

## ALL STRUCTURAL WORK COMPLETE FOR THE I-210 GOLD LINE BRIDGE

**Up to 20 full eastbound freeway closures will begin to remove falsework**

After more than one year of intense activity, the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority (Construction Authority) announced today that all structural work has been completed on the I-210 Gold Line Bridge. This announcement follows the recent completion of post-tensioning activities (internal strengthening of the structure through tensioning of supportive steel bands) and grouting of all internal ducts - the last steps in the process to complete the structural elements of the 584-linear foot, \$18.6 million rail bridge.

“The bridge can now stand on its own,” said Construction Authority CEO Habib F. Balian. “This is an important milestone in our progress to complete the bridge, and we commend Skanska USA for their hard work and ability to meet the project deadlines while providing excellent craftsmanship.”

With the structure now fully secure on its own, the temporary support structure will now be removed. The “falsework,” which was installed in a series of nighttime closures in February and March 2012, has supported the bridge while under construction. Up to 20 nighttime closures of the eastbound I-210 Freeway will take place over the next six weeks to safely remove this temporary structure.

“The removal of the falsework is even more challenging than the installation,” said Balian. “When Skanska installed the support structure there was nothing around. Now they need to work around the bridge, as well as over an active freeway.”

To safeguard the traveling public, full closures of the eastbound I-210 Freeway are planned. For each of these consecutive closures, the eastbound I-210 Freeway will be closed between Baldwin and Santa Anita Aves. from Midnight until 5:00 a.m. The first closures will occur starting late Tuesday, Sept. 4, and include closures on Wednesday and Thursday nights. Closures will continue the following week, starting late Sunday, Sept. 9, and continue through early morning Friday, Sept. 14. Additional dates will be announced as they are scheduled, with work expected to continue through mid-October.

“We understand that these closures can be inconvenient and we appreciate the community’s patience,” added Balian. “We encourage motorists and truckers who can use other routes to do so.”

When finished, the bridge will feature columns designed to resemble Native American baskets, in recognition of the first residents of the area - the Gabrieleno/Tongva Tribe. The baskets are under development now, and will be installed after the falsework removal process is complete.

The bridge is on schedule to be completed in December 2012. In addition to the upcoming basket installation, additional work to be completed on the bridge includes: concrete placement for the barrier walls on either side of the deck, building retaining walls on the ingress and egress to the bridge, landscaping and lighting. In December, the bridge will be turned over to the Construction Authority, and future work to add the utilities, track and other light rail features.

To learn more or receive construction alerts and project updates, sign-up at: <http://www.foothillextension.org/> or follow the project on Facebook and Twitter. To receive text alerts about freeway closures, text from your cell phone “GOLDLINENEWS” to 888777.

*About the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority (Construction Authority)*

The Construction Authority is an independent transportation planning and construction agency created in 1999 by the California State Legislature. Its purpose is to extend the Metro Gold Line light rail line from Union Station to Montclair, along the foothills of the San Gabriel Valley. The Construction Authority built the initial segment from Union Station to Pasadena and is underway on the Gold Line Foothill Extension. The Foothill Extension is a nearly \$1.6 billion extension that will connect Pasadena to Montclair in two construction segments. The first segment, Pasadena to Azusa, is funded by Los Angeles County’s Measure R and currently underway. The 11.5-mile Pasadena to Azusa segment will be completed in late 2015 and includes future stations in the cities of Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Irwindale and Azusa. Three design-build contracts, totaling more than \$500 million will be overseen by the Construction Authority to complete the Pasadena to Azusa segment, including the \$18.6 million I-210 Gold Line Bridge, awarded to Skanska USA in June 2010 and a \$486 million contract awarded in July 2011 to Foothill Transit Constructors (FTC). The Azusa to Montclair segment is currently undergoing final environmental review.

For more information, visit: [www.foothillextension.org](http://www.foothillextension.org).

## THE NEXT GENERATION OF VOLUNTEERS



On Saturday morning in Kersting Court it wasn’t hard to miss the energetic group of 15 or so Junior Youth from the local club called Epic Works. In colorful T-Shirts they held “Car Wash” signs at the main intersection attracting patrons to their fund-raising event held at the Village Auto Clinic.

The day was a huge success as people were happy to get their cars cleaned knowing the money was going toward feeding the homeless. Specifically, the Epic Works kids have donated their time and money at the Pasadena Union Rescue Mission twice this year, buying the food and cooking it up themselves.

The group of kids ages 11 to 13 started up their “service club” last spring and began making plans to do volunteer work in and around their communities.

Local businessman, Bill Schlote, was happy to oblige when the club asked if he could donate his space and the water. The group raised over \$200 and are making plans to expand their service ventures.

For more information about Epic Works Jr. Youth Service Club just like them on facebook at [epicworksonline](http://epicworksonline).

## SIERRA MADRE TO HOLD 9-11 MEMORIALS

Tuesday, September 11, 2012 will be a day of remembrance, honor and appreciation in the city of Sierra Madre. The city’s Police and Fire Departments will hold their annual memorial service in honor of the victims of the 9-11 attack in 2001. They will then be honored by the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club, and later in the day, by the Sierra Madre City Council.

According to Chief Steve Heydorf, at 6:30 am, the SMFD and SMPD will hold their annual ceremony in front of the fire station which will include a moment of silence at the exact time the second World Trade Center Tower went down and the ringing of the bells in honor of those who lost their lives.

Following the ceremonies at the Fire Station, the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club will honor the city’s first responders with breakfast at The Lodge, 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd at 7:45 am. The public is invited. For reservations for the Kiwanis breakfast, please call 626-355-0728.

Later in the day, at the regular City Council meeting, Mayor Josh Moran and the entire council will also honor our police and fire departments.

This year marks the 11th anniversary of the attack that brought down the towers of the World Trade Center and killed thousands of Americans.

### Save The Date:

### 2012 Health/Wellness Fair in the Park

The City of Sierra Madre is teaming with the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce to provide the 2012 Health Fair/Wellness in the Park.

This event is free to attend and features health screenings, testing and senior related information. Sponsors include: Athens Services, Kensington Assisted Living, Supervisor Michael Antonovich, Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce and the Senior Commission.

Date:	Saturday, September 22
Time:	9:00am-12:00pm Health Fair
	7:00am-11:00am Pancake Breakfast

Location: Memorial Park, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

### Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast

The Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club is hosting their annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser in conjunction with the Health Fair from 7:00am-11:00am also at Memorial Park.

You can grab breakfast prior to stopping by the Health Fair/Wellness in the Park and support a fantastic local organization. Proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast benefit the club’s charitable support of children’s organizations.

For more information, contact Adam Matsumoto with the City of Sierra Madre at 626-355-7135, Ed Chen with the Sierra Madre Chamber at 626-355-5111 or Susan Henderson with the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club, 626-355-0728.

## CAL FIRE URGES EXTRA SAFETY OVER LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Sacramento – As Labor Day weekend approaches, millions of people will visit outdoor recreation areas throughout California. In anticipation of the increased outdoor activities, CAL FIRE officials are urging everyone to exercise extra caution and be safe this holiday weekend.

Wildfires continue to burn in northern California and much of the state remains at high risk for wildfires. Over 500,000 acres have burned in California so far this year. The potential for additional large, destructive fires only increases as we approach fall. Residents and visitors to the recreational areas of California need to be extremely cautious and avoid starting any new fires while enjoying the last long weekend of summer with their friends and families. Due to existing or recent fires many areas are closed to visitors and campers. If you are planning to visit one of the National Forests within California, please contact the Forest Area Office directly to obtain current information on their closures and fire restrictions.

A state-wide burn ban has been in effect since August 15, 2012 for all statewide responsibility areas. All residential “dooryard” burning, forest management, hazard abatement, and other

industrial-type burning is suspended until further notice. Campfires are only allowed in designated campgrounds. Wildfires are not the only danger posed by the outdoors; drowning also dramatically increase during the Labor Day weekend. CAL FIRE responds to water rescues all across the state, many of which tragically claim the lives of both adults and children.

CAL FIRE urges everyone to follow these important safety tips this holiday weekend:

### Camping:

Obtain necessary permits needed for campfires and adhere to any restrictions  
Clear away grass, leaves and other debris within a 10-foot perimeter of any campfire  
Have a responsible person in attendance at all times while campfire in use  
Ensure all campfires are completely extinguished before leaving  
When barbecuing, never leave the grill unattended

### In the Water:

Always wear a life jacket!  
Children should always be supervised by a responsible adult  
Never swim alone  
Drinking and swimming is just as dangerous as drinking and driving.

For more ways to be safe during the Labor Day Weekend visit the CAL FIRE website at [www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov).

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I’m Maddie! I love hearing about Niko’s from my Dad!

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## Weather Wise

### 5-Day Forecast

#### Sierra Madre, Ca.

<b>Mon:</b>	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s
<b>Tues:</b>	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s
<b>Wed:</b>	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s
<b>Thur:</b>	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
<b>Fri:</b>	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s

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

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING:  
September 11, 2012

Mon Sep 03 City Hall - Holidays CLOSED  
Library Closed

Tuesday, September 04, 2012, 06:00pm  
General Plan Steering Committee

Wed Sep 05 7:30 am  
SMTV Committee Meeting

Thu Sep 06 @ 7:00PM -

CANCELLED Planning Commission Meeting

Fri Sep 07 City Hall - Alternate Fridays CLOSED

Tuesday, September 11, 2012, 06:00pm

City Council Meeting

Friday, Sept 14, 2012 - Business Forum



## SIERRA MADRE SCARECROW FESTIVAL

Plans are in the works for a contest in October where residents will receive "Crow Awards" for the most creative scarecrows in the "humorous" and "scariest" categories for residents and for businesses, for having the most creative scarecrow(s) representing their business.

Currently plans are for life sized scarecrows and according to Executive Director Jackie Raymond, "We envision residents and guests driving through the town" in a manner similar to when people view Christmas or Halloween decorations. "It will bring families of Sierra Madre together and promote our business."

Don't know how to make a scarecrow? Creative Arts will be hosting a FREE Scarecrow Making Workshop at Creative Arts Group Saturday, September 15, 2012 from noon to 7 pm, to the first 60 families.

Workshop participants need to bring clothes and accessories for their scarecrow. Everything else will be provided. These scarecrows are life-size, so bring appropriate items. You might want to bring pants or stockings to create legs and gloves to create hands for your scarecrow.

The workshop is free, but you must register (626-355-8350) LIMITED ENROLLMENT. To participate in the contest applications are due on September 25th. Scarecrows will be displayed October 1st through October 31st at residents and businesses.

On Friday, October 5th and awards ceremony will be held at Creative Arts for the winners of the residents and businesses.

For more information, contact the Creative Arts Group via email at [foothillcreativeartsgroup@creativeartsgroup.org](mailto:foothillcreativeartsgroup@creativeartsgroup.org) or call 626-355-8350.



### THE SIERRA MADRE KIWANIS CLUB

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WHEN WE MEET AT 7:45AM. VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!  
JOIN US, MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS, HELP YOUR COMMUNITY,  
AND HAVE SOME FUN!

#### Upcoming Kiwanis Calendar:

Tuesday, September 4th Noon Pete Siberell,  
SMLL & Santa Anita Park

Tuesday, September 11th 8:00am

Special 9/11 Memorial Program

Wednesday, September 19th Scarecrow Workshop

Saturday, September 22nd PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Tuesday, September 25th Presentation: Hypnosis

Call 626-355-0728 for additional information



The Inaugural Artisan Faire will take place on November 17th and 18th at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia. This holiday shopping opportunity will feature quality, juried handcrafted Artisans, fashion show, DIY demonstrations, Bonjour Boutique Spa and much more. Free admission to the public.

For vendor information, contact Wendy Fujihara-Anderson at

<https://www.facebook.com/TheArtisanFaire>

[wowproductions2@earthlink.net](mailto:wowproductions2@earthlink.net)

## HELP WANTED

### GENERAL OFFICE ASSISTANT

Experienced mature person for general office position in Sierra Madre. Financial book keeping and elderly resident liaison at a RCFE facility. Good computer skills required. Quickbooks knowledge preferred, ability to learn essential. Full time employment or part time leading to full time may be considered. Immediate availability.

Send resume to : [margaretajenkins@att.net](mailto:margaretajenkins@att.net)

### SIERRA MADRE COORDINATING COUNCIL SEPTEMBER MEETING AND CALENDAR

The September Coordinating Council is coming up next Thursday, September 6. The meeting is moving back to the Youth Activity Center, located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. The meeting begins at 12:00pm and September features a special presentation by the Sierra Madre Playhouse. Please respond to this email if you are planning on attending the September meeting.

September 1-2, 7-8  
Sierra Madre Playhouse - Incident at Vichy  
September 1, 8, 29  
Sierra Madre Playhouse - Fairytale Theater  
September 06  
Sierra Madre Coordinating Council  
Woman's Club Wistaria  
Thrift Shop Re-Opening  
September 07  
Creative Arts Group Art Reception  
September 08  
Creative Arts Group - Flea Market  
September 13  
Sierra Madre - Honor's Dinner  
September 15  
Creative Arts Group - Scarecrow Workshop  
September 21-22, 28-30  
Sierra Madre Playhouse - Ruddigore  
September 22  
Health Fair & Pancake Breakfast - Memorial Park



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## Looking For The Mountain Views News?

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Sierra Madre Senior Center

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Arcadia Post Office  
Arcadia City Hall  
Starbucks Arcadia  
Denny's Arcadia

Monrovia Public Library  
Monrovia Post Office  
Monrovia City Hall  
Coffee Bean Monrovia (Foothill/Myrtle)  
The Monrovia  
Rudy's Monrovia  
Monrovia Senior Center

Duarte Public Library  
Duarte City Hall  
Denny's Duarte  
Starbucks Duarte  
Coffee Bean Duarte  
I HOP Duarte  
Duarte Senior Center

Pasadena City Hall  
Pasadena Senior Center  
Faschings Car Wash  
Robin's Bar B Que  
Pasadena  
Walkway at Vromans  
Pasadena  
Gold Line Station -  
Sierra Madre Villa  
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As part of our club's lively weekly meetings, dynamic speakers are scheduled on Rotary's service interests, local community topics and general appeal subjects.

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

Visitors are heartily welcomed to meetings. For more information, please visit our website or contact Peggy Beauregard at [peggybeau@gmail.com](mailto:peggybeau@gmail.com) and visit our Facebook page Rotary of Sierra Madre.

**www.SierraMadreRotary.com**

### 1630 AM Free on-air publicity for local events

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

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

In a nutshell, your event must:

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

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



On Thursdays at 7:00 PM, tune in to Radio Fishbowl's Village Intersections Host Gene Goss.

Set your smart phone or computer browsers to [www.radiofishbowl.com](http://www.radiofishbowl.com).



## REGISTER NOW FOR FALL RECREATION CLASSES

The Community Services Department is excited to announce fall recreation classes are now open for registration online at [www.cityofsierramadre.com/online/registration](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/online/registration) or by visiting the Hart Park House Senior Center (222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd) or the Community Services office (611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd).

The fall session introduces a variety classes and programs for the whole family. Change up your fitness regime with Zumba or Zumba Gold (ages 55+), a dance-fitness class that incorporates Latin & international music with dances movements creating a high energy party like atmosphere that provides a dynamic, exciting and effective workouts. Strengthen your core with either Gentle Yoga or Yoga for All Ages. Learn and develop physical self-protection and escaping techniques that are easy to remember and utilize by registering for the Women's Self Defensive class.

Younger family members will enjoy Mommy/Daddy and Me Soccer (ages 2-3.5) and ages 3.5-11 years old can enroll in age appropriate soccer skill development classes with the Kidz Love Soccer. Gain advantage through footwork and body positioning to employ leverage, avoiding the use of strength against strength in Hapkido Karate adult and youth classes. As always, you'll find class favorites including Ballet, Tap and Creative Dance!

For more information, please contact Community Services Department at 626.355.5278.

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## REMEMBRANCE

### BERLETTE "BETTY" ADELE BABBITT

On August 30, 2012, Betty passed away peacefully at her home, surrounded by family.

Betty was born to Murry and Dorothy Parker on October 8, 1934 in Biddeford, Maine. She was the eldest of four children. In 1945, her family moved to Pasadena, CA and on August 18, 1953 she married her high school sweetheart, Robert "Bob" Wallace Babbitt.

Betty and Bob were married for 59 years and lived the last 56 of them together at their home in Sierra Madre, CA.

She is survived by two brothers, her husband Bob and their four children, three grand-daughters and three great-grand kids. Services will be held at: Mountain View Cemetery in Pasadena, CA on Saturday, September 8, 2012 at 2:00 pm.



## SIERRA MADRE CERT TRAINING DEMONSTRATION

Saturday, September 15, 2012

What started out as a simple training exercise and get-together for the Sierra Madre CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), is now a full-fledged Community event. On Sat-

urday, September 15th, the Sierra Madre CERT in conjunction with the Altadena CERT and the Sierra Madre Fire and Police Departments will hold a training session in the morning in Memorial Park in Fire Suppression, Cribbing, Search and Rescue and basic first aid. There will also be free material available to assist you on how to prepare for an emergency and to help you and your neighbors during an emergency before the First Responders get to you. Following the training, there will be a get to know you picnic.

All members of CERT, Neighborhood Watch, and the general public are invited to come and watch our CERT members in action and stay for the potluck picnic. Activities start at 10:00 o'clock and will end at 1:00 p.m, followed by the picnic. Please bring a salad or dessert for your potluck item and join us in a get-to-know-your-neighbors activity. Hot Dogs, will be available for \$1.00 each. Soft Drinks and water will be 25 cents each. For further information, please go to [www.SierraMadreCert.org](http://www.SierraMadreCert.org), or call De Alcorn, 626-355-4793.

Please call Creative Arts Group if you are interested in participating. Creative Arts Group also offers every child in grades one through five at Sierra Madre School an art experience at no cost. These students come with their class to Creative Arts Group and get to create and experience a little bit of magic. Proceeds from the Flea Market help support these projects.

This year we have tons of stuff. Literally. We have a lot of furniture. Some of it is wonderful and some of it is fine for a student out on his own for the first time. We have a lot of framed art. There is even a clown picture in there somewhere. We have lots of housewares, holiday, toys, crafts, books and anything else you can think of. We have a wonderful collectibles section. Everything is ridiculously inexpensive. And as the day goes on it get even cheaper. We hope to see you there!

