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Matt Posselt, owner of Ivy Glenn Terrace; Melissa Schusler, Residence Care Placement Specialist; lly Ambrose, care facility resident, and Pia the caretaker

Take it from me, if you answered "yes" to the question above, it can be a daunting and often very frustrating task. In my case, our family endured the experience twice – within a 4-year span -- when my mother and father who had been living with us for 7 years finally reached the stage where highly professional daily care was necessary.

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### The Fly Problem

By Jim McDevitt

Where I live in the mountains we have been experiencing a fly problem. My wife said she wanted me to get a fly trap to fix the problem. After many years of marriage I know to do what I am told so I picked up this device that said all you do is add water, cut a hole out and hang it up. I did this and forgot about it. It was hung up outside our front door as the flies like to use the front door apparently to get in our house. Days went by and I noticed flies accumulating in this device.

About a week later my wife said there was a bad odor coming from the front of the house. I went outside and sure enough I could smell it. It smelled worse then I think it would be living on a skunk farm. I looked all over looking to see if a family of skunks had moved in somewhere in my front yard but nothing was there. I explained this to my wife who then said it must be the fly trap. Sure enough, she was right.

I took the trap down and dropped it in my garbage can which was in the yard. As I did this, I accidently spilled the contents of the fly trap all over the plastic garbage can. We have a Home Owners Association we belong to which requires each homeowner to take their garbage to the dump

which has a compactor. Being conscientious and seeing that my garbage can was full I loaded the can into the cargo area of my Subaru Forester.

It wasn't until I was unloading the garbage at the dump that I noticed that the spilled fly trap's contents had leaked through the cracked plastic garbage can into the cargo area. This skunk smell now was transferred magnificently into my Subaru which caused me to drive home with in 90 degree heat with all four windows wide open.

I realized that this new smell in the car would not make my wife exceptionally happy. In fact even if I drove the car to a high crime area and left it running at a curb and walked away no thieve would touch the car. When I got home I pulled out everything that was removable from the car and washed it with Pine Sol and a high pressure hose. I left everything out to dry in the hot

sun, hoping against hope it would end the smell. No luck. When I put everything back in the car it was as if I had done nothing except that there was a small smell of Pine Sol. A neighbor donated perfume which I spread around liberally. I scrubbed the interior carpeting that I hadn't removed with Pine Sol and was able to attain genuine dish pan hands.

It's Day 5 now in Operation Defumigate. We have an appointment at our Subaru dealer to see what they will recommend if they let me in with the car. I hope it not to get a new car as I have still two years to pay on this car. I think my wife should have been a tracker for lost persons or fugitives as she can smell things better than any tracking dog. I know I will never live this down.







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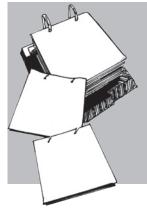
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# September (september Calendar of Events





Enjoy these exciting autumn events from the famous Tall Ships in Dana Point to various festivals as you kick off the cool, crisp season.

#### Tall Ships Festival Dana Point Sept. 8-10

The festival features live music, art shows and a variety of food. Interactive living-history encampments including blacksmiths, scrimshaw artists, and the infamous Port Royal Privateers will also be on hand. Additionally, explore the historic Tall Ships and listen to the crew share tales of adventure and life at sea. At, Dana Point Harbor / Ocean Institute. Shuttle service from Salt Creek Beach Park at Pacific Coast Highway and Selva Road and from Dana Hills High School). Call, 949-496-2274.

#### Oktoberfest Huntington Beach Sept. 10 to Oct. 29

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#### Annual Southern California Brain Tumor Walk Anaheim Sept. 16

The Southern California Brain Tumor Walk is an inspirational, all-ages fundraising walk and community day to support the brain tumor cause. Form a team of family, friends and co-workers and help make a difference in the fight against brain tumors. At, Angel Stadium of Anaheim, Anaheim.

#### Fiestas Patrias Festival and Parade Santa Ana Sept. 16-17

This annual tradition celebrates Santa Ana's Mexican culture with a parade, performers each night, food, and shopping. At, Downtown Santa Ana.

#### San Juan Capistrano Greek Festival San Juan Capistrano Sept. 16-17

Enjoy authentic Greek food and pastries, live Greek music and dancing, shopping at the Greek bazaar, activities and exhibits featuring Byzantine icons and traditional Greek costumes. Free admission and free parking. Complimentary shuttle service to and from the SJC Metrolink Station. At, 27129 Calle Arroyo, San Juan Capistrano. Call, 949-542-3445.

#### Storytelling in Business: How to Motivate, Inform and Inspire Santa Ana Sept. 21

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Learn how you can leverage the power of storytelling to attract and hold attention while delivering key messages and take-aways that will prompt action. Two-hour free workshop. At, 1805 East Dyer Road, Suite 109, Santa Ana. Call, 949-833-3253.

#### Cruisin' For a Cure Car Show Costa Mesa Sept. 23

The world's largest one day car show dedicated to helping find a cure for prostate cancer. Live music, food and vendors. At, OC Fair and Expo Center, Costa Mesa.

#### J.F. Shea Therapeutic Riding Center Annual BBQ and Family Faire San Juan Capistrano Sept. 23

Traditional family barbecue in a casual setting featuring

live Country Western entertainment, live and silent auctions and riding demonstrations throughout the evening. Country Western wear is encouraged. All proceeds benefit the programs of the J.F. Shea Therapeutic Riding Center dedicated to improving the lives of persons with disabilities through horsemanship. At, The J.F. Shea Therapeutic Riding Center, 26284 Oso Road, San Juan Capistrano. Call, 949-240-8441.

#### Irvine Global Village Festival Irvine Sept. 23

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Experience artistic cultural performances on five stages. The festival's live entertainment is a mosaic of music and dance representing more than 50 cultures from Europe, Asia, Africa, and North and South America. Cultural displays, world religion and demonstrations, international cuisine, and world marketplace. Festival admission and parking are free. At, Bill Barber Park, 4 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine. Call, 949-724-6606.

#### Orange County Craft Beer Festival Silverado Sept. 23

Enjoy more than 90 breweries serving more than 250 craft and import beers plus food, live entertainment, and beer seminars. No one under the age of 21 will be admitted. This event raises funds for the Fallen Fire Fighters Relief Fund. At, Oak Canyon Park, 5305 Santiago Canyon Road, Silverado. Call, 949-363-1774.

#### St. Norbertfest Orange Sept. 24

The annual St. Norbertfest (formerly Oktoberfest) continues to grow and helps to build the parish, school, and the Orange community. There will be food, games raffles, rides and entertainment for everyone. At, St. Norbert Catholic Church, 300 E. Taft Ave., Orange. Call, 714-637-4360.



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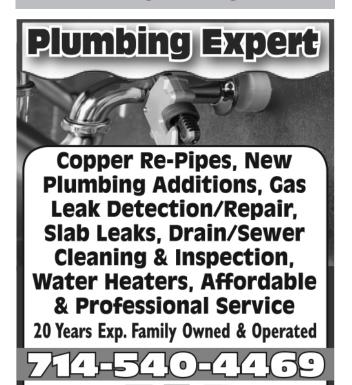
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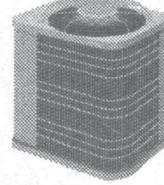
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The age group comprised of those 65 years and over is growing at a faster rate than the total U.S. population. And in California, the over-65 population will nearly double by 2030 – increasing by 4 million people.

Unfortunately, challenges facing seniors in California have grown along with the age group itself. Nearly 16 percent of households in California where the homeowner or renter is 65 or older operate with little or no access to traditional financial institutions. Many within this category are underbanked, meaning they have a checking or savings account, but also use alternative financial services such as check cashers and payday lenders.

Often, those 65 or older – and who live on a fixed income in a state that has one of the highest costs of living – rely heavily on cash and turn to alternative financial services to make ends meet. In fact, according to the California Department of Business Oversight, nearly one in every four payday loans in 2016 went to adults over 62.

For some, the turn away from financial institutions toward cash and money orders is rooted in distrust of banks. For others, alternative financial services often seem like the only option for quick cash when unexpected circumstances arise. Because monthly social security benefits or pensions often provide just enough for daily

living costs, a car that breaks down mid-month, for example, can suddenly make payday loans an appealing option.

While cash and other alternative financial services are masked as viable solutions, they often lead to more problems – leaving many susceptible to theft and forcing them to pay more to access their money. For instance, payday loans come at a high interest rate, trapping its users in a cycle of repeat borrowing and debt. In California last year, the average annual percentage rate for payday loans was 372 percent.

The good news is that today's economy offers many other options for California seniors. Here are four tips to help manage money more effectively.

1. Rainy-day funds are critical. Whether receiving a pension or social security benefits, living on a fixed income can be difficult – especially when unexpected circumstances arise. It is important to set aside a small amount of money on a regular basis to offset some of the cost when life happens and there is a need for extra money.

2. Use budgeting tools. When it comes to saving for rainy-day funds and tracking daily spending, take advantage of the variety of budgeting tools that are available today. These include online tools and apps that make it convenient to create monthly budgets and track spending.

- 3. Electronic is more secure than cash. Whether money is kept in a bank account or on a prepaid card, it is safer electronically than it is as cash in wallets, stashed under mattresses or in the floor boards. Most forms of electronic payment come with fraud protection against theft and charges not made by the card owner.
- 4. Don't spend money just to access it. There is no need to spend money just to pay bills and manage finances. Rather than purchasing money orders to pay bills, debit and prepaid cards are better options.

In addition, programs like Master Your Card offer information and resources to empower seniors in California and across the country to make financial decisions that are best for their individual and unique needs.

