



# Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter<sup>®</sup>

**CWCA – Your Homeowners' Organization**



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## **Guys & Dolls Musical at Columbine H.S.**

The storyline is set in the 1940's, around a couple of gamblers, who are involved in the oldest permanent craps game in New York City. The character of Nathan Detroit, a small time gambler in the area, makes a bet with a friend Sky Masterson, that he cannot make the next girl he sees fall for him. From here, the Guys and Dolls musical takes off with amazing songs and choreography, that is certain to throw the audience back into the classic era of Broadway that many feel is missing today. From the magical score

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## **Fill out Your Neighborhood Survey**

Columbine West Civic Association has drafted a new survey for 2010. Find it in this issue of the newsletter. They are looking for community input to help guide the committees and plan activities that are not only helpful, but asked for by the neighborhood. If there is a particular event you would like to see repeated, mention that, as well as suggestions for other activities. There is also space available for additional comments. If you would like a comment printed in the newsletter or get involved on a committee, make a special notation of that. Columbine West can only work towards improving by getting feedback from the community. If you would like to volunteer some time and talent, include that on the survey response or call the voicemail line: **303-904-8218**. Help us continue to make our neighborhood a great place to live. **Please fold, stamp, and return as soon as possible to the address on the back of the survey, or fill out the survey online at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HD2693K>**

## **Ken Caryl to Remain Open**

When school resumed from Winter Break, there was a definite urgency among parents about the outcome of discussions concerning the possible closure of Ken Caryl M. S. The grassroots parent group organized to Help Save Ken Caryl, posted an email promoting a Flashlight Vigil to be held on Monday, January 11th. This was to show community support for the school to remain operating in our neighborhood and was days before the scheduled January 14th Jeffco Board Meeting. On Monday morning, a "robo-call" with a message was sent out to Columbine Articulation households, cancelling the

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## **CWCA Calendar of Events**

- **Feb. 9th, 7 p.m.**, CWCA Meeting, Dutch Creek Elem.
- **Feb. 13th**, Columbine H.S. Food Drive, Col. Parking Lot
- **Feb. 24th, 25th, 26th, 7 p.m.** • **Feb. 27th, 2 p.m.** Matinee, Columbine H.S. Spring Musical (Guys & Dolls)
- **Mar. 9th, 2010, 7 p.m.**, CWCA Meeting, Dutch Creek Elem.
- **Mar. 14th**, Daylight Savings Time
- **Apr. 1st**, Membership Drive Begins
- **Apr. 13th, 7 p.m.**, CWCA Meeting/Nominations, Dutch Creek Elem.
- **May 1st**, Yard of the Month Begins
- **May 10th**, Mother's Day
- **May 11th, 7 p.m.**, CWCA Meeting, Dutch Creek Elem.
- **Jun. 8th, 7 p.m.**, CWCA Meeting, Pool Pavilion

## **CWCA 2010 Meeting Dates and Locations**

Dutch Creek Elementary  
7:00 p.m.

**February 9th  
March 9th  
April 13th  
May 11th  
June 8th**

## **Dutch Creek Elementary Shares Good News**

**Dutch Creek is Accredited with Typical Growth** – which means compared to all other elementary schools in Colorado, Dutch Creek is following the gains that would be expected. Schools can make high, typical or low growth – all of which are evaluated and assigned annually by the Colorado Department of Education.

Our **Scott Foresman Reading Street** comparative study is well underway and is "the smoothest implementation" the publisher and research company have ever seen! We are proud of our staff for carrying this off with such professionalism and class! Implementing such a rigorous and engaging resource will help us continue to raise standards for student achievement.

**Dutch Creek and Columbine Hills Elementary** have been approved for 2 sections of Free Full-Day Kindergarten for the 2010-11 school year. Registration starts

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## **Survey Says**

Please complete & return enclosed survey

## **We need your help!**

We need volunteers to deliver the CWCA newsletter to the neighbors who live on and near your street. The time involved is usually less than a half an hour a month. We receive this newsletter for free each month. In return, our commitment to the publisher of the newsletter, Colorado Lasertype, is that the newsletter will be delivered in a timely manner to all the homes in the neighborhood. Columbine West is a large neighborhood but if each person does one small thing, we can get it done! **Please call 303-972-2387** to volunteer. We need you!!