Creative Arts Group is located at 108 N. Baldwin Ave. in Sierra Madre. If you want more information about the sale or any of the programs call 626-355-8350.

## CREATIVE ARTS GROUP FLEA MARKET

Saturday, September 8, 2012

The much anticipated Flea Market that Creative Arts Group holds every year is upon us. It will be held on Saturday, September 8 from 9am to 3pm at Creative Arts Group. Creative Arts Group is a non profit art center that has been in Sierra Madre for more than 50 years.

The money collected at the Flea Market goes back into the experiences CAG offers the community. Coming up is the Scarecrow Festival which is a free, community project, and a workshop will be held on September 15.

This is an opportunity for the residents and merchants to build a scarecrow and, if you wish, enter it into a contest. The winning Scarecrows will be display at City Hall for the month of November.

## SIERRA MADRE CHAMBER TO HOST BREAKFAST WITH STATE SENATOR CAROL LIU

The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce invites the public to attend a breakfast meeting featuring State Senator Carol Liu.

The event will be held on Monday, September 10th from 8am to 9am at the Hart House Senior Center in Memorial Park.

Senator Liu is currently represents the 21st Senate District, and is a candidate for the newly created 25th Senate District which includes Sierra Madre.

For reservations please contact Chamber President Ed Chen at [edsierramadre@gmail.com](mailto:edsierramadre@gmail.com) or call the Chamber Office at 626-355-5111.

The cost is \$10 for Chamber members d \$20 for non-members You can also make your reservations online at <http://sierramadrechambersenliu.eventbrite.com>.



State Senator Carol Liu

## LOCAL RESIDENT WINS A KINDLE FIRE

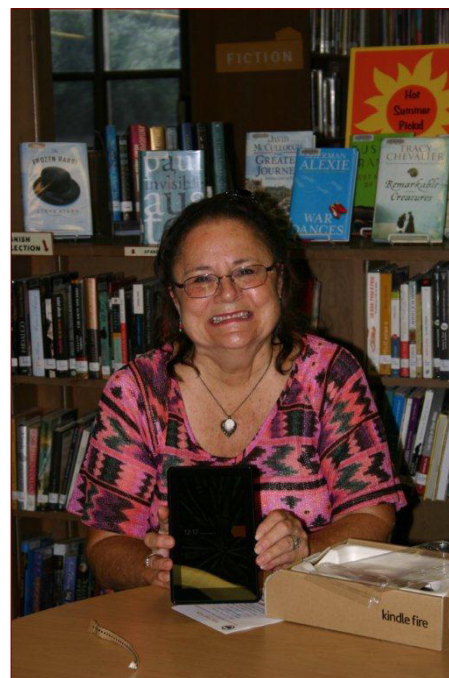
Sierra Madrean Donna Singer was the lucky winner of a Kindle Fire eReader in the Sierra Madre Public Library Adult Summer Reading Program. Ninety-five adults entered the drawing this summer, sponsored and funded by the Friends of the Library. "eReaders are a wonderful idea and handy for travelling", said Donna, "a big thank you to the Friends of the Library". Donna can now download free eBooks from the Library and has already signed up for an eReader class.

Patrons are invited to the Library to learn how to download free eBooks to a Kindle, iPad, Nook and other mobile devices. The Library owns all the devices and staff is happy to show people how easy it is to use and read an eBook.

Upcoming September Workshops, registration is required; call (626) 355-7186 to reserve your spot.

Tuesday, September 4, 7-8	Kindle
Saturday, September 8, 10-11	iPad
Tuesday, September 18, 7-8	Nook
Saturday, September 22, 10-11	Kindle

The Sierra Madre Public Library is located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre. For more information please call (626) 355-7186, or visit our website: [www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us](http://www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us).



## Sierra Madre Police Blotter

August 20 – August 26, 2012

### Monday August 20, 2012

At 3:30am, an officer observed a vehicle fail to stop for the stop sign at Orange Grove and Baldwin Avenue. As the vehicle travelled east on Orange Grove, it accelerated to 50 MPH and while making the turn onto Mountain Trail, nearly collided with the curb. After stopping the vehicle, the officer determined that the driver had been drinking. The driver, a male 24 years of age, was subsequently arrested for DUI.

### Tuesday August 21, 2012

A resident parked her vehicle overnight on the street in the 300 block of Sycamore Street. The next morning, she discovered that her handicap placard was missing from the dashboard. The investigation revealed that the car was not locked.

Residents in the 200 Block of Grove Street reported that on multiple dates in August, certain rooms were ransacked and property was missing from their house. The investigation did not find

any evidence of forced entry and detectives are looking into acquaintances that had access to the residence on a number of occasions.

At noon, at minor non-injury traffic collision occurred at Grandview Avenue and Baldwin Avenue. One party had attempted to pass a waste collection truck on the right unaware that the truck was attempting to make a right turn.

### Friday August 24, 2012

At 2pm, a customer entered the post office at 61 S. Baldwin Avenue to make a transaction. She set her wallet on the counter then walked away for a few moments. Upon return, she discovered the wallet was missing. No one in the post office at the time saw anyone take the wallet.

### Sunday August 26, 2012

At 3:34pm a motorcyclist collided with the guard rail at Santa Anita Avenue and Arno Drive. The driver lost control of the vehicle due to a medical condition. He was transported to the hospital with minor injuries.

## East Montecito Avenue Design District

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## JPL HONORS NEIL ARMSTRONG

By Dean Lee

As nearly a hundred Boyle Heights students from Roosevelt High School gathered at JPL Tuesday for an educational event featuring will.i.am, the afternoon stared with a tribute to fallen astronaut Neil Armstrong. Armstrong passed away Saturday at age 82.

"Neil was the first human being to put his foot on another surface, the lunar surface," said NASA Associate Administrator for Education and space shuttle astronaut Leland Melvin. "We're here today to help honor his legacy, so the students in this room, can honor his legacy by being the best you can be."

Melvin continued, "His family wants you to be inspired, to be motivated, and maybe one of you one day could be walking on the Martian surface."

NASA Administrator Charles Bolden expressed condolences to the Armstrong family.

"Besides being one of America's greatest explorers, Neil carried himself with a grace and humility that was an example to us all," Bolden said Saturday, "When President Kennedy challenged the nation to send a human to the moon, Neil Armstrong accepted without reservation. As we enter this next era of space exploration, we do so standing on the shoulders of Neil Armstrong. We mourn the passing of a friend, fellow astronaut and true American hero."

Fellow astronaut Buzz Aldrin also issued a statement Saturday, "Whenever I look at the moon I am reminded of that precious moment, over four decades ago, when Neil and I stood on the desolate, barren, yet beautiful, Sea of Tranquility, looking back at our brilliant blue planet Earth suspended in the darkness of space, I realized that even though we were farther away from earth than two humans had ever been, we were not alone. Virtually the entire world took that memorable journey with us. I know I am joined by many millions of others from around the world in mourning the passing of a true American hero and the best pilot I ever knew."

On Friday, President Obama ordered that flags be flown at half-staff. In a statement, Armstrong's family said there would be an open memorial on Sept. 12 in Washington, D.C.

## Pet of the Week



Sammie is a four-year-old black and white Cocker Spaniel mix. He's very playful and loves people. He's been a star out on our Mobile Unit, and is a volunteer favorite. His adoption fee is \$120.

Sammie's adoption fee is \$120, 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, as well as a goody bag filled with information on how to care for your pet. Ask an adoptions counselor for more information during your visit.

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## Curiosity Plays First Song from Mars

For the first time in history, a recorded song beamed back to Earth from another planet—"Reach for the Stars" by musician will.i.am was transmitted Tuesday afternoon from the surface of Mars by the Curiosity rover.

NASA Administrator Charles Bolden addressed the crowd in a video message encouraging students to study science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). "Mars has always fascinated us, and the things Curiosity tells us about it will help us learn about whether or not life was possible there," Bolden said. "And what future human explorers can expect. will.i.am has provided the first song on our playlist of Mars exploration."

Musician and entrepreneur will.i.am shared his thoughts about "Reach for the Stars" becoming the first interplanetary song and an anthem for NASA

education. The entertainer is a well-known advocate of science and technology education. He said, "Today is about inspiring young people to lead a life without limits placed on their potential and to pursue collaboration between humanity and technology through STEAM education. I know my purpose is to inspire young people, because they will keep inspiring me back."

NASA engineers spoke to attendees about the Curiosity mission, and the systems engineering and orbital mechanics involved in getting the song file back from Mars. Students had the opportunity to ask questions of all program participants. Earlier in the day, students received a guided tour of JPL to view rover models and learn about STEM career options.

During the event, will.i.am's i.am angel Foundation and Discovery Education announced

a \$10 million classroom education initiative that will reach 25 million students annually, including many from underserved communities. Focused on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) educational themes, the Discovery Education initiative will incorporate NASA content and space exploration themes as part of the curriculum.

## Disaster Preparation Bill Goes to Governor's Desk

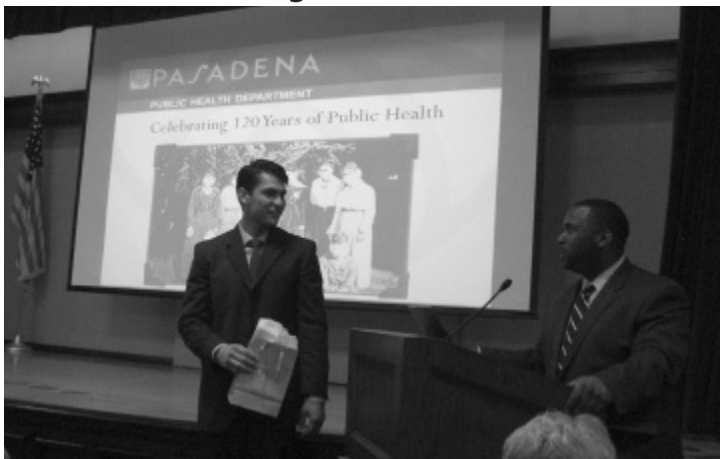
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The public celebrated the Pasadena Public Health Department's 120th anniversary Monday of protecting the health and wellness of area residents during a special event in the Central Library's Donald R. Wright Auditorium.

Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard helped open the festivities along with Dr. Eric Walsh, Public Health Department Director, who talked about the 2012 Pasadena/Altadena Quality of Life Index.

"As we celebrate 120 years of Pasadena's Public Health Department, we are encouraged by the great strides for overall improved health that has been made by the City, yet we are looking forward with great excitement to what possibilities the future holds," Dr. Walsh said.

"The scientific literature around public health has increased our understanding as to the root causes of many chronic diseases and the environmental and behavioral

factors that determine health. Our Quality of Life report outlines where Pasadena and Altadena stands on key indicators and helps to begin the discussion around how we can make improvements."

The report looks at income, employment, housing and education data as key social and economic factors that affect and influence the quality of life and the overall health of a community. Among the report's key findings are: There has been a 79.3% reduction in unhealthy air quality days since 2002 in Pasadena, the number of high school graduates decreased 6% since 2007, and those with less than a high school diploma increased four percent and almost 25 percent of the non-elderly adult population in Pasadena has no medical insurance.

To download the report, or previous issues, go to [www.cityofpasadena.net/qualityoflife/index](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/qualityoflife/index) or call (626) 744-6177 for physical copies.

## City to Monitor West Nile Virus Situation

Currently, there are no locally acquired cases of West Nile Virus in Pasadena. The Public Health Department is working closely with state and county health officials to monitor the situation and the Department is also proactively monitoring its local mosquito and vector control efforts to help reduce the risk of West Nile Virus, which is spread to humans from the bite of an infected mosquito.

Officials say the number of cases in California are on the rise: so far 36 cases statewide and five within Los Angeles County.

To help control the local presence of mosquitoes, Health Department staff travel throughout Pasadena at least once a week to treat gutters, puddles, pools and other free-standing sources of water

that serve as prime breeding grounds for mosquitoes. More than 250 swimming pools have been inspected this year.

In addition, for the past decade, the Health Department has worked closely with the Pasadena Police Department in a collaborative "Green Pool" initiative in which the crews aboard Pasadena's police helicopters use aerial observations to spot stagnant swimming pools and other green-standing (still) water sources where mosquitoes might be breeding.

Dr. Eric Walsh, Pasadena Health Department Director, recommend everyone check for, and empty, all standing water containers left outside; keep swimming pools clean and filters in operation; and regular check for mosquito larvae in

bird baths, outdoor ponds and other water features.

When outdoors, the public can protect themselves by wearing bug repellants containing DEET; wearing long-sleeved pants and shirts at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active; avoiding known mosquito-infested areas and making sure your window screens are in good repair to prevent entry points into your home for insects.

For more information about Pasadena's vector control program, to receive free mosquito fish to help prevent breeding or to report a stagnant swimming pool or other still-water source, call the Department's Environmental Health Unit at (626) 744-6004.

## PCC Adopts Debated Three-semester Year

The college board of trustees voted 5 to 1 Wednesday night in favor of adopting a three semester calendar year that would, according to staff, help relieve a \$10 million budget shortfall although eliminate hundreds of classes by cancelling the winter intersession.

According to the revised student calendar, spring semester will begin on Jan. 7, and end on May 4.

Trustee Berlinda Brown cast the only no vote asking for more time to discuss the issue while trustee Linda Wah abstained from voting.

According to the agenda report, "it is recommended that the Board adopt the tentative student calendar with the understanding that the District will to continue with negotiations with all affected employee organizations and does so in good faith after the adoption of the tentative student calendar."

The report cautioned that the nearly 1,000 students who are

currently enrolled in basic skills math and ESL, would have no classes and no instruction from December 7, to February 19, a hiatus of nearly 12 weeks that will be detrimental to their success.

At one point the meeting turned ugly as police escorted one student out of the room as several others chanted, "shame on you."

Lawrence Gandara Jr was later charged with misdemeanor battery on a peace officer according to police. PCC Police Chief Stan Perez said Gandara attempted to block officers, striking one of them, as they came near a disruptive woman yelling from her seat.

A number of other meeting goers were also removed from the room, without incident, after they also shouted from their seats. Police locked the doors shortly before the meeting started as protesters gathered outside.

The meeting was held at the Community Education Center in East Pasadena.

## Authorities Captures Infamous Bear 'Meatball'



Diego, arriving at 1:20 p.m.

At this time the bear is safe and secure and resting comfortably he added.

"As a wildlife agency our goal is always to keep animals wild but in this case the best interest of the bear was to capture and relocate him to a safe and secure facility," he said.

Authorities also advised residents that;

Bears and other animals are attracted to anything edible or smelly.

Store garbage in bear-proof containers, or store garbage in your garage until pick-up.

Keep food indoors or in airtight and odor-free containers.

Put away picnic leftovers; clean BBQ grills.

Keep pet food inside, and bird feeders away.

Pick up fallen tree fruit as soon as possible, or protect fruit trees with electric fencing.

Remove cosmetic fragrances and other attractants, including bird feeders and compost piles.

Install or request bear-proof trash containers.

## 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.

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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 Sep. 4 from 6: 30 p.m. to 8p.m. at the Pasadena Community Network - Studio G, 2057 N. Los Robles Ave.

For more info call 626.794.8585.

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LEGISLATURE APPROVES PORTANTINO FIREARMS BILL

Working with the Department of Justice, Assemblymember Anthony Portantino has crafted a bill to make sure that safe and responsible gun laws are enacted in California. Today the state Assembly agreed and passed Portantino's AB 1559 (69 to 0) that will allow California filmmakers to use certain weapons in their productions and reduce fees for multiple gun purchases.

Under AB 1559, the Department of Justice will charge only one fee for all firearms purchased at the same time - eliminating double, or even triple fees for purchases on same day and at same time. With advanced technology, the need for duplicative fees is no longer necessary. The bill will also allow the entertainment industry to use certain weapons in TV and movie productions.

"This measure is needed by the entertainment industry to ensure that they do not run into trouble with laws that regulate gun ownership and gun possession in California," explained Portantino. "The bill will allow film and television production companies the ability to legally import firearms for use in their productions. We have been working with the Department of Justice and will continue to do so to make sure that safe and responsible gun laws are enacted in California."

AB 1559 now goes to Governor Brown for signature. If signed into law, the measure would go into effect January 1, 2014.



DYLAN VS. BEETHOVEN:  
A Lesson in Family Communication

By Christopher Nyerger

[Nyerger has led survival skills and wild food classes since 1974, was the editor of Wilderness Way magazine, and has written 10 books. He can be heard weekly on Preparedness Radio Network. For more information, go to [www.ChristopherNyerger.com](http://www.ChristopherNyerger.com)]

One Saturday, with no warning, my brother David's friend, Paul Martinez, engaged my father in a conversation on the relative value of pop vs. classical music. This was probably around 1964, when Bob Dylan was the king of pop and seemed to be the messenger of the "secret messages" to the younger generation. All my older brothers could fairly accurately be called Dylan fans, if not Dylan worshippers. We all seemed to regard listening to Dylan as a more meaningful spiritual experience than sitting through Mass at Saint Elizabeth's.

No one remembers how it began, but it was a legendary conversation that lasted for hours. My father's argument was that the music and lyrics of Bob Dylan were of no lasting value and the young people were simply too ignorant to realize it yet. Frank, my father, said that Dylan would be forgotten in a few years. He compared Dylan to Beethoven and Bach, and other classical musicians, and explained that Dylan was not in any way at the level of the classical composers. Paul wholeheartedly disagreed.

Their conversation began in the living room where Frank would sit in his easy reclining chair and watch TV. Paul sat near him on the couch. Everyone in the household only became aware of their conversation when we realized they were still at it after about an hour. As the conversation's volume level would rise from time to time, we could all hear what they were saying: "Of course you can put Dylan in Beethoven's category," said Paul in his deep and sincere voice. "Have you actually ever listened to what he's saying in his songs?"

"He just cackles," said Frank, "and you really can't even make out his words most of the time. And I'm not even talking about the words. And it's only important, as you call it, if you take an hour to explain it all to me. I don't need any explanation to know that Bach's music really is good," said Frank as Paul patiently waited his turn in this lively exchange.

"Well, I'm not saying that Dylan and Bach and the other classics can be compared directly. Obviously, they can't," said Paul, giving some ground to Frank. "But there is obviously something that millions of people are responding to that you aren't seeing - or hearing. Dylan is not just music; he is also the message. So we've got to examine some of the words and see what he's really saying."

