

WINNER NO. 7 - "The Sky's The Limit"



The Sierra Madre Rose Float Association, with the assistance of designer Charle Meier, won its' 7th Tournament of Roses Parade Award in the last 8 years. The float received the Prestigious Isabella Coleman Award for Best Presentation of Color and Color Harmony Through Floral Use. Photo by Dave Felt

By Bill Coburn and Susan Henderson

Congratulations to the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association for winning their seventh award in eight years! SMRFA picked up the Isabella Coleman award for Best Presentation of Color and Color Harmony Through Floral Use.

The self made float, one of six in the parade, was 27 feet high, 18 feet wide and 55 feet in length. Judging for the float was held before noon on December 31st prior to the float leaving for the parade route early on New Year's Day.

This year's 'Ambassadors', Aliya Crochetiere, Katlin Liston & Megan Perley, rode on the float in elevated seats. A variety of flowers helped depict the 'Sky's The Limit' theme including Dutch iris, cattleya orchids, white roses, red and purple carnations, yellow and green chrysanthemums, y. Velvety red and royal purple carnations, yellow chrysanthemums, and limes.

In 2006, the Wonder of Reading, designed by Charles Meier, took the Founder's Banner Trophy, for the most spectacular float built and decorated

by volunteers from a community or organization. In 2007, Our Wonderful Wistaria designed by Charles Meier was the winner of the Lathrop K. Leishman Award, for most beautiful non-commercial float. 2008's Valentine's Day, again designed by Charles Meier, won the Princesses' Award, for most beautiful float 50 feet and under. In 2009, SMRFA and Meier's streak continued with Bollywood Dreams, which again brought home the Lathrop K. Leishman Award, for most beautiful non-commercial float. In 2010, California Girls, designed by Dick Sappington, won the Governor's Award in 2010 for best depiction of

life in California. Sierra Madre also got the Governor's Award in 2011 for Suenos de California, again designed by Meier.

Gorgeous as it was, 2012's Colorful Imagination did not garner any awards, but 2013's The Sky's the Limit has put SMRFA back in the winner's circle. The Sky's the Limit was designed by Charles Meier from a concept drawing by Sierra Madre resident Maria Murray. Congratulations to everyone involved, many of whom have dedicated the last eleven months to bringing a trophy back to Sierra Madre! (continued on page 2)



MARLENE ENMARK CHOSEN AS SIERRA MADRE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

On Thursday, the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce announced the selection of the 2012 Citizen of the Year, Marlene Enmark.

Described as a "doer, organizer, caring and compassionate Sierra Madrean", Enmark, who has been nominated twice prior to this year, exemplifies the 'spirit of volunteerism' in Sierra Madre.

On Friday, which just happened to be Enmark's birthday, she was surprised by members of the Chamber Board who informed her of the selection. In the photo on the left, former honorees Jan Reed (far left) and Judy Webb-Martin (far right) were on hand for the surprise.

Enmark, center with flowers, was overcome with joy.

Also pictured are, from left to right are Marcia Bent, Catherine and Christopher Adde, and Chamber Board Member Madeline Romo.

On Friday, January 25, 2013, the Award Dinner honoring Enmark will take place. The event will begin at 6 pm at the Sierra Madre Recreation Center. Tickets are on sale for \$30 each and will be available for purchase at Bean Town, The Bottle Shop and the Chamber Office. For additional information contact the Chamber at 626-355-5111. (Photo by S. Henderson/MVNews)

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## 5-Day Forecast

## Sierra Madre, Ca.

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<b>Tues:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 40s
<b>Wed:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 40s
<b>Thur:</b>	Ptly Cldy	Hi 60s	Lows 30s
<b>Fri:</b>	Ptly Cldy	Hi 50s	Lows 30s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



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## SIERRA MADRE ROSE FLOAT DE-CONSTRUCTION

Yes, it may seem to soon but THE SIERRA MADRE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION (SMRFA) is pleased to announce that this Saturday January 5th, 2013 and Sunday, January 6th, 2013 we are having our annual DE-CONSTRUCTION weekend.

Come join us in the disassembly of our beautiful creation. Both Saturday and Sunday starting at 9:00 AM. No special talents are required. Take this as an opportunity to become involved and understand what is involved building a Rose Parade float. This will take place at the SMRFA barn, 587 East Sierra Madre Blvd. Yes this Saturday and Sunday.

SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013  
6:30 pmPartial listing of Agenda Items To Be Discussed:

RESOLUTION NO. 13-01 ADOPTING INTERIM MEASURES TO COMPLY WITH NPDES (*National Pollution Discharge Elimination System*) PERMIT NO. CAS004001 AND DECLARING THE CITY'S INTENTION TO DEVELOP AND ADOPT PERMANENT LOCAL MEASURES FOR PERMIT COMPLIANCE

OPTIONS FOR COMBINING CITY COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, BOARDS, AND CONSIDERATION OF CREATION OF A WATER AD HOC COMMITTEE

## PUBLIC SAFETY MASTER PLAN

Recommendation that the City Council provide staff with direction regarding the Request for Proposal for the Police Services Management Analysis.

CONSIDERATION OF ACTION REGARDING CITY'S "PROTEST" TO THE PROPOSED CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES MEASURE

Recommendation that the City Council designate the Mayor or as the City's authorized representative to sign the protest forms and authorize that protests be submitted for each of the City owned properties.

For the complete agenda and related documents go to:  
<http://www.cityofsierramadre.com>

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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:  
January 8, 2013 6:30 pm

## HOLIDAY HOURS

The Sierra Madre Public Library will be open to the public on New Year's Eve day, Monday, December 31, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. City Hall and the Community Services Office will be open 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The City Hall, the Community Services Office, and the Library will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

1/8	6:30	City Council Meeting at the Council Chambers
1/9	1:00	Senior Movie Program Council Chambers
1/10	3:00	Senior Community Meeting Council Chambers
1/16	7:00	Tree Advisory Commission Council Chambers
1/17	7:00	Planning Commission Mtg Council Chambers
1/22	6:30	City Council Meeting at the Council Chambers
1/23	1:00	Senior Movie Program - Council Chambers
1/23	7:00	Library Board of Trustees Mtg at the Council Conference Room
1/28	6:00	Community Services Commission Meeting at the Council Chambers (6:30pm)

**1630 AM  
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- 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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MONDAY - 10 - 11 am  
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WEDNESDAY - Noon  
Carol Canterbury's,  
'CANTERBURY TALES'

Carol and Tina Salvatore interview Gina Garcia

THURSDAYS - Noon  
OUR TRAVEL AFFAIR

Joe Mosca, former SM Mayor and current Wimbledon resident - we will talk about his European Travels and what it's like to live in a London suburb this past year: The Queen's Jubilee and the Olympics.

FRIDAY - Noon  
VILLAGE INTERSECTIONS - This week on Village Intersections Gene's guest is Sierra Madre Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Walsh.

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

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There was one unfortunate incident during the parade, however. Due to the parade itself exceeding broadcast television's two hour window, the very last scheduled float in the parade from Western Asset, advanced itself in the lineup which caused the Sierra Madre entry and the Women's Equestrian Group to miss most of the national broadcasts.

Incidentally, Paradiso Floats, a new float company that counts Charles Meier (who designed many of Sierra Madre's award winners) among its principals, won the Directors' Award for Outstanding Artistic Merit in Design and Floral Presentation for the City of San Gabriel's Centennial entry, Celebrating our Journey.

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

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

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE****To:** Citywide  
**From:** The City of Sierra Madre  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California Law, that the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on January 22, 2013, at 6:30 PM, or soon thereafter, to hear testimony on the City's two-year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Expenditure Plan.

The City is proposing to utilize its Fiscal Year 2013-14 annual allocation of Federal CDBG funds for the construction of handicapped curb access ramps in approximately 22 locations citywide. The City is proposing to utilize its Fiscal Year 2014-15 annual allocation of Federal CDBG funds for the implementation of a Handyworker Program to benefit lower income Sierra Madre residents. The City Council will receive testimony and take action on City Council Resolution 13-04 adopting the CDBG Expenditure Plan.

If you have any questions about this matter please contact Director of Public Works, Bruce Inman, at 626.355.7135.

**DATE AND TIME OF HEARING**

City of Sierra Madre  
City Council meeting  
Tuesday, **January 22, 2013**  
(Hearing begins at 6:30 p.m.)

**PLACE OF HEARING**

City of Sierra Madre  
City Council Chambers  
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.  
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

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

For further information on this subject, please contact the Public Works Department at (626) 355-7135.

By Order of the City Council

Bruce Inman, Director of Public Works

**Sierra Madre Police Blotter***Period December 24-30, 2012**Wednesday December 26, 2012*

At approximately 8pm, unknown suspect(s) smashed the rear window of a vehicle parked in a carport in the 100 block of East Highland Avenue. A neighbor reported seeing a black Toyota Echo or similar type vehicle parked in the alleyway just minutes before hearing the window being smashed.

During the night, unknown suspect(s) entered an unsecured apartment located in the 300 block of North Lima Street and selectively rummaged through a desk and backpack. The apartment owner was asleep in an adjacent room and discovered the crime when he woke the next morning. Some of the victim's belongings were found scattered outside around the lot and it appears the suspect(s) also entered an unsecured garage located on the property. Several items of value were left untouched and at this time only a cell phone and motorcycle helmet are reported missing.

During the same evening, a vehicle was stolen from a carport in the 700 block of west Sierra Madre Boulevard. The victim parked the vehicle at approximately 11pm and discovered it missing at 8:30am the following morning. The vehicle was locked and all the vehicle keys have been accounted for.

*Thursday December 27, 2012*

At 11pm, a Sierra Madre Police unit was eastbound on the 210 Freeway at Rosemead; stuck in heavy traffic that was the result of Gold Line construction. The officer's attention was drawn to a Red Honda Civic also stopped in traffic. The officer made a license plate check and learned that the vehicle was a reported stolen vehicle from El Monte. The driver maneuvered the Honda over to the number 2 lane in a manner that suggested he was trying to evade the officer in this congestion. As the officer was attempting to change lanes, the suspect suddenly cut across the number 3 and 4 lanes and onto the auxiliary exit only lane for Baldwin Avenue. The suspect used this lane to accelerate away from the officer. In doing this, the suspect nearly collided with several stopped vehicles and used the shoulder of the freeway to go around several vehicles. The officer initiated a vehicle pursuit of the suspect and communicated the situation to Arcadia and Sierra Madre police units. The suspect exited the freeway at Baldwin Avenue travelling at an unsafe speed and turned northbound. Additional Sierra Madre PD units were waiting at the bottom of the ramp and joined the pursuit. The pursuit travelled north on Baldwin Avenue, west onto Foothill Boulevard and then north again on Baldwin Avenue. The suspect turned left into the Anoakia Housing Complex, abandoned the vehicle and ran into the housing complex after scaling a wall. Units from Arcadia PD assisted in cordoning off the area and within minutes the suspect was observed walking in the area of Foothill Boulevard and Don Pablo. The suspect was taken into custody without incident. The suspect (Terrance Draper, 28 years of age) was arrested for Grand Theft Auto and booked at Pasadena Jail. Additional charges for possession of Methamphetamine and possession of stolen property will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for consideration.

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# Charges Filed in McClinton Shooting

By Dean Lee  
Two alleged suspects were arrested and charged with murder in connection to the Christmas day shooting of Victor McClinton , a Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department employee and community leader.

Larry Darnell Bishop Jr and Gary Aurthur Davis, both 20, were arrested over the weekend and charged Wednesday according to the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office. Bishop faces murder with special circumstances including killing as part of a gang and shooting from a vehicle. Prosecutors said they could seek the death penalty. Bishop was also charged with attempted murder of Damian Taylor who police said may have been the intended target.

Police said Taylor is also a known gang member.

Police said they believe McClinton was an innocent bystander during the shooting around 11 a.m. near Newport Avenue and Wyoming Street. According to reports the shooting took place outside McClinton home.

Davis, of Pasadena, was charged with being an accessory to the crime. Hundreds of people attended a vigil for McClinton Dec. 27 outside city hall and then another rally Sunday at All Saints Episcopal Church.

Prosecutors also said the shooting is, most likely, not connected to a second Christmas Day tragedy in which a vehicle fleeing from police crashed into a minivan killing two including 11-year-old Kendrick Ng of Daly City.

An arraignment for Bishop and Davis has been postponed until Jan. 23. The arraignment has also been moved from Pasadena to Los Angeles Superior Court.

## Extra Love Pet of the Week



Beau is a shy, four-year-old Chihuahua. He came to the shelter with an injured left eye that needed to be surgically removed. He would do well in a calm, attentive household.

Beau’s adoption fee is \$120, which includes his neuter surgery, a microchip, the first set of vaccinations, as well as a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. New adopters will receive complimentary health and wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information on how to care for your pet.Ask an adoptions counselor for more information during your visit

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A318930, 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).



## ‘OH, THE PLACES THEY WENT!’

*Dr Seuss-ized – pictured (top), Kaiser Permanente “Oh, The Healthy Things You Can Do” featuring a giant The Cat in the Hat. (Left) The Rose Queen, Vanessa Natalie Manjarrez, and her six Rose Princesses. (Bottom 1st) Grand Marshal Dr. Jane Goodall. (Bottom 2nd) Farmers Insurance the “love float” featuring a live wedding.*



By Dean Lee  
Hundreds of thousands of parade goes braced for freezing temperatures New Year’s Eve along Colorado Boulevard, all in all, to wake up front and center to this year’s 124 th Rose Parade complete with a live wedding, Dr. Seuss’ The Cat in the Hat and a secret reuniting of one military family.

The parade showcased 92 entries including 42 floats, 23 marching bands, 21 equestrian groups and dignitaries all centered around the theme “Oh, the Places You’ll Go!” inspired by the children’s book by the late Theodor Seuss Geisel, a.k.a. Dr. Seuss.

Highlights for the parade included a live wedding between, reconnected high school sweethearts, Gerald Sapienza and Nicole Angelillo. Both are from Chesapeake, Va. The two were married atop the Farmers Insurance the love float. Hundreds of balloons were released marking the occasion in front of a live TV audience.

Natural Balance Pet Foods “Canines with Courage” also had a special guest onboard, Army Sgt. First Class Eric Pazz. Pazz surprised his wife and son, who thought he was in Afghanistan, by stepping off the float. Pazz swooped up is son, who he had not seen in months and handed his wife a rose to a roaring, cheering, crowd. His wife Miriam Pazz, and son, Eric Jr thought they had won a trip to the parade. The family lives in Germany.

a giant The Cat in the Hat that charmed the crowd.

Grand Marshal Dr. Jane Goodall made her way down the parade waving to the crowds in a reproduction of a late 1800s carriage. Goodall was accompanied by representatives from Roots & Shoots, her environmental and humanitarian program.

The Rose Queen, Vanessa Natalie Manjarrez, and her six Rose Princesses rode down the route on the traditional Macy’s float.

Members of The Valley Hunt Club rode in a 33 foot long 1868 C.P.Kimball and Company Park Drag Carriage pulled by four Friesian horses. They wore traditional Hunt Clothing of the era. , the club initiated the Rose Parade in the late 1800s.

Not all things turned up roses this year as Downey’s “ Dew Drop By” float had to be towed the entire route after breaking down at the starting lineup of the parade on Orange Grove Boulevard near the Tournament of Roses House.

Also for reasons unknown, Siberian throat singer, Kongarool Ondar from the exotic Mongolian land of Tuva, did not perform as he rode through TV corner atop a house mounted with specialized sound equipment designed to amplify his signing. Ondar was flanked by two bare-chested dancers known as the Flying Eagles of Tuva.

Throat singing is a style in which one or more notes are sung simultaneously. It is unique to southern Siberia. Onder’s appearance highlighted the parade theme “Oh, the Places You’ll Go!”

## Suicidal Man Surrenders after All Day Standoff

In what now might be the city’s longest ever standoff to a threat of suicide, police negotiators succeeded Wednesday night, after a nine hour ordeal, in talking a likely jumper off the Colorado Street Bridge.

According to reports, police responded just before 10:30 a.m.to a man threatening to jump. Fire officials said they set up a cushion under the bridge. The man surrendered just after 7 p.m.

Police said the bridge was shutdown throughout the standoff.

Just last month a woman died after jumping from the bridge.

