

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON EAST GRAND VIEW

**Sierra Madre, CA** – City of Sierra Madre Public Works staff has begun the first of three projects that will take place along the 600 block of East Grand View Avenue over the next few months. The first project consists of constructing a new, permanent entry to the spreading basin facility. The new gate will replace the existing entry that's adjacent to Sycamore Place. The project includes removal of a portion of the old rubble perimeter wall around the facility and the construction of new entry pilasters using the wall materials. This project is designed to facilitate the two following projects.

The second project will begin on February 4th, when staff from the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) will arrive at the spreading basins and begin to make preparations for the construction of a point of connection to the 9 ½ foot MWD Upper Feeder pipeline that traverses Sierra Madre along Grand View. Actual construction in the street will begin February 14. The project will require the complete closure of Grand View between February 21st and 28th, along with around-the-clock construction activity during that period. The project will continue with intermittent traffic interruptions through April 21. (Inclement weather may lengthen the project duration, beyond the current schedule.)

While traffic will be detoured around the work area along Foothill Avenue, residents are urged to use Sierra Madre Boulevard instead of the Foothill detour, out of courtesy to the residents of that neighborhood. Please assist MWD and the City in minimizing the impact on the project's neighbors.

The third project will be the construction of a 12 inch pipeline from the new MWD point of connection along the east side of the city's spreading basin property to connect directly with the City's water system at the maintenance yard. This project is not expected to have traffic impacts.

The MWD connection for Sierra Madre is being constructed in order to provide an emergency water supply for the city. The project is timely in light of one of the City's four wells being damaged and out of service indefinitely, and in light of the decline in water levels in the City's aquifer. Both water projects are wholly funded by the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District.

SIERRA MADRE COUNCIL VOTES TO PROTEST COUNTY PARCEL TAX

On Tuesday, the Sierra Madre City Council unanimously voted to protest the LA County's proposed "Clean Water, Clean Beaches Act". The Measure would impose an annual fee to pay for clean water programs for all property owners within the LA County Flood Control District.

Because the Measure would result in a tax increase, the Board of Supervisors are required to follow the Prop. 218 protest process which allows those on whom the proposed tax is to be imposed to protest. If sufficient protests are submitted, the tax cannot be imposed. Protest forms were mailed to property owners in December and the deadline for submitting them is January 15th.

The City of Sierra Madre will submit protests for each of the 74 properties owned by the city as a result of the council's vote on Tuesday.

In the staff report, it was noted that the city's fee on its properties would be about \$16,919. The would receive approximately \$156,000 in additional revenue from the county to use on Clean water programs such as the reduction of pollution from storm water runoff.

"Sixty percent of the money goes to bureaucracy. It goes to establishing a watershed authority group, where, if you ask them what a watershed authority group is, they're not quite sure yet", said Councilman John Harabedian,

Throughout the impacted area, 51% of the affected parcels would have to submit a protest in order to stop the Measure.

LA County Supervisor Michael Antonovich is opposed to the measure. He urged county residents to check their mailboxes for the "Official Notice to

Property Owners of Public Hearing" and went on to say, "While the mailing looks like junk mail, it is an important document that allows one to protest the proposed parcel tax", encouraging property owners to "return the protest form to stop this additional tax," he added. "Property owners, schools and businesses already pay flood control taxes and now they are being asked to fork over more money at a time when families are struggling, schools are hurting and businesses are fleeing the state."

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 9:30 a.m. regarding the protests.

Property owners may contact (800) 218-0018 or visit [www.lacountyclean-water.org](http://www.lacountyclean-water.org) for additional information.

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SIERRA MADRE SEARCH AND RESCUE LOG



During the month of December, Sierra Madre Search and Rescue (SMSR) responded to five calls for assistance. December closed out a busy 2012 for SMSR with the Team responding to 105 incidents during the year. During these search and rescue operations SMSR provided assistance to 123 individuals lost or injured in the mountains. Over 5,100 hours of time were logged by Team members while on these calls.