This went on, back and forth, quiet and loud, for another hour. They opened up the record player and began playing select songs for the other to listen to.

We prepared the usual Saturday night dinner - something like hotdogs and baked beans and salad and some other vegetables. We took a plate into Frank and Paul, and we didn't expect them to come into the kitchen as their debate entered the third hour.

We heard silence and then the lyrics of Dylan. Sad Eyed Lady of the Low lands. Hey Mr. Tambourine Man. Blowing in the Wind. The Times They Are A Changing. After each short selection, there would be a brief silence, presumably as Paul removed the needle, and

then they would talk about it. We couldn't hear all the details. Then there would be a round of some of the classical musicians' work, a silence, and commentary by Frank.

We cleared the table and washed the dishes, and I set up the chess board and began a game with a neighbor who dropped by. Our game lasted nearly an hour, and Robert won. The Dylan-Classical debate continued.

And then, all of a sudden, Frank and Paul were standing in the kitchen doorway, shaking hands as Paul had to depart. My brother David hadn't said much the whole night, but he never did.

It was late and Paul had to go home and so it was over. A stalemate, we presumed. No clear winner, each side having done their best to promote their own arguments to win over the other. But both Paul and Frank were unbudgeable and they each stuck to their guns.

For the rest of us, the conversation about the conversation had just begun.

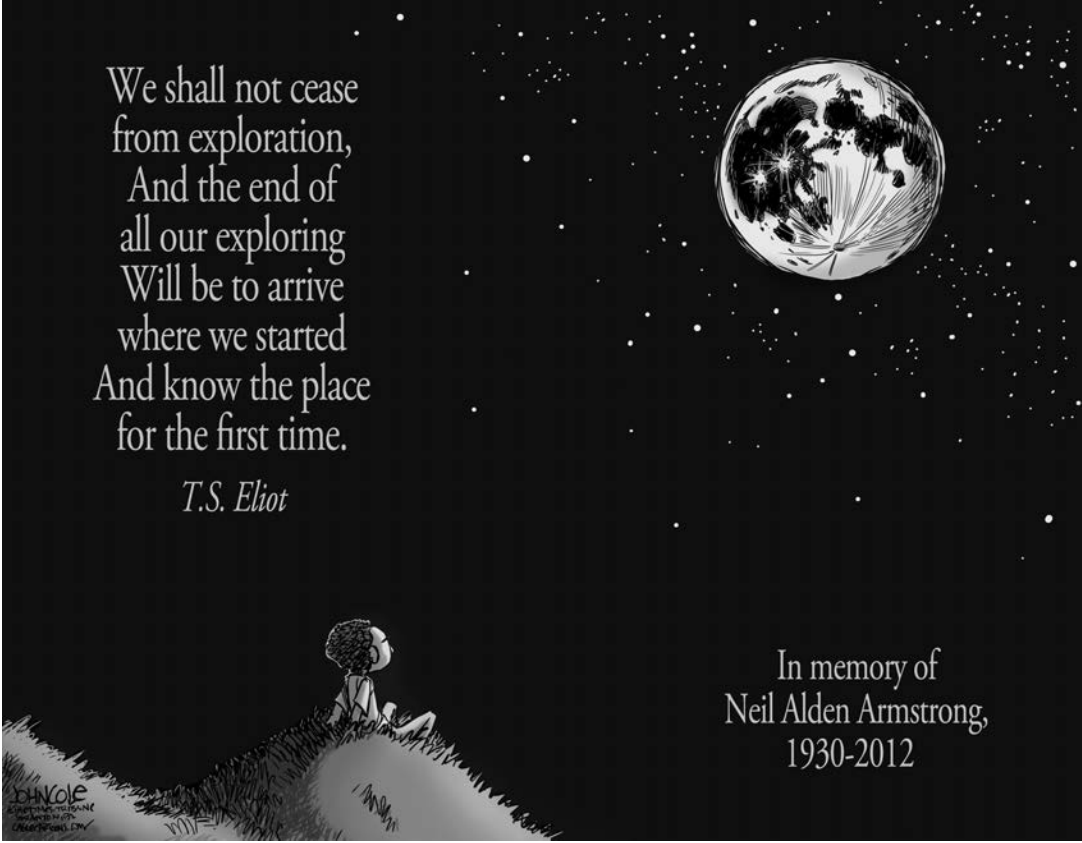
"Why doesn't he ever have meaningful conversations with us," David asked to no one in particular. "He engaged with Paul when Paul challenged, but shouldn't he take it upon himself to engage us?" asked David. No one really cared, but it was clear in the conversation about the conversation that David didn't really care about whose music was best. To David, the conversation was an example of a father who didn't take adequate interest in his own children, but would take extra time and supreme effort for a very engaging discussion - but not with David.

I inwardly agreed with David, but I didn't say anything. In some very primal way, I am sure that I longed to have a father who took an interest in me, who talked to me, who taught me things, who engaged me in his activities for our mutual benefit. I am sure that David had a good point that Frank should do these sorts of things, but I was not bitter about the fact that he did not do so.

The rest of us had probably long ago accepted Frank for what and who he was. To me, Frank was neither good nor bad, right nor wrong - he simply was my father, doing what he did in his patterns of somewhat predictable behavior. But to David, Frank's conversation was like a slap in the face, saying that he can take the time with a friend of the family, but would not take the time with his own children. At least that's how I took David's reaction.

Depending on who you asked during the various conversations about the conversation in the weeks and months that followed, the entire event was amusing, meaningless, interesting, a waste of time, insightful, and/or demonstrated that Frank was capable of in-depth abstract thought and could maintain an intellectual conversation and hold his own for hours.

Though I generally disagreed with Frank's premise, his performance definitely boosted my image of him. And likewise my image of Paul was greatly enlarged. Here was a peer of my brother who could debate with intensity and authority, and try to convince my father of a point of view which I held, but felt totally unable to communicate in any meaningful way.



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ROVER CURIOSITY BEGINS DRIVING AT BRADBURY LANDING



NASA's Mars rover Curiosity has begun driving from its landing site, which scientists have named for the late author Ray Bradbury.

Curiosity's first drive on the Martian surface combined forward, turn and reverse movements. This placed the rover roughly 20 feet from the landing spot.

NASA has approved the Curiosity science team's choice to name the landing ground for the influential author who was born 92 years ago and died this year. The location where Curiosity touched down is now called Bradbury Landing.

"This was not a difficult choice for the science team," said Michael Meyer, NASA program scientist for Curiosity. "Many of us and millions of other readers were inspired in our lives by stories Ray Bradbury wrote to dream of the possibility of life on Mars."

Curiosity's first drive confirmed the health of its mobility system and produced the rover's first wheel tracks on Mars, documented in images taken after the drive.

Curiosity will spend several more days of working beside Bradbury Landing, performing instrument checks and studying the surroundings, before embarking toward its first driving destination approximately 1,300 feet to the east-southeast.

IN A CAREER SPANNING MORE THAN 70 YEARS, Ray Bradbury inspired generations of readers to dream, think and create. A prolific author of hundreds of short stories and nearly 50 books, as well as numerous poems, essays, operas, plays, teleplays, and screenplays, Bradbury was one of the most celebrated writers of our time.

His groundbreaking works include "Fahrenheit 451," "The

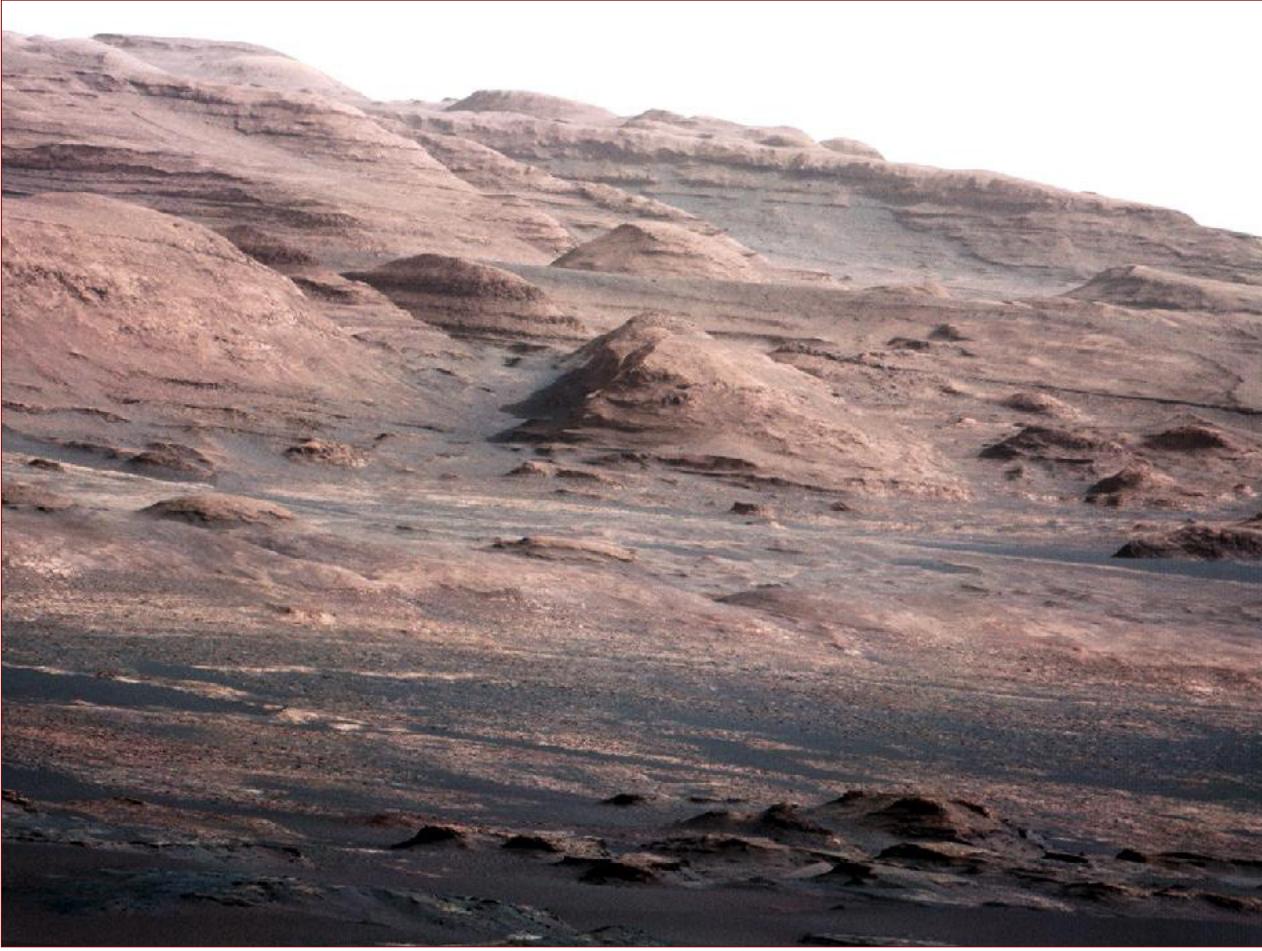


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Martian Chronicles," "The Illustrated Man," "Dandelion Wine," and "Something Wicked This Way Comes." He wrote the screenplay for John Huston's classic film adaptation of "Moby Dick," and was nominated for an Academy Award. He adapted 65 of his stories for television's "The Ray Bradbury Theater," and won an Emmy for his teleplay of "The Halloween Tree."

Bradbury has illuminated the lives of many Southern

Californians for a half-century or more, with his frequent personal appearances at libraries and other public venues. On November 12, 1971, on the eve of the arrival in Mars orbit of Mariner 9, the first spacecraft to orbit Mars or any other planetary body, Bradbury participated in a symposium at Caltech. In addition to Bradbury, the symposium panel at this landmark event consisted of: Arthur C. Clarke, science fiction writer; Walter S. Sullivan, science journalist for the New York Times; Carl Sagan, astronomer; and Bruce Murray, planetary scientist.

In discussing the upcoming orbital insertion and what scientists expected to see on this first-ever close encounter with Mars, Bradbury read his unpublished poem, "If Only We Had Taller Been," from which we have excerpted one stanza:

*Oh Thomas, will a race one day stand really tall?  
Across the void, across the universe and all,  
and measured out with rocket fire, at last put Adam's finger forth; as on the Sistine ceiling,  
and God's hand come down the other way, to measure man,  
and find him good, and gift him with forever's day?*

This poem was subsequently published by A. Knopf in the 1973 collection of Bradbury poetry entitled "When Elephants Last in the Dooryard Bloomed."

The story of this historic symposium is told in the words of its panel members in the 1973 book, "Mars and the Mind of Man" by Carl Sagan (available at the Los Angeles Public Library). You can contact Bob Eklund at: [beklund@MtnViewsNews.com](mailto:beklund@MtnViewsNews.com).



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## ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES LAU AND LIN TO SPEAK AT CHAMBER



Meet the candidates to represent Arcadia in the new 49th Assembly District of the State of California, Democrat Ed Chau and Republican Dr. Matthew Lin, at the Chamber's monthly Government Affairs Forum at 8 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 6. The 49th District includes the cities of Alhambra, Arcadia, El Monte, Monterey Park, Rosemead, Temple City, San Gabriel, San Marino and portions of Montebello and South El Monte.

Edwin "Ed" Chau (left) has been an elected official on the Montebello Unified School District (MUSD) Board of Education for the past 12 years.

Dr. Matthew Lin (right) became the first Asian American to serve on the San Marino City Council in March 2001, later serving as Mayor in 2003, 2006, and 2007.



Monthly forums, free and open to the public, are held at 8 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce, 388 W. Huntington Drive. Each forum includes reports from City, County, State, and federal government officials, as well as the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority. Representatives of the Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte Town Council also attend each meeting.

Join us to hear informative presentations at the monthly Government Affairs Forums led by co-chairmen Pete Ulrich, former Arcadia City Councilman, and Mary Dougherty, former President of the Arcadia School District Board of Education. The Forum, held the first Thursday of each month, is free and open to the public. RSVPs are appreciated to the Chamber office: 626-447-2159 or [info@ArcadiaCaChamber.org](mailto:info@ArcadiaCaChamber.org).

## TASTE OF ARCADIA IS ALIVE WITH "SOUND OF MUSIC"

### Three original child actresses to sign autographs

Debbie Turner, former Arcadian and child star who played Marta in the 1965 Academy Award-winning "The Sound of Music," along with three of her seven Sound of Music siblings ([www.theSOM7.com](http://www.theSOM7.com)) Angela Cartwright (Brigitta) and Kym Karath (Gretl), (right) will greet attendees at the Taste of Arcadia from 5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. Monday evening, Sept. 24, at the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden.

The reunion of the cast of "The Sound of Music" was named this week as the best cast reunion ever on the "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and one of the top 25 "Oprah" shows of all time out of more than 4,500 episodes. The announcement and highlights of the program were introduced Tuesday night on the first of a new limited series on Oprah's OWN cable network called "TV Guide's Top 25 Countdown," featuring the episodes ranked as #21 - #25.

Actresses Patricia and Michele Turner, also formerly of Arcadia and older sisters of Debbie Turner, will also be guests at the back-to-back Sound of Music tables near the entry area in the first-ever Business Showcase at the Taste.

The three actresses who co-starred in the 1965 classic musical as daughters in the singing von Trapp family will offer a handful of fully autographed (by all seven actors who played the von Trapp children) Limited Edition Collectors editions of their L.A. Times Best Seller "The Sound of Music Family Scrapbook with a "seal of authenticity." They will also be offering books for purchase that will be autographed and personalized by Angela, Debbie and Kym. Tickets for Taste of Arcadia, featuring nearly 40 food and drink booths, are still available for \$50 at the Chamber office, 388 W. Huntington Drive, by phone at 626-447-2159, and at the Chamber web site: [www.ArcadiaCaChamber.org](http://www.ArcadiaCaChamber.org).

The appearance of the Sound of Music actresses is only one of several new features and activities planned for this year's Taste of



Arcadia, the community's signature event that draws about 1,000 guests who enjoy the many different foods and tastes from the best local restaurants, caterers and wine-and-beer vendors.

A culinary contest of the food and drink will be judged by Food Network stars Jyl Everman and Penny Davidi as well as Arcadia Mayor Pro Tem Mickey Segal and his nutritionist gourmet wife Lee Segal.

Completely new this year will be a Business Showcase at the Taste, featuring about 30 tables featuring area businesses and organizations, including a dozen new 2013 model cars from four local dealers.

Advance tickets are \$50 and will be \$60 at the gate. You can buy online at: <http://arcadiacachamber.org/events/taste-of-arcadia/> or call the chamber office at 626-447-2159.

As always, a percentage of the evening's proceeds is donated to local non-profit organizations. This year there will be more beneficiaries than ever, with the chamber donating \$5 of every ticket sold by a pre-approved organization. Interested groups should call the chamber at 626-447-2159 to be approved.

## 54ND ANNUAL PASADENA GREEK FEST RETURNS TO SANTA ANITA PARK

"Celebrate... Eat... Live... Greek" With Something For The Entire Family

Visit Greece without ever leaving Los Angeles and join the endless summer fun with Los Angeles' Greek community at the 54rd Annual Pasadena Greek Fest which will be held Friday-Sunday, September 14, 15 and 16, 2012 at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, California, located at 285 W. Huntington Drive in Arcadia, CA 91107.

Fest hours are from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, September 14, 2012; noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday, September 15, 2012; and on Sunday, September 16, 2012 from noon to 10 p.m.

The event, one of the oldest and largest of its kind in Los Angeles, costs \$5 and children under 12 years free. Parking is \$4 per car at the main entrance of Holly and Huntington Drive at Santa Anita Park.

"Pasadena GreekFest, one of Los Angeles oldest and largest culturally diverse festivals, brings together the community in celebration of Fall with a multitude of fun activities for the entire family, including Greek cuisine, cooking demonstration, a sports bar and cigar lounge, art, culture, Greek lectures, wine tasting, shopping, live entertainment and Kid's Fun Zone," says Co-Chairman

of the event Louie Kades.

Highlights of the weekend festivities will include live Greek entertainment from the Olympians and other live performers. Planned are many exciting exhibits, including cooking demonstrations, live wine chat with wine makers from Greece, lectures about Greek history and culture, as well as the very popular Olympic Taverna Sports Bar & Cigar Lounge, authentic homemade Greek cuisine and pastries, Greek folk dancing by several award winning youth groups and an expanded Kid's Fun Zone with rock climbing, carnival games, rides and prizes.

