

SHED-ING SOME LIGHT ON LOCAL HISTORY

By Joe Catalano, AIA
Photograph Courtesy Sierra Madre Library Archives

The Richardson House, which is adjacent to Lizzie’s Trail Inn, originally located around the corner on of what is now Mountain Trail Avenue. It was later moved to its present location., and was part of the Inn’s operation for many years.

In studying the structure, the question arose about whether the shed at the back of the house is actually historic, or whether it is a later addition that is historically insignificant. SMHPS Board members Debbie Henderson, Gurdon Miller and Joe Catalano have been doing this research, aided (invaluably!) by Board member Maurice Orme, who grew up in the Richardson House. Maurice’s mother, Elsie Orme, worked at Lizzie’s, and then his family, the Ormes and McElwains, ran the Inn from the time of Lizzie’s death until it closed in 1948.

The great stories about life and the goings-on there are Maurice’s to tell. (And he can be found at Lizzie’s on most Saturday mornings.) This article only focuses on what we have discovered about the house and its shed addition, and on how it figures into the history of Lizzie’s Trail Inn.

Lizzie’s and the Richardson House function as “interpretive museums.” An interpretive museum is a building or place in which something of historic significance happened, that is maintained “as it was,” including both the structure and its furnishings (when possible), so that people may see and learn from it by being in the actual place. (This, of course, differs from a museum building that is built as a museum, in which artifacts are put on display.)

Lizzie’s and the Richardson House are what remains of a compound that serviced the Mount Wilson Trail and its travelers for many years. Not only did folks socialize and have a good meal at Lizzie’s, they also had their supplies packed to mountain camps and to the Mt. Wilson Hotel. Some rented burros to ride rather than hike the steep trail.

The compound also included rental cabins, and a barn and stables for the pack animals, occupying a good part of the space that is now Mount Wilson Trail Park to the east of the Richardson House. Two events took place sometime early in the 1900s to change this. First, a road was built from Altadena to the top of Mount Wilson that allowed gasoline- powered vehicles to make the trip. Second, the City

of Sierra Madre (incorporated in 1907) outlawed pack animals and stables within the city limits. The days of a “full service” facility at the trailhead were coming to a close. In 1961 the barn, stables, and other structures were removed.

The Richardson House is actually one of two very similar houses built by John Richardson, who came here to claim a land grant from the U.S. Government, in the 1860s. More research is needed to find the exact date of moving the house across Mira Monte. Photographs from the archives show it in both locations. There are two additions onto the original structure. The first contains the large back room, bathroom, and a kitchen that unfortunately has been removed. The second one is what’s referred to as “The Shed,” the present back of the house.

While precise construction dates have not been established for these additions, Maurice Orme clearly recalls that the shed existed when he lived there as a child. It was used as a laundry,for tool storage, and as the beer storage room for Lizzie’s. This is the key piece of information, that the shed existed as part of the Lizzie’s Trail Inn operation, it’s within what’s called the period of historic significance.

Various people lived at the Richardson House throughout its history, who worked either in the pack station operations or at Lizzie’s (like Maurice’s family). After the end of the pack station operations, Lizzie’s continued to operate as a restaurantand importantly, as a speakeasy during Prohibition. There is some evidence (but unconfirmed) of a still having been housed in the shed.



The shed has been is deteriorating. Our research has validated that it should be restored, as historically significant part of the Lizzie’s operation. It is important to note, that even in the Federal Register, not all historic buildings are fine architecture like Monticello. Many are indigenous, like adobes, and many are settlement era buildings, built with what was readily available. They are historically important for what went on in these places, not for the value of the architectural design. This is the case with Lizzie’s and the Richardson House, which figure importantly to the Mount Wilson Trail and the early development of Sierra Madre.

Lizzie’s has a wonderful collection of photographs, artifacts and memorabilia from the 1940 era. You’ll find, much all of the interior as it was in 1948. Best of all, you’ll find Maurice Orme there on Saturday mornings from 10 to noon. He’s always ready to share stories about Lizzie’s and growing up in the historic Richardson House.



SIERRA MADRE ELECTION
COVERAGE The Offices of The City Clerk
and City Treasurer

On April 10, 2012, voters in Sierra Madre will go to the polls and select three people from a field of seven to sit on the City Council and elect a new City Treasurer and City Clerk. They will also vote on a local ballot measure on whether or not to extend the User Utility Tax and a related advisory measure.

The city council race will fill two seats for new four year terms and one seat for the unexpired two year term vacated by former Mayor Joe Mosca.

The Mountain Views News will provide our readers with comprehensive coverage of this election. Each week, as we have done in the past, we will profile the candidates

and give each of the candidates the opportunity to introduce themselves to our readers by answering the following questions: (All candidates are being asked to answer the same questions): 1. *Why are you running for Office?* and 2. *What are your plans if elected?*



NANCY SUE SHOLLENBERGER - Unopposed Candidate for City Clerk

As we approach the very important election on April 10, 2012, I am again honored to be running for the position of City Clerk. My duties as your City Clerk have always been handled with pride and dignity. It is a process I have undertaken with honesty and integrity.

I take this position seriously and have always gone the extra mile to run this office in a way that I am very proud. Expenses in the City Clerk’s department are at a minimum.

It is my extreme pleasure and privilege to again attend the City Council meetings, take and type the Minutes of each meeting, do the paperwork necessary for the Form 700’s and make sure the Ordinances are published in a timely manner. All of this has been done with the utmost accuracy. I am responsible for the complete election process for the City Council, City Treasurer and City Clerk elections.

My experience, dedication and devotion to this position, along with the quality of work, have been exemplary. My enthusiasm to serve the residents in Sierra Madre has never wavered.

I can assure you that you will not be disappointed in my performance as your City Clerk, and I respectfully ask for your vote on April 10, 2012.



RICHARD MAYS - Unopposed Candidate for City Treasurer

For me there is nothing more important as giving back to the community in which I live and helping to make Sierra Madre a better place whenever I can. That is why I have thrown my hat into the ring, asking for your vote as City Treasurer once again.

I served in this office with pleasure from 2004 to 2008. I also served as the Deputy City Treasurer from 2008 until the present time.

My experience, both professionally and through my previous tenure as City Treasurer, will enable me to serve the community well.

I come to you with a deep commitment to Sierra Madre, where I have lived since 1961, and a desire to make certain that we continue to conduct the city’s business with integrity and according to all Federal, State and County laws.

Next Week: The User Utility Tax Extension - The Pros and Cons

It is our sincere hope that each candidate will submit their answers so that we can share them with our readers. A separate letter has been sent to each candidate asking them to participate. Our reporting on this election will be as fair and objective as possible. However, please keep in mind that our columnists are always free to share their opinions. Their opinions are their opinions and may or may not reflect the position of the paper. This is true in all things, not just this election.

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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings listed below are held at City Hall 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, Ca. 626-355-7135

Sat Jan 28	Bargain Book Table Sale, Mon thru Sat
Tue Jan 31	Parks & Facilities Master Plan Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm
Wed Feb 01	One Book One City, Mystery Contest Drawing
Thu Feb 02	Senior Community Commission 3:00 pm
Thu Feb 02	One Book One City, Special Speaker 7:30pm
Thu Feb 09	One Book One City, Sherlock Holmes Panel Discussion 7:30 pm
Fri Feb 10	City Hall - Alternate Fridays CLOSED
Thu Feb 16	Third Thursday Book Club-One Book One City Discussion 11am to noon
Thu Feb 16	One Book One City, Sherlock Holmes' London 7:30 pm

1630 AM

Free on-air publicity for local events

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

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

In a nutshell, your event must:

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

While all Rotary Club memberships are by invitation, visitors are heartily welcomed to meetings. For more information, please visit our website or contact our membership chairperson at RudyHayek@Gmail.com.

www.SierraMadreRotary.com

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THE FOURTH OF JULY
COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

The Sierra Madre Fourth of July Committee is looking for motivated, enthusiastic, creative, and friendly volunteers to serve on the committee as a member or a Co-Chair. The committee seeks volunteers to assist with various tasks to help with the parade and festivities. Join in the fun of hosting Sierra Madre's favorite hometown tradition!

If you are interested in becoming a Committee Member, Co-Chair or volunteering the day of at the 4th of July Festivities, please provide your name, phone number and email address to the following contacts:

Colleen McEvoy, Fourth of July Committee Co-Chair at 626-355-7801
Community & Personnel Services Department at 626-355-5278

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CIVIC CLUB TO HOST
CASINO NIGHT

Fun, food, and fantastic prizes all can be yours at Sierra Madre Civic Club's Casino Night being held at the Sierra Madre Community Recreation Center on Saturday, March 17 from 7 p.m. -11 p.m. For your \$25 ticket, you will receive a \$50 stake at the gaming tables, St. Patrick's Day-themed refreshments, such as corned beef sliders, and a chance to win a trip to Las Vegas. Beverages, including soft drinks, beer, wine, and, of course, Irish coffee, will be available at a modest cost.

At the blackjack tables, roulette wheel, craps tables, and poker tables, your winnings will be in the form of opportunity tickets, providing you chances to win such incredible prizes such as a Kindle and a gift card to Amazon, Nordstrom's gift cards, an iPad, restaurant and theater vouchers, tickets to sporting events, and many more tempting items. To increase your odds of winning one of the special prizes, additional opportunity tickets can be purchased for \$1 each.

The Sierra Madre Civic Club, a non-profit, philanthropic organization, last year donated more than \$20,000 back to the community in the form of educational scholarships and grants to such organizations as the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association, the library's One Book One City Program, Sierra Madre Elementary School, Creative Arts, and the Sierra Madre Playhouse. Casino Night is our major fundraiser for this year and we're counting on raising at least as much money to give away this year as we had in 2011.

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BEST USED BOOK SALE!

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library's Best Used Book Sale is being held on Friday, February 3, from 3:00-7:00PM and Saturday, February 4, from 10:00AM-2:00PM in the library basement and on the back parking lot.

For youR nostalgia buffs, we're offering collectible sets of the Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew books, some published in the 1940s and some newer. Other collectibles include a Childcraft collection from 1947 and other favorites from the past, including works by Tolstoy and deMaurier. Also in the basement will be an eclectic collection of newer fiction and non-fiction on nearly every subject including travel, home remodeling and history.

These items as well as children's books, audio books, CDs, and DVDs will be available to purchase for your reading and listening pleasure. Bargain Tables outside the library will feature hard-back and trade fiction and non-fiction for \$1.00 each and paperback for twenty-five cents each (or five for \$1.00). All children's books outside are now only 25 cents. Bargain Table items are half price after 1:30PM on Saturday.

These sales offer high quality, slightly used books that are culled from our library shelves or donated, books that you'll be proud to place in your own library or to give to friends and family. So come early and come often to see what treasures you can find. Proceeds from the Best Used Book Sales will be donated to the Sierra Made Public Library to support program and equipment needs. The library is located at 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in the city of Sierra Madre and there is parking on the street and behind the library.

SIERRA MADRE'S "ONE BOOK
ONE CITY 2012" EVENTS

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, containing the first twelve short stories about the famous detective by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, will be honored during February at the Sierra Madre Public Library as the City of Sierra Madre's One Book One City selection for 2012. All events are free and open to the public.

One Book One City annually engages the community in reading the same notable book at the same time and encourages everyone to come together to explore the literature and join in public discourse. Doyle's tales, along with stage, screen, radio and television adaptations, have made Sherlock Holmes a permanent part of our culture, appealing to readers and audiences of all ages. Copies of *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* are available in a variety of formats—print, CD audiobook, e-book, electronic book—from the Sierra Madre Public Library.

A "Mystery Contest" drawing will kick off the month-long program on February 1. Everyone who reads the stories and is able to answer three questions will be entered in a drawing to be held at the Library on Wednesday, February 1. The winner will receive the elegant two-volume set of *The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes: The Complete Short Stories*, the most lavishly illustrated edition of the Holmes tales ever produced, edited by Leslie S. Klinger.

On Thursday, February 2, at 7:30 p.m., Leslie S. Klinger will present "An Evening with Sherlock Holmes, Hosted by Les Klinger." Mr. Klinger, considered one of the world's foremost authorities on Sherlock Holmes, is the editor of *The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes*, published by W. W. Norton in 2004 and 2005, winner of the Edgar Award for Best Critical/Biographical Work and nominated for every other major award in the mystery genre. Mr. Klinger, along with author Laurie R. King, also edited the recently released book *A Study In Sherlock: Stories Inspired by the Holmes Canon*, in which eighteen superstar modern mystery authors provide fascinating, thrilling, and original perspectives on Sherlock Holmes. This book will be available for purchase and autographing after the talk.

On Thursday, February 9,



at 7:30 p.m., Sisters in Crime will present a panel discussion on "Holmes' Influence on Detective Fiction." The panel will include Amnon Kabatchnik, known for his books on crime drama for stage and screen; Michael Mallory, Sherlock Holmes expert and author; and Naomi Hirahara, prize-winning mystery writer. Tammy Kaehler, author of the Kate Reilly car racing mysteries, will moderate.

On Thursday, February 16, from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon, the Sierra Madre Public Library will host a book discussion of *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* at the Library during the Library's monthly "Third Thursday" book group.

In the evening of Thursday, February 16, at 7:30, Catherine Addé will present "Sherlock Holmes' London: An Illustrated Talk," an armchair tour of London in the footsteps of the world's greatest detective. Ms. Addé is a travel industry veteran and was thrilled to live in London while working on her Master's in Tourism Management. She is a long-time Sierra Madre resident, an active community volunteer, and an avid reader. She serves on the Board of Trustees for the Sierra Madre Public Library.

On Saturday, February 25, at 5:00 p.m., a special screening of a classic Sherlock Holmes movie will take place at the Library. This will be the final event in Sierra Madre's One Book One City 2012 program.

One Book One City 2012 is sponsored by the Sierra Madre Civic Club, the Sierra Madre Historical Preservations Society, and the Friends of the Sierra Madre Public Library.

For more information, please contact Catriona Shafer or Sophia Duran at (626) 355-7186 or visit the Library's website at www.cityofsierramadre.lib.ca.us. The Sierra Madre Public Library is located at 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., in Sierra Madre, California.

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REMEMBRANCES

MIKE DELGATTO



Mike Delgatto, former Captain in the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Dept. and former president of the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce, passed away in Monrovia on Jan. 27th at the age of forty-nine.

He was born on April 1, 1962, in Arcadia, California, and was the son of Vera and Joe Delgatto, brother of Tony and (Ginny) Delgatto, uncle of Angela and (Jimmy) Arms, Lucy, Vinny, and Frankie Delgatto, and brother of Maryann Griffin.

Michael was proud to be a Retired Captain of the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department. He served for many years as manager of the Pantorium Cleaners in Sierra Madre. He was a Past President of both the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce and the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club.



Photo courtesy of Kris Lowe

The Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, February 3rd, 11:00am, at St. Rita Church in Sierra Madre, California. By family request, the inwas private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department and the Passionist Fathers Retreat Center in Sierra Madre.

Captain Delgatto was recalled on the Facebook page of fellow firefighter Kristine Lowe, who observed the following with the picture to the right: On October 27th, 1993, a brush fire that started above Kinneloa Mesa in Pasadena and L.A. County, began to burn toward Sierra Madre. The closest call on the first day was when Captain Mike Delgatto had to make

Courtesy Bill Coburn & MVNews files

a stand behind the parking lot overlooking Bailey Canyon. The big oak trees were in the fire's path, but Mike and his crew; Eric Peterson, Pat Ferguson and Rich Snyder, made a stand and turned the fire north. This was the beginning of the plan to move the fire to the Northeast and have it avoid the town.

AKSEL PEDERSEN

Aksel G. Pedersen, beloved husband and father, lost his long, hard-fought battle with cancer on January 29, 2012 at the age of 82. He was at home, surrounded by his loving family.

The elder child of Danish immigrants, Aksel exemplified the highest ideals of honor, duty and service in all aspects of his life: as a husband, father, first-generation American, United States Marine, sheriff's deputy, investigator, auditor, instructor and published author. Aksel also served the Sierra Madre community as a Cub Scout leader, girls' softball coach, City Council candidate and volunteer usher at St. Rita's Catholic Church.

Aksel spent the majority of his youth in West Hollywood with his parents Aksel Sr. and Helga, and his younger brother Kenneth. At just 17, Aksel left Hollywood High School to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps. He served as a radio operator in the waning months of World War II, and he was later recalled during the Korean War and served as an instructor at Camp Pendleton in Oceanside, Calif.

Upon discharge from active duty in 1951, Aksel enrolled at Woodbury College where he earned his B.A. in Business Administration, and later studied criminal justice at Los Angeles City College. Aksel then joined the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, patrolling the Malibu area during the mid-1950s.

Through a mutual friend, Aksel met the stunning Marie Leroy, and six months later they exchanged vows on October 20, 1956 at Our Mother of Good Council Church with a reception at the Beverly Hills Hotel. The marriage lasted 55 years, produced five children—Dana (and husband Mark), Aksel, Kirk (and wife Susan), Lynne (and husband Paul) and Erik (and wife Jocelyn)—as well as eight grandchildren: Derek Pedersen, Alec Pelsone, Walker Pedersen, Ford Pedersen, Paul Butler Jr., Egan Butler, Luke Butler and Amber Butler. It was a union marked by respect, shared partnership and a strong desire to raise not just good children, but good people.

Aksel later transferred to the Los Angeles District Attorney's office as an investigator where he helped establish a cutting-edge white-collar crime and consumer fraud unit. His line of work as a fraud investigator led his youngest to tell a teacher that his father was "a fraud," which Aksel never ceased to find hilarious.

Embarking on a career change, Aksel went on to establish consumer protection protocols for Mobil Oil, before taking his investigative and business administration skills to the savings and loan industry. Focusing on government compliance, internal audit and security, Aksel found that his law enforcement and business backgrounds made him a go-to resource for navigating the changes in the system, leading him to research, write and publish several compliance and audit manuals used by credit unions nationwide. As well, he took great pride in being consulted on law enforcement issues by friends and family members long after leaving the field.

Aksel continued to work long past the age when most people crave the peace and quiet of retirement. He finished his career as a vice



president for the Los Angeles Federal Credit Union in Glendale. When he reluctantly retired three years ago, he took solace in the many kind messages sent to him by his friends and coworkers.

Throughout his life, he was a passionate reader of detective fiction and spy thrillers, reading several books a week and donating many of his favorites to support local libraries. Aksel played boogie-woogie piano in his youth, and was a fan of big band swing and jazz piano trios, especially those led by Oscar Peterson, Erroll Garner and Bill Evans. Aksel was also a dog lover his entire life, adopting and caring for countless strays. In his later years, a white mixed-breed named Stewart became his constant companion.

When asked how he liked to be remembered by his family, Aksel more than once said, "That I was always there." But he often liked to add with his signature deadpan humor, "That is, unless you need bail money, in which case you're on your own."

Aksel Pedersen—husband, father, lawman and U.S. Marine—will remain in the thoughts and prayers of all who knew and loved him. Aksel can now rest in peace and be reunited with his late wife Marie, his loving spouse of 55 years, who passed on December 21, 2011 following her own brave battle with brain cancer.

In lieu of flowers, Aksel's family requests donations be sent in his memory to La Salle High School, 3880 E Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107, c/o Irene Santucci. Donations will provide tuition assistance to La Salle students in need.

All services will be held at Cabot & Sons, 27 Chestnut Street, Pasadena, CA 91103 (626-793-7159). Visitation will be February 6, 2012 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Chapel services will be February 7, 2012 at 10 a.m. with reception on-site to follow. Burial at Sierra Madre Pioneer Cemetery will be private.

time for the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. Her favorite pastime was playing bridge with her many friends. Shirley will be greatly missed by many.

Shirley was predeceased by her husband Gregory. She is survived by her son Chip and his wife Karen of Monrovia, CA. A private service is being planned.

MAYS, KRANTZ HONORED AT COTY DINNER



Nearly a hundred people turned out Friday night to the Sierra Madre Room to honor Richard Mays as Sierra Madre's 2011 Citizen of the Year, and to thank Matt Krantz, owner of Bean Town, for his service to the Chamber of Commerce.

Mays was recognized for his service in 2011 on the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), the Sierra Madre Police Department's Auxiliary Traffic Control Team, the UUT Oversight Committee, the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society, and as Deputy Treasurer

(a volunteer position).

In addition to his 2011 service, Mays also served for 32 years on the SMFD, served as a Board member and officer for the SMVFA, and as a Board member for the Sierra Madre Girls Softball League.

Mayor John Buchanan may have summed it up best when he said "Richard never seeks recognition, he just deserves it."

Matt Krantz served on the Board of Directors from January 2008 through January 2012. He served as president from April 2009 until January, 2012.

Both men received commendations, proclamations, or certificates of recognition from the US Congress via Congressman Dreier, the CA State Senate via State Senator Bob Huff, the CA Assembly via Assemblyman Tim Donnelly, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors via Mike Antonovich, and the City of Sierra Madre, via the Council. One of the more entertaining parts of the evening was some humorous banter between Mayor Buchanan and Supervisor Antonovich's representative, Rita Hadjimanoukian, over who had the "better" certificates for the honorees.

Dinner was provided by several local eateries, Casa del Rey, The Only Place in Town, Cafe 322, Corfu, Bean Town and Starbucks.

This was the first year in a while that the dinner was held in Sierra Madre.

In the crowd that night were several former Citizens of the year, including: Louise Neiby, 2009; Pete Siberell, 2007; Bill Messersmith, 2003; Carol Canterbury, 2001; Marilyn McKernan, 2000; Jan Reed, 1994; Phyllis Chapman, 1980; and George Maurer, 1974.