**We need substitute volunteers to help cover routes when people are ill or out-of-town.**

**Guys & Dolls**, continued from front page

of Frank Loesser, the songs are sure to knock the audience out of their seats with some old-fashioned and classic Broadway entertainment. Columbine High School Music Department will be entertaining the community with performances starting on **Wednesday, February 24th at 7 p.m., followed by Thursday, February 25th at 7:00 p.m., Friday, February 26th at 7:00 p.m. and ending with a Saturday, February 27th, 2:00 pm matinee.** Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling **303-982-4510** or at the door the night of the performance. The students that have chosen to be part of the performance are extremely dedicated to rendering a musical production that each audience member will find fascinating and captivating. Plan on showing some "Rebelstrong" pride and catch the show.

**Dutch Creek Elementary**, continued from front page

January 19-25th, 2010. A Kindergarten Parent Information Night is scheduled for January 6th at 6:30 p.m. at Dutch Creek. We are thrilled to be able to use economic stimulus funds to carry on our program for another school year! We are also enjoying the fact many families are coming from inside and outside of the Dutch Creek attendance area because of our strong Kindergarten team.

**First Round Choice Enrollment** starts January 5th through March 1st for any student outside the Dutch Creek area that would like to choice enroll.

Thanks to a grant from the **Denver Water Board**, last year we installed new, low-flow bathroom fixtures throughout the school. In January 2010, we will have a group of select students trained to measure sink water flow for our school. They will be trained by scientists from the Denver Water board. The students will be participating in a comparison of the amount of water use between new vs. traditional fixtures. We are excited to partner with The Denver Water Board to increase our student's awareness of their environmental impact and water use in particular!

We want to thank our volunteers from the community for helping work 1:1 with students and teachers each week this fall. If you would like to sign-up to be a volunteer at Dutch Creek please contact us at **303-982-4565** – our volunteer numbers have been increasing significantly this school year!

We would also like to thank the homeowners of this neighborhood for your support this fall during the proposed Facility Usage changes. While Dutch Creek could be put back onto the list by the School Board in January 2010, for now we are off of this list of suggested changes. I hope this helps give some relief because we will continue our commitment regarding student well-being and achievement. You can keep up with the narrowed list of options via Jefferson County School District's homepage: Options no longer being considered or Working draft of options still being considered. The School Board's meeting protocols and meeting schedules are available on the District webpage at: **www.jeffcopublicschool.org/board/index.html**. It was great to see and hear from so many of our homeowners throughout this fall – thanks for caring so much about our neighborhood schools.

– **Jen Pennell, Principal, Dutch Creek Elementary**

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— **Carol Burnett**

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Ken Caryl Middle School 6509 W. Ken Caryl Ave.

Columbine High School 6201 S. Pierce St.

The newsletter is published monthly. Deadline for news is the 13th and ads is the 15th of each month for the next month's issue except the Jan. issue which is Dec. 6th. **All articles must be approved by the editor for publication, or as space permits.** To submit an article, please call a board member or e-mail the editor. All "Letters to the Editor" must be signed and include a daytime phone number in case there are any questions. Letters may be printed without the author's name if requested.

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Help enhance Foothills' parks through community involvement in the Adopt a Park or Trail Program. HOA groups, civic and church groups, scout troops, businesses, schools, families and individuals can take an active role in beautification of our community. To discuss adopting a park or trail, or one-day projects please call **303-409-2304** or e-mail [insley@fhprd.org](mailto:insley@fhprd.org).

