, there's only one big event left and I ain't ready for that."

Bobby Bowden / Florida State

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"The man who complains about the way the ball bounces is likely to be the one who dropped it."

Lou Holtz / Arkansas

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"When you win, nothing hurts."

Joe Namath / Alabama

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"Motivation is simple. You eliminate those who are not motivated."

Lou Holtz / Arkansas

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"A school without football is in danger of deteriorating into a medieval study hall."

Frank Leahy / Notre Dame

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"There's nothing that cleanses your soul like getting the hell kicked out of you."

Woody Hayes / Ohio State

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"I don't expect to win enough games to be put on NCAA probation. I just want to win enough to warrant an investigation."

Bob Devaney / Nebraska

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"In Alabama, an atheist is someone who doesn't believe in Bear Bryant."

Wally Butts / Georgia

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"You can learn more character on the two-yard line than anywhere else in life."

Paul Dietzel / LSU

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"It's kind of hard to rally around a math class."

Bear Bryant / Alabama

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"Lads, you're not to miss practice unless your parents died or you died."

Frank Leahy / Notre Dame

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"I never graduated from Iowa, but I was only there for two terms - Truman's and Eisenhower's."

Alex Karras / Iowa

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## My Turn

### Wise Words from College Football's Greatest Coaches

With the NCAA football season almost over I thought this might be a good time to remember some words of wisdom from the gridiron's greatest college coaches.

"Gentlemen, it is better to have died a small boy than to

"My advice to defensive players: Take the shortest route to the ball and arrive in a bad humor."

Bowden Wyatt / Tennessee

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"I could have been a Rhodes Scholar except for my grades."

Duffy Daugherty / Michigan State

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"Always remember Goliath was a 40 point favorite over David."

Shug Jordan / Auburn

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"They cut us up like boarding house pie and that's real small pieces."

Darrell Royal / Texas

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"They whipped us like a tied up goat."

Spike Dykes / Texas Tech

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"Son, you've got a good engine, but your hands aren't on the steering wheel."

Bobby Bowden / Florida State

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"Football is NOT a contact sport - it is a collision sport."

Dancing IS a contact sport."

Duffy Daugherty / Michigan State

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After USC lost 51-0 to Notre Dame, his post-game message to his team: "All those who need showers - take them."

John McKay / USC

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"If lessons are learned in defeat our team is getting a great education."

Murray Warmath / Minnesota

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"The only qualifications for a lineman are to be big and dumb. To be a back, you only have to be dumb."

Knute Rockne / Notre Dame

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"Oh, we played about like three tons of buzzard puke this afternoon."

Spike Dykes / Texas Tech

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"We didn't tackle well today but we made up for it by not blocking."

John McKay / USC

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"Three things can happen when you throw the ball, and two of them are bad."

Darrell Royal / University of Texas

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"I've found that prayers work best when you have big players."

Knute Rockne / Notre Dame

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"I want commitment. Commitment! Not a Kamikaze Pilot with 47 missions."

Lou Holtz / Notre Dame

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And finally...

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"Winning isn't everything; it's the only thing."

Widely attributed to Green Bay Packers coach Vince Lombardi, it was actually first said by UCLA coach Henry Russell ("Red") Sanders in a 1955 Sports Illustrated article preceding the 1956 Rose Bowl game in which the Michigan State Spartans defeated the UCLA Bruins 17-14.

## OUT TO PASTOR

*A Weekly Religion Column*



**By Rev. James L. Snyder**

It was a wise person who divided the year into 12 months. I really do not know who came up with this idea but let me go on record in saying that it was a good one. Each month seems to have its own peculiar value. Some months are better than others.

For example, I am not a member of January's fan club. I am not sure if it is the longest month of the year but at times, it sure seems to be. I mean, after all of the excitement typically leading up to the month of January, is it any wonder it seems to be such a dull month.

I could say many things about some of the other months of the year but I really have to say that my favorite month of the year has to be December. Maybe this goes back to when I was a youngster and looked forward to the Christmas holiday. I am not sure because the Christmas holiday does not hold that much of a fascination for me. I think it began to wane when I had to foot the bill for all of the Christmas activity.

I do not love December because of the shopping. Right after Thanksgiving the shopping frenzy begins and this year several people lost their lives. Is it crazy to go out shopping like this when everybody else is out there with the fierce intent of buying something and you had better not get in his or her way? On the other hand, do all the crazy people go shopping?

Well, I am one crazy person that does not go out and join the rest. I just do not like shopping. The month of December is one of the high shopping months of the year. It did not get the reputation because of my shopping activity.

This past week the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage asked me if I wanted to join her in a shopping spree. Without thinking, which is my normal modus operandi, I said, "I'd rather be punched in the nose."

WACK!

When I came to, I pondered the fact that my wife is so literal when I am trying to be metaphorical. My nose is doing nicely, thank you.

Therefore, I do not like shopping. The month of December is more than extravagant shopping with crazy people.

One of my favorite songs of the season is, "Tis the season to be jolly." I like jolly. During the Christmas season, everybody enjoys seeing jolly people. I like to exploit the jolliness of my nature. I may not be Santa, but I sure could pass as his twin brother. Do not think I have not exploited that part of my character.

During the holiday season in the month of December,

## Why I love the month of December

nobody bothers about your weight. In fact, everybody seems to enjoy seeing the jolly old man who is slightly overweight. I cannot tell you how many times when out in public during the month of December the people come up to me and said, "Here's my list. Don't forget me." At first, I did not quite understand what they were doing. Now as they place that sacred list in my hand I look at them and say, "Ho, ho, ho." Everybody seems to enjoy that.

Of course, it can go too far. One time after my Santa impression, I happened to sit down and before long, there was a line of youngsters wanting to sit on my lap. I have since retired my Santa impression, especially when in public.

What I like about December is that nobody, and when I say nobody I am referencing my wife, worries about diets. All year long, my wife is faithful in reminding me, "That's not on your diet. Put it down." I would say it is like a broken record but nobody knows what a record is anymore let alone a broken one.

During the holiday in December she is too busy baking pies and cookies for relatives and friends to think about my diet. Oh, how I love December.