Money management is a necessary skill from the day we first go out into the world on our own to the day we retire and beyond. And as generations age, it is a responsibility that often becomes more challenging. Fortunately, with the resources and services available today, California seniors in many different financial circumstances can now access their money securely, affordably and efficiently.



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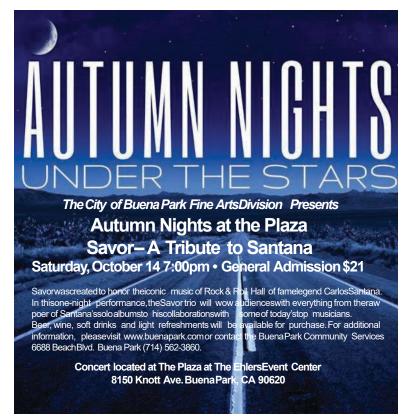
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Before my aunt Jeanette passed away, she told me a story about a time during the 50s when she lived in the San Fernando Valley. She loved to invite the children from the neighborhood over to her house to play with her daughter, my cousin. One of the kids was a skinny and shy little barefoot girl who grew up in a poor family. Her name was Cherilyn Sarkisian.

I tell you this story because you never know who you meet when you are a child. In this case, little Cherilyn, who would eventually be known only as Cher, would become one of the most iconic female Rock stars and actresses in history.



By the time Cherilyn turned 17 (she was born in 1946), she knew she could sing but her talent was hidden until she met Salvatore "Sonny" Bono, a songwriter and protégé of producer – and now infamous convict - Phil Spector.

Sonny brought her to Spector, who used her as a backup singer and produced one single by her, a novelty Beatles tribute record called Ringo I Love You issued under the name Bonnie Jo Mason. It disappeared without a trace, but the couple were undaunted – they emerged as a duo, initially called Caesar & Cleo, later that year, and

cut The Letter, Do You Wanna Dance, and Love Is Strange.

#### The Star is Rising

The Caesar & Cleo act didn't live up to expectations, but late in 1964, 18-year-old Cherilyn inked her first record deal with Liberty Records' Imperial imprint, with Sonny as producer. Her first song, Dream Baby, became a local hit. That same month, Sonny & Cher, as they were now known, signed to Reprise Records and released their first single, Baby Don't Go, which topped the local charts.

in Los Angeles. The group intended to issue their own recording of All I Really Want to Do, but Cher, with Sonny producing, beat them to the punch with her own recording of the song.

Cher's solo career at Imperial records ended with the lapsing of her contract in 1967, and she moved to Atlantic. Ironically, it was this move that contributed to the unhappy reversal of the couple's fortunes at the end of the decade when their record sales plummeted. It was blamed on a series of commercial gaffes, a change in public taste, and the failure of two movies.

By Les Goldberg

It didn't help that they owed the Internal Revenue Service \$200,000 in back taxes, leaving them in dire financial straits. They were forced to play club dates, opening for artists like Pat Boone.

#### I Got You Babe

Two years later, Sony & Cher released I Got You Babe, which was one of the biggest-selling and most beloved Pop/Rock hits of the mid-60s, and the couple's signature tune across two eras of success.

Cher's solo career ended up slightly overshadowed by her work with Sonny & Cher, but at the time she was fully competitive on her own terms - her first LP reached the Billboard Top 20 and was on the albums charts for six months. Bang Bang (My Baby Shot Me Down) was another hit, a million-seller that made No. 3 in America and England, and she made the Top Ten once more with her 1967 single You Better Sit Down Kids.

#### Good Times, Bad **Times, Good Times**

Little did they know at the time, but their streak of bad breaks would lead to a second successful career for both. They landed a new contract with Decca Records in 1971, and were asked to be a summer replacement on the CBS Television network.

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The duo was on its way, and Cher also had Imperial Records after her for a second single. The couple had seen the Byrds pioneer commercial Folk-Rock with Bob Dylan's Mr. Tambourine Man, and had witnessed them performing another Dylan number, All I Really Want to Do at a club

The duo was signed by Atlan-

tic Records and in April 1965

their first single, Just You rose

to No. 20 on the charts.

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### The Gadget Geezer

By Les Goldberg

#### Being 'Cool' in Your Hot Garden

Sorry, folks, we're not talking about outdoor air conditioning here. No, this column is for those of you who want to boast the coolest garden on your block, who don't mind being called "garden geeks."

What we have found are this year's newest gadgets to help make your green thumb greener, your workload lighter and your outdoor entertaining more fun. Take a look:

#### VegiBee

The VegiBee is a rechargeable sonic plant pollinator. Once you place it into the soil - in a greenhouse, indoor pots or outdoors - it is supposed to increase plant production by more than 30 percent per year. The company claims



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#### **Birdscapes**



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They are not cheap – ranging in price from \$2,000 to \$3,500 – but the company is betting

on the overall health aspects

of customers who want to save

their aching backs and limbs

while saving on the costs of

hiring a gardener. The product

requires purchase of an install

kit, but rebates up to \$500 are

available through Nov. 15 this

year at the local Husqvarna

#### Robomower



I don't have to tell you what a chore it is to mow the lawn when you are getting up there in age, right? Even electric and gas-powered mowers are cumbersome and costly to repair. That is why the robotic lawnmower is growing in popularity throughout the world. One of the most hot-selling products is the Automower from Husqvarna.

#### Robo Weedwhacker

you to "set it and forget it."

to use control panel allows

After you've robomowed your lawn, you notice the presence of weeds protruding through the freshly cut grass. What do you do? Answer: Get out your Tertill, the robo weedwhacker from Franklin Robotics, the same company that brought us the Roomba vacuum robot.

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when the solar-powered invention begins shipping with a \$250 price tag. Using multiple sensors, the robot will be able to distinguish weeds from desirable plants. For instance, a plant tall enough to touch the top of Tertill's shell activates a sensor that makes the robot turn away. A plant short enough to pass under the shell activates a different sensor that turns on the weed cutter.

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#### Cher

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The TV gig proved to be as funny as they were musically diverse. And despite an early recording dud, Cher's producers wrote a new series of songs best suited to her special brand of vocal tones.

Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves was released late in 1971 and became a No. 1 hit and a million-seller. To some listeners, the song was the epitome of old-school Pop/Rock, but the song's subject matter, unusual tempo changes, and an incredibly memorable chorus-hook became a vehicle for a transcendent performance by the singer, marking Cher's maturation as an artist.



A follow-up album, featuring hits such as *Fire and Rain*, and *The Way of Love*, solidified the image of a new, more confident and powerful Cher.

The debut of the couple's regular network variety series on CBS in 1972 brought them back to the center of American and international popular culture as Cher's personality, maturity and wit blossomed.



#### A Movie Star is Born

In 1974, it was revealed that the couple's marriage was coming to an end. Cher came out of this split more secure than her husband. She embarked on an acting career, even as she continued to make headlines for her romantic exploits, including an affair with (and two marriages to) Gregg Allman

"The trouble with some women is that they get all excited about nothing – and then marry him."

According to her critics, Cher became a far better actress than she was a singer, first revealed in the movies Silkwood (1983), Mask (1985), The Witches of Eastwick (1987) and Moonstruck (1987) which earned her an Oscar as Best Actress. Since the mid-70s, Cher has been known more for her acting than for her music, although she has continued to record for numerous labels. Her 1998 release of Believe became an international chart-topping smash hit. By 2005, she had completed the three-year, high-grossing Farewell Tour ahead of a lucrative Las Vegas residency of equal

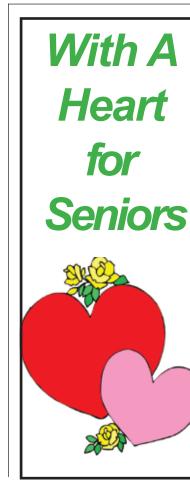
length.

In 2010, she starred in the musical Burlesque, and You Haven't Seen the Last of Me from the movie's soundtrack went on to win a Golden Globe Award. In September 2013, Cher released a new studio set, Closer to the Truth, the results of further sessions with assistance from Mark Taylor, the British songwriter/producer who had been a regular collaborator since Believe.



"Some guy said to me: Don't you think you're too old to sing Rock 'N Roll? I said: "You'd better check with Mick Jagger."

Let's hope that we haven't seen or heard the last of Cher.



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2. TRIPPING: You're in a rush to get to the mall door before closing time. As you step from your parked car, you fail to notice the curb of a grassy area, and you next find yourself in the Emergency Room having your stitched head bandaged. You've tripped!

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will need to invest in a home cinema movie projector (prices from \$80 to \$300).

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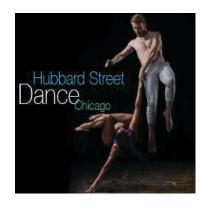
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#### The Letter

#### The Box Tops September 1967

Wayne Carson Thompson created *The Letter* after his father, country musician Shorty Thompson, offered him a single quirky lyric line:

Gimmie a ticket for an aer-o-plane

"[Shorty] was a songwriter of sorts," Thompson explained in *The* Billboard *Book of Number One Hits*, "I took his one line and wrote the rest of the words and the melody."

The future smash came to life at Memphis's American Sound Studio where, 2 years earlier, owner Chips Moman had cut Keep on Dancing, a million-seller by the Gentrys. Moman's pal and musician/ recording engineer Dan Penn was hired as a production assistant after Moman showed Penn a demo (demonstration) tape by an as yet unnamed quintet of teenage Memphis rockers. Included on the tape was Thompson's *The Letter*, a tune structured somewhat like the Monkees' I'm a Believer.

Penn brought everyone involved, including Thompson, into the studio for a meeting. The first order of business: Create a name for the group. Thompson recalled how an old-time breakfast cereal ad ploy provided the inspiration.

"One of the guys joked, 'Well, let's have a contest and everybody can send in .50 cents and a box top." (Hey, this was the quirky 1960s, after all!)