Story and Photo by B. Coburn

Sierra Madre Search & Rescue Log

During the month of January Sierra Madre Search and Rescue (SMSR) responded to five calls for assistance.

Overdue Hiker, Chantry Flat: The Team was called out on a report of a dayhiker missing overnight in the Chantry Flat area. SMSR members immediately set out to search high-probability areas. Assistance was requested from Altadena Mountain Rescue, Montrose Search and Rescue, and an L.A. County volunteer search dog team. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Air-5 helicopter conducted an aerial check of several possible trails. The subject returned home safely while search teams were in the field. While on a search assignment an SMSR crew was able to assist another hiker who had an ankle injury.

Medical Emergency, Big Santa Anita Canyon: SMSR was called out on a report of a medical emergency in Big Santa Anita Canyon. While Team members made their way toward the location on the ground, an L.A. County Fire Department paramedic was inserted near the location via helicopter. The subject was located and flown to the hospital. While heading back to the trailhead, SMSR team members encountered hikers engaging in high-risk activities in the canyon and were able to

practice their PSAR -- or Preventative Search And Rescue -- skills, advising the hikers on how to enjoy the outdoors safely.

Missing Bikers, Mt. Wilson: A report of overdue mountain bikers sent Team members up Mt. Wilson on a nighttime search, while members of a neighboring search and rescue team began searching the area around Mt. Wilson's summit. The cyclists were located safely and the search was secured.

In 2011 Sierra Madre Search and Rescue commemorated 60 years of service to the community; it was also one of the team's busiest years on record. SMSR volunteers responded to 95 calls for help in 2011, coming to the aid of 108 people. And since one of the Team's core missions is education, members also participated in 25 PSAR events, where they educated nearly 2,000 adults and children about wilderness safety.

SMSR members live by their motto: "Anywhere in the wilderness that someone needs help..." and the Team never charges for any of its services. For more information or to arrange a wilderness safety demonstration for your school or group, visit www.smsr.org.

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, January 22nd, to Saturday, January 28th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 252 calls for service. See crimereports.com for updated information.

Sunday, January 22nd:

12:35 AM- Warrant Arrest, 100 blk. N. Rosemead Blvd. Officers conducted a consent stop on two subjects. One subject was on probation for drug violations and the second subject had recently been arrested for forgery. A records check revealed \$150,000 in warrants for one of the subjects. The subject was arrested and transported to Temple Sheriff's station.

5:33 PM- Use of Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc. This incident involves the unauthorized fraudulent use of the victim's credit/debit card number obtained from the Valero gas station.

11:13 PM- Arrest, DUI Driver, Foothill Blvd. and Whispering Oaks Dr. An officer stopped a motorist for a traffic violation. The driver of the vehicle was found to be driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. The driver was arrested and transported to the Pasadena Jail.

Monday, January 23rd:
2:34 PM- Petty Theft, 400 blk. Madre Ln. Unknown suspect(s) entered an unlocked car and stole three new curtains, shampoo and conditioner.

2:49 PM- Use of Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc. This incident involves the unauthorized fraudulent use of the victim's credit/debit card number obtained from the Valero gas station.

3:00 PM- Use of Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc. This incident involves the unauthorized fraudulent use of the victim's credit/debit card number obtained from the Valero gas station.

Wednesday, January 25th:

12:24 AM- Arrest, DUI Driver, 00 blk. N. Baldwin Ave. An officer stopped a motorist for a traffic violation. Further investigation revealed the driver was driving a motor vehicle while intoxicated. The driver was arrested and transported to the Pasadena Jail.

4:31 PM- Use of Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc. This incident involves an unknown suspect(s) that used the victim's credit to obtain a loan for \$11,100 without the victim's permission.

7:14 PM- Use of Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc. This incident involves the unauthorized fraudulent use of the victim's credit/debit card number obtained from the Valero gas station.

8:55 PM- Residential Burglary, 500 blk. E. Laurel Ave. Unknown suspect(s) entered the residence through a broken window and stole three computers and a printer worth over

\$1,650.

Thursday, January 26th:

8:38 AM- Arrest, Unlicensed Driver, Sierra Madre Blvd. and Hermosa Ave. This incident involves a vehicle being stopped for a vehicle code violation. The driver was driving on a suspended/revoked driver's license with service needed. The driver was cited and released in the field and the vehicle was released to a licensed driver.

9:54 AM- Arrest, Unlicensed Driver, Baldwin Ave. and Hampton Rd. This incident involves a vehicle being stopped for a vehicle code violation. Further investigation revealed the driver did not have a valid license. The driver was cited and released on a written promise to appear.

11:28 AM- Use of Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc. This incident involves the unauthorized fraudulent use of the victim's credit/debit card number obtained from the Valero gas station.

11:46 PM- Arrest, Unlicensed Driver, Foothill Blvd. and Michillinda Ave. This incident involves a vehicle being stopped for a vehicle code violation. During the investigation a records check revealed the driver did not have a valid license. The driver was cited and released in the field and the vehicle was released to a licensed driver.

Friday, January 27th:

3:58 PM- Use of Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc. This incident involves the unauthorized fraudulent use of the victim's credit/debit card number obtained from the Valero gas station.

10:15 PM- Arrest, DUI Driver, Foothill Blvd. and Whispering Oaks Dr. An officer contacted the driver of a vehicle found in the middle of the roadway. Further investigation revealed the driver to be under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested and transported to the Pasadena Jail.

Saturday, January 28th:

8:47 AM- Use of Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc. This incident involves the unauthorized fraudulent use of the victim's credit/debit card number obtained from the Valero gas station.

2:45 PM- Use of Another's Personal Identification to Obtain Credit/Etc. This incident involves the unauthorized fraudulent use of the victim's credit/debit card number obtained from the Valero gas station.

9:09 PM- Arrest, Unlicensed Driver, Baldwin Ave. and Grandview Ave. This incident involves a vehicle being stopped for a vehicle code violation. The driver was driving on a suspended/revoked driver's license with service needed. The driver was cited and released in the field and the vehicle was impounded.

With Sincere Thanks

Thank you for all of the comforting expressions of sympathy received from my Mountain Views family and friends while my family and I dealt with the passing of my brother Billy. God Bless all of you.

H. Susan Henderson



ATTACKER SENTENCED IN ART CENTER INSTRUCTOR'S MURDER



A Westlake Village man convicted of fatally shooting a Pasadena art college instructor at a party was sentenced Thursday to 21 years in state prison, the District Attorney's Office announced.

A Van Nuys Superior Court jury convicted Steven Ronald Honma, 56, of one count of voluntary manslaughter on Nov. 17, 2011, for the killing of Norman Schureman, 50. Van Nuys Superior Court Judge Thomas Robinson imposed Honma's sentence at a morning hearing.

Honma and the victim were at a Persian New Year's Eve party on March 20, 2010, when the defendant got into a fight and was asked to leave. Honma left the party but returned with multiple concealed weapons, ammunition and a serrated knife.

When Honma was asked to leave a second time, a fight ensued and the defendant drew a handgun, fatally shooting Schureman. The victim was a design teacher at Art Center College of Design in Pasadena.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Maureen Green. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department conducted the investigation.

Pet of the Week



Murray is a four-year-old brown tabby. He loves to lay in your lap and snuggle. He loves to purr while being petted too.

Murray's adoption fee is \$70, which includes his neuter surgery, a microchip, the first set of vaccinations, as well as a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. New adopters will receive complimentary health and wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals. Ask an adoptions counselor for more information during your visit.

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A300771, or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday - Friday, 9-4 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets can be found at www.pasadenahumane.org.



Rose Bowl Under Renovation

Panel Floats Arroyo Conservancy Idea

Says, temporary use of the Rose Bowl for a pro football team is a bad idea.

By Dean Lee

A five member panel from the Urban Land Institute suggested Thursday that the best way the city can generate revenues and enhance the Arroyo Seco, including all amenities around the Rose Bowl, is the creation of a Central Arroyo Conservancy modeled after New York City's Central Park.

The group also made clear their opinion that any temporary use of an NFL team at the Rose Bowl was a bad idea.

"You need to shy away from having an NFL team here, even for a couple of years," said Urban Land Institute committee member and Washington D.C. commercial real estate developer Richard Perlmutter, "While it will help financially, in the short run, it will take away from the longer term 'what to do with the Arroyo.' It's hard to turn down money, we all have to live and die by revenue, but I think you need to have a longer view of where we are going."

Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard said he did not see any short-term temporary use for an NFL team and the conservancy idea as conflicting. The city is looking to fill a \$20 million funding gap in the current \$160 million stadium renovation set to be completed in time for 100th Rose Bowl game Jan. 1 2014. "I don't think it's one or the other," he said although making clear that any long term NFL use or a permanent team was not an

option. "Professional football is simply not a question for the future of Pasadena," he added.

A number of ideas for the Arroyo were suggested from, better traffic management, paid parking, tours, sponsorships to refurbishing the Brookside Golf Clubhouse to holding weddings on the Rose Bowl 50-yard line.

Perlmutter estimated the long term proposals could bring \$10 million a year.

Rose Bowl Operating Company board member Khatchik Chahinian said if this could even generate \$3 million or \$4 million they would be in good shape for day-to-day operations. He also said there was no concern over folding the ROBC into the proposed conservancy.

Bogaard said he personally liked the idea of seeing the, now concrete channel alongside the bowl, being used as a focus of recreation, "I think this is a dramatic new way of thinking about the future of the Arroyo Seco, that could both enhance the quality of life and increase revenues."

Linda Vista/Annandale Association member Nina Chomsky said she liked everything that was said, including paid parking and bringing back stop signs — taken out years ago for the safety of peloton cyclists.

President of the Urban Land Institute, Rick Rosan said developing a fee based parking program should be structured based on residency and non-residency something Chomsky said she agreed with. ULI panelist Ryan Bouma said paid

parking could significantly reduce traffic in the area. He said they should look at upgrading paved and non-paved parking areas, possibly straightening main roads.

Tim Brick, the Managing Director of the Arroyo Seco Foundation, said the entire area needed to be thought of as a river and planned accordingly. He added the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers had proposed similar ideas.

Perlmutter said a central conservancy would be tasked with creating a physical mater plan, create a business plan and create a programing template. He said the conservancy would be designed to be transparent in its actions and the city would control the lease terms and renewals similar to New York Central Park Conservancy which, he said, revisits their lease between 8 and ten years. The benefit he said was that everything operates under one lease for the city.

Perlmutter said, in about 60 days, a prepared written report would be given to the city. Vince Berton, Pasadena's Planning Director, said the council would decide how to move forward. Bogaard said the idea of one agency controlling the entire Arroyo Seco had never been raised.

"I certainly have a lot to learn about how Central Park operates," he said. "If we can strike the right balance between integrated management of the Arroyo and ultimate city control... it strikes me as a way to handle the affairs and activities better than we ever have before."

JPL Feb. Events Calendar

The Science and Aesthetics of Deep Space

Artist David Em and astrophysicist Julian Merten will present a free public lecture, "Light and Dark Energy: The Science and Aesthetics of Deep Space," in connection with the exhibition "The Shape of the Universe: Recent Deep Space Photography" at the Pasadena City College art gallery, which is curated by David Em.

Lecture: Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m., lecture hall R-122 (directly behind the art gallery).

Exhibition: The gallery will remain open before and after the lecture, from 6:30 until approximately 8:30 p.m. The exhibition closes on Feb. 9.

Climate Sciences and JPL's Climate Center

Understanding the far-reaching effects of climate change and how to adapt to them is one of the great challenges facing society today. Underpinning this challenge is the need to strengthen our understanding of the science and improve our ability to project future climate change, particularly at regional scales. JPL lies at the forefront of key areas of climate science, in developing the critical global observations of Earth required to meet these challenges, and in advancing our understanding of key climate processes. This talk will place many aspects of the research pursued at JPL into this larger context.

Free lectures on Feb. 16 at JPL; Feb. 17 at Pasadena City College; both at 7 p.m.

POLICE USE LICENSE PLATE READER TO NAB CAR THIEF

By Dean Lee

Armed with a new policing tool, officers apprehended an active parolee Friday night driving a stolen car by using an automated license plate reader (ALPR) able to check thousands of plates per shift.

Police said around 10 p.m. they arrested Christopher Castro, 24, after a snapshot of the car he was driving license plate popped up on the officer's computer screen confirming the car was stolen. Castro was taken into custody without incident they said.

Police said the ALPR technology serves as a "force multiplier" by allowing a patrol car to scan plates while officers remain focused on proactive patrol.

"The Pasadena Police

Department continues to explore technology systems that increase our capacity to protect the community. When combined with skilled law enforcement officers, the ALPR is an effective crime fighting tool and enhances proactive patrols," said Police Chief Phillip Sanchez.

He added that the purchase of the ALPR system was obtained through the Federal Homeland Security Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant funds.

Former Pasadena Police Chief Barney Melekian was named director of the Department of Justice's Office COPS in October 2009.

Community To Help Develop Zero Waste Strategic Plan

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

Pasadenans are being asked to do more than just imagine it. The Pasadena Public Works Department wants the community to work together to make that dream come true by helping develop the Zero Waste Strategic Plan to get us there by the year 2040.

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

Two meetings are scheduled Thursday, Feb. 2, in the Donald R. Wright Auditorium at Pasadena Central Library, 285 E. Walnut Street. The morning meeting from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. will focus on the perspectives of the business community; the evening meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. will consider the perspectives of residents. All Pasadenans are

welcome at both meetings.

For more information call Gabriel Silva of the Pasadena Public Works Department at (626) 744-4721.

Windstorm Provides Free Mulch

Millions of pounds of green debris collected from the December windstorm has been ground up and will be available to the public for free in February. Any non-commercial Pasadena resident with a shovel and something to carry the mulch with is welcome to it.

Mulch is an important organic protective cover placed over soil to help retain moisture, return nutrients, discourage weed growth and encourage seed germination and healthy plant growth.

Free mulch will be available starting Wed., Feb. 1, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Robinson Park, 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave., in the parking lot on Morton Street.

For more information about free mulch or other city recycling programs, contact Public Works Customer Service at (626) 744-4087.



Citizen Journalism Meet-up

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

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

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

We will put the news in your hands. Learn how to find

the story, the tools needed to capture the story and the means to tell the story using the power of video, audio and print along with online social media. The next meeting is Feb. 7 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Pasadena Community Network - Studio G, 2057 N. Los Robles Ave.

For more info call 626.794.8585 or visit pasadenan.com.

State of the City Replays on KPAS and Internet

Pasadena's 2012 State of the City event is now replaying daily on KPAS television. It can be seen Sundays at 10 p.m., Mondays at 3 p.m., Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays at noon, Thursdays at 5 p.m., Fridays at 8 a.m. and Saturdays at 4 p.m.

KPAS is on channel 3 on the Charter Communications cable system in Pasadena and on channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse.

The annual State of the City event, held each January, is a recap of the previous year's accomplishments and a look ahead at Pasadena's opportunities and challenges.

The program, just over one hour in length, can also be viewed at the times listed

above via streaming video by visiting www.cityofpasadena.net/publicaffairs and clicking on the KPAS logo. Video on demand is available at www.cityofpasadena.net/Mayor/State_of_the_City_Video.

With the theme "Spotlight on Performance," the Jan. 26 event at the new A Noise Within theater featured the annual State of the City report by Mayor Bill Bogaard, a video production that reviewed city accomplishments for 2011, and entertainment provided by actors from A Noise Within. Vice Mayor Margaret McAustin served as master of ceremonies.

The full text of Mayor Bogaard's speech is available at www.cityofpasadena.net under Latest News.

"What's Going On?"*News and Views from Joan Schmidt*

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course. I have kept the faith."

This past Monday, I was privileged to attend the funeral Mass for Arcadia Fire Captain Andy Troncale at Holy Angels Church in Arcadia; it was very moving and beautiful. Fire Captain Andy Troncale was more than an exceptional fire fighter; he was a wonderful husband, father, son and friend to many. Tragically Andy had lost his valiant battle with cancer on January 23, 2012, at the age of 52.

Holy Angels is located on Campus Drive and the Police blocked off the area. On either side of Campus Drive, Fire and Rescues vehicles were lined up. The first two vehicles were Tiller Trucks - one on the north side from Arcadia and one on the south side from Burbank. Their ladders were extended and crisscrossed - a Flag of the United States hung in the middle-it was awesome. I walked down the street and took photos of all the units, which included Arcadia FD, Burbank FD, Chino Valley FD, Corona FD, La Verne FD, Long Beach FD, Monrovia FD, Monterey Park FD, Ontario FD, Oxnard FD, Rancho Cucamonga FD, and representatives from Los Angeles County FD (Both Station #44 in Duarte and #24 in San Gabriel County area), San Bernardino County FD and Ventura County FD. Children from Holy Angels School lined the sidewalk, holding little flags and signs - it was very touching. Everyone stood at attention as the hearse brought Andy's coffin to the Church through this impressive lineup.

Once inside the Church, Priest Father Patrick Kirsch, main celebrant, blessed the coffin and prayers were offered. (Father Michael Evans also presided at the Mass.) The Procession walked up the aisle. Pall Bearers included Clark Troncale, Ernie Moreno, Carl Troncale, Jr., Mike Clark, Peter Canaan, Stuart Swartz, Brian Clark and Robert White. At the foot of the altar, the coffin was placed and Andy's family, wife Debbie, and sons Clark, Chad and Clint, put the pall and symbols over it.

After the Blessing of the Coffin and Opening Prayers, Ray Wiley read the First Reading from the Book of Wisdom, followed by the Responsorial Psalm 23. The Second Reading of Paul to the Colossians was done by Ruth Phillipson and then Father Patrick read the Gospel and gave the Homily, which was very comforting. Father began by asking us to listen to God who loves us very much and is present with us. "Andy has been given a new life-the gift of Eternal Life of happiness, peace and joy." Father related how difficult it is to say "good-bye" to a loved one, but Jesus himself experienced the pain when Lazarus died.

After the Homily, the General Intercessions were read by Sam DiGiovanna, former Monrovia Fire Chief and Lesley Schwartz. As the gifts were presented, "Precious Lord Take My Hand" was performed by Vocalist Mary Phillips, accompanied by Pianist, Jerry Jaco. After Communion, a beautiful rendition of "Because You loved me" by Beth Stogner, followed.

Two Eulogies were given. The first was by Arcadia Fire Chief Tony Trabbie. He began by thanking everyone for their support as tribute is paid to "our brother, Fire Captain Andy Troncale. Don't be sad. Wrap yourself in the warmth of his memories. ... Andy was the embodiment of a great firefighter, he had a quick wit, professionalism ... He transcended being a tough firefighter with his gentle and kind ways. He had a wonderful smile that lit the room and made all of us smile when he entered. Andy was a giving person who loved helping others. He brought out the best in everyone."

Chief Trabbie also gave a short account of Andy's career, which began as an explorer with the LA County Fire Department at age 15. He worked for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for a brief time before being hired by the Arcadia Fire Department in 1979. Among his several awards - in 1984 and 1986, he received the Exceptional Service Award from the City of

A LOVING TRIBUTE TO AN EXCEPTIONAL MAN: FIRE CAPTAIN ANDY TRONCALE

Arcadia, and in 2001 and 2009, he was honored as Firefighter of the Year.

Chief Trabbie said that "Much I learned came from Andy. He handled over hundreds of calls over the years. He was calm, confident and a step ahead ... We had a connection from day one. When we met, Andy said, 'Finally! Another Italian who can cook good meatballs.'"

Andy had a great love of family. Every evening at 11, he would call his mom. He would light up when he talked about Debbie and the boys. Chief Trabbie ended with a Bible reference, "There is no greater gift than to lay down one's life for their friend."

The next speaker was Mike Cowles, a family friend. Mike knew Andy for fifty years and lightened the somber mood with stories of childhood pranks and great memories. They loved to swim, go fishing and ride bikes.

After the Eulogies, the service ended with a touching rendition of "On Eagle's Wings", followed by the Bagpipe Hymn, "Going Home", performed by Fire Captain David Hutchinson.

As the coffin was placed on the Hearse, all fire personnel stood and attention and saluted. (There were over 200 fire personnel and law enforcement members- Arcadia PD was well represented-I recognized Lieutenant Mike Castro, Annunciation School Graduate.) Mayor Gary Kovacic, Mayor Pro Tem Bob Harbricht and Council Members Peter Amundson and Mickey Segal also attended. It's estimated over 400 attended services!

After services I caught up with red-eyed former Monrovia Fire Chief Sam DiGiovanna. (Chief Sam DiGiovanna is now Fire Chief of Training at the Verduga Fire Academy in Glendale.) Andy was his close friend growing up. They played little league together. While growing up, they played firemen in the Chief's backyard. They joined the LA County Fire Department Explorer Post Program at age 15 and never looked back. They received their training, graduated and spent countless days riding along at various fire stations. Chief DiGiovanna related that "Andy and I attended High School together, often in the same class ... did get into a bit of mischief, but always were good kids with our focus on being firefighters."

After they obtained their drivers' licenses, they "bought scanners and listened to where fires were. If they were close by, they would go watch them. We LOVED the fire service."

Eventually they both were hired by fire departments and shared similar careers. How fortunate they lived their childhood dreams. Towards the end of Andy's battle, Chief DiGiovanna asked him a question because Andy had confided that he knew he was nearing his end. He asked Andy, "What can you teach me from what you are experiencing and what you have experienced?"

Andy simply stated, "Not to sweat the small stuff, because it's all small stuff."