A special grand prize dream travel certificate valued at \$2,500 will be given away. Raffle prizes awarded throughout the weekend include a 51" 3D HD TV, apple iPads, cash and gift certificates all totaling over \$10,000.

The Pasadena Greek Fest is an annual event which brings together thousands of visitors from the Greater Los Angeles area to a weekend pageantry celebrating all things Greek. Proceeds from the event benefit cultural, educational, and community outreach programs run by Saint Anthony Greek Orthodox Church in Pasadena, CA. Event sponsors include Methodist Hospital, Mountain View Tires, AAA Auto Club, Santa Anita Park, Pasadena Star News, and NRS Media Group

For ticket information or to obtain additional information regarding the event, call 626-600-10PA/626-600-10PA/626-600-1672 or visit the official website of the festival at [www.pasadenagreekfest.org](http://www.pasadenagreekfest.org).

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## ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, through Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, the Police Department responded to 937 calls for service of which 108 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, August 19:

1. Around 1:07 a.m., officers responded to Arcadia Methodist Hospital, 300 West Huntington Drive, in regards to a stabbing victim being treated in the emergency room. The victim stated that while he was jogging at Eisenhower Park, 601 North Second Avenue, he overheard an argument between two subjects and attempted to intervene by yelling. As he jogged away, a male subject approached him from behind and stabbed him numerous times. The victim ran to his vehicle, drove home, and had his family drive him to the hospital. Further investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.

2. At approximately 2:00 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 200 block of Hacienda Drive regarding a residential burglary report. The victim discovered unknown suspect(s) forced entry into his pool house through a bathroom window. The suspect ransacked the location and fled undetected. The loss was unknown at the time of the report.

Monday, August 20:

3. At about 12:00 p.m., unknown suspect(s) stole a purse at Victoria's Secret at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue. The victim realized she left her purse at the register, however when she returned to the location it was nowhere to be found. No one saw or heard anything suspicious.

4. Around 11:28 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a stop sign violation in the area of Camino Real Avenue and Mayflower Avenue. The officer discovered the driver had a suspended license. The 21-year-old Hispanic male was cited, released in the field, and his vehicle was released to a friend.

Tuesday, August 21:

5. Shortly after 2:00 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for not having a rear license plate on First Avenue, north of Haven Avenue. Upon contact with the driver, the officer noticed a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his breath and person. An investigation revealed the driver was under the influence. The 31-year-old White male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

6. At about 1:53 p.m., an officer responded to the 400 block of West Norman Avenue regarding a residential burglary report. An unknown male suspect, posing as a construction worker, asked the resident if he could check the "sanitation" of his water. The victim agreed and observed the suspect walk through the residence. Shortly after, the suspect led the victim to the backyard where he carried-on a long conversation. After he left, the victim discovered someone entered his home through the front door, ransacked his bedrooms, and stole property including cash and jewelry. Suspect one is described as a Hispanic male, approximately 30-years-old, 6'2" tall, 215 lbs., with short black hair, wearing black studded earrings.

Wednesday, August 22:

7. Shortly after 3:30 a.m., officers were dispatched to Hollywood Noodle, 48 East Live Oak Avenue, in reference to an activated alarm. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) forced entry through a window and fled undetected with approximately \$500. Officers dusted the area for fingerprints and located one. Further investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.

8. At about 2:15 p.m., an officer responded to Macy's at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a fight between two subjects. While mall security attempted to break apart the two subjects, one subject punched the security guard in the face with a closed fist. The 20-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Thursday, August 23:

9. Around 2:40 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a black Mercedes for making illegal lane changes in the area of El Monte Avenue and Campus Drive. The officer discovered the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The 25-year-old White female was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

10. At approximately 5:30 p.m., an officer responded to Arcadia Mobil Service, 679 West Duarte Road, in regards to a theft report. An employee discovered her mountain bicycle was missing, which she had locked to a light pole near the side of the business. She had no idea who stole her property and no one reported hearing or seeing anything suspicious.

Friday, August 24:

11. At about 6:42 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the parking lot of Burlington Coat Factory, 1201 South Baldwin Avenue, in reference to a male subject who appeared unconscious. An investigation revealed the subject was highly intoxicated and unable to care for himself. The 23-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

12. At approximately 8:11 p.m., an officer was dispatched to Ralphs, 16 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a theft investigation. A male subject concealed a bottle of alcohol inside his pants and exited the store without making payment. The subject provided false information; however, a fingerprint check revealed he had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. The 22-year-old White male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail.



Adorable cottage with lots of personality, built in 1909. The home has original hard wood floors, 2 nice size bedrooms with adequate closet space, 1 full bathroom, and a spacious living room. The kitchen has plenty cabinet space, breakfast counter/bar, and a dining area with windows looking out into deck and backyard. The backyard is large and private with endless possibilities. The home is located near restaurants, shops, and Memorial Park. Must see to appreciate!



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## ALVERNO'S CLASS OF 2016 ARRIVES!

### Alverno welcomes new freshmen to campus

Tuesday, August 21 was the first day of school at Alverno High School and the start of a new journey for Alverno's Class of 2016. The new freshmen come from 31 different elementary and middle schools, 21 different cities—including Hong Kong and Peng Lai City, China.

While many of the freshmen got to know one another during the Alverno Summer Institute, Monday, August 20 was the first time that the class was together as a whole. On Monday, they arrived on campus for Freshmen Orientation, ready to learn about one another and what to expect from their years at Alverno.

After playing several icebreakers to get to know one another better, the Alverno Student Union set the freshmen loose on a scavenger hunt, which required them to find different locations on campus using cryptic clues. This not only helped the freshmen become familiar with Alverno's 13-acre campus, but also helped acquaint students with the Alverno staff. At the end of the icebreaker, they sat down to complete a survey about themselves that will be placed into the Class of 2016 Time Capsule. Every year, new freshmen at Alverno create a time capsule that will be given back to them at their Senior Retreat. The capsules are meant to symbolize the great growth the girls will go through as individuals and as a class during their time at Alverno.

Orientation concluded with a family prayer service led by Alverno's Campus Ministry class. The current students read different blessings over the freshmen class and provided a strand of yarn to every parent in the audience. The strings provided to the parents were meant to symbolize the unity between all of them as their daughters began this exciting new journey in their lives. Their daughters had received a yarn bracelet earlier in the day to symbolize their unity as a class and their commitment to one another. The prayer service was a perfect ending to a fun-filled day and a wonderful way to prepare everyone for the excitement of the first day of school.

The next morning, the freshmen were officially Alverno's newest students and when the bell rang at 7:55 a.m. they were off to their first class. For many of them, this was the first time they moved from class to class and stored books in lockers but did great with the support from many of the older students.

On Wednesday, after much anticipation, the freshmen were finally



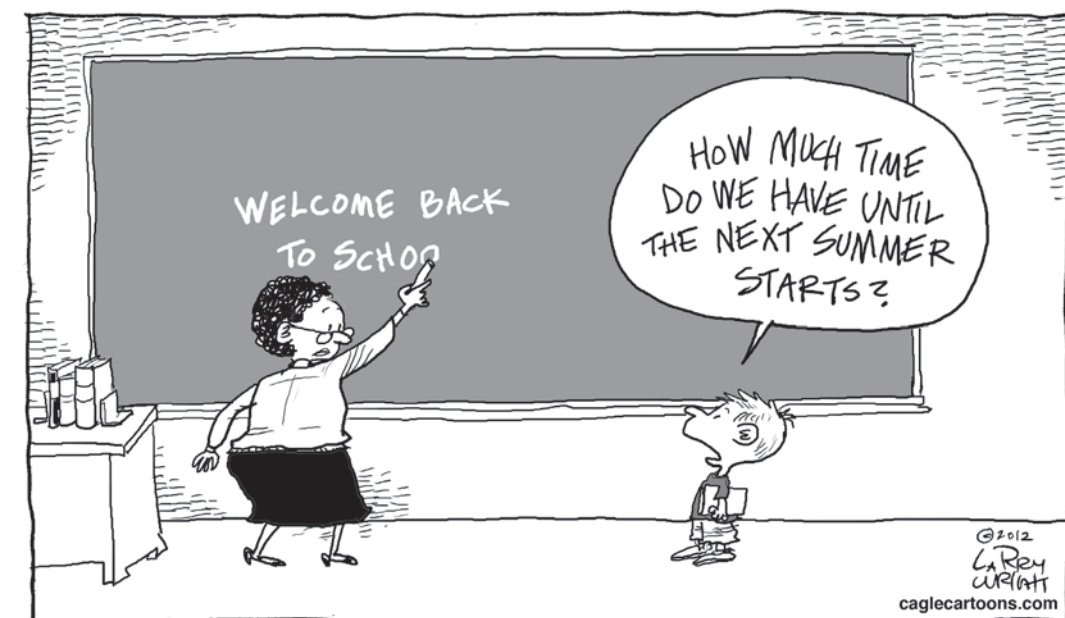
able to meet their big sisters. Every freshmen is assigned to a senior who acts as a friend, guide, and support system during their first year of high school. Big and little sisters grow extremely close over the course of the year and there are often lots of tears when it comes time for the big sisters to leave Alverno—they are truly bonds made for life.

"Alverno High School is so thrilled to welcome another group of incredible young women to campus," said Ann Gillick, Head of School. "As freshmen they are still young but they have already accomplished so much that we can be proud of and already are the epitome of Alverno girls. I am grateful that we will get to see them grow and thrive over the next four years as Alverno empowers each of them to be exactly the person she wants to be."

*About Alverno High School*  
Alverno High School is a Catholic, private, college preparatory school for young women dedicated to preparing them to function in a society as informed, knowledgeable persons, who have the requisite skills to make and implement mature decisions about complex problems. Enlivened by the spirit of its Immaculate Heart Community sponsors, and mindful of the Franciscan roots of its founders, Alverno's program—academic, spiritual, aesthetic, social, and physical—is shaped by the staff, trustees, and students in light of the world for which the students are being educated. Alverno's mission is to empower each young woman to be exactly the person she wants to be and since 1960, Alverno has empowered more than 4,100 women to meet that goal. For more information about Alverno High School, please call 626-355-3463 or visit [www.alverno-hs.org](http://www.alverno-hs.org).

## READERS WANTED!

The Pasadena Unified School District's prekindergarten and kindergarten classrooms are looking for volunteers to read aloud students. Children who are exposed to reading during their early years are more likely to read at or above grade level and being read to stimulates language and cognitive skills and increases vocabulary. A training for interested volunteers is scheduled Friday, September 7, 2012 from 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. in the Elbie J. Hickabottom Board Room, 351 S. Hudson Ave., Pasadena. Call (626) 396-3600 x88340. Refreshments will be provided by New Hope Christian Fellowship.



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## THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show

Movie Reviews Especially for Teens & 'Tweens

## PARANORMAN

'Paranorman' is a mix of courage, acceptance, and zombies put together with stunning stop-motion animation (like The Nightmare Before Christmas an Coraline) and amazing CGI. Plainly, it's an amazing family film.

Norman (Kodi Smit-McPhee) is the joke of his family and the outcast at school. He's not your usual kid to say the least, but he has one amazing skill: he can interact with ghosts. On the day of his town's 300th anniversary, he meets his crazy uncle (John Goodman), who warns him of a witches curse. Norman must read from a book at the witch's grave before sunset or else the dead will rise. He fails to do this, which catapults the town into chaos, and raises questions, like why is the witch doing this? This is the creepy, funny, and somewhat disturbing journey Norman must take to save his town.

I found the story to be very solid, yet still dark, for a kids movie. Usually movies like this have huge gaps left because the screenwriters fail to think of explanations that fit. That did not happen in this movie; it felt enjoyable and satisfying. Other than John Goodman, I had never heard of any of the other actors in the movie.

With a great screenplay (Chris Butler), good directing (Chris Butler, Sam Fell), and good albeit not well known actors, 'Paranorman' is a good addition to children's horror films.

Ben Show is local Monrovia going into the eighth grade. He loves to read, write, and watch movies. He can be reached at [benshow@earthlink.net](mailto:benshow@earthlink.net)



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## REAL FOOD DAILY

## A New Adventure

A few years ago I visited a now defunct BBQ joint on the west side of town. BBQ lover that I am, I felt the drive from Pasadena was no problem, and I would drive anywhere for great Q. As the hostess brought us to our table she said "enjoy your meal". I responded, "what do you recommend?" She said "I am a Vegan I don't eat here" ....yikes!!!

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills  
thechefknows@yahoo.com

So, let me digress for a moment to explore these questions: What is veganism? What is a vegan? What do vegans eat?

**Veganism** is a type of vegetarian diet that excludes meat, eggs, dairy products and all other animal-derived ingredients. Many vegans also do not eat foods that are processed using animal products, such as refined white sugar and some wines. Most vegans also avoid the use of all products tested on animals, as well as animal-derived non-food products, such as leather, fur and wool.

*Vegan refers to either a person who follows this way of eating, or to the diet itself.*

*Although there is some debate as to whether certain foods, such as honey, fit into a vegan diet, if you are cooking for other vegans, it is best to err on the side of caution and avoid these foods.*

*What do vegans eat? This is perhaps the most common question about veganism. A vegan diet includes all grains, beans, legumes, vegetables and fruits and the nearly infinite number of foods made by combining them. Many vegan versions of familiar foods are available, so you can eat vegan hot dogs, ice cream, cheese and vegan mayonnaise.*

I was summoned to Real Food Daily, an organic

vegan cuisine restaurant in Pasadena, by my sense of curiosity. Having established the fact that I am not a vegan, but I do love food, I was impressed with Real Food Daily. Can I recommend it you? Will I return? Yes and yes. The menu includes salads (of course), sandwiches, wraps, pizza and burritos -- all familiar choices right? It would take me 2000 words to explain the ingredients, but let me tell you what I had to eat. My starter was a Sea Cake (\$8.95), explained to me by the server as a great alternative for a crab cake. The ingredients were all organic vegan choices described as a savory vegetable and sea croquette with pesto and sweet chili aioli. Man, the flavor was superb as far as comparing it to a crab cake. I have had crabcakes that I would describe as blah and boring, but the sea cakes I would order again. Now, if I was given my choice of a crab cake with real lump crab or a sea cake, I'd lump it, but for \$8.95 order it! My entrée was the Fettuccini Alfredo (\$12.95) tossed with broccoli and red peppers; the alfredo sauce wasn't a dairy product (it can't be) but an almond milk base. What visit would be complete without fresh juice? I had the Verde (\$5.95) -- all things green or sweet green with apple. On my next visit to Real Food Daily I will check out the Sunday Brunch -- the menu looks very interesting with Vegan dishes of sausage, fruit, granola and waffles.

All and all a very good first impression, for you red meat eaters, give it a try, I promise that you'll like it. As of this writing, they are still waiting for the beer and wine license. The servers can artfully and skillfully explain any ingredients to you, and shhhh!... they aren't all Vegans.

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## INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tbsp butter
- 8 oz Andouille sausage, or other spicy smoked sausage, sliced 1/4" thick
- 2 tbsp paprika
- 1 tbsp ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp cayenne pepper
- 1/2 tsp fresh ground black pepper
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup diced tomato, fresh or canned
- 1 large green bell pepper, diced
- 2 ribs celery, sliced 1/4" thick
- 4 green onions, sliced thin
- 1 cup brown rice
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 1 pound large shrimp, peeled and deveined

## DIRECTIONS:

In a heavy bottomed pot with a lid, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the sliced sausage and cook, stirring, for 5 minutes. Add the paprika, cumin, cayenne, black pepper, and salt. Saute the spices for 1 minute, and then add the tomatoes. Cook stirring for a few minutes to let some of the liquid from the tomatoes evaporate. Add the green bell pepper, celery, and most of the green onions (reserve some of the dark green slices of the onions to garnish the top); cook, stirring for 5 minutes.

Stir in the rice and mix well. Add the stock, turn the heat up to high, and bring to a simmer. Reduce the heat to low, cover the pot, and cook for 25 minutes. Remove the lid and check the rice. It should be just tender; if it is still too firm cook longer. When the rice is tender, add the shrimp, stir in, and cook covered for 5 minutes. Taste for seasoning, and adjust if needed. Serve the jambalaya in bowls with green onions sprinkled on top.

## SIERRA MADRE FARMERS MARKET

The Farmers Market is open today and every Wednesday from 3:00-8:00 p.m. The location of the market is on Hermosa Avenue, south of Sierra Madre Boulevard to Mariposa Avenue, situated in the downtown area of Sierra Madre. The market has organic, fresh and locally grown produce. The farmers market is a great opportunity to come on down and meet the farmer directly. Dry Dock Fish has fresh and delicious wild caught varieties of fish. Rustic Loaf has your artisanal breads baked fresh that same day and brought to the market. Cutie Pie that has pies made with the fruits of our organic farmers, make sure you pick one or two up for desert. There are so many unique and amazing finds at the farmers market. Come on down to the Sierra Madre Farmers Market and shake the hand that feed you.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor at the Farmers Market, please contact Melissa Farwell from Raw Inspiration at (818) 591-8161 Ext. 806. Raw Inspiration, Inc., is responsible for all management and marketing of the City's Farmers Market.

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Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc

HEALTHY REASONS TO SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PET

Most true animal lovers would probably agree that in this day and age, a responsible owner will spay or neuter their pet, in order to help control the animal overpopulation problem, however, few are likely aware that there are also many health benefits to having a domestic animal surgically sterilized. Indeed, in some cases having your furry four-footed friend's reproductive organs removed could even prolong his/her life and most definitely will influence future behaviors in a positive way.

Cherri Megasko, author of numerous articles about animals, is a featured contributor for the Yahoo! Contributor Network. She recently posted an interesting article on this very subject, entitled "Health Benefits of Spaying or Neutering Your Pets". In her article, Megasko listed several lesser-known benefits to having your pet "fixed", and if you are like me, you'll be pleasantly surprised to learn the many ways that spaying and neutering can help keep your pet healthy and happy!

**Benefits of Spaying**

One obvious benefit of spaying your female pet is that she will no longer have heat cycles. For dogs and cats, this means they will be less likely to stray. Dogs will no longer have the bloody discharge associated with coming into heat, and cats will no longer cry as if in pain, in an attempt to attract a male.

