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## GEORGE MAURER TURNS THE BIG 90!

By Bill Coburn

**Dozens turned out last Saturday night at the Lodge in Sierra Madre to help George Maurer and his family celebrate his 90th birthday.**

Friends and family from as far away as Arizona, Texas, Florida and Pennsylvania were treated to a lasagna, ravioli and eggplant parmesan dinner catered by Villa Italia, a PowerPoint show about George's life, several family created "JibJab" e-card videos, including one "starring" a very limber, long black haired George roller disco dancing, and a delicious cake created by George's neighbor Ernesto Rojas, a pastry chef at the Pacific Palms Resort, featuring a re-creation of George's golf cart, complete with photos of George.

George Alfred Maurer (above with good friend Gary Hood), was born in Burlington, NJ, on October 5, 1905, to George and Jenny Maurer, their middle child. He attended Burlington High School (in a coincidence of somewhat epic proportions, one of his schoolmates was my father, John Coburn). Living just blocks from the Delaware River, George enjoyed sailing as a young man, so it's not surprising that shortly after graduating high school, he joined the Navy to serve his country during WWII, in 1943.

The following year, he married his sweetheart, Mary, in Norfolk, VA, and they remained married until her death fifty-nine years later. George shipped out shortly after the wedding, and undertook training as a diver in San Diego, while Mary stayed in Philadelphia and waited for his return. It was during this time in San Diego that George fell in love with California, and hoped someday to bring Mary west with him. George was discharged in 1945, and in 1946, they finally got to honeymoon in New York City.

In 1951, at the age of 29, George moved with Mary to a home in Pennsauken, NJ, that had been built by family and friends. He was able to walk to work at the local paper "The Community News," following in the footsteps of his father, who had been a linotype operator and editor of a local newspaper.

George and Mary had four children, daughters Mikki and Linda, and twin sons, George and Bill. Mikki, Linda and Bill were at the party, son George passed away in 2009. The family later moved to Covina, CA before settling in Sierra Madre. George



worked for the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner and the Pasadena Star News before being hired at the Sierra Madre News, where he worked for nearly thirty years.

George served for thirty years as a volunteer firefighter, eleven of them back east, and nineteen years with the Sierra Madre Fire Dept. He was instrumental in bringing the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) service to the Sierra Madre department, as well as spearheading the Kiwanis Club's efforts to raise money to purchase the City's first ambulance.

George has served three times as Mayor of Sierra Madre during twelve years on City Council. He also chaired the Senior Housing Committee and spent time on the Planning Commission.

George is a longtime member of Sierra Madre Kiwanis, and for several years was the only person ever to also serve with the Sierra Madre Rotary Club. He is currently on the Board of the Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to the big birthday celebration, he has been honored by the CA State Senate, Supervisor Michael Antonovich, Sierra Madre Little League, Pasadena City College, Arcadia Methodist Hospital, the American Heart Association, and others. He was named Citizen of the Year by the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce in 1974, and currently sits on their Board of Directors. When the City began honoring volunteers, organizations and City employees with their "Sierra Madre Honors" awards, in 2006, George received the first lifetime volunteer award, which has ever since been called the "George Maurer Lifetime Service Award."

After dinner, the crowd sang happy birthday to George, after which he spoke briefly, thanking the crowd for being there, and adding that "... you've made my day, and a good start for the next year," (see video at [www.SierraMadreNews.Net/?p=10852](http://www.SierraMadreNews.Net/?p=10852)).

## CITY APPROVES SECOND UNIT AMNESTY PROGRAM

Sierra Madre is initiating a Second Unit Amnesty Program for a six month period, from October 15, 2012 to April 15, 2013. The City recognizes there are a number of second units in the community built without permits; these can be counted towards meeting the State-mandated regional housing needs allocation (the state requires the City have a certain number of affordable housing unit available to residents). Second Unit Amnesty Program offers incentives to property owners registering existing, non-permitted second units demonstrating safe and habitable conditions. Incentives for the property owner include a full waiver of the building application fee, a 50% break on building permit and planning fees if necessary, and relaxation of zoning standards.

*What is a Second Unit?*

A second unit is a self-contained residential dwelling unit either attached to the main house (with separate entry from the outside), or in a separate structure on the property. A second unit provides complete independent facilities for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation.

The City's goals in establishing the amnesty program are:

- 1) To encourage healthy and safe conditions in existing housing units.
- 2) To meet the City's share of affordable housing units required by the State.
- 3) To reduce or eliminate the requirement to establish zoning for higher density multi-family housing.

*Survey*

A Citywide survey was mailed to all households, to help the City gather information on how many second units exist, what are the rent ranges, size of the units, and who lives in them. The survey is completely anonymous and no identifying information is required. If you received a survey, please fill it out and return it in the self-addressed stamped envelope by October 18, 2012.

*Why Would I Want A Second Unit Amnesty Permit?*

A legal second unit can increase your property value and make it more attractive to potential buyers.

Provides an opportunity to register existing second units with the City.

Allows for the relaxation of development standards during the amnesty period, such as reduced setbacks, and increased height and square feet limits.

City staff can provide additional information regarding eligibility requirements and other zoning standards. The City stresses that property owners who inquire about the amnesty program will not be penalized for their non-permitted second unit. Information applicants provide on the Amnesty Permit application will not be used as the basis for enforcement action unless there is a clear and imminent danger to public safety and/or environmental health.

For additional information please contact the Sierra Madre Development Services Department at (626) 355-7138.

## SM CHAMBER CHANGES STRATEGY & OFFICES

In his latest communique to Chamber Members, Board President Ed Chen was proud to announce recent activities that have all helped inject new energy into the organization.

Says Chen, "Your new "All-Volunteer" Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce is hard at work! Last month we hosted a very successful breakfast event with State Senator Carol Liu. Thanks to member restaurant CORFU for catering a delicious breakfast. We were grateful to have Mayor Moran, Mayor Pro Tem Walsh, as well as Councilman Harabedian joining us at the event. Also in September, we partnered with the City of Sierra Madre Senior Community Commission and put together a fantastic Health Fair. With the generous support of new chamber member Kensington Assisted Living Facility, this health fair featured health screenings, information tables, and health care practitioners around town. County Supervisor Mike Antonovich's office was

ties at the grand opening of the newest sports bar in town. This event was very well attended by our members as well as owners of many popular restaurant well known to us in the San Gabriel Valley who are friends of Joel. It was a time for celebration! Mayor Moran and Councilman Capoccia helped us cut the ribbons at this great grand opening event.

In the upcoming weeks, we have an ambitious calendar ahead of us. In case you have not heard, WE HAVE MOVED! Our new office space is in the two-story professional office building off Suffolk just east of Baldwin (across the street from the Post Office). Please be on the lookout for our own mixer/grand opening at this new chamber office space.

This Saturday is the first annual COMPOST GIVEAWAY event hosted by the City of Sierra Madre in partnership with Athens Services, one of our longtime member/annual sponsor. As



Chamber Board Member Noah Green chats with Girl Scout Emma Martinez who offered Senior Disaster Preparedness Kits at the recent Health Fair.

a big help in securing three county health agencies, as well as 20 nursing students from the Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health that assisted on the day of the event. We are excited about this new partnership and we look forward to future years of working together.

We rounded a very busy month of September with a Chamber Mixer/Ribbon-Cutting/Grand Opening Event at T. Boyle's located at 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., formerly Cafe 322. Owner Joel Chavarin did a fantastic job with this location. Flat screen TVs, a very appetizing spread, and delicious beer tastings are just among the amenities

Athens' representative to the city, I am excited to be bringing this popular event to Sierra Madre and I hope the residents and businesses can enjoy quality organic compost for their gardens and plants.

For the month of November, something new is coming to Sierra Madre! On the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Dickens Village and the City of Sierra Madre is turning into *WhoVille!* Complete with snow, carriage rides, shopping and fun for everyone! If you would like to help us, please call the chamber office at 355-5111.

# Wine & Jazz Walk

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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 90s	Lows 60s
<b>Fri:</b>	Sunny	Hi 90s	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:  
October 23, 2012

#### SIERRA MADRE OCTOBER EVENTS

10/13 - Athens Services Compost Giveaway  
10/16 - S.M. Emergency Communications meeting  
10/18 - S.M. Historical Preservation Society  
Second Gold Rush program  
10/20 - Oktoberfest Golf and Tennis Tournament  
10/20 - S.M. Environmental Action Council  
Bailey Canyon Clean Up  
10/20 - S.M. Rose Float Association Legendary Bingo  
10/23 - Kiwanis Club Election Forum  
10-24 - Sierra Madre Woman's Club Team Program  
10/25- Sierra Madre CERT training  
10/26-10/27 - Halloween Window Painting Contest  
10/26-10/27 - St. Rita's Fall Festival  
10/27 - Wine and Jazz Walk  
10/31 - City's Halloween Parade and Costume Contest

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## LIBRARY SILENT AUCTION

Did you know that Abner Doubleday, the supposed inventor of baseball, was a Civil War general whose eyewitness accounts of the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg were published in 1882 by Charles Scribner and Sons? Or that T. E. Lawrence, Lawrence of Arabia, published an autobiographical account of his adventures in Arabia during World War I in a book titled Seven Pillars of Wisdom? Or that Ray Bradbury wrote a mystery, Death is a Lonely Business, set in Venice, California whose main character is thought to be Bradbury himself portrayed just before his marriage and his success with The Martian Chronicles? Donations to the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library have included the Doubleday book, a first edition of the Lawrence account, and a signed first trade edition of the Bradbury mystery.

These exceptional books are among the 15 volumes featured in the Friends Book Sales Committee's first Silent Auction being held in the Sierra Madre Public Library, 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre through Monday, October 29. The books will be on display in the display case in the library's main room. To inspect the books more closely, visit the library every Saturday in October from 1-2 PM.

Bidding sheets and rules are available in a notebook located on the library's checkout counter. Bidding will close promptly at 8 PM on October 29. Winning bidders who are not present will be notified by telephone the next day and will then be able to pick up their books at the library.

Proceeds from the Silent Auction will benefit the Sierra Madre Library's programs, services, and acquisitions. For more information and a complete list of the books to be auctioned, visit our website at [www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org](http://www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org). For the Sierra Madre Library hours, call 626 355-7186.

**Sierra Madre Rotary Club**  
 Meets Tuesdays 7-8:30 a.m.  
 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.  
 The Hart Park House

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. From 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.

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### INGATHERING TEA

Sunday, November 4th, 2012 2 – 4 pm

We are happy to announce that the long awaited extension to Armstrong Hall is now underway. We have outgrown our present dining room and these improvements will give us a larger dining area, updates to the lounge and more room in the kitchen as well as a meeting room and improved cloakroom facilities.

So, please forgive us if we are not quite up to our usual standard on the outside, we can assure you however that the tea will be outstanding, as usual.

Reservations are required by October 29th and should be accompanied by a donation of \$12.50 and sent to: The British Home in California, Ltd., Attn: Pat 647 Manzanita Ave., Sierra Madre, CA 91024

## 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*. The station covers the city of Sierra Madre, plus surrounding areas of Pasadena, Arcadia, and Monrovia. 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).

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Qualifications:

- Experience working with seniors
- Available to work varied shifts
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### PASADENA HUMANE SOCIETY BEGINS DOG LICENSE CANVASING

The Pasadena Humane Society has begun door-to-door canvassing to ensure that all dogs in Sierra Madre are licensed.

By law, every dog must wear a current license tag at all times. The Pasadena Humane Society issues dog licenses for Arcadia, La Cañada/Flintridge, San Marino, and Sierra Madre. Dog licenses may be obtained at any time of year, and are good for one year from that date. Dogs must be 4 months or older, and you must provide a current rabies certificate. Licenses must be renewed every year, even though the license tags are permanent.

You may purchase your dog's license at the Pasadena Humane Society front office during business hours or at City Hall. Please call PHS at 626-792-7151 x115 or email [licensing@phsspc.org](mailto:licensing@phsspc.org) if you have any questions. The licensing officers are available at PHS Tuesday-Friday from 2 pm-6 pm and Saturday 2 pm-5 pm.

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## REMEMBRANCE

ROSE FAFACH

Dec. 15, 1925 – Oct. 6, 2012

Rose Fafach passed away in her home peacefully surrounded by loved ones.

The youngest of six children born of Italian emigrants, Rose was proud to be first generation Italian American. During World War II Rose worked on B-17 bombers in Detroit, Michigan and many friends referred to her as Rosie the Riveter.

After her husband's death she became very active in Sierra Madre as a Senior Center Volunteer and working with the Commission on Aging. In 1996, she was awarded Older American of the Year and shared this moment with her family as they joined her in the Sierra Madre Fourth of July Parade. She was very independent, had an incredible work ethic, and her children remember her most for her love, generosity and sense of humor.

Rose was preceded in death by her husband Delchi Fafach Sr in 1986. Rose is survived by her sister Maria Bolla, her children, Paula Hanson, Del Fafach, Karla Caprari and their spouses, seven grandchildren, Eric, Nik, Delchi, Daniel, Luke, Devin, Gina, and their spouses; and five great grandchildren.

A Rosary was held Thursday, October 11 at 7:00 PM at Cabot & Sons Chapel, Pasadena. A Celebration of Life service will be held October 29, at 10:00 AM at St. Rita's Church, Sierra Madre. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Rose's name to: Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center, 700 No. Sunnyside Ave., Sierra Madre, CA 91024.



## DON'T CHECK THAT BOX...YET

*Take a moment to hear the objective truth about our State & Local Ballot Propositions!*



On Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 12:00 noon, the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club in conjunction with the Pasadena League of Women Voters will sponsor a panel of speakers that will give both the Pros and Cons on the eleven statewide and four local ballot propositions.

This will be an educational forum where the speakers will not take a position, but rather given the public an objective, informed review of the measures you are asked to vote on.

The forum will be held at The Lodge (Formerly the Masonic Temple), 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre. The forum is free. Lunch will be served at noon for a cost of \$10. For lunch reservations call 626-355-0728.

## THE GREAT CHICAGO FIRE: WAS MRS. O'LEARY'S COW GUILTY?

By Pat Birdsall

The second week in October is always observed as Fire Prevention Week, but many people don't know why that is. Well, this is why...

A great fire in Chicago, Illinois occurred on October 8, 1871, but continued into, and did most of its damage, on October 9, 1871. The tragic conflagration killed 250 people, left 100,000 homeless after destroying more than 17,400 structures and burning over 2,000 acres. The fire started on a small dairy farm owned by an Irish immigrant, Mrs. Catherine O'Leary. Lore has it that one of Mrs. O'Leary's cows got jumpy and kicked over a kerosene lantern in the barn igniting the straw and then it progressed rapidly from there.

Since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed as the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9<sup>th</sup> falls. It's a great time to make sure your home is ready in case of emergency. **One quarter of all U. S. households lack working smoke detectors!** You should have one for each level of your home and in several locations throughout your house. They should be tested each month and batteries replaced annually. The smoke detector itself should be replaced every 10 years. There are also smoke detectors/alarms for those with mild or moderate hearing loss.

If the above statistic includes you, experts say you should pick up *several* smoke detectors at your local hardware store or big-box home improvement store. We are fortunate in Sierra Madre to have a local hardware store. It's a rare commodity these days. Arnold's Frontier Hardware has been giving our residents and nearby communities, quality merchandise and old-fashioned service. Basil Kruger, the current owner, feels so strongly about this topic that he is offering a 20% discount to seniors who purchase First Alert Smoke detectors and a 20%

discount to seniors who purchase First Alert fire extinguishers(1-A :10-B:C). He is offering this discount at his Frontier Hardware in Duarte as well. It's located at 2137 E. Huntington Dr.

**In America, a fire starts in a residential home every 83 seconds...**

Fire extinguishers are a must for every home and fire officials recommend one for the kitchen, the garage and the workshop. With so many fire extinguishers to choose from, selecting the proper one for your home can be a daunting task. However, an extinguisher that can be used for various kinds of fires (A- C) is highly recommended.

**\*Class A** rated is for trash, wood and paper.

**\*Class B** rated is for flammable liquids such as gasoline, kerosene, grease and oil.

**\*Class C** rated is for electrical equipment such as appliances, wiring, circuit breakers and outlets. *Never* use water to extinguish class C fires, the risk of electrical shock is far too great!

The other types of extinguishers are more industry related; those specified for chemical laboratories or restaurant and cafeteria kitchens, for example.

**How to use a fire extinguisher:** Remember the word **PASS** when you have to put a fire extinguisher to use:

**P- Pull** the pin.

**A- Aim** at the base of the fire from 6 feet away.

**S- Squeeze** and hold the trigger.

**S- Sweep** from side to side at the *base* of the fire.

Lastly, the fire did start near Mrs. O'Leary's barn...however; she was tucked in for the night in her bedroom and her five cows were tucked in as well in their barn. It made for a good story for more than 130 years but in actuality, the long drought, the hot summer and a city built almost entirely of wood were the main factors in the disaster.

Verdict: Mrs. O'Leary's cow was, NOT GUILTY!

## Sierra Madre Police Blotter

*Police Activity From October 1-7, 2012*

Monday October 1, 2012

A burglary occurred in the 300 block of east Grandview Avenue in which an unknown suspect(s) pried open a side door to the residence. Once inside, the suspect(s) ransacked selective closets and cupboards and removed property. A neighbor reported seeing a black truck in the driveway earlier that day but assumed it was related to the family moving out of the residence.

Tuesday October 2, 2012

A bicyclist travelling down Santa Anita Canyon Road near Arno drive, collided with the guard rail as he was negotiating a curve. The cyclist was thrown over the handlebars and onto the roadway. The bicyclist sustained injuries and was transported to a hospital for treatment. It is suspected that the cyclist was travelling at an unsafe speed.

A resident reported that she had been receiving threatening phone calls from a former acquaintance and guest. The Department assisted the resident in obtaining a restraining order and initiated an investigation into the matter. To date, attempts to contact the other party have been unsuccessful.

Saturday October 6, 2012

At 1:15am officers observed a vehicle travelling south on Baldwin Avenue swerve over the roadway dividing line. After stopping the vehicle, it was determined that the driver had been drinking and he was unable to successfully pass the Field Sobriety Test. The driver (male 21 years of age) was arrested for DUI.

Sunday October 7, 2012

At 2am an officer observed a vehicle travelling southbound on Baldwin Avenue at Orange Grove Avenue and noticed that the vehicle did not have any license plates displayed. During the traffic stop, the officer suspected that the driver had been drinking and conducted a field sobriety test. The driver (male, 20 years of age) was subsequently arrested for DUI.