Chief DiGiovanna ended with "I hope everyone can take that little tidbit and put it into practice. Though I know it will be hard for me to do, I will think of Andy and do my best to live by that." Final resting place for Andy is at Rise Hills Cemetery in Whittier. What a remarkable man Captain Andy Troncale was, he helped so many. It is truly amazing all he accomplished in 52 years. May memories of his beautiful life sustain his family and friends at this difficult time.



ANTONOVICH ANNOUNCES GRANT FOR REPLANTING TREES DESTROYED IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WINDSTORM

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich announced a \$2,500,000 County grant program to replant trees in parts of the San Gabriel Valley devastated by the December 2011 windstorm.

Grants of up to \$100,000 will be awarded competitively to cities, other public agencies and nonprofit organizations that partner with public

agencies. Grant guidelines allow for trees to be planted in parks and public open spaces as well as in parkways along residential and commercial streets.

The application deadline has been set for May 31st for applicants to develop comprehensive replanting programs. Grants should be awarded this summer allowing for tree planting as early

as this fall or winter. Priority will be given to the grant proposals demonstrating the greatest need.

Applications can be downloaded from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District website at <http://openspace-district.lacounty.info> or for more information, call (213) 738-2981.

VETERAN SMALL BUSINESS EXPO 2012 co-hosted by SBA, Veteran Business Outreach Center and SBDC

LOS ANGELES - The U.S. Small Business Administration, Veteran Business Outreach Center and the Los Angeles Regional Small Business Development Center Network cordially invite you to attend this expo for veteran small business owners. The event will have an expo area with dozens of resource providers, prime contractors and veteran business owner organizations. In addition, the event will have four separate panels on Supplier Diversity, Access to Capital, Government Contracting, Certifications and Business Resource Providers. Register at www.vboc-ca.org or by calling 916-393-1690.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 8, 2012 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (registration begins at 8:30 am)

WHERE: Long Beach City College, Building T-1200, 4901 Carson Street, Long Beach, CA 90808.

Free parking is available in the Veterans Stadium parking lot off of Clark Avenue.

HOSTS: Los Angeles SBA District Office, Veteran Business Outreach Center and the Los Angeles Regional Small Business Development Center Network

RSVP: Space is limited. Register by visiting www.vboc-ca.org or calling at 916-393-1690.

TOPICS COVERED:

Access to Capital - Many entrepreneurs need financial resources to start or expand their small business.

SBA's financing is primarily delivered through programs via our network of lenders: SBA 7(a) Loans (working capital), SBA 504 Loans (owner-occupied real estate), CAPLines (lines of credit), Export Working Capital Loans and Microloans (\$500 - \$50,000).

Overview of Technical Assistance - Small Business Development Centers, Women's

Business Centers, and Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)

SBA Resource Partners meet the needs of small businesses and promote economic development in local communities by helping to create and retain jobs. They assist with development of business plans, provide manufacturing, financial packaging, contracting and international trade assistance; provide no-cost one-to-one consulting to aspiring and existing business owners; provide low-cost training and workshops. Based on client needs, SBDCs tailor their services to meet the evolving needs of the local small business community.

Government Contracting & Subcontracting - In Fiscal Year 2010, the Federal Government bought almost \$500 Billion in goods and services.

Ranging from paper clips and janitorial services to space shuttles and advanced scientific research - and pretty much everything in between. Small businesses received nearly \$100 Billion in contract awards. Recent laws such as the Small Business Jobs Act and the Women-Owned Small Business Contracting Program will help put even more of these dollars into the hands of small businesses, helping them grow, drive innovation and create jobs.

Supplier Diversity - how to get on large companies lists of vendors and suppliers

Hear from Supplier Clearinghouse, PGE, Verizon and Southern California Edison on contracting opportunities, how they select their vendors and what they look for in suppliers.

All SBA programs and services are extended to the public on a non-discriminatory basis. Reasonable arrangements for persons with disabilities will be made if requested in advance.

The Pasadena Women's Connection invites everyone to the **"WHO WINS THE RACE? WILL YOUR MONEY OUTLIVE YOU?"** luncheon and program on Wednesday, February 8, 11:30A.M. at the Altadena Country Club, 2290 Country Club Drive, Altadena. Keegan J. Tanghe, financial planner, will tell how to make important life decisions necessary to get not only to retirement, but through it.

Angela Alexander, former member of the U.S. Air Force, author and inspirational speaker explains how she was able to turn pain into power and grief into peace in her talk "Love Letters".

Tickets are \$23. For reservations or information call Darlene (818)353-2212 or Carole (818)790-1907.

PET OF THE WEEK

Oakley: Animal ID # A4386877



Meet the sweetest big puppy at the shelter, the amazing Oakley (A4386877)! Oakley is a sensational one-year-old brown and black German Shepherd/Hound mix puppy who was found in Hacienda Heights on January 17th and brought to the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center. Weighing sixty-seven pounds, and likely to grow some more, this puppy is a favorite of both staff and volunteers - everybody who has met him is in love with him! Oakley needs training and will be easy to train - volunteers were able to teach him "sit" in ten minutes. He is great with other dogs and gives his human friends endless hugs. There really are not enough superlatives to express how fantastic this boy is! Oakley will be the perfect indoor pet for an active individual or family living in a private home, and we think he'll be amazing with kids. To view a video of Oakley please click here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=meujT_3BWnY

To meet Oakley, please see him at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378). He is currently available now. For any inquiries about Oakley, please reference his animal ID number: A4386877. The shelter is open seven days a week, 12 pm-7 pm Monday-Thursday and 10am-5pm Friday-Sunday. This is a high-intake shelter with a great need for adoptions. For more information about Oakley or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at samanthasayon@gmail.com or 661-309-2674.

To learn more about United Hope for Animals' partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter through its Shelter Support Program, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.

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ALICE WANG NAMED ARCADIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

To be presented award at Chamber directors Installation Dinner April 19

The Arcadia Chamber of Commerce has named Alice Wang the 2012-2013 Citizen of the Year.

Alice has been one of the most active volunteers in the community for many years. In the past year alone she is Vice President of the Arcadia Public Library Foundation; co-chair of the Assistance League of Arcadia's Operation School Bell; Public Relations Chair for the Tzu Chi Foundation's MWLA; a City-appointed Commissioner for the Arcadia Historical Museum, and on the board of the Arcadia Historical Museum Foundation. She also continues to devote hours each week to the Arcadia Police Department's Volunteers in Patrol Service program and remains a very active member of the Arcadia Chinese Association, for which she was President in 2007-08. If that isn't enough, she is volunteering for the Foothill Unity Center and is being considered for a board seat there this year.

Alice will succeed Sho Tay, this year's Citizen of the Year, at the 2012 Citizen of the Year / Installation Dinner to be held on April 19 in the Chandelier Room at Santa Anita Park. The annual dinner event, featuring presentations by Chamber and City leaders and political dignitaries, is considered one of Arcadia's premier events and features an auction. For information and tickets, call the Chamber office at 626-447-2159.



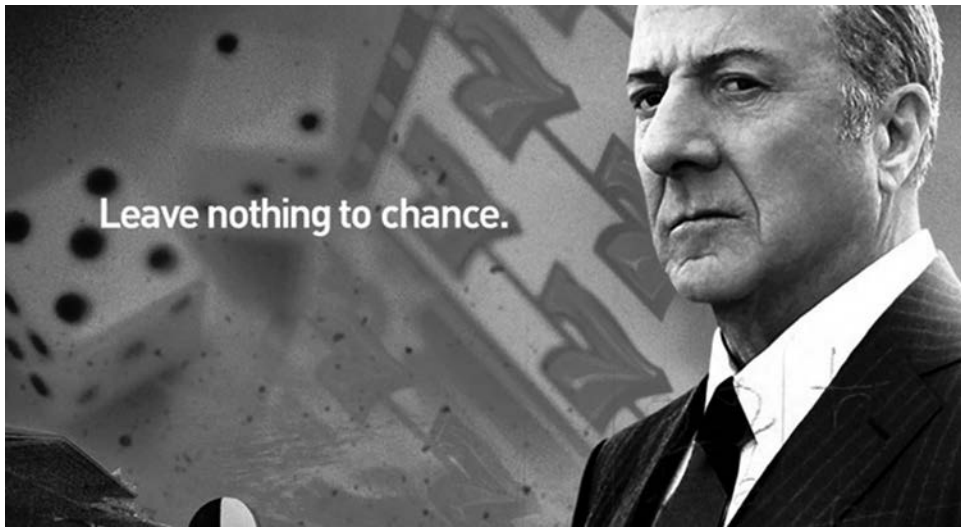
Other recent Citizens of the Year include Vince Foley, current City Councilman Mickey Segal and his wife Lee Segal, Gail Jensen, and current Mayor Gary Kovacic.

Other upcoming Chamber events include comedian Scott Shimamoto at the monthly Networking Breakfast 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16 in the Sunset Room of the Santa Anita Golf Course; the annual Planning Conference on Thursday, Feb. 23 from 8 a.m. – 12 noon in the Director's Room at Santa Anita Park; and the Winners' Circle Business Expo from 12 noon – 4 p.m. Saturday, March 31 for the first time ever at Clockers' Corner of Santa Anita Park during a Food Truck Festival.

A new Chamber All Access Pass exclusive to members offers year-round admission to all Chamber events as well as tickets to the Pasadena Pops, CalPhil, Renaissance Pleasure Faire, and many others for only \$250 per year. 10% of which is donated to local non-profit member groups.

Membership in the Chamber is \$115 for residents and non-profit organizations; \$185 for home-based businesses; and starts at \$260 for traditional businesses. The Arcadia Chamber of Commerce is celebrating its 90th Anniversary of Creating Community Pride Through Business since 1921.

SANTA ANITA IN "LUCK" 2ND SEASON



Less than 48-hours after the official debut of the pilot episode of HBO's new high-profile "Luck" series, the network has already ordered a second season of the program filmed at Santa Anita Park and various locations in Arcadia, including Rod's Grill, among other cities in the region.

After a disappointing viewing audience of only 1.1 million viewers of the show's sneak preview in December, the total gross audience for multiple showings of the pilot, including Sunday's much-publicized broadcast, more than 3.3 million viewers have watched the program to date, according to Michael Lombardo, president, HBO Programming.

Production is slated to begin in late February to take advantage of the crowds and live racing during Santa Anita's regular season. The second season would debut in January 2013. Much of the production of the first season had to be filmed when there was no racing in the fall of 2010 when Oak Tree Racing unexpectedly moved to Hollywood Park and there was no fall meet at Santa Anita for the first time in decades. The original pilot had been filmed during Santa Anita's regular winter/spring meet in 2010.

HBO's second season order is for 10 episodes, one more than this season's nine episodes, the second of which will premiere this weekend on the same day as the Super Bowl.

"Luck," from director Michael Mann and "Deadwood" creator David Milch, both executive producers on the show, is a behind-the-track look at the world of horse racing and gambling's denizens – owners, trainers, jockeys and gamblers, whose cast is led by Dustin Hoffman and Nick Nolte.

Season one regulars included Dennis Farina, John Ortiz, Richard Kind, Kevin Dunn, Ian Hart, Ritchie Coster, Jason Gedrick, Kerry Condon, Gary Stevens, Tom Payne, and Jill Hennessy. – By Scott Hettrick, Arcadia's Best

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LOCAL REALTORS SUPPORT WOMEN IN NEED



At Coldwell Banker's weekly marketing meeting, Claudia Storey, Manager of Coldwell Banker's Arcadia office, and Connie Hanson, Realtor and Foundation Representative presented a check for \$5,000 to Ana Interiano, Assistant Director, WINGS.

Coldwell Banker, Arcadia Regional Office, has for many years raised money to support Coldwell Banker's Community Foundation. Neighbors and Real Estate clients are invited to an Annual Pancake Breakfast which takes place in the

parking lot of the office located at 15 E. Foothill Blvd, in Arcadia. Coldwell Banker's Community Foundation chose also this year to support WINGS Domestic Violence Program, which is run by YWCA San Gabriel Valley. "WINGS"

stands for Women In Need Of Growing Strong. It's a powerful organization that helps women and their children get back on their feet after escaping from a violent home.

City of Arcadia Senior Services Nominations for 2012 Senior Citizen of the Year!

Applications are available at the Arcadia Community Center front desk for nominations for the 2012 Senior Citizen of the Year! Do you know someone who is: caring and at least 55 years of age; an Arcadia resident; actively involved in volunteer work; invaluable to your organization and deserving of recognition? If so, then nominate that special person for the 2012 Arcadia Senior Citizen of the Year Award. Recipient of the award will be honored at the Arcadia Rotary Club's Salute to Seniors luncheon on Tuesday, May 8th. Nominations must be submitted by Tuesday, February 21, 2012 to the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91066-6021. For more information, please call 626.574.5130.

ARCADIA CHAMBER AND REALTORS® TO HOST COUNCIL CANDIDATES FORUM MARCH 7 AT ARCADIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Arcadia Chamber of Commerce and the Arcadia Association of REALTORS® are once again partnering to present a forum on March 7 for the public to meet and hear from all five candidates running for two City Council seats up for election in March/April.

The free Meet the Candidates Forum will be held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, in

the auditorium of the Arcadia Public Library. Seating for 175 attendees will be on a first-come, first-served basis, so please arrive early to ensure a seat. Light refreshments will be provided by the AAR.

Although election day is technically April 10, for the first time there will be no polls open on that date or any other. Mail-in ballots will be mailed to voters in early March and must be returned and received no later than April 10. With voters having the option of completing and returning their ballots in early March, AAR and the Chamber feel it is very important to hold the forum early in the process. AAR and the Chamber teamed up for a similar forum in 2010 that was standing-room only at

the Woman's Club of Arcadia, and for several elections over the past years.

All five candidates have already agreed to attend to the forum: former Mayor John Wu, Sho Tay, Henry Nunez, incumbent current Mayor Gary Kovacic, and Mary Dougherty.

Chamber Executive Director Scott Hettrick and AAR Board of Director member Andy Bencosme will co-moderate the forum, with each asking questions of the candidates after initial self-introductions by each candidate. Written questions will be accepted from the audience, with as many as possible being asked of the candidates.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, January 22nd, through Saturday, January 28th, the Police Department responded to 821 calls for service, of which 115 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, January 22:

At about 2:22 a.m., an officer observed a vehicle with a broken taillight, and conducted a traffic stop on Huntington Drive, east of Fifth Avenue. Through investigation, the officer discovered the driver had a suspended license. The passenger was in possession of a valid license; however, he neglected to drive because he had been drinking. The 26-year-old Hispanic female driver was cited for Driving on a Suspended License, and the 32-year-old Hispanic male passenger was cited for Permitting an Unlicensed Driver to Drive.

1. Between 5:50 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., unknown suspect(s) stole a Blue Honda Civic from the parking lot at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue. The victim left the vehicle secured with all doors locked, and no one saw or heard anything suspicious. Mall security was advised to check surveillance video for possible suspect information.

Monday, January 23:

2. Shortly after 12:13 p.m., an officer was patrolling the parking lot of Fresh & Easy, 133 East Foothill Boulevard, and conducted a DMV inquiry on a Ford F-150 truck. The officer discovered the vehicle had expired registration, and made contact with the driver. As the officer approached the rear of the vehicle, he noticed a fraudulent year registration sticker. The 52-year-old White male was cited for False Display of Registration.

3. Around 9:06 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 000 block of Fairview Avenue, in

regards to a theft report. The victim discovered his two bicycles had been stolen from his bike rack, which he stored in a designated parking stall. Unknown suspect(s) cut the bike chain by an unknown means, and fled undetected.

Tuesday, January 24:

At approximately 11:30 a.m., officers responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter in regards to a fraud investigation. The victim discovered unknown suspect(s) attempted to change the address of her Nordstrom credit account, and opened two Chase credit card accounts using her personal information. The victim has no idea how her information was compromised and is desirous of prosecution.

4. At approximately 4:45 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 000 block of Kingsley Drive in regards to a residential burglary report. When the victim returned home, he discovered two of his bedrooms had been ransacked, and noticed his coins were missing. Unknown suspect(s) forced entry into the home through a sliding glass window. Officers made contact with a neighbor who reported seeing a bluish green metallic truck with two White male occupants, approximately in their 30's. The vehicle was seen driving away westbound from the north curb line of Kingsley Drive, directly in front of the victim's house.

Wednesday, January 25:

5. Around 2:44 p.m., officers responded to the area of Baldwin Avenue and Gate 7 at the Santa Anita Race Track, in reference to a possible drunk driver. An investigation revealed the suspect ran a red light at the intersection of Baldwin Avenue, and attempted to make a left turn into Gate 7 but drove into the racetrack fence. He left the scene of the accident, and was located and detained inside

the racetrack parking lot. Officers determined the suspect was under the influence and was never issued a license. The 32-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

6. t approximately 7:11 p.m., an officer responded to CVS Pharmacy, 188 Las Tunas Drive, in regards to a theft report. The cashier observed a male adult exit the store while concealing a bottle of liquor underneath his jacket. She watched him flee west through the parking lot on a silver bicycle. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male with light skin, bald, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, light gray striped shorts, white socks, and tan shoes.

Thursday, January 26:

Shortly after 9:20 a.m., an officer was patrolling the area of Peck Road and Clark Avenue, and conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for suspended registration. The driver and passenger provided false identities. Through investigation, the officer discovered the driver had a suspended license for DUI, a no bail felony warrant, two misdemeanor warrants, and was on felony probation. A records check of the passenger revealed an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. The 41-year-old Hispanic male driver and 28-year-old Hispanic male passenger were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

7. Around 2:35 p.m., an officer was dispatched to Nordstrom at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in reference to a burglary report. A female adult returned two Michael Kors watches for a cash refund. Loss prevention personnel later determined the watches were stolen from Nordstrom at the Montclair Mall. The suspect was recorded on video surveillance, and matched the description of a suspect in other related cases.

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This Week In Monrovia from Mark Alvarado Interim City Manager

Youth State of the City Address

On Wednesday, February 8, 2012, Mayor Mary Ann Lutz will again deliver the State of the City address -- but this time for a very special audience -- for the Monrovia youth. This will be in partnership with the Monrovia Unified School District, and will be the second annual youth address. The event will be held at Monrovia High School at 2:00pm in the school auditorium. High School youth from MHS, Canyon Oaks, and Mountain Parks schools are all invited to attend. This is an effort to reach out to the youth of the community, and include them as we move through this new year. We expect the event to be as inspiring as the Annual State of the City address that was delivered on January 24 at the Krikorian Theatre. For those who missed that State of the City in January, a full video of the address can be found on our website at www.cityofmonrovia.org.

Yes, It Actually Happened... Now What?

As of February 1, redevelopment has been eliminated. So now what? The Successor Agency --

which is the City of Monrovia -- will be holding its first public meeting on February 7, 2012. There will be a slight change to the former Agency's usual public meeting schedule; the meeting will be taking place right after the regularly scheduled City Council meeting. For any questions regarding the meeting agenda, please contact Darlene Sanchez at (626) 303-6604.

COMMUNITY SERVICES HAPPENINGS

The City Council will review the following at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2012:

- AR-1 Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No. 2008081097), Making Certain Findings of Fact as Required by the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), Adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan, all in Connection with the Hillside Wilderness Preserve and Hillside Recreation Area Resource Management Plan, and Adoption of the Hillside Wilderness Preserve and Hillside Recreation Area Resource Management Plan;

Resolution No. 2012-07

Youth Sports Program .

The second game of the 2012 Winter Youth Sports Basketball Program was held on Wednesday, January 25, with two exciting games. The 2 p.m. game showcased the Monroe Lions facing off against the Mayflower Mariners. Both teams played hard, with Monroe holding control for the majority of the game and for the win, 28-10. The 3:15 p.m. game featured the Bradoaks Bobcats against the Wild Rose Bears. The game stayed close in the first half with Wild Rose coming on strong in the second half and pulling away for the win, 38-16. The Youth Sports Program is available to fourth- and fifth-grade boys and girls from Bradoaks, Mayflower, Monroe and Wild Rose Elementary Schools. Youth must participate at the school which they attend. For additional information regarding the Youth Sports Program, please contact the Department of Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

DUARTE PREPARING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN ONLINE COMMUNITY SURVEY TO ASSIST PLANNING PROCESS

The City of Duarte is in the process of preparing an Energy Efficiency Plan to determine the City's existing and future energy use and to set the City's future energy reduction goals.

The Energy Efficiency Plan for the City of Duarte is part of a unified regional framework for meeting long-term energy efficiency goals. Funding for the project was awarded through the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SVGCOG) with a grant from Southern California Edison to implement activities to achieve statewide energy efficiency goals. Twenty-seven of the thirty-one San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

member agencies are currently participating in the project. This framework will allow the Energy Efficiency Plan developed for each city to function as a stand-alone document tailored to individual communities. The anticipated completion of the project is October 2012.

To date the project's consultant has held five stakeholder interviews, prepared a work plan for the project, and has prepared the online survey for the community to provide input into each City's project planning process.

The survey questionnaire is available in English and in

Spanish. To access the survey in English go to http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SGVCOG_EnergySurvey_1.

The Spanish language version is available at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Spa-Ext>. For more information about Duarte's Energy Efficiency Project contact the Community Development Department at (626) 357-7931, ext. 238.

A fact sheet in English and in Spanish is available at City Hall and can also be viewed under the Latest News link on the City's website, www.accessduarte.com.