For both dogs and cats, spaying prior to their first heat can dramatically reduce their chance of developing mammary cancer later in life. In fact, for dogs that are spayed before their first heat, their risk of developing mammary cancer goes down to 0.05%. The risk increases dramatically with each subsequent heat.

For both dogs and cats, spaying all but eliminates the development of uterine infections called pyometras. These infections can be life-threatening emergencies for your pet and are very expensive to treat and cure.

**Benefits of Neutering**

Both male dogs and cats mark their territories by urinating on objects. Neutering before this marking behavior begins can virtually eliminate this behavior. In cats, neutering also significantly reduces objectionable urine odor.

Testicular cancer is a valid concern for unaltered pets. Obviously, neutering completely eliminates that health threat.

Neutering reduces the instances of prostate issues and perineal hernias in dogs and can also reduce aggression levels associated with hormones.

**Summary**

Neutering a pet is generally a faster and simpler procedure than spaying because the testicles are on the outside of the body, thus making the surgery less invasive. Spaying a young, healthy animal can take as few as seven minutes, or as much as 20 for an older, fatter animal. The health benefits for both dogs and cats are greater when the surgery is done at an early age and can greatly increase the chances your pet will live a long and healthy life.

Be a responsible pet owner, and spay or neuter your pet right away, if you haven't already. Not only will you be doing your part to prevent pet overpopulation, but it is also a proven way to make your pet healthier and happier for the rest of their days, and who doesn't want that for their canine or kitty companion?

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Are you in the market for a fun and cute puppy? Look no further, meet Hachiko (A4481774)! Hachiko is a gorgeous five month old brown and white female Pit Bull puppy who was found in Rowland Heights on August 29th and brought to the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center. Weighing twenty-nine pounds and likely to grow to tip the scales at fifty-five pounds, this playful puppy has not had any training. She is a blank slate as far as training goes, but is ready to learn and eager to please! Hachiko loves children and has been great with the other dogs she has been introduced with. Hachiko will make a tremendous indoor pet for an active family living in a private home. To watch a video of Hachiko, please visit: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=53uJ\\_Hfr5l0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=53uJ_Hfr5l0)

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430-2378 or 626-962-3577). She is currently available now. For any inquiries about Hachiko, please reference her animal ID number: A4481774. 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 Hachiko or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at [samanthasayon@gmail.com](mailto:samanthasayon@gmail.com) or 661-309-2674.

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MAKE SURE YOU BUY THE RIGHT HYBRID GOLF CLUBS FOR YOUR GAME

I think the hybrid golf clubs are going to wind up being a better invention than the sand wedge. I have to ad one more thought. IF you buy the right one for your game.

Can you believe how incredible it is to stand in the middle of the fairway 200 yards from the green and you get to pull out one of those beautiful replacement clubs instead of a 3 iron? That is exactly where the problems begin. You better hope that you bought the correct 3 iron replacement. From the minute I heard about the hybrids I have referred to them as replacement clubs.

Of course I have a reason why I call them replacement clubs. I bought three of them before it dawned on me that I was just buying them because I liked them, not because they were correct for my game. That is when I did some research that I will share with you. The Rules of Golf states that you are allowed to carry 14 clubs in your bag. Let's do some math. You probably use a driver, putter, pitching wedge, sand wedge and LOB. That's five golf clubs and nine to go. Most of you have a 9-8-7-6 irons. Now we have nine clubs and four to go.

You have to make sure of two things when you are replacing your longer irons. If you don't buy the hybrids in a set you are going to get different shafts from different companies. Even thou you bought a regular shaft from one company that doesn't mean it is going to be the same regular shaft of another company. The second thing you have to be careful of if you don't buy your hybrids in a set is the loft on the clubs.

That is where my problems began early on. I was buying different hybrids and the lofts were too close together. The following chart will help you understand what you have to purchase for a replacement club:

- 17 degree hybrid would replace a 2 iron or 5 wood
- 20 degree hyrid would replace a 3 iron or 7 wood
- 23 degree hybrid would replace a 4 iron
- 27 degree hybrid would replace a 5 iron
- 31 degree hybrid would replace a 6 iron

In closing I have to explain one last thing to you. Not all companys have the same degree of loft. Some companies might make a 24-28-32 degree set of hybrids. The one thing to keep in mind is that you are REPLACING a club in your bag. You don't want two clubs with the same loft.

I hope this helps you out the next time you head out to buy a couple of hybrid golf clubs for your game.



SIERRA MADRE OKTOBERFEST TOURNAMENT

Saturday, October 20, 2012

OKTOBERFEST

GOLF AND TENNIS TOURNAMENT

benefiting Sierra Madre Community Programs

**Tennis Tournament:** All ages and skill levels are welcome to play! Tennis will be played as a round robin doubles tournament with rotating partners in co-ed divisions at the Arcadia-Orange Grove courts. Participants start out the tournament by trying their luck in a serving contest (prizes for winners). The tournament first, second, and third place winners each receive a trophy and the first place winner will have their name engraved on the Oktoberfest Tennis Tournament perpetual trophy.

**Golf Tournament:** Played on a nine-hole course as a foursome, best-ball format at Eaton Canyon (tee times assigned). All skill levels welcome and the best-ball format is perfect for beginners! Golfers can sign up as a team or individual and the top team receives individual trophies and immortality on the Oktoberfest Golf Tournament perpetual trophy. Want some more fun? Take a chance in our Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive, and Putting contests. For those concerned with their swing, Mulligans are available to ensure a better score.

**Lunch Reception:** Following the tournaments join us at the Hart Park House located at 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. for an Oktoberfest-style lunch, including beer, brats, and German chocolate cake. During this time participate in the opportunity raffle, and watch the awards ceremony.

Register online at [www.cityofsierramadre.com/online](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/online) registration or in person at the Community Recreation Center no later than Friday, October 12, 2012.

**Tennis start time 8:00 am**  
**Location: Arcadia-Orange Grove Tennis Courts**  
**Cost: \$61 (including lunch)**

**Golf start time 8:00 am**  
**Location: Eaton Canyon Golf Course**  
**Cost: \$83 individual (includes lunch)**  
**Team Reg: \$300 (for 4 includes lunch)**

**Lunch Reception 12:00 pm** **Location: Hart Park House** **Cost: \$30**

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## JASMINE'S CORNER

Book Reviews by Jasmine Kelsey Williams

## How To Win Friends And Influence People

By Dale Carnegie (A Classic revisited)

Should you choose to look up this book by Dale Carnegie, you will notice that it was originally copyrighted in 1936, which will make this choice not as new, but it is still an excellent choice because it is nonetheless informative. With this non-fictional piece renewed in 1964 and then revised and published in hardcover in 1981, 'How to Win Friends & Influence People' gives insight into the words of Dale Carnegie himself on techniques and tips of social interaction and how to improve the quality of relationships with others around you.

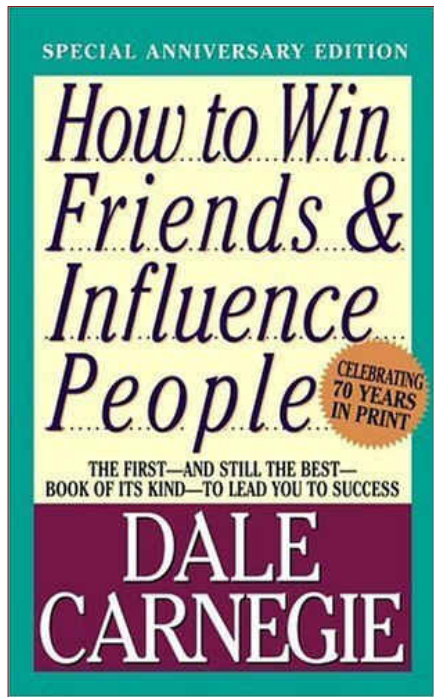
The book provides suggestions and examples from Mr. Carnegie's experience when dealing with others, such as "don't criticize, condemn or complain"; giving honest and sincere appreciation; six ways to make people like you, and winning others over your way of thinking.

Although this book is one of the older ones to read, the methods for interacting with others still hold true to this day. Whether you have excellent qualities with others around you or you wish to improve with your relationships, these tricks from Mr. Carnegie will greatly help if you practice them a little at a time with others.

An effective secret that can be immediately noticed is that the basis for his methods comes from listening to others and understanding what it is they want and trying to work to find a solution for all. In other words: SYNERGY! It is not just basic compromise when it comes to dealing with and interacting with others, but trying to make a positive experience for all. And in today's modern age, having good friends with whom we can understand and relate too is essential. Disagree with your friend who believes they are right?

Hear them out before providing your two cents. Admit it when you are wrong. Begin in a friendly way with anything. Apply any of these principles with anyone and the positivity with results will come back to you twofold. By giving 'How to Win Friends & Influence People' a look, there won't be just a lesson to learn from it, but possibly a friend to gain from experience as well.

*Editor's Note: Ms. Williams is the latest addition to the Mountain Views News family. A young writer alumni of Pasadena City College, she brings a new voice to our Arts and Entertainment section. Welcome Jasmine.*



## SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

Review By Sean Kayden

## WILD NOTHING

In 2010, Jack Tatum, the mastermind behind his moniker Wild Nothing released the ultra impressive debut album, "Gemini." It was one of my favorite albums of the year and still till this day. Gemini is very light, airy, and the idyllic dream-pop record. Dominated by 1980s reverence, Wild Nothing took the elements of that era to craft an album ideal for this day and age. Personally, Wild Nothing had a lot to live up to with the follow-up album and I'm happy to report expectations were met, but not overly exceeded. There are similarities between the two compilations, but ultimately, "Nocturne" is an entirely different encounter. The word matured is tossed around very frequently with younger artists and this time is no exception. Wild Nothing has grown and completely blossomed into an act that surpasses many who've been in this genre for quite sometime. "Nocturne" is an album that proves to be an example of continual development for a budding artist rather than one that stands toe-to-toe with its predecessor. Nonetheless, the sophomore release is often intoxicating with jangly guitars, hypnotic arrangements, and the heavy layers of reverb.

When it comes to the lyrics, it's a somewhat conventional affair. The sometimes overly sentimental and trite lyrics don't always match equally with the lush sound. The straightforwardness and simplicity of the lyrics are nothing to balk at since more often than not the listener becomes lost within the melancholy and dreaminess of the music rather than the words on paper. The first track is "Shadow," a warm introduction and a strong indication that Tatum has polished his style rather than redefining it. "Midnight Song" dazzles and mesmerizes with its shoegaze haze. You'll find this a lot on "Nocturne," where the synths, delicacy of Tatum's vocals and reverb all meet to form the sound known to be distinctively as Wild Nothing. There are a few calamities such as the closing track "Rheya." It meanders with its sights set on just ending the way it started—uninspiring and apathetically. "This Chain Won't Break," the insipid track that falls right smack in the middle of the record interrupts the flow of things as it falls flat of anything unforgettable. Fortunately, the subsequent track, "Disappear Always" makes you overlook that misstep almost entirely as it demonstrates Tatum's artistic ability in the most comprehensive form. Multi-layered, continual change-ups in arrangements and a vibe unmatched, "Disappear Always" should be considered one of the elite tracks from "Nocturne".

One considerably noticeable difference between "Gemini" and "Nocturne" is how Tatum's voice is at the forefront. His lyrics are more discernable and comprehensible while his vocals are slightly crisper and clearer. That's not to say the habitual haze that engulfs his songs isn't present, it's just that with the higher production values the bedroom-pop sound feels a bit artificially constructed rather than organically executed. Regardless, Tatum has crafted some of his best songs here and this evolution from novice to seasoned pro is happening at a rapid pace. The first half of "Nocturne" is exhilarating, shimmering, and a dream-pop fan's heaven. The second half gets a bit lost and weary with tunes that seem to go nowhere as they drift toward completion. Honestly, I'd say "Gemini" is the better record of the two. However, it was Wild Nothing's debut album that astounded and surprised the indie music world. "Nocturne" doesn't have the same ongoing effect, but is a laudable accomplishment in its own right. In Tatum's ideal world, "Nocturne" may be his finest representation, but hopefully it's just another side to this young man who appears to have his best days still ahead of him.

Grade: 8 out of 10

Key Tracks: "Shadow," "Midnight Song," "Nocturne," "Disappear Always"

We'd like to hear from you! What's on YOUR Mind?

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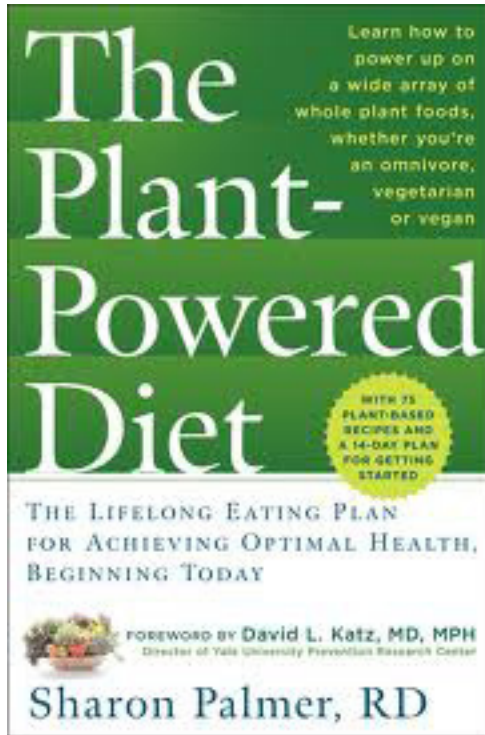
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Warrior poses lengthen and stretch your muscles. They challenge your desire to keep moving and fidgeting. They build core strength because we need to draw this strength deep from within, like a warrior. A warrior: on the field of battle or sitting high a-top his horse with a sword in hand or quietly smiling with her inner determination to see things through, or to birth a child.

A warrior: on a surf board, skiing down a

hill, running a marathon, walking into a board room or conducting the train. We are all warriors. We all have the ability to be strong and centered, to be willful and determined, focused and proud. In other words, we all have the capacity to be powerful beings. We can do what we love, we can achieve greatness and we are all warriors.

Yoga helps us build not just the muscles, but the inner focus, the quiet. When we can get the quiet, we can hear the inner call of what our warrior really wants and needs to thrive. In our ever more changing environment, in the hustle and bustle of movement in our cars and in our minds, we need the stillness to center us, ground us and keep us calm. Through calm, we can make good decisions.

Some people say that yoga teaches us not to have ego, or that the ego should not come into our practice, it's not a competition. What yoga can teach us is how to get to know our egos and what exactly they are capable of, when it's appropriate for the ego to manifest and when it's making bad decisions for us. Yoga: the art and science of getting to know you, and what you are capable of.

Namaste, Rene

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



### SIERRA MADRE CUSTOM REMODELED TOP TO BOTTOM... *and Landscape by Lew Watanabe*

Just listed, this custom home is located on a broad, quiet cul de sac that runs up to the San Gabriel Mountains. It is situated on a street named Toyon, for the distinctive native tree that dots these foothills with its bright red berries that suggest its other names, Christmas berry or California holly.

The current owners lovingly renovated the property in 2002, literally from top to bottom; from the steel roof to the dramatic angled flooring that visually extends and expands the rooms. Just these two features indicate the care and planning that went into the choice of every material and design throughout.

It is a home that feels much larger than 2,262 square feet. There is an open floor plan, offering a casual great room, with the stunning kitchen (one of two) open to the sumptuous living area, which then opens to the dining pavilion and pool through French doors.

The gorgeous cherry and granite main kitchen offers a six burner, Thermador professional stove with pot filler, plus other high end appliances, including Dacor, Fisher and Paykel, Bosch and Sub Zero. The center island accentuates the attention to detail throughout, with scalloped edges. Hand painted Italian tiles detail the tumbled marble backsplash in the butler's kitchen.

The formal dining room, with a built-in hutch and marble accents for display and storage, offers peaceful treetop views of the valley below. The floor plan was further tailored with an extraordinary master suite. A bedroom sized master closet was fully customized, and offers two separate bathrooms, one with a jetted tub, and the other featuring a steam shower and dual vanities.



A very private bedroom suite, with its own private balcony, is accessed through the butler's kitchen area. This combination offers a perfect solution for extended family, teenage or guest quarters.

The landscape was designed by Lew Watanabe, whose name comes to many residents' lips when asked about a short list of notable Sierra Madreans. Known as both a driving force and fixture in his beloved foothill town, this self described "landscape artist" lived in Sierra Madre for over 45 years. Dozens of articles and even a book, *Master of Stone and Light*, chronicle his inspired work.

Watanabe incorporated two of his signature weeping walls into this home's landscape, where monoliths of rough hewn granite offer strategically drilled holes to recirculate water up through the interior of the granite, causing them to "weep" with gentle, soothing sound, sparkle and movement.

You can see one of Watanabe's most recent "weeping walls" at the LA Arboretum in Arcadia, a wall and monolith at Descanso Gardens in La Canada, which also displays Watanabe's work refurbishing the Japanese Tea garden there, in Memorial Park, a monument to the town's pastors who've passed in Pioneer Cemetery, the landscape at the West entrance to the city on Sierra Madre Blvd., the Gooden

School garden at N. Baldwin and Laurel plus the restored Japanese Friendship Garden at Sierra Madre Elementary School.

The back yard offers consummate seclusion, surrounded by mature conifers and dotted with tropical palms. It includes an expansive, shaded dining pavilion with two outdoor ceiling fans to gently cool guests on even the warmest days.

The extensive brick and boulder detail extends to the brick built-in barbecue and serving stations. The yard wraps around to a gorgeous pool area, bordered by perennial flowers and lush, low maintenance grasses, which don't require mowing.

About ¾ mile from the charming bustle of coffee shops, bistros and boutiques of quaint downtown Sierra Madre, the home enjoys the natural rise and fall of nature's music, assisted by Watanabe's two water features, the rustle of trees, and the call of birds, and is about ½ mile from two major hiking trails, at Bailey Canyon the Mt. Wilson Trail.

340 Toyon in Sierra Madre is offered at \$1,025,000 by Reni Rose of Prudential California Realty, also in Sierra Madre. For more information and photos, visit [www.340Toyon.com](http://www.340Toyon.com) or contact Rose at 626-355-8400.



### Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou Realtor®

## WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT ESCROW

When you buy a home, or just make an offer, you will encounter the term "escrow account." Like making a friendly bet and asking a third party to hold the wager money, the "escrow agent" is the neutral party that holds funds in the interest of the mortgage lender and the borrower.

When the terms of the purchase and loan agreements have been met, the money is released. When your application is approved and the loan takes effect, the lender will likely require money for property taxes and homeowner's insurance also to be held in escrow. These funds are added to your monthly mortgage payment and disbursed when the tax and insurance bills are due.

This protects the lender by ensuring a lien isn't placed against your property for non-payment of taxes, and your home (their collateral) is protected against catastrophe. But escrow also benefits borrowers by spreading the large annual payments for taxes and insurance over twelve months.

For example, if your taxes are \$1,600 per year and your insurance is \$800, you're budgeting a reasonable \$200 per month instead of making two big payments. Escrow accounts do not earn interest, so if you make a large enough downpayment, you may be able to avoid the monthly escrow and pay the bills directly. Ask your agent and your lender about the pros and cons.

Luther has been licensed and practicing real estate since 1992. He specializes in residential and income property in the Greater San Gabriel Valley. Luther Tsinoglou has again been named a top producing sales agent with Podley Properties for 2011, making the top 10% at the company overall. Luther can be reached at his direct line (626) 695-8650 or at [luther@tsinoglou.com](mailto:luther@tsinoglou.com)

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## PAYING FOR NURSING HOME CARE WITH MEDICAID (in California, Medi-Cal)

Dear Savvy Senior:

What are the eligibility requirements to get Medicaid coverage for nursing home care?  
Looking Ahead



Dear Looking:

The rules and requirements for Medicaid eligibility for nursing home care are somewhat complicated and will vary according to the state you live in. With that said, here's a general, simplified rundown of what it takes to qualify, along with some resources you can turn to for help.

### Medicaid Rules

Medicaid, the federal and state joint program that covers health care for the poor, is also the largest single payer of America's nursing home bills for seniors who don't have the resources to pay for their own care.

Most people who enter nursing homes don't qualify for Medicaid at first, but pay for care either through long-term care insurance or out-of-pocket until they deplete their savings and become eligible for Medicaid.

To qualify for Medicaid, your income and assets will need to be under a certain level that's determined by your state. Most states require that a person have no more than about \$2,000 in countable assets that includes cash, savings, investments or other financial resources that can be turned into cash.

Assets that aren't counted for eligibility include your home if it's valued under \$525,000 (this limit is higher – up to \$786,000 – in some states), your personal possessions and household goods, one vehicle, prepaid funeral plans and a small amount of life insurance.

But be aware that while your home is not considered a countable asset to determine your eligibility, if you can't return to your home, Medicaid can go after the proceeds of your house to help reimburse your nursing home costs, unless your spouse or other dependent relative lives there. (There are some other exceptions to this rule.)

After qualifying, all sources of your income such as Social Security and pension checks must be turned over to Medicaid to pay for your care, except for a small personal needs allowance – usually between \$30 and \$90.

You also need to be aware that you can't give away your assets to qualify for Medicaid faster. Medicaid officials will look at your financial records going back five years to root out suspicious asset transfers. If they find one, your Medicaid coverage will be delayed a certain length of time, according to a formula that divides the transfer amount by the average monthly cost of nursing home care in your state.

So if, for example, you live in a state where the average monthly nursing home cost is \$5,000 and you gave away cash or other assets worth \$100,000, you would be ineligible for benefits for 20 months (\$100,000 divided by \$5,000 = 20).

### Spousal Protection

Medicaid also has special rules for married couples when one spouse enters a nursing home and the other spouse remains at home. In these cases, the healthy spouse can keep one half of the couple's assets up to \$113,640 (this amount varies by state), the family home, all the furniture and household goods and one automobile. The healthy spouse is also entitled to keep a portion of the couple's monthly income – between \$1,838 and \$2,841. Any income above that goes toward the cost of the nursing home recipient's care.

### What about Medicare?

Medicare, the federal health insurance program for seniors 65 and older and some younger people with disabilities, does not pay for long-term care. It only helps pay up to 100 days of "rehabilitative" nursing home care, which must occur after a hospital stay.

### Get Help

Again, Medicaid rules are complicated and vary by state, so contact the local Medicaid office (call 800-633-4227 for contact information) for eligibility details.

You can also get help from your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), which provides free counseling on all Medicare and Medicaid issues. To find a local SHIP counselor visit [shiptalk.org](http://shiptalk.org), or call 800-677-1116.

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

## KATIE Tse .....This and That



## ATTRACTIVE NUISANCE

It's strange the things that people can feel passionately about. Of course politics and religion are right up there, but there's a host of largely irrelevant topics that really concern some folks. I recall one of my friends saying that she knew her boyfriend was "the one" in part because he had numerous spools of dental floss in his bathroom. She probably doesn't realize that the rest of us don't consider dental hygiene to be as much of a "make or break" issue as she does. Nevertheless, I don't mean to belittle her priorities.

Many of our opinions were planted in our psyches during formative years in childhood. My mom always warned me of the dangers of "wedge" shoes. These high heels originated during the 70's, and have experienced a vibrant rebirth in today's fashion. As you might remember from past articles, I am as far from fashion consciousness as Kim Kardashian is from a pair of size 3 pants. So, my mom's admonition didn't register with me. That is, until one of my grad school professors broke both ankles at once by tripping on the two inch sidewalk incline outside our classroom. She was wearing wedge shoes at the time, and ended up in a wheelchair for months. If I had any latent interest in sporting wedges, that incident put me off them for good!

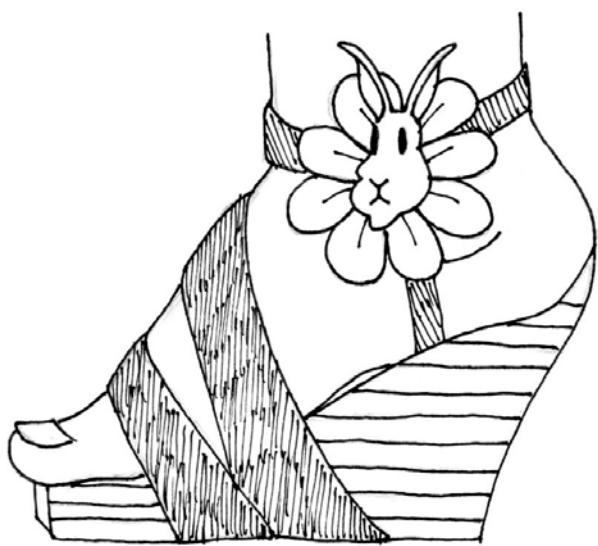
Some other strong opinions held by people are borne of their own experience. These people rarely realize how stark raving mad they sound when popping off about their pet interest. They might eventually notice the people they're talking to are eyeing them warily. But by then, it's usually too late in the conversation to make repairs. I discovered this recently when I went out to lunch with a friend.

Although we're friends, we haven't really known each other that long. In other words, we're not the sort of chums who finish each others sentences. But still, we enjoy each other's company.

At this latest get together, we casually chatted about our day-to-day activities, as we usually do. Then, somehow, the topic of stairs came up. I can't carry on a conversation about stairs unless I know whether or not they're carpeted. So, of course I asked her if they were. Not knowing the can of worms she was opening, she answered "yes." She wasn't even promoting the idea of carpeted

stairs, but just the mention of them tipped me over the edge into my long rant about the inherent evil of carpeted stairs.

If you are neutral on this topic, humor my efforts to dissuade you from ever, EVER having carpeted stairs. Stairs, in and of themselves, are dangerous enough. Thank goodness for building codes regulating the ratio of rises to treads! If you've ever walked on stairs not built to code, you know what I'm talking about. It takes complete concentration to not trip down the whole flight. Which prompts the question --why aren't there carpeted stairs in public buildings? Ever notice that? There must be a lawsuit or two behind it.



As if stairs weren't hazardous enough, carpeting just makes them all the more slippery. And if you're wearing socks and walking on carpeted stairs, Watch out! My aunt knocked herself unconscious one night when she fell down her friends' carpeted stairs. There's still a dent in the plaster where her head smashed against the wall. Another friend of mine often recalls an incident when he was walking (in socks) down their flight of carpeted stairs carrying his infant son. He tripped, but gripped the child to his chest. His son made it out unharmed, but my friend bruised a vertebrae or two.

The take away message is: Don't wear wedges or have carpeted stairs in your home. It's easy for me to take my own advice, since I couldn't give a hoot about fashion and don't own a home. And, thankfully, my landlord has no carpeted stairs in my apartment! So, for all you wedge-wearing, carpeted stairs-owning people --you've been warned!

# SENIOR HAPPENINGS

## SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

Senior Programs have returned to the Hart Park House Senior Center, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Memorial Park - Come by and see the changes!!

Mondays: City Hall & Lunch Café

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.

Tuesdays:

FREE blood pressure checks by Methodist Hospital Nurse; 11 am to 12 noon.

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

BINGO; NEW TIME 1-3PM 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:

1:00 to 3:30 pm: Game Day. Join us for Poker and more. Wii - 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. Please call for more information.

Fridays: Intervale Lunch Café; daily reservations needed 355-0256

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

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

## 2012 EXCURSIONS

RILEY'S FARM AND HAWKS HEAD PUBLIC HOUSE COLONIAL LUNCH (OAK GLEN, CA)

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Departure: Charter bus leaves at 9:30am from the Hart Park House  
Lunch & Activities: 11:00am-2:00pm  
Return: Bus will arrive back in Sierra Madre at approximately 3:30pm  
Cost: \$34 includes transportation, lunch and tip  
For more information on Riley's Farm please visit their website at <http://www.rileysfarm.com/>. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, September 5, 2012.

GRABER OLIVE HOUSE TOUR (ONTARIO, CA)

Friday, October 26, 2012

Departure: 9:30am from the Hart Park House  
Lunch & Activities: 10:30am-2:00pm  
Return: Sierra Madre approximately 3:30pm  
Cost: \$10 (does not include lunch)  
More Info: Call the Hart Park House at 626-355-7394

Graber Olive House tour highlights the tradition of grading, curing and canning of Graber Olives! For more information on the Graber Olive House please visit [www.graberolives.com](http://www.graberolives.com). After the tour lunch will be eaten as a group at Molly's Souper, a fantastic brunch restaurant in Upland. All participants are required to eat at the same restaurant.

The registration deadline is Monday, October 22, 2012.

## September Birthdays



Judie Cimino, Donna Anderson, Linda Knowles, Gwen Robertson, Nancy Shollenberger, Meegan Tosh, Geri Wright, Theresa Chaure, Esther Macias, Sheila Pierce, Denise Reistetter, Edwina Garcia, Yvonne Osti



## Meals-On-Wheels

Meals are delivered to home-bound seniors by volunteer drivers through the YWCA Intervale Lunch Program M-F (with frozen meals for the weekend.)

Call the YWCA at (626) 214-9460 for more information.



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## YWCA SAN GABRIEL VALLEY EXPANDED MEALS!

## INTERVALE SENIOR CAFE

All seniors 60 years of age and up can take part in the YWCA Intervale daily lunch program held at the Hart Park House Senior Center. Meals are served Monday through Friday at 12:00pm (participants are encouraged to arrive no later than 11:45am). Meals are a suggested donation of \$2.00 for seniors 60 and over or \$3.75 for non-senior guests. Daily reservations are necessary, as space is limited. Please reserve your lunch by calling 626-355-0256 at least 24 hours in advance.

## MUSEUM DAY

### Free Tickets for Two!

On Saturday, September 29, 2012 you and a friend can visit participating museums for free!

To register for your free ticket for two go to [www.smithsonianmag.org/museumday](http://www.smithsonianmag.org/museumday).

Participating L.A. area museums include: Autry National Center, California Science Center, Skirball Cultural Center, L.A. Museum of the Holocaust and more!

You can stop by the Hart Park House for assistance signing up for free tickets. Call 626-355-7394 for more info.

## LUNCH & LEARN

Join the Senior Community Commission at the HART PARK HOUSE for a FREE presentation. Lunch is available for a \$2 donation. Call (626) 355-0256 by noon the day before.

**Fall Prevention Seminar • Sept. 5 @ 12:30pm**  
September is Fall Prevention Month, and we are helping seniors "watch their steps" with a great fall prevention seminar by ComForcare Senior Services. We will look at personal risk factors for falling and home safety issues that cause falls. We will also discuss easy ways to correct these problems so that our seniors can continue to live actively and independently. This seminar will be fun and interactive!

**Kensington Q&A Session • Sept. 19 @ 12:15pm**  
Developer Billy Shields, a representative of the Kensington Assisted Living Project, will be at the Hart Park House to host a Q&A session. This is the perfect opportunity to find out more about the Kensington project that will be on the November ballot which may impact Measure V. Kensington proposes an assisted living facility at 33 N. Hermosa Ave. and 245 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre.

## SENIOR MOVIE PROGRAM - SEPTEMBER

The Hart Park House Senior Center is expanding the monthly movie program to two movies in September.

One classic and one contemporary movie will be shown on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. As an added bonus, at the end of the movie the audience will get to choose the movies for the following month! All movies begin at 1:00pm in the Council Chambers and are absolutely free.



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## BUSINESS TODAY

*The latest on Business News, Trends and Techniques*

By La Quetta M. Shamblee, MBA



## PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR SMALL BUSINESS

Public relations (PR) is one of the most effective ways to promote and grow your business, in terms of cost and impact. In contrast to advertising that entails paying money to have your message placed with media outlets like print, radio, television and internet, PR includes activities that result in third-party, word-of-mouth promotion as more potential customers help spread the word about our business.

PR usually includes one of more activities designed to generate interest among potential customers. This may include the preparation of press releases and formal pitches distributed to media outlets in an effort to secure interviews, feature articles and postings on event calendars at no additional cost to your business. But PR can also include community outreach, social media, hosting public events and other activities.

The goal, of course, is to generate exposure for your business in a way that will attract new and repeat customers to your business. Getting press releases, articles and announcements placed with media outlets on an ongoing basis will help to establish your company as one of the "go to" sources in the category of goods and services you offer.

To make the most of PR for your business, it

is important to have a solid gameplan, which should include specific goals that you want to accomplish. Do you want to have a feature article in a publication that caters to your target audience? Want to be a featured guest on a morning news show to get exposure for your business? Want to build a Twitter following of a certain size? Need to increase the number of Friends on your business Facebook page? These are a few examples of the types of PR goals that might be included in your plan.

There are a number of PR resources available to solo entrepreneurs and small businesses. If you have interest in learning to do it yourself, there are many "how to" books and training programs. One of the newest books on the subject is *The New Rules of Marketing & PR: How to Use Social Media, Online Video, Mobile Applications, Blogs, News Releases, and Viral Marketing to Reach Buyers Directly* by David Meerman Scott. As the title indicates, this book incorporates and applies current technology to the marketing and PR.

UCLA Extension offers one of the most respected PR training programs available. All courses are taught by accomplished PR practitioners who have years of hands-on experience. You want to be sure to do things in a way most likely to result in actual benefits for your business. PR that works is not a one-time activity. It takes time to build relationships with media contacts that will be crucial to getting exposure for our business over the long-term.



## Social Media Tips &amp; Tricks

By Merri Jill Finstrom



## HOW TO MEASURE YOUR SUCCESS IN SOCIAL MEDIA

How do you know if your social media strategy is working for you?

To start, benchmark where you are now. On your monthly calendar jot down how many "Likes," "Followers," "Emails," and "Connections" you have. Once a month take a look at your numbers and see if your list is growing. Stay focused on building good "quality" connections and stay engaged with them.

Now the tricky part, how do you measure the outcome of a good quality connection on social media? Unless you are advertising on social media, the dollar-to-dollar outcome can be tough to measure.

Re-think your measuring stick. Replace ROI with ROR. Business owners have been taught to measure ROI at every turn in their business. ROR, return on your relationships (a phrase coined by Ted Rubin in 2009 and the title of his book), might be a better measuring stick when it comes to social media.

Social media is more about relationship

marketing than it is about direct sales. If your social media marketing is working for you, your word-of-mouth should be increasing and opportunities for collaboration within your network will start to appear.

Measuring the ROI from word-of-mouth is tricky to calculate but if you've been in business for a while, you know that word-of-mouth is the best type of unpaid promotion you can get for your business. I often get referrals on Facebook from people I worked with over 20 years ago! Social media tools can help you influence word-of-mouth and make it easier for people to find you when they need your product or service or want to recommend you.

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Legal Insights  
THE PRICE FOR A POUND OF FLESHby Noah Green<sup>1</sup>

When people are involved in car accidents or trip and fall in another person's house or business, they want to know how much they might be owed or have to pay to compensate the injured party. In

other words, how does the law determine a dollar value for injuries?

## A. An Injured Person Can Only Sue if They Prove They Were Hurt Due to Someone Else's Fault

First and foremost, the injured party is only entitled to a recovery if they can prove that the accident was caused by the fault of another party. This is called "liability." If liability cannot be proven, the value of the case is zero. For example: Many people incorrectly assume that if they slip and fall on someone else's property, the property owner must automatically pick up the tab if they are hurt. That is false. The property owner is only liable if they knew or should have known of a dangerous condition that caused the accident and had an opportunity to make repairs. If the injured party cannot prove those facts, they will not be entitled to "damages," which is legal jargon for a monetary recovery.

People are also often confused by the issue of insurance and think that if the person who caused their accident is insured, the insurance company will automatically pay or think that they can "sue the insurance company." In reality, the insurance company cannot be sued because they did not do anything wrong, i.e., they are not liable for the accident. Rather, the insurance company is required to cover any damages that their insured is liable for causing, up to the limit of the policy. For example, if someone is involved

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On Line  
By PJ Carpenter  
ZERO DAY

A frequent topic of computer security headlines is the so-called "Zero-Day exploit". A Zero-Day exploit is defined as the taking advantage of vulnerability the same day as the vulnerability is generally known. There are typically "zero days" between the discovery of the exploit and the attack, hence the name. In most cases when a vulnerability is found in computer code, the discoverer will notify the company responsible for creating and publishing the software (and sometimes the computing community at large) so that a fix can be found and implemented before any real damage is done.