In addition to actual search and rescue calls, Team members logged over 7,900 hours of time in 2012 in support of the Team's mission. This included 27 public preventative search and rescue (PSAR) events where Team members discuss wilderness safety and preparedness with scout groups, schools, and other community groups. Team members logged over 5,400 hours of training in a broad array of SAR disciplines in order to maintain the high level of proficiency required to safely perform SAR operations. In total, Team members logged over 13,000 hours of official time in support of SMSR work. Many additional hours of unofficial time are spent by individual

Team members maintaining their readiness to respond to any need. Two noteworthy calls from December are described in more detail below.

**Injured Hikers, Mount Baldy:** The Team responded to Mt. Baldy at 5:30 p.m. as part of a mutual aid request by San Bernardino County's West Valley SAR team on December 23rd. At over 10,000 feet in elevation, Mt. Baldy often presents hikers with significant winter mountaineering challenges. Snow and ice conditions on the mountain had resulted in two hikers being injured in unrelated accidents. Any accidents on the mountain can easily result in very difficult rescues for SAR teams. Nine members of SMSR joined personnel from several LA County Sheriff SAR teams including Montrose Search and Rescue and San Dimas Mountain Rescue, along with additional San Bernardino and Kern county SAR teams, the USFS and LA County Fire on what would be a complex multi-hour rescue. One of the injured hikers was stranded at over 9,300 feet on the mountain and was suffering from multiple serious injuries sustained in a fall along the Devil's Backbone Trail.

Due to weather conditions, rescuers were unable to use a helicopter to effect a hoist rescue and instead lowered the subject over 1,800 feet by rope in a series of high angle lowers to the Sierra Club Ski Hut located near the base of Baldy Bowl and approximately 2.5 miles from the trailhead. This technical rescue operation took several hours and

was conducted during the middle of the night in extremely stormy conditions involving high winds, snow, and freezing rain. The second hiker had been injured in a different location and had also been brought to the Ski Hut by rescue crews. The sun rose on Christmas Eve with rescue crews using the Ski Hut to get the injured hikers out of the weather, rewarm them and provide additional medical treatment in preparation for a litter evacuation. Additional personnel from SMSR responded to the incident to provide support for crews on what would be a multi-hour evacuation down over 2.5 miles of trail for the two injured hikers along with 3 additional hikers who, while uninjured, required assistance getting out. The litter evacuation often required the use of an array of rope rescue techniques to safely get the subjects to the trailhead. Once the trailhead was reached the injured hikers were loaded into waiting ambulances and transported to local hospitals for treatment.

The operation was concluded almost exactly 24 hours from when it began with a significant number of the rescuers having worked the rescue continuously from its beginning. Rescuers would be home for Christmas Eve knowing that they had made a difference in the lives of 5 people. The ability of rescuers from multiple teams and

agencies to work together in adverse conditions is a testament to the dedication, determination and skills of those involved. The Team extends our appreciation to the other emergency services agencies that we work with including: Sierra Madre Fire Department, Sierra Madre Police Department, LA County Fire Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, the US Forest Service, and our fellow SAR teams across the state.

Most importantly, we'd like to extend our sincere thanks to the residents of Sierra Madre and those that support the Team and enable us to help those in need.

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

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

Photo courtesy Tim Cadogan, SMSR

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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 22, 2013 6:30 pm

1/16	7:00	Tree Advisory Commission Council Chambers
1/17	7:00	Planning Commission Mtg Council Chambers
1/21		Creative Arts Winter Session begins
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
1/24		Sierra Madre CERT Training
1/25		Sierra Madre Chamber Citizen of the Year Dinner
1/26		Sierra Madre Woman's Club - Author's Luncheon
1/28	6:00	Community Services Commission Meeting at the Council Chambers (6:30pm)
2/7		Coordinating Council Meeting
Every Wednesday - Farmer's Market		

### 1630 AM EMERGENCY RADIO & Free on-air publicity for local events

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

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

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

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



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MONDAY - 10 - 11 am  
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WEDNESDAY - Noon  
Carol Canterbury's,  
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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.