## Holden Named To Assembly Committees



Assemblymember Chris Holden was today appointed by Assembly Speaker Perez to several key committees. Holden, who serves as Majority Whip, will also serve on the Appropriations Committee, Business and Professions, Labor and Transportation Committees.

“I am pleased and honored to participate in these important committee assignments to improve the lives of all Californians,” Holden said. “Many of these committees are areas in which I have some experience from my years working in the Pasadena City Council, the Burbank Airport Authority, and with Metro Gold Line. I look forward to putting that experience to work dealing with the challenges facing our district and our state.”

# Macy’s to Close Pasadena Store



By Dean Lee

Macy’s, Inc. announced Thursday plans to close six underperforming stores throughout the country including the Paseo Colorado, Pasadena, store. Jim Sluzewski, a spokesperson for Macy’s, said the closures are part of a series of normal-course adjustments to its portfolio.

The Paseo Colorado store first opened in 1980 and employs 116 people.

“Associates displaced by store closings may be offered positions in nearby stores where possible,” the company announced in a statement. “Eligible full-time and part-time associates who are laid off due to the store closing will be offered severance benefits.”

The city has two Macy’s locations, the other store, on Lake Ave., is less than a mile away from the Paseo Colorado. There are no plans to close the Lake store the company said.

“We remain committed to operating a successful and growing stores business as part of our company’s Omnichannel strategy for

*Photo via Google Street View*  
serving customers wherever, whenever and however they prefer to shop,” said Karen M. Hoguet, chief financial officer of Macy’s, Inc. “This leads us to open new stores where we see the opportunity to fill gaps in important markets, as well as to make the tough decision to selectively close underperforming stores that no longer meet our performance requirements or where leases are not being renewed.”

Other locations closing include Bloomingdale’s Fashion Show Home Store, Las Vegas, Macy’s in Belmont, Massachusetts, Downtown Honolulu, Hawaii, Downtown Saint Paul Minnesota, and Downtown Houston, Texas.

Clearance sales, at each store, will begin Monday and run between 7 to 11 weeks.

The company also announced a number of store openings including a new 120,000 square feet Bloomingdale’s store, currently being built in the Glendale Galleria to open in fall. Bloomingdale’s department stores are owned by Macy’s.

## Altadena Sheriff’s Station Coffee with the Captain



The Altadena Sheriff’s Station is pleased to announce another “Coffee with the Captain” event on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Altadena Sheriff’s Station Captain John Benedict

will once again be at Perry’s Joint, located at 2051 Lincoln Avenue. Perry’s Joint is located just south of Woddbury on Lincoln Avenue and was selected again as a location following the great turnout at the prior event in July of this year.

Captain Benedict has enjoyed meeting members of the community at these events. He finds these events an excellent opportunity to continue building on existing partnerships with the community and is very interested in hearing any questions or concerns anyone may have. These events help Captain Benedict and the Altadena Sheriff’s Station in identifying and prioritizing issues occurring in the community.

## JPL January Upcoming Events Calendar

### Jan. 6-10: Astronomers Assemble In Long Beach

The American Astronomical Society will hold is 221st meeting at the Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center, Calif. The convention hall will be abuzz with talk of the latest astronomy results from around the globe, including those from NASA’s Spitzer, Kepler, Herschel and Nuclear Spectroscopic Telescope Array (NuSTAR) missions. News conferences will take place throughout the conference.

For more info visit [aas.org/meetings/aas221](http://aas.org/meetings/aas221)

### Jan. 17-18: Free Lecture – Probing the Dark Sector with Euclid

The past decade has seen the emergence of the so-called “concordance model” of cosmology. In this model, the universe started about 13.7 billion years ago in a Big Bang and is now dominated by dark matter and dark energy. Together this poorly understood “dark sector” makes up about 95 percent of the universe, but the nature of these phenomena remains elusive. Weak gravitational lensing, where the observed shapes of background galaxies are slightly

distorted by foreground dark matter, has proven to be one of the most useful ways to measure dark matter and dark energy. Scientist Jason Rhodes of JPL will explain the basics of weak lensing, outline some key weak lensing results, and discuss the European Space Agency’s Euclid mission. NASA has recently agreed to partner on this ambitious mission to measure the dark sector in the 2020s.

Free lectures on Jan. 17 at JPL; Jan. 18 at Pasadena City College; both at 7 p.m.

For more info visit [www.jpl.nasa.gov/events](http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/events)

### Jan. 25: Opportunity Rover Celebrates Nine Years on Mars

The Mars Exploration Rover Opportunity was designed and built for a 90-day mission. The rover touched down on the Red Planet on Jan. 25, 2004, and is still exploring nine years later. The long-lived rover has been recently investigating mysterious formations that mission scientists have dubbed “newberries,” as well as suspected clay minerals, which may indicate water in Mars’ past.

For more info visit [marsrovers.jpl.nasa.gov](http://marsrovers.jpl.nasa.gov).



“What’s Going On?”  
News and Views from Joan Schmidt



SOMETHING AQUATIC TO DO WHILE SCHOOL IS OUT

During 2012, my son took an Oceanography course through Chaffey College. Among the field trips was one to Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro. For this assignment, you were on your own. It included a several page packet which was to be filled out during your “tour”.

Since another student brought his son to the previous field trips, my husband and three grandkids accompanied my son to Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro. What a great excursion/learning experience it was! My husband commented that he preferred this aquarium to Long Beach and it was not as pricey. The suggested donation is \$5 for Adults; \$1 for Seniors/Child.

Cabrillo Marine Museum is “an educational recreational and research facility dedicated to providing rich and varied opportunities for early and continuing education of the general public about the marine environment of Southern California,” and it has achieved this goal.

The five components of the Aquarium are the **Main Exhibit Hall, Exploration Center, Aquatic Nursery, Virginia Reid Marine Research Library** and **Marine Laboratory Classroom**.

In the **Main Exhibit Hall**, three major environments are showcased: rocky shores, sand and mud, and open ocean. Included were Plantlike Animals, Seaweed and Grazers, Hunters of the Rocky Shore, Mudflats, Kelp Forests, Sharks and Rays, Seabirds and Pinnipeds, Jellyfish lab, Whales and Dolphins. My granddaughter’s favorite was the Tidepool Touch Tank with starfish! She also mentioned pregnant seahorses!


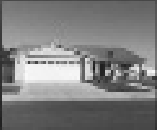


The **Exploration Center** was very enjoyable to the grandkids! They used their five senses to explore the habitats of Cabrillo Coastal Park and find out their role in the watershed. There was a Watershed, Coastal Habitats, Worm’s Eye View of Mud, Naturalist’s Corner, Breakwater Tank, Crawl under Tank, Discovery Center and Ecological Play Area.

The **Aquatic Nursery** was a real learning experience. It included an Aquaculture Kitchen, Volunteer Projects, Research for Teaching, Sharing, and Science, and Growing for Food. Here they saw food being grown for the various forms of sea life.

After my son’s course paperwork was completed, my family had a picnic lunch on a grass area at the Aquarium. There is so much one can do in the area besides visiting the Aquarium. The **Cabrillo Beach Coastal Park** includes tide pools of the Point Fermin Marine Life Refuge, the ocean beach, Los Angeles breakwater, fishing pier, harbor beach, boat launch pier, Salinas de San Pedro salt marsh, fossil cliffs and nature plant garden all in an easy fully accessible walk!

The Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is located at 3720 Stephen M. White Drive, San Pedro, California 90731. It also has a gift shop .For program information, call (310) 548-2052 or go online to [www.cabrilloaq.org](http://www.cabrilloaq.org).

The hours are Tuesday- Friday, 12 noon to 5pm, Saturday and Sunday, 10am-5pm, Closed Mondays.



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A MUSHROOM FORAY

**By Christopher Nyerges**  
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to try every wild mushroom. Plus, beyond the common mushrooms, most of them began to get categorized as the “LBMs,” the “little brown mushrooms”, which were never identified to genus because it would have taken more time than I cared to give to the task.

Sunday’s walk was organized by a member of the current Los Angeles Mushroom Society, David Kahn. I featured a section about David Kahn in my book “Self-Sufficient Home,” [available from Amazon, or [www.ChristopherNyerges.com](http://www.ChristopherNyerges.com)] where Kahn talked about his interest in permaculture and how he practices those principles of food production at his Los Angeles home.

The problem with scheduling mushroom walks is that scheduling generally takes place weeks, if not months, ahead of the event, and mushrooms are very particular about when they pop up. Conditions all need to be “just so” for the mushrooms to arise, such as the season, under the correct trees, amount of moisture, temperature, and other variations. Though we had adequate rain in late December, I knew that moisture alone would not guarantee a good mushroom hunt.

As it turned out, we had a very successful walk in the Arroyo Seco. We walked under oaks mostly, where layers of wood chips had been laid down, and in other areas too.

We repeatedly found specimens of at least three very common mushrooms. The first was the Lepiota rhacodes (sometimes called the parasol mushroom). This one appears as a white gilled mushroom, with brown patches on the cap, a ring on the stem, a bulbous base, and a hollow stem. It stains orange when cut or bruised. It’s an excellent mild-tasting mushroom when sautéed in butter.

We also found many specimens of the Agaricus campestris and related species, which is basically the wild variety of the common store-bought mushroom. This one has pink gills which turn a chocolate color as the spores mature, a ring on the stout stem, and a stem that breaks freely from the cap.

The third common one we found was the blewitt, so called because the entire mushroom is an unmistakable violet color. The Latin name for this one has changed periodically. I first learned it as Tricholoma nuda, then it was Lepista nuda, now the mycologists appear to have settled on Clitocybe nuda. It has a stout stem with free gills. We all found enough of these three that many of the participants got to take some home to cook.

We also found one young and beautiful bolete, a Boletus chrysenteron. This one has a light brown cap, and a yellowish and somewhat swollen stalk. There are no gills, but pores. The boletes are a very safe group of fungi, though you still need to know each mushroom you eat. These are sliced and sautéed, with a flavor and texture like eggplants.

We found a few of the inky caps, including Coprinus atramentarius, which causes vomiting if consumed with alcohol. The inky caps must be collected and cooked when they are young and white, because as they get old, they decompose into a blank ink.

Towards the end, we found a beautiful young Volvaria speciosa, which is edible but looks too much like the deadly Amanitas, so I always advise beginners to not eat it. This one has a cup, like Amanitas, but lacks the ring on the stem that is characteristic of Amanitas.

We also found many LBMs, and also identified several wild greens along the way. Everyone had a good introductory experience to mushroom hunting, but realized that a lot of time should be spent in learning how to identify before you ever eat any wild mushrooms on your own. I spent at least two years in the field before feeling confident enough to consume wild mushrooms by myself. It may not take everyone that long – after all, once you learn one wild mushroom, you can always pick that one and use it. But you should never eat any wild mushroom that you have not positively identified.

To learn more, you could research on-line, get a good mycology book at a local bookstore, and you are also welcome to email images to me. If I can identify them, I will do so.

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**NASA RESEARCHERS STRIKE SCIENTIFIC GOLD WITH METEORITE**



Scientists found treasure when they studied a meteorite that was recovered April 22, 2012, at Sutter’s Mill near Coloma, Calif., the gold discovery site that led to the 1849 California Gold Rush. Detection of the falling meteorites by Doppler weather radar allowed for rapid recovery so that scientists could study for the first time a primitive meteorite that had little exposure to the elements—providing the most pristine look yet at the surface of primitive asteroids.

An international team of 70 researchers reported their findings in the Dec. 20 issue of *Science* magazine [http://www.sciencemag.org/content/338/6114/1583.abstract].

“The small three-meter-sized asteroid that impacted over California’s Sierra Nevada came in at twice the speed of typical meteorite falls,” said lead author and meteor astronomer Peter Jenniskens of the SETI Institute, Mountain View, Calif., and NASA’s Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Calif. “Clocked at 64,000 miles per hour, it was the biggest impact over land since the impact of the four-meter-sized asteroid 2008 TC3, four years ago over Sudan.”

The Sutter’s Mill meteorite fall occurred just before 8 a.m. April 22 as an uncommon daytime fireball. It passed south of Reno, Nev., headed west, and was seen across Nevada and California. Residents around Coloma, Calif., reported hearing a “scary” loud sonic boom that shook their houses.

These are signatures of a meteorite fall, and there was immediate interest in finding the site where any meteorites would have landed. Traditional meteorite recovery based on eyewitness accounts, however, is a tedious and uncertain process. The American Meteor Society estimates that one meteorite fall occurs every day somewhere on Earth, and yet the Meteoritical Society typically records only about 10 new meteorite falls worldwide each year. Meteorite falls are fairly common, but meteorite recoveries are a rare event.

A new tool is improving those odds. Weather radars operated by the National Weather Service continually scan the skies over the United States, and the researchers realized that any meteorites that fall in the U.S.



Merv de Haas horse pasture, near Lotus, California, which is the site of where the Sutter’s Mill meteorite fragment was found on May 3, 2012. The site was searched during ground search using aerial sightings. Image credit: NASA / Ed Schilling

could be detected on radar. Sure enough, weather radars not only recorded the Sutter’s Mill fall, but actually presented that data while the fall was still in progress.

After the asteroid broke up in the atmosphere, weather radar briefly detected a hailstorm of falling meteorites over the townships of Coloma and Lotus in California. This enabled a rapid recovery that permitted the most pristine look yet at a CM-type carbonaceous chondrite.

Of the original asteroid, estimated to have weighed 100,000 pounds, less than two pounds was recovered on the ground—in the form of 77 meteorites. The biggest of these weighed 205 grams. Some of the key meteorites discussed in this work were found by volunteer search teams led by Jenniskens.

“The meteorite was a jumbled mess of rocks, called a regolith breccias, that originated from near the surface of a primitive asteroid,” said meteoriticist Derek Sears of NASA Ames. NASA and the Japanese space agency (JAXA) have plans to send space probes to asteroids similar to the one recovered at Sutter’s Mill. The Sutter’s Mill meteorite provides a rare glimpse of what these space missions may find.

Because of the rapid recovery of the Sutter’s Mill meteorite, many carbon-containing compounds were detected in their pristine condition—compounds that would have quickly reacted with water once in the Earth’s environment. It is thought that the carbon atoms in our bodies may have been brought to Earth by such primitive asteroids in the early stages of our planet’s history.

“Only 150 parts per billion of the Sutter’s Mill meteorite was actual gold,” said co-author and cosmochemist Qing-zhu Yin of UC Davis, Davis, Calif., “but all of it was scientific gold. With 78 other elements measured, Sutter’s Mill provides one of the most complete records of elemental compositions documented for such primitive meteorites.”



Fragments of the Sutter’s Mill meteorite fall collected by NASA Ames and SETI Institute meteor astronomer Dr. Peter Jenniskens in the evening of Tuesday April 24, two days after the fall. This was the second recovered find. Image credit: NASA / Eric James



From Arcadia's Best:

## SUSPICIOUS BLAZE NEW YEAR'S NIGHT

Firefighters on several Arcadia fire trucks and Monrovia firefighters responded at 7:19 p.m. tonight, Jan. 1, to a fully engulfed detached two-car garage next to a recently vacated single family dwelling in the 200 block of East Camino Real in Arcadia.

The fire was extinguished within 10 minutes before it spread to the house or surrounding structures, and kept estimated property loss to an excess of \$30,000. No one was injured.

The property had been recently vacated and was scheduled for demolition in the near future, and the cause of the fire appears to be suspicious in nature and remains under investigation.

– By Scott Hettrick

### SAVE MONEY ON YOUR ESTATE TAXES AT THE CHAMBER NETWORKING BREAKFAST JAN. 17

*Attorneys from the law offices of Hart, Mieras & Morris to Speak*

Hear details of how your estate taxes may dramatically increase due to scheduled changes in 2013 Federal Tax laws at the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce's monthly Networking Breakfast, 7:30am, Thursday, January 17, at the Sunset Room of Santa

Anita Golf Course, 405 S. Santa Anita Ave, Arcadia. The Law Offices of Hart, Mieras, & Morris, Inc. primary practice includes Estate Planning/Living Trusts, Trust Administrations, Probate, Guardianships- to name a few. They have many Living Trust Seminars available at their many locations. Networking Breakfasts, held on the third Thursday of each month, feature distinguished business leaders of the community. Attendees are invited at the beginning of each program to introduce themselves and say a few words about their business or organization.