The Letter was declared the demo's only potential winner. In the studio, Penn coached the Box Tops' lead singer, a long-haired, 16-year-old white kid named Alex Chilton, to "get a little gruff" and emulate a gritty black artist. Chilton complied, although it took him 30 tries to achieve the "feel" that Penn sought.

During an afternoon break, Penn came across a special-effects record in the studio library. Included on the disc was the sound of a jet airplane in takeoff. He loved the gimmick and added it to the end of the song's master tape.

Songwriter Thompson set to grumbling for two reasons. First, he feared that *The Letter*—at 1 minute, 58 seconds—would run too short for radio airplay. He also detested the airplane sound at the end and demanded that it be removed. At this, Penn flew into a rage. According to *Rock and Roll is Here to Stay*, he spied a razor blade used for editing tape.

"Give me that razor blade right there, and I'll cut this damn tape up!" Penn thundered at Thompson. "The airplane stays on it, or we don't have a record!" The sound remained. Despite Thompson's objections, *The Letter*, released on the Mala Records label, became an overnight success. It streaked to the top of the *Billboard* charts, where it remained for four weeks, sold 4 million singles and even earned two Grammy nominations

The Box Tops recorded nine more hit tunes before disbanding in 1970. The next year, Alex Chilton formed an esoteric rock band called Big Star. Sometimes, though, he reunited with his old Box Tops buddies to tour the profitable Oldies circuit. No doubt that's when Chilton recalled the heady time when, as a high school junior, he reigned briefly as one of the most recognizable voices on the 1960s Rock scene.

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The second important issue is ride monitoring. As humans age, slow reaction times and declining levels of awareness work together to block an older adult's ability to manage their own services. One example of this may be not noticing their driver cancelled a ride and subsequently waiting for hours on a street corner for a car that's never going to come. Other examples include getting into the wrong car, paying the driver with cash, or not catching that their driver is at the wrong entrance to their home. In order to ensure that seniors are being transported in a safe, practical manner, close observation of the transportation process is required.

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#### A Little Taste of Britain At Pamela's Tea Room

If you are visiting Pamela's Tea Room in Garden Grove for the first time, here's a bit of advice:

Do not order an English muffin to go with your afternoon tea. "It's an American item," Pamela Brand, the shop's proprietor will quickly point out with a smile. "It's not British."

The very cozy and traditional tea room and British shop at 12752 Valley View St. (where the 22 and 405 Freeways meet) is a popular destination among all those who love tea—brewed and served as it has for hundreds of years throughout the world, beginning in Asia in the 12th century, becoming a social and dietary staple in England in the 1800s and eventually gaining followers in America.



It was in her native home in Yorkshire-Sheffield that Pamela became immersed in the art of cooking, baking and entertaining, but "I didn't learn much about tea rooms until I arrived in the U.S." When she came here initially at age 18, she went on a bike ride with a friend and had "what you might call an epiphany: I am going to come back and open a tea room."

Many years later on her second visit to Southern California,



she went to work in a restaurant in Seal Beach. "I learned a lot from the owner. (Operating a restaurant and retail store) is not easy. Some people think that they can open up a tea room and all they have to do is serve a cup of tea and that's it. It doesn't work that way."

Meanwhile, she met Joseph, the man she married. Together they toured all over Los Angeles and Orange counties to find the perfect location for a tea room, finally settling on a site in Old Towne Orange. With four years of experience but less profit than expected, she got an offer to sell that she couldn't refuse and began seeking another location.

At about the same time, the owner of an Irish restaurant in the Bridgecreek Industrial



Park (her present location) contacted Pamela and asked her to bake scones and sausage rolls. "I did and then the owners, a husband-wife team, decided

to open a tea

room that they knew nothing about. I soon bought into the partnership by buying her husband out. Our partnership lasted for 13 years until she retired. I have operated it on my own since then."



In business, there are several factors that go into a successful venture. At the top of the list are location, market demand, quality products and excellent customer service. One visit to Pamela's Tea Room and you can see that all those elements are evident. Although Americans' craving for tea blossomed from 1993 to 2008 and became a multi-billion-dollar industry as tea rooms popped up everywhere, since then only a few have remained to take advantage of the continuing demand from a diverse customer base.

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softy, she carries a big stick,

namely to be the winner in the

### **Differences**

By Robert E. Horseman, DDS

A body at rest tends to remain at rest.

—Sir Isaac Newton

As a long-time admirer of Sir Isaac Newton (1642-1727), particularly his Laws of Motion, I have always tended to allow my resting body to remain at rest as long as possible. My wife is also a strong advocate of this same law and it is this mutual conformity that has generated a minor hitch in our conjugal bliss.

"Bob..." I detect a faint voice emanating from another part of the house. My bride never raises her voice, not even in anger. A summons from six rooms away is delivered at the same volume as a face-toface encounter. The message could refer to a mouse seen in the wainscoting or the realization that World War III had just started. No difference. Without waiting to determine if contact has been established, she voices several sentences, the essence of which escapes me entirely. I interrupt with "WHAT?" vigorous enough to be heard next door at the neighbors, trusting this will encourage her to speak up. She repeats at the same decibel rating as her previous statements and with the same predictable results.

I wish desperately to remain comfortably ensconced where



I am, obeying Newton's Law to

the best of my ability. Some-

times I feel obliged to make up

some sort of reply. Keeping

my voice low, knowing she can

no more understand me than I

can her, I mouth a couple of

ambiguous remarks, thinking

maybe she will materialize at

my side to clarify things. This

"Bob," she says again, repeat-

ing all or portions of what I

assume was the previous mes-

sage. If I announce in no un-

certain terms that I can't hear

her, the battle is lost, Newton

and I are defeated and I must

struggle up to go see what she

This has been going on with

minor variations for well over

sixty years. You'd think that

over that period another law

would kick in--the Law of Av-

erages--and she would get up

and come to me. Not once.

My wife is not a yeller; for

that I should count my bless-

ings, but it is an attribute that

might improve her communi-

cation skills. She has figured

out, however, that in speaking

does not happen.

wants.

body at rest category.

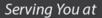
In another area of marital discord we have reached a compromise. This happened

> because of a fundamental male/female difference channel-surfing. When I occasionally have command of the remote, I move very deliberate-

ly from channel to channel. I pause at each one long enough to determine if it contains something I wish to watch, like NASCAR racing or National Geographic Specials. This takes me upwards of three seconds per channel. My wife has the ability to analyze, in depth, program content, audience appeal and whether it's a repeat or not in the tiniest fraction of a second. She can go through a 250 channel search in less than a minute. As further proof of her ability to instantly divine the content of a program, she can arrive at a movie a half hour after it's started and be able to understand everything that comes after.

So we got two remotes. As she races through the whole program spectrum, I wield my own remote to back up or go ahead. This duel of the remotes, reminiscent of the laser swords in the Star Wars episodes, provides us with many hours of evening merriment without actually coming to blows. The television com-

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Jazz Studies at Saddleback College presents the Matt Smith Neu Jazz Trio on Monday, September 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the McKinney Theatre. The "Matt Smith Neu Jazz Trio" is one of the newest and most notable jazz trios to hit the San Diego scene. Formed in January 2013, this trio has jumped musical leaps and bounds to find music they are all proud of. The songs on their September 2016 release "RETROgrade," feature compositions of each member that capture and captivate jazz and nonjazz audiences. These rhythmically free and melodically driven compositions highlight the very essence of a young trio with overwhelming maturity.

Tickets are \$10 general; \$7 student/seniors (presale only). Call the ticket office at 949-582-4656 (noon-4:00 p.m., Tuesday-Friday) to order your tickets or online at www.saddleback.edu/arts.

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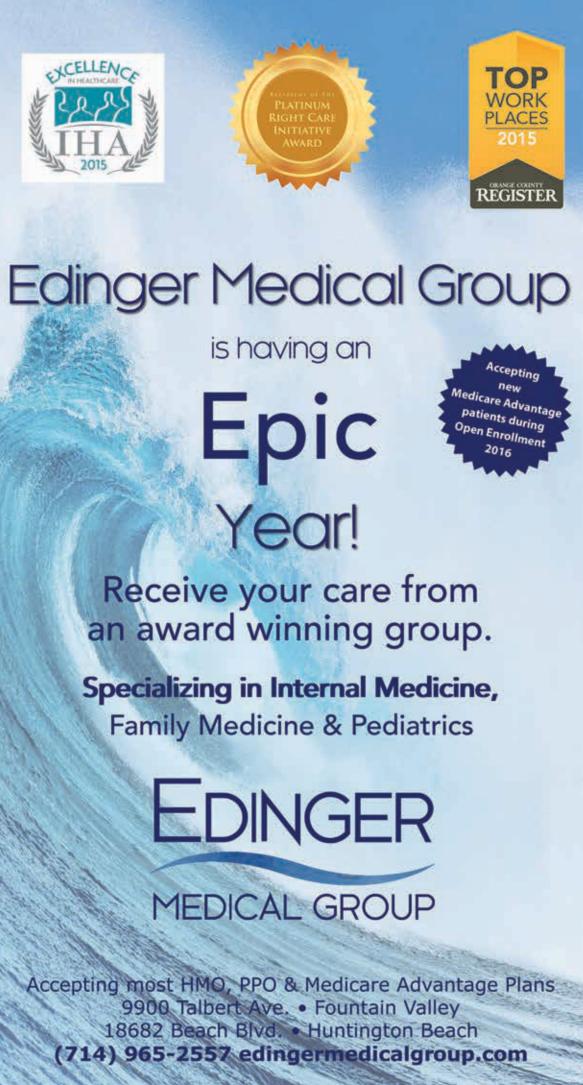
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Jazz Studies at Saddleback College emphasizes creativity through improvisation and ensemble performance. Focusing on the historical, theoretical and intuitive aspects of this American music, Director Joey Sellers and an outstanding cadre of nationally recognized musicians comprise the jazz faculty. Curricula include Improvisation, Jazz Composition and Arranging, Jazz History Syllabus, Jazz History Audio, Jazz History Podcast, Jazz Piano, Saddleback Big Band, Jazz Lab Ensemble, and Combos.