Perchance somebody in the course of a conversation brings up the subject of diets; the month of December is a great ready-made excuse for me.

"I start my diet," I say with the upmost confidence to anybody inquiring, "next month."

It is amazing to me that "next month" is never December. And so, during the month of December I only look forward to my diet. It would be wrong, absolutely wrong, to begin a diet in December. If a person would do that, what do they do for a New Year's resolution?

The month of December is a time to relax and just enjoy the season. By enjoying the season, I am thinking of those delicious Christmas cookies baking in the oven, in the kitchen, in my presence. It would be a shame not to taste one. After all, what if they were no good? What if this batch of cookies, baking in the oven right now, turned out to be bad? It is my patriotic duty to ensure that those Christmas cookies are delicious.

For me, December is a very sacred purpose. Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, said, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1 KJV).

My purpose is to exploit the entire month of December.

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## RICH Johnson



### Christmas Presents?

At a loss as to what to give that special someone? Well, in the spirit of "being a renaissance man" I will attempt to offer some last minute shopping suggestions. Perfect gifts for the guy or gal who has everything.

A Camera For Your Pet! Ever wonder what your pet does while you are away at work or school? How about a camera that attaches to your pet's collar. It has a timer you can set to snap photos automatically at 1, 2, or 15-minute intervals. When you get home, remove the camera and plug it into the computer via the USB cable and discover what your pet has been up to. (I wonder if this works with children?) \$39.95 at [jcpennyc.com](http://jcpennyc.com).

Cell Mate. Can't afford a Bluetooth headset at \$50-\$100 bucks? The cell mate literally straps your cell phone to your head. It's perfect in your car, exercising or just walking around. What's more, you can use Cell Mate with cordless phones in the home. All this for

about \$15.00.

Icarta. How have you ever lived this long without a toilet paper iPod dock complete with speakers. The fragrance of beautiful music to help make that toilet experience really special.

A Piece of Wood to Knock On. Ever been stuck somewhere with an intense need to knock on wood... and there is no wood around to knock on? Now you can buy a piece of wood perfect for knocking on. Packaged in an attractive box its suitable for home, office or car. What's more the piece of wood has "Knock on wood" in 12 languages printed on it giving this gift international appeal. \$10.50. Available at [myknockonwood.com](http://myknockonwood.com).

Personal Soundtrack T-Shirt. This shirt has a speaker built into right it. The speaker offers 20 stock sounds, like royal entrance or scary-movie music. You can also add your own sounds directly off your personal-music player. \$39.95 at [thinkgeek.com](http://thinkgeek.com).

The Uro Club. How do I say this delicately? Men, picture yourself out on the golf course when nature calls and there are no restrooms in sight. Now you can

## CURBING BAD BEHAVIOR



Ron Carter

## AN UNNECESSARY DEATH - AGAIN

It is with a heavy heart I write this week. For the second time in less than nine months, we lost two shining stars in our family. First, it was my great-nephew, Devon Burgess, aged 19 years old, who was killed in a car crash in Brooklyn, New York. Secondly, a week ago, my wife's cousin eldest son, Davieonne Kelly, aged 20 years old, was killed by a *driver driving under the influence of alcohol*. You have never read about these young men or seen them on TV, because they were not involved in any of the gang lifestyles many in the media report on nightly. Devon was about to enroll last May at Berkeley University in California and Davieonne was in training to become a US Ranger. He has been on several field trips across the country and was excited about becoming a Ranger. After Devon's untimely death, I was inspired to write this blog, "Curbing Bad Behavior." Now with the passing of Davieonne, I am requesting people all over the world don't drink, get tipsy and drive.

The San Diego News reported Davieonne, of Perris, California, was driving a 1992 Toyota Camry with two passengers and was headed north on Interstate 15 when his car was struck from behind by a 2003 Nissan Altima. The Altima was driven by 49-year-old Katherine Heinzl, a retired Police Officer of Winchester, who was traveling at a high rate of speed. Both drivers lost control and veered across the northbound lanes, crashed through the metal guard rail and traveled down a steep embankment. One of the Camry's passengers, Kris Walker, 19, of Perris, pulled Heinzl from the wrecked Altima before it caught fire. Walker sustained moderate injuries and the car's other passenger, Brian Morast Jr., 20, sustained major injuries and was taken to a hospital where he was in critical condition. Heinzl also sustained major injuries in the crash and was taken to a hospital. She is being held on suspicion of *drunken driving*. Davieonne died from the injuries he sustained caused by the accident.

About 10 years ago, I stopped drinking alcohol. I joined my brother, Gordon, and several of my friends such as Chris Jonz, Greg Peck and Michael Stradford in refraining from consuming alcohol. It is one of the best decisions I have made. Whenever I am stopped by Police Officers for whatever reason they conjured up, I am amazed at their facial expressions when I remarked "I don't drink" in answer to the question "how much you had to drink tonight?" *So, as the holidays near, please remember to don't drink, get tipsy and drive. The life you save maybe your own.*

I will missed these two handsome, intelligent, Christian and well-behaved young men. Hopefully, their lives will be an inspiration to the other young men who are members of our family. Rest In Peace Devon and Davieonne.

## STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE



### EVERY DAY IS SPECIAL

Yes, every day is special but for me a very special day is November 28th, the actual date I am composing this article. November 28 is the date of the birth of my two children who were born two years apart. Every once in a while Thanksgiving actually falls on November 28th. Not this year though, the next year the 28th coincides with Thanksgiving is 2013.

You may wonder how I know this and the answer is that a couple of years ago I was at a gathering which included people with various kinds of disabilities. My son's Social Worker had suggested that this might be a group that would be appropriate for my son to join. This particular gathering changed my attitude toward something very important. All my life I had wanted to be smarter, to know and understand more almost as an end in itself. At this meeting I met disabled individuals who possessed more information, really more knowledge than I could ever imagine. One young man easily answered my question as to when November 28th fell on Thanksgiving. It is an incredibly complex problem that has stumped everyone I had ever asked including professors of mathematics. The young man who effortlessly answered the question suffers from Asperger's syndrome and cannot drive, is unemployable, and has some very severe social problems. Notwithstanding all of his information and ability he is locked within himself and is for some reason prevented from sharing himself with others.