MONTHLY CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE TO KEEP COMMUNITY INFORMED ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES OF CITY DEPARTMENTS

Duarte residents can follow the latest developments regarding City projects and activities detailed on a monthly City Manager's Update posted on the City website, www.accessduarte.com. The report is located under the City Manager section of the website. The City Manager's Update is a monthly news source designed to update

the Council, staff and community on the various issues that City departments are working on in addition to the status of items raised by the City Council during regular meetings.

Among items reported in the City Manager's January 2012 Update are:

- The Vulcan mining issue appeal process. The City's opening brief in the appeal of the Superior Court denial of the City's lawsuit will be filed in February with oral arguments expected to occur in June or July.
- Staff is exploring a Community Garden project in a City-owned park.
- Opening of the new 99 Cent Only Store

in the shopping center on the northeast corner of Huntington Dr. and Buena Vista is now set for March 2012.

- Staff is working with a developer on a proposal to develop the northwest corner of Huntington Dr. and Buena Vista with a national food tenant.
- Duarte was selected as a recipient of a \$400,000 METRO grant for planning and development around the future Gold Line Station. Additional details on these and other items from the City Manager's office, Administrative Services, Transit Department, Human Resources Division, Community Development, Parks and Recreation, and Public Safety are available in the Update.

Monrovia Police Blotter

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 470 service events, resulting in 106 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monrovia> for crime mapping.

Suspicious Package. On January 23 at 1:41 p.m., officers responded to the 200 block of West Chestnut regarding a suspicious letter received by a local business. A white powdery substance was contained within the letter. Monrovia Fire Department, in coordination with Los Angeles County Fire and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Hazmat Teams, responded to recover the suspicious letter. The substance was analyzed, and tested positive as a narcotic substance. The origination of the letter is under investigation, and is being handled by the Monrovia Police Department.

Possession of Stolen Property – Suspect Arrested. On January 24 at 11:30 a.m., an officer observed a bicyclist run a stop sign in the 900 block of Alta Vista. After stopping the subject, he received consent to search. During the search, he found the subject was in possession of several gift cards. The names on the cards matched the names of victims from thefts that occurred earlier in the week in Monrovia. The suspect was arrested for possession of stolen property, and the investigation is continuing.

Trespassing – Suspect Arrested. On January 24 at 9:52 p.m., officers responded to an audible alarm activation at a residence in the 200 block of North Myrtle, which is a house that is under construction. When officers arrived, it appeared as if someone had climbed through an unlocked rear window. Upon closer examination, a wallet with identification was found inside the house.

While officers were speaking with neighbors, they noticed a male subject walking nearby. His head was down as if he were looking for something he had dropped. The officers contacted him and discovered he was the owner of the wallet found in the vacant house. This individual lives in the neighborhood. He said he was looking for a place to smoke Marijuana, and he knew that the house was vacant. He climbed through an unsecured window and activated the audible alarm, which caused him to flee and drop his wallet. There was no evidence indicating the suspect entered the location to steal any property. He was arrested for trespassing.

Hit & Run Traffic Collision / Ve-

hicle Versus Pedestrian – Suspect Arrested. On January 27 at 3:31 p.m., a hit and run traffic collision occurred at Huntington and Canyon. A 12-year-old girl was struck by a vehicle as she tried to cross the street. After stopping briefly down the road, the driver drove off and did not stop to check on the child or to render any aid. The child was severely injured, and was taken by helicopter to a hospital in critical condition.

Officers conducted an intense search for the suspect driver. Witness statements and evidence at the scene led officers to an address in Monrovia, where the suspects vehicle was recovered and the passenger who had been in the car during the incident was found. Through further investigation, officers eventually located the suspect at a business in Duarte. The female suspect admitted to driving the vehicle, and striking the child. She was arrested and booked for the appropriate charges. The father of the child called later and reported that the victim had been upgraded to stable condition.

Possession of Burglary Tools – Suspect Arrested. On January 25 at 4:08 a.m., a resident in the 200 block of West Olive reported hearing suspicious male voices in the alley. Officers responded and detained two subjects. One of them was arrested for possession of burglary tools. Nearby, the officers found a red and black, "Gary Fisher" brand, mountain bike that had been discarded. The bike was taken as found property, and the officers began attempting to locate its owner. Investigation continuing.

Attempt Burglary. On January 25 at 9:03 p.m., an attempted residential burglary was reported in the 1000 block of Orange. The incident occurred sometime between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. An unknown suspect attempted to pry open the front door of the residence. There was no loss. Investigation continuing.

Residential Burglary. On January 26 at 4:58 p.m., a resident in the 200 block of East Lemon called to report a burglary. An unknown suspect entered the residence sometime after the resident left for work, and ransacked the home. A video game station was stolen. Additional property was found by the victim on the front lawn. Investigation continuing.

Residential Burglary. On January 27 at 2:48 a.m., officers responded to a residence in the 300 block of East Colorado regarding a burglary. The victim reported that she left her home for work at 10 a.m. on

January 26 and returned home at 2:45 a.m. on January 27 to find her house ransacked. There were no signs of forced entry; however, the front door was open. Money was taken from a shoe box in the living room. Investigation continuing.


Vehicle Burglary. On January 27 at 8:06 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a hotel in the 900 block of West Huntington regarding a vehicle burglary. The victim reported that he arrived at the location at about 7 p.m., parked his vehicle in the parking area, and went into the hotel. When he returned to his vehicle at about 8:25 p.m., he found the dashboard had been removed and the navigation system was missing. Also missing was a briefcase containing personal information, and other miscellaneous paperwork. Investigation continuing.

Vandalism. On January 28 at 2:53 p.m., graffiti was reported at a park in the 300 block of South Myrtle. Suspects wrote on the band shell in the park in pink/red letters. Investigation continuing.

Discharge of a Laser at an Aircraft. On January 28 at 9:13 p.m., the Foothill Air Support helicopter reported being hit by a green laser from the area between Diamond and El Dorado. Arcadia Police Department was also notified. Monrovia officers responded to the area, but were unable to locate the source of the laser.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon. On January 29 at 12:30 a.m., an officer responded to a local hospital regarding a stabbing victim at their facility who reported that the incident occurred in Monrovia. The victim, a 16-year-old male, stated that he and several friends had left a friend's house in the 100 block of East Evergreen and began walking to another friend's house in the 800 block of East Olive. When they reached California, they were confronted by two male Hispanic subjects. The victim pushed the suspect, and the suspect stabbed him in the arm. The second suspect jumped in and hit the victim in the face. Then they separated, and walked away in different directions. The victim was taken to a hospital by friends.

Suspect number one is described as 18 to 22 years old, 5 foot 5 inches tall, 140 to 160 pounds, black hair, thin moustache, wearing a light colored baseball cap, gray hooded sweatshirt and light colored shorts. Suspect number two is described as a male Hispanic, 20 to 22 years old, 5 foot 7 inches tall, 140 to 160 pounds, black or brown medium length shaggy hair, wearing a black t-shirt. The weapon is a pocket knife with a 4-inch stainless blade. Investigation continuing.



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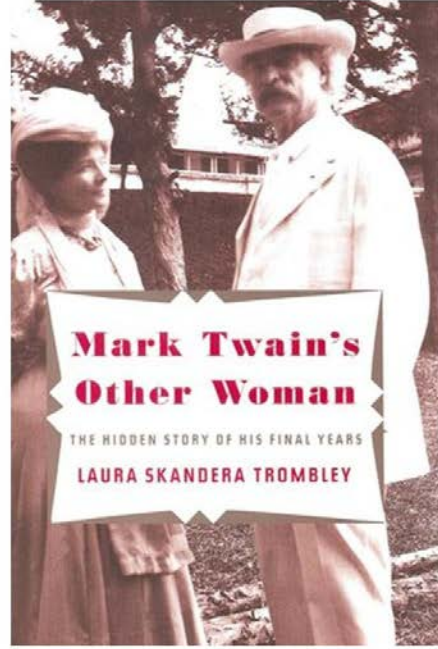
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Learn many of the Twain household's dark secrets in the last decade of his life.

Noted Twain scholar and President of Pitzer College in Claremont, Laura Trombley speaks about the bitter feud between his daughter Clara and the manipulative Isabel Lyon.



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PUSD TEACHER SURPRISED WITH NATIONAL MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD

“Oscar of Teaching” goes to John Muir’s Manuel Rustin, along with \$25,000

Pasadena, CA – John Muir High School teacher Manuel Rustin got the surprise of a lifetime today at a school wide assembly, where he was honored with the National Milken Educator Award, one of the most prestigious honors in teaching. The Milken Family Foundation (MFF) honored—and stunned—Manuel Rustin, a social studies teacher at John Muir High School, with the award, which comes with a no-strings-attached cash prize of \$25,000. Among the leaders participating in the ceremony were California Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson and Pasadena Unified School District Superintendent Jon R. Gundry.

“Our public education system is at the heart of America’s promise and is essential in safeguarding the American dream for future generations. With research confirming that an effective teacher is the single most important school-related factor in raising student achievement, it is clear to see the critical role that outstanding teachers play in shaping our country,” said MFF Chairman and Co-Founder Lowell Milken, who presented the award. “We created the Milken Educator Awards to proclaim in a very public way that greatness in education must be recognized and rewarded. As the program’s motto extols, ‘the future belongs to the educated.’ Manuel Rustin is an education game-changer who empowers students and teachers to exceed their own expectations of what is possible. He is an inspiration and example for communities, policy-makers, and students who may be inspired to enter the profession, and for all of our nation’s K-12 educators.”

Mr. Rustin, the lead teacher for John Muir High’s Arts, Entertainment and Media (AEM) College & Career Pathway was instrumental in the overall redesign of the school four years ago into academies, and the AEM Pathway became certified in June 2011. In the four years since its reinvention, John Muir High School’s academic performance index has risen by 78 points, graduation rates and attendance rates have improved, and the school has produced three Gates Millennium Scholarship winners.

“One of the main things I love about Muir is how many great teachers we have,” said Mr. Rustin before a cheering audience. “The award itself is an honor, but the greatest honor is being part of the Mustang family and teaching Mustangs how to get where they want to go. There’s not a moment that I regret choosing to teach, and to come to Muir. Four years ago, students, families, and staff came together and turned things around, and this award celebrates what we’ve accomplished. As a teacher, it’s all about working with students like you, connecting with you and motivating you to do your best.”



This year marks MFF’s 25th anniversary recognizing and rewarding America’s top teachers with what Teacher Magazine deems “the Oscars of Teaching.” The Awards program was conceived by Lowell Milken to recognize the importance of outstanding educators and encourage talented young people to enter the teaching profession. Unlike most teaching awards, the Milken Educator Awards has no formal nomination or application process. Each year exceptional teachers, principals and specialists—recommended without their knowledge by a blue-ribbon panel appointed by each state’s department of education—are surprised with the news of their awards.

As lead teacher for John Muir High’s Arts, Entertainment and Media (AEM) College & Career Pathway, Mr. Rustin creates such a stimulating environment that when he offered a state test prep boot camp after school for a group of 30 students, 60 lined the halls ready to go. Rustin made room for them all. His teaching effectiveness is characterized by an innovative approach to instruction which has motivated higher thinking skills, increased peer learning relationships and strengthened ties between the curriculum and real world. Standout projects have been to create songs and performances about the Constitution and establish Facebook profiles for historical figures.

Mr. Rustin drives his students to think independently and prepares them for college. In his classes, they become versed in performing self-assessments and charting goals. Mr. Rustin conducts his own assessments of students at the beginning, middle and end of the year. In a school that had traditionally been underperforming, his students are seeing noticeable gains in achievement.

In addition to his daily duties, Mr. Rustin

is responsible for coordinating student recruitment and internships for his College & Career Pathway as well as providing professional development for fellow staff. He is a member of the school’s leadership team and its Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) site team, as well as a lead trainer for Thinking Maps—a common visual language and graphic organizing system for note-taking—now in every classroom.

The Awards story doesn’t end with the surprise notification. New recipients are invited to join the Milken Educator Network, a group of distinguished educators whose expertise serves as a valuable resource to fellow educators, legislators, school boards and others shaping the future of education.

Since first presented to a dozen California teachers, the Milken Educator Awards program has grown to become the nation’s preeminent teacher recognition program having honored more than 2,500 teachers, principals and specialists with over \$63 million in individual, unrestricted \$25,000 awards. More than \$135 million has been devoted to the overall program, which includes powerful professional development opportunities throughout the recipients’ careers in education. The exponential impact of the more than 2,500 outstanding teachers has helped to reform American K-12 education. The Milken Awards alternates yearly between elementary and secondary educators. Each participating state department of education appoints an independent blue ribbon committee to review candidates that are sourced through a confidential selection process and recommend candidates to the Foundation.

PUSD DISTRICTING TASKFORCE: SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC MEETING

Join us on Monday, February 13, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the City of Sierra Madre Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024. The Pasadena Unified School District Districting Taskforce encourages you and your community group or organization to participate in an important process that affects your representation on the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) School Board of Education. A

taskforce was selected and charged with the task of amending the Charter language and drawing new sub-regional districts with the purpose of electing future School Board Members.

The taskforce invites you to take part in this important process by attending the following series of meetings and giving them your comments, concerns, and considerations on draft map illus-

trations that they have developed to receive community input. Please see draft maps and dates for upcoming meetings at: <http://districting-task-force.pasadenausd.org/>.

For more information, email us at pusdtaskforce@gmail.com or call us at 323-349-0661, ext. 18.

SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY'S FREE PARENT/CHILD WORKSHOPS SLATED FOR FEBRUARY

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This project is supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

For more information, please call Meegan Tosh, Youth Services Librarian at (626) 355-7186. The Sierra Madre Public Library is located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre. www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us



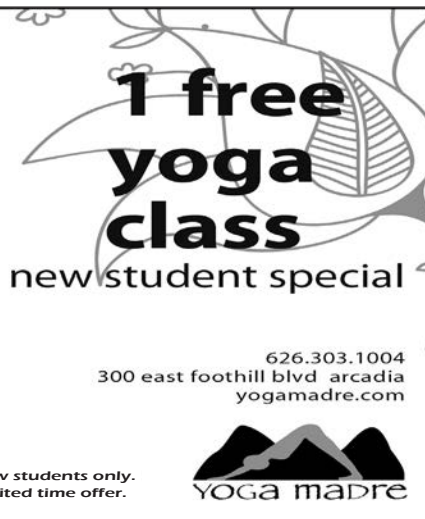
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By Meaghan Allen

HAIR

It comes in all colors, lengths, styles and expressions. It is our hair and it helps express who we are as an individual, revealing our strengths and weaknesses. Women with short, pixie hair cuts are seen as strong individuals with heaps of confidence, whereas boys and men with longer hair are seen as ‘skaters’ or ‘rockers’. For large events like prom or a business interview, the way ones hair is presented could make or break you. Sadly, there are people around the globe who don’t have hair – children with cancer and adults with other sicknesses. Their means of expressions relies on their clothes, and, thankfully, wigs donated by selfless individuals, including three of my good friends. This past Monday, as part of La Salle’s Catholic Schools week, a week of donations and activities, we had Locks of Love come and cut some hair during lunch. Four girls were originally signed up, two of whom are close friends of mine and had been talking about cutting their hair for weeks. Anticipation rose as the eight inches was measured and hands squeezed as the hair was slowly snipped away and placed in a plastic bag. Then, out of pure spontaneity, two of my others friends approached the stage and before they knew it, their hair was eight inches shorter. But their amazement at what they had just done was overshadowed by excitement and a sense of goodwill. Eight girls cut their hair for eight wigs, helping change the lives of eight people by re-instilling their confidence and sense of normality. Because, after all, it is hair and will grow back again.

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SURF AND TURF IN ENCINO!!!

Worthy of a reprint from 2010, it's still a great place today!

Steak and Lobster, can you imagine being at the table the first time that these two were married? The wonderful pairing of this edible king and queen, now that is truly genius. As kingly as this dish may appear, it is actually one of those dishes that can easily be done at home. I have cooked countless steaks in my backyard and boiled many memorable lobsters. But for this article, we are going on a road trip. I had a meeting this week and needed to pick a restaurant that was at a halfway point. Encino was the center of the universe for this trip. I was destined for **Delmonico's**.

They pride themselves on their exceptional Steak and Lobster; I think I may wear my good tie for this wedding.

Delmonico's is a staple in Encino, you might remember that they opened and closed very quickly at The Paseo mall in Pasadena. They were never able to develop a loyal

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
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customer base at that location, but I fondly remember a business lunch at the Encino location many years ago. With an umbrella in hand and rain in the clouds, I was off to Encino.

Surprisingly, I was on time. For some reason I felt compelled to ask the valet how the food is, his reply, a thumbs up and a gleeful smile. The restaurant was half full at best. Hmm.... Delmonico's not crowded. Well, I guess the tough economic times and a rainy night had left an impact on this evening's crowd. The restaurant has a bar in front, with open seating and closed booths running along each side. My choice was the booth. My initial sense was that this was going to be a great meal.

The hostess greeted us, and the first person to meet us was a man dressed, more in the armament of a manager than a waiter, no matter though, we are not attending a fashion show. I asked, "How are the crab cakes," he responded with an enthusiastic, "Great and they would go great with our famous garlic bread." The classic up sell, very well done and I went for it. Crabcakes are two medium cakes surrounded by what I can only guess are onion rings, priced at (\$12.95). I'll give them a passing grade, but the trip is/was not worth these items. The Garlic Bread comes in four large slices of sourdough bread with garlic shallots sprinkled on the surface, nice touch and usually when it looks good, it tastes good. That held true to form.

Okay, appetizers are not so hot, but I'm here for Steak and Lobster, Surf and Turf (\$40.95). The restaurant strongly boasts of the Lobster, even calling itself a Lobster House. The plate I ordered included vegetables, and a choice of a potato. The lobster comes detached from the shell, which is helpful, and the last delectable item is a 6 oz filet. The meal is plenty large enough for this hungry reviewer.

The steak is topped with a sauce that I cannot identify, something between a bbq sauce and a béarnaise. My suggestion, order this dry and get the sauce on the side. **Anytime you are ordering an expensive piece of meat there shouldn't be a need for a pool of sauce or A 1.**

Plenty of seafood items to choose from, with prices in the upper (\$20) range. My dinner companion ordered the Grilled Sea Bass at (\$27.95), a few bites and thought I should have gone fish. All and all, it was a decent experience with mediocre food. The to-go menu that I used for my notes mentions an award winning Sunday Brunch. The pictures look right for that deal.

Delmonico's Steak and Lobster House
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



FIVE GREAT SONGS OF THE NEW YEAR

Delta Spirit – “California” - Delta Spirit is prepping their new self-titled album due out on March 13. In anticipation of their third full-length record, the San Diego band, dropped the single, “California”. They’ve always been pegged as an “Americana” rock band, but with the new single, Delta Spirit moves into more indie rock terrain. With producer Chris Coady (Grizzly Bear, TV On The Radio) on their side, the quintet group turns it up a notch with fuzzy guitars and vocals that seem crisper than ever before. This is a welcoming change of resonance that doesn’t stray away too much from their typical style. I like the direction they’re heading in and with “California” being the catchy, classic rock induced tune that it is, this evolving young band seem destined to make 2012 the year of Delta Spirit.

Tanlines – “Brothers” - Tanlines is an experimental pop/indie rock duo from Brooklyn, NY. Jesse Cohen and Eric Emm are the two guys responsible for, “Brothers”, a beachy, moody, organic pop tune. Tropical guitars, bongos and baritone vocal style are implanted within this amazing song. On March 20, Tanlines debut LP, “Mixed Emotions” will arrive. If the other songs are just as honest, personal, and pristine, then Tanlines are the real deal. I’m banking on Tanlines to be the definite sound of 2012, which is in need of a drastic overhaul as it is.

Yukon Blonde – “Stairway” - Yukon Blonde recently released the single, “Stairway”, a blistering, swirling rock song. These Canadian rockers are gearing up for their sophomore release, “Tiger Talk” due out March 20. Their first single is a guitar-driven, full of energy; get you out of bed in the morning type of anthem. Easily the most mainstream band on this list of eclectic artists, Yukon Blonde

has the potential of being the next Kings of Leon. From the looks of it, Yukon Blonde can become the next co-headliners at any major rock festival. For now, maybe they’ll just settle on coming out with their best material yet. At any rate, be sure to lookout for their new album because this band won’t be under the radar for much longer.

Wild Nothing – “Nowhere” - One of my favorite bands of 2010, Wild Nothing has released a new song entitled, “Nowhere”. It features vocals from Twin Sister’s Andrea Estella. With this new song, the hazy, shoegazer band make a notable departure to their resonance as this is the first song produced in a studio. “Gemini”, one of the strongest albums of 2010 and Wild Nothing’s debut, was one of those D.I.Y. records. It was very lo-fi, hazy in tone, and the epitome of bedroom pop. Flash-forward to present day, Jack Tatum (mastermind of Wild Nothing) and crew seem a bit more polished around the edges. This time around, the vocals are even more discernible. The new sound is something to be excited for seeing that Tatum isn’t one-dimensional and the possibilities of what the new record may sound like are anyone’s guess for now. However, if “Nowhere” is an indication of what the record may sound like then my eagerness level has just skyrocketed.

Memoryhouse – “Walk With Me” - Memoryhouse’s much-anticipated LP, “The Slideshow Effect” drops February 28. The dream-pop duo consists of Evan Abeele and Denise Novvion. There’s nothing quite like the vocals of Novvion. She’s a Goddess when she sings. You will fall madly in love with the way she sounds (and possibly her physical appearance too). There’s no one quite like her in the indie world and she rivals top female vocalists like Adele and Florence Welch (Florence and The Machine). The recent single, “Walk With Me” is impassioned, extremely moving, and picturesquely romantic. With the other glorious and much more fuller-sounding song, “The Kids Were Wrong” released over a month ago, the odds are strong that Memoryhouse’s debut record will be on everyone’s top 10 list by the end of the year.