Saddleback College is located at 28000 Marguerite Pkwy in Mission Viejo, just east of Interstate 5 at the Avery Parkway exit. Free parking is available in Lot 12. Take Avery Parkway to Marguerite Parkway and turn left. Turn right into the first campus entrance and take the second left to Theatre Circle. Parking Lot 12 is on the right.

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### Pantai Inn: A Gem in San Diego's La Jolla

Story by Ronnie Greenberg • Photos by Joe Hilbers



Pantai Inn

Think of a spectacular picture-postcard village set against a backdrop of rolling hills, where the art, food and wine truly capture the essence and you have La Jolla.

Encompassing the coastal area of San Diego North County, La Jolla snuggles along seven miles of gently curving Southern California coastline. Spanish for The jewel, it is a captivating resort community with a rich distinctive aura of romantic history, cultural attractions, and superb dining.

Adding to its charm are the gnarled eucalyptus trees, flower-rimmed patios, streetside gardens, and alleyways dotted with boutiques that wrap their way around the city.

#### Where to Stay;

Set in the middle of this enchanting seaside resort

is the Pantai Inn, a sensory retreat where unique Balinese-inspired decor, tradition and environment blend. With exceptional signature service, your stay is refreshing, inspiring and truly out of the ordinary.

Paying tribute to its rich history, the collection of buildings that make up the one-acre property date from turn-of-the-last century classic California shingled cottages to linear Art Deco structures. Once at motel owned by Max Heimburge, his grandchildren, Laurie Durisoe and Larry Jackman are now co-owners. Laurie states that: "After working so hard to restore the legacy that was our grandfather's, it's been a chance to create something that is now a real jewel for La Jolla. We've taken these historic building and lovingly renovated them so they really shine. The joy for us is to see that guests feel the same way we do about the results. They are so amazed; it's satisfying and that's our reward."

After a total loving renovation each of the historic Inn's 30 accommodations are unique in decor with exotic original artwork from Bali and Indonesia. There are ocean view studios and one bedroom cottages to three-bedroom suites with custom hand-carved fur-



Breakfast on Pantai Inn patio

niture, cozy bedding, fine linens, plush towels and bathrobes, coffee-makers, definition flat screen TVs and media hubs. Many of the suites feature fireplaces and custom stone and tile showers and most of the accommodations include a full-size kitchen or kitchenette. Snacks and beer are complimentary, and wine is available for purchase.

Set in the heart of the Inn is

a beachfront jogging path. For snorkeling and diving enthusiasts, the ocean waters in front of the Inn are rich with abundant sea life.

Balinese statues and numerous fountains all contribute to the "peaceful oasis" ambiance of the Pantai Inn. Here too, all types of shorebirds populate the shoreline, bringing the natural world to your doorstep.



Legends Gallery

a courtyard surrounded by lush greenery where guests are invited to enjoy a delicious complimentary breakfast that includes a new featured dish each day, created by Executive Chef Scott Ingenito. (A menu is posted in your lodging each day).

Fitness buffs will find complimentary passes to the nearby La Jolla Sports Club fitness center that's opened daily.

Recreation is only steps away at La Jolla Park with The Inn is perfect for everyone from couples to families of all ages. Parking is onsite and complimentary, and its wonderful staff has Mike Murrell, general manager at the helm.

Located at 1003 Coast Blvd., La Jolla 92037. For information and reservations call (858)224-7600 or toll free (855)636-6313; Visit www.pantai.com

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#### Beaches, Coves, Caves and Parks

The mesmerizing beauty of the beaches, coves and parks encompass: La Jolla Shores a long flat beach at the northern end of La Jolla: La Jolla Cove and La Jolla Underwater Park (the first underwater preserve on the U.S. West Coast) team with marine life above and below the water. Torrey Pines Reserve with rocky and jagged cliffs provides dramatic views of the Pacific Coast. Looking up from the beach, awesome rock formations reflect the golden California sunshine.

For a beautiful day, take the trolley from the Old Town Trolley Tour stop in Old Town (4010 Twiggs St.) to get onboard the La Jolla Beach Tour. Here you can either sit back and observe all the beaches, or get off at any one that you choose.



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#### What to See and Do

The Birch Aquarium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography is situated on the breathtaking bluffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The beautiful complex contains more than 60 tanks of colorful marine life, including coral reefs, sharks, jellyfish and three outdoor tide pools. An interactive museum showcases research discoveries on climate, earth and ocean science.

The aquarium introduces sea life from the cold waters of the Pacific Northwest to the creatures that inhabit the tropical waters of Mexico. Located at 2300 Expedition Way, Pone: (858)- 534-FISH or visit www.aquarium.ucsd.edu

#### Area Dining Highlights

The Grande Colonial, the historic 1913 European-style hotel in the heart of La Jolla, also houses one of the region's finest dining experience, NINE-TEN.

A casually elegant contemporary restaurant with sidewalk tables, al fresco ocean-view dining, and inside the warm ambiance is enhanced with rich mahogany wood accents throughout the dining room.

NINE-TEN is led by award-winning Executive Chef Jason Knibb. He sets his seasonal evolving menus as the epitome of Southern California coastal featuring dishes with market fresh regional flare and ingredients. His innovative cuisine, along with an extensive, award-winning wine list, makes it hard to decide between melt in your

Colorado lamb loin; smoked maple leaf duck breast; herb crusted prime beef short rib; and NINE-TEN ratatouille.

It's hard to decide between melt-in-your -mouth sweet sensations of half baked chocolate cake; NINE-TEN truffles; and dark chocolate cheesecake.

For a true epicurean experience a special prix-fix menu "Mercy of the Chef," a six-course tasting menu prepared exclusively for your



Marine Room

mouth appetizers, entrees and desserts. For breakfast, griddle fans will love the walnut brioche French toast with caramelized banana; lemon ricotta pancakes; and short rib hash. Lunchtime features the famous three-course lunch specials include soup or organic greens, choice of any entree, cheese or dessert. Dinner showcases roasted

entire table, with or without wine pairings, and offered until 9 p.m. Located at 910 Prospect St., phone for reservations at: (858) 964-5400 or visit www.NineTenfood.com

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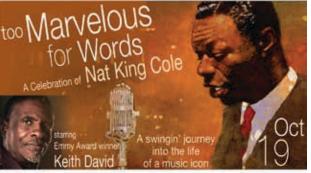
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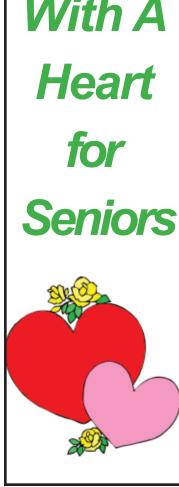














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# Stroke Incidence In The United States: What You Didn't Know



In the United States, someone has a stroke every 40 secondsi, accounting for one in 20 deaths.ii A stroke occurs when a blood vessel that carries blood and oxygen to the brain is blocked by plaque or a blood clot (acute ischemic stroke) or ruptures and bleeds (hemorrhagic stroke).iii

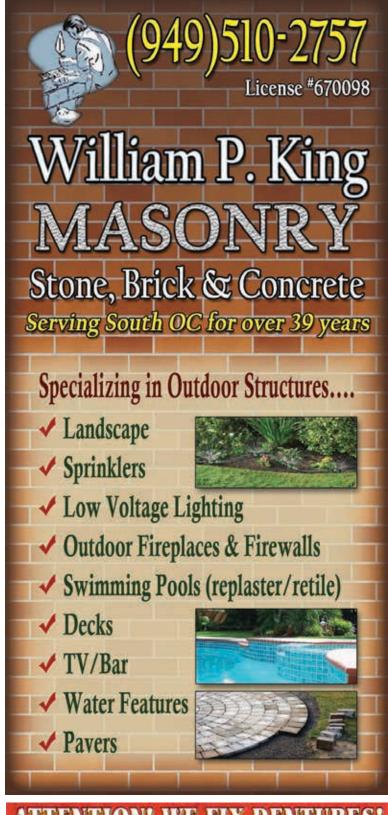
However, the prevalence and death rates from stroke vary widely across the U.S. In eight Southern states called the "Stroke Belt,"iv the death rate from stroke is more than 20 percent higher than the U.S. average.v

While these states—North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana and Arkansasvi—are known to have a higher prevalence of stroke, anyone can be at risk wherever one lives.

There are several types of risk factors for stroke, some of which are hereditary such as heart disease, diabetes and









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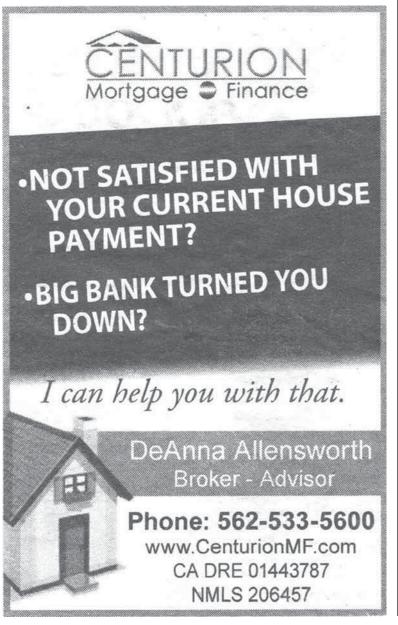




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beach since 1941, has been a legendary chic coastal culinary delight. It's a special treat to enjoy a delicious meal here, while observing the joyful eye-level action along both the sand and sea. In the evening, get set to be awed by the romantic fiery Pacific sunset.