On this November 28th, my special day, I was once more reminded of how easy it is to fall into the trap of being overly concerned with our own condition. As I wrote in my last two articles I spent a recent week in the hospital and was diagnosed with Congestive Heart Failure. Just the name of the condition is enough to scare me and since my release back into the world I have been busily monitoring my blood sugar, blood pressure, weight, and diet. Yes, in fourteen days I have lost a bunch of weight but have gotten kind of lost within myself. This morning as I concluded my daily walk I noticed a wonderful old piece of furniture in front of a neighbor's house. I think it's called a highboy and it's a pretty massive thing. The neighbor said he was getting rid of it and it was mine for the asking. First, of course, I had to ask my wife who didn't want to be bothered. She feels pretty put upon having to kind of monitor my food and my life and I understand but don't like it. It's bad enough that I have to be more aware but I wish she didn't have to worry. Unfortunately, this kind of loving annoyance is inevitable between couples. It's part of the way we touch one another and sometimes we leave scratches.

My wife helped the neighbor and another passing neighbor who volunteered to help, to carry in the giant piece of furniture into our house. (Hooray for Sierra Madre) Everyone made it clear that I should do no heavy lifting even though I am not aware of any such medical restriction. My wife made it clear that I could help her most by getting out of the house while she figured out where to place the highboy. I decided to play nine holes with the clubs on my back just to prove to myself I could still do it. About the seventh hole, walking up the hill, I got extremely tired. At the eighth hole I sat down on a bench and motioned to the golfer behind me to go on and play ahead. The man asked if I was all right and wanted to know if I wanted to ride on his electric cart for the last two holes. I didn't say much but I guess I consented because next thing I knew he was strapping my clubs onto his cart and we were driving down the fairway enjoying the breeze and the weather. After our tee shots on the ninth hole we somehow found ourselves reciting poetry together- a little Edgar Allen Poe, as we drove up the last fairway. We kept talking for fifteen minutes or so in the parking lot and he ended up giving me a book--Norman Cousins, The Celebration of Life which on its back cover talks about using our minds to heal our bodies.

We exchanged cards, and he walked over to his Black Maserati, I kid you not, and disappeared into the sunset. I was happy that I had brought some joy into his day and he had done the same for me. Pleasure is out there even when you're exhausted and acting kind of idiotic. It's always there but you can miss it if you let yourself get trapped within yourself. I went home exhausted and for the first time in my life took a bubble bath. It's a special day.

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Be sure to give the gift of yourself this holiday season. I am thankful for all of you. Except for that one guy in the back. Yeah, you know who you are. : )







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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-137831  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ANGUS MEAT MARKET, 2550 FOOTHILL BLVD. STE F, LA CRESCENTA, CA 91224. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) THE Y.D.H.A., INC., 2550 FOOTHILL BLVD. STE F, LA CRESCENTA, CA 91224. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: KIM HYUN SOOK. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/28/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/28/2011. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec 03, 10, 17, 24, 2011  
**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-140157  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: APW ENTERTAINMENT, 4851 BLACKTHORNE AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90808. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MICHAEL J.B. WALKER, 4851 BLACKTHORNE AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90808. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MICHAEL J.B. WALKER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/01/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec 03, 10, 17, 24, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-137766  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BACH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES, 1132 S. GRETITA AVE., WEST COVINA, CA 91790. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ANDY BACH, 1132 S. GRETITA AVE., WEST COVINA, CA 91790. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ANDY BACH. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/28/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec 03, 10, 17, 24, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-139314  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BIKE REVOLUTION, HOBBY REVOLUTION, 4258 N. PECK RD., EL MONTE, CA 91732. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSEPH CHING WAI SUNG, 4258 N. PECK RD., EL MONTE, CA 91732. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSEPH CHING WAI SUNG. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/30/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec 03, 10, 17, 24, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-137413

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BNB W SQUARE, INC., AMP APPAREL, 1188 S. SAN PEDRO ST., EL MONTE, CA 90015. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BNB W SQUARE, INC., 1188 S. SAN PEDRO ST., EL MONTE, CA 90015. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: MYUNG CHUL BAEK. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/28/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/17/2011. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec 03, 10, 17, 24, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-140349  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CONCORD PDX TRANSPORTATION, LLC, 1274 MAPLE VIEW DR., POMONA, CA 91766. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CONCORD TRANSPORTATION AND SERVICES, LLC, 5524 N. DENVER AVE., PORTLAND, OR 97217. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: LUIS V. PEREZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/01/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec 03, 10, 17, 24, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-136977  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EVERYTHING FOR LOW, 8320 SOMERSET RANCH RD., #B, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RASHAD HENDERSON, 8320 SOMERSET RANCH RD., #B, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RASHAD HENDERSON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/23/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec 03, 10, 17, 24, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-138909  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FAME TRANSPORTATION, 12154 CHERRYLEE DR., WL MONTE, CA 91732. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FAMA ENTERPRISE, INC., 12154 CHERRYLEE DR., EL MONTE, CA 91732. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: OCTAVIO SANCHEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/30/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec 03, 10, 17, 24, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-139553  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FENG AIR CONDITIONING, 609 N. MOORE AVE., MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) YI FENG, 609 N. MOORE AVE., MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: YI FENG. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/30/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business

Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec 03, 10, 17, 24, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-138170  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FITO TRUCKING, 1557 GOLDEN ROSE AVE., HACIENDA HTS., CA 91745. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ARNULFO GONZALEZ, 1557 GOLDEN ROSE AVE., HACIENDA HTS., CA 91745. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ARNULFO GONZALEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/29/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec 03, 10, 17, 24, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-136572  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GRAY'S MARKET, 500 S. SAN PEDRO ST., #B, L.A., CA 90013. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TROY GRAY, 523 S. SAN JULIAN ST., #267, L.A., CA 90014. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TROY GRAY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/22/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec 03, 10, 17, 24, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-138388  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: KTMA TOBACCO AND GIFTS, 11600 ALONDRA BLVD., D26, NORWALK, CA 90650. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) THORIVA NAKOULA, 12608 PARK ST., CERRITOS, CA 90703. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: THORIVA NAKOULA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/29/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec 03, 10, 17, 24, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-139297  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MOSAIK HOOKAH LOUNGE, 11029 DOWNEY AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90241. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KHALED SAAB, 11029 DOWNEY AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90241. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: KHALED SAAB. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/23/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec 03, 10, 17, 24, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-139350  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MUNDO LATINO HOLLYWOOD, 1343 N. HIGHLAND AVE., L.A., CA 90028. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BYRON ARREAGA, RICARDO FERNANDEZ, 1343 N. HIGHLAND AVE., L.A., CA 90028. This Business is conducted by: CO-PARTNERS. Signed: BYRON ARREAGA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of