Recent guest speakers have included John Morris, LA County District Attorneys Office, Healthcare Fraud Division discussing Workers' Compensation Fraud and a presentation on Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program in response to L.A. County's search to identify potential participants for a program to present to progressive communities. Tickets are \$15 for members who RSVP in advance and \$20 for non-members. To make a reservation, contact the Chamber office: 626.447.2159 or by e-mail: info@ArcadiaCaChamber.org.

## ARCADIA AAUW TO EXPLORE U. S. DRUG POLICIES AND THE NEED FOR CHANGE

At the Monday, January 14 meeting of the Arcadia Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), member Betty Harris will give a fact-finding presentation on current U. S. drug policies and the need for change. Harris will explain the policies and then expand on the damage done by these policies and the continued dangers resulting from them. Her main focus will be on the influence of pharmaceutical companies on doctors, hospitals, and individuals. Harris will also offer some solutions to drug problems in America from her point of view.

The meeting is open to the public at no charge. After Betty Harris' presentation, she will moderate a question-and-answer period in which audience members are invited to give their views on U. S. drug policies with regard to both legal and illegal use of drugs. This promises to be a lively discussion on a subject that affects all of us on both national and global levels.

The Arcadia Branch of AAUW meets at the Church of the Good Shepherd's Jordan Hall, 400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia (SW corner of Duarte Rd. and Holly Ave.). All are invited to come at 6:30 p.m. for socializing and refreshments. The program will follow at 7:00 p.m. Ample parking is available in the church parking lot.

For more information about the program or about becoming a member of the American Association of University Women, please call Tamara Kato at (626) 375-6756 or Patricia Dietrich at (626) 446-8437.

## ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, through Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, the Police Department responded to 779 calls for service of which 117 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, December 23:

1. At about 12:16 a.m., officers responded to the WB 210 Freeway Santa Anita Avenue off-ramp regarding a vehicle blocking traffic. Upon arrival, officers discovered the female driver was asleep behind the wheel, with the car in drive and her foot on the brake. After several attempts to wake her, the driver ultimately responded to the officers' attempts. Further investigation revealed the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The 21-year-old, Filipino female was subsequently arrested for drunk driving and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for processing.

2. Shortly after 3:00 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 2000 block of Bella Vista Drive in reference to an argument that turned into a physical fight. During the fight, two victims were punched and pushed to the ground by the suspect who subsequently fled the scene. The suspect was described as a 20-30-year-old, Black female, 5'5 ft., about 200 lbs.

Monday, December 24:

3. At approximately 2:20 a.m., an officer responded to the 600 block of W. Huntington Drive in regard to a residential burglary. Investigation revealed the victim came home and contacted a male suspect sitting in the living room. The victim told the suspect to leave and he complied, but remained in the area outside the home. Upon arrival, the officer contacted the suspect and subsequently arrested the 22-year-old, Hispanic male for suspicion of residential burglary.

4. At about 12:12 a.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on a reported stolen vehicle in the area of Huntington Drive and Santa Anita Avenue. During a consensual search of the vehicle, officers discovered methamphetamines and several credit card numbers. Further investigation revealed the driver had an outstanding felony warrant. The 26-year-old, Hispanic female driver and the 26-year-old, Hispanic female passenger were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Tuesday, December 25:

5. Around 6:12 p.m., officers responded to the 000 block of W. Palm Drive in reference to a residential burglary. Officers discovered the suspect(s) entered the home through a broken, rear glass sliding door and exited through the front door. The rooms did not appear to be ransacked, and it is unknown if any property was stolen.

6. At approximately 7:19 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 900 block of W. Huntington Drive regarding an assault with a deadly weapon. Investigation revealed that a male suspect knocked on the front door of a residence, shot three air-soft pellets from a BB gun, and hit one of the residents on the forehead causing minor injuries. The suspect was described as a White male, between the ages of 15-20, long, dark hair, slender build, and was seen fleeing the location in a an older model white vehicle.

Wednesday, December 26:

7. Around 2:46 p.m., officers were dispatched to 24 Hour Fitness, 125 N. First Avenue, in reference to a fire in the parking structure. Investigation revealed a vehicle was on fire on the ground level of the parking structure. The gym was evacuated and the Arcadia Fire Department extinguished the fire. There were no injuries reported.

8. At about 11:10 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a missing front license plate in the area of E. Duarte Road near Santa Anita Avenue. During their investigation, officers discovered the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The 41-year-old, White male was subsequently arrested for drunk driving and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for processing.

Thursday, December 27:

9. At approximately 7:19 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 1400 block of S. Sixth Avenue regarding a physical altercation between two male suspects. Investigation revealed that one of the suspects was armed with a screwdriver and the other suspect was armed with an axe handle. Then 24-year-old, White male and the 31-year-old, Hispanic male were arrested for assault with a deadly weapon and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

10. Around 8:19 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a motorcycle for failing to signal in the area of Huntington Drive and First Avenue. A records check revealed the motorcyclist had an outstanding warrant, and was driving with a suspended license. Further investigation revealed the motorcyclist was in possession of a knife. The 38-year-old, White male was arrested for carrying a concealed dagger and for having an outstanding warrant, and was transported to the Arcadia City Jail for processing.

Friday, December 28:

11. At about 6:25 p.m., officers were dispatched to Arcadia Fitness Sports Club, 56 E. Duarte Road, in reference to a theft. Investigation revealed that a male suspect broke into several lockers, stole wallets, keys and clothing, and fled the location in a blue Nissan Altima. The suspect is described as a Black male, late twenties, wearing a light-colored knit cap, dark shirt and jeans, and can be identified if seen again.

12. Around 7:40 p.m., an officer responded to the 600 block of W. Lemon regarding a residential burglary. Investigation revealed that suspect(s) pried opened the garage door, entered through an unlocked door leading into the home, and ransacked several rooms. There were no witnesses or surveillance cameras, and it was unknown if any property was stolen.

Saturday, December 29:

13. At approximately 5:58 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 700 block of S. Golden West Avenue regarding domestic violence between a boyfriend and girlfriend, in which the boyfriend was the aggressor. Investigation revealed that the boyfriend became upset, pushed the girlfriend against a wall and dragged her by the hair before leaving the scene. The victim requested an Emergency Protective Order and desires prosecution.

14. At about 9:10 p.m., officers responded to the area of Third Avenue and Bonita Street in reference to a suspect vandalizing street poles. During the investigation, the suspect initially non-compliant with the officers' orders, refusing to place his left arm behind his back. The 30-year-old, White male was consequently arrested for delaying officers in the course of their duties and for vandalism, and was transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.



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## MONROVIA-ARCADIA- DUARTE TOWN COUNCIL CHANGES MEETINGS TO WEDNESDAY

The Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte Town Council has changed its meeting date to the THIRD WEDNESDAYS each month.

When the meetings were held on the third Tuesdays, there was a conflict with Arcadia and Monrovia City Council Meetings. This change will enable Town Council Members to attend city meetings and also encourage City Council Members to attend Town Council Meetings and see how the Town Council operates.

There is also a location change. They are working on three sites. January 16th the meeting will be at Pamela Park, Duarte. (2236 Goodall Ave, Duarte) February 19th, the meeting will be held at All Nations Seven Day Adventists Church, 1948 Peck Road Monrovia. A site in Arcadia is pending.

The meetings are 7:00-8:30pm. The Sheriff's Department attends every meeting and gives an update as well as Brian Mejia, Field Deputy for Supervisor Antonovich, LA County Library and much more. Please visit at [www.facebook.com/mad](http://www.facebook.com/mad).

## SAVE THE DATE: 2013 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Mary Ann Lutz will deliver the Annual State of the City Address hosted by the City of Monrovia on January 28, 2013, 7p.m. at the Krikorian Premiere Theatre in Old Town Monrovia.

To RSVP for the event, please call (626) 932-5555 x1401. Space is limited and seating will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Following the event, the speech will be available on the City of Monrovia website and on KGEM TV.

## RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE THROUGH JANUARY 11, 2013!

Athens Services will recycle your Christmas tree. Please place your Christmas tree curbside on your regular trash collection day beginning December 26, 2012 through January 11, 2013.

Please remove all ornaments, tinsel, plastic bags, nails, lights, and plastic or metal stands. Flocked and fire retardant coated trees will be accepted as well. Click here for more info or call Public Works at (626) 932-5553.

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## Monrovia Police Blotter

**Highlighted Activity for December 20, 2012 - January 2, 2013**

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 389 service events, resulting in 55 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemap-ping.com/map/ca/monrovia> for crime mapping. For Police Department news and information, visit our website at <http://www.ci.monrovia.ca.us/city-government/departments/police-department-homepage> and follow us on Twitter for police notifications.

### Residential Hot Prowl

December 21 at 6:24 a.m., a female resident in the 400 block of Hill Street reported a prowler attempting to break into her home. Her sister had left the location at 6:10 a.m., and within approximately 10 minutes, she heard the door bell. She was getting up to see who was at the door and saw a flashlight from the outside. She then heard the sliding glass door breaking. She ran to the area where the sliding glass door is and saw a male suspect wearing dark clothing and a dark hat. The suspect saw the resident and fled through the backyard, out of sight. The resident called police. Officers arrived and searched the area, but were unable to locate the suspect. Investigation continuing.

### Wanted Person / Resisting and Delaying a Peace Officer - Suspect Arrested

December 21 at 6:26 p.m., Special Enforcement Team officers conducted a traffic stop at Los Angeles and Ivy. During a vehicle search, they found items in the vehicle belonging to a subject wanted by the Monrovia Police Department. The vehicle was seen leaving an address in the 100 block of Los Angeles and there was a large group of people at the residence. An officer responded to see if the suspect was at the location. While the officer was speaking with some of the subjects outside the residence, he saw the wanted suspect. The suspect then turned and walked into the house, disregarding the officer's order to stop. Containment of the area was set up by Monrovia officers, along with assisting officers from Arcadia Police Department. A search was then conducted of the residence and adjacent homes with the help of the Foothill Air Support Team helicopter, but the suspect was not located.

The next day, December 22, security officers from the Santa Anita Mall in Arcadia responded to a disturbance and subsequently escorted a male subject out of the mall. He was told not to return. The subject initially left the location, but then returned. When mall security went to detain him for trespassing the subject ran and jumped off a second story parking structure to get away. The mall security officers chased down and detained the subject. The subject was determined to be the suspect wanted by Monrovia Police Department. He was booked at Arcadia Police Department for the new charges and then

taken to Monrovia Police Department, where he was booked and housed.

Possession of a Controlled Substance / Warrant / Parole Hold Vandalism / Grand Theft Auto Recovered  
December 27 at 5:42 a.m., a delivery man reported a broken window at a business in the 100 block of West Huntington. While officers were investigating the vandalism, they ran the license plate of a vehicle parked in the lot and found it had been stolen from the City of La Crescenta. The vehicle was recovered and the Investigation is continuing.

### Welfare Check

December 27 at 3:02 p.m., police received a call regarding a 76-year-old male subject who had not been seen by neighbors for several days. The neighbors reported that the subject had not been feeling well. Officer checked the residence and it was locked up and they could not see anyone inside. As the officers questioned neighbors further, they believed the subject would have taken his vehicle, which was parked in the driveway, had he left to visit relatives. The officers decided to force a rear door open. The subject was found inside the home in need of medical attention. Paramedics were dispatched and the subject was taken to a hospital for treatment. The residence was secured.


### Drunk in Public - Suspect Arrested

December 31 at 10:41 p.m., a female resident in the 700 block of West Colorado reported a male subject knocking on her door and trying to get into her house. The resident's father chased the subject away from the home. An officer responded and detained the subject at Violet and Colorado. He told officers that he was knocking on the resident's door because he thought it was his house. He was determined to be intoxicated and was arrested for being drunk in public.

### Battery

January 1 at 2:03 a.m., officers responded to the area of Myrtle and Chestnut regarding a report of battery. The male victim and his girlfriend were walking south on Myrtle when they noticed three male Hispanic subjects behind them. As they walked, one of the male subjects suddenly came up from behind and started punching the victim, knocking him to the ground. The victim was taken to a hospital for treatment. Investigation continuing.


Violation of Restraining Order - Suspect Arrested  
January 1 at 2:45 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 200 block of West Central on the report of a male subject in violation of a restraining order. Officers arrived and arrested the suspect who was found outside the front door of the residence in violation of the court order.






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9:00 a.m. – Noon.	1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

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Local children created mini rose floats at a special storytime on Christmas Eve day at the Sierra Madre Public Library. Sierra Madre Rose Float Association head Bob Young brought pieces of foam left over from making Sierra Madre's entry into this year's Tournament of Roses Parade and local children used them as the bases for their own beautiful floats. Afterwards, the children towed their floats in a parade throughout the Library. "We are so pleased to partner with our Rose Float Association and thank Bob for his donation of spare foam. The mini floats were beautiful and the children were so proud of them," said Library Director Carolyn Thomas. We hope this will be an annual event!



## Pasadena High School is hosting a CASH FOR COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 26, 2013

8:45 am – 1:00 pm

Presentations begin at 9:00 am and 10:30 am  
Pasadena High School Cafeteria  
2925 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Pasadena

Applying for college financial aid can be a confusing process. To qualify for ANY college financial aid students must submit a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The Cash for College Workshops are meant to assist parents and students with completing their online FAFSA. After the presentation, if extra help is needed, we will have volunteers and computers available for the students and parents to enter and submit their FAFSA that day. Spanish speaking volunteers will be available.

The CASH FOR COLLEGE WORKSHOPS are geared toward current high school seniors but are open to all students who will be entering college in the Fall of 2013 or anytime during the 2013 – 2014 school year. In addition, at least ONE 12<sup>th</sup> grade student who attends our workshop and completes an online evaluation form; submits their FAFSA and CAL GRANT GPA form by the March 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline will win a \$1000 scholarship. Every 12<sup>th</sup> grade student who successfully completes these things will be eligible.

More information (including a list of what to bring to the workshop) is available on the Cash for College web site [www.calgrants.org](http://www.calgrants.org) or the Pasadena High School web site [www.phs.pasadenausd.org](http://www.phs.pasadenausd.org) or students and/or parents can either call or email us for additional information.

## FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO STUDY AT GLOBE THEATER

- Deadline for AIFS Summer Program is March 11 -

The American Institute For Foreign Study (AIFS), a leading study abroad organization, is pleased to announce that its' Shakespeare's Globe Education Theater Program has been selected by the Fulbright Commission as one of their prestigious Summer Institutes for the next three years.

Three Fulbright scholarship winners will attend AIFS' Shakespeare's Globe Education Theater Program each year from 2013 to 2015. Students that win the award will have the majority of their program costs covered including round-trip airfare, tuition and fees, accommodations, insurance, social program and meals.

On the Shakespeare's Globe Education Theater Program, students spend three weeks at Shakespeare's historic Globe Theater in London, where they have the unique opportunity to study intensively with actors, directors, and other theater practitioners. The program runs from June 17 through July 5.

The Summer Institute at Shakespeare's Globe Theater will offer everything - a stimulating academic component, a rich and immersive cultural experience and an enthusiastic host.

Students applying for the Fulbright award should submit their application materials directly to the Fulbright Commission. The application deadline is March 11, 2013. For more information, application criteria or to apply, visit [www.aifsabroad.com/england/londonglobe/summer/fulbright.asp](http://www.aifsabroad.com/england/londonglobe/summer/fulbright.asp).

The U.S.-U.K. Fulbright Commission offers special Summer Institutes for U.S. citizens to study in the U.K. These summer programs provide the opportunity for U.S. undergraduates (ages 18 and over), with at least two years of undergraduate study left to complete, to go to the U.K. on a three-, four- or six-week academic cultural summer program.

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## THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show Movie Reviews Especially for Teens & 'Tweens

### LES MISERABLES



A very, very long time ago, I saw the version of this with Liam Neeson and Uma Thurman. At the time, I thought it was a dreadful and dreary movie, and never wanted to see it again. Come early 2012, when the first preview for Les Mis were seen, I still saw it old and boring. However, I was completely wrong.

Jean Valjean (Hugh Jackman), after 19 years of enslavement, has been freed. A police captain, Javert (Russell Crowe), however, has put him on parole, making finding work very hard. After walking for days and days, Valjean finds himself under the care of a kind bishop. After attempting to steal valuables from the man, Valjean is brought back by the police, yet the bishop gives him more objects and tells the police they are wrong. This act of kindness causes Valjean to completely change his life, and the lives of many others as well.