## Sierra Madre Search and Rescue

*During the month of September, Sierra Madre Search and Rescue (SMSR) responded to half a dozen calls for assistance. A selected set of calls are described below.*

**Williams Fire, San Gabriel Canyon:** The Team provided command post support to the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department's (LASD) Emergency Operations Bureau. Team members worked with deputies to develop supplemental evacuation plans for mountain areas at risk from the Williams fire. Training in the Incident Command System (ICS) allows search and rescue team members to fill a variety of roles during large or small incidents.

**Injured Hikers, Chantry Flat/Big Santa Anita Canyon:** Sierra Madre Search and Rescue responded to reports of an injured hiker below Chantry Flat near Hermit Falls. Rescuers arrived on scene to find a hiker suffering from a shoulder injury resulting from a slip on algae near the falls. The hiker had attempted to stabilize the injury, but had fallen a second time and, due to his injuries, was unable to self-rescue. Based on their medical assessment, on-scene rescuers determined that a helicopter evacuation was warranted. LASD's Air-5 was able to extract the injured hiker via hoist and transport him to Huntington Memorial Hospital.

**Critical Missing, Chantry Flat/Big Santa Anita Canyon:** Forest Service personnel received a report of an elderly hiker missing in the Robert's Camp area below Chantry Flat. A number of factors indicated that the missing individual could be at significant risk due to health concerns. SMSR responded and quickly deployed search crews along key trails in the area. The subject was found uninjured and escorted back to Chantry Flat. A search for individuals missing in the mountains is considered an emergency. Age, mental or physical health conditions (e.g., Alzheimers), required medications, weather and preparedness/experience can often create life-threatening situations for someone missing for even a short time. Waiting 24 hours is not necessary and rescue teams encourage you to limit delays in calling for assistance if someone is missing in the mountains.

**Mutual Aid Request: Stranded Hiker, Eaton Canyon:** SMSR received a request from Altadena Mountain Rescue (AMRT) to assist in the rescue of a hiker stranded on a cliff between the First and Second Waterfalls in Eaton Canyon. SMSR joined AMRT, LA County Fire and Pasadena Fire on scene at the command post. Field crews were deployed to effect a ground-based rescue after several unsuccessful attempts at a hoist rescue via helicopter. SAR team members from SMSR and AMRT ascended Acrophobia Ridge and set up for a high angle rope rescue of the uninjured but stranded hiker. Rescuers were lowered to the hiker from above, secured him in a rescue harness and brought him approximately 250' to the ground.

As we shift into more winter-like weather patterns, outdoor recreationalists are reminded that being prepared is crucial for a safe trip into the mountains. Ensure that you are prepared for changes in the weather and shorter daylight hours by carrying sufficient warm clothing and a light source as part of your [10 essentials](#). Remember to make sure someone knows where you've gone and when you will return. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's [Hiker Plan](#) is a good way to document your plans.

For 60 years the all-volunteer Sierra Madre Search and Rescue team has been responding to calls for help in the local mountains and beyond. Funded entirely by private donations, SMSR provides a range of public programs on wilderness safety in addition to its search and rescue activities. The Team never charges for any of its services.

For more information, including how to arrange a wilderness safety demonstration for your school or group, visit [www.smsr.org](http://www.smsr.org).

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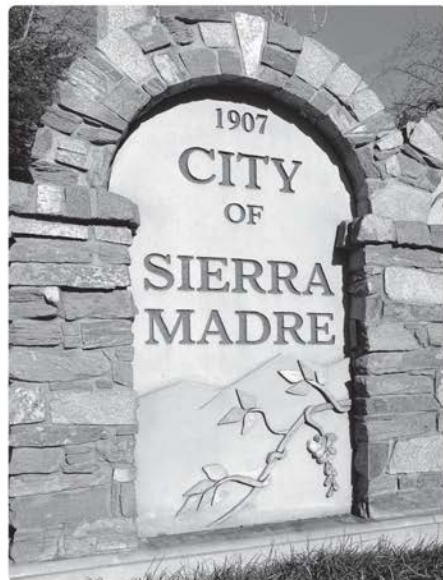
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## Altadena Shooting Suspect Arrested

By Dean Lee

Police arrested an Altadena man Wednesday believed to be an assault suspect who disappeared Tuesday after deputies contained a neighborhood for hours attempting to convince the barricaded suspect to come out of a house in the 600 block of Divirian Pl.

Police said they took 18-year-old Kanan Traub into custody after patrol deputies working in the area identified him. Traub was arrested without incident.

According to police Altadena Sheriff's deputies responded to the area of Lincoln Avenue at Mariposa Street around 2:23 p.m. Tuesday after several 911 call were received reporting that shots had been fired. A male was witnessed was also seen running from the location they said.

Witnesses stated a male white suspect, believed to be, Traub had reportedly fired numerous rounds from a small caliber handgun at two male subjects in a sedan as they were fleeing the area. Traub then allegedly ran to a nearby home in the 600 block of Devirian Place. A large area was cordoned off by deputies while searches were conducted by special weapons teams to locate the suspect and evidence related to the shooting. The suspect was not located within the search perimeter. Police said they used a camera-equipped robot to search the home.

Traub was being held in lieu of \$50,000 bail. At press time He was scheduled to appear in Pasadena Superior Court on Friday for arraignment.

## Notice of Rescheduling of 710 Meetings

The two State Route 710 Environmental Study informational sessions originally scheduled for Thursday, October 18th and Saturday, October 20th are being rescheduled. The locations and times of these sessions will be announced at a later date.

## Pet of the Week



Page is a three-year-old Chihuahua mix. She's very sweet and loves to play with toys.

In honor of Adopt-a-Shelter-Dog Month, Page's adoption fee is \$99(regular adoption fee is \$120). The \$99 adoption fee includes her spay 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.

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A314467, or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday – Friday, 9-4 Saturday. Pets may not be available for adoption and cannot be held for potential adopters from phone calls or email. Directions and photos of all pets can be found at [www.pasadenahumane.org](http://www.pasadenahumane.org).



(From left to right) Vanessa Manjarrez, Madison Teodo, Sonia Shenoi, Kathryn Benuska, Nicole Nelam, Tracy Cresta and Victoria McGregor, photos courtesy of Pasadena Tournament of Roses

## Tournament Announces Royal Court

This year's seven members making up the 2013 Tournament of Roses Royal Court were announced Monday morning at Tournament House from a group of 33 finalists. As ambassadors of the Tournament of Roses, the Royal Court members will attend more than 150 community and media functions leading up to the 124th Rose Parade and 99th Rose Bowl Game Jan. 1.

The seven Rose Princesses are: Kathryn Alice Benuska, (#848), 17, Maranatha High School; Tracy Italia Cresta (#376), 17, La Salle High School; Vanessa Natalie Manjarrez (#626), 17, Mayfield Senior School; Victoria Sophia McGregor (#268), 17, Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy; Nicole Cherie Nelam (#765), 17, Pasadena High School; Sonia Marie Shenoi (#451), 17, San Marino High School and Madison Michelle Barili Teodo (#222), 17, La Canada

High School.

The announcement follows a month-long process in which over 900 Pasadena-area young women participated. Selections were based on a range of qualities including public speaking ability, poise,



(center) Princess Tracy Cresta

academic achievement, community involvement and personality.

"These seven young women are each exceptional and we are thrilled that they will be representing the Tournament of Roses," said Joan Madsen, Chair of the Queen and Court

## College Wins Gold for Notable Alumni Banners



the banners can be seen lining the turnaround adjacent to the PCC Industrial Technologies Building. One judge described them as "beyond incredible" and gave full points for all four different criteria.

PCC's entry in the Banner or Outdoor Media category was judged on having clearly established goals and audience, design, graphics and color, effective written communication, and overall impact.

The office also won a bronze medallion in the Electronic Publications category for Pulse, PCC's online staff and faculty newsletter. One judge declared the publication to have "great visual content."

The recent awards cap a stellar year for PCC's marketing efforts. The Public Relations Office also garnered five awards at the Community College Public Relations Organization (CCPRO) 2012 Annual Conference held in May at Mission College in Santa Clara, Calif.

The National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) recently awarded Pasadena City College's Public Relations Office with a gold medallion for its "Distinguished Alumni" banners.

The office was awarded the top prize at the NCMPR District 6 annual conference held last month in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Featuring alumni such as baseball legend Jackie Robinson and musician Eddie Van Halen,

## Free Solar & Emergency Preparedness Workshops

Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) presents the following two free workshops this month to help customers reduce energy use and help local businesses improve emergency preparedness plans.

**"Emergency Preparedness and Business Continuity" – 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Thursday, October 18, Salvation Army Pasadena Tabernacle, 960 E. Walnut St.**

Can your business survive the next major disaster? From earthquakes to blackouts, learn from City experts about the most critical steps your business needs to take now to prepare for and recover from a major disaster. This event is open to all Pasadena businesses. Small and mid-sized businesses are particularly encouraged to attend.

**"Going Solar" – 9:00 a.m. to Noon, Saturday, October 27, Shumei America National Center, 2430 E. Colorado Blvd.**

If you are getting serious about installing solar at your home or business, this event is for you! Hear from experts about the rebates and services available through the Pasadena Solar Initiative. Plus, view Pasadena's most ornamental solar installation at the Shumei America National Center. This event is open to all PWP residential and commercial electric customers.

Although free, reservations for both workshops are required. Call (626) 744-3715, or reserve online at [www.pwpweb.com](http://www.pwpweb.com), where you also can find more information about utility rebates, safety information and educational workshops.

## Bogaard Elected President of League of California Cities



Mayor Bill Bogaard assumed the top leadership last month as he was sworn in as president of the League of California Cities Board of Directors during the organization's 114th annual conference and expo in San Diego.

"It is a great honor for me to be elected President of the Board of Directors for the League of California Cities," Mayor Bogaard said. "It is a distinction that reflects well on the great city of Pasadena and I will endeavor to represent not only Pasadena but all of California's cities to the best of my abilities."

Mayor Bogaard previously served on the league's Board and Executive Committee as its first vice president. He has served on the league's board of directors since 2007. He was

officially sworn in as president during special ceremonies at the league annual conference Sept. 7.

Mayor Bogaard currently is serving his fourth term as Pasadena's only directly elected Mayor, having assumed those duties in 1999.

His time as mayor in Pasadena has been marked by a period of significant reinvestment in the community including the Metro Gold Line light rail transit system; renovation and seismic retrofit of Pasadena's historic city hall building; expansion of the city's Convention Center; improvements to the Rose Bowl Stadium; and establishment of an urgent care center.

Mayor Bogaard currently chairs the City's Disaster Emergency Services Council, the Legislative Committee and the Pasadena Bioscience Collaborative. He serves on the Boards or Committees for the L.A. County Sanitation District, Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority, Municipal Services Committee and the President's Advisory Council for Occidental College.

Established in 1898, the League of California Cities is a nonprofit statewide association that advocates for cities with the state and federal governments and provides education and training services to elected and appointed city officials.

## The Great California ShakeOut Just Days Away

The 2012 Great California ShakeOut earthquake drill is now just days away (October 18th at 10:18 a.m.), and more than 8.8 million people have been registered to participate.

At 10:18, practice how you will Drop, Cover, and Hold On, for at least 60 seconds (the length of the drill broadcast):

- DROP to the ground (before the earthquake drops you!)
- Take COVER by getting under a sturdy desk or table (or against a wall with your arms covering your head/neck), and
- HOLD ON to your shelter until the shaking stops

Then, importantly, talk with people you are with about what might happen in a real earthquake, what you learned by practicing, and how you

can reduce the risk of injury (at home, work, or school) by securing your space.

If you participated last year but have not yet renewed your registration for 2012, please renew today at [shakeout.org/california/login](http://shakeout.org/california/login).

As a reminder, registered participants will:

- Be counted in the largest earthquake drill ever!
- Be included (at your option) on lists of who is participating in your area
- Be an example that motivates others to participate and get prepared
- Be updated with ShakeOut news and information about earthquakes and preparedness
- Be provided a ShakeOut Certificate of Participation to download after the drill.

## Citizen Journalism Meet-up

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

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

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

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



the story, the tools needed to capture the story and the means to tell the story using the power of video, audio and print along with online social media. The next meeting is Oct. 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Pasadena Community Network - Studio G, 2057 N. Los Robles Ave. For more info call 626.794.8585.

## First Mars Rock Touched By NASA Curiosity Examined

The first Martian rock NASA's Curiosity rover has reached out to touch presents a more varied composition than expected from previous missions. The rock also resembles some unusual rocks from Earth's interior.

The rover team used two instruments on Curiosity to study the chemical makeup of the football-size rock called "Jake Matijevic" (matt-EE-oh-vick). The results support some surprising recent measurements and provide an example of why identifying rocks' composition is such a major emphasis of the mission. Rock compositions tell stories about unseen environments and planetary processes.

"This rock is a close match in chemical composition to an unusual but well-known type of igneous rock found in many volcanic provinces on Earth," said Edward Stolper of the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, who is a Curiosity co-investigator.

"With only one Martian rock of this type, it is difficult to know whether the same processes were involved, but it is a reasonable place to start

thinking about its origin."

On Earth, rocks with composition like the Jake rock typically come from processes in the planet's mantle beneath the crust, from crystallization of relatively water-rich magma at elevated pressure.

Jake was the first rock analyzed by the rover's arm-mounted Alpha Particle X-Ray Spectrometer (APXS) instrument and about the thirtieth rock examined by the Chemistry and Camera (ChemCam) instrument. Two penny-size spots on Jake were analyzed Sept. 22 by the rover's improved and faster version of earlier APXS devices on all previous Mars rovers, which have examined hundreds of rocks.

"Jake is kind of an odd Martian rock," said APXS Principal Investigator Ralf Gellert of the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada. "It's high in elements consistent with the mineral feldspar, and low in magnesium and iron."

Follow the mission on Facebook and Twitter at: <http://www.facebook.com/marscuriosity> and <http://www.twitter.com/marscuriosity>.



Pasadena Public Library hosts the Jim Lujan Cartoon Show, Wednesday, October 17, 7 p.m. at Central Library's Donald R. Wright Auditorium, 285 E. Walnut St.

Enjoy the strange, funny and slightly edgy cartoons of local independent animator Jim Lujan. If you're a fan of Adult Swim, Mike Judge or Bill Plympton, you are sure to get a kick out of this film show. Creating the voices, music, and art for his films, Lujan presents a night of new and old favorites. Lujan will introduce each short film and host a Q and A after the screenings wrap.

For more information, (626) 744-4119 or [nsmith@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:nsmith@cityofpasadena.net).



**"What's Going On?"***News and Views from Joan Schmidt***Congressional Candidate Jack Orswell Addresses Class at La Salle High School**

By Joan Schmidt

This past Tuesday, Mr. Ring's AP government class had a special speaker, 27th Congressional District candidate, Jack Orswell, and what a great learning experience it was!

Jack began with an introduction about himself and qualifications. Born and raised in Pasadena, Jack and his wife Janice of forty-one years attend Trinity Presbyterian Church, where he is an Elder. A graduate of Pasadena City College, Jack received his Bachelor of Science Degree from USC in 1971. Upon graduation, he worked for a Certified Accounting firm in Pasadena for two years, then received an appointment as a FBI Special Agent and served in the Denver, San Francisco and Los Angeles offices. His crime cases included bank fraud, political corruption and racketeering. Jack received specialized training from the US Environmental Protection Agency and was one of the first Agents to work with the EPA in investigating federal environmental crimes.

In 1988, Jack moved from government service into private industry and worked for an insurance investigation company in Santa Ana, conducting insurance claims investigations. In 1990, Jack started his own company which employs nine people and conducts environmental assessments for financial institutions, real estate companies and law firms. He also is a licensed Private Investigator with the State of California. In 2009, he returned to college and earned his Master of Arts Degree in Organizational Leadership from Woodbury University.

Jack is also a Reserve Police Officer for the City of Arcadia, an Eagle Scout who serves on the Board of Directors for the San Gabriel Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America. He's an active Scout Leader, a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow and has received the Honorary Service Award from the Hugo Reid PTA.

Why is Jack running for office? He wants to be a representative of the people, a voice for the people of the 27th Congressional District which includes 16 cities. Jack's motto is "leadership, not politics." He believes in Free Enterprise, "That is what makes our country great."



*Students listen attentively as Orswell explained his position. The candidate did not escape serious scrutiny from the audience.*

**CANDIDATE SPEAKS TO STUDENTS**

When asked why he chose to run, Jack said, "I am concerned that the \$16 trillion in national debt will be a burden to our children and grandchildren, and we must bring back fiscal responsibility to our government."

A question about his business brought this answer: "I am a trickle down owner who has nine employees. When business is good, I give bonuses. People work with me, not for me. When business wasn't doing well, my partner and I went without pay for six months, so all of the employees were paid, and no one was laid off."

Questioned about Iran, Jack acknowledged it is a very dangerous situation and made a comparison to the Cuban Missile Crisis. However, he feels "War is the last resort."

One student queried Jack about public speaking before this high school class and in general. Jack mentioned that as a scout leader, he addressed audiences of all ages, and he felt his speaking skills have improved other time.

Why did Jack choose to run for Congress? "I am very pleased with both the Arcadia City Council and Arcadia School Board; I wouldn't run against them, when they are doing a good job."

Jack has visited all sixteen cities in the district and would stay involved with the community. He lamented over funding removed from JPL, and the tax situation. He brought up loopholes in the projected health care measure. If businesses like Burger King can't afford insurance for their employees, they'll simply reduce employees' hours to 25. (Great, a double whammy- These people themselves can't afford health care and now the employees will have lower paychecks from working fewer hours.

He spoke of having courage and voting against your party's policies when necessary; "I am tired of politicians".

Jack told the class, "You are the future of America. I am doing this for you. If you are old enough, you must vote. If not, go home and tell your parents what you have learned today."

This was a great experience for the government class to personally meet a candidate and ask so many questions on various issues. Thank you Mr. Orswell, candidate, and Mr. Ring, Government teacher for this invaluable experience for your class.



Kim Bosell, the Natural Areas Administrator for the County of Los Angeles, shared her years of experience with bears recently to a full house, as part of the Summer Twilight Program series at Eaton Canyon Nature Center. The Summer Twilight Program is part of an on-going educational effort by the dedicated County staff and ECNCA (Eaton Canyon Nature Center Associates) volunteers.