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**Ken Caryl to Remain Open,** *continued from front page*

Flashlight Vigil and explaining that Ken Caryl M. S. had been removed from the list of Facilities Usage Closures. The Columbine Community was thanked for its out pouring of support, numerous letters and neighborhood commitment in requesting that Ken Caryl M.S. remain open. It was noted that the saying, "We Are Columbine," was a strong reminder to the Jefferson County School District that our schools and community are incredibly strong and resilient. CWCA would like to extend a very warm "thank you" to all the individuals that attended community comment meetings, wrote letters, sent emails and called Jeffco School District to share comments about our schools and community. The school district still needs to make very hard decisions, budgetary restrictions are looming and cuts will continue to be discussed. Students and staff will be impacted by fewer funds available and we all need to be diligent in helping to ensure that our children receive the best possible education within the confines of the budget cuts.

*"Find a need and fill it." ~Ruth Stafford Peale*

**Columbine High School  
"Share the Love" Food Drive**

The 2nd Annual "Share the Love" food drive will be held **Saturday morning, February 13th**, at the Columbine High School parking lot. The food collection will continue at St. Frances Cabrini before and after all Masses on Saturday, February 13th, and Sunday, February 14th. All foods collected will go to Cabrini's Cupboard and Inter-faith Ministry. We also hope to help St. Anthony of Padua with whatever they need for their food pantry. Please bring non-perishable food items or personal care items to "Share the Love."

**That Poor Stop Sign**

Once again, the stop sign at the corner of Zephyr Court and Zephyr Way has been run over and removed. The intersection has a recurring issue during the winter season due to ice. Due to the lack of sun shining on the area, with each snowstorm and subsequent melting, a healthy formation of ice is present. Many times you will see tire tracks running up on to the side walk and/or grassy area. Please use extra caution when entering and exiting the development at this intersection. Our development has a posted speed limit of 25 mph, but winter road conditions should persuade each driver to reduce speed as necessary. Drive safely.

**The Doctor's Note: Required or Not?**

The H1N1 virus has everyone worried, and businesses large and small are wondering what to do if one of their workers gets sick. According to the Harvard School of Public Health, just over half (55 percent) of U.S. employers don't require a note from a worker's doctor, whereas 43 percent do (and 2 percent of employees surveyed aren't sure). To avoid spreading the flu throughout a workplace, employers would probably do well to make it easier for sick workers to stay home. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advise managers not to require employees to produce a doctor's note when they call in sick during this outbreak.

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## Everybody Loves a Good Neighbor

A CWCA neighbor e-mailed an acknowledgement to the Editor, requesting to be included in the newsletter. They wanted to thank a caring neighbor for their efforts in keeping the sidewalks safe during our recent snowstorms. The neighbor wrote, "Every time it snows, this neighbor starts up his snow blower and clears the sidewalks all the way up and down the street on both sides. Never fails, if it snows, he's out there with his blower. It was our pleasure last month to redirect a neighbor who came to our house with a plate of cookies, intended for the kind snow blower. We gladly gave her the address to which the cookies should be delivered and the kudos expressed." With the number of small snow falls we have had, the neighbor has been pretty busy. What a wonderful testimony to the adage of Neighbor Helping Neighbor. This kind of selflessness also extends to those who may not live on that street. Most days you will see a handful of neighbors out exercising their pets, who have become restless from being inside on those below freezing days. Clear sidewalks help keep everyone safe and out of the busy streets. CWCA appreciates those that have taken the time to support the community by caring and helpful acts of kindness.

*"While the spirit of neighborliness was important on the frontier because neighbors were so few, it is even more important now because our neighbors are so many." ~ Lady Bird Johnson*

## Garden Club Schedule of Events - 2010

Yard of the Month Begins: May 1st

## Deductions for Non-Itemizers

On 2008 and 2009 returns, homeowners who take the standard deduction (rather than itemizing) can take an additional standard deduction – up to \$1,000 for married joint-filers, \$500 for single-filers – for state and local property taxes. (Congress may extend this provision; consult your tax advisor). HINT: This deduction helps defray the cost of owning a home for homeowners who have no mortgage or have low mortgage-interest expenses that, together with other deductions, do not exceed the standard deduction.