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## REMEMBRANCE

### ARLIE ELIZABETH PATTERSON HAHN

Arlie Elizabeth Patterson Hahn died Thursday December 20, 2012, one day shy of her ninety-eighth birthday. Arlie lived a full and wonderful life, much loved by her family and friends.

Arlie was born December 21, 1914 in Washington State, where her family homesteaded. The family moved to Los Angeles in 1922. Arlie graduated from Manual Arts High School, Los Angeles, in 1933. She married John Dee Hahn on May 25, 1934. Arlie and John moved to Sierra Madre in 1960.

Arlie was preceded in death by her husband John, her son Robert and granddaughter Alison Selleck. She is survived by her children Winifred (Carl) Westberg, Arlabeth Hahn, Margaret (Craig) Switzer, and Charles Hahn, her daughter-in law Jo Hahn, nine of her ten grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Arlie was always very committed to her community, and volunteered with many groups including Knox Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles, Bethany Church in Sierra Madre, the PTA, Republican Women's Club, Sierra Madre Garden Club, Sierra Madre Women's Club, Sierra Madre Civic Club and the American Red Cross. She felt that "People who don't get involved lead a sad life." Arlie was named Sierra Madre Senior Citizen of the Year in 1984. She was Volunteer of the Year of the Foothill District, San Gabriel Chapter of the American Red Cross in 1993. She was an Honorary Life Member of Sierra Madre Civic Club.

There will be a Memorial Service celebrating Arlie's life at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 19, 2013 at Bethany Church of Sierra Madre, 93 N. Baldwin Blvd., Sierra Madre.



## WOMEN'S CLUB TO HOST STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

The Sierra Madre Woman's Club begins the new year welcoming Mayor Josh Moran as program speaker on Wednesday, January 9th, in Essick House, their historic clubhouse located at 550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. The Mayor will present a slide presentation on "The State of the City". Other City staff members will also be in attendance.

The public is welcome, please arrive by 12:45pm. Questions from the audience will be encouraged. For additional information, please call 355-4379.

## SIERRA MADRE OLDER AMERICAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS NOW ACCEPTED

The City of Sierra Madre Community Services Department and the Senior Community Commission is seeking your assistance to find the 2013 Older 'Sierra Madre' American of the Year. Nominated individuals must live in Sierra Madre, demonstrate outstanding community service and be age 60 or older. Nomination forms can be obtained from the Hart Park House Senior Center, Community Recreation Center, City Hall, Sierra Madre Public Library or by contacting the Senior Services Desk at (626) 355-7394.

Nominations are due by Monday, February 18, 2013 and can be dropped off at the Hart Park House Senior Center or mailed to City of Sierra Madre, c/o Older American Nomination, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. The Senior Community Commission will discuss nominees and announce the honoree at their regular scheduled meeting on March 7, 2013 in the Sierra Madre City Council Chambers. The honoree will also be recognized at a reception held in their honor on May 10, 2013.

Previous Honorees include: Jerry & Nan Carlton, Pat Alcorn, Fran Garbaccio, Ken Anhalt, Eph Konigsberg, Russ Anderson, George Throop, Loyal Camacho, John Grijalva, Joylouse Harte-Smith, James Heasley, Midge Morash, James Tyler, Isbella Paegal, Bonnie Garner, Rose Fafach, Ed Wellman, Celeste McCleary, Dorothy Tillquist, Doris Webster, Elsie Dannmayer, George Mauer & Karl Teigler.

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### City of Sierra Madre 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

*For the period December 31, 2012 to January 6, 2013*

### Monday December 31, 2012

At 10:20pm on New Years' Eve, an officer observed a vehicle fail to stop for the stop sign at Santa Anita Avenue and Grandview Avenue. A traffic stop was initiated and the officer determined that the driver had been drinking. The driver (female 45 years of age) was unable to satisfactorily perform any aspect of the field sobriety tests and was subsequently arrested for DUI.