Grizzly bears were native to Southern California, and though they apparently got along just fine for centuries with the indigenous people, bears and new settlers didn't get along. There were conflicts right from the start as settlers began to kill the grizzlies, Bosell told the audience. The last known grizzly was killed in California in the 1920s.

Though all the grizzlies were killed off in Southern California, the black bears of Yosemite were alive and well, getting into trash cans, begging for food, getting too close to people, getting into cars. The solution? Send them to Southern California! In 1933, 13 black bears from Yosemite were let loose in the San Bernardino mountains, and 11 were let loose in the Angeles National Forest. Bosell stated that that are an estimated 3,500 black bears in the entire state of California, and the Department of Fish and Game allows 1,800 to be hunted each year. "But most hunters don't hunt bear in Southern California, and so the black bear population is a wild guess," says Bosell.

Bosell shared everything you'd ever want to know about black bears – and more – in her informative – and humorous -- photo presentation.

Black bears, for example, are usually brown, but can also be black, white, blond, even blue! The color depends on the location, and our local black bears are mostly brown. When

**THE URBAN BEARS**

By Christopher Nyerges

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walking on all fours, they are about three to four feet tall, and they can be up to seven feet tall when standing. And they are fast! Black bears can run up to 35 mph in spurts.

"To protect itself, a bear will fight or flight, and the black bear chooses flight, especially up a tree," says Bosell. She points out that the black bear will just wait, and wait, even for hours, until a threat goes away, and so news crews and police and gawking public watching a bear up in a tree only prolong the situation.

Bosell pointed out that our local black bears are not very concerned about people, and don't have a predatory instinct.

"Bears will always communicate how they feel," says Bosell. "They will blow air through their lips,

Still, Bosell's educational – and highly entertaining – presentation pointed out that bears can cause a lot of damage when they get into urban trash cans, cars, and inside homes. It's important not to feed the bears because they will come back again and again to the desirable urban trash food. "In Canada, they don't give bears a second chance. Bears caught eating human food are killed. In California, we have a 'three strikes' policy," explained Bosell. To emphasize the point, she said that "a fed bear is a dead bear."

But it is a on-going battle to educate the public about how to live with bears, and how to bear-proof homes, cars, and trash cans.

In California, the three



clap their jaws, and when they start vocalizing, they want you to leave their personal space. Next, they'll flatten their ears, and next they'll charge."

Bosell shared what we've heard many times: If a black bear approaches, don't run, but rather, make yourself appear larger and more imposing, raise your arms, and make noise.

"But when I was tracking Henry, and he charged, I never ran so fast in my life," said Bosell to much laughter. Fortunately, according to Bosell, 99% of the time, the bear charge is a bluff, intended to scare you out of the area.

In fact, despite the fear caused by the local black bears, Bosell pointed out that only one death has been attributed to the black bear – in 1875! "Since the 1980s, there have been 14 black bear attacks, but none fatal," points out Bosell.

problem areas are Tahoe, Mammoth, and Monrovia. Monrovia has lots of old growth avocados, and unfortunately, the problem is exacerbated by people deliberately leaving trash out so they can watch the bears eat it.

Unfortunately, feeding bears can cause harm to children, and property damage, and ultimately the problem bear could be killed.

The entertaining program was well-received by local residents. A lively question and answer period followed the slide show presentation where residents inquired about the personal ramifications of living close to bears.

To learn about upcoming programs of the Summer Twilight Program, go to the the Eaton Canyon website, [www.ecnca.org](http://www.ecnca.org).

**THE WORLD AROUND US****Looking Up**

with Bob Eklund

**UCLA ASTRONOMERS DISCOVER STAR RACING AROUND BLACK HOLE AT CORNER OF OUR GALAXY****Discovery crucial to revealing fabric of space and time around black hole**

UCLA astronomers report the discovery of a remarkable star that orbits the enormous black hole at the center of our Milky Way galaxy in a blistering 11-and-a-half years—the shortest known orbit of any star near this black hole.

The star, known as S0-102, may help astronomers discover whether Albert Einstein was right in his fundamental prediction of how black holes warp space and time, said research co-author Andrea Ghez, leader of the discovery team and a UCLA professor of physics and astronomy. The research was published Oct. 5 in the journal Science.

Before this discovery, astronomers knew of only one star with a very short orbit near the black hole: S0-2, which Ghez used to call her "favorite star" and whose orbit is 16 years. (The "S" is for Sagittarius, the constellation containing the galactic center and the black hole.)

"I'm extremely pleased to find two stars that orbit our galaxy's supermassive black hole in much less than a human lifetime," said Ghez, who studies 3,000 stars that orbit the black hole, and has been studying S0-2 since 1995. Most of the stars have orbits of 60 years or longer, she said.

"It is the tango of S0-102 and S0-2 that will reveal the true geometry of space and time near a black hole for the first time," Ghez said. "This measurement cannot be done with one star alone."

Over the past 17 years, Ghez and colleagues have used the W. M. Keck Observatory, which sits atop Hawaii's dormant Mauna Kea volcano, to image the galactic center at the highest angular resolution possible. They use a powerful technology called adaptive optics to correct the distorting effects of the Earth's atmosphere.

Black holes, which form out of the collapse of matter, have such high density that nothing can escape their gravitational pull—not even light. They cannot be seen directly, but their influence on nearby stars is visible and provides a signature, said Ghez.

Einstein's theory of general relativity predicts that mass distorts space and time and therefore not only slows down the flow of time but also stretches or shrinks distances.

"The fact that we can find stars that are so close to the black hole is phenomenal," said Ghez, who directs the UCLA Galactic Center Group. "Now it's a whole new ballgame, in terms of the kinds of experiments we can do to understand how black holes grow over time, the role supermassive black holes play in the center of galaxies, and whether Einstein's theory of general relativity is valid near a black hole, where this theory has never been tested before."

"The exciting thing about seeing stars go through their complete orbit is not only that you can prove



that a black hole exists but you have the first opportunity to test fundamental physics using the motions of these stars," Ghez said. "Showing that it goes around in an ellipse provides the mass of the supermassive black hole, but if we can improve the precision of the measurements, we can see deviations from a perfect ellipse—which is the signature of general relativity."

As the stars come to their closest approach to the black hole, their motion will be affected by the curvature of space-time, and the light traveling from the stars to us will be distorted, Ghez explained.

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## PAWS FOR A CAUSE VISIT CAMINO GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

By Helen Conroy



Camino Grove 4th graders hold donations they have collected, enjoy sitting next to GDA pups-in-training, and volunteer puppy raiser, Carol Jarvis. From left to right: bottom row – Samantha, Matthew, “Aiden” (GDA pup-in-training), and Sydnee. Top Row: Cisco, Issac, Leo, Ashley, and Quinn. Standing - volunteer puppy raiser, Carol Jarvis, next to “Cooper”, (GDA pup-in-training).

“The Guide Dogs are here!” cheered my 10-year-old 4th grader, Max, as he hung up our classroom phone. It was 8:58 a.m., Friday, October 5. As class phone operator, he had just been notified by the office that our furry visitors had finally arrived at Camino Grove. We had been anticipating their arrival for two weeks. Along with 3 other 4th grade classes, we had done the following preparation for their visit: boned up on Guide Dogs of America literature provided by GDA; made thinking maps and taken an assessment to show our learning; collected donations of blankets, towels, and toys for the puppies and dogs that live at the Sylmar training facility; watched puppies live on the GDA web site puppy cam; read literature in our curriculum focused on blindness; and acted out proper guide dog etiquette, such as never distracting a working guide dog and talking to the owner, not the dog.

As 4th graders funneled through the auditorium doors for the GDA assembly, they were greeted by two 13-month-old Labrador Retrievers, donning yellow GDA training jackets. Though brothers, one of the pups was black and the other was yellow. Students cooed, “Ooh!” and “Ahh!” as they spotted the dogs wagging their tails excitedly and cooling off their wooly coats with pink,

panting tongues. Puppy raisers, Carol Jarvis and Diana Snyder, then introduced the pups-in-training as “Cooper” and “Aiden,” as the dogs stretched out on the linoleum flooring like carefree siblings on vacation. It was hard to believe that they could someday be a life-changing partner for a person with blindness, guiding them through a crowded street with ease, or helping them start up a social conversation at a Starbucks café. If they passed the program, which only 60% of pups-in-training are able to accomplish, they would be services dogs for up to 8 years (most guide dogs retire between the age of 8 and 10).

Demonstrating to students one of many challenges facing people who can't see, Synder stepped up onto one of the auditorium stage stairs. She asked students to imagine how hard it would be to walk up those steps if they couldn't see and had no partner to guide them. Though only 21, Synder is already in her 6th year as a volunteer puppy raiser. In that capacity, she has seen first-hand how her puppies have enhanced the lives of their eventual blind partners.

Though she took a year off here and there, Jarvis, 66, has been a volunteer puppy raiser for over 20 years. She shared with

students that though raising and training one guide dog costs GDA about \$42,000, service comes free of charge to those blind or visually impaired who qualify. As puppy raisers, Jarvis and Synder work with a GDA pup from the time they are about 7 weeks old until they are a year and a half. They then have to say goodbye to the pup so that it can advance to formal training for an additional 4 to 6 months at the Guide Dogs of America facility in Sylmar. Though this is hard for puppy raisers to do, most tears shed are tears of joy for the new owner, whose life will dramatically change for the better because of their service dog.

As the assembly concluded, students were given a special treat – being allowed to pet the pups. Cooper and Aiden lay on the floor like sedated patients on a vet's surgery table, as 132 sets of wiggly hands stroked their coats, touched their yellow training jackets, and shook their paws. It was as if these dogs knew they must endure this prodding for a greater cause, as acting ambassadors for the Guide Dogs of America program. Our hats go off to these devoted creatures and the dedicated GDA puppy raisers and trainers who help lead them down their noble path, guiding a blind or visually impaired person to a fuller, less isolated life.

## ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, through Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, the Police Department responded to 1,017 calls for service of which 125 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, September 30:

- At about 10 minutes past midnight, officers responded to the area of Live Oak Avenue and Las Tunas Drive regarding a report of a non-injury traffic collision. An investigation revealed one driver was under the influence, failed to stop in time, and collided with the vehicle in front of her. The 25-year-old Hispanic female was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. No injuries were reported.
- At approximately 6:42 p.m., an officer responded to the 500 block of East Live Oak Avenue regarding a medical assist. An intoxicated female subject jumped out of her second story bedroom window in attempt to leave the location and landed on the asphalt, causing injury to her head and arm. She was transported to the Arcadia Methodist Hospital for treatment. Due to the victim having a child, the case was referred the Department of Children and Family Services for review.

Monday, October 1:

- Around 6:00 p.m., an officer responded to the gift shop at Arcadia Methodist Hospital, 300 West Huntington Drive, in regards to a suspect detained for theft. The suspect concealed items inside her purse and exited the location without making payment. The 28-year-old Black female was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- Shortly after 11:30 p.m., an officer responded to Pavilions, 745 West Naomi Avenue, in regards to a subject brandishing a knife. Two victims explained they were walking home from the market when an unknown subject approached them from behind with a knife and threatened to harm them. Officers detained the subject on Duarte Road, west of Sunset Boulevard, and located a black folding knife on his person. The 46-year-old male of unknown race was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Tuesday, October 2:

- At about 9:44 a.m., an officer made contact with a male subject walking swiftly from a residence in the 100 block of West Camino Real Avenue. As the subject provided false information, an elderly resident approached the officer and explained the subject had attempted to burglarize her residence. An investigation revealed the subject posed as a construction worker and distracted the victim by having her check her water in multiple locations. The suspect attempted to force entry through a rear door with a screwdriver; however, he was unsuccessful and informed the resident he would return at a later time. Officers located his vehicle nearby which contained burglary tools and possible stolen property. The 38-year-old male of unknown race was arrested, transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking, and his vehicle was impounded.
- At approximately 5:10 p.m., officers responded to 7-Eleven, 2 East Duarte Road, regarding a theft that had just occurred. A male subject selected an 18-pack of beer and exited the store without making payment. Two bystanders helped detain the subject until officers arrived. A records check revealed the subject had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. The 26-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Wednesday, October 3:

- At about 12:08 p.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle for driving recklessly in the parking lot of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 150 West Duarte Road. An investigation revealed the juvenile driver was in violation of his provisional license and was in possession of tobacco products. The 17-year-old male of unknown race was transported to Arcadia High School where he was cited and released to his father.
- Around 5:44 p.m., officers were dispatched to Arroyo Plumbing, 300 North Santa Anita Avenue, in reference to an embezzlement report. The reporting party discovered approximately \$5,000 worth of fraudulent charges on the company's gas card and found reason to believe a current employee was responsible. Further investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.

Thursday, October 4:

- Shortly after 3:00 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle whose driver was swerving between lanes as he talked on his cell phone, in the area of Santa Anita Avenue and Lemon Avenue. The driver exited the vehicle and walked toward the officer in an aggressive manner while ignoring the officer's commands to stop. As the subject neared the officer, he placed his hand inside his pocket and turned away from the officer, prompting the officer to restrain the subject on the ground until assisting officers arrived. The subject eventually stopped resisting and apologized for his behavior. The 56-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At approximately 10:32 p.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle for expired registration on El Monte Avenue, south of Duarte Road. An investigation revealed the driver was in possession of a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia, marijuana for sale, and stolen property including another person's license and debit card. A records check revealed the debit card was reported lost out of Pasadena and the officer made contact with the victim. The 25-year-old Asian male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail.

Friday, October 5:

- Around 10:13 a.m., an officer responded to the 100 block of Diamond Street regarding a residential burglary. The victim explained he believed someone entered his residence on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and stole his laptop computer and briefcase. He explained that at about 7:30 p.m. on the listed date, he heard his front door open, but thought nothing unusual as he figured his son had entered the residence. He later noticed his son was nowhere around and became suspicious. As he left for work the next day, he discovered his property missing. The officer was unable to locate any evidence and no saw or heard anything suspicious.
- At about 11:10 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for running a red light in the area of Santa Clara Avenue and Second Avenue. An investigation revealed the driver was under the influence of an alcoholic beverage with a blood alcohol content greater than .08 percent. The 46-year-old White male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Saturday, October 6:

- At about 7:00 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 2000 block of Doolittle Avenue in reference to a residential burglary report. A White male suspect, wearing an unknown type of uniform, contacted the victim at her front door and explained he needed to check her backyard because he was “installing telephone and electric lines underground” and “needed to check the layout of her property”. The suspect insisted the victim go with him to check the area and deferred her by telling personal stories. Approximately twenty minutes later, the subject left and the victim discovered several items missing from her bedroom including cash, jewelry, and a bass guitar. The victim can identify the subject if seen again.
- Shortly after 1:35 p.m., an officer responded to Macy's at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in regards to a theft report. A female subject entered a dressing room, concealed items inside a used bag, and exited the store without making payment. A search revealed she was in possession of a price tag gun. The 35-year-old Asian female was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

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# MONROVIA - DUARTE

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## DUARTE RESIDENTS: YOUR MUSEUM NEEDS YOU!

By Joan Schmidt



About a week ago, I received an email from Claudia Heller asking me if I could mention in my column the Duarte Museum in need of a curator assistant. Of course I said "Yes", and Claudia messaged back that besides a curator assistant, the museum had two other needs, volunteers and a modern lap top.

The current curator is Irwin Margiloff. Although Irwin relocated from New York, he is the official Duarte Historian and the amount of his knowledge is immeasurable! He does a lot of research, talks with pioneer families, studies maps and has mapped the old ranch boundaries! Irwin also procured copies of the Duarte brand from the 1800's and also the Andres Duarte land grant. He loves to share his knowledge and once gave a talk to some museum visitors about how the first residential maps were made. Currently, Irwin is seeking an assistant, whom he'll train.

The second need is for indexing help with the "newspapers". At the museum, there are hundreds of hard copies of the *Duarte Dispatch* etc. going back to the 40's! Some are on microfiche, others aren't, so there a need to index what they have, research what is on microfiche and what can be thrown out. The Museum is seeking someone to work on this indexing-perhaps a student needing volunteer hours, a scout earning a badge or in need of a service project, or any age volunteer. For this indexing project, the Museum doesn't have a good computer, and needs a laptop for this project. Irwin uses an old out-of-date computer.

Claudia explained how the Museum has a small membership and when they wish to give a scholarship, or buy new equipment, they need to hold fundraisers and that is difficult when membership is so low. She believes that with a "Membership Chairman", "we could do much better".

Duarte residents, you are so fortunate to have a wonderful museum that is open two days a week. I tried for several months to go to the Glendora Museum, but it was hopeless. I drove out there, and the gate was locked. I drove all around for over an hour, thinking I had the wrong entrance. When I called on the phone, there was no answer and days later, I received a call back. They insisted they had been open, but probably some kids closed the gate. How crazy is that? I explained I was a reporter and was doing a series on local museums, but it just petered out. I can say enough about Duarte, El Monte, Monrovia, Arcadia, Alhambra, and Homestead in the City of Industry. If they say they are opened specific hours, they are! And people answer their phones! Ten years ago I took Mom, who was visiting from Jersey to Baldwin Park and Monterey Park. Baldwin Park wasn't too big, but it was opened! Monterey Park's museum had a display of all the missions, and it was in a park with trees and picnic tables!

So residents of Duarte, students needing volunteer hours, or scouts in need of a service project please contact the Duarte Museum. They would love a curator's assistant and help in several areas. Please contact Irwin Margiloff, Curator, (626) 303-1266.

## MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 423 service events, resulting in 63 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to the City of Monrovia website at [www.monroviapd.org](http://www.monroviapd.org) and click on the crime mapping link. Sign up to follow us on twitter for police notifications.

### 72-Hour Mental Evaluation

On October 6 at 9:24 p.m., dispatch received a call from a distraught female subject who reported that her husband had possibly taken an overdose of pills and had expressed a desire to harm himself. Officers and Monrovia Fire Department personnel responded to the 600 block of West Olive. The man heard the approaching sirens and ran. An area search was conducted with the help of the Foothill Air Support helicopter. The subject was eventually found hiding in an empty lot west of Olive Park. He was taken to a hospital, where he was held for mental evaluation.

### Petty Theft with Priors / Possession of Methamphetamine / Parole Hold - Suspect Arrested

On October 7 at 1:52 p.m., a business in the 700 block of East Huntington called police to report a shoplifter. A female suspect entered the store and told the cashier she wanted to return some items, but that she needed to pick up a few more items first. While in the store, the suspect selected several items from the shelves and concealed them in her purse. The suspect paid for a few items that were in her basket, but she never paid for the items in her purse. The suspect left the store.