Even if hackers happen to learn about the exploit as the same time as the software publisher, they may not be able to take advantage of the vulnerability before it is fixed. When the hacker happens to be the discoverer of the exploit and the vulnerability wasn't generally known in advance, there may be no effective way to guard against an attack using this new vector. For these instances, security software companies have devised programs (and sub-routines) that look for specific, suspicious activity (such as requests to format drives that do not originate from the console) and disallow such actions.

The name "Zero-Day exploit" itself is a bit misleading because in many instances the vulnerabilities that are taken advantage of have been known to either the software company

or the hackers themselves for quite some time before "something bad" happens. Many of the larger software manufacturers have entire well-financed sections of their operations devoted to identifying, tracking and repairing security holes in their products. Sometimes there are differing opinions as to what constitutes a vulnerability needing immediate attention and which bug(s) to be fixed in the next scheduled software update.

The best thing you can do to protect against zero-day exploits is to follow good security policies in the first place. By installing and keeping your anti-virus software up to date, blocking file attachments to emails which may be harmful and keeping your system patched against the vulnerabilities of you are already aware, you can secure your system or network against 99% of what is out there.

One of the best measures for protecting against currently unknown threats is to employ a hardware or software (or both) firewall. You can also enable heuristic scanning (a technology used to attempt to block viruses or worms that are not yet known about) in your anti-virus software. By blocking unnecessary traffic in the first place with a hardware firewall, blocking access to system resources and services with a software firewall or using your anti-virus software to help detect anomalous behavior you can better protect yourself against the dreaded zero-day exploit.

## OMG! OH MY GOSH DID YOU KNOW.....

By Patricia Richardson, M.B.A



I received a call the other day from a new business owner looking for training for his QuickBooks for Mac 2012. So here are some of the new/improved and enhanced features.

**Improved!** Redesigned Forms (including Previous/Next buttons). The new customer history panel summarizes customer information for easy review including open invoices, open balances, notes etc. See the list of transactions for faster browsing. Improved tables with adjustable columns and multi-line descriptions provide a cleaner look to your data.

Browse through invoices using the Prev/Next buttons, all this comes with a modern Mac-like UI. These redesigned forms are: estimates, invoices, sales receipts, receive payments, credit memos/refunds, purchase orders, bills, write checks, credit card charges, and general journal entries.

This feature allows the user to click from customer to customer to find or open an invoice. You can now scroll through invoices for a particular customer as well, by using the "Next" or "Prev" arrows in the top left section of the invoice. The feature saves time and offers the user better organization when managing customer activity. Prior to the 2012 version, users were unable to find an invoice for a particular customer quickly. No Previous/Next functionality meant users likely had to open invoices in order to find the correct one.

**Improved!** Add Online Banking Transaction in Batches. You can save time adding transactions from your financial institution to QuickBooks by batch entering items instead of adding transactions one at a time. QuickBooks automatically creates rules to rename payees downloaded from the financial institution. "Batch enter" transactions in just one click. Online banking is easier to access and with 2012. Now you have the ability to add multiple downloaded transactions to the bank account register. It also makes it easy to prevent

renaming, such as when the payee name is "Check" (most of your checks are likely made out to different people). In fact, QuickBooks is pre-loaded with the most common "Do not rename" rules, including check, transfer, and wire.

Prior to 2012, online banking users in MAC could only add one transaction at a time to the register. They also needed to rename each transaction individually to match names in QuickBooks. These new features allows speedier data entry, and in a batch. Intuit recommends that all QuickBooks users apply this feature. Online banking is a must as it prevents users from overlooking bank transactions that were never entered into QuickBooks.

My warning to all QuickBooks users using online banking; be sure to reconcile your bank accounts each month. Online banking has created a great revenue stream for accountants and QuickBooks consultants. Clients forget to download days, or download twice or download entries that have been manually input; you name it and we have heard it. When the banking mess in your check register gets too big to figure out please call me. Intuit has a vested interest in growing the online banking feature. Their fastest growing part of their business is the Financial Institutions segment. This business segment consists primarily of outsourced online banking services for banks and credit unions provided by Intuit's Digital Insight business.

**New!** Progress Invoicing. QuickBooks for Mac 2012 allows you to invoice for projects in phases. You can now invoice by line item or for a percent of the estimate. You can track how much has been invoiced and what's left. Job history reports provide additional detail. Users who create estimates can now bill customers for work-in-progress instead of creating an invoice for the whole of the estimated job when only part has been completed. This is a huge win for contractors who use QB Mac.

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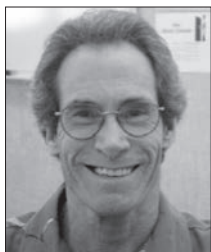
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## HAIL Hamilton My Turn



### THE TYRANNY OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE

My topic for this week's column may seem to some readers that I've just returned from a trip to Wonderland with Alice. Let me assure it is not. What follows are some thoughts I gleamed from reading "The Creature From Jekyll Island: A Second Look At the Federal Reserve," by G. Edward Griffin (4th ed., Reality Zone, 1998). A friend of mine loaned me the book awhile back.

Although Griffin is a lifelong member of the John Birch Society (an organization whose views I deplore) and Despite Griffin's extreme conservative credentials (of which I definitely don't share), I found Griffin's discussion of the inflationary role of fiat currency (worthless paper money backed by nothing of value). Griffin's book is also a good history of the failure central banking, both here and abroad.

A boring subject? I was hooked in five minutes. It reads like a detective story--which it really is. But it's all true. This book is about the most blatant scam in history. It's all here: the cause of wars, boom-bust cycles, inflation, depression, prosperity. My view of the Fed and the all-mighty dollar was definitely changed.

Tyranny is defined as the dominance, oppressive, abusive rule of government, and cruelty and injustice it creates. What better definition than this fits the Federal Reserve System and its role in creating what Griffin calls the "hidden tax" -- inflation.

According to Griffin, America is using a private credit system wherein the medium of exchange are the Federal Reserve Notes that we call "Dollars". Hence, the so-called "Income Tax" is in reality nothing more than a disguised "User Fee" that Americans must pay to the Federal Reserve Bank for using their private credit system. [see Title 12, USC].

The legal definition of "dollar" is "a gold or silver coin of a specific weight and with specific markings". Thus, a Federal Reserve Note, is not and cannot, ever be a dollar. A Note is not "money", see Blacks Law Dictionary. The Federal Reserve Notes in use are mere evidence of a debt.

The Federal Reserve Banking system is not a Federal government agency, there are not "reserves" and there is no real money. The Federal Reserve Banking system is a private cartel that has usurped the authority of the Congress to coin Money. Federal Reserve Notes are just as worthless or just as valuable as Monopoly Money used in the game "Monopoly".

If we go to this Constitution for the United States, Article I, section 8, we find that only Congress was given the authority "To coin money, regulate the Value thereof, and of foreign Coin, and fix the Standard of Weights and Measures". This authority given to Congress by this Constitution was not to be delegated to any private corporation for that corporation's private gain. And this is the problem: regardless of its quasi-government characteristics, the Fed is really a banking cartel run by the nation's largest banks from its New York branch.

The authority to coin money was usurped by the unlawful enactment of the Federal Reserve Act of 1913. The Federal Reserve Act is a "private law" sponsored by four Congressmen rammed through Congress just before the Congressional session closed in December of 1913. Congress can pass both private laws and public laws. Congress does not have to tell the American Citizens which law is private and which law is public. We are simply led to believe that all laws are public. This is propaganda at its best.

This was a silent coup d' e-tat wherein the American People became the slaves of the Federal Reserve Bank. The "Killing Blow", the coup de grace, was delivered upon the American people by Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933 by removing the Gold Standard from the American economy. This is my only criticism of the New Deal which I think was what the nation needed by its creation of demand by putting millions of Americans back to work building roads, bridges, and dams with programs like the WPA, CCC, and FWA.

Since then, however, no American Citizen has actually paid for anything, we have just exchanged worthless Federal Reserved Notes for more worthless Federal Reserve Notes. All we do is lease the property we think we own from the banks to whom we pay our worthless federal "dollars" for the privilege of the possession and use of that property whether it be a house, a car, or a "whatever".

Think about it: We are perpetual debtors spending our lives working for nothing, owning nothing, just for the privilege of being financial field slaves for the banking slaveowners who run the Fed! I don't know about you, but for me this is a very sobering thought.

*Editor's Note: Last week's column about the conversation with the young cashier by Hail inadvertently failed to include the following: "This story was found on the internet but was worthy of sharing with you."*

## RICH Johnson WAYMISH



Before I tackle the topic of Waymish, I want to apologize for being a phantom and submitting no column last week. I thank those of you who noticed and said something. Especially Linda and Holly (who offered up suggestions on how to not miss another week).

Onto Waymish. I have a very dear (and now departed) friend by the name of Ray Considine. He was a gifted author and professional speaker. He wrote two books that I know of: "The Great Brain Robbery", and "W.A.Y.M.I.S.H.". WAYMISH, the topic of this column is a book on customer service.

So what does WAYMISH mean? If you guessed it to be an acronym you get a cookie. It means "Why Are You Making It So Hard...for me to give you my money". What makes the book a great read is it is chock full of what we call "War Stories"; examples of horrible service toward customers. And haven't we all been there?

I have a couple of personal WAYMISH stories. I remember being in a near empty restaurant once. After waiting for an interminable time, the waitress came up to us and said, "I may not look busy, but I really am", and then continued to offer slow service. When we finally received the check I put the money on the little tray and said to her, "This may not look like a big tip, but in this case it really is."

Vacationing in Australia I found myself one day in one of Sydney's many malls. Near lunch time we found the food court, picked our vendor and proceeded to wait in line to order. While we were waiting an elderly man got up from his table (he left the half eaten tray of food on the

table), walked up to the counter and demanded his money back saying that was the worst food he had ever eaten. The manager, smartly returned the money to the man. At which point the man returned to his table, sat down and finished his lunch.

Another personal WAYMISH at the national chain sporting goods store. My then wife, Helen, purchased a pair of swimming goggles. You know to keep the water out of her eyes during lap swimming? Wouldn't you know it: She couldn't get the goggles to not leak water (despite spending an hour trying to adjust the band). Helen attempted to return the goggles to the sporting goods store explaining the goggles were defective as they leaked water no matter what she did. She came out to the car with the goggles in hand. They wouldn't take the goggles back because the package had been opened. As Homer Simpson would say: "DOH!" I grabbed the goggles and went in to remedy the situation. I should add at this point that the manager of the store was about 6'8" and weighed well in excess of 350 pounds. I made my case to the Sasquatch, Abominable Manager who ignored me. Finally exasperated at listening to me (I get that a lot) the manager patronized me and said, oh all right, he would take them back. At that point I said "no you won't". And asked for the name and address of the CEO of the company. After a menacing look (and I ain't whistling Dixie) he gave me the information. I forwarded this story along with the defective goggles to the CEO and received an apology and a refund.

I bet you have some fun war stories. If you want to enjoy those kind of war stories visit Waymish.com. My friend Ray is gone, but his book lives on.

## STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE



### WHY I CAN'T BE A YANKEE (OR A DODGER) FAN

While growing up in Chicago, when I was six or seven years old and listening to baseball games on the radio, I always rooted for the Dodgers. Why and who cares? I think it is important to understand that for lots of people like me, who always felt on the outside, that it was and is important to root for the underdog. The guys on top have already got theirs and they did it without my help. They don't need me and I don't need them. It's always the underdog that I root for. If that underdog comes through, maybe it's because of the little extra help he or she received from my caring.

It wasn't just that the Dodgers were the first team to put a Black Man in a major League uniform; although that's a big part of it. It was also because they were called the "Bums" and came from some town that wasn't a big city like Chicago or New York or Philadelphia or Detroit. Who ever heard of Brooklyn? And where was it on the map? Also, everybody knew that every one of the other 15 teams had won a World Series, except for Brooklyn. For those of you who don't know or don't care, the Major Leagues in the early 1950's consisted of 16 teams - eight in the National League and eight in the American League. The furthest teams West were the St. Louis Browns and the St. Louis Cardinals. Most of the Big Cities like New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, and Boston had two teams while the remaining teams were in the big cities of Detroit, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Cleveland, and in the nation's capitol. The familiar saying describing that last team was Washington - first in war, first in peace, and last in the American League. I couldn't root for them.

I'm not the only one who roots for the underdog. It is only a certain kind of person who roots for the established winner. I call these people Yankee Fans and they generally are fans of authority who favor strict punishments and have little compassion. They look down on people who have not achieved and enjoy feeling better than other people. They like to associate with "winners" and have very strict rules for proper behavior, proper dress, and proper etiquette. They know the rules and have the connections and often benefit from these connections. Another name for these folks is Republicans and their ex-wives and widows who are often abandoned for younger and more compliant models of themselves. This description originated with a Republican Woman describing her observations at a Country Club function.

I am aware that this is an overly



## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

### SOLVING THE MYSTERY OF PICKING A PRESIDENT

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were casually sitting on the back porch enjoying our evening coffee together. Suddenly, the conversation turned to things political. This does not happen very often, so at the moment I was a little surprised by this turn of current events.

My wife does not spend much time keeping up with political news or events. Therefore, I was a little surprised when she made some comments in this area. It began when my wife said, "Why is it every politician running for president insists that Washington is broken and they are just the ones to fix it?"

Well, she had me there. Most politicians worth their pork barrel payment have the audacity to believe they are political prophets able to see what is wrong with everything in this country, particularly those things in Washington, DC. Not only can they see what is wrong but also they know the exact way to fix it. However, no two solutions are alike.

They look at the Washington, DC area and view it as a fixer-upper. Then they go around the country hammering away with the promise that they can fix it and fix it for good. All these politicians have "fixed" our government for sure, but not in the way they think. It is more along the line of when you take "Lucky" to the veterinarian to have him fixed. The results are the same in both situations.

Then my wife made this observation. "If these politicians are so all fired up about fixing problems, I would like to show them our plumbing problem."

Of course, what my good wife does not realize is politicians can only fix hypothetical problems not real ones. And the more hypothetical the more eloquent they are in their speeches about it. Whenever you hear a politician waxing eloquent in his speech you always know you are listening to an airbag.

It was my turn to astonish my wife. "I have solved the mystery of picking the president of the United States," I said rather arrogantly. I was waiting for her response. And I did not have to wait long.

"You what?" Then I laid out for her my scheme for picking the president.

"It's very simple. People pick a president about the same way they pick their nose."

I knew from her astonished look I would have to explain what I meant. But it is true, nevertheless, picking a president is like picking your nose.

The first thing is that nobody gets to select the nose they will have for the rest

generalized, stereotyped, and possibly inaccurate description of a great portion of America's population. Still I think it's more right than it is wrong. I think the great political divide now existing in America is a reflection of the distance between these old "Yankee Fans" and the rest of us. The Yankee Fans are influential and have persuaded other less-privileged people to maintain these same attitudes. What these people see when they look around is CHANGE. White Male Protestant's strangle hold on power is weakened. The U.S. has a Black President and females and young people are increasingly visible in places of power.

The old "Yankee Fans" want to stop this change and to do that they are using the one thing they have - MONEY. Our poor electoral system has become just a contest over who has the most money to spend. What an obscene waste of resources! I am thankful to the God, in whom I do not believe, that there seem to be indications of a hurricane that will shorten the time that the Yankee Fans, I mean Republicans, can use to present their non-sense to the Public. Of course these old White Male Protestants are trying to attract the super-wealthy of other persuasions as they pander to supporters of Israel and nominate a Catholic for Vice-President. Yes, I know the Democrats do the same thing as they pander for money and select a Catholic Vice-President. I am not the first to say that both sides are controlled by the financially super-wealthy and that both sides are similarly supportive of a foreign policy that allows the rich to profit.

The point is that we really are in a Time of Change, and money and pandering cannot stop that change. All of us have to be prepared to adjust to the changing currents or be swept under. The old American population centers that once were the privileged owners of one and often two Major League teams have been largely abandoned and are mere shadows of their glory days. They are now in the process of Change and are trying to rebuild.

The Los Angeles Dodgers have acquired new ownership and new moneys and are attempting to become the Yankees of the West. Certainly, I cannot root for these bullying billionaires. I believe the force of change is so strong that Romney cannot win and neither can the Dodgers.

Perhaps baseball itself will completely fail to sell itself to new generations and perhaps new political parties will form and the power of money will be eliminated from the electoral process. That's about as likely as finding water on Mars; but maybe Dan Quayle was really a prophet?





## HOWARD Hays As I See It



*"Next week in Tampa the Republicans must admit that the difference between a GOP convention and Comic-Con is that the people at Comic-Con have a much firmer grasp of reality."* - Bill Maher

*"We're not going to let our campaign be dictated by fact-checkers."* - Neil Newhouse, pollster for the Romney campaign.

Former Labor Secretary Robert Reich wrote on an ironic confluence of events; the convention intended to persuade Americans to entrust their future to Republicans, and the onslaught of Hurricane Isaac, evoking memories of how the greed, incompetence and detachment from reality under the previous administration were encapsulated in its response to Hurricane Katrina.

That detachment from reality was evident in remarks from the president's mother, Barbara Bush, when at the refugee center in Houston she observed that victims "were underprivileged anyway, so this is working very well for them." Incompetence was personified by FEMA Director Michael Brown, former official of the Arabian Horse Federation, whose e-mails revealed an obsession with stylish attire for press conferences.

There was overriding concern not for the plight of fellow Americans, but for how to make a buck off the tragedy. Rumors (since discredited) of widespread looting were pushed as a rationale for mercenaries from Blackwater. Thousands of uninhabitable trailers sat empty, provided through a politically connected middle-man. Truckloads of donated supplies were stopped at the border, so as not to violate agreements with no-bid government contractors.

The concern was not how to return families to their homes, but how to leverage the tragedy into an opportunity for seizing land, razing whatever's left and developing mega-malls and casinos.

Republicans in Tampa would rather we not remember Katrina, and there won't be mention of our former president. As Reich explains, "we're still living with George W. Bush's legacy . . . which is a truth Romney is desperate to put out of our minds." (In contrast, Democrats will give a rousing welcome to Bill Clinton next week, and encourage memories of our booming economy in the 1990s.)

Republican strategy for this election is to hide their own record, and lie about their opponents'. They have a record of policy positions itemized in their official platform, but it's a platform they'd rather hide in the general campaign:

A total ban on abortion, with no exception for rape, incest – or to save the life of the mother.

A rejection not only of gay marriage, but also civil unions – and refusal to recognize those already in place.

A required super-majority for tax increases and a balanced budget amendment (because it's worked so well in Sacramento).