### Thursday January 3, 2013

At 1am, the department received a call of a DUI driver in the area of Foothill Boulevard and Baldwin Avenue. Units responded to the area and were alerted to the suspected vehicle by the caller who had been following this vehicle for several minutes. The investigation revealed that the driver had been drinking and was currently on probation from a prior DUI conviction. The driver (male 50 years of age) was arrested for DUI.

Unknown suspect(s) entered a residence in the 600 block of Auburn Avenue by prying open a locked bedroom window. Several areas of the residence were ransacked and a large amount of costume jewelry was taken. Based on information from a neighbor it appears the crime took place between 5:15pm and 7:45pm.

### Friday January 4, 2013

A residential burglary occurred in the 100 block of Vista Circle Drive when unknown suspect(s) entered the unlocked front door of the residence and took a laptop computer. There was no evidence of ransacking or indication that the suspect(s) entered other rooms. It appears that the crime took place between 7pm and 11:30pm. The residence is not visible from the roadway and neighbors did not see any unusual activity in the area.

### Saturday January 5, 2013

At 8pm, officers responded to a residential burglary alarm in the 300 block of Camillo Street. The officer discovered window screens removed from a rear kitchen window. The window itself was partially broken and pry marks were evident around the window frame. There was no evidence that the suspect(s) actually made entry and no property was missing. Neighbors did not report anything unusual taking place in the area that evening.

## MONTH-LONG FESTIVITIES PLANNED FOR ONE BOOK ONE CITY IN FEBRUARY

*Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand, is the City's 2013 One Book One City selection this February and a month of exciting free programs with a World War II theme is being planned at the Sierra Madre Public Library. Please join us at the library for the following free programs:

- Children's Airplane Flying Contest.** Saturday, February 2 at 10:00 a.m. is when planes will fly at the Library. Expect more giggles than world records as children, ages six through twelve, assemble their own foam airplanes (representing WWII aircraft) and race them to see who is the best pilot. Children will be divided into age groups to fly their planes and will receive coaching and tips from experts in the field.

- WWII Historian-Dan King.** On Saturday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m. King, author of *The Last Zero Fighter: Firsthand Accounts from Japanese WWII Naval Pilots and Airmen*, will give a presentation with Q&A after. He travelled extensively to Japan to interview Japanese pilots and documents the personal experiences of WWII Japanese naval aviators. His website: <http://www.historicalconsulting.com/>

- Book Discussion** - In addition to the Library's regular Third Thursday Book discussion on Thursday, February 21 at 11:00 a.m., everyone is welcome to attend a special discussion of Hillenbrand's book on Monday evening, February 11 at 7:00 p.m.

- WWII Veterans Share Their Stories.** On Saturday, February 23 at 10:00 a.m. veterans, including local resident, Mitsuo Kunihiro, who were part of the 442nd Go For Broke regiment, will be speaking. The 442nd was a fighting unit composed almost entirely of American soldiers of [Japanese](#) descent who volunteered to fight in World War II even though their families were subject to [internment](#). The 442nd fought primarily in [Europe](#) and is considered to be the most decorated [infantry regiment](#) in the history of the [United States Army](#). The 442nd Regimental Combat Team motto was, "Go for Broke".

- WWII Aircraft**, And, last but not least, on Thursday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. a speaker from Planes of Fame Air Museum in Chino will be here to talk about aircraft of WWII. The Museum has over **150 aircraft**, more than **50 of which are flyable**. The Mission of Planes of Fame is to **preserve** aviation history, **inspire** interest in aviation, **educate** the public, and **honor** aviation pioneers and veterans. Their website is: <http://planesoffame.org/>

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## SECOND SUSPECT CHARGED IN CHRISTMAS SHOOTING

Pasadena Police announced Wednesday they have arrested a second suspect, identified gang member, Jerron Harris of Pasadena, involved in the deadly shooting Christmas day. Criminal charges were filed against Harris for the murder of Victor McClinton a popular youth coach. He was taken into custody without incident.