Employees confronted the suspect outside the store, and the suspect asked if she could pay for the items instead of being arrested. An officer arrived at the store and took custody of the suspect. Methamphetamine and syringes were found in her purse, along with the stolen merchandise. Further investigation revealed the suspect is on parole for burglary. The suspect was booked for possession of methamphetamine, petty theft with priors, and a parole hold.

### Grand Theft Auto

On October 10 at 6:24 p.m., a vehicle was reported stolen from a business parking lot in the 1600 block of South Mountain. The vehicle was taken sometime between 11:55 a.m. and 6:24 p.m. The vehicle is a gray, 1999, Honda Civic hatchback. Investigation continuing.

### Special Enforcement Team Weekly Activity

### Cultivation of Marijuana

On October 4, Special Enforcement Team officers conducted a search warrant for marijuana cultivation at a residence in the 900 block of West Colorado. Nineteen marijuana plants were taken for evidence, along with other cultivation materials. A revolver was taken from the residence for safe keeping. The female at the location was arrested for cultivation of marijuana.

## PD TIP: WATCH FOR SCHOOL ZONES

The Monrovia Police Department and the Automobile Club of Southern California (AAA) are reminding drivers to be aware when school is open and to "Pay Attention, Slow Down, and Watch for Children."

According to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, a pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling at a reduced school zone speed of 25 mph is nearly two-thirds less likely to be killed compared to a pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling just 10 mph faster. School zone speed limits are in place to save lives.

In addition to slowing down, the following advice will help motorists keep children safe as they navigate their way through school zones:

Ditch distractions - Research shows that taking your eyes off the road for just two seconds dou-

bles your chances of crashing.

Stay alert - Don't rush into and out of driveways. Expect pedestrians on the sidewalk, especially around schools and in neighborhoods.

Stop at stop signs - It sounds obvious, but research shows that more than one third of drivers roll through stop signs in school zones or neighborhoods.

Watch for bikes - Children on bicycles are often unpredictable; expect the unexpected.

Brake for buses - A recent National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services survey showed that over 75,000 vehicles pass stopped school buses on a typical day, with more than three percent passing on the right. Not only is it dangerous, it's against the law.

Plan ahead - Leave early for your destination and build in extra time for congestion. If possible, modify your route to avoid school zones.

## GOLDLINE EXTENSION PROJECT UPDATE: *Other Bridgework Starting*

by Habib F. Balian

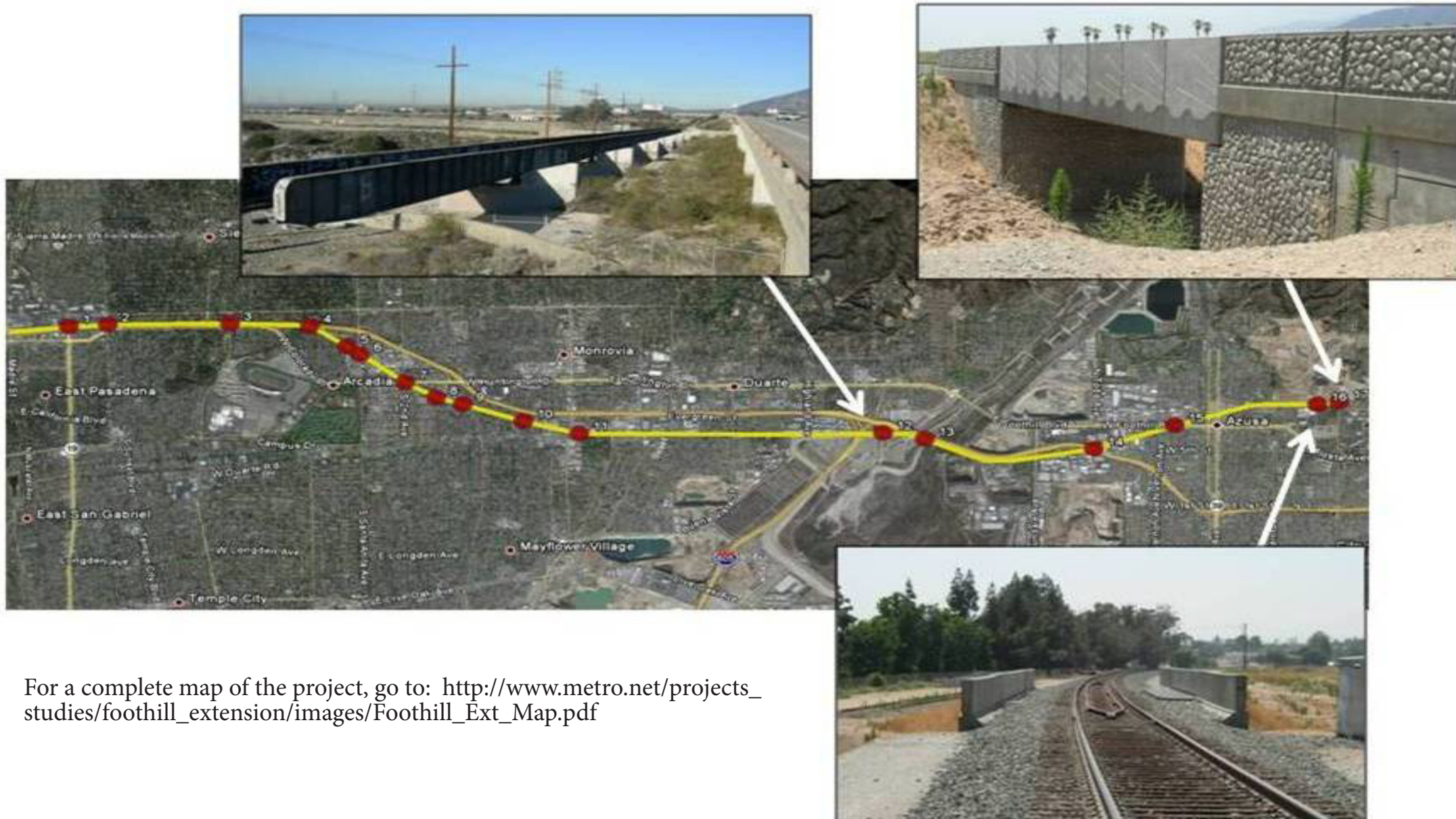
Throughout the 11.5-mile Pasadena to Azusa construction project now underway, there are a total of 17 existing bridges that must be altered or replaced to accommodate the dual-track light rail system. Although we have focused much attention on the I-210 Gold Line Bridge over the last year, there will be many stories to tell about these other bridges that support our project and require significant work in the coming months and years.

Below is a map of the existing structures along the corridor and photos of the first three that FTC crews are preparing for construction. Lead paint removal on the 700-linear-foot San Gabriel River Bridge (top left), built in the early 1900s, is now complete. The bridge will soon be demolished and a new dual-track light rail bridge will be constructed. Two single track bridges within the Azusa shared corridor – at Palm Drive (bottom) and Citrus Avenue (top right) – will be renovated. Two additional single track bridges will be built alongside the existing bridge in these two locations to support two light rail tracks and one freight track.

I want to also let you know that artist Andrew Leicester, the design concept advisor for the I-210 Gold Line Bridge project, was asked to exhibit his sketch book for our project at the "Pages" Exhibition opening tomorrow night at the Pasadena Art Center. The Pages Exhibition showcases pages of work from artists and other creative professionals that highlight their creative process. The exhibition will run until January 13 at the Art Center College of Design at 1700 Lida Street, Pasadena (see attached for more details). Here is the latest sketch that Andrew created for the bridge just a few weeks ago:

Lastly, at the Authority board meeting last night, the board took a position of support on Measure J. The board discussed the pros and cons of the measure that would extend the county's ½-cent sales tax for transportation improvements for 30 more years. Even though the measure does not include funding to complete the Foothill Extension to Claremont, the board decided to support the measure because of the regional benefits it would provide by accelerating completion of many other transit projects.

If you haven't already done so, I recommend taking a few minutes to watch the latest construction update video on the I-210 Gold Line Bridge and read the latest newsletter.



For a complete map of the project, go to: [http://www.metro.net/projects\\_studies/foothill\\_extension/images/Foothill\\_Ext\\_Map.pdf](http://www.metro.net/projects_studies/foothill_extension/images/Foothill_Ext_Map.pdf)



## SIERRA MADRE SCHOOL CONTINUES AS ONE OF THE BEST PERFORMING SCHOOLS IN THE PUSD AND THE STATE

*Academic Performance Results Released Showing PUSD Emphasis on Science, 21st Century Skills Position District for Next Level of Achievement*

Pasadena, CA – Student achievement in the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) remained steady, according to the 2011-2012 Academic Performance Index (API) growth results released today by the California Department of Education (CDE). Washington Accelerated Elementary saw the biggest increase among PUSD schools with a 49 point jump to score an 810 and cross the 800 API score threshold. National Blue Ribbon School Hamilton Elementary scored 901 this year, joining Sierra Madre School as the second school in the district to score above 900. Sierra Madre gained four points to score 912 this year, the highest in the district. The API measures the academic performance and growth of schools across a variety of measures.



"I congratulate the schools that had impressive increases in their API scores, but I recognize that there is still room for improvement, especially among our schools that lost ground this year," said PUSD Superintendent Jon R. Gundry. "We are taking proactive steps to emphasize science and math and to rewrite the curriculum so that it integrates 21st century learning. However, I am concerned that if Proposition 30 and 38 do not pass, we will have detrimental funding cuts that will impact students, teachers and schools and thwart our five-year forward momentum."

PUSD has gained 41 points on the API since 2008 and earned an overall score of 761. The API is a numeric index that ranges from a low of 200 to a high of 1000 with a statewide target of 800. Schools must meet school wide and individual subgroup growth targets each year.

PUSD stands to lose \$17.8 million in funding including approximately \$7.8 million in midyear cuts from the 2012-2013 budget if both Proposition 30 and 38 fail in the November 6 election. Even if Proposition 30 passes, PUSD is still bracing for \$10 million - \$12 million in cuts from the 2013-2014

budget because of the lapsing of one-time funds and declining enrollment within the district. The disastrous reductions could force the district to take desperate measures, including ending the school year in mid-May 2013.

District schools are poised to move to the next level of achievement as the district introduces a revised curriculum that integrates the national Common Core learning standards, 21st century learning skills and an emphasis on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education. The revamped curriculum transforms teaching from the rote memorization that was best suited for multiple choice "bubble" tests to an approach that makes emphasizes critical thinking, comprehension and enduring skills that can be transferred across subjects during a student's career. Although the new Common Core standards have not yet taken effect, PUSD teachers are already engaged in professional development this year about the new standards and piloting the new curriculum.

"We are already looking ahead to the new API configuration that will include measures beyond standardized tests to measure the quality of our school," said Gundry. In

September, Governor Jerry Brown signed SB 1458, authored by Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg that will redefine the API by relying less on standardized test scores and more on other important factors such as graduation rates, student readiness for higher education and technical training, skills necessary for entering into a globally competitive job market.

The federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results were also released today. Four PUSD schools, Hamilton Elementary, Jackson Elementary, San Rafael Elementary and Washington Accelerated Elementary, met all components of the increasingly difficult AYP targets.

For the first time, the CDE will be providing School Quality Snapshots. The snapshots gathers a multitude of information, putting test scores, fitness levels, class sizes and other important measures into one, easy-to-read document for each of the state's 10,000 public schools. PUSD snapshots are available on the CDE website at [www.cde.ca.gov/snapshot](http://www.cde.ca.gov/snapshot). To see individual school API scores and background on the API and California's other school accountability measures, please visit [www.cde.ca.gov/getschoolreport](http://www.cde.ca.gov/getschoolreport).

### 2012 RED RIBBON WEEK® - YOUTH DRUG PREVENTION CAMPAIGN: "THE BEST ME IS DRUG FREE™"

- Ten schools from across the U.S. will win \$1,000 grant for drug prevention -- Ten families will win an iPad for the home -

The National Family Partnership® (NFP) announces the national contest for its 27th annual Red Ribbon Week®, Oct. 23-31. Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country. In 1985 after the murder of a DEA agent, parents, youth and teachers in communities across the country began wearing Red Ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to raise awareness of the destruction caused by drugs. This year, families can get involved by entering a contest to promote awareness in their neighborhoods and win a drug prevention grant for their schools. Families can enter Red Ribbon Week's contest to win a \$1,000 grant for their school and a new iPad for their home. To participate in the contest families and students will decorate the front of their homes with this year's message: "The Best Me Is Drug Free™." Here's how students and their families can enter to win \$1,000 for their K-12 school and a new iPad:

1. Students bring the Red Ribbon Week® message home by working alongside parents to decorate their front door, mailbox, fence, etc. with this year's theme "The Best Me Is Drug Free"
2. Take a photo with the family and their Red Ribbon Week® decoration, then upload to [www.redribbon.org/contest](http://www.redribbon.org/contest) or [www.facebook.com/RedRibbonWeek](http://www.facebook.com/RedRibbonWeek) by Nov. 2 (must be parents or 18+ to upload photos).
3. The voting begins! Ask family and friends to vote for your entry at [www.redribbon.org/vote](http://www.redribbon.org/vote) Nov. 2-16. Ten lucky winners from regions across the U.S. will win. Winners will be announced at events at their winning schools in December.

"Students will once again take Red Ribbon Week's message of prevention home to their neighborhoods with this national contest," said the NFP's Volunteer President Peggy Sapp. "By decorating their homes together with this year's Red Ribbon theme, families carry the message to their communities." The nation's oldest and largest drug prevention campaign reaches more than 80 million people nationwide.

The DEA is co-sponsoring this year's national contest. "DEA is



excited to partner with the National Family Partnership® on this contest that empowers communities to come together to talk about the drug problem," said DEA Administrator Michele M. Leonhart. "Red Ribbon Week" is also when we honor DEA Special Agent Enrique 'Kiki' Camarena, who made the ultimate sacrifice to keep our communities safe." Adds the NFP's Peggy Sapp: "Take the Red Ribbon Week® pledge across America to help children grow up safe, healthy and drug free." Visit [www.redribbon.org/contest](http://www.redribbon.org/contest) for contest information.

*About the NFP and Red Ribbon Week®*  
The NFP was established in 1980, and is a national leader in drug prevention, education and advocacy. Its mission is to lead our nation's families and communities in nurturing the full potential of healthy, drug-free youth. Red Ribbon Week® is the nation's largest and oldest drug prevention campaign, reaching 80 million people. NFP created the campaign in response to the 1985 abduction and murder of DEA agent Enrique 'Kiki' Camarena.

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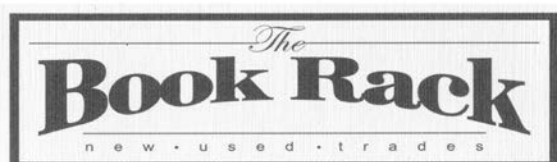
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The restaurant is softly lit and has almost a club feel about it. The bar has been recently upgraded with new TVs, and many of the patrons find Nikki C's as attractive and satisfying as Norm would on any Cheers episode. Most of the regulars sit at the bar when they take their main course, and it appeared to me that they felt as at ease as if they were in their own home enjoying a meal. For my last visit I decided to sit in the dining room which is quaint, or in proper American speak, on the small side. I wanted to get a better idea of what they had for a selection, so I decided that I would order half orders of appetizers and entrees. That way I could try more dishes and get a better idea of what they have to offer. For starters



TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills  
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I had the Blue Cheese Wedge Salad (\$8). It is comprised of a crisp cut of lettuce topped with bacon bits and blue cheese dressing. That is one fantastic dish that I will order every time I

come to this restaurant. I stuck with appetizers for our next course, which was a combination of Ahi Sashimi and Filet Mignon on toasted baguettes with a touch of wasabi mayo (\$10), a gold medal winner for this critic. During the meal I enjoyed a Cadillac Margarita; I missed the ice float though. Well, that's just how I enjoy it. Okay, its entrée time. You have to have lasagna at an Italian restaurant, don't you? It brought back a forgotten memory of a place that I went to in Hoboken, NJ on a rainy day. It has enough cheese to satisfy any cheese lover and flavor that would make your mama lift her fork approvingly (\$15). My friend and political pundit Madd Maxx had the Cioppino Pasadino (\$23) that he swears is the best in town and has enough shelled fish to feed an army.

Our host Nikki got wind that there was a big time food critic in the stable (I asked where?) She brought me a portion of the Tuscan Osso Bucco (Pork Shank) - for \$23 it will be well worth the full course on my next visit. Since I wasn't driving I ended the night with a martini at the bar -- tasty, and at \$9 a pop I'll stick around and have two. Dessert, I am full! Nikki C's 470 S. Rosemead Blvd. Pasadena (626) 792-7437



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by Chris Leclerc

## SCIENCE FOR SOCIAL SURVIVAL

scientific facts that, just 10 years ago would have required a trip to the library or a consultation with someone who “knew”. Or perhaps the social metamorphosis that is taking place in this age, apparently prompting people to gain a higher level of self importance, is driving me to gain a higher level of understanding about nature and science. I must admit, I always have been one to “go against the flow”. Whatever the reason, I feel more inspired than ever to recall what I learned in my high school and college biology classes, research the interesting facts that I do not recall, and apply that knowledge to my daily walk of life. I guess you could say it is my means of social survival, via science.

I can't think of anything more important than having a good understanding of who and what we are, where we came from, and how we can better relate to the creatures that surround us and the planet that sustains us. With so many radical changes occurring in our society over the past several decades, and amazing new technological concepts constantly appearing on the horizon, “simple” scientific truths such as the origin of life, the study of living organisms and how they thrive through symbiotic relationships, may, to some, seem like rather boring or mundane subjects to be pondered. It's old news, so who cares anymore, right? For me, not so much. In fact, I feel more inspired now than ever to understand how my existence fits into the “big picture” on this magnificent planet and I hope to learn more about how I can have a positive impact. To be completely honest, my perspective as an adult differs greatly from that of when I was a young child. Back then, I harbored frightful fears of wild animals that lived in the woods behind my house, and I did my best to avoid contact with the creepy crawling insects and spiders that lived in the basement. These days, I view all living creatures as an interesting and very important component of the universe that I live in, and that universe requires an environment of mutual appreciation and respect to maintain a healthy balance. It all boils down to the fact that I am no more than an integral part of an immense universe, and that, my friends, is indeed the “big picture”.