INGREDIENTS

1 Whole Chicken
1 1/2 pound medium shrimp in shell, peeled and deveined
2 dozen shucked oysters with their liquor, oysters picked over for shell fragments
1 Whole Dungeness Crab - cleaned and broken into fragments (in the shell)
2-4 Louisiana Hot Links
About 1/2 cup vegetable oil
3/4 cup all-purpose flour
2 celery ribs, chopped
1 Stalk of Celery - whole
1 whole onion
1 medium green bell pepper, chopped
1 medium onion, chopped
5 garlic cloves, finely chopped
2 1/2 quarts fish or chicken stock (or a combination)*
1 (14-ounce) can chopped tomatoes
1 can tomato paste
1 pound frozen cut okra (not thawed)
Gumbo File Powder
1/2 cup chopped flat-leaf parsley
2 Bay Leaves

DIRECTIONS

In a pot large enough to cover the chicken with water. Fill with water, add bay leaves, whole onion, and celery stalk, chopped celery Put Bay Boil Chicken until well done. Remove chicken and let it cool. Keep the chicken stock for use later in the recipe. Remove all bones and fat, from the chicken. Cut into bite sized pieces, leaving the wings intact. Set aside.

While the chicken is boiling, Slice hot links in a 10-inch heavy skillet (preferably cast-iron) over medium heat until browned. (Add oil as needed). Remove links from the pan, and pour the drippings into a heatproof liquid measure, then add enough oil to bring total liquid to 3/4 cup.

Stir together fat and flour in skillet with a wooden spoon, then cook roux over medium-low heat, stirring constantly, until well browned (a shade darker than peanut butter), about 20 minutes.

Add chopped celery, bell pepper, onion, and garlic and cook, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are tender, about 15 minutes. Transfer to a 6- to 7-quart pot.

Stir in stock from chicken, tomatoes, okra, and 2 teaspoons salt and 1 tablespoon of gumbo file and briskly simmer, uncovered, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are very tender, about 20 minutes.

Add the cooked chicken and hot links to the mixture and cook another 20 minutes, then add shrimp, and oysters with their liquor and cook, stirring, until seafood is just cooked through, about 5 minutes.

Stir in crabmeat and simmer until heated through, about 2 minutes. Season with salt and additional gumbo file to taste. Mixture should be the consistency of chowder and full of seafood, links and chicken! Serve over white rice.

**It improves the flavor if you add a bottle of clam juice to the chicken broth.*

SIERRA MADRE CIVIC CLUB COOK BOOK

What do you ask when you hear that some of the finest cooks in Sierra Made have published a cookbook? You ask where to get one, of course. Well, members of the Sierra Madre Civic Club have published a collection of their best recipes for hors d'oeuvres, soups, salads, entrees, breads, vegetable dishes, side dishes, relishes, sauces, and brunch items in a volume entitled Recipes We Proudly Share.

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The Sierra Madre Civic Club is a non-profit, philanthropic organization that last year donated more than \$20,000 back to the community in

the form of educational scholarships and grants to such organizations as the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association, the library's One Book One City Program, Sierra Madre Elementary School, Creative Arts, and the Sierra Madre Playhouse. Proceeds from the sale of the cookbooks become part of the philanthropy fund.

So do yourself and your community a favor and get your own copy of Recipes We Proudly Share. We hope you'll find, as many others have, that once you've bought one copy, you'll be back to buy additional ones for sisters, cousins, friends, and neighbors who've asked you where you got that recipe for the delicious dish you've served.

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HOWARD Hays As I See It



"They understand it's a little bit of 'uppity-ism'"

- Rush Limbaugh

The radio entertainer offered that excuse for the scattered booing upon the introduction of Michelle Obama at a recent NASCAR event. The First Lady was there along with Dr. Jill Biden and wounded Iraq/Afghanistan vet Sgt. Andrew Berry, with wife

and kids, in recognition of NASCAR's gift of 5,000 tickets to military veterans and their families.

The term "uppity" was reportedly introduced in a Joel Chandler Harris "Uncle Remus" story, and in the late-nineteenth century was primarily used by African-Americans among themselves.

Racially-coded language has seen resurgence over the past three years. Soon after the inauguration, Sen. Jim DeMint (R-SC) predicted that defeat of President Obama's healthcare initiative "will break him". Historically, the expression "break" was applied to farm animals and uncooperative slaves.

On a recent HBO Bill Maher show, some on the panel argued that such treatment of a president is engaged in by "both sides". Maher responded with a direct "No, it's not", and pointed out the unprecedented doubt over whether the incumbent is constitutionally qualified to hold office.

A CBS News poll from last spring found 45% of Republicans believing President Obama was not born in the United States, with another 22% saying they didn't know - leaving only a third of Republicans who'll concede he has a legitimate claim to the office. (A poll conducted by Farleigh University in New Jersey last November found viewers of Fox News to be less informed on current events than those who watched no news at all.)

As the election approaches, misinformation is encouraged. An iconic image from the 2008 campaign is the woman at a town hall event for Republican John McCain stating that Obama "is an Arab", and then McCain gently correcting, "No ma'am, he's not". At a recent town hall for Rick Santorum, when a participant claimed the Obama presidency was illegitimate because of his not being born here, Santorum just smiled and moved on.

In this atmosphere, it's easier to rationalize allegiance to a campaign, rather than a country. On the HBO show, Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA) was asked by Bill Maher what, if anything, he saw congress working with the president on in the next few months. The congressman replied there was nothing; that the House of Representatives should simply bide time for the next ten months until the election.

While racial issues might be muted, those of class are not. The founding principles of our country are turned on their head when President Obama's background as a community organizer, helping empower citizens to become participants in our democracy, is derided, while candidates urge those of us in the 99% to be content relying on the benevolence of "our betters".

Independent's Eye by
JOE GandelmanNEWT GINGRICH KEEPS HITTING THE
RELIABLE ANTI-MEDIA HOT BUTTON

The South Carolina and Florida Republican presidential debates will be pointed to as turning points for former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney's and former House Speaker Newt

Gingrich's campaigns. But they'll also be remembered for two moments underscoring the uneasy relationship between the news media and politicians who often seek to control, intimidate or politically use the news media -- and how the media rises again.

Both involved Gingrich. The first was during the January 19 debate when Gingrich blasted CNN's debate moderator John King for starting the debate asking him about an ABC interview hours earlier with Gingrich's ex-wife who had alleged Gingrich wanted an "open marriage." Gingrich got a standing ovation by blasting King in particular and the media in general. Then, last week in Florida, in his most underwhelming debate performance, he tried another dismissive verbal dagger when CNN's Wolf Blitzer asked a question.

Gingrich made going after the media, a moderator, or a debate reporter a regular feature of his debates since it was a hot button issue. But wait: CNN's King later got Gingrich to admit part of his allegation about ABC was not true. And Blitzer challenged Gingrich on his broadside, noting it referred to something Gingrich himself had said -- and Gingrich withered.

What's instructive here? Gingrich was blatantly trying to hit a political hot button to woo conservatives. But in both instances he had CNN reporters from the "old school" who stood up for the actual facts and their craft. These instances highlighted how politicians use the media to advance themselves, try to manipulate and bully it, but how in the end if they face "real" journalists the media usually rises again.

The best line on Gingrich, who has proposed a program to get a colony on the moon, came from Romney supporter Arizona Sen. John McCain: "I think we ought to send Gingrich to the moon and Mitt Romney to the White House."

Meanwhile, here on planet earth there are these realities: the media has a symbiotic relationship with politicians, politicians will blast it and professional journalists will ask tough questions and defend their craft.

Presidents know how to manipulate the media. And politicians may fall due to the media, but they can also rise and can be remade if they know how to exploit it.

Most people point to Richard Nixon's Nov. 7,

According to tax disclosures, Republican front-runner Mitt Romney makes more in a day than the average American makes in a year; in a single week he "earns" enough to qualify for the upper 1%.

Bill Maher showed his audience pictures of Henry Ford standing beside a Model T, Walt Disney holding a drawing of Mickey Mouse, and a young Steve Jobs with a primitive Macintosh. In his column last week, Greg Welborn stated, "Wealth doesn't just exist. It has to be created." Maher was referencing those who create wealth. Romney symbolizes those who siphon wealth from those who create it into the hands of those presuming entitlement to control it.

An aspect of "uppity-ism" is confusion over who is rightfully owed deference. In the case of Rep. Rohrabacher and fellow Republicans, deference is not paid to constituents or the President of the United States, but to lobbyists like Grover Norquist. Rather than simply pledging to support the Constitution, Republicans pledge fealty to Norquist, who warned that with a Republican Senate majority, President Obama faces impeachment should he dare allow the Bush tax cuts for millionaires to expire.

Republicans have been frustrated by the "uppity" insistence of the president to make decisions based on the best interests of all Americans. Last December, they allowed extension of the payroll tax cut for 160 million Americans only on condition the president agree to make a decision on the Keystone XL oil pipeline within 60 days. Two weeks ago, President Obama rejected the pipeline because of "the arbitrary nature of a deadline that prevented the State Department from gathering the information necessary to approve the project and protect the American people."

(Last week, Greg wrote that the Obama administration "turned its back on the promise of decreasing dependence on Middle East oil . . .", but it's unclear what transporting oil from Canada to the Gulf Coast for shipment to Asia has to do with our "dependence on Middle East Oil".)

Now, House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) warns that unless the president changes his mind and agrees to fall in line, it could jeopardize the energy and Infrastructure act due for consideration later this month, as well as another extension of the payroll tax cut. Republicans and their Speaker do not defer to the president or the potential tens of thousands who could be working rebuilding our highways, but to the Keystone pipeline and its chief lobbyist - Grover Norquist.

Over the past few weeks media attention has focused on the Republican primaries, with not much heard from the Democratic side - and Republicans in congress have taken that as license to avoid actual governing. Rush Limbaugh heard a reaction to "uppity-ism" at the NASCAR event, but I heard more cheers than boos. I also heard a call to those who've been sitting back watching Republicans beat each other up in the primaries; a call that it's time to get up and get into the fight ourselves; a call that came from the First Lady and Dr. Biden as they looked out over the track and shouted, "Gentlemen, start your engines!"

1962 press conference where he told the press "You don't have Nixon to kick around anymore." But many folks forget that Nixon later went on NBC's Laugh In and said the show's big national catch phrase ("Sock it to ME?"), played piano on the Jack Parr show, and was highly visible as a less angry Nixon. Nixon got the coverage his advisors sought and was christened by the media as "the new Nixon" - which helped his 1968 election.

Reporters love quote machines and all politicians love getting free advertising. By most accounts, Gingrich has a solid relationship with reporters. The Politico's Ginger Gibson writes of "Newt's secret press pals" who Gingrich calls by their first names, and they love him because he can be relied on to give them something quotable.

When I was a reporter at the San Diego Union newspaper covering Ronald Reagan's immigration reform, my favorite source was the late Harold Ezell, commissioner for the INS' western region under Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush. Ezell eagerly gave great quotes, returned phone calls ASAP to give me a strong counter quote and, although he sometimes got in trouble due to his choice of words, always got his viewpoint out there (high up in the story). He used the media and the media used him. ("This is great stuff!!" editors would proclaim.)

Gingrich's latest hot button: he vows that if he is the nominee he will not accept reporters as debate moderators because they all favor President Barack Obama. Fat chance the debate commission would agree to that. But Gingrich knows some will fall for it every time - fanned on by allied, polarizing politicians and demonizing talk show hosts.

Gingrich keeps hitting that old, reliable media hot button because he knows he has a colony of Pavlovian responding partisans already mentally living on the moon.

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GREG Welborn



The Truth About Taxes

There's no question that one of the biggest issues in the upcoming election is taxes. Sadly, it's one of the least understood issues, which also attracts an inordinate amount of lies, so let's spend some time unpacking the truth about taxes.

Let's start with the myth that Mitt Romney somehow is paying less than the average secretary. I don't think anyone really believes that in actual dollars, Mr. Romney is paying less than a secretary. The argument is made based on the fact that Mr. Romney "only" paid 15% while the secretary is supposed to have paid 35%. The reality, according to the Congressional Budget Office, is that the top 1% pay an average effective tax rate of 19%, while the middle class pay a 12% average rate, and the bottom 20% pay an average rate of -5%. You read that correctly. The bottom 20% actually receive more in tax credits and rebates than they pay into the system.

Further to this issue, what the CBO report doesn't mention is that the vast majority of income, which is taxed at "only" 15%, is comprised of dividends paid by corporations. Dividends are not deductible at the corporate level. Dividends are actually taxed at about 35% at the corporate level before the owner gets to pay himself, where they are then taxed at Mr. Romney's seemingly small 15%. The actual effective tax rate is about 45%.

While we're on the topic of corporations, let's look at that old lie, repeated again in the President's last state of the union address, that "companies get tax breaks for moving jobs and profits overseas". The truth is that companies are allowed to deduct the legitimate costs of doing business, including wages, no matter where the costs are incurred. If GM (taken over by the government by the way) pays a worker \$10,000 in the U.S. or \$10,000 in South America, either one is deductible. Likewise, a company pays income taxes wherever they are incurred, based on each country's tax rates. What the U.S. wisely does is to give credit for taxes paid in a foreign country. Were it not to do so, U.S. companies would be paying double taxes - once in the foreign country and then again in the U.S.

More important on this particular point is the fact that the U.S. has the second highest (only behind Japan) corporate tax rate in the world, according to the OECD. Being tax-wise is hardly a crime, or at least it shouldn't be. With the average

TINA Dupuy

THE GOP: PREACHING THE
PROSPERITY GOSPEL

One of the richest men in the country, ranking in the 0.006 percent of Americans, likes to accuse the President of creating an "entitlement society." Mitt Romney, the heir apparent, next in line

GOP nominee ... is against entitlement.

When I hear "entitlement society," I think "country club." But When Mitt uses that phrase he doesn't mean rich guys like him, given all the advantages of wealth, who are now enjoying its comforts - he means the rest of us. Yes, Mitt is against an "entitlement society" because that involves too many people, and not just him and his ilk. It's not the "entitlement" he contests - it's the entire "society" part.

At the Monday Florida debate last week, Mitt noted that under Gingrich's tax plan Mitt would pay no taxes at all. Gingrich responded with, "Well, if that -- and if you created enough jobs doing that -- it was Alan Greenspan who first said the best rate, if you want to create jobs for capital gains, is zero."

So rich people whose money makes their money (it's literally capital gaining) are so fortunate they get to hire other people to pay taxes for them? Rich people with their alleged mythical power to create jobs even get to outsource their tax obligations to poor saps working for a living?

This is the prosperity gospel as a Super PAC-funded marketing blitz. Money is next to godliness and poverty is the fault of the poor for not being better people.

It's as if Jesus were a CEO and the Romans job-killing communists.

"Contrary to the President's constant disparagement of people in business," former George W. Bush budget director Gov. Mitch Daniels said in his State of the Union response last week, "It's one of the noblest of human pursuits." This is one of those phrases you (usually) will only hear in business school (funnier if it was one of those rip-off for-profit colleges). Business is one of the noblest of human pursuits? Noble as in aristocratic? That phrase, "noble pursuits," is usually applied to an avocation not paying much but rewarding in other

Making Sense by MICHAEL Regan
SAVAGING NEWT

I am somewhat mystified -- and dismayed -- by the spectacle of a lot of so-called conservatives who weren't around in the 1980s dropping Ronald Reagan's name to promote themselves

while they go about slandering Newt Gingrich who, like my dad, was there in the '80s and '90s and also helped him elect more Republicans than anyone else in recent memory.

It's long been an unfortunate characteristic of too many Republicans to engage in internecine warfare -- standing in a circle as they fire volleys at each other. The current fashion of the day is to take aim and fire at one of the GOP's most storied and valuable members, doing Obama's work towards destroying Newt Gingrich in advance of the 2012 presidential election.

They seem to forget -- or simply ignore -- my dad's 11th Commandment, that Republicans must refrain from publicly speaking ill of one another. After all, the other party sufficiently fulfills that function without any help from Republicans.

As leader of GOP forces in the House of Representatives, Newt Gingrich was the party's leading warrior -- a politician who never feared to speak his mind. Naturally he made enemies, some within his own party. And it is those enemies and their successors who are out to get Newt's scalp today. Moreover, it is important to remember that Newt was Ronald Reagan's champion on Capitol Hill. My father knew and appreciated that fact.

Look, I know that Newt has rubbed a lot of his fellow Republicans the wrong way, but that is the inevitable result when a leader does his job. He simply can't satisfy everybody, and those who attempt to do so comprise the GOP's wobbly

corporate tax rate in the world at 26%, and some European countries offering 12%, whose fault is it that U.S. corporations move facilities overseas? Me thinks the fault lies with Congress.

Perhaps we should also spend a wee bit of time discussing who else does their patriotic best to avoid taxes. Remember, it was one of our greatest supreme court justices who said that paying the least amount of taxes legally possible under the law is absolutely legal. Sounds redundant, but it needed to be said. Since every American does this, I might add that it seems pretty ethical and normal to me. But let's look at the people who scream the most about the "rich" avoiding taxes. By and large, the screamers are liberal politicians, but they themselves are among the most prolific tax avoiders.

Uber-liberal, John Edwards used a series of corporations to legally avoid paying \$600K in Medicare payroll taxes. Ohio Democratic Senator, Howard Metzenbaum, actually moved to Florida (no state income taxes there) to legally avoid paying millions of his home state's taxes. Super-rich Liberal, Senator John Kerry, went so far as to "claim" he moved his yacht from Massachusetts to Rhode Island to legally avoid paying \$500K in state excise taxes.

The truth about taxes is three-fold: We all try to pay as little as we can: The rich pay way more than their fair share. And politicians who object to at this are hypocritical at best, but more often deliberately deceitful. Let's try to deal with the real issue this election cycle. We all pay way too much in taxes, and the government still spends more than we pay in.

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ways: teachers; firefighters; nurses; foster parents; soldiers; community leaders; social workers; mentors; rescue workers; care givers; farmers. Or to anyone who's honest, shows up every day and works hard. That's a noble pursuit.

Are the wealthy really so sensitive they need Mitch Daniels to make them feel better about themselves in a spiritual sense? What they're doing not only pays off with privilege and cash - it also has to be venerable from a moral perspective? How much reward does one group need? They own everything and they also need to be thanked?!

The rich are not just over-paid - they're over valued. And generous welfare recipients. As Senator Tom Coburn points out in his damning Nov. 2011 report, "Subsidies of the Rich and Famous," we are a welfare state. It reads, "This reverse Robin Hood style of wealth redistribution is an intentional effort to get all Americans bought into a system where everyone appears to benefit." In other words: We subsidize the rich by telling the poor to pay their fair share.

It's been a strange three years under the Obama administration. First the GOP was against empathy. Yes, the party had to vehemently opposed seeing the plight of your fellow human beings because Obama was for it. Now their new hot button word? Fairness. Obama used the word fairness in his third State of the Union. And now the GOP has decided to be against fairness and celebrate inequality as being the thing that makes America great.

It's as if Jesus were a CEO and the three wise men were shareholders.

The prosperity gospel is not America. It's not democratic. It's not even Christian. It's greed warped into being a virtue by the greedy.

The rich aren't better, they're just richer.

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HAIL Hamilton **My Turn**



The Operators'by Michael Hastings

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In April 2010, Rolling Stone contributing editor Michael Hastings spent a month with Stanley McChrystal in Europe and Afghanistan, reporting on a profile of the four-star general in charge of America's longest-running war. McChrystal and staff shocked Hastings by openly jeering at the White House over its handling of the war – and when Hastings published their reckless on-the-record comments in an explosive and award-winning Rolling Stone article, President Obama ordered McChrystal back to Washington, where he stripped the general of his command.

Now, in a new book, *The Operators: The Wild and Terrifying Inside Story of America's War in Afghanistan*, Hastings recounts the behind-the-scenes tale of the McChrystal affair, set against the larger backdrop of America's doomed war. Frank Rich calls the book “an impressive feat of journalism by a Washington outsider who seemed to know more about what was going on in Washington than most insiders did.”