Police say McClinton was an innocent bystander Dec. 25 when he was struck by a bullet fired in a series of rounds toward a known gang member, Damion Taylor

On January 5, Pasadena Police Detectives, U.S. Marshalls from the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Taskforce and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies, arrested the at a motel in Gardena. Detectives also determined there were two additional occupants in Taylor's vehicle during the shooting but were not at the scene when officers arrived.

On Tuesday police located one of the occupants. Upon contact, officers discovered the subject was carrying a loaded firearm. The suspect, a 16-year-old Altadena resident, was also arrested for Minor in Possession of a Handgun. He is also on probation and an identified gang member police said. He remains in custody at Eastlake Juvenile Facility.

Police Chief Phillip Sanchez stated, "The Pasadena Police Department's Homicide/Assault Unit and our law enforcement partners have been committed to solving this crime and proactively reducing the impact of gangs on our community. Their collaborative efforts have taken violent criminals off the streets."

## Pet of the Week



Bandita is a very social and friendly 12-year-old gray tabby. She's one of our communal room cats and gets along well with her roommates. She's very vocal and loves to be petted too!

Bandita's regular adoption fee is \$70, which includes her spay surgery, a microchip, the first set of vaccinations, as well as a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. New adopters will receive complimentary health and wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information on how to care for your pet. She also qualifies for our Seniors for Seniors program for eligible adopters. Ask an adoptions counselor for more information during your visit

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A318900, 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).



## All Saints Forum Discusses Gun Violence

Over 125 local residents, city leaders and gun control advocates, including former Chancellor of the California Community Colleges System Jack Scott and director of public health for Pasadena Eric Walsh gathered Thursday night at All Saints Church to share stories and concerns over recent events involving gun violence.

Scott told the group that he became active in gun control after his son Adam Scott was fatally shot. Scott said his son was an attorney who had recently graduated from USC Law School. Adam Scott was killed at a party when one of his friends had a shotgun, which he did not know was loaded discharged.

"There is nothing that is as traumatic or terrible as to lose a child," Scott said. "He had a job in an outstanding law firm downtown and really had a great carrier ahead of him."

Scott said shortly thereafter he cofounded "the Coalition for a Nonviolent City."

Scott said he authored a number of bills in the state dealing with gun safety.

"One had to do with the fact that very gun in California would be sold with a trigger lock which

would cut down on accidental deaths," he explained. "Another said, and this was sponsored by the chiefs of police in California, someone who carried a concealed weapon without a permit could be tried for a felony or misdemeanor."

Scott made reference to the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre Dec. 14.

"Some individual, Adam Lanza, goes in and shoots those in the first grade, takes the life of 20 first graders. I can just feel the pain of a father that describes the beauty of his little girl and she had two younger siblings, who is he going to explain that to them.

Two people in the forum told personal stories about Sandy Hook, one had a friend that



Jack Scott

## Council Member to Hold 'Mix and Mingle' Event

Councilmember Jacque Robinson is sponsoring a "Mix and Mingle" Neighbor-to-Neighbor event. This year's event runs from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 15, at Pinocchio's Pizza, 1449 N. Lake Ave, near Rio Grande Street. Parking is available off-street behind the building. Complimentary refreshments will be served.

"This is a great opportunity for District 1 neighbors to meet each other and to learn more about the City," Councilmember Robinson said. "I encourage District 1 residents to learn who their neighbors are so that we can help each other as needs arise."

Councilmember Robinson will provide greetings and comments at 7:00 p.m.

The event is free, but RSVPs should be sent as soon as possible to [district1@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:district1@cityofpasadena.net) or by calling (626) 744-4444

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"This is a commendable recognition for Bill Borucki and the Kepler mission," said John Grunsfeld, associate administrator for the Science Mission Directorate at NASA Headquarters in Washington. "It is well deserved and a tribute both to Bill's dedication and persistence and the fantastic and exciting results from Kepler."

## Pasadena Festival of Women Authors

The Pasadena Festival of Women Authors brings together a group of diverse and well-published Southern California female authors to discuss their work with a group of enthusiastic people whose love of literature inspired the event. Their work includes fiction, non-fiction and plays. The festival provides an intimate setting where authors and guests will be able to interact with each other and authors will be available to answer questions and sign their books for guests.