Real estate property taxes, as well as state and local income and personal property taxes, are fully deductible. HINT: If you sold or bought property during the year, you may have paid or been refunded real estate taxes without being aware of it. See your closing statement for any prorations.

## Questions, Questions!

The CWCA encourages any neighbor to leave a message on the voicemail number with concerns or corrections. It is very unsettling when a message is left in an unruly manner. Please understand that there are times when we all feel frustrated with rules or regulations, but the community is Covenant Protected and therefore each and every homeowner and renter is held accountable for their property. On an upbeat note, a recent caller made mention that this past year was a huge success for the development and they were encouraged by seeing more efforts put forth by neighbors. Our voice mail line, **303-904-8218**, received 7 calls during the month of December. We will continue to post questions as we have space available.

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### Garden Club Holiday Potluck

On December 6th, the Tucker Family opened their house to share holiday cheer with those in the neighborhood that were able to attend. It was a festive event where Deb had decorated her home to extend a warm and welcoming feeling. The kitchen counters were loaded up with very delicious dishes. Neighbors came and went as they had time to attend. Thank you **John Basila** for the truly amazing dessert cups that you brought to share. **Marcia Patulla** entertained guests and Rascal with holiday songs from the piano. Thank you again to Deb and the rest of the Tucker Clan for all your time and talents you have shared with the development. The Garden Club will gear up again as the weather turns towards Spring. As the New Year starts, think about how you might be able to share some of your own talents and time with the Columbine West community.

### Pressure From Within: We're Working Harder Than Ever

We're working longer hours and harder than ever, according to a survey of 605 full or part time workers from the Society for Human Resource Management. During 2008, 72 percent of U.S. workers reported working through lunch either frequently or occasionally, and 70 percent said they had put in more than 40 hours of work a week.

Pressure from the boss? Not necessarily – 61 percent said they feel no pressure to work beyond their scheduled 40-hour week. A little more than half (52 percent) said the demands are self-imposed, and 21 percent cited pressure from their immediate supervisors. They're either dedicated – or scared.

### Congratulations Holiday Lighting Contest Winners

There were many lighting displays in the neighborhood that contributed to the festiveness when you drove around, but a couple stood out. At 7282 S. Allison Way, **Randy and Barbara Brown** did a fabulous job with their lights. If you happened to travel by 7989 W. Fremont Avenue, **Kevin and Julie Keena and family** (Marlowe: 8yrs, Charlie: 5yrs, Andrew: 2yrs) you were treated to another fantastic light show. CWCA wants to extend a warm "thank you" to all of the neighbors that dressed up their homes for the holidays. These two homeowners are the lucky recipients of a \$25 gift card that allows them to visit Chili's, Maggiano's, On the Border or Macaroni Grill. May the New Year continue to be brightly colored for everyone.

### Home Vacancies

If you know of a home that is vacant in Columbine West, notify CWCA on our voicemail line at **303-904-8218** (be sure to provide the address of the property). We will help monitor the property, but may be limited legally from taking any action depending on the stage of the foreclosure. If you witness suspicious activity on this property (or any other Columbine West property), call the Jefferson County Dispatch at **303-277-0211**. If possible, report it as it happens. To report a crime in progress, call 911. The Sheriff's Office needs your eyes and ears to help identify illegal activity. To report zoning violations such as noxious weeds or weeds over 12 inches or excess trash, please contact Jefferson County Planning and Zoning at **303-271-8725**.

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## Five New Year's Resolutions For A Safer 2010

As we all prepare our New Year's resolutions to lose weight, spend less, and reduce our stress level (again), remember to add these five simple resolutions. If you commit to these five things, you'll be contributing to a safer 2010 for yourself, your loved ones and your community.

### #1. TORTURE YOUR KIDS BY TALKING TO THEM SERIOUSLY ABOUT THEIR SAFETY

Resolve to sit down with your children – no matter their age – and talk with them about their own personal safety. If they're young, teach them to check first before they go anywhere with anyone. (Because strangers aren't the only people who can harm a child.)