World-class Executive Chef Bernard Guillas and Chef de Cuisine Ron Oliver presents a dynamic and innovative menu of savory offerings. Their devotion to French fare begins with fresh seafood, local produce and ingredients, and sumptuous award-winning desserts. Appetizers include fennel roasted scallop with foie; and the signature lobster bisque soup. For entrees the mouthwatering house specialty turf & surf and lobster; Shetland Island open ocean salmon and Maltese orange ginger glazed swordfish among Chef's Specials include Marine dive scallops and Baja prawn; Nebraska center cut prime Angus New York, and walnut crusted Alaskan halibut. Top it off with the signature cobblestone pie or the frosted Grand Marnier toffee nougat for the most memorable culinary experience. An award-winning wine and champagne menu is available by the stem or bottle. Overlooking perfection as well as a fantastic wait staff is General Manager Dexter Lacambacal.

Chef's Bernard Guillas and Ron Oliver have autographed their Flying Pans Cookbook IACP Best Cookbook USA Two Chefs, One World Two Chefs, One Catch Culinary Exploration of Seafood ... and it's available for purchase at the restaurant.

The Marine Room is located at 2000 Spindrift Dr., La Jolla, 92037; Phone (866) 644-2351 or www.marineroom.com

For more information about La Jolla contact San Diego Tourism Authority at www.sandiego.org/lajolla

#### **Differences**

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ponents that have to do with channel changing are given more work to do in a single hour at our house than would be encountered in a single-remote family in six months.

The only time there is a clearcut victor in these shenanigans happens when battery failure fells one of the contestants. Unless the winner can be conned into forfeiting his or her instrument, the moment is like an unconditional surrender. The loser slinks off to read a book or raid the fridge.

The ultimate answer is, of course, another TV set. It would have to be identical to the first set. If its screen is even an inch bigger, trouble is inevitable. It should not be sited in the bedroom, because the two-hour movie would al-

ways be playing there when the non-watcher wants to go to sleep. The bed-watcher can seldom be persuaded to get out of the comfortable bed and retire to the cold living room or den to catch the end of the film that usually finishes at midnight.

A serious student of social mores might conclude that each spouse's insistence on going it alone at the TV controls bodes no good for the future of the marriage. I disagree. With each spouse the master of his or her domain, the likelihood of physical abuse is greatly diminished----unless one of the mates insists on calling the other in a tiny little voice to get up and come look at what is obviously a superior program. Then a body at rest tends to grudgingly initiate motion and you know whose body it will

I'd like to hear how Sir Isaac and Mrs. Newton worked this out.

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#### **Across**

- 1. Units
- 6. Kill
- 10. Record with a VCR
- 14. Role for Valerie
- **15.** Heap
- **16.** Cast
- **17.** Gum
- **18.** Work without
- 19. "What I Am" singer Brickell
- **20.** An organization
- 23. Maze runner
- 27. Native New Zealander
- **28.** Busy as
- **29.** Aboriginal
- **34.** Spy in Canaan
- **36.** Defamation
- 37. Floors
- 40. Church principles
- 43. Morse symbol
- 44. Twice, a comforting

#### comment

- 45. Having wings
- **46.** Occupant
- 48. Like Nash's lama
- **49.** Grows in Brooklyn
- 53. Legless larva of certain flies
- **55.** Negligent practice
- **60.** Zip-\_\_\_-Doo-Dah
- **61.** Composer Khachaturian
- **62.** Variety show
- **67.** Manuscript enc.
- **68.** Over-50 org.
- **69.** Perfect
- 70. Flat sound
- **71.** RR stops
- **72.** Peripheries

#### Down

- 1. Like some discounted mdse. 12. Earlier
- 2. Definite article
- 3. Dawn goddess
- **4.** Start of the 16th century
- **5.** Capital city of Yemen

- 6. Health resorts
- **7.** Start to type?
- 8. Actor Guinness

- **11.** Recording of acoustic
- 13. 1985 Kate Nelligan film women
- 21. RR stop
- **22.** Aviator Earhart
- **23.** Tied

- **23.** Tied

- 9. Himalayan legend
- **10.** lota preceder
- signals

- 24. Fiber obtained from a
- banana plant
- 25. Gush forth
- 26. Winder for holding flexible yeah, yeah" material
- **30.** Extraterrestrial
- **31.** Jewelled crown worn by
- **33.** Fido's appointment
- 35. Superior

- **38.** Bony prefix
- 39. Refine metal
- **41.** loves you, yeah,
- **42.** Thick-soled shoe
- **47.** HBO competitor
- 49. Gather
- 50. Triumphant cries
- 32. "Hedda Gabler" playwright 51. Like non-oyster months
  - **52.** Fencing swords
  - 54. Hawk's home

**37.** Wild as wild ass of Tibet **56.** Small batteries

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- 57. Pluto's tail?
- 58. Skater Lipinski
- **59.** Little rascals
- **63.** Actor Byrnes
- **64.** \_\_\_ out (relax)
- 65. Abu Dhabi's fed.
- 66. Golfer Ernie

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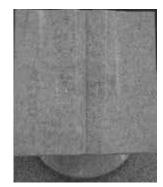
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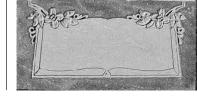
Shakespeare wrote death is "the undiscovered country from which no visitor returns," and never is that sadder or more aggravating than when someone close to you dies and you must try to fulfill their unwritten wishes.

We've been faced with this twice in the past six weeks.



One old friend, 'John' was the most buttoned-up man in several of the groups to which we belong. He kept the records, was a board member, knew everything about everything and could always be called on to fix virtually anything mechanical. A bachelor, he didn't bother much with housekeeping, but his garage was chock full of things he 'might need someday.'

He was asked, as he faced surgery, if his affairs were in order and he would make a joke that the questioner was not in his will.





Unfortunately, when he didn't survive, there was no readily available will, or any will at all, nor any list of the many items he was holding for repair, or that belonged to some of the various groups of which he was a member.

His sisters arrived in town from the Midwest and were faced with everything from being unable to access his safe to being afraid to shut down his computer as they didn't have the password. Leaving a letter with a trusted friend, lawyer or relative would have solved those two problems and made things so much easier for all concerned.

Many of the 'someday' things were of use to members of his various groups, some were sold or donated. However, much is still left on-site and must be disposed of so the house can be sold, and many repairs made.

Fortunately, his friends and church members rallied 'round and have been able to help, but that's an awful burden to put on family, especially when they aren't local.

The second death, which we are dealing with currently, was a wonderful lady of some 90plus years who was a treasured member of our congregation. Everyone loved 'Betsy' and her out of town family had but to ask and plans for services, a celebration of her life and offers of food were made.

She had written down all the necessary information, leaving her family with that comfort. Her lovely house is in a trust, sparing potential hassles and hurt feelings as much as possible and her bank accounts were in her and her oldest child's name. If only everyone were as considerate!



We did our own pre-planning a decade ago, our final expenses are paid, wills are written by our attorney and updated, disposal of our ashes, bequests, insurance, information for obituaries are set, ways to contact family members - everything is in the lock boxes in the bank. We've also left letters with passwords to various programs, the combination to our safes and other personal data. It won't prevent family squab-

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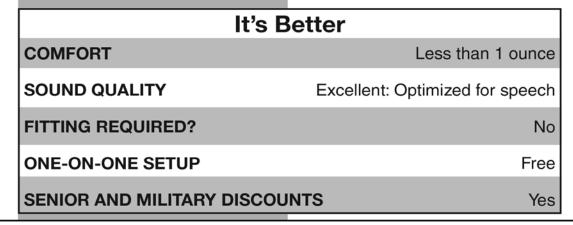
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### **Busy Boomers**

#### By Les Goldberg

#### For Love of the Game

Very few boys who dreamed of playing professionally in Major League Baseball when they got older actually reach *The Show.* For the millions of others, they must face the stark reality that their dream is unreachable and figure out how to spend the rest of their lives. Such is the case of Tim Mead, whose passion for baseball landed him an internship with the Los Angeles Angels where he now is vice president of communications.

In addition to serving as the team's main spokesperson, Mead oversees media relations, publicity, broadcast operations and, as he puts it: "I am kind of a liaison between fans and players, the players and the front office, the front office and the fans, the media and the front office and the media and the players."

During the long baseball season ("we play 162 games in 183 days"), he ensures smooth airing of games over the Major League Baseball network, local radio and TV stations via Fox Sportsnet channels. He serves as point person for the Angels' facilities department to set up the technical aspects of the broadcasts. He and his communications department staff of employees and interns also provide the beat writers and media with game notes and media guides while handling all media requests and



Tim Mead

interviews with players and team executives.

Now in his 38th year with the team, Mead has held positions as director and vice president of media relations, and as assistant general manager. During his tenure in media relations he and his staff handled the media for seven post-season appearances, two All-Star Games at Angels Stadium in Anaheim and the 2002 World Series Championship.

A native of Athens, Greece, Mead has a Bachelor's Degree in Communications from California Polytechnic University. He serves on the board of directors of the Orange County Sports Youth Association, the board of governors for the Anaheim Western Medical Center, and is an advisor for sports management and communications at California State University, Long Beach and California State University

ty, Fullerton, respectively. We asked him:

What were your original career goals?

I realized early on I didn't have the talent to make a living at playing professional baseball, so I looked for ways to stay in the game I love in some other capacity and public relations seemed like a possibility.

How did you land your job with the Angels?