When I started to look at life from this perspective, I soon found myself free of the childhood fears, and the fears were replaced with curiosity and a craving to learn more about the organisms that surround me. Another result of my perspective adjustment was a realization that regardless of what we humans like to think in terms of property ownership, and our own personal rights on this earth, the bottom line is that we are here for a very short time, and the earth cannot be owned. We can borrow it for a while, and we can mark our territory just as other animals do, but we will never really own any part of this globe. What we humans need to be doing is appreciating every single element of the dirt that we 65“camp” on, and be careful to tend to it like a garden that we depend on to feed us. For now, we may have a grocery store just down the street where we can choose from a numerous plethora of edible products, and for now we may have fuel for our vehicles that take us from point A to point B within moments, but let us not forget that we are most definitely dependant on the earth, and the resources are limited.

By learning more about the living organisms that surround me, I have inherently become more aware of my responsibility as an important component, to take good care and to not exploit the treasures that earth has to offer, because no one is an island unto himself. I believe in creation, and I believe that God gave the human a very tall order of obedience to respect the earth and the other animals that He created. This is no small command, and I take it very seriously. All living things were made by Him, and we humans have a tendency to forget that we are responsible for our position in the system. So, before I come down from my “soap box”, I will end with a reminder to all of us to keep good thoughts about our surroundings, and learn to appreciate other life forms as an integral part of ourselves. Love and let live!

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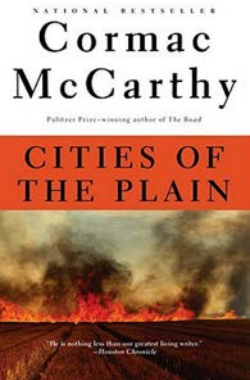
Book Reviews by Jasmine Kelsey Williams

### CITIES OF THE PLAIN

By Cormac McCarthy

When it comes to a description, there is more than just one way to describe ‘Cities of the Plain’. Gripping, raw, and different are just a few terms that fit, but it takes the reader to figure out how they can truly describe this work by Cormac McCarthy. This selection was introduced by a personal recommendation of mine, and it is worth the read; although copyrighted in 1998, ‘Cities of the Plain’ is still as gripping as it is, with its blunt prose, smooth transitions, and recognition from reviewers such as New York Times, Los Angeles Times, and Chicago Tribune. ‘Cities of the Plain’ is the third in McCarthy’s “Border Trilogy”, and picks up where its predecessors (‘All the Pretty Horses’ and ‘The Crossing’) left off. The last of this trilogy focuses on John Grady Cole and Billy Parham, two cowboys who have a brotherly relationship and work together on a cattle ranch in New Mexico during the year of 1952.

Although they share their stories, hardships and triumphs, ‘Cities of the Plain’ has a somber tone which will clearly suggest to the reader that not all has been well and not all will be well. For one, John and Billy both struggle with the fact that the ranch business they are part of is becoming a dying industry. Another significant change is the shocking moment when the reader can sympathize or reason with John when his love interest takes the form of a Mexican prostitute, which can change the reader’s and the other characters’ perspectives. As the story progresses, this change for John and his love interest brings about a domino effect of events that drastically changes the course for John and Billy and the tone of the story as well. Even the formatting is different: throughout the story, the dialogue lacks quotation marks so that it is completely dependent on the character John to narrate the entire story, and how he must narrate the reactions of the other characters as well. ‘Cities of the Plain’ in its entirety brings humor and sorrow to the reader and pieces together a well-written finish on McCarthy’s trilogy series, which will serve to fully satisfy the reader’s desire for a genuine tale of loss, romance, and experiencing the journey of where life can take you.



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## SEAN’S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

Review By Sean Kayden

### SUN AIRWAY

In 2010, Sun Airway released their stunning debut album called “Nocturne Of Exploded Crystal Chandelier.” However, in spite of what the pretentious appellation may convey, the album itself was an ethereal but lively infusion of electronic and dreamy pop rock. With a significant task at hand to follow up with another great album, surely the question may be posed, does the band have any artistry left over? The short answer is, “Yes”. While the genre has been beaten to a bloody pulp by the multitude of bands trying to find the success of electronic aficionados Animal Collective and M83, Sun Airway has always struck me as a band that was never trying to replicate any sounds of bands before them. They simply have a deep predilection for lavish synths, fuzzed out beats and ambitious pop songs, which shouldn’t be held against them for any reason.

Main player Jon Barthmus’ singing is loose and somewhat lackadaisical sounding. The Chris Martin-esque vocals are peaceful and pretty. The sounds of Sun Airway are really easy-going, which often leads to songs whizzing by without realizing a song ended and a new one has started. That’s not to say the songs are fast paced, but if you multi-task while listening, you may not even become conscious of the song change. Barthmus’ singing has always seemed to take a backseat to the music, but with the sophomore record, “Soft Fall,” it doesn’t feel entirely secondary all the time. Between the two albums, the differences aren’t too noticeable at first listen. On repeated listens, I discovered Sun Airway honing their craft more so than ever. While the debut was a rapturous experimental treat, the follow up record sounds more like a band feeling at ease inside their skin. Instead of feeling like newcomers to the party, Sun Airway is now hosting the shindig. The songs here have this fragility stitched to them as if each song is cautious and attentive. From the distance, Sun Airway may enthrall you with its warm sound, but when you come closer, you’re not as likely to feel the same way. It’s still pleasant to the ears yet the tracks just flow right pass you if you don’t pay close too attention.

<b>Artist:</b>	<b>Sun Airway</b>
<b>Album:</b>	<b>Soft Fall</b>
<b>Release Date:</b>	<b>October 2nd, 2012</b>
<b>Label:</b>	<b>Dead Oceans</b>

Most songs here need frequent listens before you can get close to them. While no song really stands out like a sore thumb, the consistency of the album is fairly superb. The compilation feels like one complete set of songs rather than random songs strung together to make an unrelated, disconnected record. While things may be difficult for Sun Airway to breakthrough with the masses since the genre is overpopulated, at the very least Sun Airway has originality, creativity, and integrity to boot. Overall, “Soft Fall” is a pretty damn good sophomore album. It may have not hit the same highs of the first record as much as I would have liked it to, but I can respect the noble effort. I think I’ve would have preferred an album not limited to its restraints, but concerned with pushing even further. Perhaps next time Sun Airway will expand their rich alluring sound to the fullest because I still believe the very best is yet to come.

Grade: 7.7 out of 10

Key Tracks: “Close”, “Laketop Swimmers”, “Soft Fall” “Black Noise”

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**Chili Peppers:** Chili peppers have a number of health benefits due to its key component capsaicin, the compound that gives them their spiciness. The folk uses of cayenne and other hot peppers range from treating stomach ulcers to improving circulation and heart disease. Better studied, however, are capsaicin’s effects on metabolism and pain.

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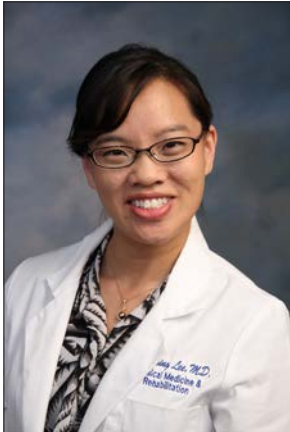
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To make a therapeutic ginger tea, grind a one-inch slice of fresh ginger, squeeze the juice of half a lemon, and add to a cup of steaming hot water along with ¼ teaspoon cinnamon, if desired.

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## HEALTH & FITNESS

### THE JOY OF YOGA



### THE AUTUMN YOGA PRACTICE

Did you know that there are different yoga practices for the different seasons of the year? The Fall season is cold, dry, light, windy, rough and empty. It is nature’s way of making more space. The leaves get dry, and fall off the trees leaving them empty. The wind blows and removes the moisture from the air leaving it spacious instead of close. As it happens in nature, it happens to us. We get a little spacey. Our skin gets dry. As the body changes with the environment we can see the effects: back pain, dry skin, poor digestion and lack of concentration.

The yogis have remedies! Well, the sister science to yoga – Ayurveda, has the answers. It’s not just a good moisturizer. While moisturizing the skin is good, moisturizing from the inside out is even better. The first thing to pay attention to is what dries us out. Coffee, black tea, alcohol and raw foods can be big in depleting moisture. Avoid salads. Instead have warm soups and stews and herbal teas with fennel. Try switching to oatmeal. Warm, cooked, easily digestible foods are best. Oils are very necessary, inside and out. Warm up some sesame oil and massage it all over before your bath or shower. Before bed, try warm milk to help you sleep.

What about your asana practice? Your yoga poses should also warm you up. Do Sun salutations. Ideally you could do as many as you are old, but let’s just try 12, daily.

Doing forward folds and hip openers, with long holds can help settle you. Then make sure that you end with a lovely, long savasana. The benefits of savasana are huge. It is the last pose of practice, corpse pose. Set the timer so you can truly relax for 10 minutes without worrying about time. Don’t skip this part. You need to calm the system before rushing off to your next event. Keep it calm. Move slow.

You will see the results. Actually it is much easier to see the lack of results. Because yoga and Ayurveda are about balance and harmony and those things do not get noticed as much as the imbalances. When things are off – we know it. We tend to not pay attention to the good health.

I am here to help you notice. Have a peaceful, warm, cozy fall.

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## One Of A Kind: *Featuring unique homes and gardens and the people who create them*

Story by Chris Bertrand. Photos courtesy of Proven Winners and Pettiti Garden Centers

### PLANT PINK DURING OCTOBER'S BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



As you might be aware, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Over the past couple of decades, many events and fundraisers have evolved to increase awareness of breast cancer prevention and screening as well as the need for research toward a cure across the globe. As a sixteen year survivor of breast cancer myself, I've participated in many walks, support groups, fundraisers and the like. Recently, while watching a PBS gardening television show called Garden Smart, I saw a piece on a new hybrid hydrangea named, appropriately, Invincibelle® Spirit, blending the words *Invincible* and *Belle* or woman, in honor of the search for a cure for breast cancer.

The hydrangea has rather incredible "survival skills" so is an apt representative for those fighting breast cancer. It is a "forgiving" plant, said to bloom for over four months with a mature production of up to 12" blossoms and up to a prolific, hundred blooms per plant, according to [www.GreatGardenPlants.com](http://www.GreatGardenPlants.com), who credited Dr. Tom Ranny of North Carolina State and Proven Winners for the breeding.

Directions for exposure and planting indicate that shade is fine, but that it blooms better with some sun. It is also called a re-bloomer with flowers until frost in colder areas down to Zone 3 and in warmer areas up to Zone 9 of the USDA planting zones, which includes much of the San Gabriel Valley. Commonly named a "Smooth Hydrangea" this variety of *Hydrangea arborescens* is related to the very popular Annabelle Hydrangea, which, according to the Proven Winners website, is a "specific variety of smooth hydrangea that was discovered near Anna, Illinois in the 1960s."

Annabelle was the first smooth hydrangea with huge, mophead flowers. Per the website, "Invincibelle® Spirit Hydrangea is the first-ever pink 'Annabelle' hydrangea. It offers the same beautiful, reliable blooms gardeners have come to love about 'Annabelle,' but with rich pink flowers. What makes it really special, though, is its mission to end breast cancer forever."

Colored pink in honor of breast cancer awareness, of course, the breakthrough, Invincibelle® Spirit (<http://www.InvinciBelleSpirit.net/>) has been offered since 2009 by Proven Winners®. The brand name is owned by Spring Meadow Nursery, Inc. of Grand Haven, Michigan. Gardeners and garden centers across the country have embraced this plant as both a fund raising method as well as a way to honor the cause.

\$1 from every plant sale is donated to support breast cancer research, and as of August, 2012, according to their website, the hydrangea sales and associated "Pink Days" fund raisers at independent nurseries, have raised \$250,000 this year, and nearly half a million dollars since its initial release.

This year's quarter million dollars donation will fund an entire medical research project in 2013 through the Breast Cancer Research Foundation®, the beneficiary.

Quoted at ProvenWinners.com, Tim Wood, director of marketing for Proven Winners Color Choice Shrubs said, "Funding a researcher's work is the perfect way to show everyone who has purchased Invincibelle® Spirit or hosted or attended a Pink Day that their money is truly making a difference. Who knows? Maybe the research we fund will be the key to the cure!"

Gifts of Invincibelle® Spirit hydrangeas would be a great way to honor a loved one fighting breast cancer, to express appreciation to a medical professional involved with cancer care or research, or to remember a loved one who fought breast cancer. If you can't find this hydrangea at a local designated retailer like Armstrong's Nursery, this special hydrangea can be ordered online at their website: <http://www.invincibellespirit.net>. My order is on its way!

Have an idea for a topic for our weekly feature? Contact [C.Bertrand@MtnViewsNews.com](mailto:C.Bertrand@MtnViewsNews.com) with the details!



### Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou Realtor®

### MYTH BUSTING

When a homeowner faces default on their mortgage, there may be two options: foreclosure or short sale. Foreclosure can be devastating, both emotionally and financially. A short sale, or one in which the lender accepts a selling price less than the amount owed, is a better option for both the lender and the homeowner.

Regrettably, nearly seven out of ten homeowners proceed through foreclosure without ever listing their home for sale. This is due largely to perceived myths about the process, and we need to put a few of these misconceptions to rest.

First, homeowners assume the bank would rather foreclose than accept a short sale. Not true - foreclosure is often more costly for the lender, and short sales often sell for more than foreclosed listings. The banks are trying anything possible, within reason, to avoid the foreclosure process.

Next, homeowners believe there is a stigma attached to short sale listings, and that buyers have no interest in such properties. Not true - to the contrary, many smart buyers are specifically seeking out such offerings for the value they present compared to traditional listings.

Finally, homeowners often assume that there's not enough time to close a short sale before foreclosure is final. Not true - foreclosure is a lengthy process and there is time to negotiate a better result, but you need to start today.

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HOW TO COMPARE MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLANS

Dear Savvy Senior:  
Is it important to compare Medicare Part D prescription drug plans every year? My pharmacist recommends it, but it's such a hassle sorting through all those different plans. What can you tell me?  
Confused Beneficiary

Dear Confused:  
Because all Medicare Part D prescription drug plans can change their costs and coverage each calendar year, comparing plans every year during the open enrollment period (which is Oct. 15 – Dec. 7) is still the best way to ensure you don't miss out on your best deal for 2013, especially if you take a lot of medications.

Here are a few tips and resources that can help you compare plans with the least amount of hassle.

Online Tool  
If you're comfortable using a computer, you can easily compare Medicare's drug plans yourself online. Just go to Medicare's Plan Finder Tool at [www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan](http://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan), and type in your zip code or your personal information, the drugs you take and their dosages, and select the pharmacies you use and you'll get a cost comparison breakdown for each plan available in your area.

This tool also provides a five-star rating system that evaluates each plan based on past customer service records, and suggests generics or older brand name drugs that can reduce your costs.

It's also important to keep in mind that when you're comparing drug plans don't judge a plan strictly by its monthly premium cost. Low-premium plans are often associated with higher prescription co-payments and may end up being more expensive. Look at the "estimated annual drug costs" that shows how much you can expect to pay over a year in total out-of-pocket costs – including premiums, deductibles and co-pays.

Also, be sure the plan you're considering covers all of the drugs you take with no restrictions. Some plans may require you to get permission or try a number of cheaper drugs before they will cover certain prescriptions.

Get Help  
If you need some help with this or if you don't have Internet access to compare the plans yourself, ask your kids, grandkids or a trusted computer-savvy friend to help you, or you can call Medicare at 800-633-4227 and a customer service representative will do it for you over the phone for free.

Another resource that you can call on for help is your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), which provides free one-on-one Medicare counseling in person or over the phone. They also conduct seminars during the open enrollment period at various locations throughout each state. To find the contact information for your local SHIP visit [shiptalk.org](http://shiptalk.org), or call the eldercare locator at 800-677-1116.

Smaller Donut Hole  
You also need to know that Medicare's "donut-hole" coverage gap will shrink a little more next year. In 2013, Medicare Part D beneficiaries that hit the coverage gap will receive a 52.5 percent discounts on brand-name drugs, and a 21 percent discount on generic medications.

For 2013, the coverage gap begins when your total drug cost exceeds \$2,970 (that includes your share and the insurer's share of the costs) and ends when combined spending is \$6,733. After that, your Part D plan usually covers around 95 percent of your remaining drug costs for the year.

Low Income Assistance  
Also, be aware that if you're a low-income beneficiary and your annual income is under \$16,755 or \$22,695 for married couples living together, and your assets are below \$13,070 or \$26,120 for married couples, you may be eligible for the federal Low Income Subsidy known as "Extra Help" that pays Part D premiums, deductibles and copayments. For more information or to apply, call Social Security at 800-772-1213 or visit [socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp](http://socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp).  
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KATIE Tse .....**This and That**  
**BRAINLESS DRIVING & OTHER SCIENTIFIC WONDERS**

Governor Brown recently gave Californians official permission to drive "autonomous" cars. This is great news, since I am admittedly not the world's greatest driver! I console myself in knowing that other women whom I hold in high esteem (e.g., my pastor's wife) suffer from this same driving impairment --being under five feet tall. I'm not complaining about my modest stature (I'd much rather be too short than too tall!). However, being short has its pitfalls. If you're munchkin-height, you can't reach things on the top shelf at the market, and all your pants have to be shortened. Also, I've sometimes had to sit on a stack of cushions to see over the dashboard. I love my Civic for many reasons, but one of its main advantages is that the seat can be cranked up high enough for me to see over the steering wheel!

Despite this improvement, I still have poor perception of the distance between my car and the curb. It was at the San Gabriel Hilton, where I was attending a mandatory conference for work, that I overestimated my distance from a very solid, concrete pillar. I've never enjoyed driving on Valley Blvd. through San Gabriel, but this incident "cemented" my feelings about that area. Valley Blvd. has been the scene of many accidents. The only thing I hate more than driving on Valley Blvd. is parking in one of its subterranean structures.

Returning from the conference upstairs, a colleague and I noticed that nearly half of the spaces had signs with warnings such as, "Staff Parking Only! Vehicles will be towed at owner's expense!" These staff/valet only signs weren't all together in rows, instead they popped up periodically among "safe," spaces. "Don't tell me my scraped car has been towed, too!" I thought. I was thankful to God to find my car! I very slowly, cautiously left the structure.