If they're older, talk to them about online predators, "sexting," bullying, drinking, and other relevant safety topics for adolescents and teens. For more information about these subjects, contact your child's school resource officer or school counselor.

### #2. YOUR HOME IS YOUR CASTLE, SO RAISE THE DRAWBRIDGE

In 2010, whether you're at home, running an errand, or vacationing in another country, resolve to keep your doors and windows closed and locked. This simple habit is one of the best crime-prevention methods out there... and it's free! Don't forget about your garage door – it's one of the easiest ways for thieves to access your property.

Your car is probably the most valuable of your belongings, so why treat it differently than your house? Keep your car's windows up and doors locked, whether it's parked in the garage, in the driveway or on the street. Never leave your purse, wallet or other valuables inside. Never leave the keys inside, and never leave it running without you in it – even in your own driveway.

### #3. DON'T ABUSE DRUGS OR ALCOHOL

The abuse of alcohol, prescription drugs and illegal drugs is linked to crime and quality-of-life issues of all kinds. Our deputies have seen these factors contribute to car crashes, domestic arguments and abuse, and child abuse. Intoxication also compromises the ability to escape a dangerous situation – it is often a factor in sexual assaults.

Untold numbers of criminals have told us that addiction to drugs was the driving force behind the identity thefts, auto thefts, robberies and related crimes they've committed.

If you think you may have a problem with alcohol or drugs, the best New Year's resolution you can make is to get help. To get started, call The United Way at 211, or visit [www.unitedwaydenver.org](http://www.unitedwaydenver.org).

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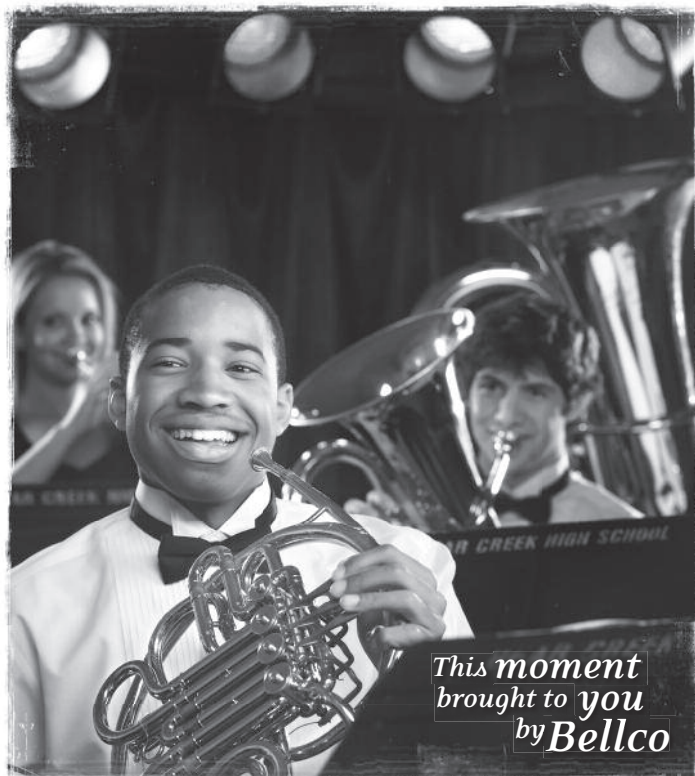
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**A Safer 2010**, continued from page 6**#4. TRUST NO ONE**

Okay, that's a bit much. But after seeing the "Grandma, I Need Money" phone scam, we wouldn't mind if you started asking your own grandkids for identification.

What we mean is: make a resolution to verify the recipient before donating money or sharing personal financial information.

If someone comes to your front door selling something as a fund-raiser, take the company's information and say you'll follow up after researching it. Do not let a stranger inside your house to use the restroom, or for any other reason.