The 5th Annual Pasadena Festival of Women Authors will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2013. This prestigious event, featuring four award-winning Southern California authors - Aimee Bender, Bo

Caldwell, Gabrielle Pina and Kathleen Sharp -- will take place at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 East Holly Street, Pasadena, Calif. (9:30AM - 1:30PM). Reyna Grande, who was chosen as the 2013 Writer-in-Residence for the program at Pasadena City College, will be the kick-off speaker. She was one of the Festival's featured writers in 2010.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Pasadena Senior Center and the Pasadena City College Writer-in-Residence program. In the last four years, the Pasadena Festival of Women Authors has generated nearly \$90,000.00 in donations. Last year from proceeds of the event, \$2,000.00 was given to Pasadena City College to fund their first Writer-in-Residence program. Tickets for the festival are \$85.00 per person and include lunch. Reserved tables of 10 are \$1,000.00.

For more information visit [pasadenafestivalofwomenauthors.org](http://pasadenafestivalofwomenauthors.org)

attended the funeral. All Saints Church officials asked that specifics not be shared by the media and there was no audio recording allowed. A number of TV broadcasters did record video although without sound. A number of others talked about suicides something director of public health Walsh called an epidemic.

Organizers said the meeting was to focus on outreach including, local groups and legislation supporting gun control.

## Five File Applications to Fill District 3 Vacancy

Five residents have filed the required applications to be considered for the temporary appointment after Councilmember Chris Holden resigned from his position on the Pasadena City Council representing District 3 to assume the duties of California State Assemblymember representing the 41st District.

The City Council will hold a Special Meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 22, to conduct interviews with five applicants and make an appointment to fill the District 3 Council vacancy. The meeting will be held at City Hall, in the Council Chamber, 100 N. Garfield Ave., Room S249

Applicants includ Joel Bryant, Brian Carmody, Sharon Graham Higuera, Tarek Shawky and Craig Washington.

During the Jan. 22 meeting, the City Clerk will conduct a random drawing to determine the applicants' order to be interviewed. No applicants will be permitted in the Council Chamber during interviews of any other applicant. Each applicant will be allowed up to a six minutes to make a presentation.

The City Council will then ask each applicant a series of predetermined questions. At the conclusion of the interviews, all applicants will be invited to return to the Council Chamber to observe the Council's deliberation and vote.

The City Clerk will administer the oath of office to the newly-appointed Councilmember following the selection process and the successful applicant will begin serving immediately.

## Authors to Discuss Their Newest Book

Co-authors Thomas Norman DeWolf and Sharon Leslie Morgan will discuss their book, Gather at the Table: The Healing Journey of a Daughter of Slavery and a Son of the Slave Trade which "offers hope and encouragement to all who aspire to engage in a process of 'change' —to right the wrongs of the past and forge a more just and peaceful future" on Wednesday, January 23, 5 p.m. at La Pintoresca Branch Library, 1355 N. Raymond Ave. A question and answer session and book signing will follow. For more information, contact Diane Walker at (626) 744-7268.

## Recall Papers Filed Against Council Member Madison

*Group angered over Madison's support of the NFL's possible temporary use of the Rose Bowl*

West Pasadena residents made good on a threat to try to recall Pasadena Councilmember Steve Madison, over his support to temporally bring an NFL team to the Rose Bowl, as organizers filed a notice with the city clerk's office Thursday of their intent to circulate a petition to remove him.

According to reports, Mason has until Jan. 17 to respond.

City Council members voted in November 7-1 in favor preliminary steps that would allow the city to negotiate with an NFL team to host home games at the stadium for no more than five years.

Barrett Sports Group, consulting firm hired by the city to oversee any deal, said an NFL lease could bring in between \$5 to \$10 million each year. Madison and other councilmembers said they had a responsibility to, at least, open the possibility for negotiations with an NFL team should they arise.

In November the city council approved amending the Arroyo Seco Public Lands Ordinance and certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The proposed amendment to the ordinance would allow up to 13 additional NFL events per year.