So you can see how I'd love a car that could parallel park itself and maneuver around obstacles like pillars! Apparently these new cars of the future are rigged up to Google Street View, and use artificial intelligence to keep you from side swiping fellow motorists and barreling down one way streets the wrong way. But there's more!... These cars have successfully navigated the steep, hairpin turns of San Francisco's Lombard St. Hey, I heartily embrace artificial intelligence any day it can accomplish something I would never attempt! I have no qualms about admitting a machine is more skilled than I am!

Nothing is perfect, however, and the car's makers allow for human intervention when needed. Apparently if you wake up in the seconds before your car decides to plunge over a cliff, you can escape death by breaking or turning the wheel a certain way. But in the great scheme of things, that's a risk I'd be willing to take. I'll just be careful to avoid driving near cliffs. The next innovation should be something for those few of us who HATE shopping for clothes. Maybe a little R2D2 could be programmed to have "fashion intelligence," visually take my measurements, and then buzz around the store collecting clothes while I read the paper. If they come out with this, remember, you saw it here first!



SENIOR HAPPENINGS

By Pat Birdsall

**FYI: I'm Baaack!** Having started *Senior Happenings* in this publication several years ago, I took a substantial break. I'm ready now to get back in the saddle and resume keeping the seniors informed as to what is available for them in our community. I'm going to revert back to some of the format that I used to do, except for the *Recipe of the Month*. The editor has moved that to the Good Food & Drink page and is now calling it: "In the Kitchen, *Our Favorite Recipe of the Week*." That's just as well... as most of you know, Betty Crocker never spent much time at my house...Truth be told, she didn't spend *any* time at my house.

I would also like to add more names to the monthly birthday list...That of course, depends on what age you think qualifies one to be called a "senior." I'll leave it up to the individual. If you would like to see your name in print for your special day please call the paper at 626.355.2737 and leave your name (spell it please) and your birthday month only.

The two vacancies for the Senior Community Commission have been filled. Two more worthy candidates would be hard to find. Please welcome Fran Garbaccio and Marilyn McKernan! Our Senior Commission needs input from YOU; they can't get it through osmosis. They meet in the Council Chambers on the first Thursday of each month at 3:00 P.M. It's difficult to have enthusiasm for a meeting with *nobody* in the audience. Please make the effort to attend...after all, what they discuss and decide to do as policy, directly influences *you*.

~ **Helpful Hint** ~

**Sharper Scissors:**  
Take your dull scissors and cut through 3 layers of tin foil 10 times. Cut some paper to test. Repeat if necessary. **OR** cut a sheet of medium-grade sand paper into small pieces. Lastly, you can cut an SOS pad or a Brillo pad in half with the scissors, this sharpens the scissors and also gives you two pads instead of one. Being frugal is a good thing. Be careful not to cut yourself!

**For Your Funny Bone**

My neighbor's son picked up a stray dog and named it Sam. Some time later I was at their house and inquired about Sam. "Oh, the dog is fine," my neighbor said. "She had a litter of puppies, and so we fixed the problem. Now we call her Sam Spayed."



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Sole Krieg, Margit Johnson, Ann Tyler, Pat Birdsall, Dick Anderson, Barbara Cline, Mary Jane Baker, Cathleen Cremins, Alma Mays, Eva Poet, Dixie Coutant, Angela Stella, Darlene Traxler, Darlene Crook, Gloria Giersbach, Susan Gallagher, Maggie Ellis, Elva Johnson, Ellen O'Leary, Jenny Piangenti, Gail-Ann Skiles, Anita Thompson, Adie Marshall, Lillias Eubanks.  
**AND, add to that stellar list: A very special birthday for a very special man! On October 5<sup>th</sup>, George Maurer turned 90!** He is the gold standard when it comes to community service...our community. He so tirelessly lends a hand wherever it's needed; whether it be family or the community at large, he's **always** there to lend a helping hand. Happy Birthday my friend!

\*Quote: Everyone is the age of their heart. ~ Guatemalan Proverb



**ACTIVITIES:** Unless listed differently, all activities are at the Hart Park House (Senior Center) 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre

YMCA San Gabriel Valley Intervale Senior Café:  
Monday-Friday at 12:00 Noon

(Participants are urged to arrive no later than 11:45 A.M.) All seniors 60 and up can take part in the lunch program. There is a suggested donation of \$2.00 for those 60 and over and \$3.75 for non-senior guests. Daily reservations are necessary as space is limited. Please call 24 hours in advance...626.355.0256

**Free Blood Pressure Testing:** On the 2<sup>nd</sup> **Tuesday** of the month from 11:00 am-12:00 pm: A nurse from Methodist Hospital, Arcadia volunteers to do the readings. No appointment necessary.

**Bingo: Every Tuesday** afternoon from 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm. Cards are only .25c each!

Free Chair Yoga: Every **Wednesday** morning from 11:00 am-11:45 am. Volunteer Teryl Willis offers this class that focuses on senior yoga techniques. It is geared toward gentle movements, breathing techniques and balance improvement. No reservations are necessary.

Free Legal Consultation: Pasadena attorney Geoffrey Chin volunteers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> **Wednesday** of the month. He focuses on estate planning, trusts, wills, probate, conservatorships and business law. **\*Appointments are a must.** Please call Adam Matsumoto at 626.355.7394 to make yours. **\*Conflicting court schedules can occasionally cause cancellations.**

Birthday Celebrations: The 2<sup>nd</sup> **Thursday** of the month the Senior Center celebrates the birthdays of our patrons at 12:30 pm. Please join us for free cake and ice cream and "celebration." (The cakes are provided due to a generous donation from the Sierra Madre Civic Club.)

Game Day: **Every Thursday** at 1:00pm. Poker is usually the game of choice, or should I say chance? Board games and other card games are also available.

**Free Strength Training Class: Every Friday** from 1:00 pm -1:45 pm Conducted by long-time volunteer Lisa Brandley. The class utilizes light weights for low-impact resistance training. Weights are provided by the Sierra Madre Senior Center. It's a great way to stay in shape and to socialize with your peers. (Gossip, is also free of charge).



**EXCURSIONS:**  
**GRABER OLIVE HOUSE TOUR IN ONTARIO, CA.**  
*Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>: Departure at 9:30 am from the Hart Park House.*  
Lunch & activities: 10:30 am- 2:00 pm  
Return: To the Park House at 3:30 pm  
Cost: \$10.00 (does not include lunch)

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

Registration deadline is Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> Call the Hart Park House at 626.355.7394 to make reservations or to get more information.

"NEW"- Senior Movie Program: Movies are shown on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. The films are chosen by the seniors themselves and will be shown in Council Chambers (222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.) at 1:00 pm. The price of admission??? FREE!

\*The Senior Moments Newsletter has been updated thanks to Adam Matsumoto. To receive a copy by USPS or on your computer, please call Adam at the Senior Center...626.355.7394.

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## OMG! OH MY GOSH DID YOU KNOW..... By Patricia Richardson, M.B.A

QuickBooks Question: I was listening in on a conversation with Certified QuickBooks ProAdvisors via their LinkedIn Group, so here is the question....

“Anyone have a “mind map” diagram of the deposit process including batch totals/undeposited funds they would be willing to share? Basically, I’m looking for a visual explanation for clients that works off the QB home page diagram and adds in steps representing multiple payments batched thru undeposited funds before going to the bank. Most clients seem to really struggle with this concept.

I hear this question often, particularly at the Community College level, not the Certified ProAdvisor level. So I will share my response with you.

QuickBooks has two structured ways of handling sales (not counting I/E). You can use a sales receipt for a cash sale or an invoice for a sale on account. Once the sale is complete, hopefully you will start receiving payments. Whether the payments come in the mail or at the time of the sale you will probably put the payments in a drawer or cash box until the end of the day or start of the next day when you prepare your deposit. From an accounting perspective, undeposited funds can represent a drawer.

The next question is, “Okay, how does QuickBooks get payments into the drawer and then get them out again?”

### Putting money into Undeposited Funds:

- 1 Sales receipts increase sales and increases undeposited funds (depends on QB setup)
2. Cash receipts (payments for sales on account) decrease accounts receivable and increase undeposited funds (depends on QB setup)

### Getting the cash out of Undeposited Funds:

When payments are in undeposited funds and you select record deposit a window pops open in front of the deposit ticket allowing you to select which payments you want to include in the deposit. You can select some of the payments, all of the payments or none of the payment. Once you make your selection, close the popup window and you will be looking at the deposit ticket.



I am facilitating a 2 hour QuickBooks workshop on Saturday October 27th at 10:00a.m. in Pasadena. To learn more about it, use information at the end of this article to contact me.

### What else is happening this month?

IRS Summertime Tax Tip 2012-08

Income that you receive for the rental of your vacation home must generally be reported on your federal income tax return. However, if you rent the property for only a short time each year, you may not be required to report the rental income.

The IRS offers these tips on reporting rental income from a vacation home such as a house, apartment, condominium, mobile home or boat:

- Rental Income and Expenses Rental income, as well as certain rental expenses that can be deducted, are normally reported on Schedule E, Supplemental Income and Loss.
- Limitation on Vacation Home Rentals: When you use a vacation home as your residence and also rent it to others, you must divide the expenses between rental use and personal use, and you may not deduct the rental portion of the expenses in excess of the rental income.

You are considered to use the property as a residence if your personal use is more than 14 days, or more than 10% of the total days it is rented to others if that figure is greater. For example, if you live in your vacation home for 17 days and rent it 160 days during the year, the property is considered used as a residence and your deductible rental expenses would be limited to the amount of rental income.

- Special Rule for Limited Rental Use: If you use a vacation home as a residence and rent it for fewer than 15 days per year, you do not have to report any of the rental income. Schedule A, Itemized Deductions, may be used to report regularly deductible personal expenses, such as qualified mortgage interest, property taxes, and casualty losses.

Also see [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

### New workshops:

During the month of October on Friday's between 9:00am and 9:30am I am hosting an online QuickBooks Q&A forum. Email the registration form from my website and I will send you the info you need to tune in. **Have your questions ready; it is a great time to stump the trainer.** Also during the month of November look for Saturday QuickBooks workshops. It will be a BYOL (bring your own laptop) workshop. Patricia Richardson the owner of Monrovia Computerized Business Service and is a local accountant, educator and trainer working to help business owners realize their business mission and vision by empowering them with tools and training in areas that may not be their core competency. For additional information, [patti@qbworkshop.com](mailto:patti@qbworkshop.com) or [www.QBworkShop.com](http://www.QBworkShop.com)



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Ready or not, the release date for Windows 8 is almost upon us. After several fits and starts, plus a new round of invitations to big publicity launch events, it looks as if the software giant will be moving forward with its launch date of October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Reviews of the new OS have been mixed but there have been more than a few assessments that loudly declare that Microsoft may be trying to do a little too much with this particular re-working of the Windows operating system. The general, and technical, consensus is that this version of Windows is meant to be an OS that accommodates all of a users hardware platforms from their home /business PC to their tablets and their home theaters PC's, and Windows engineers say that Windows 8 has been re-imagined from the chipset to the user experience to connect more with the user. That sounds really ambitious...or desperate.

Now that consumers have a much wider range of personal computing options available to them, Microsoft has lost a significant slice of the market share it once owned for decades, although that share is still greater than 91%. Smartphones and tablets are now a viable option for a marketplace that keeps getting younger, more mobile and more technically savvy. Complete market domination by these new-gen computing options will most likely be out of reach for at least a decade, if ever, but Microsoft ignores these changing demographics at its peril.

In an effort to appeal to a broader user base, Windows 8 does away with the traditional desktop and introduces a tile-based user interface called “Start Screen”. The traditional “Start Menu” is still available as an “app” in the “Start Screen”. The use of the word “app” here is used to show how Windows 8 is being presented as a sort of super-sized smartphone experience instead of a mere upgrade or replacement of Windows 7. According to Microsoft fanboys and other interested parties, Windows 8 was being developed for this purpose before Windows 7 was even released and, as of September of this year, Windows 7 finally edged out Windows XP as the globally dominant desktop OS as Redmond tries to retire the old workhorse that reigned for so long.

On the personal side, I simply can't get excited about what I've heard, read and experienced about Windows 8. Part of my disdain for the new product may be just plain burn-out on the marketing hype. This “upgrade” will not increase productivity for me in any sense of the word, and I personally never would've thought that it would be a good idea to make my productive computer into a giant, less-efficient smartphone.



## Social Media

### Tips & Tricks

By Merri Jill Finstrom



### IDEAS FOR A SOCIAL CAMPAIGN GIVE-AWAY

Building a good list of “Likes” in Facebook and a quality email list for your email marketing efforts is an ongoing process. Part of your marketing strategy should include campaigns that focus on list building.

One of my favorite apps for building lists is Constant Contact's Social Campaign tool. It allows you to create a special landing page on your Facebook business page. You create 2 parts. The first part is called the **gate page (the “Like” us page)**. This gate page showcases an amazing offer such as “Like” us to:

- get a savings offer like a printable coupon or code.
- enter a give-away/sweepstake.
- download a free report (*a good example of this is on the HUTdogs Facebook page: <http://bit.ly/HUTdogsCheckListKeepingitSeparate>*).
- Access special content (photos, videos etc.)

In order to get to the next step, they need to “Like” your Facebook page first.

Once people “Like” the page, a **reveal page** opens up. This is where they grab the offer (the coupon, the free report, the special content).

A great example of a give-away campaign is on the Palau Dive Adventures Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/PalauDiveAdventures>). They set up something very simple. They drive traffic to a gated page where they collect a “Like” (*Like us to enter the give-away*). After the page is liked, a reveal page comes up with the opportunity to enter an email for a chance to win.

Constant Contact offers a free trial for the Social Campaign tool, your first campaign is free, and Social Campaign is always free up to 100 fans. Sign up for a free trial at <http://hutdogs.constantcontact.com/email-marketing/signup>.

About MJ: MJ and her brother David own HUTdogs, a creative services business that specializes in Social Media Education for business owners. Join their conversation on Facebook and get good tips and tricks about social media, [www.facebook.com/hutdogs](http://www.facebook.com/hutdogs).

HUTdogs will be offering a “Getting Started with Constant Contact” demonstration on October 17th at the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce. Sign up for their upcoming classes and presentations at: [www.hutdogs.com/workshops/schedule](http://www.hutdogs.com/workshops/schedule)

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## FORMER MAYOR IS A CHAMPION! Glenn Lambdin brings home the gold!



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"Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu is known as more than just a system of fighting. Since its inception in 1914, its parent art of judo was separated from older systems of Japanese jujutsu by an important difference that was passed on to BJJ: it is not solely a martial art: it is also a sport; a method for promoting physical fitness and building character in young people; and, ultimately, a way (Do) of life". (Source: wikipedia).

The sport requires extraordinary discipline, patience, skill and strength, so the next time you see Glenn, think about that when you get ready to start your next political argument! Congratulations champ!

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**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/registration](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)**  
**Team Reg: \$300 (for 4 includes lunch)**

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

Tax-deductible opportunities may exist with this event! Please contact Kyle Schnurr at [kschnurr@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:kschnurr@cityofsierramadre.com) if you would like to contribute.

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## NOVEMBER 2012 LOCAL BALLOT MEASURES

### Measure A Appointment of County Assessor -- County of Los Angeles (Advisory Vote Only)

Do you support seeking to change the California Constitution and the Los Angeles County Charter to make the position of Los Angeles County Assessor an appointed position instead of an elected position?

### Measure B Safer Sex In the Adult Film Industry Act -- County of Los Angeles (Ordinance - Majority Approval Required)

Shall an ordinance be adopted requiring producers of adult films to obtain a County public health permit, to require adult film performers to use condoms while engaged in sex acts, to provide proof of blood borne pathogen training course, to post permit and notices to performers, and making violations of the ordinance subject to civil fines and criminal charges?

### Measure J Accelerating Traffic Relief, Job Creation -- County of Los Angeles (Continuation of Voter-Approved Sales Tax Increase - Majority Approval Required)

To advance Los Angeles County's traffic relief, economic growth/ job creation, by accelerating construction of light rail/ subway/ airport connections within five years not twenty; funding countywide freeway traffic flow/ safety / bridge improvements, pothole repair; keeping senior/ student/ disabled fares low; Shall Los Angeles County's voter-approved one-half cent traffic relief sales tax continue, without tax rate increase, for another 30 years or until voters decide to end it, with audits/ keeping funds local?

### Measure ALF Density Limit re Assisted Living Facility -- City of Sierra Madre (Ordinance - Majority Approval Required)

Shall an Ordinance be adopted to amend Sierra Madre Municipal Code Section 17.35.040 ("Core Density Limit") of the People's Empowerment Act (aka Measure V) to permit development of an assisted living facility consistent with the Kensington Assisted Living Facility Specific Plan not exceeding two stories, thirty feet in height and seventy-five assisted living suites, for the parcels located at 33 North Hermosa Avenue and 245 West Sierra Madre Boulevard?

## WHO IS ON THE BALLOT?

### President/Vice President of the United States

Gary Johnson/James P. Gray, Libertarian  
Mitt Romney/Paul Ryan, Republican  
Roseanne Barr/Cindy Sheehan, Peace and Freedom  
Thomas Hoefling/Robert Ornelas, American Independent  
Jill Stein/Cheri Honkala, Green  
Barack Obama/Joseph Biden, Democratic

### United States Senate

Elizabeth Emken, Republican  
Dianne Feinstein, Democratic

### US Congress - District 27

Judy Chu, Democratic  
Jack Orswell, Republican

### California Assembly - District 41

Chris Holden, Democratic  
Donna Lowe, Republican

### California Senate - District 25

Carol Liu, Democratic  
Gilbert V. Gonzales, Republican

### District Attorney; County of Los Angeles

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## STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURE QUICK-REFERENCE GUIDE

30 Temporary Taxes to Fund Education. Guaranteed Local Public Safety Funding. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

31 State Budget. State and Local Government. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

32 Political Contributions by Payroll Deduction. Contributions to Candidates. Initiative Statute.

33 Auto Insurance Companies. Prices Based on Driver's History of Insurance Coverage. Initiative Statute.

34 Death Penalty. Initiative Statute.

35 Human Trafficking. Penalties. Initiative Statute.

36 Three Strikes Law. Repeat Felony Offenders. Penalties. Initiative Statute.

37 Genetically Engineered Foods. Labeling. Initiative Statute.

38 Tax to Fund Education and Early Childhood Programs. Initiative Statute.

39 Tax Treatment for Multistate Businesses. Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Funding. Initiative Statute.