If you get an e-mail, phone call or text message that appears to be from your bank or credit union, contact the bank separately using the number on your statement. Be savvy and skeptical about any incoming correspondence from financial institutions. Your bank will not request personal information from you by phone or e-mail – not even for "verification." When in doubt, delete.

**#5. STAY INFORMED**

Knowledge is power. One of the best ways you can bolster your own safety is to stay informed about crime trends affecting your community. The mainstream news media is one valuable source. But did you know you can also sign up to receive crime updates distributed by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office?

Resolve to sign up for e-mail alerts on crime and quality-of-life issues by visiting [www.jeffcosheriff.com](http://www.jeffcosheriff.com). You can also get crime trend and sex offender information from our crime map, also available on our website.

On behalf of the men and women of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, I wish you a healthy and safe 2010. Happy New Year!

— Sheriff Ted Mink

**Huge Congratulations to Pack 459**

On January 20th at Dutch Creek Elementary, it was a night of celebration for six Cub Scouts of Pack 459, as they Crossed Over to Boy Scouting. The boys were treated to a special appearance by Running Bear and Grey Wolf, who told a story of deep thought. Running Bear detailed how a pebble was tossed into the water, a splash was followed by a ripple. This he explained was much like our actions and how they can seem small but may make a bigger impact as they move outward. The story continued with a handful of pebbles thrown into the water, which created many splashes and concentric circles over-lapping each other. This he explained is how our actions and those of others can have many affects on each other. Lastly, a large stone was tossed into the water and made a HUGE splash. Running Bear compared this to a bad decision and how that can alter and cancel out all the small good decisions. He expressed that each one of the Cub Scouts, becoming Boy Scouts, should be aware of how their decisions affect themselves and one another. The cafeteria was filled with family and friends of these boys, along with Boy Scout representatives from Troop 459. Troop 459 would like to congratulate **Devin S., Justus S., Dylan G., Keric W., Isaiah L. and Wally S.** and welcome them into Troop 459. These new Scouts will have opportunities go backpacking, camping and fishing, as well as be involved in community activities. Boy Scouts is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Scouting with many wonderful and exciting programs.

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Your home is a rather simple structure, but heat energy moves about and through the home in many complex ways. Identification of the exact problems in a home (like air leaks, inadequate insulation or hidden cavities transporting cold air) is difficult without proper equipment and instrumentation. But you can make an assessment for yourself of the overall energy efficiency condition of your home. The information you need and the steps are as follows:

1. Gather your last 12 months of energy bills from Xcel. If you don't have these, you can get them by going to [www.XcelEnergy.com](http://www.XcelEnergy.com) or calling their customer service number.

2. Add together all the therms of gas used through the 12 month period. You can find this value where it says "Therms Used" under the gas service section. Then multiply this total by 100,000.

3. For electricity usage, add the "Kilowatt-Hours Used" through the same period. Convert the total kilowatt-hours to therms by multiplying the total kilowatt-hours by 3,414.

4. Now add this number to the gas service therms total. You now have one number representing total equivalent BTU's of energy used in your home for the year.

5. Take this BTU total and divide it by the square footage of your home. Divide again by 6,128. You now have a number that represents BTU's per square foot per heating degree day. Your number should be something greater than zero, but less than 22.

A score of zero to 6 is a very tight and efficient home. A score 6 to 9 means better than average insulation and little air leaks, requiring minor upgrades. A score of 10 to 14 means average or slightly worse home efficiency, and could benefit significantly from improvements. A score of 15 or higher means considerably large energy inefficiency and major upgrades should be made to the home.

This calculation gives a good idea of your energy efficiency, but it doesn't tell you where to make improvements. Just know that window upgrades, massive caulking or new attic insulation isn't always the single answer. A certified energy auditor can identify and categorize which energy improvements can give you the best bang for the dollar. If you need additional free information, feel free to call me at **303-550-7211**.

— Tom Ritz, Littleton

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A young boy sought enlightenment from a wise monk who practiced pottery making. One sunny afternoon after many years of study and meditation, the boy was admiring one of the monk's prized pots when it slipped from his hands and broke into many tiny pieces.