According to city staff the additional events would only be allowed if the City enters into an agreement with an NFL team to lease the Rose Bowl Stadium. No NFL team has been identified as moving to Los Angeles and the city and the

## Congressman Sworn in to Serve Seventh Term

Congressman Adam Schiff was sworn into Congress for his seventh term to serve California's 28th Congressional District. Schiff announced that he will continue to serve on the powerful House Appropriations Committee and House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

"We have so much to accomplish over the next two years," said Rep. Schiff. "It's my hope that we can work together on both sides of the aisle to tackle some of our country's most pressing challenges - restoring jobs and the economy, cutting our debt and deficit, finding commonsense solutions to gun violence, and continuing to bolster our national security. Congress must stop lurching from crisis to crisis and proactively address the challenges we face."

Schiff will represent the newly created 28th District in Congress, including all or parts of Atwater Village, Burbank, East Hollywood, Echo Park, Elysian Valley, Glendale, Griffith Park, Hollywood, Hollywood Hills, La Cañada Flintridge, La Crescenta, Los Feliz, Montrose, Pasadena, Shadow Hills, Silver Lake, Sunland, Tujunga and West Hollywood.

Schiff continued, "While



Rose Bowl Operating Company have not begun negotiations to lease the stadium to an NFL team staff said.

City officials said the money is sorely needed to help fill a \$43 million shortfall for the stadium's nearly \$195 million renovation project.

Residents have complained that bringing pro football to the city would increase traffic, noise and unruly fans.

On the website [recallstevemadison.com](http://recallstevemadison.com) organizers said "Steve Madison must be replaced with a representative committed to protecting our quality of life."

"Steve Madison is willing to sell our weekends and precious family time to the highest bidder."

Organizers have 120 days to gather signatures from at least 20 percent of registered voters, in district 6, in order to trigger a recall election.

On Monday the city council approved issuing an additional \$30 million in bonds and refinancing existing bonds to help fill the renovation funding gap. Madison called for the Rose Bowl Operating Company to launch an independent review of the stadium's deficit.



I'm sad that I will no longer represent many areas that I have represented for the past decade, I've enjoyed getting to know so many of my new constituents and getting reacquainted with those communities that I represented earlier in my career."

Prior to the last redistricting ten years ago, Schiff represented Atwater Village, Silver Lake, Los Feliz, Sunland, Tujunga, La Crescenta, and La Cañada Flintridge - all parts of the new 28th District. He has always represented Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena, much of which are also included in the 28th.

## Learn How to Produce Your Own TV Show

Pasadena Media offers a free television-training program for volunteers. Various Areas of training are available to Pasadena residents. Plan to attend an orientation to discover the right classes for you. Producers' Training teaches citizens how to produce their own show for The Arroyo Channel. Studio Production/Equipment training is also offered for volunteer crewmembers. In addition,

**Class Offerings 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Nightly**

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**Character Generator**  
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**Audio**  
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**Technical Director**  
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## PASADENA MEDIA

on-going training and memberships are available in our citizen journalism and digital film groups. Call the office (626) 794-8585 or go to [PASADENAMEDIA.ORG](http://PASADENAMEDIA.ORG) explore all that Pasadena Media has to offer.

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



Charles Ettensperger was born on August 2, 1925 in Sierra Madre to Carl and Mary Ettensperger. The family relocated to Arcadia and began the Mountain View Dairy Farm. When Charles was only seven, his father passed away and his mother eventually remarried. Yet by age twelve, Charlie was running the dairy farm. His continued to be a hard strong worker throughout his life and passed this on to his children. In the last days of his life he was confided to bed, but still had his great spirit.

Charlie met his soul mate Dorothy Rodgers and they married in 1953. At the time of his death, they were only a few months short of celebrating their 60th Anniversary. They had six children and each of the children worked on the dairy farm. Charlie did two years of service in the Army, and returned to the dairy farm. However, he did have other interests-he owned a few race horses and liked to watch baseball.