Loosening gun laws in the District of Columbia.

Condemning public schools, and eliminating the Department of Education.

Replacing Medicare with vouchers for seniors to shop with in the private market.

Protecting us from Sharia law.

Making it easier to supply unlimited, secret campaign cash, and harder to vote.

Increasing reliance on coal and other fossil fuels,

and increasing profitability by gutting environmental regulations.

While dismissing laws protecting our environment, "Current laws on all forms of pornography and obscenity need to be vigorously enforced."

Along with hiding their own principles, they are lying about the opponent. There was the flap in early August about voter suppression efforts in Ohio, where Republicans sought to ban early voting for all but active-duty military. The Obama Administration sued to overturn the ban, and the Republican talking point twisted the reality to assert Obama wanted to "restrict military voting".

According to FactCheck.org, "Romney blatantly misrepresents the lawsuit's clearly stated goal", and as for voters hoping to be informed, "what they got from the Romney campaign is a falsehood."

A more current example involves the Obama Administration's acceding to states' requests they be given more flexibility in designing their own welfare-to-work programs, provided those programs achieve results exceeding employment goals set by 1996 Welfare Reform rules. For Romney and Republicans, this "guts welfare reform".

Ron Haskins, former House Republican aide who was instrumental in developing the 1996 reforms, commented to FactCheck, "Republicans are the ones who talk about giving the states more flexibility. Romney himself talks about giving the states more flexibility . . . Now all of a sudden the states shouldn't get the flexibility because they are going to mess it up? It doesn't make sense."

Romney knows his campaign is based on fabrications, but the concern is not with "fact-checkers", but with whether the lines work on the audience. Last week he took it up a notch when he coupled the lie about Obama's "gutting" welfare-to-work with the explanation Obama's hoping to "shore up his base". Whoever it was that suggested this line, Romney could have rejected it saying, "It's racist. It's ugly. And I'm not going to repeat it." Instead, he did repeat it – showing he's some combination of naïve, unprincipled, or a liar.

I don't think Romney's naïve.

The Republicans are basing their convention theme itself on a long-since-discredited twisting of President Obama's "You didn't build that" remark (said referring to "this unbelievable American system").

U.S. Senate candidate Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) responded,

"Tonight, Chris Christie and the Republicans told the American people that we're to blame for our broken economy. He told families to tighten their belts. He told seniors to live on less. He told teachers to stop fighting for fair pay.

He never, ever mentioned how much more the richest have taken, and he had no mention that those who broke our economy still haven't been held accountable. The Republicans believe in an America that is rigged for the big guys -- giant corporations that can hire an army of lobbyists, ship jobs overseas, and take their profits to the Cayman Islands.

That's not who we are as a people -- and that's not the kind of country we want to be.

We built America together, and that's what makes America great."

As I see it, Ms. Warren is the one showing a true "grasp of reality".

## ROMNEY'S SYMPATHY AND SOLUTIONS GREG Welborn

As we await Romney's acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention, the accepted wisdom is that Mr. Romney needs to demonstrate that he sympathizes with the economic pain Americans are feeling. Regardless of anything else, the wise ones say, Romney must "connect" with Americans. He supposedly has to reintroduce himself to the electorate as someone who can feel their pain. Because he trails Obama by 20 points on polls of "likability", if he can connect emotionally, he wins; if he can't, he loses. That's the line, that's the perceived wisdom, but I'm not buying it for a second. Americans aren't that shallow.

I have to respectfully disagree with this poll-driven political truism. Polls often mislead us because they sometimes only measure what the respondents want us to think about them at the time they answer the question. I believe most Americans realize that the last thing we need is another president who simply feels their pain. Americans realize now more than ever that we need a president who can heal the pain, who can fix the problems which are causing our pain.

This isn't meant to diminish the economic pain. It's because there is so much pain that I believe Americans are ready to believe in the hope for real change. Consider the economic facts under President Obama. Since the recession began, there are 4 million fewer Americans working. Real per capita GDP has decreased by \$803. Real household income fell by \$1,500 from the beginning of the recession through the end of the recession, and it's fallen by another \$2,600 during this anemic recovery. During the last three months through July, 246,000 people have fallen off the unemployment rolls because they moved onto the disability rolls. That's a pretty manipulative way for this administration to drive down the unemployment numbers. The number of food-stamp recipients has increased by an astounding 71%. Temporary assistance to needy families has increased by 12%. Medicaid enrollment has increased by 11 million, or 10%.

Everywhere we look, the situation is the same and a clear pattern develops. Under this president, we are unquestionably worse economically, but more harmful for the long-term is the fact that we are creating a dependence culture – a potentially permanent underclass of Americans who will rely on government, rather than their own work effort and abilities to meet their basic needs. It belittles them, demeans them and demoralizes them. It's not victory over our problems, it's surrender to our problems.

So, tonight I expect we will be presented with the clear choice that this election represents. It won't be a choice between nice guy Obama and dull Mitt, let alone a choice between nice guy and the murderous, felon caricature of Mitt Romney which has been put forward by the Democratic Party and media elites. The choice will be between someone who has caused our problems

and someone who can fix our problems. While I expect Mitt Romney will himself clarify the contrast, he can't possibly do it better than Anne Romney did.

With soul-bearing honesty and heart-felt sincerity, Anne looked into the cameras and told America, "[Mitt] is the man who will wake up every day with the determination to solve the problems that others say cannot be solved, to fix what others say is beyond repair. This is the man who will work harder than anyone so that we can work a little less hard." And she concluded with "this solemn commitment. This man will not fail."

That is the choice which Mitt Romney, Republican Candidate for the Presidency, will make clear tonight. I have no idea whether he will "connect" in some personal way that convinces us he feels our pain. If he does, great; if he doesn't, no big deal. Some of the most accomplished and successful leaders I know lack a perfect bedside manner. And most of the crooks I know are charmers who can make you believe they want nothing more than your success even as they steal your wallet.

Mitt Romney will tell us that the choice is between a nation of dependents who spend their time arguing over how to split a shrinking economic pie vs. a nation of confident self-starters who are building a bigger, better, stronger and richer economy where anyone, despite their background, nationality, religion, race or sex, can work hard and achieve their dreams. As Susan Martinez, Republican Governor of New Mexico stated, "en America, todo es possible." In America, everything is possible.

In 2008, Americans voted for hope and change. They knew in their hearts that they were voting for larger government and higher taxes, but they also believed that accepting those things would give them a growing economy and better employment opportunities. They now know that the bargain they struck with candidate Obama hasn't been honored by President Obama. President Obama offers nothing different than what has already failed, even as he presents it in a sympathetic way. Mitt Romney may not connect, and may not inspire awe; but he will certainly inspire confidence that he will be successful in returning us to the full measure of our potential. Mitt Romney will heal our pain.

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## TRICKLE DOWN ECONOMICS IS A PYRAMID SCHEME

A few years ago, I had a friend who didn't want anyone to know she was going to therapy. Instead, she would announce at her place of business she was leaving to attend her Amway meeting. At one point I had to inform her, "You know that doesn't make you look any less crazy, right?"

The classic multi-level marketing or pyramid scheme is where one guy at the top convinces people at the bottom to give the top money. The hope is the guys in the middle will recruit enough people under them to move from the middle to the top—hence the pyramid shape. The model is, clearly, and probably unsustainable. Only a couple of people (those at the top) do well. Everyone else gets ripped off.

In fairness, Amway, has massaged its methods enough to not qualify as the illegal type of pyramid scheme. It's now the more legal type of pyramid scheme.

But the model—the idea of those at the bottom sacrificing their retirement benefits (pensions, social security, Medicare etc.) so that the top tier can pay even less in taxes is what Romney/Ryan are peddling. Mitt Romney wants to cut taxes for the wealthy. Paul Ryan's budget would shrink benefits to give the savings in the form of a tax cut to the highest brackets. What didn't work in the Bush years to strengthen the middle-class (evident by their Lost Decade), they tell us will work this time! Or as veep-pick also-ran, Senator (R-FL) Marco Rubio put it, "We have never been a nation of haves and have-nots. We are a nation of haves and soon-to-haves."

No, actually, we are a nation of haves and have-nots. We have the worst wealth inequality of all industrialized nations. Our poverty rate is the highest in more than 50 years at 15.7 percent. Contrast that with the top 1 percent of Americans who own nearly half—42 percent of the nation's wealth. Also that same top 1 percent only has 5 percent of the nation's debt. So 99 percent of Americans own 58 percent of the pie and have 95 percent of the debt. We're fatter, sicker, further in debt and using the most illegal drugs in the world—all signs Americans have become overspent from bad economic policies.

But the haves—these demigods of capitalism—won't trickle their wealth down to us because of "uncertainty in the market" according to Republicans. Therefore we bribe them with an even lower tax rate!

Instead of calling it "trickle down" which has been largely panned for decades—the new term is "not punishing success."

"If your priority in this country is to punish success vote for President Obama," said the offshore account holder, Mitt Romney.

If the rich get richer—we're not getting thinner, healthier, solvent and off the crack needle. If the rich get richer, the middle-class doesn't get more stable. If the rich get richer, the working poor don't get pulled out of poverty. If the rich get richer—they just get richer and park their money in Luxembourg (where at least their money will be near universal health care).

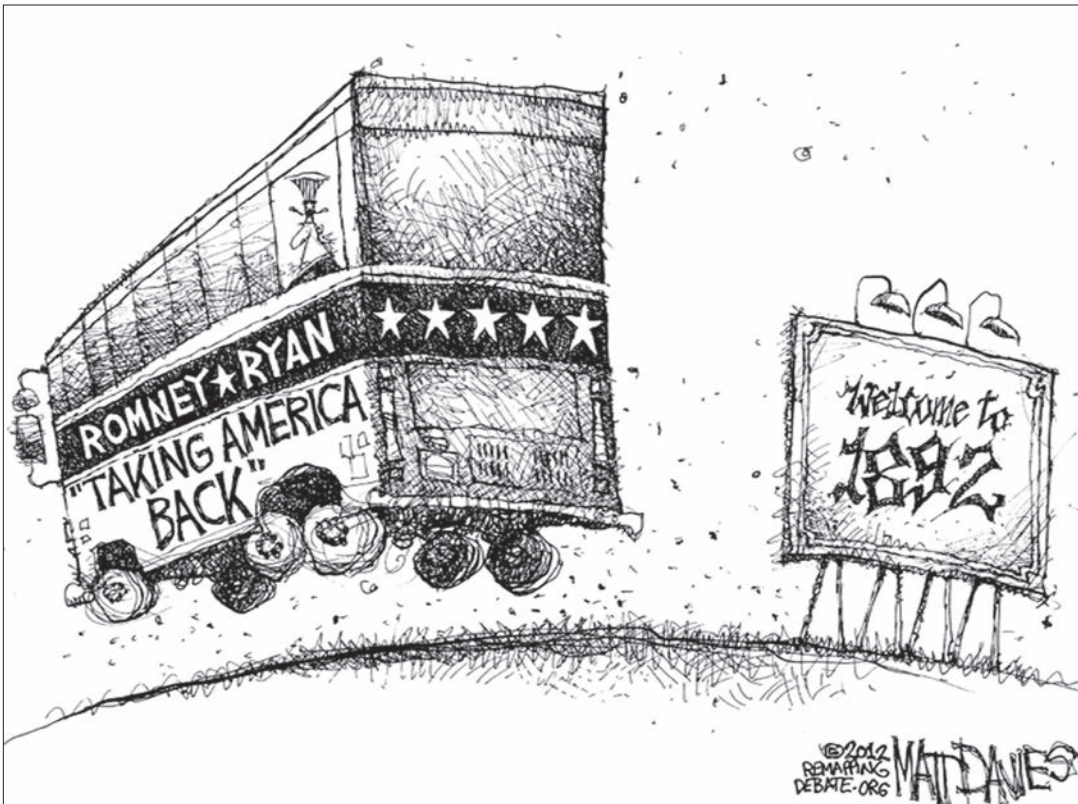
We're actually not a nation of haves at all. Not if you go by a simple majority—or even a super majority—we're a nation of have-nots. Have-nots being sold on a fantasy of wealth trickling down if we're nice enough to the haves.

Trickle down economics is a pyramid scheme: It's the rich telling us if we just recruit others to believe in the con then we will become the rich too.

It's a lie.

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with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/26/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/26/2012. 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: Aug. 11, 18, 25, Sept. 01, 2012

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-150587  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FRONTRON PRODUCTION, 330 OHIO ST., PASADENA, CA 91106. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BYRON NELSON, 330 OHIO ST., PASADENA, CA 91106. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: BYRON NELSON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/26/12. 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: Aug. 11, 18, 25, Sept. 01, 2012

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-147781  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GEEKS R US, 10064 MILLS STE A, WHITTIER, CA 90604. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARTIN MILLAN, 1937 RONDA DR., L.A., CA 90032. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARTIN MILLAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/23/12. 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: Aug. 11, 18, 25, Sept. 01, 2012

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-150617  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GRACE'S VINTAGE SHOPPE, 3448 LAMBETH ST., L.A., CA 90027. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUANA L. BALLENGER, MICHAEL BALLENGER, 8024 BROADLEAF AVE., PANORAMA CITY, CA 91402. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JUANA L. BALLENGER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/26/12. 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: Aug. 11, 18, 25, Sept. 01, 2012

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-150390  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HACIENDA CIGARATTES & CIGARS, 15906-A E. GALE AVE., HACIENDA HTS., CA 91745. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) AYMAN LATIF SADEK, IHAB IBRAHIM SHAWKI, 15906-A E. GALE AVE., HACIENDA HTS., CA 91745. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: AYMAN LATIF SADEK. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/26/12. 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: Aug. 11, 18, 25, Sept. 01, 2012

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-149092  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HIGH TIME PERFORMANCE, 1655 STORRS PL., POMONA, CA 91766. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JEEWON PARK, 1655 STORRS PL., POMONA, CA 91766. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JEEWON PARK. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/24/12. The registrant(s)

has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/24/2012. 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: Aug. 11, 18, 25, Sept. 01, 2012

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-149510  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: K'S COIN LAUNDRY, 1004 E. ANAHEIM ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90813. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BOPHA SONG PHAN, 711 W. 31<sup>st</sup> ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90806. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: BOPHA SONG PHAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/25/12. 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: Aug. 11, 18, 25, Sept. 01, 2012

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-150825  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: KNOW BOUNDARIES, 1910 W. 95<sup>th</sup> ST., L.A., CA 90047. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TARA M. RAINEY, 1910 W. 95<sup>th</sup> ST., L.A., CA 90047. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TARA M. RAINEY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/26/12. 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: Aug. 11, 18, 25, Sept. 01, 2012

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-148262  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LG CREDIT CONSULTING, 8545 PARK ST., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LIANE GRAY, 8545 PARK ST., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LIANE GRAY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/03/12. 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: Aug. 11, 18, 25, Sept. 01, 2012

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-156780  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 3 BROS WIRELESS, 1010 E. 73<sup>rd</sup> ST., L.A., CA 90015. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) IVAN MIRAMONTES, 2402 S. PHOENIX PL., ONTARIO, CA 91761. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: IVAN MIRAMONTES. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/03/12. 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: Aug. 11, 18, 25, Sept. 01, 2012

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-144469  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ALTERNATIVES AIRBRUSHING, 14429 CABELL AVE., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HECTOR RIOS, 14429 CABELL AVE., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: HECTOR RIOS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/17/12. 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: Aug. 11, 18, 25, Sept. 01, 2012

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-142293  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CHAPALA MARKET, 2319 E. EL SEGUNDO BLVD., COMPTON, CA 90222. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALEJO TOSTADO HERNANDEZ, ELIZABETH LUCERO ENRIQUEZ, 2319 E. EL SEGUNDO BLVD., COMPTON, CA 90222. This Business is conducted by: HUSBAND AND WIFE. Signed: ALEJO TOSTADO HERNANDEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/13/12. 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: Aug. 11, 18, 25, Sept. 01, 2012

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-157692  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CLASS A RENTAL & SERVICE, 9935 BEVERLY BLVD., PICO RIVERA, CA 90660. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MAGNO FREIRE, 1615 CAMBRIDGE CT., WEST COVINA, CA 91791. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MAGNO FREIRE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/06/12. 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 Dates Pub: Aug. 11, 18, 25, Sept. 01, 2012

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-156550  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HANGARI, 3608 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> ST., L.A., CA 90020. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SANG H. LEE, 3608 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> ST., L.A., CA 90020. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SANG H. LEE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/03/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/03/2012. 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: Aug. 11, 18, 25, Sept. 01, 2012

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-141603  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: N A K MINE RUN, 153 E. 126<sup>th</sup> ST., L.A., CA 90061. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NADIA AHMED KHAN, 2704 W. BALL RD. #K7, ANAHEIM, CA 92804. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: NADIA AHMED KHAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/12/12. 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 Dates Pub: Aug. 11, 18, 25, Sept. 01, 2012

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-145233  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SUCESS REMODELING CO., 3526 BALDWIN AVE., #E, EL MONTE, CA 91731. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MANYI SHI, 3526 BALDWIN AVE., #E, EL MONTE, CA 91731. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MANYI SHI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/18/12. 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

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-145829  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE SOUTHERN COMFORT, 1600 W. SLAUSON AVE. #1 31, L.A., CA 90047. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TONY SMITH, 10800 S. MAIN ST., #206, L.A., CA 90061. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TONY SMITH. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/19/12. 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 Dates Pub: Aug. 11, 18, 25, Sept. 01, 2012

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2012-137864  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PACIFIC ALLIANCE REALTY AND PACIFIC ALLIANCE REAL ESTATE, 409 W. ORANGE GROVE AVENUE, SIERRA MADRE, CA 91024. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) Bill Derrick, 409 W. Orange Grove Avenue, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: BILL DERRICK. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/09/12. 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: Aug. 25, Sept. 01, 08, 16, 2012

#### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME NOUR SABAH CASE NO. VS023500

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MOHAMED SALAHEDDIN HAS FILED A PETITION WITH THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT FOR A DECREE CHANGING NAMES OF HIS MINOR CHILD AS FOLLOWS:  
Present Name: SABAH NOUR  
Proposed Name: AHMAD NOUR

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 09/26/2012 at 1:30PM in Dept. C ROOM 312 located at 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650

THE COURT ORDERS that all interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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