“*The Operators*” is packed with fresh reporting and never-before-published revelations about the major players in America's endless war, including President Obama and Vice President Biden, the intensely competitive generals McChrystal and David Petraeus, the legendary diplomat Richard Holbrooke, and Hamid Karzai, the Afghan leader. Here are ten of the juiciest details from the book:

1. The identity of the McChrystal staffer quoted in Hastings' Rolling Stone article as dising the vice president: “Biden? Did you say: Bite Me?” It was McChrystal's close friend, confidant and top advisor Jake McFerren, a retired Army colonel. [p. 54]

2. McChrystal's tense relationship with Gen. David Petraeus, the former U.S. commander in Iraq. The two generals were longtime rivals, and both claimed credit for the apparent success in Iraq. But McChrystal and his staff felt they faced a much harder task in Afghanistan. “[Petraeus] couldn't command this,” McChrystal said, referring to the war. “Plus, he's one and 'oh.' This one is very questionable.” [p. 89]

3. McChrystal on Petraeus' potential presidential ambitions, and the worries they caused the White House. McChrystal says he was told, “We don't want a man on horseback.” He responded, “I don't even have a horse.” The White House, he told Hastings in 2010, was “very worried about Petraeus. They certainly don't have to be worried about me. But Petraeus, if he wanted to run, he's had a lot of offers. He says he doesn't want to, and I believe him.” [p. 90]

4. McChrystal's surprising reservations about the war in Iraq. “We co-opted the media on that one,” says the general, who served as the Pentagon's top spokesman during the 2003 invasion. “You could see it coming. There were a lot of us who didn't think Iraq was a good idea.” [p. 90]

5. “Worshipping the god of beer” and other new details about Hastings' month-long road trip with McChrystal, including a drinking session on a 14-hour bus trip, a suspected foreign agent's attempt

to infiltrate McChrystal's team, and a midnight bash at a Mexican restaurant hall in Berlin, where Gen. Michael Flynn, a top intelligence officer, “worship[s] the god of beer” and wonders how he still has security clearance. [p. 156]

6. McChrystal's 2009 clash with Gen. Colin Powell over Afghanistan. Powell sent a critical note to McChrystal, who was thought to be pushing behind the scenes for a troop increase, in opposition to the less troop-intensive counterterrorism strategy being pushed, most prominently, by Vice President Biden. Power “thought I was fighting our government, which I wasn't,” McChrystal said. [p. 170]

7. An exclusive account of Petraeus' meeting, after he takes over command from McChrystal, with a high-ranking member of Afghanistan's military. Col. Abdul Razzik, a warlord and human rights abuser now implicated in acts of brutal torture, said: “General Petraeus and I have very similar opinions. I want to kill the Taliban, he wants to kill the Taliban.” [p. 361]

8. Petraeus' rivals trashing him for subordinating everything and everyone to his own driving ambition. “Petraeus,” Lt. General John Vines confides to colleagues, “leaves the dead dog on your doorstep. Every time.” Another U.S. military official complains, “He has the ability to make anyone who comes before him look like a total fuckup.” According to U.S. officials, this kind of behavior earned Petraeus the nickname General Betray-Us long before Moveon.org used the moniker against him in a 2007 ad campaign. [p. 347]

9. A thorough debunking, with new details, of the Pentagon's whitewashing investigation into McChrystal and his staff for insubordination after the publication of Hastings' Rolling Stone article. Pentagon officials, writes Hastings, privately told journalists that the primary intent of the investigation was to “damage” his credibility. Far from “exonerating” McChrystal, as the media widely reported, the investigation simply failed to find anyone who would admit to saying what they did. McChrystal, for example, claimed to investigators that he didn't remember hearing the “Bite me” comment, though he made the remark that prompted it and laughed out loud in Hastings' presence when he heard it. [p. 372]

10. What America's top civilian and military leaders really thought of Afghan leader Hamid Karzai. Hastings reports an accusation from Kai Edie, the former U.N. head of mission in Kabul, that Holbrooke wanted to “get rid” of President Hamid Karzai. McChrystal's team, meanwhile, refers to Karzai as “the man with a funny hat.” U.S. officials who work with Karzai think he's a manic-depressive and that dope may fuel his paranoia. One veteran Kabul journalist believes Karzai is a “two pipe a day man.” He is known in the West for his karakul – a V-shaped hat made from the pelts of newborn sheep – which McChrystal's staff calls “the Gray Wolf's Vagina.” [p. 228]

Read more: <http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/blogs/national-affairs/the-operators-by-michael-hastings-10-juicy-bits-20120105#ixzz1LHP5oAVm>

OUT TO PASTOR A Weekly Religion Column

Giving Credit Where Credit is Due



by Rev. James L. Snyder

I am rather old-fashioned in some areas of my life, which I do not intend to upgrade to current standards. I do not believe in changing something unless it really needs to be changed. A crazy phobia is going around these days suggesting that if

something is old, it must not be any good and if it is new, it must be good.

I think old Solomon was right when he said, “there is no new thing under the sun” (Ecclesiastes 1:9 KJV).

So, I am never intimidated by some new gizmo or gadget that comes down the line. One of the things I have no intention of upgrading is in the area of giving credit. I believe in giving credit where credit is due. After all, I need all the credit I can get these days.

If somebody does something that blesses me, I am beholden to give them their due credit. I am under the opinion that if I give enough people enough credit that one day I just may be able to cash in.

This all came to me this past week when I had my visit to the dentist. I make it a rule that once a decade to visit my dentist whether I need to or not. The thing that spurred my visit to the dentist this time was one of my fillings had fallen out. Actually, I am assuming it fell out because where it used to be was a hole in my tooth. Upon pondering the situation to its logical conclusion, I must have eaten my filling.

This dental hygienic situation brought me to my latest visit with my dental hygienist. While I was there, I thought I would save time, if not money, and have my teeth cleaned. Every decade I like to have my teeth cleaned. According to my dentist's records, the last time I had my teeth cleaned was 13 years ago. So, it is time.

Because it was so long since my last visit with the dentist, he insisted on taking pictures of all my teeth. I hope to get copies so I can post it on my Facebook. After all, what would my Facebook be without pictures of teeth?

I had forgotten the whole procedure of dental photography. It took an entire hour to photograph all my teeth one at a time. During the sixty minutes of my photography shoot, I had to keep my mouth open. I have never had my mouth open for so long in all my life.

After this, I have a new appreciation for women. How they keep their mouth open for so long is one of those mysteries husbands will never be able to unravel.

The upshot of my visit with the dentist was I had a clean bill of health regarding my teeth and gums. I must have been doing something right to have such healthy teeth and gums for a person my age.

When the dentist said “a person my age,” I was not sure if he was insulting me or congratulating me for good health. Being the gentleman that I am, I took the latter.

“I don't know what you're doing,” the dentist said cheerfully as I left his office, “just keep it up.” With that, I left the dentist office.

I thought a lot about what he said and I have come to a major conclusion. I like giving credit where credit is due, so I had to think long and hard about whom to credit for my good dental health.

Certainly, I could congratulate the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage on her superb dietary work in the kitchen. Without doubt, it pays to eat the right food if you are going to have good health. But I think it goes much further than this.

What am I doing to credit such a good dental health report?

Then it came to me.

Have you ever given serious thought about something for so long, you seem to be getting nowhere, and then all of a sudden, it hits you?

I know what I can credit my excellent dental health. Apple Fritters. That is right. The reason I have good teeth and good gums is because of a consistent diet of Apple Fritters. After all, everybody knows the main ingredient of an Apple Fritter is an Apple. There is nothing better for a person than an Apple.

Where the Fritter comes in is very simple. The Fritter part of an Apple Fritter is the means by which my body can assimilate the nutritional aspects of the Apple. The Fritter facilitates the good parts of the Apple to every part of my body.

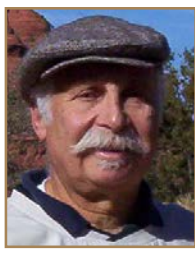
Therefore, with a deep sense of humility and gratefulness, I credit my dental health to the regular consumption of Apple Fritters. A friend of mine recently suggested that I might be addicted to Apple Fritters, but I kindly remonstrated him by explaining I am addicted to good dental health.

My spiritual health is a different matter.

“Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen” (Jude 1:24-25 KJV).

God gets all the credit in my life for my spiritual health now and forever.

STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE



ANYONE BUT JESUS

No, this article isn't anti-Christianity but it might be considered anti-humanity. The direct inspiration for the article is an e-mail from an old friend of mine that I received a few days ago.

My old friend had seen an article of mine and wrote telling me about the events of her life. This lady and I have known each other since High School and went to Grad Night together in 1961. We both went away to college at the University of California, Berkeley and have been attending anti-war rallies independently for approximately fifty years. I learned that she had long ago moved to England after her first marriage. Her first husband, a Berkeley student, had become among other things, a professional Conga drummer. What else would you expect? Now, get this, I have learned that she has remarried and that her youngest son is an enlisted member of the Royal British Artillery Force.

Imagine my disappointment and perhaps hers. What is it with Human Beings and their love of War? I am reminded of the story of Jesus. Prior to the crucifixion - the guy in charge, Pontius Pilate, to please the crowd - annually offers to release one prisoner. Among the prisoners is Jesus Christ. As most of you know, better than I do, the crowd screams out, “Gives us Barabbas.” Who is Barabbas? The Gospels tell us little about Barabbas other than he is a criminal and a thief. So why does the crowd ask for the release of Barabbas rather than demand the release of Jesus Christ? I have always taken the message of the Gospels to mean that that the crowd is really not saying, “Give us Barabbas,” but is in fact saying RELEASE ANYONE BUT JESUS. I think the story stands for the fact that the crowd is aware of the message of Jesus that mankind can turn the other cheek and fight against Human Nature which normally favors aggression, retribution, and ultimately Death.

Throughout recorded history the greatest minds of Man have busied themselves with creating instruments of War. Pythagoras utilized his geometric equations to create catapults that could hurl death-dealing weapons great distances and fly over high-protective walls to do injury. The great genius Leonardo Da Vinci used his brilliance to create weapons of Death. In the last century, as soon as Man could use airplanes to fly, those planes were used to drop bombs. The United States has the dubious and frightening distinction of being the only nation to drop atomic bombs on another nation and to kill hundreds of thousands of people beneath a never-before seen mushroom cloud.

After World War II was finally ended through the use of these bombs all sorts of talks were begun to effectuate nuclear disarmament and to eliminate the possibility of Mankind destroying itself through War. These attempts have gone on for my entire lifetime and no disarmament has taken place. The countries possessing nuclear capabilities have expanded and the risk of a nuclear holocaust is in the News every day as Iran moves towards the creation of its own nuclear arsenal. Even as the larger more powerful countries try to halt Iran's attempts it is understood that Iran's unstated position of exercising their sovereign right to have nuclear weapons just like any other nation makes pretty good sense in this insane world.

As far as I am concerned WAR IS A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY. The request of Jesus Christ that Mankind turn the other cheek made perfect sense two thousand years ago and still makes sense today—only more so. The ridiculous posturing that goes on, as prospective candidates present their political policies without ever mentioning the need to end war, is some kind of travesty. Our political debate is so limited, as men and women all over the world continue to be needlessly killed. Politicians in all countries seem so proud of their accomplishments without ever noticing what is really taking place.

At this particular time and place technology presents consumers with video games that create virtual realities that are so entertaining and diverting that real-life can almost be entirely ignored. Maybe that is our future. When we destroy ourselves we may be so focused on something else that we man not even notice.

As usual at the end I am left with the question of, What Should We Do? Maybe the Occupy movements are a Beginning? I think the answer has something to do with getting people together to work toward a common goal and not compete with one another. You know simple communities conserving energy and not fighting all the time. Isn't that that what Jesus said? Isn't that how Israel began - with simple Socialist Kibbutzes? Really, I think it's possible. Mankind has a tremendous capacity to inflict injury but also has an even greater capacity, I believe, to willingly turn it all around and focus on the achievement of common good and I believe the most import common good is Human Survival. I hate to be trite but Let's Give Peace A Chance.

RICH Johnson



BEFORE THEY WERE PRESIDENT (REVISITED)

I wrote this article back in 2007 as a precursor to the 2008 Presidential election. Well, here we are again and the field of candidates is a fair bit smaller. This is particularly true as the Democrats are offering up only one candidate who just happens to be our current president. If

the truth be known, I had been predicting a challenge to President Obama by Hillary Clinton. The last time a sitting president was challenged by someone in his own party was 1980, when Ted Kennedy challenged Jimmy Carter. My reason for suspecting Hilllary might mount an offensive? She will be 65 by the time election day rolls around. Her clock is ticking and I was not (am still not) sure she wants to wait another four years. Also, in four years the country might be ready for a change of philosophies if President Obama is re-elected. Apparently I was wrong.

As I reported four years ago, we might catch a glimpse of what makes a successful president by taking a look at their early career choices. What did our former presidents do before they became president? Let's take a gander.

Okay, surprise, surprise: 25 of the 43 presidents were lawyers. The next highest profession is no surprise either: 8 were soldiers, 3 were teachers, 2 were farmers and 2 were businessmen.

Only 10 presidents came from unique early careers. Care to guess who did what? (This can be tricky because some of these presidents were better known for secondary careers)

Let's see how you do: We have a surveyor, writer, postmaster, tailor, sheriff, rancher, editor, engineer, journalist and one you'll never guess...an actor.

15 presidents also served as governors, 24 served in Congress, 14 were Vice Presidents and 7 were cabinet secretaries (Did they have to get coffee?)

In case you forgot, Ronald Reagan was the actor who became president. The surveyor was George Washington. Thomas Jefferson is our writer. Our postmaster was an obscure fellow named Abraham Lincoln. Andrew Johnson was our tailor and Grover Cleveland was town sheriff. John Kennedy was a journalist. Teddy Roosevelt was, of course, our rancher and Warren G. Harding was a newspaper editor. Rounding out our unique careers was Herbert Hoover, the engineer.

It might be interesting to note our 3 teachers were John Adams, Lyndon Baines Johnson, and Chester A. Arthur. Three of our presidents are listed with only one previous career. And it was the same job...General. Can you name them? Zachary Taylor, Ulysses S. Grant and Dwight David Eisenhower.

Finally, our businessmen were late additions to the list and they both had the same last name...Bush. What do you think of that?

Two items of note. If you wanted to know what a radio version of my column might sound like, tune in the Barry, Lisa and Rich radio show. It's on an internet station www.radiofishbowl.com. We broadcast our show on Mondays and Saturdays at 10:00 am. Other than myself are Barry Schwam (known by many of you), and Lisa Bowman (a Sierra Madre resident and onetime sportscaster on KABC).

The other item is the return of Cinderella to the Sierra Madre Playhouse. I have seen this play approximately 7 times. It is spectacular both on stage and off stage. The actors interact with the younger members of the audience. Example, Prince Charming comes out and dances with every little girl in the audience who so desires. It is heartwarming. Performances are Saturdays at 11:00 am February 4th through March 17th. Reservations can be made by calling (626) 355-4318. \$18 adults and \$12.00 kids 12 and under. See this play even if you bring now kids. You will love it.



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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: UR BUSINESS HERE, 629 E. 4th ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90802. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 07/26/2011, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2011070181. The business was conducted by: CO-PARTNERS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 01/31/2012. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: EBONY HODGE/OWNER. Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 04, 11, 18, 25, 2012

FILE NO. 2012-017256

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: YUSUKI APPAREL, 621 E. MANCHESTER, L.A., CA 90001. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 09/26/2011, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2011106062. The business was conducted by: A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 01/31/2012. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: LUZ A. HENDON. Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 04, 11, 18, 25, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-012332
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 3BOYSBULLERG, 8101 CENTRAL AVE., L.A., CA 90001. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FELIX A. ROMERO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 01/23/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 28, Feb. 04, 11, 18, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-012975
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AMERICAN CARRIER INSTALLATION ACI, 3407 W. 6th ST. STE 707, L.A., CA 90001. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) IRBM CONSULTY, INC.. 3407 W. 6th ST. STE 701, L.A., CA 90020. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: RICARDO BALBUENA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 01/24/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 28, Feb. 04, 11, 18, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-012793
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AMERICAN CARRIER ONE AUTO SALES, 11820 ROBIN ST., L.A., CA 90059. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) YOLANDA WATSON, NACOLEEN PRINCE, 11820 ROBIN ST., L.A., CA 90059. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: YOLANDA WATSON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/23/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 28, Feb. 04, 11, 18, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-014740
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ANSON CAPITAL CO., 12040 E. FLORENCE AVE., SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOHN A. ALEXANDER CO., 12040 E. FLORENCE AVE., SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670, JOHN A. ALEXANDER, 5010 HIGHWAY 1, CAYUCOS, CA 93439, JAMES C. JOHNSTON, 7725 LOMA VISTA, FORTY, CA 92253, MARGORIE MCGOWEN, 11339 CRESTBROOK, NORWALK, CA 90650, RAYMOND L. LUNDEEN, 3328 NW PANORAMA RD., BEND, OR 97710, JILL M. LENO, 5200 PARK RD., 321, CLEBURN, TX 76031, MARVA L. SECKER, 14751 FOXGLOVE DR., CHINO HILLS, CA 91709, GAIL L. SECKER-BROWN, 12749 HOMERIDGE LN., CHINO HILLS, CA 91709, HEATHER L. SECKER KROFCHER, 14401 WILSON, L.A. HARBRA HTS., CA 90631. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: JAMES C. JOHNSTON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/26/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 28, Feb. 04, 11, 18, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-011817
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BARKBUSTERS, 164 CHESTNUT ST. #1, PASADENA, CA 91103. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) M AND J ENTERPRISES, INC., 164 CHESTNUT ST. #1, PASADENA, CA 91103. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: JOSEPH M. BARKER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/20/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 28, Feb. 04, 11, 18, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-011817

File No. 2012-013433
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BRESHEA CREATIONS, 15515 BRAYTON ST., PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MICHAELA POYNTER, WALTER THOMPSON, 15515 BRAYTON ST., PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: WALTER THOMPSON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/24/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/14/2011. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 28, Feb. 04, 11, 18, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-009281
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BLACK LILLY AVE., 2219 HONOLULU AVE., MONTROSE, CA 91020. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) 2219 HONOLULU AVENUE, INC., 2223 HONOLULU AVE., MONTROSE, CA 91020. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: JEFFREY L. WILLIAMS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/18/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/20/2011. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 28, Feb. 04, 11, 18, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-014106
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: C M Z INCOMETAX, 12856 PIONEER BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARGARITA H. PEREZ, 6117 LIME AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90805. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARGARITA H. PEREZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/18/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 28, Feb. 04, 11, 18, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-009280
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CALIFORNIA FAST FOOD SERVICES, 2223 BLACK LILLY AVE., MONTROSE, CA 91020. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) WILLIAMS & WILLIAMS LLC, 2223 HONOLULU AVE., MONTROSE, CA 91020. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: JEFFREY S. WILLIAMS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/18/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 28, Feb. 04, 11, 18, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-012580
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CAMCO INTERNATIONAL, 1504 VEGAR ST., POMONA, CA 91766. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ABIMAEI CHAVEZ, 27486 JARVIS ST., PERRIS, CA 92370, ABIMAEI CHAVEZ, 27486 JARVIS ST., PERRIS, CA 92370, NAOMI AVE., BUENA PARK, CA 90620. This Business is conducted by: CO-PARTNERS. Signed: ABIMAEI CHAVEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/23/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 28, Feb. 04, 11, 18, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-011535
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CACADA APPAREL, 6538 HOLLYWOOD BLVD., L.A., CA 90028. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KAREN CARRILLO, JORGE SUAREZ LEMUS, 628 N. KIDDER AVE., COVINA, CA 91724. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: KAREN CARRILLO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/20/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 28, Feb. 04, 11, 18, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-011535
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-012394
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DAVIDBARTONGYM, 12100 W. OLYMPIC BLVD., L.A., CA 90064. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MERIDIAN SPORTS CLUBS CALIFORNIA, LLC, 1001 FOURTH ST., SAN RAFAEL, CA 94901. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: JAN ZARLENGO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/23/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 28, Feb. 04, 11, 18, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-014142
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DREAM DESIRE DESIGN, 276 S. EL MOLINO AVE. #25, PASADENA, CA 91101. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TRACY JANE EGOSCUPE, 1910 E. BIXBY RD., LONG BEACH, CA 90801. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TRACY JANE EGOSCUPE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/25/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 28, Feb. 04, 11, 18, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-013715
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EGOARIEL AW GROUP, 321 LONG BEACH BLVD., STE 280, LONG BEACH, CA 90807. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TRACY JANE EGOSCUPE, 1910 E. BIXBY RD., LONG BEACH, CA 90801. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TRACY JANE EGOSCUPE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/25/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 28, Feb. 04, 11, 18, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-012397

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-014147
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EXTREME REPROGRAPHICS, 426 E. BURNBANK BLVD., UNIT B, BURBANK, CA 90005. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROBERT SANCHEZ, AUDREY SANCHEZ, 8719 BLERIOT AVE., WESTCHESTER, CA 90045. This Business is conducted by: HUSBAND AND WIFE. Signed: ROBERT SANCHEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/25/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/07/2005. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 28, Feb. 04, 11, 18, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-015179
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: F. J. M HOME DELIVERYS, 117 S. PANNES AVE., COMPTON, CA 90221. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FRANCISCO J. MENA, 117 S. PANNES AVE., COMPTON, CA 90221. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: FRANCISCO J. MENA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/26/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 28, Feb. 04, 11, 18, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-014095
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GESSY DISCOUNT STORE, 8620 S. CENTRAL AVE., L.A., CA 90002. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LONZ, L.A., CA 90002. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CHAVEZ ADRIANA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/25/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/01/2007. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 28, Feb. 04, 11, 18, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-013173
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE ADORABLE BEAUTY, 1110 W. ARBOR VITAE, INGLEWOOD, CA 90301. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SARILAN C. DELGADO, 425 E. 97th ST., INGLEWOOD, CA 90301. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MIRIAN C. DELGADO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/24/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 28, Feb. 04, 11, 18, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-011194
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GOOD HOUSING, 715 N. AVE 64, L.A., CA 90042. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARITZA GUZMAN, 715 N. AVE 64, L.A., CA 90042. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARITZA GUZMAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/20/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/14/2012. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 28, Feb. 04, 11, 18, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-015025
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GOOD JOBS MOBILE SERVICE, 5122 CLARA ST., CUDAHY, CA 90201. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GABRIEL MARTINEZ BARRAJAS, 5122 CLARA ST., CUDAHY, CA 90201. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: GABRIEL MARTINEZ BARRAJAS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/26/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/14/2012. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 28, Feb. 04, 11, 18, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-012055
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GOOD SHEPHERD CLINICAL PASTORAL TRAUMA CENTER, 5210 PARK AVE., LAKELAND, CA 92506. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) THE AMERICAN CATHOLIC CHURCH-OLD CATHOLIC OF CALIFORNIA, 5210 CLARK AVE., STE 9, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: BRIAN P. DELVAUX. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/23/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/23/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 28, Feb. 04, 11, 18, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-014025
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FRONTLINE TIRES, 10607 IMPERIAL HWY. UNIT C, NORWALK, CA 90650. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) THE AMERICAN CATHOLIC CHURCH-OLD CATHOLIC OF CALIFORNIA, 5210 CLARK AVE., STE 9, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARIA LUJAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/23/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 28, Feb. 04, 11, 18, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-012983
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HAMBURGER CENTRAL, 241 N. CENTRAL AVE., GLENDALE, CA 91203. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) WHAT'S BREWING, INC., 2223 HONOLULU AVE., MONTROSE, CA 91020. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: MARIA LUJAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/18/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 28, Feb. 04, 11, 18, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-012247
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: IMG-1 REAL ESTATE SERVICES, 1605 W. OLYMPIC BLVD., #1033, L.A., CA 90015. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) OSCAR AGREGDA, 1605 W. OLYMPIC BLVD., #1033, L.A., CA 90015. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: OSCAR AGREGDA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/23/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 28, Feb. 04, 11, 18, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-012397
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JR'S AXELS & BATTERIES, 6635 E. FLORENCE AVE., UNIT 350, BELL GARDENS, CA 90201. Full

name of registrant(s) is (are) LUIS M. VASQUEZ, 14903 TERRYKNOLL DR., WHITTIER, CA 90604. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LUIS M. VASQUEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/23/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 28, Feb. 04, 11, 18, 2012