Los Angeles County on 11/30/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec 03, 10, 17, 24, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-140110  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ROSA NAILS, 23401 S. AVALON BLVD., CARSON, CA 90745. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BON L.O, 12362 ZETA ST., GARDEN GROVE, CA 92840. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: BON L.O. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/01/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec 03, 10, 17, 24, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-139673  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SANTOS TEST ONLY, 4800 S. ARLINGTON AVE., L.A., CA 90043. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE BARRIENTOS, 1306 W. 60th ST., L.A., CA 90044. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSE BARRIENTOS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/01/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec 03, 10, 17, 24, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-138763  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WE HELP FAMILIES GET PAID, 319 E. COMPTON BLVD., COMPTON, CA 90221. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DONALD HASAN, 3895 WALNUT AVE., LYNNWOOD, CA 90262. JULIAN JOHNSON, 1019 S. HARLAN ST., COMPTON, CA 90221, KAREY LONG, 1642 W. 104th ST., L.A., CA

90047. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: DONALD HASAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/29/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec 03, 10, 17, 24, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-139223  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: XTREME AUTO BODY REPAIR, 8418 S. MAIN ST., L.A., CA 90003. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CLEMENT LUKYAMUZI, 8418 S. MAIN ST., L.A., CA 90003. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CLEMENT LUKYAMUZI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/30/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec 03, 10, 17, 24, 2011

**FILE NO. 2011-137296**  
**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**  
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: MOSAIK HOOKAH LOUNGE, 11029 DOWNEY AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90241. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 04/11/2011, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2011004291. The business was conducted by: A CORPORATION. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 11/23/2011. The business information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime./SIGNED: KHALED SAAB/VICE PRESIDENT. Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec 03, 10, 17, 24, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-134015  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: REAL FOOD THERAPY 640 EDGEVIEW DRIVE, SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KAREN S. VOELKENING-BEHEGAN 640 Edgview Drive, Sierra Madre, CA. 91024. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: KAREN S. VOELKENING-

BEHEGAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/17/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec 03, 10, 17, 24, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 134016  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RADIO FISH BOWL 80 W. SIERRA MADRE BLVD., #105, SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JAMES MORAN 80 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., No. 105, Sierra Madre, CA. 91024. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JAMES MORAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/17/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec 03, 10, 17, 24, 2011

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2011-134017  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GLOBAL ELECTRIC 80 W. SIERRA MADRE BLVD., NO. 395, SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JEFF HANZO 80 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., No. 395, Sierra Madre, CA. 91024. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JEFF HANZO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/17/11. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/11/1988. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec 03, 10, 17, 24, 2011

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## SPORTS

# HUDDLE UP!

By Harvey Hyde



## NO HOLIDAY SEASON FOR COACHES

'Tis the season to be jolly! Let the good times roll!

We just celebrated Thanksgiving, and Christmas is around the corner. It is the holiday season, a time to spend with family and friends and celebrate life. For college football coaches, the holidays can be either great or gruesome. Many people are not aware that coaching is a year 'round job that is not always over at the 'end of the season.'

With a winning season or a losing one, there is no holiday time off work if you happen to be a college football coach.

I coached for 25 years and never got a chance to enjoy the holidays like most other people. Being a coach often means practicing on Thanksgiving Day and playing that weekend. If you are fortunate enough to qualify for a bowl game, you're practicing, or maybe even playing, on Christmas or New Year's Day. My family recalls me missing big family Thanksgiving trips because my team was preparing for an additional game.

Most bowl games require the teams to be in the city several days ahead of the game. If your team is playing in the Rose Bowl game, you normally travel to Pasadena on Christmas Day. Whatever, you are likely away from home. Even if your team is not going to a bowl game, you are busy over the holidays recruiting high school prospects.

Then there is another side of it. Your Christmas gift is getting fired. Just ask UCLA's Rick Neuheisel how that feels.

There have been so many coaches fired this season it makes your head spin. Dennis Erickson is out at Arizona State. We all know about Joe Paterno and the tragic situation at Penn State. Arizona, Illinois, Kansas, and Memphis have all fired coaches. By the time you read this, the Washing-

ton State coach will probably be gone. Akron's coach was fired while on his way to his mother's funeral. Alabama Birmingham's coach resigned under pressure.

Getting fired as a head coach has a huge impact on not only your family but also on as many as 30 staff members and their families. It leaves family members wondering where Dad is going to work next – if at all. Will there be a new city, schools for the kids, set of doctors and service workers in your future? It will likely mean the family will be separated during this transitional period.

On the other hand, if you are one of the fortunate and your Christmas gift is a new job, such as Urban Meyer being brought in by Ohio State to replace interim coach Luke Fickell, then you are still working over the holidays, putting a staff together and starting to recruit.

Now don't get me wrong. There are many rewards to coaching and I wouldn't have traded my experiences in that profession for anything. But I do empathize with the coaches who have lost their jobs this season and with those who still have their jobs but have to put in long hours over the holidays.

My personal opinion is that I don't think universities should be able to make coaching changes until January. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, coaches whose jobs are in jeopardy should be allowed to coach their team's final game and share in the team awards banquet.

Another thing I would like to see implemented is a restriction on recruiting. Recruiting should not start until January, and signing day should be moved from the first Wednesday in February to the last Wednesday in February. This would allow coaches and their staff a short break to spend more time with their wives and loved ones during the holiday season.

The holiday season for coaches can be good or really not good. No matter what, it's work. Believe me, I've been there.

Happy holidays!

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## RETIRING

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## ANOTHER NAIL ...



