

SUMMIT LIFE

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RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

LESS SUGAR { **YOU'RE SWEET ENOUGH ALREADY** } **EAT MORE**

SAY NICE THINGS ABOUT OTHERS **DON'T FORGET TO GREEN THINGS**
BREATHE **ASK FOR HELP WHEN U NEED IT**

PAY YOUR RENT ON TIME **DRINK MORE WATER**

MAKE NEW FRIENDS **GIVE YOURSELF A BREAK** **YOUR BODY IS 55% WATER AFTER ALL**

FRIENDS **YOU'RE DOING GREAT** **TALK LESS** **ADD MORE COLOUR TO YOUR LIFE**

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR **GET MOVING** **LISTEN MORE** **EVEN IF IT'S JUST AROUND THE BLOCK**

TAKE RISKS **STEP OUTSIDE OF YOUR NORMAL ROUTINE**

REMEMBER **MAGICAL MOMENTS**

IT'S ANOTHER YEAR AND WE'RE STILL HERE. SO THROW A PARTY!



The Summit Clubhouse is the perfect place to celebrate just about everything from birthdays to graduations to engagements. The second floor facility will accommodate about fifty partygoers and is available at no charge to Summit residents. To protect the park from overenthusiastic revelers, however, a \$250 refundable security deposit is required. If the facility is left clean and pristine, you'll get back the green.

What you get with the free rental is one of the nicest mobile home Clubhouses in Southern California. The park offers a huge party room with billiard tables, a serving kitchen, bathroom facilities and views, views, views. The entire lower floor of the Clubhouse has been redone and the upper floor is next, according to park management. So get your reservations in early by calling Debbie in the park business office at 818-340-7564. A written, two-week advance notice is required. The popular facility had weekend bookings averaging two parties per month last year. ❖



TRY SOMETHING REALLY NEW FOR THE NEW YEAR, BEE KEEPING

Bees are our protectors. “No more bees, no more pollination, no more plants, no more animals, no more humans,” wrote Albert Einstein. Now however, like soldiers lost in combat, more and more bees are failing to come home to their hives at night. It’s called Colony Collapse Disorder or CCD. Some scientists attribute the problem to pesticides, others to global warming.

The fact that lots of bees are going AWOL has made municipal governments sit up and take notice. To help avoid Einstein’s grave concern, bee keeping has now been made legal in such heavily populated areas as New York City and San Francisco where bee hives have been spotted hanging from fire escapes. The L.A. City Council just recently approved bee keeping in residential back yards.

So opportunity knocks. If you want to get in on the ground floor of a different kind of home business, consider your own beehive, a wooden box with slate inserts called “frames” that can store up to 200 pounds of honey at a current market value of about \$12 a bottle. First, though, you’ll need help from professional beekeepers or apiarists such as Keith Roberts and Danny and Robin Finkelstein. The trio recently joined forces to open the Valley Hive on Baden Avenue in Chatsworth. They offer a free site inspection to make certain that your hive is safely located for your family, your pets, your neighbors and, of course, for the bees. You’ll also need park approval since you live on rented land.

Woolsey Canyon itself is an ideal place for bee keeping, according to Danny. The natural forage is exactly what the bees look for, especially after it rains. With a range of about five miles, the hard working insects can cover most of the canyon on a daily basis.



Bee Keeper Keith Roberts, co-owner of the Valley Hive, shows glassed-in beehive at store in Chatsworth where bees can exit and enter display through exterior opening. Disappearance of bees in nature is causing private party beekeeping to be encouraged by local governments.

Larry LaCom/Summit Life photo.

“We’re talking about female bees here,” explained Robin. The girls do all the work in the Colony; leaving the hive early in the a.m. and lugging full loads of nectar and pollen back to the hive before dark. Male bees pass on the genetics of the colony. They hang out at the hive, napping and fattening up until it’s time to mate. Then, after a few moments of bliss, they die.

Give Valley Hive a call at

818-280-6500 to learn more about the beekeeping business. You can get started with relatively few purchases such as a protection suit, a wooden hive and a few books. It’s a business with a product that lasts and lasts, according to Keith. Egyptian honeycombs capped with bee wax thousand of years before the birth of Christ have been found to contain perfectly edible honey, he noted.” ❖

TRY THAI! AUTHENTIC SIAMESE COOKING IS JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY



Eddy Chitsumreang prepares “Beef Satay” in kitchen of Amazing Siam on Topanga Canyon Boulevard. The restaurant, recently purchased by Eddy and wife Jackie, offers the popular dish seven days a week along with almost one hundred additional entrees. Summit delivery is free.

Larry LaComb/Summit Life photo.

“My favorite dish is Tiger Cry,” explained Eddy Chitsumreang. He and his wife Jackie are the owners and operators of “Amazing Siam,” a 1,500 square foot Thai restaurant on Topanga Canyon Boulevard not far from the Summit.