In 1980, I applied for an internship with the Angels and was rejected three times. But when the intern left during the season, the club went into their files, saw the letters I had written and hired me. A few months later, my internship ended and I applied for a job in Angels Stadium operations. I was on the job for two days when the secretary in public relations left. That is when they offered me the position as public relations assistant for the 1981 season.

What makes your job unique? We work in real-time, especially during the six-monthlong regular season plus the busy off-season and possible post-season action. We have



Tim at Angel Stadium Press Conference



Les & Tim Mead, VP Communications, Los Angeles Angels

networks devoted to covering us at every game and our every movement as an organization. Much of our job is to help the media do their job and, at the same time, recognize situations or opportunities that help us promote the team.

What are your primary challenges and how do you deal with them?

Our biggest challenges are trying to keep up with the constant communications resulting from Social Media. Because of Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and others, we can't control the information the way we used to – and I am not sure anybody does. We work to stay on top of issues as much as we can, and to stay informed about other departments, their needs and issues

so we can prevent any potential issues. We also try to be as proactive as possible to promote, publicize and reach out to media with the many positive

things that are happening in our organization.

What is the best advice you have ever received?

The late Los

Angeles Dodgers Owner Walter O'Malley once said: "Nobody is bigger than the game. Nobody is bigger than anybody in your organization." We are all working toward the same goal. It is a team concept. In addition, no matter how long you serve an organization, or how many people you work for and with, continue learning along the way. When Disney owned the Angels and the Anaheim Ducks hockey club, I got to work with company President Michael Eisner and was able to see what a brilliant man he was. I learned so much from working with the Disney communications team and will be forever grateful for those years.

If you weren't in a public relations career, what would you be doing?

I would be a roadie for a Rock and Roll band.



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### Fabulous Fin

September is here and so is autumn. So go ahead and put away the suntan lotion, and bathing suits, and get ready for cooler, crisper temps. Before you know it, the holidays will be here and you'll be too busy to kick back and relax. Here are some interesting Fab Finds this month to try out before you find yourself immersed in holiday fever.

#### Vanicream Delivers for Sensitive Skin Sufferers

Do you have trouble with ordinary skincare products? Break out immediately after you wash your face? Yearn for a wonderful after-shower lotion, decadent shower wash that you can embrace rather than stuff under the cupboard because you can't use it after just one time? Enter Vanicream and its wonderful line of skincare products for those who have sensitive skin in need of major TLC.



chapped skin when used in the bath or shower. Luxurious, non-greasy, goes on silky and moisturizes skin to perfection. Vanicream's Gentle Facial Cleanser helps remove make-



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and excess skin oils without drying your skin, leaving it feel-

ing clean and soft. Non-comedogenic (won't cause) blackheads, fragrance-free. Wash your face with confidence and don't worry about break outs or drying out your sensitive skin. Next up, Vanicream's Lite Lotion for superior hydration. Because skin types are not all the same, this lotion is great for daytime, nighttime, or whenever you want to hydrate your delicate, sensitive skin without that greasy feeling. Want something more intense? Vanicream's Moisturizing Skin Cream is also a non-greasy, long-lasting moisturizing cream that is easy to spread, quickly absorbed and non-comedogenic. Available with a convenient pump dispenser for multi-users. A terrific lotion for those who have extra dry skin or who just want more moisture than the Lite Lotion provides. All VaniCream skincare products are available at mass market drugstores including CVS, Walgreens, and Rite-Aid, as

well as Target, Walmart and also online at https://www.psico.com/

#### Cool Lumbar **Support Belt**



Nearly one in three people suf-

fer from low back pain. And that's no surprise as many of us fight rush hour traffic to hunch over computers all day. The weight of our upper body (our heads alone weigh an average of 10 pounds!) being pressed down by the natural forces of gravity is the culprit behind daily spine compression. When standing or even sitting for long periods, the spine compresses even more and can cause fatigue and non-chronic lower back pain. Enter the BaxMAX lumbar support **belt** created to prevent this compression altogether by taking the body weight off the spine. The belt features a patented pulley system incorporated into the design to instantly relieve low back pain, even if you are doing an activity that would normally cause excessive lumbar compression. The belt retails at \$69.95 and gets 5X tighter than competitors and offers more abdominal support and is available at http://www.baxmax.net/

 The belt is made of lightweight, breathable nylon mesh and industrial Velcro;

- The pulley cable is made of durable repelling line and pulleys made of high-density ny-
- Ideal for wearing under, or over, clothing; and
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#### Swiffer to Help Clean **Up Messes**



Fall cleaning was never so easy thanks to the Swiffer Steamboost powered BISSELL. This steam mop starter kit will steam clean your floors to perfection in the kitchen, bath or wherever you want them quickly and quietly. Easy to assemble, use and does the job in 1-2-3. Combines a dirt-dissolving cleaning solution with the power of steam for a deep floor clean that gets messes mops can leave behind. Also try the Swiffer 360° **Dusters Cleaner Starter Kit.** This amazing all-around design cleans deep into grooves to trap and lock up to 3X more dust than a feather duster. Skip ordinary dusters, cloths and other ways to get to the nitty-gritty, this duster can do the job and then some. Swiffer products are available at most mass market stores including Target and Walmart.

#### **Leaping Ladders**



hate heavy ladders and cum-

In the process of doing some fall cleanup or home improvements? Need an extra lift but

bersome step stools? Werner Ladders has the answer in the form of its new Werner Aluminum Compact Step Ladder. Known as the world leader in ladders, Werner has applied its expertise in manufacturing professional-grade equipment to design a high-performing step ladder for homeowners. Built with a slim profile and made of lightweight aluminum, the new Werner Aluminum Compact Step Ladder is easy to carry, store and can support up to 250 pounds. Weighing just 16 pounds, it enables homeowners to easily maneuver when accessing hard-toreach places or performing home repair projects. The 5 ½-foot-tall ladder features two platform steps at the top allowing users to reach heights up to 10 feet. The multi-use top can hold paint cans and tools and has a tray for small fasteners or other easy-to-drop items. When not in use, the new compact step ladder collapses into a slim profile that homeowners can easily store out of sight. This same compact shape allows the user to get closer to the wall than traditional step

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Howard Erman, CFP President



#### **Medicare Enrollment Options** for 2017-18

A summary of what you need to know.

Provided by Howard Erman. CFP®

Key Medicare enrollment periods are approaching. This fall and winter, there are three periods in which Medicare beneficiaries can either enroll or disenroll in forms of coverage.

» Oct. 15-Dec. 7, 2017: Open enrollment period. This is when you can exit Original Medicare (Part A & B) for a Medicare Advantage Plan (Part C) and change your prescription drug coverage (Part D). You can also get out of a Part C plan and go back to Part A & B during this period; although, you will certainly want a Medicare Supplement

(Medigap policy) in place before you make such a move. (In most cases, that means having to pass underwriting.) 1 » Dec. 8, 2017: Annual enrollment period begins for **5-star plans.** All Part C and Part D plans are assigned ratings. Beginning December 8, 2017 and ending November 30, 2018, a window opens for you to enroll in a 5-star Part C or Part D plan. You can do this once per 365 days. How do you find the 5-star plans? Visit the Medicare Plan Finder: medicare.gov/find-a-plan. 2

» Jan. 1-Feb. 14, 2018: Medicare Advantage plan disenrollment period. If you join a Part C plan in late 2017 and decide you want to leave it, you can do so within this window of time and go back to Original Medicare (Part A & B) with a stand-alone Prescription Drug Plan (Part D). Again, having a Medigap policy before making such a switch is only prudent. 1 Do you have to confirm Medicare enrollment at the Health Insurance Marketplace? No. If you have Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan through an HMO or PPO, you are covered under the Affordable Care Act. If you need to make changes to your Medicare coverage, you don't need to go to the HIM to do so. (For the record, you can't buy any Medicare plan through the HIM.) 3

The ACA has enhanced Medicare benefits. It gives Medicare recipients in the "donut hole" avenues to brand-name prescription drug discounts, and recipients may now take advantage of free preventive benefits, cancer screenings, and a yearly wellness visit. 3

If you only have Medicare Part B coverage (medical insurance), then you lack minimum essential coverage under the ACA, and you may have to pay a penalty. If you just have Medicare Part A coverage (hospital insurance), you are



Should you get Medigap coverage if you have Part A & B? This third-party health insurance may save you money over time by picking up co-payments and deductibles not covered by Part A & B, but a Medicare Advantage plan provides more comprehensive coverage than Medigap does. Today's Medigap policies don't include prescription drug coverage, and they won't pay for extended long-term care, dental or vision care, or hearing aids or glasses. If you want or need Medigap coverage, you can evaluate policies using Medicare's Personal Plan Finder at Medicare.gov. 4

What should you look for in a Part C plan? Scrutinize the out-of-pocket spending limit, the copays, and the co-insurance. Attractively low premiums might not tell you the whole story about the value of a Part C plan. Also, how inclusive is the plan network? Does it include hospitals you would choose and the physicians that now treat you?

The Medicare Plan Finder can help you determine an appropriate Part D plan. After you enter your medications, it will go to work. Each Part D plan has its own formulary (list of approved drugs), categorized into higher and lower "tiers" by cost. Formularies do change; if a drug you take drops off of one, that Part D plan has to give you 60 days of notice (or alternately, written notice of the change when you get a refill with a 60-day supply of the medication). 5

It is vital to check up on your Part D plan each fall, as your plan could change the way it pays for your specific drugs in the next year - for example, the drug you need could wind up in a more expensive tier. The co-insurance and co-payments could even be altered. Most plans send out notices of formulary changes with plenty of lead time, but sometimes they go unread.