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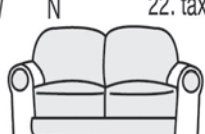
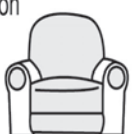
## The Family Budget

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There's a "bottom to every family's pocketbook." So, many families sit down and talk about money matters and ways they can work together to stay inside the family budget. One thing they talk about are the things the family **needs**: shelter, food, clothes and so on. After that, they can talk about things they **want** to have, but that are not truly necessary. They might put limits on spending any extra money or find ways to cut back a bit, if needed.

What things do families **need** to budget for? What things are nice to have or do, but are "extras" that they **want**? Read each item and circle "W" for things a family might want and "N" for things they need.

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|--------------------|---|-----|------------------|---|---|
| 1. clothes         | W | (N) | 12. magazines    | W | N |
| 2. furniture       | W | N   | 13. food         | W | N |
| 3. new toy         | W | N   | 14. water        | W | N |
| 4. amusement parks | W | N   | 15. dinner out   | W | N |
| 5. transportation  | W | N   | 16. family phone | W | N |
| 6. electricity     | W | N   | 17. computer     | W | N |
| 7. newer furniture | W | N   | 18. candy        | W | N |
| 8. shelter         | W | N   | 19. extra car    | W | N |
| 9. heat            | W | N   | 20. cable T.V.   | W | N |
| 10. savings        | W | N   | 21. video games  | W | N |
| 11. vacation       | W | N   | 22. taxes        | W | N |



Next, find and circle each word in the family's house.





## THE 10 COMMANDMENTS OF 2013 FOR PETER DILLS

1. I resolve to drink more water when I drink.  
Translation – add more ice to my drinks
2. I resolve to send back cold food, even if I'm starving.  
Translation – No Mr. Nice Guy
- 3 I resolve to ask to be moved if there are screaming kids next to me.  
Translation – “Two things I can't stand crying women and crying babies.”
4. I resolve to send back my meat if its not cooked to my liking.  
Translation – I want more perfection in 2013
5. I resolve to order a Grande at Starbucks instead of a Venti to save money.  
Translation – Watch out Starbucks a big dip in the stock in 2013
6. I resolve to smoke more cigars this year.  
Translation – I always smoke with my friends.
7. I resolve to ask the dumb question, is it really a Champagne Brunch or a Sparkling Wine Brunch?  
Translation – It is always a Sparkling Wine Brunch
8. I resolve to ask, is it really World Famous?  
Translation – Never World Famous, often people in the neighborhood don't know the place.
9. I resolve to tip 10% if the service warrants it.  
Translation - Yeah right - I know I am a coward when it comes to stiffing these waiters, even when they deserve it.
10. I resolve to cook one meal a week at home.  
Translation – One more than I am now!

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Cooking spray  
1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper  
1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper  
1/2 cup chopped onion  
2 teaspoons minced seeded jalapeño pepper  
2 garlic cloves, minced  
2 tablespoons unsalted pumpkin seed kernels  
1/2 cup minced green onions  
1 tablespoon minced fresh or 1 teaspoon dried cilantro  
1 tablespoon low-sodium soy sauce  
1 tablespoon lime juice  
2 cups tomato juice  
1 cup (4 ounces) shredded reduced-fat sharp cheddar cheese

### DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350°.

Cut chiles in half lengthwise; remove stems and seeds. Set aside. Combine water and quinoa in a medium saucepan; bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer 13 minutes or until liquid is absorbed. Set aside.

Spray a large nonstick skillet with cooking spray; place over medium-high heat until hot. Add bell peppers, onion, jalapeño pepper, and garlic; sauté 2 minutes. Add pumpkin seed kernels; saute 2 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in quinoa, green onions, cilantro, soy sauce, and lime juice. Spoon 1/3 cup quinoa mixture into each chile half.

Pour tomato juice into a 13 x 9-inch baking dish; place stuffed chiles in dish. Cover and bake at 350° for 20 minutes. Sprinkle cheese over chiles; bake, uncovered, an additional 10 minutes or until cheese melts and chiles are thoroughly heated. Spoon tomato juice over chiles.

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"One Love, One Heart...Let's Get Together and I'll Feel Alright" ~ Bob Marley  
 "Can We All Get Along?" ~ Rodney King

Whenever I start to think I have learned all of the valuable lessons in life that nature has to offer, I am reminded of yet another fantastic phenomenon that astounds me and inspires me to explore further, to find the answers to the 'whats' and 'whys' that apply. The fact is, I should know better than to think I have ever figured life out at all, because as a young child I was clearly taught that one never truly "arrives" when it comes to knowing and understanding the miracles and mysteries of life. I even remember the adults saying on occasion, that 'when one stops learning, one stops living'. I imagine that as a child when I heard my parents and teachers say such things, it probably meant very little to me at the time. It wasn't until I grew older and had my own personal experiences with living, that I realized the amazing lessons that God's nature and earth can teach us. As much as grown ups wish they could protect their children from harm, heartache and disappointment, a child can only benefit so much from hearing the stories told by an elder. Let's face it, attending the school of life is the best way to learn most valuable lessons, and nature and earth are among God's best teachers.

This past week, while sorting through a long list of e-mail messages and watching the accompanying attached videos, (or at least those that I had the patience to watch), I was reminded of an amazing phenomenon of nature that most definitely astounded me, and drove me to wonder just how it can be. I am talking about animals of distant, unrelated species who are apparently able to put away their inherent instinctive differences, in order to not only survive, but also to show random kindness to other beings that are in most ways very different from themselves. I know what you are probably thinking by now- "Chris has really gone off the deep end with this article", but I don't think so. Please hear me out.

There have been way too many documented accounts of cross-species friendships and practical nurturing relationships for me to take credit for being so creative to have made this stuff up! The e-mailed video that brought this subject to mind, was that of a dog and a wild crow who shared an enormous back yard at the pup's home in the south part of Germany in 2006. The dog was apparently quite a social sort, but there were no other pets in his home to interact with, so he became rather lonely over a period of time. Then, when a huge crow came flying out of a tall tree nearby and plopped itself down in the dog's backyard, he commenced squawking at the dog and taunting him. Instead of rushing forward to attack the seemingly crazy crow, the dog approached slowly, whimpered humbly and proceeded to rub his furry neck against the big black bird's beak! Soon they were inseparable pals, just like sibling sweethearts, and they ended up spending all their time together playing under the tree canopies in the back yard. After watching the video about this unlikely kinship between dog and crow, I was inspired to look up more information about unusual cross-species interaction, finding a few other similar true stories. One was about a maternal relationship that developed between "Pixie", a darling standard poodle, and three abandoned wild squirrels who, by forces beyond their control, showed up on her property in March 2010. The tree where the squirrel family had nested from year to year was felled by chainsaws, so the adult squirrels were left with no choice but to abandon the nest and their three babies. The three infant squirrels were too tiny to run

along with their parents when the tree came down, so they were left lying in the grassy yard where Pixie romped and played daily. In an epic stroke of "fate" Pixie opted to befriend the tiny 'squirrels' rather than attack and kill them, which is what one would typically expect of a domestic dog. Not only was Pixie friendly with the baby squirrels, she even allowed them to exploit the remaining lactated milk that she had left over from a recently birthed litter of puppies. If it hadn't been for Pixie's willingness to show random kindness to those baby squirrels rather than attack and kill them, they would most likely have perished one way or another. As it turned out, all three of those squirrels survived and grew strong enough to be released back into the wild.

Another remarkable account of a sensational symbiosis between members of two very different species happened at the Elephant Sanctuary in Hohenwald, Tennessee, just southwest of Nashville. In this case, a young female elephant affectionately named "Bella" bonded like "BFF's" (that's an acronym for "best friends forever", for those of you who are like me and don't keep up with the latest lingo of today's youth!) with a yellow lab named "Tara". All of the other elephants at the sanctuary chose a friend of their own species to connect with and spend their time with, but apparently Bella ended up being a "5<sup>th</sup> wheel" in the deal, so finding herself without another elephant to partner with, she focused her need for friendship on a cute, cuddly canine companion! There are several rescued elephants and dogs at the Sanctuary in Hohenwald who share the same open space, but the two species typically avoid contact with each other. However, the two unlikely lovebirds named Bella and Tara are absolutely inseparable. They eat together, wander together and even sleep together!

To be honest, I am not sure why I felt the need to write an article about unusual cross-species relationships, other than the fact that I observe and learn so much from unusual and unexpected animal behavior. We humans have a lot in common, but we all have our own approach to life and to learning, so I do not mean to sound like I own the corner on the market of understanding nature or life, but I do hope to inspire others in the way that I have been inspired. If animals, both domestic and wild can be willing to forego typical instinctual expectations in order to love and be loved by a being of a very different species, why can't we humans get along regardless of our petty differences? I don't know about you, but I am certainly willing to cross over the bridge of unfamiliarity to share sincere friendship and nurturing with other beings on this earth!

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## DENTAL DISEASE IN PETS - PART I

By Dr. Nicole Gueniat

Dogs and cats suffer from dental disease like humans do. By the age of 3 years, most pets will have dental disease unless owners are practicing preventive dentistry. The most common dental disease is periodontal disease, which lies hidden beneath the gums around the teeth. This causes pain, foul smelling breath (halitosis), and eventually, loss of teeth. It is the most common dental condition veterinarians treat. Accumulation of plaque and calculus on the visible part of the tooth is a sign that subgingival calculus and periodontal disease are present. Periodontal disease means infection and leads to erosion of the periodontal ligament and bone structures around the tooth.

In humans as well as in pets, a critical connection between periodontal disease and diseases of the heart, kidneys, liver and other organs has been shown. The same bacteria found in periodontal disease have been found in these organs, probably carried there in the blood. In addition to contributing to disease in other organs, periodontal disease in pets causes pain, difficulty eating, halitosis and finally, tooth loss. These signs may not be readily apparent to owners as animals may conceal pain and other signs may not be noticed. Other dental diseases present in pets include tooth root abscesses, retained baby teeth, malalignment, abnormal wear of the teeth, and fractured teeth. Cavities may occur as well.

A contributing factor to periodontal disease is the accumulation of plaque (sticky film of bacteria on the teeth), which, calcified, becomes a hard crust on the teeth called calculus or tartar. You can see this on the teeth, starting at the gum line and traveling down the tooth over time. It may become so thick it overgrows the gums. The gums may be red, swollen and bleeding and the teeth may be loose by the time owners notice the problem.

Your veterinarian can evaluate the overall and dental health of your pet, perform dental x-rays for a thorough oral exam, make diagnoses and treat existing conditions. A thorough oral exam should be performed at least annually to detect problems early when treatment is less extensive and most effective. Senior pets require more frequent exams and treatment.

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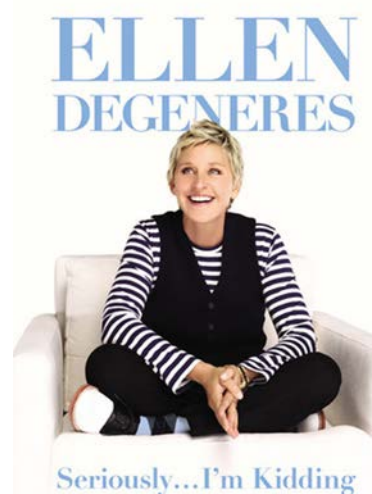


## JASMINE'S CORNER

Book Reviews by Jasmine Kelsey Williams

## ELLEN DEGENERES: SERIOUSLY...I'M KIDDING

By Ellen DeGeneres



The New Year has now passed, and with the New Year comes another selection that will boost your spirits, help to put you in a positive frame of mind, and give you a good laugh while you are at it. This next selection, 'Ellen DeGeneres: Seriously...I'm Kidding', delivers the quality of a self-help book all while bringing a smile to your face and is provided from one of the most successful and iconic figures of her time.

The title alone is enough to pull in any reader to Ellen's successful name, and the contents within her third successful book will not disappoint you. Ellen's narrative is casual, cheerful, and will do a wonderful job of providing some secrets to enjoying life more, as well as personal experiences, but while keeping a friendly tone. Instead of generic "how-to" facts, Ellen takes the time to make her story come to life, both with her words and fun-

loving personality. This is where 'Seriously...I'm Kidding' gets its gusto: the tone of Ellen's words makes it sound like she's actually having a conversation with the reader, and that the reader will enjoy what she explains to them: perspectives on love, life, and even why children are so important and such a delight.

Copyrighted in 2011, having received much positive feedback from critics, and with this book also being on audio, 'Ellen DeGeneres: Seriously...I'm Kidding' is another perfect happy boost for all book lovers, and a sweet reminder of loving life, its simple pleasures and reasons to love, laugh, and smile.



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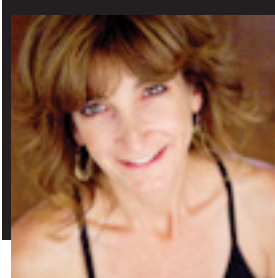
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They call us yogis 'the ultimate control freaks', because we try to control everything about ourselves, body, breath, mind.....but we do not try to control what we cannot, like other people. That's when we learn to go with the flow. We also learn to change it if it's not working. If we have control over our minds then we do not get caught up in everyone else's stuff. That means we have inner peace! So, ask yourself if you are thriving. Is the same 'ol routine done faster or harder or with more intensity going to work for you? Or could it be that re-directing your energy and mind could allow you to live the life you should be living? Not every style of yoga focuses on energy. So check to make sure that you have the right teacher and are getting what you need from your practice. You should be and can be happy.

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SEAN'S SHAMELESS  
REVIEWS:

Review By Sean Kayden

## DJANGO UNCHAINED

"Django Unchained" is the latest film from auteur Quentin Tarantino. His epic new western, actually deemed a "southern," is a big, bold, and bloody affair. However, at the core of this two hour and forty-five minute opus, there is an irrefutably strong love story. Set in the south, two years before the civil war, we're introduced to Django, a slave played by Jamie Foxx. While traveling through a forest with other slaves chained together and guarded by two men in chariots, a man in his own dentistry chariot stops them. The man is Dr. King Schultz portrayed by the incredibly talented Christoph Waltz. Schultz was a dentist now turned bounty hunter. He's looking for a particular slave who can help him find the Brittle brothers. After taking care of the guards that don't comply, Schultz acquires the help of Django, who knows what the brothers look like. He allows Django to become a free man.

Schultz and Django form this unlikely friendship as they travel with one goal in mind. Eventually that goal is turned into an even bigger one when we find out Django has a wife named Broomhilda, depicted by the lovely Kerry Washington. After the slaying of the Brittle brothers, who tortured both Django and Broomhilda, Jamie Foxx's character agrees to become a bounty hunter with Schultz, who in return will lead him to the man who has his wife. Soon after, we find out she was sold to a man named Calvin Candie, the ruthless owner of the infamous Candyland plantation. The two men have a huge obstacle ahead of them and it won't be an easy task just to walk up to Candie's front door and demand him to give up Broomhilda. They decide to introduce themselves under the false pretenses that they're in the business of purchasing one of Candie's slave fighters. Candie orchestrates these matches where two slaves fight for sport and wealthy men place bets on it. This is where the movie takes a slightly different, even more ominous turn.

While the first half of the film is invigorating, spectacular in execution and tons of fun, the second half is downright fantastic once Leonardo DiCaprio's conniving, but indubitably charming Calvin Candie appears along with his submissive head slave, Stephen (depicted impeccably by Samuel L. Jackson). "Django Unchained" is literally off the chain - offering no short supply of laughs, tension, and utter enthrallment. It's a spectacle unlike anything this year, ranking it as one of the best American films of 2012. Tarantino has done it again with his quick-witted dialogue (seriously, he's probably the only guy who can write a 165-page script without making an audience feel bored or impatient), grandiose filmmaking, and razor sharp direction.

The collection of brilliant actors makes "Django Unchained" the most entertaining film of the year. With award type performances by Waltz and DiCaprio and strong showcases by Foxx and Jackson, you'd be hard pressed to find a better acting ensemble of 2012. All and all, the film runs slightly too long, but mostly all is forgiven. With the exception of one mildly phony scene toward the end (where Django escapes from the men holding him captured), the entire film is luminous, audacious, and uncompromising badass. Tarantino is still one of the few directors to be excited for the future. Be sure to catch this ambitiously impressive film in theaters for the full, unadulterated experience.

Grade 4.5 out of 5

NEW BEGINNINGS  
MONTH

by Dr. Dennis Buckley

With the arrival of the New Year comes the need to change. Health changes are usually high on the priority list. Usually these are the same changes we wanted to make last year and the year before. Perhaps a new strategy is needed.