This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL

This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: JAMES THOMAS CARR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/17/12. The registrant(s) of this statement is/are: JAMES THOMAS CARR. The fictitious business name or names listed above is/are: N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize anyone in this state to use the Business Name or violate the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 04, 11, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-009422
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
UNLEASH ENTERPRISE, 107 N. NICHOLSON AVE.,
#B, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91755. This Business
Name Statement expires five years from the date it
was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new
Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed
to continue the use of this statement. I do not
authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious
Business Name in violation of the rights of another
under Federal, State, or common law. (See section
17900, California Civil Code, and Professions Code/Publisher:
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Electrophoretic mobility data are available for the following proteins:

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2012-009748
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
WEST COAST INSTALLATIONS SERVICES,
15019 AMAR RD, RD. LA PUENTE, CA 91744.
 15019 AMAR RD, RD. LA PUENTE, CA 91744. This Business is
 conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP Signed:**
RUDOLFO VALENCIA. This statement was filed
 with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on
 01/24/2012. The fictitious business name was used to
 transact business under the fictitious business name or
 names listed above on N/A. **NOTICE:** This Fictitious
 Name Statement expires five years from the date it
 was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new
 statement must be filed if the business is not filed
 prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not
 of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious
 Business Name in violation of the rights of another
 under Federal, State, or common law. (See section
 3367 of the Civil Code and Professions Code.)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2012-009612
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
WESTBLOOM TRANSPORTATION SERVICES,
a/k/a WESTBLOOM TRUCKING #205, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. Full name of registrant(s) is (are)
JAMES KAINOA, 578 WASHINGTON BLVD./
#205, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. This Business
is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JAMES
KAINOA. This Statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/18/12. The
registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business name or names
on or about 01/18/12. This Statement was first filed
in the County of Los Angeles five years from the date it
was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new
Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed
prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not
constitute an admission that the Fictitious Business
Name Statement is in violation of the rights of another
under Federal, State, or common law (See section
14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish:
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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WESTBOUND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES,
578 WASHINGTON BLVD. #205, MARINA DEL REY,
JAMES KAINOA, 578 WASHINGTON BLVD.
#205, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. This Business
is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JAMES
KAINOA. This statement was filed with the County
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2012-007130
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GDP DEALS; ALWAYS GLAD; HOT DEALS YES, 1212 S. ATLANTIC BLVD. #103, ALHAMBRA, CA 91803. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VIP MONEY CARD, INC., 201 S. MOORE AVE. #A, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: TONY T. LANG. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/12/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2012-005113
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HELLACOR. 2014 PASSMORE DR., L.A., CA 90068. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PETER CARLIN, JUSTIN PAYNE, 3016 PASSMORE DR., L.A., CA 90068. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: PETER CARLIN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/10/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/10/12. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2012-005976
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JAZMIN JEWELRY, 518 WORKMAN MILL RD., LA PASADENA, CA 91346. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) AZMI ALI, 10261 BOUVAIS RD., ANAHEIM, CA 92804. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: AZMI ALI. This statement was filed

with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/11/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2012-003421
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JOSE ARIEL PALACIOS TRUCKING, 12606 DOTY AVE. #B, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE ARIEL PALACIOS, 12606 DOTY AVE. #B, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSE ARIEL PALACIOS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/06/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2012-003424
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JUNG WOO LEE TRUCKING, 242 N. ST. ANDREWS PL., L.A., CA 90004. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUNG WOO LEE, 242 N. ST. ANDREWS PL., L.A., CA 90004. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JUNG WOO LEE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/06/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2012-006699
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: KIRBY'S SALES AND DELIVERIES, 10542 MARY AVE., L.A., CA 90002. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSUE CARIAS, 10542 MARY AVE., L.A., CA 90002. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSUE CARIAS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/12/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2012-003758
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MUMZELLA'S BOUTIQUE, 14115 S. CRENSHAW BLVD. STE 9, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ERICA WILLIAMS, 7600 W. 83rd, PLAYA DEL REY, CA 90293. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ERICA WILLIAMS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/06/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2012-003688
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: NEURAL DEMAND SYSTEMS; NDS KETTLERBELL ATHLETICS, 6422 DEL AMO BLVD., LAKEWOOD, CA 90713. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NARTEA JOSE ANTHONY JR., 4303 CONQUISTA AVE., LAKEWOOD, CA 90713. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSE

ANTHONY NARTEA JR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/06/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/07/2007. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2012-007190
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ROLLING RICE, NORWALK, 12305 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) YUNI INVESTMENT, INC., 1335 OSBORNE CT., FULLERTON, CA 92633. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: YOON S. KIM. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/12/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2012-003542
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ROOTERS MASTERS; ROOTERS MASTER, 8440 WHITE OAK AVE., NORTHridge, CA 91325. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ANNA ENTERPRISES, INC., 8440 WHITE OAK AVE., NORTHridge, CA 91325. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: ANNA AKHIAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/06/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2012-003813
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SELECT TOYZ, 417 SAN ROQUE DR., WALNUT, CA 91789. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SERGIO RUIZ, 417 SAN ROQUE DR., WALNUT, CA 91789. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SERGIO RUIZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/06/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-003609
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: STEPAN TRUCKING, 148 S. MAPLE AVE. #1, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) STEPAN PSTIKYAN, 148 S. MAPLE AVE. #1, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: STEPAN PSTIKYAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/06/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2012-004788
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TONY'S TREE SERVICE, 1507 ROSS ST., POMONA, CA 91767. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ANTONIO MARTINEZ, 1507 ROSS ST., POMONA, CA 91767. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ANTONIO MARTINEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/10/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FILE NO. 2012-006402
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: MANIACAL GAMES, 2976 W. 15th ST. #B, L.A., CA 90066. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 08/02/11, in the County of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2011074482. The business was conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/12/2012. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: JONATHAN NICHOLAS NEVES/CO-OWNER.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2012-010683
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VISTANTE RENTALS AND LEASING CO., 80 W. SIERRA MADRE BLVD., #178, SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ANTHONY W. MEDINA, 80 West Sierra Madre Blvd., No. 178, Sierra Madre, CA. 91024. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ANTHONY MEDINA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/19/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KIMBERLY NOELLE BIRD

Case No. GP016465

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of KIMBERLY NOELLE BIRD

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Darrell D. Drake in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Darrell D. Drake be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 2, 2012 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. A located at 300 E. Walnut St., Pasadena, CA 91101.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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ENVISIONING THE BIG PICTURE

Muralist George Rhode; Illustrating Ceilings, Walls... Down to the Switch Plates

Quiet, understated and assured, artist/muralist George Rhode lets his experience with the paintbrush do most of the talking about his grand scale mural work. Rhode has etched his

mark on hundreds of venues, both large and small. His work can be found as the intricate ceiling mural at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, a 60's style diner wall at Harrah's, a 27,000 square foot Hidden Valley estate, Jacaranda trees at the Four Seasons, a mural project for Dave Murdoch of Dell Corporation or a mood setting landscape scene at the new wine tasting room at The Bottle Shop in Sierra Madre.

Rhode began on the business side of art, as a graphic designer and worked in the corporate world on accounts like Taco Bell before venturing into the "finer" arts of mural and interior artisan wall projects.

Sometimes, you'll find Rhode knee deep in the many step process of applying the artisan texture and mottled rich colors of Venetian plaster. Armed with a trowel, Rhode applies thin layers of a special plaster embedded with ground up marble. Then the walls are burnished to a rich sheen. Finally, some areas are sanded to mottle the color, texture and sheen. All this takes the careful artist's eye.

Rhode noted that new Venetian plaster-like products are coming out with "faux" ingredients instead of marble, but says he is sticking to the natural, original formulation, for its superior end results.

Other times, he journeys to the Westside outlets that sell the large scale canvas for movie sets. These he uses to prepare applications that will be painted here in Los Angeles, dried, rolled and then shipped to a location elsewhere in the country, like the Harrah's Casino project, the Aces Diner.

In order to create the mood for the 60's diner motif, Rhode created a graphic photo mural printed on canvas for a whole wall of memorabilia of the era. He recreated Marilyn Monroe from the famous photograph of Monroe with Joe di Maggio... minus Joe. "I liked her pose in that photo," he reflected. Adjacent to Marilyn is a slicked up Elvis and of course, a those old plastic discs called records. Puts one in the mood for a milk shake, fries and perhaps a poodle skirt.

Rhode seems to be drawn to food subjects. If you're grabbing a bite to eat while gambling at the Riverside Casino, look for his larger than life renditions of fruits and vegetables climbing the walls of the buffet.

In every application, Rhode concerns himself with all the smallest details. He still shudders at his inability to "paint in" the fire sprinklers in the middle of a beautiful cloud ceiling application at a Las Vegas hotel. When it comes to switch plates in inopportune locations, Rhode simply paints right over them, incorporating the functionality into the mural art seamlessly.

For textural art statements, Rhode has been known to slit open bags of sand onto a studio floor, rake them in the artistic Japanese garden style, photograph the rippled sand, then manipulate the



pictures in PhotoShop to the desired result.

Rhode's just completed, Sierra Madre project shows his deep love and respect for the color palette and style of Diego Rivera. The scene merges two scenes; one a Tuscan vineyard scene in the foreground, appropriate for the wine tasting venue. At the owner's request, the background is the panorama of the San Gabriel Mountains, as viewed from Sierra Madre Boulevard, including Jones Peak.

In the home setting, Rhode often uses the trompe l'oeil technique, which creates a three dimensional impression using line and shadow. Derived from the French, "to deceive the eye," the method is often used to create the illusion of a larger room, or to take place of expensive, or space consuming elements like ornate pillars.

In some cases, he uses medium density fiberboard (MDF) doors and moldings as a base for realistic looking wood grain painting, delivering the expensive look at a more economical price point.

Rhode employed trompe l'oeil, Venetian plaster and mural work in a Claremont home recently. His work there was extensively featured in a home design article in the October, 2011 edition of Inland Empire magazine.

In another residential project, he incorporated a stylized portraiture in an Anaheim Hills home, where he painted life-size rendition of the owner's three sons, dressed in traditional Armenian folk attire and playing indigenous instruments.

Rhode was honored to be chosen to create two of the six lighthearted renditions of Botticelli's

iconic "Birth of Venus" paintings, commissioned by Caesar's Palace. His versions offer a bit of humor with raining miniature Venuses in one, reminiscent of the tiny umbrellas in Rene Magritte's famous work. In Rhode's second work of this series, he pokes a bit of fun at Roy Lichtenstein's pop art, with a cartoon-like Venus.

George Rhode seems to have the big picture, bringing art to the home, the hotel, the wine tasting venue, and even the switch plate, without losing sight of the small details.

George Rhode, a Sierra Madre resident, can be contacted at 626-975-9367 or GeoRhode@aol.com.



**Tips of the Trade:
Real Estate Revealed**
by Luther Tsinoglou

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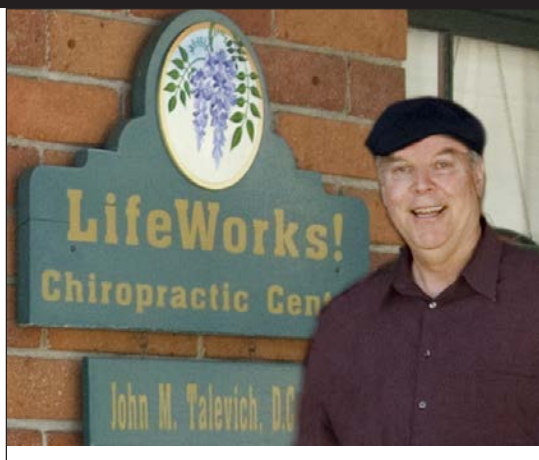
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YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Today's Subject:
JOINT PAIN

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

For some, generalized bone, joint and muscle pain is a daily occurrence. For others, this type of discomfort comes on after exertion or an injury. In each case, it's important to examine the symptoms and to support proper healing of the joint and surrounding tissue. Without adequate healing, degenerative changes develop.

Chronic Inflammation

Inflammation occurs for many reasons and affects all of the tissues of the body. The joints are particularly sensitive to damage, both at a microtraumatic level and with gross injury. When swelling develops, the normal flow of nutrients carried by lymphatic and synovial fluids is decreased, leading to a deterioration of the healing capacity of these nutrients. Over time, this incomplete resolution becomes a source of inflammation and degeneration itself. This chronicity gives way to degenerative joint disease.

Multiple Causes

Obviously, an increase in weight-bearing stress can lead to a breakdown of normal tissue. Postural stress is one factor that forces some areas to work harder than others, due to compensation. The affected area demonstrates a degree of resilience for a while, followed by a lessening of normal tissue integrity. In the case of sprain or fracture, the formation of scar tissue influences the way joints move. It's safe to say that everybody experiences some degree of wear and tear as we find our way through life.

Solutions

Any approach which seeks to decrease inflammation and promote postural integrity will be of benefit, not only for those who suffer from structural problems, but for everyone. These approaches include diet and nutrition, relaxation techniques, and appropriate exercises such as walking, stretching, and yoga. Professional attention through chiropractic, osteopathy, Physio-synthesis, Pilates, Alexander, Feldenkrais, postural integration and the like is a must for this section of our health care checklist.

To your healthy week, Dr. John

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HELP PREVENT ELDER ABUSE

Dear Savvy Senior:

Can you write a column on the shameful crime of elder abuse? I've worked for Adult Protective Services for many years, and it seems like this ongoing problem doesn't get enough attention. Concerned Citizen

Dear Concerned:

I certainly can! Elder abuse is an immense and often hidden problem that all Americans need to be aware of so they can recognize it, and know what to do if they suspect a problem.

According to the National Center on Elder Abuse, around 3.5 million seniors are victims of abuse, but research suggests that this crime is significantly under-reported and under-identified. Fewer than 1-in-6 cases of elder abuse ever get reported to the authorities because the victims are usually too afraid, too embarrassed, too helpless or too trusting to call for help.

The term "elder abuse" is defined as intentional or negligent acts by a caregiver or trusted individual that causes, or can cause, harm to a vulnerable senior. Elder abuse also comes in many different forms: physical abuse, emotional or psychological abuse, sexual abuse, abandonment, neglect and self-neglect, and financial exploitation which has increased significantly over the past few years because of the sour economy.

Those most vulnerable are seniors that are ill, frail, disabled, socially isolated or mentally impaired due to dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

It's also important to know that while elder abuse does happen in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, the vast majority of incidents take place at home where the senior lives. And tragically, the abusers are most often their own family members (usually the victim's adult child or spouse) or caregiver.

Recognizing Elder Abuse

So how can you tell if a friend or your loved one is being abused, and what can you do to help?

A change in general behavior is a universal warning sign that a problem exists. If your elder friend or loved one becomes withdrawn or gets upset or agitated easily, you need to start asking questions. Here are some additional warning signs on the different types of elder abuse that can help you spot a possible problem.

- Physical or sexual abuse: Suspicious bruises or other injuries that can't be explained. Sudden changes in behavior (upset, withdrawn, fearful). Broken eyeglasses. Caregiver's refusal to allow visitors to see an elder alone.
- Emotional or psychological abuse (insults, intimidation, threats, social isolation): The elder is extremely upset, agitated, withdrawn, unresponsive, fearful or depressed, or demonstrates some other unusual behavior.
- Neglect or self-neglect: Malnourishment, weight loss, unattended medical needs, poor hygiene, unsanitary and unsafe living conditions.
- Financial exploitation: Missing money or valuables. Unexplained withdrawals from bank accounts, or transfers between accounts. Unauthorized use of credit, debit or ATM card. Unpaid bills despite available funds. Checks written as a loan or gift. Abrupt changes in a will or other documents.

What to Do

The best ways to help prevent elder abuse is to be in touch, and keep the lines of communication open. If you suspect any type of elder abuse or neglect, report it to your local protective services agency.

Adult Protective Services is the government agency responsible for investigating cases and providing help and guidance. Call the Eldercare Locator at 800-677-1116 or visit the National Center on Elder Abuse website (ncea.aoa.gov) to get the agency contact number in your area.

If however, you feel the person is in immediate danger, call 911 or the local police for immediate help.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café: Come enjoy a hot meal with others. Donation for seniors (60+) of \$2.00; visitors \$3.75. Call 355-0256 to make your daily reservation.

1:00 pm to 1:45 pm: **Strength Training** with Lisa Brandley. FREE class of stretching with light hand weights while you sit.

TUESDAYS:

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1:30 pm to 3:30 pm: BINGO; cards are only 25 cents each so stop by & play
5:15 pm to 6:45 pm: Yoga; \$6.00 - 50 & over. Please call 355-5278 for more information

WEDNESDAYS:

11 - 11:45 am: Balance Class with Teryl. FREE class designed to improve balance & refresh the joints

12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256

2nd Wednesday of the month: FREE Legal Consultations: 10-11:30 am. Appointments call 355-7394

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

THURSDAYS:

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FRIDAY: City Hall closed on Dec. 16, 23 & 30 and Lunch Café closed on Dec. 23

12 noon: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256

Saturday: 11:30 am: Senior Club brown bag lunch and BINGO at 12:30 pm.

The Senior Club will return to the Senior Center starting on Saturday, February 4, 2012

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Bus leaves the Hart Park House Senior Center at 10:30 am and will return around 3 pm.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD - Community Whale Watching Trip; \$28 per person. The bus will leave the Community Recreation Center at 10 am and return at 3:30 pm. Cost includes transportation and a 2 1/2 hour charter boat tour out of Long Beach.

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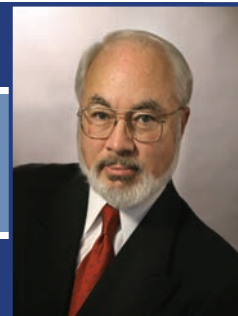
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Looking Up

EARTH'S ENERGY BUDGET OUT OF BALANCE
DESPITE LOW SOLAR ACTIVITY

with Bob Eklund



A new NASA study underscores the fact that greenhouse gases generated by human activity—not changes in solar activity—are the primary force driving global warming.

The study offers an updated calculation of the Earth's energy imbalance, the difference between the amount of solar energy absorbed by Earth's surface and the amount returned to space as heat. The researchers' calculations show that, despite unusually low solar activity between 2005 and 2010, the planet continued to absorb more energy than it returned to space.

James Hansen, director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS) in New York City, led the research. The journal Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics published the study in December 2011.

Total solar irradiance—the amount of energy produced by the Sun that reaches the top of each square meter of the Earth's atmosphere—typically declines by about a tenth of a percent during cyclical lulls in solar activity caused by shifts in the Sun's magnetic field. Usually solar minimums occur about every eleven years and last a year or so, but the most recent minimum persisted more than two years longer than normal, making it the longest minimum recorded during the satellite era.

Pinpointing the magnitude of Earth's energy imbalance is fundamental to climate science because it offers a direct measure of the state of the climate. Energy imbalance calculations also serve as the foundation for projections of future climate change. If the imbalance is positive and more energy enters the system than exits, Earth grows warmer. If the imbalance is negative, the planet grows cooler.

Hansen's team concluded that Earth has absorbed more than half a watt more solar energy per square meter than it let off throughout the six-year study period. The calculated value of the imbalance (0.58 watt of excess energy per square meter) is more than twice as much as the reduction in the amount of solar energy supplied to the planet between maximum and minimum solar activity (0.25 watt per square meter).