## Looking Up

with Bob Eklund

## 'Perfect Black' Coating Can Render a 3-D Object Flat, Raises Intriguing Dark Veil Possibility in Astronomy

A carbon nanotube coating developed at the University of Michigan acts as a “magic black cloth” that conceals an object’s three-dimensional geometry and makes it look like a flat black sheet.

The 70-micron coating, or carbon nanotube carpet, is about half the thickness of a sheet of paper. It absorbs 99.9 percent of the light that hits it, researchers say.

“You could use it to completely hide any 3-D attributes of an object,” said Jay Guo, a professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and principal investigator.

“It’s not cloaking, as the object can still cast a shadow. But if you put an object on a black background, then with this coating, it could really become invisible.”

A paper on the research is newly published online in Applied Physics Letters.

Here’s how the new coating works: Human eyes perceive an object based on how it reflects or scatters light. The “refractive index” of this new coating is similar to that of air, meaning light traveling through air doesn’t scatter or reflect when it hits the coating.

It’s well known that carbon nanotubes are capable of absorbing light, but the researchers

were able to push the absorption to such a high percentage by spacing the nanotubes just right.

The “perfect black” material Guo’s team created for this coating has a host of varied applications. It could possibly be used in display screens for ultra-high contrast and a crisper picture. It also holds promise as solar heating device, creating heat from light. The National Institute of Standards and Technology is testing this by using a similar material to absorb infrared light and measure the amount of heat it can generate.

The coating could also inspire a new type of camouflaging paint for stealth aircraft. Today’s stealth planes use shape to scatter electromagnetic waves and avoid detection, and this scheme could actually absorb the waves.

“The carbon nanotube forest can absorb a very wide range of electromagnetic waves, from ultraviolet up to terahertz,” Guo said,

## APPLICATIONS IN ASTRONOMY

The “perfect black” concept also has several applications in astronomy. It could be used coat the interiors of telescope tubes and other optical devices so as to eliminate internal reflections and scattered light.

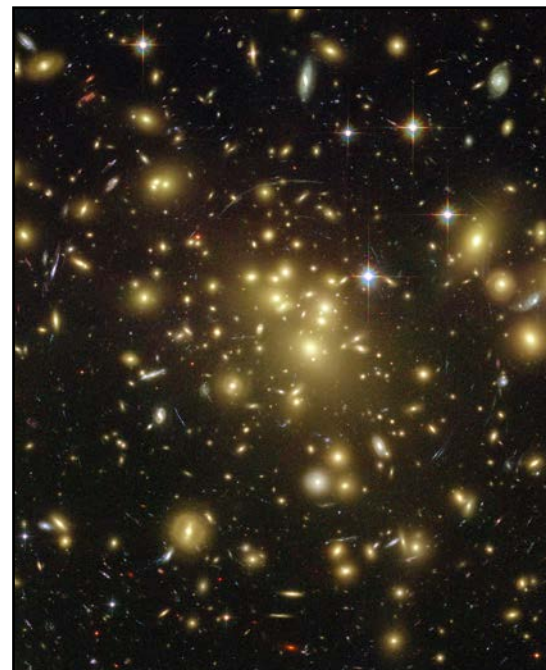
Guo also suggests that a similar but natural form of extreme light-absorption, occurring within dust clouds in space, could be hiding entire planets or even stars.

“Since deep space itself is a perfect dark background, if a planet or star were surrounded by a thick, sooty atmosphere of light-absorbing carbon nanomaterial gases, it would become invisible due to the same principle,” Guo said. “It would become totally dark to our instruments that rely on the detection of electromagnetic waves. Could this explain some of the missing matter in the universe?”

How could astronomers detect or see through such nanomaterial clouds? X-rays or gamma rays would be able to penetrate through this hypothetical “dark veil,” Guo proposes. Or, objects behind such veils might cast a shadow in the light of distant stars behind them.

Starshadows? Wasn’t it Shakespeare who wrote (Hamlet, Act I, Scene V), “There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy...”?

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## Ask jai.....

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

**About a month ago I had my resume critiqued and revised by a professional Resume Writer. The resume writer charged me an arm and a leg to write it. I felt the final resume was a waste of my money. I the resume was awful! She removed all my work history and reduced my resume to 1 page! The end result was a useless piece of paper. I originally had a great 3 page resume that included all my work history and described everything I had ever done for an employer. I have over 20 years’ experience as an Administrative Assistant in the Healthcare industry. I was with my last employer for 10 years and worked in several different departments. Previous to that I was employed by 5 different employers. The Resume Writer explained to me that she felt that the resume she had written would better represent me to employers and that the employers did not want to receive nor read a 3 page resume, especially for an Administrative Assistant position. She re-formatted my resume as a Functional Resume. I really feel like my previous work history was meaningless and as she put it...”totally irrelevant to my future employment”. Don’t employers want to know that I am committed to long-term employment, that I am loyal, and not a job hopper? I don’t want to post this resume on any job board or send to any employer. Should I go back to using my old resume? Really Upset**

Dear Really Upset:

A Resume Writer’s objective is to write you an effective resume that will get you results. Employers and recruiters really do not want to read a three page resume. Any information on your resume that is older than ten years is considered obsolete. A resume is basically an introduction regarding your work history, skills, and accomplishments. The key objective of a Resume Writer and the resume is to get you an interview. Their goal is to make the resume interesting and content oriented enough for the employer to invite you to interview for their position. I expect the Resume Writer composed you a functional resume instead of a chronological resume. This sometimes is a shock to their clients. A functional resume summarizes your past ten years of experience and accomplishments in a summary format and then list the job title, company and years of employment separately. This really is the best format for someone like yourself who has worked for one company over ten years and in similar positions. It is a shock sometimes when you have your resume revised, updated and re-written, especially by a professional resume writer. However, they have your best interest at heart and their goal is for your resume to “grab” the attention of the employer and to contact you for an interview. Submit the revised resume and see you if start getting results. I bet you will. Everything you ever wanted to know about how to get a job ...but did not know who to ask. Send your questions to [jai@resumeandcareerservices.com](mailto:jai@resumeandcareerservices.com) or visit website [www.resumeandcareerservices.com](http://www.resumeandcareerservices.com).