Most people need to lose weight. Over 60% of the US population is overweight and over 30% are considered to be obese. Being overweight can make one more prone to develop diabetes, heart disease, arthritis, certain cancers and skin conditions, not to mention low self esteem and depression.

Each of us has two ages; a chronological age, or how long we've been around, and our biological age, or how old is our body and how fast it is aging. It is has been studied and reported that up to 70% of the problems we experience are related to our health habits or lifestyle. These same habits, good or bad, can accelerate or decelerate the aging process. The good news is that by improving our health habits we can reverse the aging process.

Our bodies when broken down to the most basic components, are vibrations of energy that show up as molecules, cells, tissues, organs, organ systems and body matter. We are energy beings. The level of energy of our body has a direct correlation to our health status. Our habits can increase or decrease our body's energy. The habits that have the most direct affect on our energy include:

- Nutritional Habits
- Exercise Habits

- Sleep
- Form and function of our spine and nervous system

Addressing these four areas positively can raise your energy, and reverse or slow the aging process. Neglecting these areas can lower your energy and accelerate the process. The four areas synergize with each other. Neglecting one area can counteract the other areas that are positive. If you have an energy crisis in your body, it is felt as fatigue, pain, stress, interrupted sleep, illness, depression or a general sense of frustration with life and those around you.

To create a "New Beginning", you can have goals as to lose weight, increase endurance, manage stress, and improve health but realize these are outcomes. These are by-products of what you do each and every day.

The goal of a "New Beginning" is to make every day a masterpiece of health. Address these areas each and every day and what will happen is that over time you will notice that you've transformed your habits and your life. You will create a more efficient machine. The aging process will be slowed or even reversed. Your outlook on life will change. Your stress will decrease.

What you will have done is taken control and responsibility for your health. You will control the things you can control; stop worrying about the things you cannot control and be able to tell the difference.

Dr. Dennis Buckley is the co-owner of the Health Advantage in Pasadena, CA. for more information on how to create your new beginning go to, [www.100yearlifestyleadvantage.com](http://www.100yearlifestyleadvantage.com) and learn how to live the 100 Year Lifestyle

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

Story by Chris Bertrand Photos by Carol Canterbury

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Madre's business district, and also includes frontage on a small lane, as well. The property offers great visibility from the boulevard.

The single level home offers two master suites, each with a private bath, plus a third bedroom and a den. The floorplan provides great flexibility for a home business, according to listing agent, Carol Canterbury of Prudential Real Estate in Sierra Madre, and is currently used as such.

The current owner is also offering the beauty salon license that can be transferred at the time of a sale. The property has also been used as the business office for a legal practice recently. Currently the dining room does double duty as the salon setup, with a salon sink that can be hidden when covered, and used as an end table. Two different front doors allow for separation of business and private residence, if desired.

The home, built in 1922, offers a charming fireplace in the living room, extensive hardwood flooring, an arched, built-in hutch in the dining room and a generous eat in kitchen. A french door, with side lights, leads from the living room to the delightful side and back yards, which have been professionally landscaped with brick patios and planting beds.

The covered front porch provides a cheerful place to enjoy a favorite beverage, and watch the neighborhood passersby, or for queued up clients to wait in a pleasant environment. Client parking is available on Sierra Madre Boulevard, while a two car garage provides onsite owner parking.

The downtown Sierra Madre location is very attractive for a business, and is near the bus stop connecting to the Gold Line train to downtown LA, and only a block to city hall, Memorial Park and the Sierra Madre Library. Several local eateries are within a short walk, as well.

373 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard is offered at \$775,000 by Carol Canterbury of Prudential California Realty in Sierra Madre. For more information on this property or to arrange a showing, contact the agent at 626-252-6322 or [CarolCanterbury@hotmail.com](mailto:CarolCanterbury@hotmail.com). Have a story idea for "One of a Kind"? Send the details to Chris Bertrand at [C.Bertrand@MtnViewsNews.com](mailto:C.Bertrand@MtnViewsNews.com) today!



### Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou Realtor®

### DEVILS IN THE DETAILS

When you receive an Offer To Purchase, you are likely to focus on the price. You might be ecstatic over a full price offer, but you should be aware how "contingencies" could affect the likelihood of success.

Almost every offer has a mortgage contingency, stating that the buyer will secure financing at a certain rate and for a certain term. Make sure these factors are realistic. A buyer seeking a 30-year loan at 4% with no points may be hedging their bets if your agent advises that these loans are typically written at 7% with 1.5 points. Unrealistic terms can allow the buyer to back out if they get cold feet or find another property they prefer.

Another sticky contingency more common these days is when a buyer states that they must sell their home before they can finalize the purchase of yours. There has to be a realistic time limit, so the buyer doesn't tie up your listing.

It's wise to respond with a "kick-out" clause that allows you to keep your home on the market while the buyers promote theirs, offering them a 72-hour period to fulfill the contract if you should receive another offer in the interim.

These two examples are just the tip of the iceberg, so sit and discuss each line of the offer with your agent before making your decision.

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



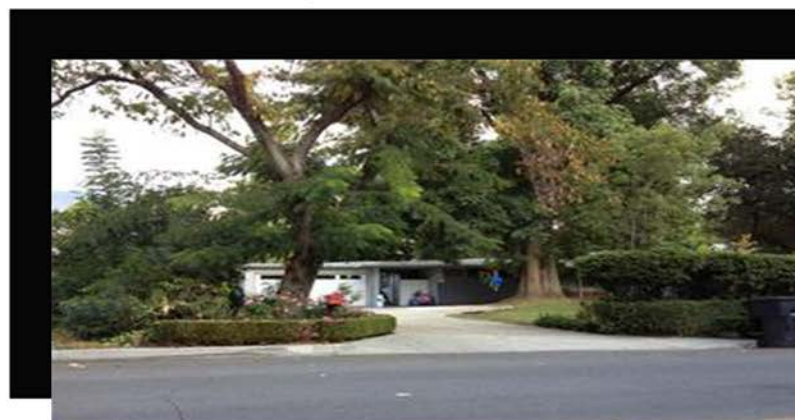
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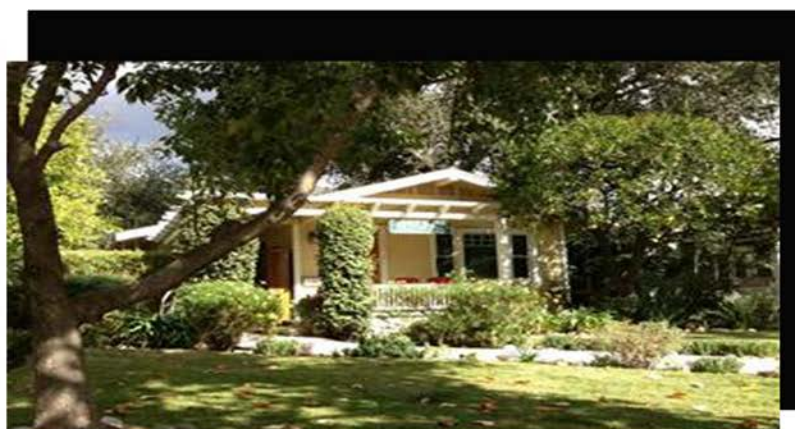
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*Dear Savvy Senior: I just turned 50 and would like to know what resources you recommend for locating senior discounts. Love To Save*

Dear Love:

One of the great perks of growing older in the U.S. is the many discounts that are available to boomers and seniors. If you don't mind admitting your age, here are some tips and tools to help you find them.

#### Always Ask

The first thing to know is that not all businesses advertise them, but many give senior discounts just for asking, so don't ever be shy to ask. You also need to know that while some discounts are available as soon as you turn 50, many others may not kick in until you turn 55, 60, 62 or 65.

#### Search Online

Because senior discounts are constantly changing and can vary greatly depending on where you live and the time of the year, the Internet is one of your best resources for locating them.

To get started go to SeniorDiscounts.com, a massive website that lists more than 250,000 discounts on a wide variety of products and services like airlines, car rentals, travel, recreation, local transportation, shopping, restaurants, hotels, state and national parks, medical services, pharmacies, museums and more. You can search for discounts by city and state or ZIP code, or by the category you're interested in, for free. Or, for \$13 you can become a premium member and get additional, select discounts.

Another great website for locating 50-and-older discounts is Sciddy.com. Launched in 2011, this site also lets you search for free by city, state or ZIP code, as well as by business or category.

#### Join a Club

Another good avenue to senior discounts is through membership organizations like AARP, which offers its 50 and older members a wide variety of discounts through affiliate businesses (see discounts.aarp.org). Annual AARP membership fees are \$16, or less if you join for multiple years.

If, however, you're not a fan of AARP, there are other alternative organizations you can join that also provide discounts such as The Seniors Coalition or the American Seniors Association. Or, for federal workers, there's the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association.

#### Types of Discounts

Here's a brief rundown of some of the different types of discounts you can expect to find.

**Supermarkets:** Many locally owned grocery stores offer senior discount programs, as do some chains like Kroger, Publix and Fry's which offer some discounts on certain days of the week but they vary by location. You'll need to ask!

**Retailers:** Many thrift stores and certain retailers like Kohl's, Bealls, Dressbarn and Ross Stores offer a break to seniors on a certain day each week.

**Travel:** Southwest Airlines provide by far the best senior fares in the U.S. to passengers 65 and older, while Amtrak offers a 15 percent discount and Greyhound offers 5 percent off to travelers over 62. And, most hotels in the U.S. offer senior discounts, usually ranging from 10 to 30.

**Car Services:** If you're renting a car, most car rental companies provide discounts to customers who belong to organizations like AARP. And some Jiffy Lube and Midas service centers offer discounts to seniors for auto repair and maintenance.

**Restaurants:** Senior savings are common at restaurants and fast food establishments, ranging from free coffee, to drinks, to discounts off your total order. Chains known for their senior discounts include McDonald's, Wendy's, Burger King, Applebee's, Arby's, Chili's and Friendly's.

**Entertainment:** Most movie theaters, plays, ballets, symphonies, museums, zoos and aquariums provide reduced admission to seniors over 60 or 65. And seniors over 62 are eligible to get the "America the Beautiful – Senior Pass" for \$10, which provides a lifetime of free access into all national parks and federal recreational lands.

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



## KATIE Tse .....This and That SHARPS, AND THE EDGE OF CIVILITY

There's so much to be thankful for! I'm not being sarcastic; I've been abundantly blessed and have no complaints! There

are, however, the occasional things that, while they don't drive me to cussing out anyone, stretch my patience. Consider the subject of sharps. If you don't know what sharps are, be thankful. Sharps are mostly used to check your blood for insulin levels, and to inject yourself with insulin -- not fun activities. After you've jabbed yourself, you can't just toss your needle in the trash (even if you've covered it with a safety cap). You've got to seal them in impenetrable containers.

There are two main challenges with sharps containers: getting them and getting rid of them. Now, you'd think you could do both these things at the same place, but OH NO! It's not that simple -- not by a long shot!

I needed to acquire and dispose of two sharps containers for a relative. First I called a nearby community center. After wading through a long recorded message telling me which numbers to press for which department, I selected several different extensions that only got me back to the same initial recording. Apparently it was furlough Friday for the entire community. Hmm... The cops must still be working. I gave them a call. Wonders! I reached a live human after passing through several extensions. The officer I talked to replied that my question could probably be better handled by the fire department. No problem! Except that when he transferred me I ended up at the original recording.

A direct call to the fire department didn't help much either. As it turns out it's furlough Friday for them, too. Better not have a fire on a Friday! Alright, I couldn't count on my beloved community to help me out this time. (In all fairness they have given me containers before, but it must not have been on a Friday.) Okay, on to another community.

The next health office was also experiencing furlough Friday, so I called a local hospital. If you've been in a hospital, you've seen those heavy duty metal containers awaiting pickup by guys in hazmat suits. You can't walk through the lobby without passing by containers of blood, urine, and who knows what other bodily fluids. A department head of community health was out of the office that day. I declined leaving a voice message. The main clerk said, "No, we don't accept sharps containers. We don't have the facilities for that." Give me a break! You have dead bodies downstairs, and infected poop in boxes outside every door, don't TELL me you can't deal with a couple tiny boxes of 2 mm. needles! (This was all inside my head.)

"Okay," I said with as much poise as I could muster, "Can I pick up a couple of boxes?"

"Uh, no," he replied. I waited for him to direct me to a place where I COULD pick them up.

"Um, could you please tell me where I could pick them up?"

"Probably Rite Aid," he replied airily.

"No, these aren't the needles themselves I want," I said somewhat calmly, "I need the boxes. They're bio-hazard plastic boxes."

"There's a medical supply place in Monrovia," he said. "You might try them."

A couple Valiums later, I rang up the Monrovia medical supply store. A human answered -- twice in one day, amazing! "Yeah, let me check," he said. "I've got a big box and a few small ones."

"Great!" I practically squealed, "Can I drop mine off, too?"

"No. Only places that distribute them can collect them." That was the straw that broke the camel's bio-



hazardous back.

"But you DO distribute them!" I laughed so he'd know I wasn't totally nuts.

"No, I only distribute the boxes, you have to go to the people who distribute the needles. Where have you gotten them before?" I sighed.

"It's for my relatives. They usually deal with it." I asked him when his shop closed, and said I'd be right over.

This place was on Huntington. I was able to park on the street despite heavy traffic. Inside, the proprietor knew who I was the moment I mentioned sharps. He smiled and I thanked him for letting me vent to him earlier. "I don't get it," I said. "There are SO many people with diabetes in this state. You can't TELL me they're all going to all this much trouble to get rid of these darn things! You can't even tell me they bother to get these boxes to begin with."

"I know," he nodded, "But you're responsible. You've got to think of the kid who might poke himself, or the other kid he might poke."

"Yes," I replied, "I'm trying very hard to keep a mental image of them." He handed me over two tiny containers. I thanked him and headed for the door. "Um," he said, making a writing sign with his hands.

"Yes?" I asked.

"You have to pay for them."

"What?" I think I maintained a smile, but I'm not sure. "Everywhere else I've gotten them they've been free!"

He nodded, truly a man of great patience, "But I've got a private business. I have to have a license to give these out."

"Okay," I sighed, "But just letting you know, I'm not going to take these if they're expensive." After a bit of prodding through his computer database he remarked that they were \$10 per. "I'm sorry," I said, handing them back. Not unkindly, he asked why. "Well," I replied, "\$20 versus free." At least he didn't have to go far to put them away. I would've felt bad if he had to go into the back storeroom or something.

At the end of the day, I had two boxes full of dirty needles and bloody test strips --not any further than I'd gotten since that morning. Thomas Edison said something to the effect of "Value your failures, because they teach you what doesn't work." With all the stores and public offices closed for the day, I resorted to the Internet in search of answers.

I found some official-looking PDF file stating that sharps could be disposed of in any non-recyclable sealed container and dumped in any trash that was not going to be recycled. I practically leaped for joy! Yay! Let's put them in bleach bottles and dump them in the dumpster! My husband, however, gently pointed out to me that the file I found was dated 1999. He then showed me a more recent site from the health department saying that, while sharps can be deposited in any sealed container, they need to be marked as "MEDICAL SHARPS" and dropped off at a SAFE center or a "participating" fire or police department, or a hospital or pharmacy. Oh well, so much for easy disposal. After all this, we did manage to learn that we can put the needles and test strips into sealed containers (bleach, coffee, etc.), but they must be turned into one of the elusive SAFE centers or of one the few participating agencies.

It's the New Year, and I'm choosing to be optimistic. While it's harder to get rid of these containers, at least we no longer need to worry about acquiring them! I hope your New Year has begun well for you, and if you don't need sharps, be even more thankful!

## SENIOR HAPPENINGS

By Pat Birdsall

## FYI: NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

According to *Wikipedia*, a New Year's resolution is a commitment that a person makes to one or more personal goals, projects, or the reforming of a habit. A key element to a New Year's resolution that sets it apart from other resolutions is that it is made in anticipation of the New Year and new beginnings. People committing themselves to a New Year's resolution generally plan to do so for the upcoming year.

The idea of resolutions has religious origins...The concept, regardless of creed, is to reflect on self-improvement annually. Popular goals include resolutions to: lose weight, exercise more, eat better, drink less alcohol, quit smoking, get out of debt, etc., etc. Though confident in the beginning, the failure rate is 88%.