The boy apologized profusely. But the monk remained calm. "You need not be sad," he said with a gentle smile. "It is still within me."

The wise monk's true pleasure came through the process of creating and shaping the pot, not in owning it afterward. His joy was not in the destination, but in the journey.



## A Romantic History Of Love's Patron Saint

Love is in the air on February 14, but why? It may have something to do with the 1 billion Valentine's Day cards that are sent every year to express love and good wishes (according to the U.S. Greeting Card Association).

Although today "Valentine" is synonymous with love, several early Christian martyrs shared the name. The Valentine most closely associated with today's holiday was a priest who lived in Rome in the 3rd century. The Emperor Claudius II had outlawed marriage, under the theory that married men didn't make fierce soldiers. When St. Valentine continued to perform weddings, Claudius had him put to death.

In another version of the story, Valentine attempted to convert Claudius to Christianity while in prison and was executed. In other tales, Valentine healed his jailer's blind daughter, and the two fell in love. According to legend, Valentine's final letter to her was signed, "From your Valentine."

Valentine's Day began to take off in the late 18th century, when a British publisher brought out a book called *The Young Man's Valentine Writer*, full of sentimental poems for lovers unable to compose their own romantic messages.

Better printing technology and lower postal rates combined to make holiday cards more convenient. The first line of Valentine's Day cards, on embossed paper, was launched in 1847 by Esther Howland, whose father owned a book and stationery store in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Valentine's Day is celebrated in many countries around the world, including the United States, Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France and Australia.

## Simple Tips For Saving Cash

We all want to save money, don't we? But that doesn't mean you have to take a vow of poverty and devote yourself to a diet of rice and water. Here are some simple tips for spending less money every day:

- **Use the library.** Stay away from bookshops, music stores, and video rental outlets. You can get almost anything you want in the way of entertainment from your local library, for free.
- **Delay your purchases.** Don't give into impulse buying. Before putting anything into your shopping cart at the grocery store, wait 10 seconds and consider whether you really need it. For larger purchases, wait one or two days. For major items, such as appliances or carpeting, wait 30 days to be sure a purchase is really necessary. (Of course, if the fridge is shot, you can waive the 30 days; just be sure to get the best value.)
- **Cut out meat.** You can get needed protein in your diet from other, less expensive foods. You don't have to become a vegan, but limiting meat to once or twice a week will cut your grocery bill.
- **Use energy efficiently.** Any appliance that contains a clock – video recorders, microwaves, etc. – uses electricity even when the device is turned off. Unplug unused appliances, or hook them up to a smart power strip that doesn't draw electricity when the device isn't working. Wash your clothes in cold water to save up to 50 percent of the energy you'd use washing them in hot water.
- **Avoid soft drinks.** When dining out, order water instead of pricier sodas. It's free.

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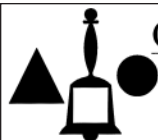


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## Columbine West Statistics for January 2010

### Current Homes **FOR SALE** in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$230,000	\$293,500	3
4-Level	222,000	250,000	4
2-Story	262,000	350,000	7
Tri-Level	190,000	219,900	4
Bi-Level	165,000	229,000	4

### Current Homes **UNDER CONTRACT** in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$215,000	\$215,000	1
4-Level	209,000	213,000	2
2-Story	None	None	0
Tri-Level	None	None	0
Bi-Level	185,000	226,900	3

### Homes **SOLD** in Columbine West for 2009

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?	Sold 2010
Ranch Style	\$150,000	\$218,000	7	0
4-Level	180,000	255,900	15	0
2-Story	190,000	400,000	11	0
Tri-Level	219,900	219,900	1	0
Bi-Level	150,000	275,000	11	0

## Columbine Girls Basketball Home Game Schedule

Friday, February 5, 2010, 7:00 p.m. vs. Lakewood

Tuesday, February 9, 2010, 5:30 p.m. vs. Chatfield

Thursday, February 11, 2010, 5:30 p.m. vs. Bear Creek

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