## Happy Tails

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“The average dog is a nicer person than the average person” ~ Andy Rooney

In keeping with the tradition of the Thanksgiving season, and continuing with the theme of my last article, this week I want to share a little more about the bountiful blessings I receive from my best friends, my beloved canine companions. Last week I took the opportunity to rave about, “Charlie”, a beautiful bouncy brown buddy of mine, and this week I would like to introduce you to a sweet, sensitive and very talented four-year-old rescued pointer/pit bull mix named “Sid”.

The first time I met Sid, he was accompanied by his 2 live-in adopted ‘dog brothers’ (no blood relation) who are also very sweet, but considerably larger and somewhat more gregarious in competing for the attention of a human companion. All three dogs got along harmoniously during our first meeting, with no excessive rough-housing or aggression, but I noticed immediately that Sid was the most bashful and least rambunctious of the three. He stood by quietly, allowing the other two dogs to sniff and greet me until they were familiar and comfortable enough to settle down and relax. He then approached me carefully and after smelling my scent, gave me a tiny lick on the cheek, letting me know I was OK by him!

The next week, when I arrived to take Sid out for a walk, his two big brothers were not home, so Sid and I were able to get to know each other better without the interruption of his live-in siblings. He greeted me at the door with immense enthusiasm, and he was much more willing to display his affection openly with me than he had been the week before. It was like night and day compared to our first meeting, and I surmised that the difference in his demeanor was due to the fact that he now had me all to himself. Sid was taking full advantage of the chance to be the center of attention with no competition! It reminded me of myself, in a way. I was the baby of seven children, and I recall as a young child that whenever my older siblings were away, I took full advantage of the intimate time I had alone with my parents.

I am constantly amazed at the wide variety of personality traits manifested by the dogs that I spend time with. At this point in my life, I am fully convinced that just like humans, dogs each possess a very unique individual personality including specific inner thoughts & desires, and each uses very unique means of communicating those thoughts & desires to their human companions. I used to considered dogs

## BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS FROM MY BEST FRIENDS

## Doing the Twist With Sid

to be somewhat generic in terms of personality and individuality, with the only true differentiating factor being the classified breed from which they came. Not so much anymore. After spending hours of time with so many different dogs, I realize that regardless of breed, each of my canine clients is most definitely a unique person inside. Anyone who doubts the individuality of the dog’s personality should spend more time with canines and observe their body language, eye contact, and voice fluctuations. I don’t need to “read-in” to the interaction I have with my canine companions to know that each one is as unique as any human is from another. Of course there are certain similarities among dogs of a given breed, such as physical characteristics, agility and ability to perform certain tasks, or pre-disposition for particular diseases, but I believe the person inside the dog is as unique as that of any human being.

Sid shows his unique inner personality traits in the most artistic ways such that I have ever observed with any other canine. The most interesting and entertaining way that Sid expresses himself is by dancing. That’s right, Sid dances! More specifically, Sid is a master of the dance style called the “twist”! From the moment I emerge through the door, he begins his delightful dance routine across the floor. He wiggles his bottom from side to side so intensely that his tail whips around and smacks him on either side of his shoulders! With his feet spinning almost full circle below him, Sid uses his muscular torso to gain more momentum and keep the twist going back and forth as long as he can, with the energetic tenacity of a wind-up toy. He continues to dance and smiles up at me until he is satisfied that I noticed his performance and then we can finally get leashed and ready for our walk. I promise I am not making this up! Sid is one heck of a swinger. He really likes it when I join him on the ‘dance floor’, so sometimes I will put down whatever I happen to be holding, and take the time to do the twist with Sid. It has become our regular ‘meet-and-greet’ routine when I arrive before each walk, and I always congratulate him afterwards, telling him that he is the best dancing dog I have ever known. He absorbs the praise like a sponge and seems to truly appreciate my participation.

Whenever I talk about my beloved canine companions, I have to end the story with the fact that I don’t know what I would do without them. They are all so unique and so talented in their own ways, and they show so much un-conditional love and appreciation for the friendship we share. I am so very thankful for the bountiful blessings I receive from my canine clients...they are indeed my ‘best friends’.



An Android app developer has published what he says is conclusive proof that millions of smartphones are secretly monitoring the key presses, geographic locations, and received messages of its users. In a YouTube video posted on Monday, Trevor Eckhart showed how software from a Silicon Valley company known as Carrier IQ recorded in real time the keys he pressed into a stock EVO handset, which he had reset to factory settings just prior to the demonstration. Using a packet sniffer while his device was in airplane mode, he demonstrated how each numeric tap and every received text message is logged by the software. An Android app developer has published what he says is conclusive proof that millions of smartphones are secretly monitoring the key presses, geographic locations, and received messages of its users. Ironically, he says, the Carrier IQ software recorded the “hello world” dispatch even before it was displayed on his handset.

Eckhart then connected the device to a Wi-Fi network and pointed his browser at Google. Even though he denied the search giant’s request that he share his physical location, the Carrier IQ software recorded it. The secret app then recorded the precise input of his search query – again, “hello world” – even though he typed it into a page that uses the SSL, or secure sockets layer, protocol to encrypt data sent between the device and the servers. The results of the test showed that the hidden software was reading encrypted internet connections and storing information on web requests and other information processed by the unit.

Carrier IQ threatened the researcher with legal action after going public with his findings and calling the software a “rootkit” but Eckhart defended himself by pointing out the accuracy of the characterization because the software is designed to obscure its presence by bypassing typical operating-system functions. Software like Carrier IQ gives the wireless industry a treasure trove of data on how phones are being used across their networks, which can be extremely valuable to operating system creators, app developers, and advertisers but it does so without informing the user as to the true extent of its snooping.

According to industry sources the software is installed as a system administrator level tool for network monitoring purposes and can only be removed my making system-level modifications to your phone or purchasing a phone with the modifications in place. Users have reported serious issues with such units and in many cases have voided the terms and conditions of their contracts.