If Tiger Cry doesn’t turn you on to Thai, then Beef Satay might do the trick. The two popular beef dishes are among a hundred oriental entrees offered seven days a week at Amazing Siam. What’s really amazing, though, is that Eddy and his staff will deliver their exotic fare right to your door at no additional cost. Just call 818-718-8548 to place your order.

Curry powders, peanut oils and lime leaves are common cooking ingredients in Southeast Asia where

Eddy and Jackie were born. That’s why they call their food “home cooking”. Family members from Thailand make up the kitchen staff, and some of the restaurant’s mouth-watering sauces come from Eddy’s grandmother who cooked for Siamese royalty in Bangkok a half century ago.

“We’d like to make the restaurant as popular as it was in the 1990’s when it was called “Thai West,” the couple explained. “That’s when customers lined up outside the door, vying for one of the fifty inside seats.” The business was failing when the pair purchased it two years ago. Now it’s a going concern again, operating at a profit with a growing list of regular customers. It’s estimated that a quarter of the families at the Summit will order from Amazing Siam during the

course of the year.

“If you don’t love cooking, stay away from the restaurant business,” Eddy admonishes. “Restaurants fail when owners are not there every day to check on the inventory, watch the staff, talk to customers and sweat over a hot grill while enjoying every minute of it.”

Eddy did not enjoy every minute of it in 1994 when he opened his first restaurant called Mattha Thai in Atlanta, Georgia. It was named after his mother, who was his business partner. “The weather was too much like Bangkok, hot and humid. “I was 20, and wanted a more temperate environment where I could find beautiful girls,” Eddy said. The rest is history. ❖

AROUND THE TOWN

VALLEY HAPPENINGS, JANUARY - MARCH



HOW TO HAVE HAPPY AND LASTING RELATIONSHIPS

Classes & Seminars in Burbank
Date: 1/27/2015
Day: Tuesday
Times: 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Address: 2101 N Glenoaks Blvd,
Burbank, CA 91504
Phone: (818) 846-1070
Cost: FREE



THE LALAS BURLESQUE VALENTINES SHOW

Dance in NoHo Arts Dist.
Date: 2/13/2015
Day: Friday
Time: 7:00 pm - Doors Open
8:00 pm - Showtime
Address: 5303 Lankershim Blvd
North Hollywood, 91601
Phone: (562) 344-5252
Cost: \$15 - \$30
75 Minute Burlesque Show
Classic Rock Themed



INTUITIVE PAINTING CLASS IN TARZANA

Dates: 2/04/2015 to 2/28/2015
Day: Wednesday
Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Address: 18709 Topham St. suite 100,
Tarzana, 91335
Phone: (818) 774-0775
Cost: \$140/4 weeks or \$45 per class



WINTER CLASSES FOR KIDS AND TEENS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Classes & Seminars in San Fernando
Valley
Dates: 1/26/2015 to 1/30/2015
Days: Monday through Friday
Time: 4:00 - 5:15 pm unless otherwise
noted
Address: 13164 Burbank Blvd
Phone: (818) 778- 7136
Cost: Varies



THE ART DIRECTORS GUILD GALLERY 800 ANNOUNCES "ABSTRACT" ART EXHIBIT

Art in NoHo Arts Dist.
Dates: 01/17/2015 to 02/14/2015
Every Day of the Week
Time: 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Address: 5108 Lankershim Boulevard,
North Hollywood, CA 91601
Phone: (818) 763-8052
Cost: Free



THEATER IN BURBANK

Dates: 1/28/2015 to 3/01/2015
Days: Wednesday through Sunday
Times: Wed.-Sat. at 8:00 pm;
Sun. at 4:00 pm
Address: 4252 Riverside Drive,
Burbank, 91505
Phone: (818) 955-8101
Cost: \$29 - \$59



ELIXIR THE SHOW - FRIDAY JANUARY 30TH, 2015

Nightlife in NoHo Arts Dist.
Date: 1/30/2015
Day: Friday
Time: 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm
Address: 5303 Lankershim Blvd,
North Hollywood CA 91601
Phone: (818) 980-2555
Cost: Free



THE BASEMENT: A LIVE ESCAPE ROOM EXPERIENCE

Recreation in San Fernando Valley
Dates: 10/01/2014 to 10/01/2015
Days: Monday through Sunday
Time: M-F 5 pm-12 am
Address: 12909 Foothill Blvd Sylmar
91342
Phone: (818) 732-9941

TEN WAYS TO HELP KEEP THE SUMMIT SAFE AND PRISTINE

1. No Ads on the entrance gate.
2. No clutter in the carports.
3. No street clothes in the pool or spa.
4. No dog poop on the street, please use containers that are provided.
5. Walk pets on a leash.
6. Walk at night with a stick or flashlight.
7. Do not leave pets loose outside at nights.
8. Do not barbeque with wood fuel.
9. Do not toss cigarette butts into the street.
10. Obey all speed limits and stop signs.

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