40 Redistricting. State Senate Districts. Referendum.

## ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION LAUNCHES IN CALIFORNIA

The Office of the Secretary of the State of California announced it will launch the much anticipated California Online Voter Registration by noon (PST) Friday. Online Voter Registration will offer increased accessibility for the 6.4 million unregistered eligible voters in California; 3 million of which reside in Los Angeles County.

Dean Logan, Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters, will be available to provide comment and expert insight into the impacts of California Online Voter Registration for Los Angeles County and California voters and elections.

### Benefits of Online Voter Registration:

- Paperless online voter registration will save tax payers money by reducing the need to process paper forms.

- Approximately 80 percent of Californians already use the internet, making Online Voter Registration a fit for the Golden State.

- Online Voter Registration will improve the quality and accuracy of County Voter Files. Less manual data entry means more quality assurance and time to confirm and process paper forms.

- The convenience of online voter registration would provide for more up to date records, which might also reduce the number of provisional ballots cast.

- Online Voter Registration benefits the environment by reducing waste.

- Online Voter registration will provide increased registration security by ensuring instant delivery.

### How does Online Voter Registration work?

- The online registration portal can be accessed at [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net) or at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov)

- The process uses your California Driver's License or Identification number to match your voter registration information to Department of Motor Vehicles records.

- The Secretary of State obtains the registrants' signature image on file from the DMV. This information will then be provided to the counties and added as the official signature of record on the voter file. The applicants' information must match in order to complete the registration process providing increased registration security.

- Individuals who do not have a California Driver's License or an Identification number can still use the online portal but will be required to print the form, sign it and mail it back.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO VOTE ONLINE GO TO: [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net)



## DON'T CHECK THAT BOX....YET

### Take a moment to hear the objective truth about our State & Local Ballot Propositions!

On Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 12:00 noon, the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club in conjunction with the Pasadena League of Women Voters will sponsor a panel of speakers that will give both the Pros and Cons on the eleven statewide and four local ballot propositions.

This will be an educational forum where the speakers will not take a position, but rather given the public an objective, informed review of the measures you are asked to vote on.

The forum will be held at The Lodge (Formerly the Masonic Temple), 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre. The forum is free. Lunch will be served at noon for a cost of \$10. Lunch reservations may be made by calling 626-355-0728.



## WESTMINSTER GARDENS TO HOLD CANDIDATES' FORUM

Candidates for the offices of U.S. Congress, California State Assembly, and California State Senate have been invited to speak at a Candidates' Forum at Westminster Gardens at 3:00 p.m., Tues., Oct. 16. The community is invited to attend the event in Packard Hall at the "retirement oasis" located at 1420 Santo Domingo Ave., Duarte. Ample free parking is available.

Candidates for Congress in the upcoming Nov. 6 election are incumbent Grace Napolitano and opponent David Miller.

Vying for the State Senate seat are incumbent Carol Liu and contender Gil Gonzales.

For the State Assembly seat, incumbent Roger Hernandez will face opposition from contender Joe Gardner.

Each candidate will offer a brief statement of his or her platform. Time will be allowed for them to answer written questions.

Sponsoring the political presentation is the Public Policy Committee of the Westminster Gardens Residents' Association.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

October 22, 2012	Last day to register to vote
October 30, 2012	Last day to apply for a vote-by-mail ballot by mail
November 6, 2012	Election Day Polls are open 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m

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We interrupt our regularly scheduled programming to bring you an historic event. Senator John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts and Vice President Richard M. Nixon of California will meet for the first ever live televised debate between presidential candidates. "The Spike Jones Show" will return next week at its regular time."  
- CBS Television announcer, September 1960

The above predates the subject of Rich Johnson's column two weeks ago which was devoted to the fiftieth anniversary of 1962, but it got me thinking of the early '60s and the role of television (three networks, educational TV and a couple local stations).

Rich, though, failed to mention a seminal event of my childhood. For anyone growing up in Seattle, 1962 was the year of the Century 21 Exposition. Performers included Igor Stravinsky, Ella Fitzgerald, Benny Goodman, Van Cliburn, Nat King Cole – not to mention a science fiction panel featuring Ray Bradbury and Rod Serling, and a Western show with Roy Rogers and Dale Evans. For me, the chief attraction was a ride to the top of the Space Needle.

A disappointment was President Kennedy's renegeing on his commitment to make an appearance. Instead, he flipped a switch to turn on a signal or something. Much later, I learned he'd been predisposed - this was around the time Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko told the U.N. that a U.S. attack on Cuba would mean war with the Soviet Union.

After reading Rich's mention of Huckleberry Hound, I turned to Greg Welborn's column to read, "smarter-than-the-average-bear". (Did they get together on this beforehand?) I considered doing a column consisting entirely of early-TV references; so rather than critiquing Mitt Romney's tax plan, I'd simply explain that, if enacted, Ralph Kramden would pay a higher effective tax rate than Thurston Howell III.

The figures Rich provided of 1962 living expenses piqued my curiosity, so I did some comparisons. He mentioned national averages such as the \$12,500 price of a house, \$5,556 annual income and the \$1,520 year's tuition at Harvard. Comparable figures today would be \$187,000 for the house, a \$51,413 salary and \$36,305 for a year at Harvard. In 1962, the cost of an average worker's house might be equal to what he makes in two years and 3 months. Today, it costs what he'd make in three years and eight months; 63% longer today than in 1962 to earn the price of that average house.

Fifty years ago, you could send your kid to Harvard for three months of your average salary. Today, it's more than eight months of that salary. There was no tuition at the University of California, but in 1962 fees were raised from \$60 per semester to \$75.

In 1962, someone working minimum wage made a little less than half the nation's average salary. Today, it's less than a third.

Rich also mentioned the 1962 prices of 4 cents for a stamp and 28 cents for a gallon of gas (regular, not the Ethyl). Say in 1962, you drive down to the post office to pick up a roll of 100 stamps and stop by the gas station to fill up your tank (15 gal.) on the way. On an average salary, you'd work some two-and-a-half hours to earn what that trip cost. Today, you'd be working more than four hours to earn what you'd have paid for those things (and you wouldn't have had your tires, oil and water checked and windshield cleaned – unless you did it yourself.)

I grew up listening to grown-ups explain that while things were cheaper way-back-when, paychecks were smaller, too. True enough, but there are telling differences. Compared to how we were fifty years ago, it's a lot harder for the average worker to buy the average house. College is increasingly unaffordable for all but the affluent, making it harder to fulfill the promise that, no matter what your station in life, your kids will be off to a better start than you had.

If you're making minimum wage, you're making far below the minimum necessary to support yourself without government assistance, let alone anybody else. For necessities, whether it's mailing a letter or putting gas in your tank, you're going to be working longer and harder to get them.

One thing that hasn't changed is we're still a consumer-driven economy, with currently some 70% of our economy reliant on a strong middle-class with money to buy things. Unfortunately, we don't make things anymore as much as cater to those who make money off other people's money; those who have their purchased lawmakers maintain a tax code that makes it profitable to develop an emerging consumer-class overseas and a pool of cheap labor here at home; the reverse of what it was in 1962.

There are statistics Rich missed: Today, a little less than 12% of our total workforce is unionized; in 1962 it was nearly 23% - with 30% of non-agricultural workers. In 1962, the average CEO made 24 times what the average salaried worker made; today, it's 325 times as much. Today the highest marginal tax rate is 35%; in 1962 it was 91% - before the adherents of "trickle down" took over.

In 1961, Ronald Reagan warned that should Medicare not be stopped, "you and I are going to spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it once was like in America, when men were free." Today, Greg Welborn warns that the Affordable Care Act will "bankrupt the country" (as if having the least cost-effective healthcare system in the developed world isn't doing that already).

Fifty-two years ago, my dad sat in front of the TV watching the Kennedy-Nixon debate – and I remember being able to sit through only snatches at a time. Tuesday, I'll be sitting rapt in front of the tube for the debate, and then catch the TV and internet coverage afterwards. Before long, though, I'll probably be longing wistfully for "The Spike Jones Show".

DANNY Tyree



NEEDED A MORATORIUM ON PUNDITRY

Suppose they gave an election and nobody prognosticated?

The current climate of political coverage reminds me of one reason I've been able to stay happily married for 21 years. Early on, my wife laid down the law that she didn't need the emotional rollercoaster brought on by my breathless daily reports of the ups and downs of the Dow Jones Average. We were in the 401(k) business for the long haul and the quarterly statements would be sufficient.

I wish I could so easily ignore 2012's surplus of journalists, analysts, pundits, bloggers and "talking heads" who populate the "24-hour-what-passes-for-news" cycle. I appreciate hearing what the candidates say. I appreciate fact-checking. I appreciate a sincere enumeration of the reasons why Candidate A is the better choice for the nation. But I'm suffering burnout from all the minute-by-minute poll analysis, context, perspective, sage advice, insider scoops, "who's cashing \$10,000 checks and who's collecting pop bottles THIS week," etc.

Yes, it is eye-straining, mind-numbing, and gut-wrenching to endure a relentless onslaught of self-important blather about evangelicals, blue collar, skewed surveys, bounces, the base, sticking a fork in it, swing states, game-changers, "his one hope" and the rest.

To hear the pundits, everything hinges on the Latino vote...everything hinges on the retiree vote...everything hinges on likeability...everything hinges on the weather...This election has more hinges than ACE Hardware!

Yes, yes, I've already heard all about the importance of the Electoral College ad nauseum. I half expect that late on the evening of November 6, we'll hear the winner of the presidential race. Then a puff of white smoke will arise and we'll have the announcement of a new pope, the overturning of Einstein's General Theory of Relativity and the reinstatement of Pluto as a planet.

Members of the Fourth Estate seem to think it would be dereliction of their patriotic duty if they didn't share every single scrap of trivia and speculation. ("If we don't — King George III will return to power. And stuff.")

Coverage seems to be aimed at policy wonks and super PAC chairmen. There's no discernible practical application for John Q. Public, unless your pappy always told you, "Never change horses in midstream—unless you suddenly learn that the horse is also supported by a razor-thin majority of left-handed lapsed Catholics with more than two but fewer than five years of college."

I try taking it with a grain of salt when some smug know-it-all tells us what the incumbent MUST do or zeroes in on one candidate's FATAL MISSTEP. (Most likely, the fatal misstep will come when the candidate slips on a banana peel on the steps of his presidential library 20 years after completing his second term.)

I've always been a news junkie, but this sensory overload is messing with my blood pressure and my peace of mind. I can't handle the swings between elation and melancholy, overconfidence and despair. I'll find solace only if the animal rights activists start rescuing whatever small furry creatures the prophets are disemboweling for their divination.

Or...I will feel vindicated if just one news organization instructs its pollsters to ask the honest question: "If the election were held today...would you be surprised if TOMORROW we started two years of inane chatter about the 2014 midterm elections?"

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GREEN GAS IN THE NOT-SO-GOLDEN STATE

GREG Welborn



As entertaining as it might have been watching Joe Biden and Paul Ryan throw barbs at one another in the Vice Presidential debates, most of us in California will have to re-enter the real world once again as we fill up our gas tanks. The Veep and Congressman were certainly animated in their descriptions and remedies of national and international issues, but none of them seemed to offer any solutions for California's self-inflicted troubles.

The reality with which most of us here live is that gas prices in California have risen astronomically and run about 85 cents higher than in the rest of the nation. As the popular website, Gasbuddies.com, makes vividly clear with its color-coded map, California has the highest prices in the nation. It's at the point now where Senator Diane Feinstein promises to investigate, but if she does, she'll find that the primary culprit is not some greedy oil company, but the liberal politicians in Sacramento.

Granted that the tipping point was prompted by a power outage at the Exxon refinery in Torrance. As that refinery went off-line, we were still dealing with the problem created by a fire at a Richmond refinery which reduced its capacity. Together, they triggered a price hike. But triggers are rarely the primary cause of a problem. Interruptions such as a power outage or a fire usually create in "normal" markets only a temporary spike in prices. Such spikes in prices usually induce other suppliers elsewhere in the country to divert some of their product to the higher price market, thus helping to reduce the price hike as supply floods into the market. This is the beauty of the law of supply and demand. When left to function efficiently, supply and demand perfectly balances supplies and costs across the consuming public.

Unfortunately, California's Liberal-dominated legislature refuses to let the market balance prices and increase supply. Their rules force unnecessary shortages and extraordinarily high prices on to California motorists. They didn't set out to do this (at least we don't think so), but it is clearly one of those unintended consequences of excessive government regulation.

California's fuel regulations are easily the most stringent in the U.S., meaning that the fuel formulations required by California's regulations cannot be easily produced outside the state. Thus, when a California refinery goes down, there isn't an easy alternative to replace the lost supply. Gas station owners can't simply pick up the phone and order a tanker load from Arizona. There are few refineries in the world that can make the California mandated formulation. Almost all of them are located in California, and all of them usually run at capacity.

But even this quantity of gas is being reduced. Over the last several years, several of the refineries have shut down operations in the state because they couldn't afford to make the upgrades required by the new fuel regulations. As an example, the 2002 ban on the fuel additive MTBE alone increased gasoline costs by 15 cents per gallon.

As regulations have increased the cost of producing California's special blends, refineries have made reinvestment decisions by analyzing the relative costs and potential profits of producing and selling in each state. When making a choice between spending millions to upgrade a facility in California to produce gas which can only be sold in California vs. spending that money to produce gasoline elsewhere that can be sold in lots of states, it's not surprising that the refineries have taken a pass on reinvesting in California. It's nothing personal; it's just supply and demand. And it's not a big bad corporate thing either. Each of us in our daily spheres make buy and sell decisions. If the price of one product is increased, we all look for a cheaper substitute. If the amount of money we can make in one job is lowered or restricted, we search for another job. We all seek the highest "profit" for our labor and the lowest costs for what we buy. It's perfectly moral and eminently sensible.

Governor Jerry Brown promises some relief through his request that regulators allow refineries to produce the less stringent and lower cost "winter blend" gasoline early. This may help, but it will only offer a temporary relief. California's Cap-and-Trade law is coming on line and will increase costs at the refinery level. This is on the heels of the state's 50.5 cents per gallon gas tax, which is the second highest in the U.S. There is also a looming low-carbon fuel standard which takes affect in 2015. The level of government driven and mandated costs is truly astounding. The Boston Consulting Group estimated that when all the planned restrictions, formulations and taxes kick in, approximately 5 to 7 more refineries will shut down in the state, and gasoline prices will increase by roughly an additional \$2.70 per gallon.

The Golden State may be turning green, but it's losing jobs, losing tax revenue and losing its most productive citizens in the process. The state is as close as you come to one-party rule (2 votes away from a veto-proof super majority) with misguided and ill-informed Liberals in control in the Governor's mansion, the Assembly and the Senate. There is hardly a measure or yardstick that doesn't have California near the bottom compared to the other 49 states. Gasoline shortages and prices are only the most visible of many, many problems which are self-inflicted.

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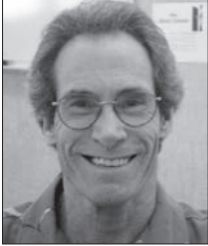
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## HAIL Hamilton My Turn

### WHAT DID MITT ROMNEY KNOW AND WHEN DID HE KNOW IT?



Mitt Romney's involvement with the Salvadorian elite is much more than guilt by association, it being an accessory before and after the fact for the mass murder on tens of thousands of El Salvadorian civilians under the guise of counterinsurgency. Anybody who knew diddly-squat about what was happening in El Salvador had heard of Roberto D'Aubuisson. Under his leadership, U.S sponsored and trained government death squads were responsible for the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero 1980.

In the "Rockefeller Report on Latin America," the National Security Council warned: "If the United States cannot maintain a constructive relationship in the Western Hemisphere, we will hardly be able to achieve a successful order elsewhere in the world." As National Security Advisor Henry Kissinger put it: "If we cannot manage Central America, it will be impossible to convince threatened nations in the Persian Gulf and in other places that we know how to manage the Global Equilibrium."

Under US government AID programs (USAID), "public safety missions" organized, trained, armed, financed and advised local police forces in Latin America which have later been accused of human rights violations. The United States was "developing within the civil security forces ... an investigative capability for detecting criminal and/or subversive individuals and organizations and neutralizing their activities," wrote Byron Engle, director of the AID Public Safety Program, in a 1967 memo to his staff. "This requires a carefully integrated effort between the investigative element and the regular police, paramilitary or military force, operating separately or in conjunction with each other."

Engle referred to 33 countries, including El Salvador, in which the Public Safety Program was operating. The US State Department instructed its security forces on their role, stating that: "The police will normally be those who first sense internal order problems and first detect discontent among people. They are the eyes and ears of the government and should serve as one of the major means by which the government assures itself of acceptance by the majority. Effective policing is like 'preventive medicine.' The police can deal with threats to internal order in their formative states. Should they not be prepared to do this, 'major surgery' may be required in the sense that considerable force would be needed to redress those threats."

In the 1984 exposé, "Behind the Death Squads: An exclusive report on the U.S. role in El Salvador's official terror," award winning investigative journalist, Allan Nairn, reported that the CIA routinely supplied ANSESAL, the security forces (National Guard, National Police, Treasury Police), and the general staff with electronic, photographic, and personal surveillance of suspected dissidents and Salvadorans abroad who were later assassinated by death squads; and trained Salvadoran intelligence operatives in the use of investigative techniques which included, according to a former Treasury Police agent, "instruction in methods of physical and psychological torture."

Beginning with the Carter Administration and continued by the Reagan and Bush administrations, the U.S. sent seven billion dollars of foreign and military aid to El Salvador in twelve years. The silent-partner role of the United States in El Salvador's Civil War became public when the National Guard raped and murdered four American nuns and a laywoman on December 2, 1980; Maryknoll missionary nuns Maura Clarke, Ita Ford, Ursuline nun Dorothy Kazel, and laywoman Jean Donovan were on a Catholic relief mission providing food, shelter, transport, medical care, and burial to death squad victims.

If Romney has nothing to hide he should answer the questions he's being asked about how he started Bain Capital with \$9 million from a group of wealthy right-wing elite Salvadorians who supported the death squads and wanted to reinvest their stained money in the U.S.

So the question is, Mr. Romney: "What did you know about your unsavory Salvadorian investors, and when did you know it?"

## RICH Johnson MURPHY'S LAW REVISITED I



Most people probably know what the fundamental Murphy's Law is. "Anything that can go wrong will go wrong".

Before we get to the fun let me define what is going on here. Murphy's Law is an example of a logical fallacy known as an appeal to probability or possibility. What's that mean Rich? Logical fallacy: The mistaken presumption that because something could happen it inevitably will happen.