## KATIE Tse.....This and That THE EYEBALL SNATCHER



I would point out that Christmas is upon us, but with all the Santa merchandise and carols on the radio since the first of November, I won’t insult your intelligence by stating the obvious. I could write about Christmas, but we’re all inundated with enough holiday reading material to keep us busy far into the new year. And anyway, there are still a few remaining weeks for me to rant about my disdain for the crass commercialism and mindless exchanging of what’s often garage sale-fodder junk. (I’ll develop a more positive attitude between now and December 25.)

Last week I chronicled the anecdotes of my great-great uncle and his glass eyeball; a timely subject. Until I shared this account with some friends, I didn’t realize the topic of prosthetics was so fertile for discussion!

Most of us are born with a fairly normal body, and while we’re young we take it for granted. But we shouldn’t, because so much can go wrong during pregnancy, and everyone who’s born with all their parts functioning properly should thank God! As children we assume that everyone else has the same parts, and that they work the same way (gender aside). Imagine my cousin Mike’s shock when, as a young child, he watched my grandfather nightly remove his teeth and my mother peel off her rows of long, black eyelashes (this was the 60’s). The world is an unstable place when those you love are so easily disassembled.

What’s even scarier is when your body parts are stolen! Thankfully this appears to be an unusual case, but one of my friends told of his long deceased relative, Tom, who lived in an orphanage and was the frequent victim of the Eyeball Snatcher. Tom was blind, with one nonfunctioning eye and one hollow socket. Several other boys in his ward had similar maladies and made use of early prosthetics as well. But there was one boy, Reginald, whose only problem, other than being an orphan, was being new to the country. He was also somewhat superstitious. As he was acquiring English, he overheard the phrase “losing his marbles.” From this saying he inferred that marbles were representative of secret knowledge, and that by collecting them, he would attain a higher level of consciousness. To make a long story a bit shorter, Reginald stole numerous marbles from his fellow orphans, and Tom lost many eyeballs to him. Artificial eyeballs weren’t cheap back then (I can’t comment on current rates), and the administrators told Tom that if he lost any more eyes he would have to just go around with a patch like a pirate. Tom told them about Reginald’s sticky fingers, but no one could ever find the eyeballs on him or among his things.

Tom obviously wasn’t keen on the patch idea, and one day concocted a plan with the help of his bunkmate, Charlie. Charlie discovered Reginald’s eyeball stash in a crevice in the bathroom behind one of the urinals. One day just before Reginald was about to relieve himself, Charlie casually mentioned that Tom was annoyed at having to look at the bathroom and its occupants day in and day out. Reginald sputtered in shock as Charlie went on to explain. “You see, Reggie, Tom’s eyes actually let him see. So he’s seen the inside of your pockets, your sock drawer, your desk, and now the bathroom.”

Reginald eyed the urinal suspiciously as Charlie sauntered away, “Just thought I’d mention it.” By bedtime, all of Tom’s stolen eyes and a couple marbles were laid on his bed. Considering his eyeballs’ journey, Tom received a fresh blanket and had his eyes sterilized. That was the end of the reign of the Eyeball Snatcher. And Tom had seven eyes to choose from, one for every day of the week.



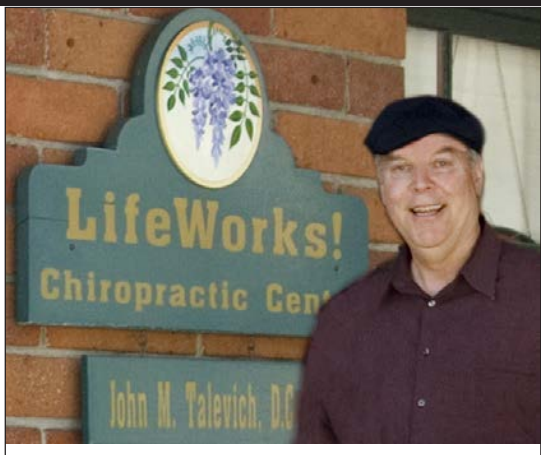
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## YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Today's Subject:

### FORGIVENESS



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

As this year winds down, and the holidays are upon us, we are offered a unique opportunity to grow. By taking on the practice of forgiveness, both of ourselves and others, we choose to become compassionate co-creators of our own health and wellness. Taking stock of the shortcomings of the past year and deciding to author a new perception, one of acceptance and understanding, allows us to shift from the role of victim to benefactor. This shaping, done in an ongoing manner, moves us through letting go of the little things, allowing us to take on and release the bigger hurts of life. In study after study, practices of forgiveness have been shown to decrease the production of stress hormones and the diseases that they cause.

#### A Simple Procedure

The phrase, "walk it off," is immediately recognizable. We all know that movement generates a change of perspective. We can use a two-part practice to deepen our relationship to walking and forgiveness.

Begin with a stroll of roughly twenty minutes. During your walk, think about what you are holding on to. The neighbor's noisy arguments? Your irritating sister-in-law? The two pounds you gained over Thanksgiving? For each person or event that comes to mind, pick up a small found object. A rock, leaf, pod (no garden gnomes!), will do. When you return home, place these on a table and simply observe them from time to time.

Later in the day, take another walk. This time, take your found objects with you. As you stroll along, release them one by one, in different places than you had found them. As each item is let go, maintain the intent that you forgive yourself and the other person or event. This kind of ritual reinforces the ability of your nervous system to clear itself, allowing much more effective function. Think of it as a periodic defragging!

#### In Closing

I hope you will try on this strolling practice. You deserve, as do the ones you love, a calm and joyous holiday season. Gift yourself with a renewed sense of peace and good health. Dr. John

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## HOW MUCH YOU'LL PAY FOR MEDICARE IN 2012

Dear Savvy Senior,  
 I know we will be getting a slight increase in our Social Security checks next year but what about our Medicare costs. What will the Medicare premiums and deductibles cost seniors in 2012? Looking Ahead

Dear Looking,  
 The new Medicare premium, deductible and co-pay charges for 2012 were all announced a few weeks ago and the news was actually pretty good. Here's a breakdown of what retirees can expect to pay for Medicare starting in January.

2012 Premiums  
 For most Medicare beneficiaries who enrolled in 2009 or earlier, your monthly premiums for Part B (which covers doctor visits and outpatient care) will increase only \$3.50 to \$99.90 in 2012. That's much less than was predicted by the government earlier in the year.