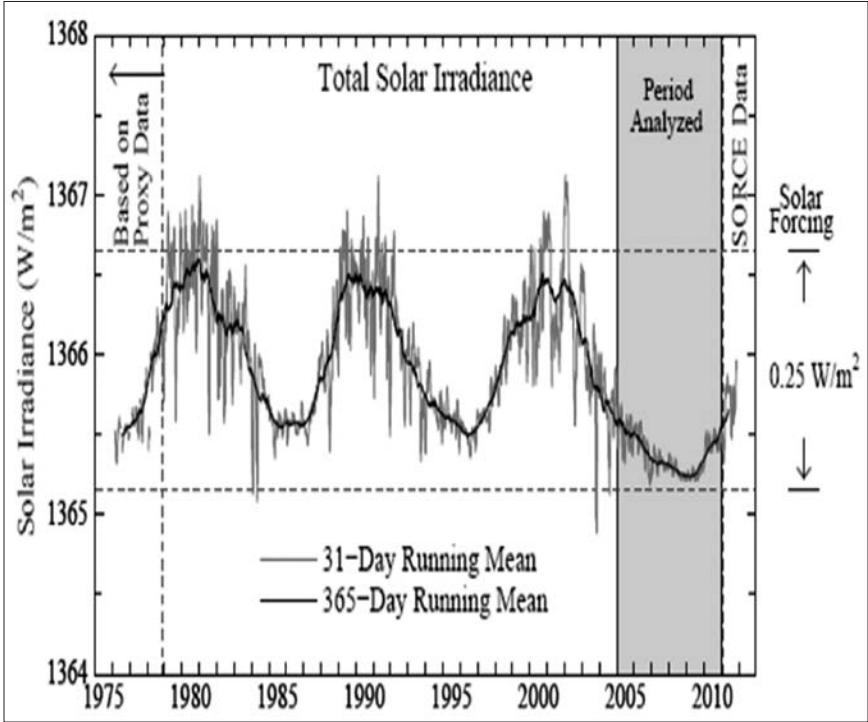
"The fact that we still see a positive imbalance despite the prolonged solar minimum isn't a surprise, given what we've learned about the climate system, but it's worth noting because this provides unequivocal evidence that the Sun is not the dominant driver of global warming," Hansen said.

According to calculations conducted by Hansen and his colleagues, the 0.58 watt per square meter imbalance implies that carbon dioxide levels need to be reduced to about 350 parts per million to restore the energy budget to equilibrium. The most recent measurements show that carbon dioxide levels are currently 392 parts per million and scientists expect that concentration to continue to rise in the future.

Climate scientists have been refining calculations of the Earth's energy imbalance for many years, but this newest estimate is an improvement over previous attempts because the scientists had access to better measurements of ocean temperature than researchers have had in the past.

The improved measurements came from free-floating instruments that directly monitor the temperature, pressure and salinity of the upper ocean to a depth of 6,500 feet. The network of instruments, known collectively as Argo, has grown dramatically in recent years since researchers first began deploying the floats a decade ago. Today, more than 3,400 Argo floats actively take measurements and provide data to the public.

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A graph of the sun's total solar irradiance shows that in recent years irradiance dipped to the lowest levels recorded during the satellite era. The resulting reduction in the amount of solar energy available to affect Earth's climate was about .25 watts per square meter, less than half of Earth's total energy imbalance. (Credit: NASA/James Hansen)

On Line

By PJ Carpenter

NEW VIEW ON (ONLINE) PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS



I ran across this interesting piece on online media and its effects on this years election. I yield my space to:

(NAPS)—According to a recent Pew Research study, 22 percent of adults used social networking sites to plug into the last elections. Social media use in the next presidential election race promises to be even higher, with innovative sites already sprouting up to help citizens voice their opinions, show support for their favorite candidates and even get a chance at the ballot themselves. Seasoned political pundits and novice voters are rapidly adopting new online media that aim to level the political playing field and get involved in ways never before possible.

"In recent history, presidential candidates have needed very deep pockets, knowledge of the complex campaign process and a huge network of support resources to even get noticed," said Bryan Lee, co-founder of Votocracy, a new social media site where anyone can toss their hat into the presidential ring for as little as \$1. "We aim to be the great political equalizer, providing anyone of the 200 million voting-age Americans a shot at getting on the presidential ticket and gaining millions of supporters, simply through the power of social media."

The site offers members free access to find and interact with

political candidates, then support from the American their own presidential minutes. The Votocracy nationally televised reality who generate the most support.

Other political networking tools have emerged to help about upcoming elections, discussions and keep tabs on wave of social media sites entrepreneur" can quickly having deep pockets, years notoriety—just the drive change.

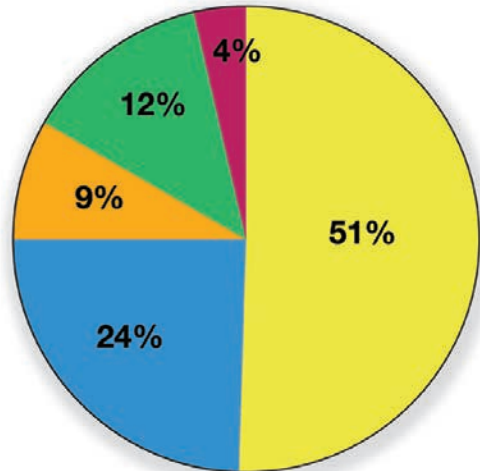
The campaign season and interactive than ever get involved, either to or campaign. For a look future of politics via social com.

helps those candidates amass people after registering campaign—which takes only process culminates in a show in which the candidates support compete for America's

sites, online communities and people engage and learn more participate in political specific politicians. This new means a new breed of "political gain momentum without of political experience or even to compete and a passion for

promises to be more accessible before, making it easy to support a favorite candidate at what many are calling the media, visit www.Votocracy.

How will you be using social media to engage in the 2012 elections?



- To make my voice heard (51%)
- To learn more about the candidates (24%)
- To connect with other supporters (9%)
- To rally my friends and family (12%)
- I don't use social media (4%)



Votocracy members can get involved and express their political opinion on daily polls like: "What is the biggest problem with our current election process?"

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc.

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TATER LOVES PAPER! HEALTH RISKS & CONCERNS ASSOCIATED WITH PUPPY PAPER PICA

My 10-year-old bloodhound, "Tatertotts" loves to eat paper. Soft paper products such as toilet paper, napkins and facial tissue are her favorites. I discovered Tater's paper fetish inadvertently one day, when I noticed her nudging at the pocket of my jacket, where I happened to have a tissue stashed away, just in case. She was relentless in her pursuit for that wad of paper, and even though I know she has a nose that can detect a scent of just about any kind from a mile away, I was still surprised that she knew I had a small bit of tissue in my pocket, sight un-seen. She apparently smelled it through the thick denim fabric of my jacket. When I refused to give it to her, she growled a bit, pushed her enormous wet nose right inside my pocket and snagged it out. She then proceeded to chew on it with a look on her face as if I'd given her a piece of tender loin! I expected her to spit it out eventually, after mashing down with her teeth into a saliva soaked ball, but instead she swallowed it and looked up at me with begging eyes, in hopes of talking me into giving her another piece! When I said "no more", she started nudging at my jacket again, until I finally had to turn my pockets inside out to convince her there was no more paper there. It struck me as strange that she would be so intrigued with eating a tasteless product such as tissue paper, so I decided to do a little research on the subject. Meanwhile, I thought it would be best to keep paper out of Tater's reach, but she is one sneaky girl, and has a way of getting what she wants, behind my back. Let's just say she keeps me on my toes!

As it turns out, puppy paper pica (a dog's desperate desire to eat paper) is quite common among canines, particularly large breeds. I also learned that there are numerous theories as to why dogs love to eat paper, but I had already formulated

a couple of theories of my own as to the reason for Tater's paper fetish. First of all, Tatertotts is a bloodhound with the longest, floppiest, sloppiest lips I have ever seen on a dog (or any animal, for that matter!), and I somehow think that chewing on something that "melts in her mout" probably provides a sensation much like what we feel when we chew on gum. For that reason, I guess I can understand why Tater would want to chew on paper, but that doesn't explain her desire to swallow it. I couldn't help wondering why she would want to ingest unused napkins and tissues, rather than chewing and spitting them out, or simply tearing them apart and leaving them in a heap the way many dogs do. I was quite sure Tater did not have any medical issues that might cause her to want to eat paper, but just to be sure, I consulted with my veterinarian and ruled out any concerns regarding her health. I chose not to be concerned, but to continue doing my best to keep her away from paper in the future.

It wasn't until one day while I was picking up Tater's poop (please pardon the graphics) in the back yard and saw the "end result" of her sneaky fetish that I realized the paper that she'd swiped out of the trash can the day before had made its way through her digestive tract almost fully intact! It had changed shape, of course, but it appeared to be all there, un-torn and in one piece, like a long rope twisted tightly together. It was then that it dawned on me that the paper may have performed a practical purpose in the process, acting as a sort of bonding agent in Tater's digestive system, and if so, it suggested to me that perhaps Tater might just need more fiber in her diet. I always include some kind of fresh vegetable mixed in with her dry food, along with a little water to help her swallow it easily without choking, causing a bloat and twist

reaction. After finding the paper in her poop that day, I decided to add more fibrous foods to her diet, such as broccoli, sweet peas, spinach and lettuce. The new additions to Tater's daily food rations certainly have been good for her, but by no means has it changed the way she feels about paper. That, I'm afraid, is a love affair that will last forever. I guess Tater's preferred Valentine comes in the form of tissue paper rather than a greeting card!

Some of the theories and opinions that I discovered during my "puppy pica research" on-line, helped confirm my own theory about Tater's love affair with tissues, but there were other indications as to why dogs eat paper that took me rather by surprise. Boredom, for example showed up on several blogs and websites as a potential prompt for paper pica. Another possible cause is puppy promiscuity. Some young dogs simply like to get into things, much like a human child enjoys catching mom off guard by raiding the kitchen pantry. Other theories have to do with diet or health, while others indicate a need to chew in general.

Whatever the reasons or causes, the general consensus is that paper pica among canines is unhealthy and should be prevented. Over a period of time, ingested paper can cause serious problems in a dog's digestive system, such as blockage resulting in septic shock and internal infections. Regardless of the reasons why a dog wants to eat paper, it is important that the human do whatever it takes to keep it out of their reach. Now that I know the health risks associated with canine paper pica, I am careful not to leave facial tissues, napkins or toilet paper in a place where Tater might get to them. It still remains a sort of family joke, though, that Tater prefers paper over her store-bought doggie treats!

KATIE Tse.....This and That



PASSIVE AGGRESSION IN THE BREAK ROOM!

If your job is anything like mine, you leave your office or cubicle to eat in the break room. Although it may seem casual, the break room has a definite unspoken code of conduct. The first rule is: "Don't microwave fish!" People act all grossed out when someone microwaves halibut or cod; but honestly, is the odor that nauseating? Of course you really shouldn't be eating fish (my vegan soap box), but if you're going to anyway, you should be able to enjoy it at work! The second rule is even harsher: "Don't microwave cruciferous vegetables!" Broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage --they all cause the microwave to emit a gust of flatulence. I can accept the "no fish" rule, but outlawing some of the healthiest (and cheapest) veggies is just criminal!

I did some very light research and found that, while people complain about the smell of others' food, there's an even larger group of people who complain about the people who complain. (I am in the latter group --scandalous, I know!) It's high time that microwavers defend their right to enjoy an oily fish or broccoli stir fry!

Beyond the basic lunch room etiquette is a whole system of refrigerator maintenance. The fridge inevitably gets crowded with forgotten or abandoned food items --ranging from soggy to medicinal in a penicillin sort of way. Since the fridge belongs to everyone (and therefore to no one), its cleaning usually has to be enforced. For example, in January the public relations department is responsible for cleaning the fridge on the last Friday of the month. "Cleaning" is a relative term that usually means throwing out expired or unlabeled items. All the employees are forewarned of this monthly purging. However, some cleaners are ruthless, throwing away things that are clearly labeled. I recall a friend who suspected other coworkers were purposely trashing her food. In self defense, she began writing a different employee's office number on her food to save it from being dumped. This method worked, which is somewhat sad, because it confirmed her suspicion that she was being targeted.



If your food isn't dumped, that doesn't mean it isn't safe from predators. Another friend told me that her boss had to actually email employees to put their name on their lunch, and to not eat food they didn't bring. Apparently some people assumed unmarked lunches were free for the taking, and ate them. All I can imagine is the embarrassment of being caught consuming your coworker's sandwich.

Besides the danger and etiquette related to the break room, there can be a whole protocol about mere use of the microwave! A friend related an experience when she unthinkingly inserted her lunch into the microwave, only to be stopped by another coworker. "Sally," she scolded, "there's a LINE to use the microwave!" My friend surveyed her coworkers in various relaxed positions. Any objective assessment of the scene wouldn't have assumed a line was present. Sally retrieved her cold lunch, silently vowing to buy her own microwave and never enter the break room again! Popping in a Tupperware of potatoes and pork, the microwave policewoman conspicuously whispered to another coworker, "Don't worry, Heather, I made sure yours got in next!" Oy! With coworkers like that who needs enemies? Needless to say, Sally soon purchased her very own office microwave and has lived happily ever after (except for the time that the communal microwave broke, and everyone lined up at her door to use her microwave. She really should've charged for that).

The lessons from this article are: 1) if possible, buy your own fridge and microwave, 2) if you must use the break room fridge, clearly label your items, 3) be prepared to defend your right to eat fish and brussel sprouts, 4) know you enemy --they could be down right nasty or just covetous of your Buca di Beppo leftovers, 5) trust no one!

2012 MOUNT WILSON TRAIL RACE INFORMATION

Get Ready for the 2012 Mount Wilson Trail Race with Team CrossFit Academy!

The 2012 race will be here before you know it:
Saturday, May 26.



Coach Eric LeClair and Team CrossFit Academy will be returning for their seventh year to provide free Saturday morning training runs for this challenging event for any interested trail runner. The training is a 16-week program designed with three different ability groups: Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. The first training session will begin Saturday morning, February 4th at 7:00A in Kersting Court. It is recommended that all interested runners begin their training on this date; each Saturday morning will feature a different training run.

Coach LeClair has had hundreds of runners and racers within the ranks of the training team over the past six years. The training program has been so successful that it has resulted in over 20 Top 3

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From the beginning trail runner to the experienced veteran racer, all will be welcomed into this fun group and will be assisted in accomplishing his or her desired goal. To contact Coach Eric LeClair or Team CrossFit Academy directly, please call 626-437-8739 or search for either on Facebook.

Registration

Registration for the 2012 Mount Wilson Trail Race will begin on Monday, March 5 at 9:00am. Registration is available online at www.cityofsierramadre.com/online/registration. Runners are encouraged to register as soon as possible as space is limited. The MWTR sells out on an annual basis, be sure to reserve your spot for 2012! For more information please visit www.mountwilsontrailrace.com or contact the Community Services Office at 626.355.5278.

LASALLE BASKETBALLERS



WINNING is the name of the game for LaSalle High School's Varsity Basketball teams. Above, Caroline Knop, No. 4 and the Girls Varsity Team march to a 56-41 victory over Cantwell Sacred Heart High School. Below, Marcus Tappan, No. 45 helps the Boys Varsity Team defeat Cathedral High School 64-57. Photos by John Blackstock



HUDDLE UP!



By Harvey Hyde

THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

Two weeks ago I watched the AFC and NFC championship games determining who would play in the Super Bowl. I watched – for 7½ straight hours – as New England beat Baltimore, 20-17, and then the New York Giants' won in overtime, 23-20, over the San Francisco 49ers. Both games last minutes finishes. Can football get better than that?

I have little doubt that I enjoyed that Sunday better than I will Super Bowl Sunday. As reporter Steve Kroft said on "60 Minutes": "With all due respect to Ringling Brothers, the NFL is now the greatest show on earth, and Roger Goodell is the ringmaster." No wonder Commissioner Goodell recently received a handsome new contract extension through 2019.

In the Las Vegas sports books, New England went into the Super Bowl as a three-point favorite, even though the Giants couldn't be playing any better. Quarterback Eli Manning and the players around him have great talent. In setting these odds, I guess it boiled down to New England Coach Bill Belichick and quarterback Tom Brady.

Another factor may be that although both Belichick of the Patriots and Coughlin of the Giants have had two weeks to prepare, the advantage went to Belichick and his staff because they just may figure out how to penetrate the Giants' defensive backfield. Whatever the odds makers say, I won't share my prediction.

On "60 Minutes," Kroft called the NFL the most successful entertainment entity in America.

Can that identity be improved? Imagine where the NFL could go from here?

One thing I might predict is that there will be one, maybe two, teams in Los Angeles in the next decade. That likely means the Super Bowl will be coming back to the Los Angeles area on a periodic basis.

Expansion, and the money it generates, could mean the creation of a World Division or maybe an International Football Conference. NFL Europe introduced

American football there years ago, and NFL games have been played in London, Japan Mexico City and elsewhere. We might have the NFC, the AFC and the IFC. There could be NFL teams in Mexico, Canada, London, Germany and even China.

With this kind of expansion, the NFL could end up with a world championship game. Just imagine the TV ratings and audience. A 30-second spot on the Super Bowl now costs \$2 million. Is a \$4-million spot within sight?

It may sound crazy, but I think world-wide expansion is coming.

For some fans, one thing the NFL does have to think about is the level of competition in the Pro Bowl. It was really an exhibition game. No one wanted to block, no one wanted to tackle. There were interceptions, but otherwise, little defense. It is called "going through the motions." I realize everyone is worried about getting injured, and I guess you can't blame them.

Granted, the game is set in the beautiful vacation state of Hawaii. It is a fine vacation destination. But the players seemed to be on vacation during the game. Actually, they were, with a week in Hawaii with family and time to socialize with other players. Maybe some fans don't really care who wins, but just want to see the big stars on the field together. No matter, the score of AFC 59, NFC 41 made for an entertaining game for some. It was the second highest total score ever for a Pro Bowl.

For those other fans, maybe the NFL needs to come up with an idea that would give the players more incentive to play to win, besides the money. Baseball did something about its All-Star game when Commissioner Bud Selig said the winning team would determine which league gets the home-field advantage in the World Series.

That wouldn't work in the NFL, but perhaps there is something that can be done.

Next week we may talk about the Lakers. Or do you really want me to?

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BREEDERS' CUP GOES..... HOLLYWOOD

From Arcadia's Best



According to the announcement, "the logo captures the prestige of the Breeders' Cup with the Hollywood esteem of Los Angeles."

I suppose this was to be expected when the press conference announcing the decision to stage this year's Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita was held last year at a hotel in downtown Los Angeles, with L.A. Mayor Villaraigosa being given the primary spotlight.

Both Santa Anita and Breeders' Cup are targeting a much broader range of customers these days from much further away than the San Gabriel Valley. Ironically, Santa Anita has been advertising its current meet on the electronic billboard at Angel Stadium near the 57 freeway in Anaheim.

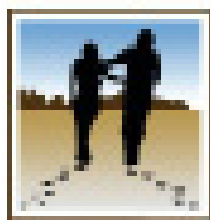
More curious is not having Santa Anita mentioned on every version of the logo, since the track is considered one of the finest in the world.

The 29th running of the Breeders' Cup World Championships will mark the sixth time that Santa Anita will host the event, returning for the first time since back-to-back years in 2008 and 2009. Total purses for the two-day event are more than \$25 million.

Tickets for this year's event are scheduled to go on sale to the general public in early June. Fans may register today at www.breederscup.com/tickets to receive a special pre-sale ticket offer in late May which will allow them to purchase tickets before they go on sale to the general public.

— By Scott Hettrick





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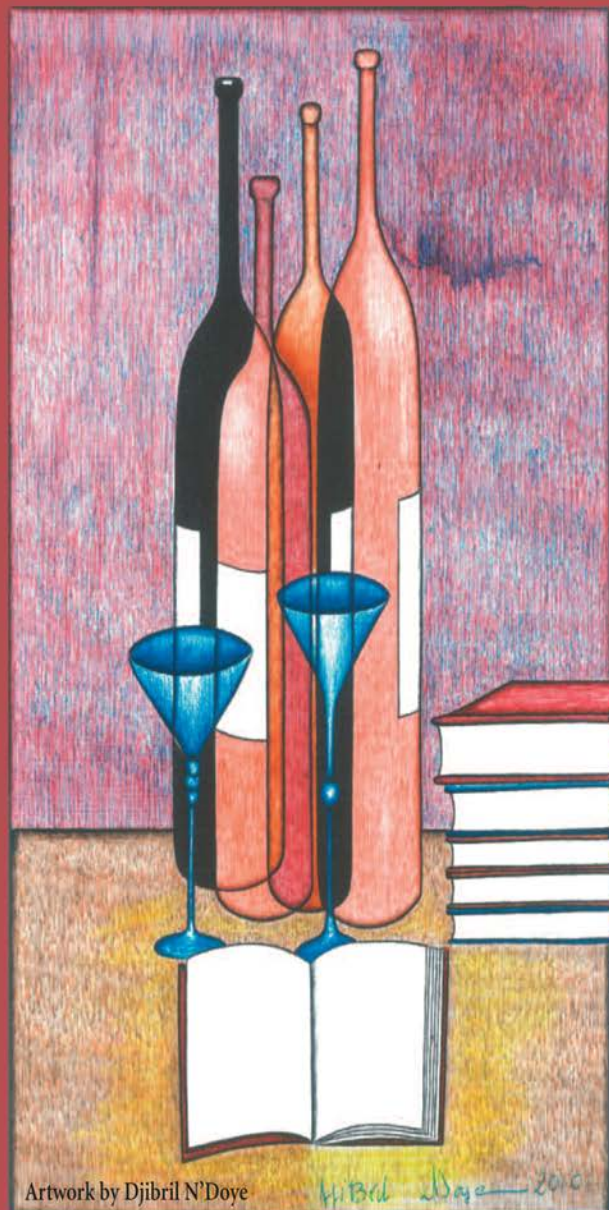
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