This year I made just one resolution and then thought I'd better make it two. One I *know* I can keep and one I know I can't. I'll just cut to the chase here...I resolved to get proficient at grammar and punctuation...**Next!** Channel 7 had a terrific segment before, and during, the holiday season that focused on this simple concept...We should all strive to find and buy products that are **"MADE IN AMERICA."** I can do that. **HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!**

**HELPFUL HINT:** To remove tough stains from the bottom of a glass vase, just fill with water and add two Alka-Seltzer tablets! Plop-plop fizz fizz...

## FOR YOUR FUNNY BONE

A man feared his wife was not hearing as well as she used to and thought perhaps she might need a hearing aid. Not quite sure how to approach her, he called the family doctor to discuss the problem. The doctor told him about a simple test the husband could perform thus giving him a better idea about her hearing loss. "Here's what to do," said the doctor. "Stand about 40 feet away from her and in a normal conversational tone see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, 20 feet, and so on until you get a response." That evening, the wife is in the kitchen cooking dinner and he was in the den. "I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens." In a normal tone he asks, "Honey, what's for dinner?" No response. The husband moves closer to the kitchen, about 30 feet from his wife, and he repeats, "Honey, what's for dinner?" No response. Next he moves about 20 feet away, no response, so he walks up to the kitchen door, again, no response. Finally, he walks right up behind her. "Honey, what's for dinner?" "Earl, for the fifth time... CHICKEN!"

Did you hear about the scientists who crossed a sheep with a porcupine? They got an animal that knits its own sweaters. (Groaning is recommended)



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ... January Birthdays...

Mary Tassop, Judy Webb-Martin, Mary Bickel, Marlene Enmark, Ross Kellock, Ruth Wolter, Sue Watanbe, Sandy Thistlewaite, Bobbi Rahmanian, Fran Syverson, Shirley Wolff, Judy Zaretzka and Becky Evans.

\*To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737. YEAR of birth not required.

**Quote of the Week:** Many people look forward to the New Year for a new start on old habits.

~Author Unknown



**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 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: 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. Outside, on the patio, a beautiful, one-of-a-kind chess table is anxious for players.

**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 included)

**Senior Citizens Club:** Every Saturday at the Hart Park House (Senior Center). Brown bag lunch at 11:30am; Club meeting at Noon; Bingo 12:30- 3:30 pm. Only .25c per card... For more information call Pat at 626.355.7290.



## EXCURSIONS:

**Autry National Center-Guided Tour (Griffith Park, Los Angeles)**

**Date:** Thursday, January 31, 2013

**Time:** 9:30 am- 3:00 pm

**Meeting Location:** Hart Park House Senior Center

Cost: \$20.00 (does not include lunch)

Don't miss a visit to this historic museum which explores and shares the stories, experiences and perceptions of the diverse peoples of the American West. A one hour guided tour will be given upon arrival followed by lunch on your own at the Autry Café and/or independent exploring of the vast collections of art and artifacts. For more information please visit [www.theautry.org](http://www.theautry.org)

**\* And, "save the date" for the following excursions...more information on each is forthcoming...**

**Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandise Date:** Friday, February 22, 2013

**Description:** View actual costumes from movies released in 2012, including 2012 Academy Award Winner for Best Costume, The Artist.

**Jeopardy Taping at the Sony Lot Date:** Wednesday, March 27, 2013

**Description:** Attend a taping of America's favorite quiz show. Test your knowledge while host Alex Trebek challenges the contestants.

**Senior Movie Program: FREE** movies are shown on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month. The films, one contemporary and one vintage, are chosen by the seniors themselves. **January's selections are:**

**January 9-The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (2011)** To make the most of their meager retirement savings, a group of British seniors moves to India to live out their golden years at the Marigold Hotel. But upon arrival, they discover the once-lavish resort has wilted considerably. Less luxurious than its advertisements, the Marigold Hotel nevertheless slowly begins to charm in unexpected ways. Judi Dench, Bill Nighy, Tom Wilkinson and Maggie Smith star. (Run time is 124 minutes)

**January 23-The Sound of Music (1965)** In Rogers and Hammerstein's greatest collaboration, a feisty postulant named Maria (Julie Andrews) is sent to care for the unruly, motherless Von Trapp children. She soon tames them...and finds herself falling for their stern father (Christopher Plummer). The Oscar-winning director Robert Wise used stunning Austrian locations to transform the popular stage musical into a cinema classic in which the hills truly seemed to come alive.

(Run time is 174 minutes) **Start time: 1:00 PM**

All movies are shown in Sierra Madre's City Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

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Antivirus software is often not very good at stopping threats and it appears that the antivirus industry has been keeping this secret from us.

Each year consumers and businesses spend billions on AV software, yet these products are sometimes unable to block the very latest computer threats. This may be attributed to the fact that the model for creating definition files for AV programs, the part of the program that identifies malicious code, relies upon knowledge of what threats are “in the wild” or have already been detected by industry researchers. And since the bad guys also have access to a lot of this information, they can use it to craft newer threats and keep a step ahead of the “good guys”.

The job of protecting against the unknown wasn’t always this difficult but it became much more so when the motivation behind virus and malware creation became highly monetized in the mid-2000’s. Since that time the guys have devoted a lot of time, brains, energy and focus on infecting as many computers as possible.

Part of the problem is that antivirus products are inherently reactive. Just as medical researchers have to study a virus before they can create a vaccine, antivirus makers must capture a computer virus, take it apart and identify its “signature” or unique behavior in its code, before a program can be written that neutralizes that threat. That process can take as little as a few hours or as long as several years.

Earlier this year researchers discovered “Flame”, a complex piece of malware that had been stealing data from computers for an estimated five years without detection. The AV industry has grown as well, even to the point of hiring former “bad guys” as consultants and engineers but, when tested by researchers, some of the most effective AV programs at catching new threats (AVG and Emsisoft) turned out to be free offerings. In its efforts to gain significant ground in the ongoing battle for computing security, AV makers have begun to think differently about both the threats they face as an industry and the approaches they can take to make a more effective product.

Current users can minimize their exposure by sticking to Safe Computing Best Practices (Firewall, Patched and Current OS’s, Least Privilege computer use, etc) and being vigilant about what’s installed and used on their machines.



## BUSINESS TODAY

*The latest on Business News, Trends and Techniques*

By La Quetta M. Shamblee, MBA



## BUSINESS BUILDING GAMEPLAN FOR THE YEAR

Four quarters, twelve months and about 360 days to make this “THE” year to give birth to your business concept or to expand and strengthen your existing business. One of the easiest ways to engage in annual business planning is simply, to establish goals using the following process, which is followed by an example of how to apply it during the first quarter.

First, if you could have only one goal for the year, what is it? This becomes the bulls-eye to hit by December 31st. Every other goal selected should contribute to progress towards the year-end goal. **Example: Remodel/Recreate the appearance of your business, including a thorough cleaning, fresh paint, better storage and a few new pieces of furniture.**

**Second, determine four goals, one per quarter. This approach is aligned with the natural progression of 90-day blocks of time to concentrate on activities specific to one goal.** March 31st, June 30th and September 30th represent three significant check-points, with December 31st serving as the culmination of both the fourth and final quarter, as well as the point to celebrate your progress and accomplishments for the year.

**Example:**

**Qtr 1 – Get rid of outdated items, inventory and clutter.**

**Qtr 2 – Select your color palette, new layout and furnishings.**

**Qtr 3 – Schedule the remodel.**

**Qtr 4 – Open House event to celebrate your “newly-remodeled” facility.**

**Third, identify one primary area of activity to focus on each month. Make sure to select activities that are directly related to the goal for the current quarter.**

**Example:**

**Month 1 – Identify categories or items and areas that need to be cleaned out and organized. You can engage the help of a friend or family member, pay an employee to coordinate this project or commit to a schedule to do it yourself.**

**Month 2 – Get rid of ALL unneeded items. If feasible, set-up a “Clearance” table or section. You might want to maintain and replenish clearance items up to the date that you need to remove things to paint. Remember, the goal is to get rid of items, so be prepared to offer deep discounts to get the clutter out of your space.**

**Month 3 – Spring Cleaning. With some items removed, schedule time to do a thorough cleaning of your business, especially the areas visible to customers. You can get it done in one day, or perhaps during a weekend by making it a family affair, or hiring one or more workers.**

**Complete the process by selected an activity for each of the remaining months. Of course, take time to pat yourself on the back for accomplishing your goal, or simply recommit to the process for the upcoming month.**



## WILL SOCIAL ADS BE THE TREND IN 2013?

As social media “behavior” becomes the norm, businesses will find that they can reach some of their target audience through social ads. Compared to the price of a Super Bowl ad or sending out a direct mail piece, advertising on social media can be relatively affordable.

share your audience).

On Twitter, you can pay to promote a tweet. They show up at the top of relevant search results or a “hashtagged” conversation. Brands can target specific audiences based on interest, keyword, and location.

The goal on Facebook is to get your **Posts** into the **Newsfeed** of the your Fans and Friends. A Facebook page that has over 400 “Likes” can pay to promote a post. Organic posts (those that are not promoted) statistically see about 16 - 24% exposure. By promoting a post, you can increase that exposure. We’ve seen upwards of 40-50% exposure with a promoted post. For a page that has around 1500 “Likes,” the cost to promote a post ranges from \$5 - \$15.

LinkedIn also sells ad space, you can target by job title and function, industry and company size, by seniority, age and by groups.

Just like TV, newspapers and magazines, Social Media is a content provider that brands can leverage for advertising.

*About MJ: MJ and her brother David own HUTdogs, a creative services business that specializes in Internet Marketing strategies and Social Media Education for businesses and non-profits. In 2012, they delivered 50 complimentary presentations on Social Media and email marketing to over 1,725 attendees. Join their conversation on Facebook and get good tips and tricks about social media, www.facebook.com/hutdogs.*

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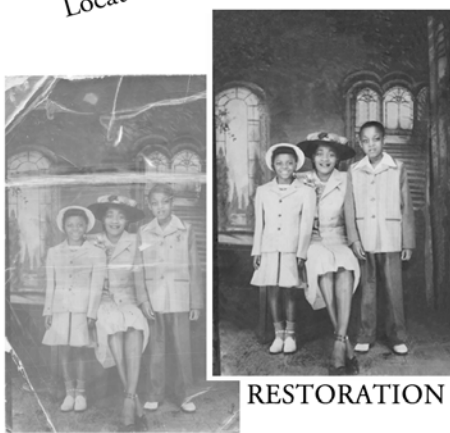
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## HOWARD Hays As I See It



*"A little less complaint and whining, and a little more dogged work and manly striving, would do us more credit than a thousand civil rights bills."*  
- W.E.B. DuBois

There seems to be three branches to my party: "progressive Democrats", formerly known as "Democrats"; "moderate Democrats", formerly known as "Republicans"; and "whining Democrats" who, as far as I can recall, have always been known as "whiners".

There were somewhat the same categories in 1968, but positioned considerably to the left. The "moderate" running for president that year was Vice President Hubert Humphrey; the "progressive" was Sen. George McGovern (D-SC), and the "whiner" turned out to be Sen. Eugene McCarthy (D-MN). Sens. McGovern and McCarthy shared anti-Vietnam War views, but what placed McCarthy in the "whiner" wing was his refusal, unlike Sen. McGovern, to support his party's nominee, Vice President Humphrey, against Republican Richard Nixon.

Sen. McCarthy's influencing supporters to sit out the general election contributed to a close Nixon victory, decided by less than 500,000 votes nation-wide. The decision of this anti-war candidate to withhold support from the nominee deemed insufficiently anti-war led to the victory of a candidate whose administration saw the war's expansion into Laos and Cambodia, hundreds of thousands additional casualties in Southeast Asia, and the number of Americans killed in action doubling to nearly 60,000.

Twelve years later, it was Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-MA) who moved to the "whiner" wing. President Jimmy Carter was engaged in efforts to bring our hostages home from Iran, and an uphill battle to convince congress and the nation of the urgency of pursuing energy independence; of the threat posed not only to our economy, but to our national security, of reliance upon foreign oil - especially oil from the Middle East.

Sen. Kennedy was engaged in waiting out the lingering taint of the 1969 Chappaquiddick scandal for an opportune time to run for president. 1972 and 1976 were deemed to be too soon, but his run in 1980 necessitated whining about the sitting incumbent from his own party - Jimmy Carter. The 1980 Democratic National Convention is remembered primarily for Sen. Kennedy's avoidance of the traditional unity pose with party nominee Carter as the ceremonies came to a close.

In a 2010 interview, Jimmy Carter blamed Ted Kennedy for our country's not having had a comprehensive healthcare plan already in place for the past thirty years. Although Kennedy publicly objected to the plan offered under the Carter Administration for its phased-in approach, Carter suggests the real reason Kennedy blocked its passage was out of pique it was Carter's, not Kennedy's own, plan being given serious consideration.

Comprehensive healthcare legislation was finally passed under President Obama, during one of the most successful first terms in modern presidential history. In addition to the Affordable Care Act, there was the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act which helped bring our country out of its worst economic crisis since the Great Depression.

All three historic bills, in fact, were signed into law in the first half of President Obama's first term - prior to the 2010 mid-term elections. I'm sure the president considered the effect the whiner wing of his party might have on those mid-terms, and assessed the likelihood of passage were he to wait until after the swearing-in of a new Congress.

Sure enough, as November 2010 drew near, the whining grew louder about there still being prisoners housed at Guantanamo, the president not having pushed hard enough for a single-payer healthcare plan, that we still had troops in Afghanistan and that nobody behind the 2008 Wall Street meltdown was doing time at the Graybar Hotel. The whiner wing of the Democratic Party did that year what they've historically done on Election Day - they stayed home.

As a result, for the next two years we were subjected to the lunacy of the tea-baggers. San Diego's new mayor Bob Filner cited them recently as a reason he left Washington after twenty years in Congress; "They had no respect, as it were, for government per se." He noted the futility of attempting serious discussion with those who, for starters, reject science; who insist global warming is a hoax, the moon landing took place on a Hollywood soundstage, and that biblical creation needs to be taught at public schools. They gamed with the full faith and credit of the United States; their refusal to pay bills from the Bush years led to the first-ever downgrade of our nation's credit rating.

I don't like ragging on my ideological brethren, but I was bothered by comments heard from respected politicos, pundits and partisans regarding the recent "fiscal cliff" agreement. The whining involved the president having "caved" in, allowing permanent extension of the Bush tax cuts for family incomes up to \$450,000 (\$400,000 for individuals), rather than sticking with the line-in-the-sand figure of \$250,000 (\$200,000 for individuals). The argument is that he should have stuck to his guns and let taxes rise for everybody because, according to recent polling, Republicans would have gotten the blame for it.

Such arguments are fun to make in newspaper columns and talking-head TV shows, but they ignore the reality that outcomes such as extending a misbegotten war, delaying by decades universal healthcare, government by tea-baggers and raising taxes on middle-class families have real-life consequences for real-life Americans.

They also ignore President Obama's proven ability to accurately evaluate the next half-dozen moves on the chessboard while everyone else is still focused on having lost that last pawn.

As it is, issues of funding sequestration and the debt ceiling will be dealt with by a new Congress with a strengthened Democratic majority in the Senate and a shrunken, dysfunctional Republican majority in the House. A USA Today poll shows Barack Obama is the most admired man in America, and it looks like House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) is about to be dumped by his own party.

So stop your whining.