The increase is the first in four years for most people with Medicare, mainly because of the federal law that freezes Part B premiums when there's no Social Security cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), which was the case in 2010 and 2011. But, Social Security recently announced a 3.6 percent COLA for 2012.

That 3.6 percent increase will boost monthly Social Security checks by an average of about \$43 for retirees next year. So, even after your Part B premiums get deducted from your Social Security checks, you'll still have about \$40 more every month.

The news for younger retiree is even better. Medicare Part B beneficiaries that enrolled in 2010 who've been paying \$110.50 per month, and those that enrolled this year (in 2011) who are currently paying \$115.40 per month, will see their Part B premiums go down to \$99.90.

And for high-income beneficiaries, who've

been paying higher Part B premiums because their annual incomes are more than \$85,000, or \$170,000 for joint filers, they too, will see their monthly Part B premiums drop in 2012. Here's a breakdown of what they will pay next year based on their income level.



- Individuals with incomes of \$85,000 to \$107,000, or married couples filing joint tax returns with incomes of \$170,000 to \$214,000 will pay \$139.90 per person per month for Part B. That's a \$21.60 reduction from this year's premium.
- Individuals earning \$107,000 to \$160,000, or married couples with incomes of \$214,000 to \$320,000 will pay \$199.80 – a \$30.90 reduction.
- Individuals with incomes of \$160,000 to \$214,000, or couples with incomes of \$320,000 to \$428,000 will pay \$259.70 – a \$40.20 reduction.
- Individuals over \$214,000 or couples above \$428,000 will pay \$319.70 each per month for Part B. That's \$49.40 less than this year.

Other Medicare changes you need to know about that will affect all beneficiaries includes the Part B deductible, which will be \$140 in 2012, a decrease of \$22. And the deductible for Part A, which covers inpatient hospital care, will rise by \$24, to \$1,156 next year.

For more information on all the Medicare premiums and coinsurance rates for 2012 see [medicare.gov/cost](http://medicare.gov/cost) or call 800-633-4227.

## SENIOR HAPPENINGS

### NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

Even though the Hart Park House Senior Center is under renovation, things are still "happening" at the center's temporary home in the Community Recreation Center (611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.) so please join us:

- Monday: *City Hall Closed October 11th*
- 12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café: Come enjoy a hot meal with others. Donation for seniors (60+) of \$2.00; visitors \$3.75. Please call 355-0256 to make your daily reservation.
  - 1:00 pm to 1:45 pm: Strength training with Lisa Brandley. FREE class of stretching with light hand weights while you sit.
- Tuesday:
- No FREE blood pressure checks by Methodist Hospital this month; join us October 11th at 11 am
  - 12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256
  - 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm: BINGO; cards are only 25 cents each so stop by & play
  - 5:15 pm to 6:45 pm: Yoga; \$6.00 - 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
  - 12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256
  - 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.

### EXCURSIONS

#### SAVE THE DATES REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH - Historic Castillo Isabella Castle Tour & Lunch at the Mission Inn, Riverside. You will travel by deluxe coach to Riverside to tour the medieval-Spanish style castle and then enjoy a buffet lunch at the Riverside Inn. Cost per person is \$34 for both the tour & lunch. The bus will leave at 9 am and return at 3 pm.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH - Candlelight Pavilion Christmas Show in Claremont. Cost is \$59 per person for the lunch & the show. TICKETS ARE VERY LIMITED so register early. Departure time is 10:30 am and the bus will return around 4 pm.

Registration can be done either by coming to the Community Recreation Office, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. in person (M-TH 8:30 am to 6:30 pm) or online at [www.cityofsierramadre.com/online/registration](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/online/registration)

### SPECIAL LUNCH & LEARN Are You Prepared?

Join us on Wednesday, November 9th 12:20 pm at the Community Recreation Center 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. The Presentation by Earthquake Solutions is FREE but if you wish to have lunch first, please call Darlene at (626) 355-0256 to make advance reservations - lunch is served at 12 noon.

### November Birthdays



Alberta Curran, Carmela Frontino, Lena Zate, Valerie Howard, Janice Kacer, Flo Mankin, Dollie Morant, Joan Ruggles, Michael "Mike" Ruggles, Lois Stueck, Jean S. Wood, Shirley Yergeau



### 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.)

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 Call (626) 355-0256 by  
 12 noon the day before.

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 Sierra Madre Library



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



Big Charm... Small price for this 1890 Victorian in Pasadena

Who would have thunk that 730 square feet could pack so much punch? The first impression from the street is straight out of a Victorian postcard, complete with the picket fence and gate. The ornate and intricate Victorian trim detailing and architectural components are gorgeous, yet not overpowering. The neighborhood still boasts several vintage homes from this era that are well kept.

But don't tune me out at that 730 square feet number. The covered, wraparound porch is gorgeous, and all the front rooms open out to it, for added covered "living space" outdoors and under cover, plus a great cross breeze.

You wouldn't think that entertaining would be a comfortable possibility in a house as small as this. Not true. The two main living areas, the living and dining room are adjacent and flow beautifully out onto the porch to enjoy that SoCal lifestyle of indoor to outdoor living.

The ten foot ceilings and hardwood floors provide more period authenticity, with the wood floors beautiful as is, or as a lovely foundation for area rugs. I can't vouch for the actual date of the fireplace, but it offers a dramatic focal point for the dining room, or whatever you choose to use this room for. I'm told they are Minton tiles depicting Aesop's Fables, but buyers are always supposed to verify those details to their satisfaction. They ARE lovely and unusual!

The generous sized bath, for the two bedrooms, even boasts a claw foot tub!

Most of the large, double hung windows appear original, or at least vintage, so on top of the ample natural light offered by the generous glass area, the architectural style remains intact.

Which brings another possible plus to this property. As the agent commented, she can easily envision it used in period filming. A nice possible financial opportunity to be explored. The home has sufficient setback and space between homes to be additionally attractive to media location seekers.

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Employee 1	\$25,000.00	\$6,250.00	16.13%	Employee 1	\$3,125.00	3.78%
Employee 2	\$30,000.00	\$7,500.00	19.35%	Employee 2	\$3,125.00	3.78%
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