Medicare is slowly reducing the Part D "donut hole." In 2017, Medicare recipients with Part D coverage are paying 40% of the cost of covered brand-name drugs and 51% of the cost of generics once they

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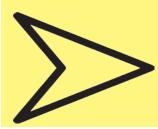
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### In The Spotlight

By Debbie L. Sklar

#### **Empowering Those Around Him: Meet Physical Therapist Mike Garcia**

For Mike Garcia, physical therapy is more than just healing the body. He believes in empowering his patients to achieve their maximum potential while providing them comfort and peace of mind.

Garcia, an Aliso Viejo resident, is the July/August recipient of Fairhaven's Oliver Halsell Care Award. Fairhaven Memorial Park & Mortuary, with locations in Santa Ana and Mission Viejo, created the recognition program in 2012 to pay tribute to individuals who have demonstrated exceptional care in their profession and community, improving the lives and spirits of those they help.

Q: What city do you reside in? A: I have been living in Aliso Viejo since 2014.

Q: Where did you grow up?
A: I was born and raised in the Philippines. I moved to the United States in 2014, and was reunited with my mother and sister after a 10-year separation.

Q: What is your education? A: I completed my professional education in Physical Therapy in the Philippines.

Q: What is your profession?
A: I am a physical therapist at



Laguna Hills Health and Rehabilitation, and have been there for 2 years.

Q: Why did you choose this profession?

A: In all honesty, I was not 100 percent sure about my choice to study in this field. I have a cousin and other relatives who are physical therapists and it always seemed interesting to me. Once I got into it, I really enjoyed learning and understanding how the body works and using that knowledge to help others. Now, I have no regrets, it's an awesome profession!

Q: What's the best part of this job for you? Why?

A: Without hesitation, my favorite part about this job is being rewarded by the genuine

appreciation of the people I help. I truly enjoy being in a position where I can empower patients to achieve their maximum potential. The second-best part about this job is interacting with different kinds of people. I currently work in a skilled nursing facility with elderly patients and even though I'm the one providing a service, I almost always learn something from them, too. I enjoy listening to their stories and benefitting from the wis-

dom they've accumulated through the years. Overall, I feel that everything about this job is great, except for the paperwork maybe. But that's not specific to this profession.

Q: What do you find is the most challenging about your job?

A: My patients can sometimes be in excruciating pain, and as a result they might be discouraged or difficult. I try my best to always remain patient, encouraging and supportive.

Q: Can you tell us about some of the patients you helped over the years?

A: While I have not been working in this field very long, I have already worked with a considerable number of patients. It makes it hard for me

to single out particular individuals. I have fond memories of a patient named Shirley. Like most patients, she was a sweet lady and was always motivated to work out. As much as I enjoy working with patients like her, it can be tough to see my patients suffer on bad days and knowing that sometimes, fully alleviating their pain is out of my control.

Q: What are your hobbies? What do you like to do in your spare time?

A: I really enjoy reading books and writing. I also love being outdoors, in nature, hiking, listening to music, watching movies and eating. I cook and bake, too, although not as much as I used to. I also like photography and travelling, and hope I will have more opportunities to do both in the near future.

Q: Do you have kids or pets? Are you married?

A: Not married, no kids, and no pets ... at least not yet. I have been in a long-distance relationship with my girl-friend, Lyssa, also a physical therapist, who I met while studying in the Philippines. She has been working on her application for a work visa in the U.S. and I really hope to be soon reunited with her.



Q: What is a typical day like for you?

A: I usually start my morning reviewing and preparing schedules for the patients I will be working with that day. Then, I contact the patients to make sure they're ready for their exercise and communicate with other staff, including nurses and therapists who might assist me in my tasks. Then, I bring my patients to our gym, work on their exercises with them, and go on walks. At the end of the day, once my work with my patients is done, I do some paperwork.

Q: What are the attributes of a good physical therapist?

A: To provide the best quality of service to your patients, you have to be compassionate, patient, and dedicated to improving yourself. Having passion, as in any other profession, will allow you to overcome challenges and obstacles in a more effortless way.

Q: Is there anything else you'd like to share?

A: I feel really honored and humbled to receive Fairhaven's Oliver Halsell Care Award. I am very grateful. It's a bit exciting too, a unique experience. Page 35 SENIOR REPORTER Online@www.Sunset-Publishing.com SEPTEMBER2017

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#### Stroke Incidence

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high blood pressure.vii Others are preventable, including smoking and the use of tobacco, an unhealthy diet, excessive alcohol consumption and a lack of daily exercise.viii

Stroke risk also increases with age, but strokes can and do occur at any age.ix Compared with the 1995–99 period, the rate of stroke in 2010–14 increased by 147 percent in people 35 to 39, by 101 percent in people 40 to 44 and by 68 percent in those 45 to 49.x It's the fifth leading cause of deathxi and kills more than 130,000 Americans each year.xii

Recognizing and understanding the signs and symptoms of a stroke is crucial. Immediate medical attention may limit the effects of a stroke, so it is imperative that people call 911 at the first sign.xiii

#### Always Act F.A.S.T.

If you or someone you know begins to show signs and symptoms of a stroke, there's a four-letter acronym, "F.A.S.T.," which corresponds to a test that can be used as a quick screening tool:xiv

- F=FACE, loss of function on one side of your face, which may look like droopingxv
- **A=ARMS**, sudden weakness on one side, which may mean you can't hold the arm upxvi
- **S=SPEECH**, as in slurred speechxvii

• T=TIME, time to call 911.

If the person shows any of these symptoms, call 911 or get to the hospital immediately. Time is brain.

To learn more about stroke, visit www.strokecall911.com. Content sponsored by Genentech, a member of the Roche Group. Genentech is committed to stroke education and awareness.

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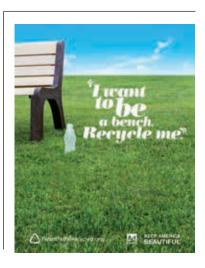
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### If you think someone is having a stroke, call 911 and act fast.



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"Clyde Barr, the drifter with

### September Book Club

A Novel

By Debbie L. Sklar



Autumn is here and that means

more indoor activities so why

not pick up a good book or

download one to your e-Read-

er? Check out these new addi-

**American Assassin** 

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**A** Thriller

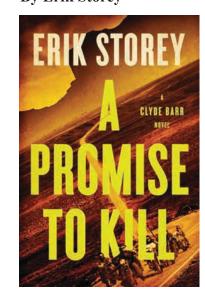
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By Vince Flynn

of them, but he was not interested in comfort. Now tion.

cutthroat partisan politics have left the CIA and the country in an increasingly vulnerable position. Cold War veteran CIA Operations Director Thomas Stansfield knows he must prepare his people for the next war. America must confront Islamic terrorism with full force. Stansfield directs his protégée, Irene Kennedy, and his old Cold War colleague, Stan Hurley, to form a new group of clandestine operatives who will work outside the normal chain of command-men who do not exist ...," according to Publisher Atria/Emily Bestler Books.

A Promise to Kill A Clyde Barr Novel (Book #2 of A Clyde Barr Novel) By Erik Storey



wandering the highways of he wants retributhe American West in search "Two decades of tude is quickly dashed. "On the reservation, Clyde finds the old man's daughter,

Lawana, and grandson, Taylor, as well as a group of menacing bikers called Reapers running wild in the economically depressed, half-abandoned village. Gripped by the desire to do good in a hard world, Clyde offers to stay on Lawana's ranch to help out until her father is released from the hospital. He controls himself around the bikers, even when he sees them harass a few Native American women — but when the Reapers attack a local boy Clyde has to do something. As tensions rise between the locals and the Reapers, Clyde's efforts to protect the reservation become a fight for his, Lawana's, and Taylor's lives. And then the stakes ratchet up even more ..." according to Publisher Scribner.

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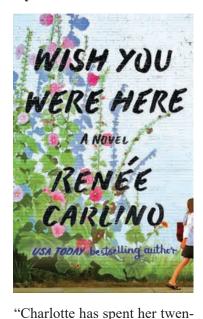
lethal skills, is alone again, By Colleen Oakley

> "Jubilee Jenkins is no ordinary librarian. With a rare allergy to human touch, any skin-toskin contact could literally kill her. But after retreating into solitude for nearly ten years, Jubilee's decided to brave the world again, despite the risks. Armed with a pair of gloves, long sleeves, and her trusty bicycle, she finally ventures out the front door - and into her future.

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"Eric Keegan has troubles of his own. With his daughter from a failed marriage no longer speaking to him, and his brilliant, if psychologically troubled, adopted son attempting telekinesis, Eric's struggling to figure out how his life got so off course, and how to be the dad — and man - he wants so desperately to be. So when an encounter over the check-out desk at the local library entangles his life with that of a beautiful — albeit eccentric — woman, he finds himself wanting nothing more than to be near her ..." according to Publisher Gallery Books.

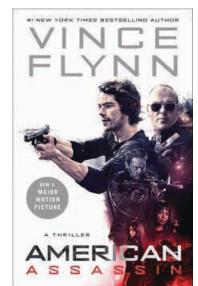
Wish You Were Here A Novel By Renée Carlino



ties adrift, searching for a spark to jump-start her life and give her a sense of purpose. She's had as many jobs as she's had bad relationships, and now she's feeling especially lost in her less-than-glamorous gig at a pie-and-fry joint in Los Angeles, where the uniforms are bad and the tips are even worse.