Okay, enough of that. Now let's have some fun. A fellow by the name of Arthur Bloch wrote a book called Murphy's Law 2000. The 2000 signifies that the book was published right before the turn of the century. This column will be the first of a series on Murphy's Laws that we can keep and use to our distinct advantage. Each of these laws has a name. But I state the name (if you want the name buy the book). It is available on Amazon.com for just a couple of bucks. Here are a smattering of Murphy's Laws:

If anything can go wrong, it will.  
If anything can go wrong, it will.  
Nothing is ever as simple as it first seems.  
Experience enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.  
A good scapegoat is almost as good as a solution.  
We can solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them.  
If you are in a hole, stop digging.  
If you know something can go wrong, and take due precautions against it, something else will go wrong.  
You never run out of things that can go wrong.  
When things go wrong, don't go with them.  
Murphy's Law always hits at the worst time

You never know how soon it is too late  
Being punctual means only that your mistake will be made on time.  
Things go wrong all at once, but things go right gradually.  
There is no right way to do the wrong thing.  
First things first, but not necessarily in that order.  
The shortest distance between two points is a downward spiral.  
It takes less time to do something right than it takes to explain why you did it wrong.  
If we knew what we were getting into we would never get into anything.  
It's always hard to notice what isn't there.  
To learn from your mistakes, you must first realize that you are making mistakes.  
A good place to start from is where you are.  
Careful planning is no substitute for dumb luck.  
Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.  
If at first you succeed, try not to look too astonished.

Here's an opportunity to get more use out of your kids Halloween costumes. Plan on coming to the Fairy Tale Theatre's production of "The Halloween Show" at the Sierra Madre Playhouse. It's participation by the kids as they come up on stage and practice their line, walk around the theater teaching Frankenstein how he should walk. The special effects are great and the characters are fun and definitely not scary. The writing is top drawer so even us adults can really enjoy the program. Showtime is Saturdays at 11:00 (for about an hour). Upcoming show dates are on Saturdays: October, 12, 20, 27, and November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets are \$18.00 for adults and \$12.00 for kids 12 and under. The theater is located at 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd in Sierra Madre. Reservations call (626) 355-4318.



## STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE NOW AND LATER



I awoke this morning faced with my usual decisions. Do I do what I feel like doing now or should I ignore that feeling and try and do what will be best for me later, assuming there is a later. To make it simple let's focus on something concrete like orange juice. I absolutely love fresh-squeezed orange juice. There is an orange tree growing in our neighbor's front yard and I have continuing permission to pick the oranges when they are ripe and take them home and squeeze them. I think it's hard for native Californians to understand what this means to someone born in Chicago. When you live in Chicago you hear fairy-tales about places like California where the oranges just grow on trees in front of your house and any anytime you feel like it you can just go out and pick one.

Eventually my family moved to Los Angeles and, at that time, there really were oranges growing everywhere. Everywhere, that is, except in front of the apartments where we lived. Really, up until I moved to Sierra Madre about thirty five years ago, I never had the chance to pick oranges from a tree and then enjoy them. When I finally did get that chance it was magical and for a few years I had the opportunity to aid my children and later my young seven or eight year old nephews in using the orange-picking pole to reach the high growing oranges. We would take them home and squeeze them and enjoy the juice as part of a wonderful weekend family experience.

Now it's a few years later and I don't get to see my nephews as much anymore. I still love orange juice though and as you can tell orange juice has a special meaning to me and sort of marks off different stages in my life. Today I am diagnosed with Diabetes and I am told by my doctors and my wife that I should not be drinking orange juice. It has high sugar content and will raise my blood sugar level. Similarly I am told not to drink coffee because the caffeine adversely affects my heart condition. Bacon and sausage and lox are also forbidden because of their high salt content. There are many other no-nos but for me a particularly difficult one is the doctor's order to forego soup in restaurants because of high salt content. This seems like a terrible loss to me as I like soup almost as much as I like orange juice. My grandmother, gone now for forty-five years, would make chicken soup just for me when I was sick and had to stay home from school. Somehow the soup became linked to a feeling of being special and cared-for and the feeling that I would get well soon. Maybe that was because my grandmother had other things to do and it was a real sacrifice for her to have to spend time taking care of me. But she was always willing to do it; at least for a day or two. I was never sick longer than that.

Well the problem today and every day is that I still want orange juice and I still want soup. More than that, notwithstanding my diabetes, I still crave sweet desserts. Why shouldn't I have them? They won't kill me today. Really, I could get hit by a car on the way to work and then what difference would it make if I had a glass of orange juice in the morning? It's the same question that all of us face every morning. What's more important—short term rewards or long term consequences? Yes, it's the same question this whole country faces. Really the whole world faces the same dilemma. Many of us, especially in North America and Europe, have had the opportunity to indulge our desires and in doing so we have used up the world's resources and destroyed fragile global ecology. We are told that soon there will be shortages of water, food, and energy. We are vulnerable to plagues and there are continued possibilities of earthquakes, tsunamis, and hurricanes. Our leaders tell us that we will have sacrifice and learn to follow practices of austerity. Demonstrations in Greece and Spain make clear how unwilling great portions of the population are to make these changes.

On top of all this there is the ongoing horror of possible global devastation from nuclear war. Human beings must learn to get along together. We all must learn to cooperate and conserve our resources in order to insure that our specie has a continued presence on this planet. So, what can individuals like you and I do? Maybe we can start by gaining a little control over ourselves. All right today no orange juice, no soup, no sweets and I'll take the train to work. If I can do that and today is still worth living I'll try and do the same tomorrow. Wish me luck and you too.

## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

### "EARLY TO BED AND EARLY TO RISE" HASN'T REALLY WORKED FOR ME



My father was not what you would call a literate person. Apart from the Bible, he did not read much of anything else on a regular basis. I can remember as a young person him quoting a great American patriot, Benjamin Franklin. The only quote he knew of this man was, "Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise."

For a long time I thought he was making it up and then one day, I happened to run across a book in the library about Benjamin Franklin and, there it was. Benjamin actually did say that.

I had to give my father that one.

It seems that every time it got close to what my father termed as "my bedtime," he would remind me of this famous quote. It got so I hated when bedtime came.

At the time, I had my doubts about the validity of this quote because, if my father followed this quote as he encouraged me to do, why was he not healthy, wealthy and wise? At the time, I was in no position to question his wisdom. I was wise enough to know that the best part of wisdom was not to challenge the wisdom of my father. This has attributed to my length of life to date.

Incidentally, I have carried this over into my married life.

According to my father, if I simply obeyed Franklin's advice I would have a life filled with health, wealth and wisdom. The three things absolutely needed in life to make a person happy. Or, so Franklin would lead us to believe.

After what seems to be a lifetime of living, and living in as much harmony of these two aspects of life, I must say that there is very little truth to be said concerning good old Franklin's saying. No matter how early I go to bed or how early I get up, I do not seem to be any wealthier or healthier. Perhaps, and this is only a guess on my part because I am not as wise as old Benjamin Franklin, you had to do something when you got up that contributed or created your wealth. Just a suggestion from me.

That is the way it is with most sayings. They sound good; you sound wise in quoting them; but after every saying is quoted, nothing seems to change. They just do not cover the whole spectrum.

It is not that I have not given it the good old college try; it just does not work for me.

This past week I had an occasion to think about this quote. I have tried keeping the early to bed and early to rise objective in full focus throughout my life. I am not up partying until the wee hours of the morning. At my age, my party time is early afternoon.

I have made a concerted effort to get enough rest and just to make sure I have enough rest I indulge in an afternoon nap. I am not sure where this comes in Benjamin Franklin's quote.

Recently, I had cause to reflect upon the validity of Benjamin Franklin's sage advice. My quarterly taxes were due, and you know what good old Uncle Sam thinks about being late on his payments. If confession is good for the soul (another famous quote), I need to confess that while I was writing this check to Uncle Sam I had some rather harsh thoughts about him in the process. There, I said it.

During the same week, some other bills were due and none of them would take no for an answer. Again, I must confess, while writing these checks I was sputtering to myself quite a bit. As I looked at my checkbook, I knew that the "wealthy" component of Benjamin Franklin's quote did not come in my direction. I was simply out of wealth.

Not only that, but I recently spent about four weeks sick with bronchitis and pneumonia and spent about three weeks in bed. Not only was I early to bed, but I was glued to my bed. How does that fit into Franklin's saying? The "healthy" aspect of that quote has not fallen in my direction either.

If you want to know about the wise element, simply query the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

Another old phrase says, three strikes and you're out. Well, according to the Franklin saying, I must concede that I am out. I am not wealthy, in many regards I'm not healthy and for sure, I'm not wise.

It is my opinion that there is a lot more to life than wise old sayings from some old man from the past. Benjamin Franklin, for example, no doubt practiced early to bed and early to rise but in the end, he died. That does not sound too healthy to me.

Of course, the best place for wisdom is the Bible. I like what the wisest man in the world said, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6 KJV).

I am not too sure about the healthy and the wealthy components, that is up for grabs, but I am convinced the wise part comes from the Lord. After all, the Bible teaches us that God is Omniscient. If God knows everything and I know God, I am in a good position.







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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **INTEGRATED MAINTENANCE SERVICES, INC.**  
 70908 HOLLYWOOD BLVD STE 771, LA, CA 90008  
 The following name is a registrant(s) of the business: **OTTO CARCANO, OSCAR SOSA, MARCO PACHECO**  
 70908 HOLLYWOOD BLVD, STE 771, LA, CA 90008  
 This Business is conducted by: **A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**. Signed: **OTTO CARCANO**. This Business is located at: **70908 HOLLYWOOD BLVD, Los Angeles County on 09/21/12**. 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 is required to be filed prior to the date it is filed with the County Clerk. A 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 other law.**  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
INTERCOM USA, 1265 GOODRICH BLVD,  
LA, CA 90022. Full name of registrant(s) is (are)  
INTERCOM USA, 1265 GOODRICH BLVD,  
LA, CA 90022. This Business is conducted by  
AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: HANS GRUEBLER.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of  
San Diego County on 09/26/2012. This Fictitious Name  
Statement has been filed with the County Clerk of San  
Diego County. This Fictitious Name Statement has  
not been commenced to transact business under  
the fictitious business name or names listed above  
on 09/26/2012. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name  
Statement is not a contract. It is a statement of  
fact in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious  
Business Name Statement must be filed prior to  
the date that the filing of this statement does not  
constitute a contract. This Fictitious Name  
Statement is in violation of the rights of another  
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14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish:  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
JAMES CONSULTING, 19404 REINHART AVE.,  
CARSON, CA 90746. Full name of registrant(s) is:  
JAMES C. JAMES, 19404 REINHART AVE.,  
CARSON, CA 90746. This Business  
Statement is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed:  
CYNTHIA JAMES. This statement was filed with the  
County Clerk on 05/23/2012. The Business  
Statement was filed on 05/23/2012. NOTICE: This Fictitious  
Business Name Statement was filed with the County Clerk  
was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new  
Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed  
prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not  
constitute an admission of liability. This Fictitious  
Business Name is in violation of the rights of another  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
 JJ LANDMARK, LLC 900 W 10<sup>th</sup> ST, AZUSA, CA 91702. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JJ LANDMARK, LLC AZUSA, CA 91702. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: MAURICE MAALOUF. This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement is filed in the office of the County Clerk, A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to the expiration of the term of this statement. The filing of this statement does not constitute an admission of liability. This Fictitious Business Name Statement is in violation of the rights of another person under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code)(Publish: 1/1/2011) Date Pub: Sept, 29, Oct, 6, 13, 20, 2012

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2012-188093  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **RODELA MANUFACTURING**, 10760 WEAVER AVE., SO EL MONTE, CA 91733. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CRESCENCIO RODELA, 10760 WEAVER AVE., SO EL MONTE, CA 91733. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CRESCENCIO RODELA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/19/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2012-185477  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **RUBEN ESCALANTE TRANSPORTATION**, 3437 BESWICK ST., L.A., CA 90023. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RUBEN ESCALANTE, 3437 BESWICK ST., L.A., CA 90023. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RUBEN ESCALANTE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/17/12. 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  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2012-185010  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **RULISA BEAUTY SALON**, 2514 E. 1<sup>st</sup>, L.A., CA 90033. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NOEMI FRANCO, 2514 E. 1<sup>st</sup>, L.A., CA 90033. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: NOEMI FRANCO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/14/12. 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

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2012-186914  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SAVVYTECH SECURITY**, 18431 STONEGATE LN., ROWLAND HTS., CA 91748. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DETECH SECURITY CORPORATION, 19431 STONEGATE LN., ROWLAND HTS., CA 91748. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: ZHIPENG LEI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/18/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2012-182221  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SERRANO DISTRIBUTION**, 8307 S. FIGUEROA ST., L.A., CA 90003. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALEJANDRO ORTEGA, 8307 S. FIGUEROA ST., L.A., CA 90003. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALEJANDRO ORTEGA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/11/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2012-185524  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SILHOUETTE STUDIO**, 4035 SLAUSON AVE., MAYWOOD, CA 90270. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARIA DELGADO, 4035 SLAUSON AVE., MAYWOOD, CA 90270. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARIA DELGADO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of

Los Angeles County on 09/17/12. 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  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2012-186086  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SWEET SOFIA**, 23146 LAUREN LN., WEST HILLS, CA 91304. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JEE LIM, 23146 LAUREN LN., WEST HILLS, CA 91304. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JEE LIM. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/17/12. 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  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2012-186060  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **THE GLASS SHOP**, TGS AUTO GLASS, TGS AUTO SOUND, THE GLASS SHOP TRUCK AND AUTO GLASS, INC., 3432 E. 15<sup>th</sup> ST., L.A., CA 90023. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) THE GLASS SHOP TRUCK AND AUTO GLASS, INC., 4231 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> ST., L.A., CA 90063. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: MANUEL MARTINEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/17/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/22/2007. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2012-186536  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**TIPSY TIGER VINTAGE**, 17371 BREDA LN., L.A., CA 92649. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ERIN YZNAGA, 17371 BREDA LN., HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92649. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ERIN YZNAGA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/18/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2012-184784  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ELECTRIC**, 2431 DAISY AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90806. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NANG DUC VU, 2431 DAISY AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90806. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: NANG DUC VU. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/14/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2012-185696  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **WBALLZ**, JACC OFF HOUR, 710 W. 33<sup>rd</sup> WAY, LONG BEACH, CA 90806. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RICHARD G. HARRIS II, 710 W. 33<sup>rd</sup> WAY, LONG BEACH, CA 90806. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RICHARD G. HARRIS II. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/17/12. 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  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2012-187838  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **WESTLINK LIMOUSINE SERVICE**, 1332 MAGNOLIA AVE. #C, GARDENA, CA 90247. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TUBOSUN LADAPPO, 28314 SOCORRO ST. #111, MURRIETA, CA 92563. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TUBOSUN LADAPPO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/19/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2012-187754  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **WESTWOOD SWITH&ANDERSON**, 1514 S. PATTON AVE., L.A., CA 90732. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JAMIAH ANDERSON, 1514 S. PATTON AVE., L.A., CA 90732. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: J. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/19/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2012-181998  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **EDAI ARCHITECTS**, 169 1/2 SAN GABRIEL CT, SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024 and DESAI ARCHITECTURE, 169 1/2 SAN GABRIEL CT, SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DESAI EMILY, 169 SAN GABRIEL CT, SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024 and DESAI MANISH, 169 SAN GABRIEL CT, SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. This Business is conducted by: HUSBAND AND WIFE. Signed: DESAI ANISH MAHESH. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/11/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/25/2012. 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  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2012-198912  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GW F LANDSCAPING SERVICES**, 411 E. HUNTINGTON DR. #107-292, ARCADIA, CA. 91006. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GREGORY WAYNE FAULKNER, 388 S. CORBIN RD., POST FALLS, ID. 83854. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: GREGORY WAYNE FAULKNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/28/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May, 1988. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2012-190171  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SOLAR SYSTEM SCIENCE AND EXPLORATION**, 457 GRANITE AVENUE, MONROVIA, CA. 91016. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) THOMAS R. SPLIKER, 457 GRANITE AVENUE, MONROVIA, CA. 91016. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: GREGORY WAYNE FAULKNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/24/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9/18/12. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News  
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#### City of Sierra Madre

#### Public Hearing Notice

**From:** The City of Sierra Madre  
**Subject:** **ORDINANCE TO AMEND MUNICIPAL CODE RE: SPECIAL EVENTS, TEMPORARY USE PERMITS, ENCROACHMENT PERMITS, AND EXCAVATION PERMITS**  
**Applicant:** City of Sierra Madre  
**Project Location:** Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider an Ordinance adding Chapter 12.34 to the Municipal Code to regulate special events occurring on public property and amending the following Chapters of the Municipal Code: Chapter 17.88 relating to temporary use permits, Chapter 12.12 relating to encroachment permits, and Chapter 12.16 relating to excavation permits.

#### DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre  
City Council meeting  
Tuesday, **October 23, 2012**  
6:30 p.m.

#### PLACE OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre  
City Council Chambers  
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.  
Sierra Madre, CA

All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** The project qualifies for a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (Review for Exemption) of CEQA, as the there is no possibility that the proposed Ordinance would have a significant impact on the environment.

Danny Castro  
Director of Development Services

#### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

**MARY A. WELSH**  
**CASE NO. BP136799**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MARY A. WELSH.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by DANIEL L. WELSH in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DANIEL L. WELSH be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 10/23/12 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

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

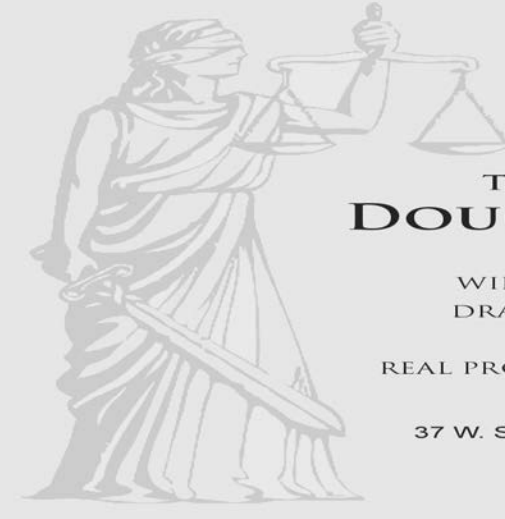
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