JOE GANDELMAN Independent's Eye  
TWELVE PREDICTIONS FOR 2013

Here are my predictions for 2013:

1. Efforts by moderates or traditional conservatives to improve the Republican Party's outreach and branding will suffer due to the continued clout of the Tea Party, far-right House Republicans and talk show hosts who will make sure the party appeals mostly to its existing choir. A politically damaging GOP internal war will heat up.
2. Democrats often blow it when they regain chunks of power by infighting, overreaching, or not using their power. The Dems will be more careful this time, but probably can't help themselves.
3. Despite being already under fire for "caving" (the 21st century partisans' word for America's centuries-old, respected, tradition of political compromise) on the fiscal cliff, a tougher second-term Obama will use his political capitol to battle Republicans' opposition to his positions on immigration reform, gun control and the debt ceiling. A form of immigration reform will pass.
4. Politicos to watch: Republicans Marco Rubio, Chris Christie, and Jeb Bush. Democrats Hillary Clinton, Andrew Cuomo, Elizabeth Warren and Joe Biden.
5. Republicans have binders full of reasons to put Romney, his organization and political-malpractice campaign totally behind them -- and they most assuredly will.
6. A slow economic recovery will continue with setbacks along the way.
7. The Today Show will continue to lag behind Good Morning America. The public points the finger of blame for Ann Curry's humiliating firing on mega-salaried Matt Lauer, who has a mega-image problem. The New York Daily News reports that NBC wants Lauer and Curry "to literally break bread to help shift the public perception of Lauer back to what it once was." But any P.R. type will tell you: it ain't gonna happen. Lauer's image and the Today's Show's ratings are cooked.
8. Watch for CNN to get a ratings boost under new boss Jeff Zucker. MSNBC will continue to rise. Fox News will still lead, but Sean Hannity -- who took a huge hit in his post-election ratings by enabling partisan hackery about how Obama was going to lose and suggestions that polls were wrong -- will never regain his numbers. More realistic partisans will help Fox News remain what it is: a communications center for Republican perspectives and a dissemination hub for GOP talking points.
9. Karl Rove will remain a major pundit force due to Wall Street Journal columns and resumed talking head appearances on Fox News. But in the overall media he'll be seriously damaged goods: an over-hyped political "genius" who on election night 2012 seemed to be channeling Dick Morris.
10. The NRA will continue to prevent substantive gun regulation, barring some new mass murder more shocking than the butchering of virtual babies and their educators at Sandy Hook Elementary School. If something worse happens, look for the banning or tight control of assault weapons. Despite Rupert Murdoch's support of gun control, the public will perceive Republicans as working with the NRA to check-mate meaningful gun law regulation - and it'll cost the GOP some votes.
11. Breaking Bad will continue to be television's best show. Its final episodes will be shockers. At least one major character will suddenly die, Walter won't enjoy a happy future, and the ending won't be ambiguous like The Sopranos'. In coming years, the program will be hailed as one of the finest, most intricately layered pieces of writing, directing and acting that has ever appeared on the tube.
12. The country's best pizza will still be Pepe's Pizza in New Haven, Conn.

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## THE STRUGGLE AHEAD

GREG Welborn



We have to start the New Year with an honest assessment of the struggle that lies ahead. The budget "deal", which allowed us to avoid the much-hyped but insignificant fiscal cliff threat, did nothing but recommit this country to the continuing rancorous political battles we've witnessed for the last four years.

As much as President Obama would like to spin his election victory as a mandate, a slip shod high school freshman's research efforts would show the ludicrousness of any such claim. First point of evidence would be the fact that the GOP House was also re-elected largely in the same proportion as the President was re-elected. Each lost a small amount of the support they earned in the previous political contest. As a nation, we just spent a vast amount of money and time to continue the status quo. Second point of evidence would be the fact that the Republicans (including the current leadership and our last presidential candidate) did nothing, and have continued to do nothing to explain that the major issue facing the country is spending.

Romney was largely absent from this debate. He played it safe; he assumed everyone knew how bad the economy is, and he was wrong; as a result, we all lost. The Speaker of the House has the second largest bully pulpit in the nation, but he hasn't used it. If he's been on one talk show or held a meaningful press conference, I don't remember it, and I can't find a transcript of it either. Obama won the vote, but against opposition that didn't even suit up. That's not a mandate, even if he thinks it is.

Unfortunately, President Obama's belief that he received a mandate only reinforces his stubbornness in pursuit of his leftist vision for America. One might expect that after winning the debate with Boehner and getting the tax hikes he wanted, a smart politician would pivot a bit and return to the dialogue of "balance" and "bipartisanship" and take a serious look at the entitlement spending programs which will bankrupt this country. But that is not what President Obama has done. His last two speeches have focused on defending every penny of current fiscal spending, and the deal he struck with Boehner actually increases government spending further.

What's so striking about this is the fact that Boehner offered the President increases in revenue by cutting back hard on deductions and loopholes. That was supposed to be something a Democrat would embrace, but Obama said no. He insisted that the revenue had to come from tax hikes. Why he did this is the primary reason we're going to see more bitter struggles in the years ahead.

This ultimatum was designed specifically to weaken Republicans. This was not a fig leaf offer or bipartisanship. This was an attempt to cause divisions within the Republican Party, and it worked beautifully. When the Speaker took the first deal back to the Republican caucus, he was handed a decisive defeat. Even now, those wounds are bleeding.

More importantly, though, Obama's ultimatum was designed to alter the fiscal course of this nation. Ever since the Reagan revolution, the left has clamored to reverse the tax reductions and increase rates for no other reason than to punish the rich. This isn't about economic growth; it's about forcing economic equality and financing an ever increasing federal government.

Reagan's brilliance was in realizing that if tax rates were kept low, the federal government would be restricted from further encroaching on people's lives. Higher tax rates are liberalism's only hope for enlarging the entitlement state. The fact that successful entrepreneurs will be punished is an end in itself.

Now, as they say, it takes two to tango, and despite the sleep-walking appearances of candidate Romney and Speaker Boehner, there is a serious contingent of conservatives in the Republican Party who aren't going to sit back and watch the country career off the deficit cliff. This was, and is, the real threat to our economy and our way of life.

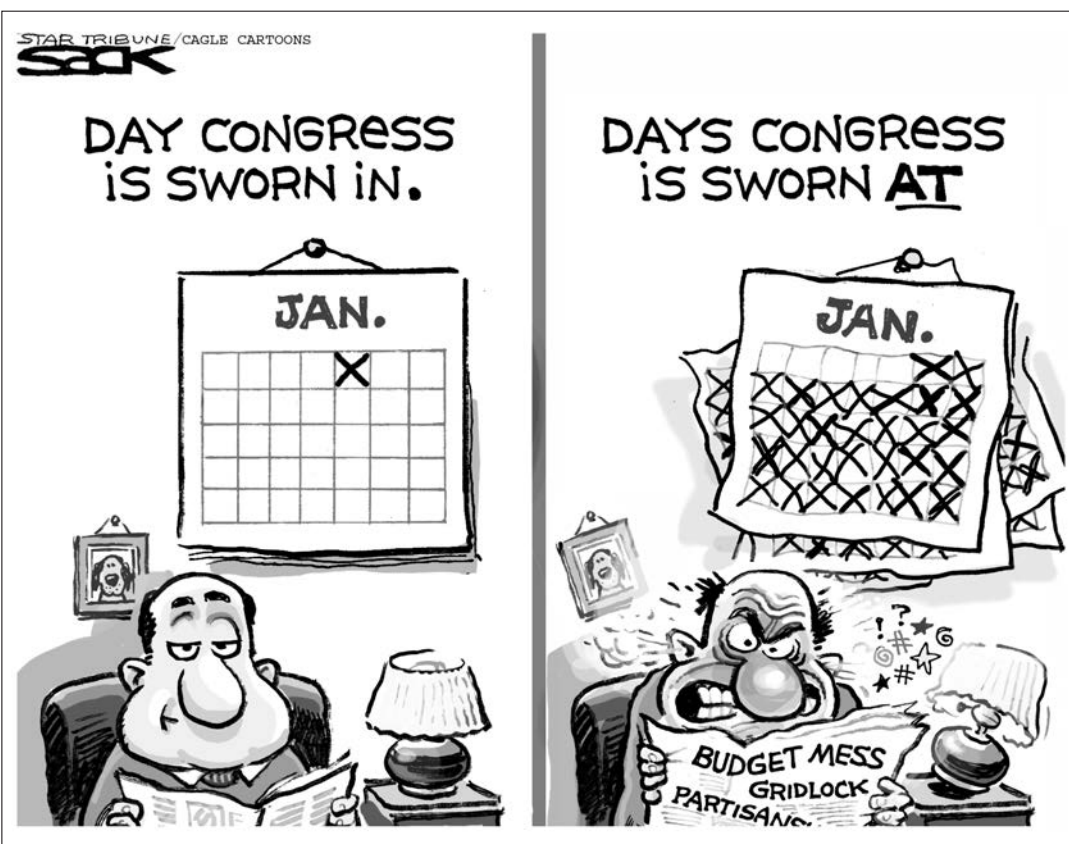
So here's what's going to happen. Conservatives will find their ground again and will rise to make the case for trimming spending. Someone or some group will rise to tell the nation that spending \$1 trillion per year more than is received in tax revenues is immoral and unsustainable. There is a limit to how much we can borrow, and it is generational thievery to spend now what must be paid for by the next generation. It is morally wrong! There can be no question about this, but the argument has to be made. Somewhere in the Republican Party are conservatives who will make this argument and take it to the people.

This may actually happen sooner than later. Based on the terms of the budget deal, conservatives have 60 days to lay out an honest, healthy and sustainable vision for America's future. They have 60 days in which to make it concise and personal - to lay out exactly the consequences to each individual American if this spending is not brought under control.

The solutions are actually simple in principle - they just take courage politically. Social Security needs to adjust the retirement age while Medicare needs to adjust its eligibility age, and both of them need to use a reasonable measure for cost-of-living adjustments. Spending needs to be reduced because spending is the problem. Again, a high school freshman could find out with a simple google search that government revenues are larger now than they were in 2008 and will be larger still in 2013. This isn't a revenue (ie: tax) problem. This is a spending problem. If debt continues to rise, the interest payments on that debt will consume the entire budget in a very short while. This is all the more certain if interest rates rise. These are not difficult concepts. But someone has to point them out.

So, why do I see more struggles in our future? Because the President has no intention of seeking compromise and wants to expand government spending as one of his primary goals. Conservatives won't stand by and watch the destruction of the strongest economy the world has ever produced. The battle between these two principles will continue. Eventually, the people will join the fray. It probably won't happen until there is a serious and devastating economic crisis, but it will happen. It's just a matter of time.

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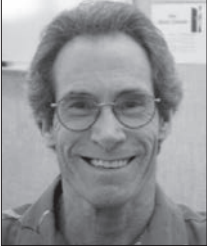
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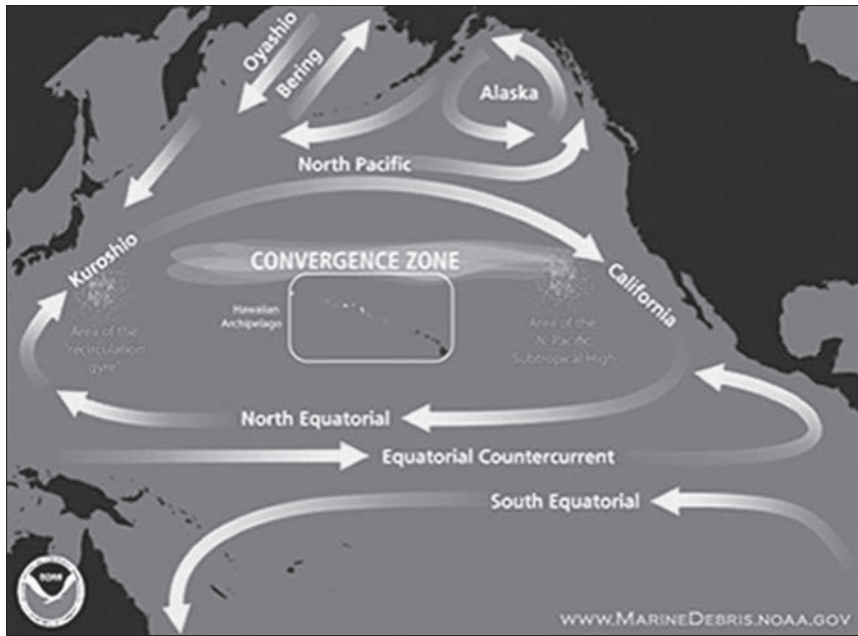
### The Ocean as a Dump: Marine "Garbage Patches"

A friend of mine sent me an article and some disturbing, if not downright disgusting, pictures of the North Pacific marine "garbage patches." The "garbage patches" are areas of marine debris concentration in the North Pacific (both eastern and western). Because there has been little scientific research conducted in these areas, the exact size and content of these areas are difficult to accurately predict.

The name "garbage parch," I learned, is a misnomer. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), there is no island of trash forming in the middle of the ocean nor a blanket of trash that can be seen with high altitude aerial or satellite photographs. This is likely because much of the debris found here is small bits of floating plastic not easily seen from a boat. There are two "patches" that have been identified in the North Pacific:

Eastern garbage patch -- Concentrations of marine debris have been observed in an area midway between Hawaii and California know as the North Pacific Subtropical High gyre (ocean feature made up of currents that spiral around a central point) or the "eastern garbage patch." The High is not a stationary area, but one that rotates, moves, and changes over time.

Western garbage patch -- Another area of marine debris concentration is located off the coast of Japan, and researchers believe it to be a small recirculation gyre likely created by winds and ocean eddies.



The "patches are not the only open ocean areas where marine debris is concentrated. Another important area in the North Pacific is the Subtropical Convergence Zone (STCZ). This area, located about 500 miles north of the Hawaiian Islands, has a abundance of marine life, is a known area of marine debris concentration, and is one of the mechanisms for accumulation of debris in the Hawaiian Islands.

Oceanographic features similar the North Pacific Subtropical High and the STCZ exist in other oceans of the world, such as reports of "garbage patches" in the western North Atlantic and Caribbean Sea. Still, compared to the North Pacific Ocean, these marine debris concentration are relatively small.

There are a variety of theories as to why and where "garbage patches" form. Most scientists agree, however, that the primary factors include floatable marine debris from land- and ocean-based sources (e.g., tiny pieces of plastic); and ocean and atmospheric conditions suitable for the concentration of marine debris (e.g., waters rotating -- large or small are -- in a cyclone-like fashion).

Can these areas be cleaned up? According to NOAA, the answer to this is not as simple as you may think. It is certainly not cost-effective to skim the surface of the entire ocean. Even a cleanup focusing on "garbage patches" would be a tremendous challenge. Keep in mind these factors:

- Concentration areas move and change throughout the year
- These areas are typically very large
- The marine debris is not distributed evenly within these areas
- Modes of transport and cleanup will like require large amounts of fuel of some sort
- Most of the marine debris found in these areas is small bits of plastic

This all adds up to a bigger challenge than even sifting beach sand to remove bits of marine debris. In some ares where marine debris concentrates, so does marine life (as in the STCZ). This make simple skimming the debris risky since more harm than good may be caused. Remember that much of our ocean life is in the microscopic size range.

Regardless of the exact size, mass, and location of the "garbage patches," manmade debris does not belong in our oceans and waterways. I think we can all agree that since it is prohibitively costly (and risky) to remove the plastic, we need to focus our efforts on preventing more trash from fouling our oceans in the first place.

## RICH Johnson MOE



For those of you who missed the media blitz, I am now the parent of a third child. His name is Moe. I am not certain as to his exact age, but I think he is a teenager. I came to that conclusion as he lays around the house all day and does nothing. Not that adults don't do that, too. However, the percentages suggest Moe is a teen.

I adopted Moe a little more than a month ago. As you may have figured out Moe is a cat. A rescue. After a month of hiding out in the back bedroom, he has joined the family and we are bonding. I have had more experience with dogs than cats. But my limited experience with cats has made me aware of striking similarities between men and dogs. And of similarities between cats and women. Let me explain.

*Why dogs are like men:*

Dogs lie around all day, sprawled on the most comfortable piece of furniture in the house.

Dogs can hear a package of food being opened from a half a block away, but don't hear you when you're in the same room.

Dogs can look dumb and lovable all at the same time.

When you want to play, dogs want to play.

When you want to be alone, dogs want to play.

Dogs will love you forever if you rub their tummies.

Dogs leave their toys everywhere.

Dogs always try to give you kisses.

Dogs are great at begging.

See what I mean?

*Now read the following comparison of cats to women:*

Cats do what they want to do.

Cats rarely listen to you.

Cats are totally unpredictable.

Cats whine when they're not happy.

When you want to play, cats want to be alone

When you want to be alone, cats want to play.

Cats expect you to cater to their every whim.

Cats are moody.

Cats leave hair everywhere.

Cats will drive you nuts and cost you an arm and a leg.

On a serious note, I am enjoying Moe. He craves affection and offers a calming influence day in and day out. If you are considering a cat or a dog please consider rescuing one. The Pasadena Humane Society is a good start. Call them at (626) 792-7151.

## STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE NEW YEAR'S DAY AND YEAR



"Is the bomber here yet?," my wife asks as we struggle awake at a little before 7. "Bomber? What bomber?," I say and pretend to roll over and go back to sleep. Soon I'm up and leaping into a scalding shower getting ready for what I already know is New Year's Morning 2013. This year is going to be different. I am going to continually be aware of my goals and do what I have set out to do.

Unfortunately one of my goals is to be free of routines and to be alive to the possibilities of life. Already I sense a conflict, the year has just started and I'm barely out of bed. How can I reach my goals, which undoubtedly will require focus and organization, while at the same time spurning the routines that are the only things that give my disorganized life any order? Well, I will let myself be free to worry about these conflicts later but, while I settle on that decision, I realize that I have fallen into my usual trap of procrastination—a chronic problem which I have vowed to avoid this year.

But not today! I am easily out of bed and ready to celebrate - so I fall back into bed to celebrate my victory with a quick nap.

No, I don't fall back into bed. This is all fantasy involving the thoughts and difficulties I experience just trying to live my life. It is always two steps forward and one step back or sometimes even two steps back. Today is a different kind of day. I don't have to go to work and am free to do something else. Something else has already been suggested by my wife—let's go out on the deck and see the bomber which will surely fly over the house on its way over to the Rose Parade. My recollection is that the parade starts at 8:00 a.m. and the bomber should be overhead right about then. Oh, oh—quick thoughts almost without words race through my head. Do I really care very much about the bomber? What does it mean to me? Well one time I was at a game at the Rose Bowl and just as the players emerged with fans yelling and screaming and cheerleaders cartwheeling, the Stealth Bomber soundlessly emerged from nowhere and flew over me like a giant bat. Suddenly there was tremendous sound and my entire consciousness rattled back and forth shaken by other-wordly vibrations.

This sounds so exciting and I'm not sure it ever happened but I can still remember other game days when the bomber magically appeared above the house and there was all kinds of exciting shaking, but was it really that exciting? Anyway, aren't I really opposed to Stealth Bombers? Aren't they a symptom of bloated defense spending and a mentality which glorifies war, which is a part of the whole mentality that will lead this world to total destruction?

I'm not totally sure I had these thoughts, but I know I'm conflicted about the Stealth Bomber. In fact I'm conflicted about watching College Football and televised Sports for endless hours on television. I am a rabid UCLA football fan and I actually get depressed when they lose and elated when they win. What a waste of time. How can I spend my life being distracted by such inanities when I should be using my rapidly diminishing energies to give meaning to my life and benefit to the world? So, what gives meaning to my life and benefits to the world? There is nothing more meaningful than family and I love watching TV sports with my son. Even when he was recuperating from his detached retina and really couldn't see the screen I am pretty sure we both enjoyed sitting together in front of the TV and having me play the role of one more play-by-play announcer.

That thought reminds me of when my Dad was in a coma and I stayed with him for endless hours. I spent the time reading to him from the sports page and going over the box scores and, as I did this, his vital signs seemed to stabilize. I was pretty happy that there was still one interest that I knew we had in common. I still look at the Sports page before I read any other part of the paper and some mornings I think of my Dad, now long deceased, as I ponder the significance of the numbers on the page.

Oh, oh I just realized I forgot to look for the bomber. I was too busy thinking about it. Anyway, it's a new day of a new year and I don't want to waste it. I think I'm going to have to stop now because the Rose Bowl Game is about to start and the Stealth Bomber may just be ready to fly overhead. Of course I really don't care about Stanford and Wisconsin and maybe shouldn't waste time watching the game.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR



## OUT TO PASTOR

*A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder*

### LET'S DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN!

She has kept me straight and I have given

her opportunities to exercise that career, at which she has become quite proficient.

One of the great things resulting from this marriage is the fact that she has been faithful in pointing out my mistakes. Through her help, I discovered I have made quite a few mistakes.

I begin every year with a clean slate. I am able to celebrate January 1 with no mistakes whatsoever, but then the next day my wife begins the ominous task of pointing out my mistakes. This is a joint effort, which leaves me out of joint often.

I have a little theory along this line. I think that, if it is a mistake you have made before, it should not count anymore. I think the only thing that should be legitimate to point out are new mistakes. I find myself so busy practicing my old mistakes that I rarely get around to making new mistakes.

All these years I have reveled in my old mistakes. Trying to find something new is a great strain on my little grey cells. At this point in my life, they are exhausted and are encouraging me to rely upon those old mistakes and give them a well-deserved rest.

At my stage in life I think new is overrated and, if experience is anything, something new is always taxing - and in more ways than one. Do not let the government find out that you have something new or Uncle Sam will come knocking at your door with a gentle request for tax money.

There is an old saying that says, "insanity is doing the same things over and over expecting different results". Well, that does not describe me. I do not want different results. I like the results I have. I like doing the same thing over again because I know what to expect. And if ignorance in this area is bliss, I am the most blissful person on the planet.

My challenge this year is to surprise my wife with some unexpected new mistakes. Just one!

To get on the right track for the New Year, I start with the Bible. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV).

Instead of just celebrating the New Year, I plan also to celebrate that "new creature" in Christ. No mistake about that!

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LOLEYPOPS CREATIONS, 1709 ATWELL ST, ROSEVILLE, CA 95747. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SANDRA MENDOZA CORTEZ, 1709 ATWELL ST, ROSEVILLE, CA 95747. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SANDRA MENDOZA CORTEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/06/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2012-246090  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LOS ANGELES BASE RECORDS; LAB RECORDS, 211 S. MARENGO AVE., ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KATIA FLORES, 211 S. MARENGO AVE., ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: KEVIN FLORES. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/12/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2012-246920  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: M&J PLUMBING, 14119 HILLFORD AVE., COMPTON, CA 90021. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JAMES WESLEY, MATTHEW MARTIN, 15184 GRAND AVE, #5, LAKE ELSINORE, CA 92530. This Business is conducted by: CO-PARTNERS. Signed: JAMES WESLEY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/12/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2012-241380  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MALVY SALON & BEAUTY SHOP, 2129 W. PICO BLVD., L.A., CA 90006. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EDILIA TRINIDAD DIAZ, 2129 W. PICO BLVD., L.A., CA 90006. This Business is conducted

by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EDILIA TRINIDAD DIAZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/04/12. 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. 2012-247064  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MINH TRAVEL; MINH TRAVEL AVE; MINH TRAVEL AND TOURS, INC., 8728 VALLEY BLVD, UNIT 206, ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MINH TRAVEL AND TOURS, INC., 8728 VALLEY BLVD, #206, ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: JIMMY DUONG. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/12/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/31/1986. 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. 2012-246246  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MONTEBELLO AUTO BODY, 1540 W. OLYMPIC BLVD., MONTEBELLO, CA 90660. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CARLOS ANAIBAL LALAMA, 1540 W. OLYMPIC BLVD., MONTEBELLO, CA 90660. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CARLOS ANAIBAL LALAMA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/11/12. 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. 2012-246212  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: NINES; NINESQRS, 4923 MINTURN AVE., LAKEWOOD, CA 90712. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NINES, 4923 MINTURN AVE., LAKEWOOD, CA 90712. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: IRA MCKENNA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/12/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/11/2012. 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. 2012-244040  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ONIE, WAVE CLEANING, 104 PINE AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90807. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SCHYLER D. O'NEAL, 3104 PINE AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90807. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SCHYLER D. O'NEAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/07/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/01/2011. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2012-245197  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ORCOES CLEANING SERVICES, 1601 ST. ANDREWS PL, #6, L.A., CA 90019. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALEJANDRO D. ESCOBAR, 1601 ST. ANDREWS PL, #6, L.A., CA 90019. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALEJANDRO ESCOBAR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/10/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/01/2011. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2012-246303  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: OUT THERE X; THE OUT THERE EXPERIENCE, 68 WESTBROOK LN, POMONA, CA 91766. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) OUT THERE EXPERIENCE, 68 WESTBROOK LN, POMONA, CA 91766. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: BEN BLANKENHORN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/11/12. 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. 2012-244497  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PEGASUS CLEANING SERVICES, 14848 GREENLEAF ST, SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91403. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DELIPON, INC., 3141 LAMA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90808. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: PHILLIP MORRISON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/10/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name

or names listed above on 09/04/2012. 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. 2012-244496  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PHIL MORRISON, 5635 COLESEUM ST., L.A., CA 90016. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DELIPON, INC., 3141 LAMA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90808. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: PHILLIP MORRISON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/10/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/04/2012. 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. 2012-244057  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PLAY NICE & SON, 5240 LA RODA AVE., EAGLE ROCK, CA 90041. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROCK & SON, LLC, 5240 LA RODA AVE., EAGLE ROCK, CA 90041. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: JULIUS PRIETE III. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/07/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/21/2012. 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. 2012-244228  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PRIDE CARBIDE CUTTING TOOLS, 14020 SHOEMAKER AVE., NORWALK, CA 90650. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) OYSTALDO A. BURGOS, 12803 DILWORTH ST., NORWALK, CA 90650. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: SEYVAL PHILLIP BURGOS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/07/12. 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. 2012-245973  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: QUEEN CITY REALTY, 1165 E. SAN ANTONIO DR, #H, LONG BEACH, CA 90807. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HEALSTONE REAL ESTATE GROUP, 115 REDONDO AVE, #17, LONG BEACH, CA 90807. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: WILL ALLEN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/11/12. 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. 2012-245931  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RAE MECHANICAL, 19876 LORENCITA DR., COVINA, CA 91724. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RAE MECHANICAL, 19876 LORENCITA DR., COVINA, CA 91724. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: REZA HEDAYAT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/11/12. 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. 2012-246218  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RPB AUTO BROKERS, 1331 E. 7<sup>th</sup> ST, #227, L.A., CA 90021. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RPB AUTO BROKERS, 1331 E. 7<sup>th</sup> ST, #227, L.A., CA 90021. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RICHARD POWELL BELL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/11/12. 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. 2012-246855  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SEGUMDA KALIMAN, 240 W. FLORENCE AVE., L.A., CA 90021. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CARLOS SURUY, 710 W. 61<sup>st</sup> ST., L.A., CA 90044. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CARLOS SURUY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/12/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/12/2012. 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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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LINDA MARIE WARD aka LINDA M. WARD aka LINDA R. WARD  
Case No. GP017085

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may be interested in the will or estate, or both, of LINDA MARIE WARD aka LINDA M. WARD aka LINDA R. WARD

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Patricia Zeune in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Patricia Zeune be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 11, 2013 at 8:30AM in Dept. No. A located at 300 E. Walnut St., Pasadena, CA 91101.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, 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.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2012-244170  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: STARLINK INTERNACIONAL, 5132 SERENO DR, UNIT #C, TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CARMEN ALICIA PUELLO, 5132 SERENO DR, UNIT #C, TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CARMEN ALICIA PUELLO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/07/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/07/2012. 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. 2012-240621  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: STARWAY LOGISTICS, TECHSOUL TRAVEL, 19742 CAMERON AVE., COVINA, CA 91724. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TECHSOULSOFT, INC., 19742 CAMERON AVE., COVINA, CA 91724. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: ELISA S. WENG. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/04/12. 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. 2012-246609  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: STIGMA TATTOO AND PIERCINGS, 1600 W. SLAUSON AVE, SP B21, L.A., CA 90047. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) STIGMA TATTOO AND PIERCINGS, 1340 ROLLAND CURTIS PL., L.A., CA 90062. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MONICA PRICE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/12/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2012-247289  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: STONEGATE FOODS, INC., 1622 S. GAFFEY ST, STE 204, L.A., CA 90071. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) STONEGATE FOODS, INC., 1622 S. GAFFEY ST, STE 204, L.A., CA 90071. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: MARTHA MARTINEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/13/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2012-247019  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TASTE BUDS; TASTE BUDS, 16334½ EUCALYPTUS AVE., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TASTE BUDS, 16334½ EUCALYPTUS AVE., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: KIMBERLY BABERS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/12/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2012-244022  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TEA BOULEVARD, 1105 RANCHOWOOD BLVD, DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) STEPHANIE CHING-CHUN HAN, RICHARD PING-CHANG CHEN, 1105 RANCHOWOOD BLVD, DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: STEPHANIE CHINGCHUN HAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/07/12. 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. 2012-248079  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE GOLD KING, 16129 HAWTHORNE BLVD, #E, LAWNDALE, CA 90260. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GOLDEN QUEST INVESTMENT, 16129 HAWTHORNE BLVD, #E, LAWNDALE, CA 90260. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: MARCOS OROZCO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/12/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Patricia Zeune in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Patricia Zeune be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 11, 2013 at 8:30AM in Dept. No. A located at 300 E. Walnut St., Pasadena, CA 91101.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, 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.

Dates Pub: Dec. 15, 22, 29, 2012, Jan. 05, 2013

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File No. 2012-247471  
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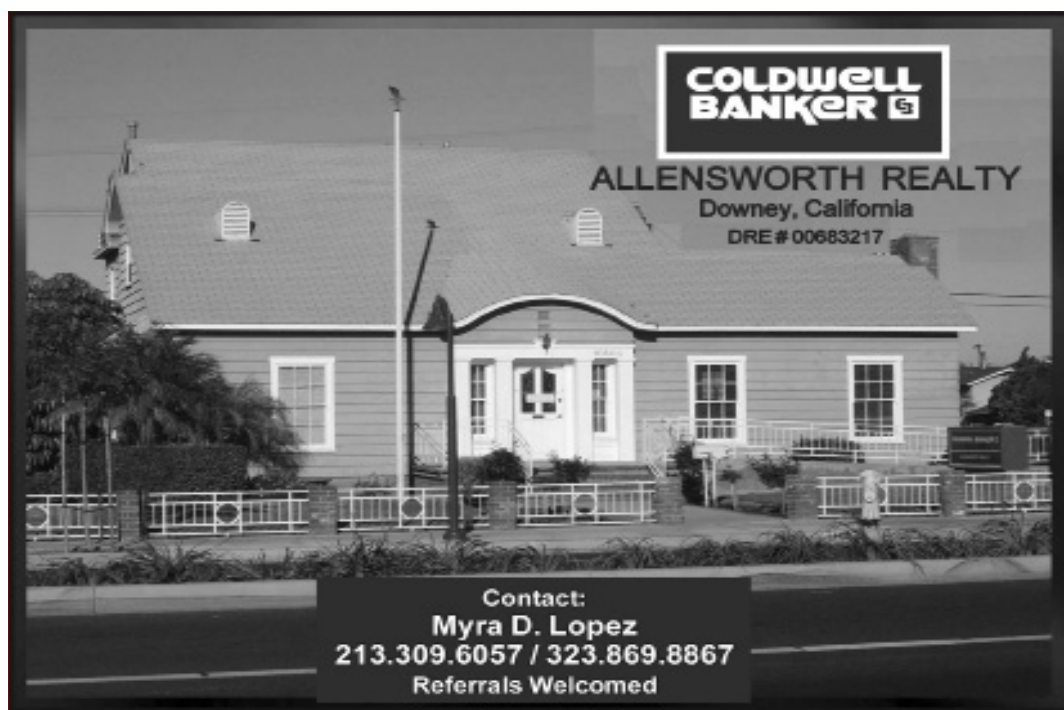
### EAST GRAND VIEW WATER PROJECT

Beginning in early February, the Metropolitan Water District will be working in East Grand View Avenue. The construction activity will create a new water system connection for Sierra Madre to the Metropolitan Water District Upper Feeder that runs under Grand View Avenue. Construction of the water connection is being done under an April 2006 agreement between MWD, San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD), and the City. The connection, which does not currently exist, will provide water for Sierra Madre only on an emergency basis. Under the Agreement, the connection is not intended to provide a regular, long-term source of water for the City. The project is fully funded by SGVMWD; there will be no cost to the City of Sierra Madre for this project.

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### BALDWIN AVE. STREET CLOSURE NOTICE

The City of Arcadia is planning to repave and reconstruct Baldwin Avenue between Foothill Blvd. and Orange Grove Ave. The construction is scheduled for the month of February 2013. The work will include constructing new handicapped ramps, replacing damaged curb and gutter, repairing portions of deteriorated asphalt pavement and grinding and resurfacing the entire asphalt pavement surface. The street will remain open to through traffic at all times, but will require partial street closures. At least one travel lane in each direction will be open at all times. Expect travel delays through the area during construction. For more information or questions regarding the project, please contact Tim Kelleher of the City of Arcadia at (626) 574-5484 or tke.lleher@ci.arcadia.ca.us.



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