"Then she collides — literally — with Adam, an intriguing, handsome, and mysterious painter. Their serendipitous meeting on the street turns into a whirlwind one-night stand that has Charlotte feeling en-

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"Mitch Rapp was a gifted college athlete without a care in the world ... and then tragedy struck. Terrorists attacked innocent American citizens, and Rapp's girlfriend was among the murdered. Two hundred and seventy souls perished on that cold December night, and thousands of family and friends were left searching for comfort. Mitch Rapp was one

of something to believe in. As summer turns to autumn, he trades his car for a horse and heads for the mountains, planning to clear his head and regain his edge with some hunting. But when he runs across an elderly sick man — a Ute Indian from a nearby reservation — Clyde's dream of soli-

Close Enough to

#### Medicare **Enrollment**

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fall into the Part D coverage gap. Next year, that shrinks to 35% of the cost of brandname medicines and 44% of the cost of generics. A gradual reduction will occur until 2020, when enrollees with Part D plans will pay no more than 25% of the cost of covered generic and brand-name drugs. 6

Medicare plans mail Annual Notice of Change (ANOC) letters to their members. Use this notice to determine if your current plan is still right for you and your medical care needs. If you don't receive

such a letter in September,

contact your plan. 7

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#### JUST JUDITH

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bles, but, hopefully, it should stop the worst of them.

Dealing with death is never easy; flying blind is a sure recipe for disaster. Blended families, families who hate each other or have dropped out from the tribe, if it has been written, it is set in stone. You can't argue with someone who no longer can reply or explain, although there are those who will try!

Then there will be unpaid bills, taxes and so many more items that will need attention. Nominating someone be it family or legal representation will make sure those don't slip through the inevitable cracks.

Remember, if you don't do it, the state will, and the last person you want involved with your estate is the State!

Shakespeare was right, you can't return, but you can make sure that those left behind follow your wishes.

#### September Book Club

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chanted by Adam's spontaneity and joy for life. There's promise in both his words and actions, but in the harsh light of morning, Adam's tune changes, leaving Charlotte to wonder if her notorious bad luck with men is really just her own bad judgment.

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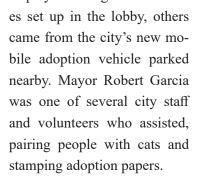
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### Life in Long Beach

By Lyn Jensen

#### 'Kitty Hall' Highlights Cat Adoptions

"Kitty Hall" may sound like the female lead in a Western, but it's actually an annual cat adoption event that happened at Long Beach City Hall on Aug. 11. Many of the 40 cats and kittens being offered were displayed in cag-





About 200 people attended and 25 cats found homes, according to Ted Stevens, a manager with the city's Animal Care Services. He added that Garcia began the annual event two years ago after hearing about a similar one in another city.

If you missed Kitty Hall, of course you may still adopt a cat (or dog) from Animal Care



Services. The city's website will tell you how at: http://longbeach.gov/acs/pets/adoptions/

Thanks to a unique partner-ship agreement between Long Beach and the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles, P. D. Pitchford Animal Care Village, the city's major animal care services facility, is much more pleasant than your average city shelter. It's tucked away at 7700 E. Spring St., on the east side of El Dorado Park. Phone: 562-570-7387.

Information about volunteering at the shelter, donations,



animal licensing, and many animal-related matters may also be found online. One type of donation the shelter's often particularly happy to get is rags that can be used for animal care. Pet products such as food dishes and chew toys are other much-appreciated items.

The cats adopted at Kitty Hall avoided possible euthanization. Animal Care Services Bureau recently released its 2017 mid-year report that shows placements are up and euthanasia is down, continuing a trend of the past several years.



"Long Beach is setting new record lows in impounded and euthanized animals, and new record highs for 'live release rates,' "commented Garcia, in a press release touting the report.

Some statistics from the report included 3,011 dog and cat impounds, with (unfortunately) 431 dogs and cats euthanized since January. At the same time live releases have steadily increased. The bureau reported live release rates of 95 percent for dogs and 76 percent for cats.

#### A Little Taste

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So, what does Pamela's Tea Room and British Shop have to offer?

From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (last full tea at 3 p.m.) Tuesday through Sunday, you can choose from a full menu or house specials like authentic Cornish pastries, Shepard's Pie and thin cut pork chops with English stuffing, creamy mashed potatoes, English baked beans and a side of apple sauce. Homemade gourmet soups also are available. Other menu items include:

- The Quickie a pot of English tea with two toasted crumpets with butter and jam.
- Little Princess Tea (for children) milk or lemonade in a mini teapot, tea sandwich with fruit garnish and fresh scone with jam and cream (gluten-free scones upon request.)
- High Cream Tea pot of tea, soup du jour, tea sandwiches, side salad and crisps, and scones with jam and cream.
- English Breakfast (served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with advance reservations) bacon, egg, sausage, bean, mushrooms, tomatoes and toast.
- Ploughman's Lunch ham,
   British cheese, boiled egg,
   green salad with Branston
   pickle, pickled onion and roll
   and butter.
- Or, you can select the English Stuffed Pancakes, various

quiches, hot pies or Bangers and Mash with beans or peas.

Before you leave, however, you may want to take home a thing or two from the British Shop, like imported English Bone China tea pots and cups, flags, mugs, stickers, music and a whole assortment of soups, salad dressings, sauces, shortbread, biscuits, rolls, scones, cakes, candy and, of course, tea, including Pamela's own labeled blend.



Another item you can find at Pamela's place but not on the menu is friendship.

Asked what she enjoys most about her business, she unhesitatingly replies, "my customers. Everybody – strangers – enjoy chit-chatting with each other and sharing stories. They are wonderful!"



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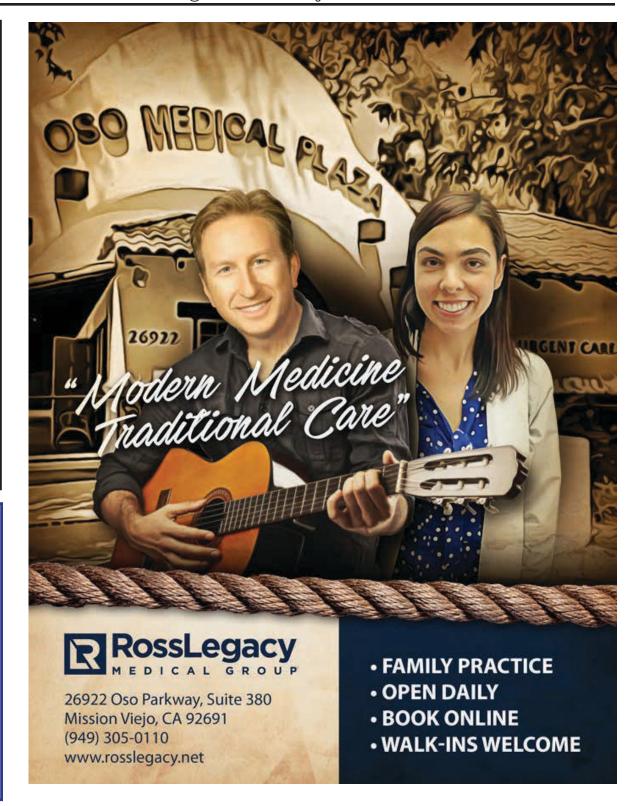
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### Tinseltow n Talks

#### Barbara Rush and Her Leading Men

The list of actors with whom Barbara Rush shared the big screen is impressive.

"I did work with a lot of interesting and talented men," said Ms. Rush from Los Angeles. "And actresses, too, such as Jane Wyman. I found the nicest people were actually the biggest stars because they were all so gracious and helpful."

Just considering 1958s The Young Lions, she worked alongside Marlon Brando, Montgomery Clift, and Dean Martin.



Rock Hudson and Barbara Rush in Taza, Son of Cochise-Universal Pictures

"It was a serious war film, but Dean still made me laugh – a lovely man. He would say 'I don't drink anymore ... I don't drink any less, but I don't drink any more!' I never saw him drunk, it was all an act."

With a career that includes extensive television and theatrical roles, Rush was prolific on the big screen throughout the 50s including three films with Rock Hudson. "You couldn't



The many faces of Barbara Rush in Captain Lightfoot, The Black Shield of Falworth, and it Came from Outer Space.

help but love someone like Rock who had a wonderful sense of humor and just loved to laugh. He was just the funniest actor I ever worked with."

Playing a pair of Indians in the

western Taza, Son of Cochise, Rush's character was named Oona. "Off camera, Rock would call me Oona, dos, tres!"

But laughs were scarce in 1956's

Bigger than Life where Rush's character suffered abuse at the hands of a drug-crazed James Mason. "It was based on a true story about a teacher and the side-effects he experienced from addiction to the new drug cortisone. James was fascinated by the story and wanted to produce and star in the movie." And she adds, he was "truly a wonderful actor with an unforgettable voice."

Rush was also married to pop-

ular leading man Jeffrey Hunter.

"We never really did a film together. He was always wandering around the world making movies and so was I.

There was a period of about a year-and-a-half when we never saw each other. I told him that was ridiculous and he agreed. We divorced but remained friends."

Rush also counted the late Turner Classic Movies host Robert Osborne among her many entertainment friends.



- Twentieth Century Fox

"I remember Bob calling me up one time and saying: 'We're playing one of your old films tonight.' There was

a time when I didn't like see-



Carolyn Hennesy and aunt Barbara Rush on the set of Bleeding Hearts the Arteries of Glenda Bryant provided by Carolyn Hennesy

ing myself in those early films, but I watched that evening and thought 'Hey, I was actually pretty good!' If you work with great actors it rubs off on you. I think I gave some performances I can be quite proud of."

ByNickThomas

And at 90, she recently found herself in front of the camera again to complete a short promo – Bleeding Hearts: The Ar

teries of Glenda Bryant - for a new TV series her niece, Gen eral Hospital actress Carolyn

Hennesy, is pitching to networks.

"I play a kind of vampire something quite new for me!

> But it was fun to do."

Nick **Thomas** teaches at Auburn University at Montgomery, Ala, and has written features, columns, and interviews for more than 650 newspapers and magazines.

#### Fabulous Finds

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