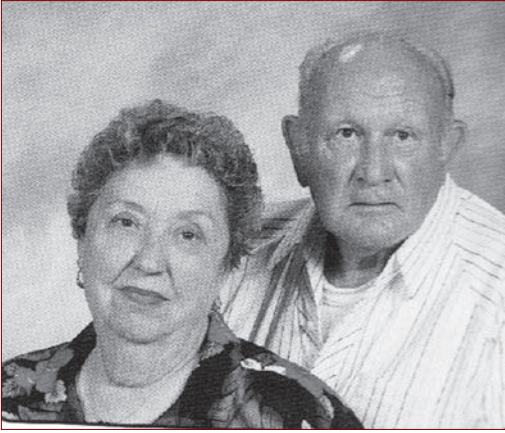
With the influx of residents in the area, and many being of Catholic faith, there was need for a new Parish to evolve. The Ettensperger family donated quite a large parcel of land for this purpose. (The buildings include a good-sized Church, Rectory, Offices-the old Convent, two classroom buildings, Christian Service Center which serves many needy families in the local community, two parking areas and a huge field! ) In the beginning, Mass was celebrated in a barn with the accompaniment of not only a small choir, but mooing cows!

What did Charlie do with the rest of the Mountain View Dairy land? The years took a toll on him and the operation of a farm became more difficult as the children grew up, went to college and sought careers. Charlie decided a change was needed and decided to open a Mobile Home Park. That's how the beautiful Mar Del Vista on Jeffries evolved! It's been a godsend for area residents who no longer wish to take care of a large home and extensive yard.

During his Eulogy, Charlie's son spoke of his father and how Charlie instilled a good work ethic in all his children. Dorothy was always there for Charlie and probably understood him best. On behalf of all Annunciation Parish families and all residents of Mar Del Vista, I want to thank Charlie and his family for their great generosity. I taught two of his grandchildren and I know how much they loved their Grandpa. He will be greatly missed by all his family-Dorothy, six children, several grandchildren and many friends, as evidenced by the large group who attended his services!

REMEMBRANCE

Charles H. Ettensperger  
August 2, 1925- January 1, 2013



GOODBYE HUELL HOWSER

By Christopher Nyerges

Nyerges appeared on Howser's show in 2000, in an episode called "Survival Foods." Nyerges is the author of "Guide to Wild Foods," who teaches classes on plant uses through the School of Self-Reliance

I was saddened today (1/7/13) by the news that came over the radio that long-time TV host Huell Howser had died. Many California residents have enjoyed his series of shows seen locally on KCET -- California Gold, Visiting, and others -- for over 20 years.

Though sometimes criticized for his low-key Southern style and his "soft" subject matter, Huell created a very popular program because he avoided unnecessary controversy and showed us the people of our State.

With Huell, we went to all the natural sites that we never had the chance to go to -- places where you see freshwater shrimp, or turtle, or Indian grinding stones. He took us into businesses and we got to see how guitars were made, how tofu is packed, and how patrons enjoy their donuts.

He introduced us to all the colorful people that make California what it is. I was one of those people. Huell's producer called me over 10 years ago, and we decided to take Huell on a walk in an urban setting and show him that food is everywhere. We went into an empty lot one spring, with the bustling early-morning traffic of the freeway just behind us. While my wife Dolores beat her Taos drum and told Huell about the traditional way to pick plants, I showed Huell and photographer Luis Fuerte some of the common edibles in that very uncommon place.

We looked at mal-low and lambs quarter and willow and nasturtium. And even though we were in downtown Los Angeles, we were a stone's throw from where the original inhabitants of that Yanga-na village once lived. We weren't far from the Los Angeles River -- now a cement ditch -- where those original Tongva inhabitants would have fished, hunted, washed, and collected the same wild foods that we showed to Huell that morning. When we met before the shooting, Huell wouldn't let me explain any of what I had planned for the day. "No, don't tell me any of that," he responded. "I want it all to be fresh for the first time," and he was really sincere. "My only rule is that when I

began to walk, I want you to move with me." OK, so simple.

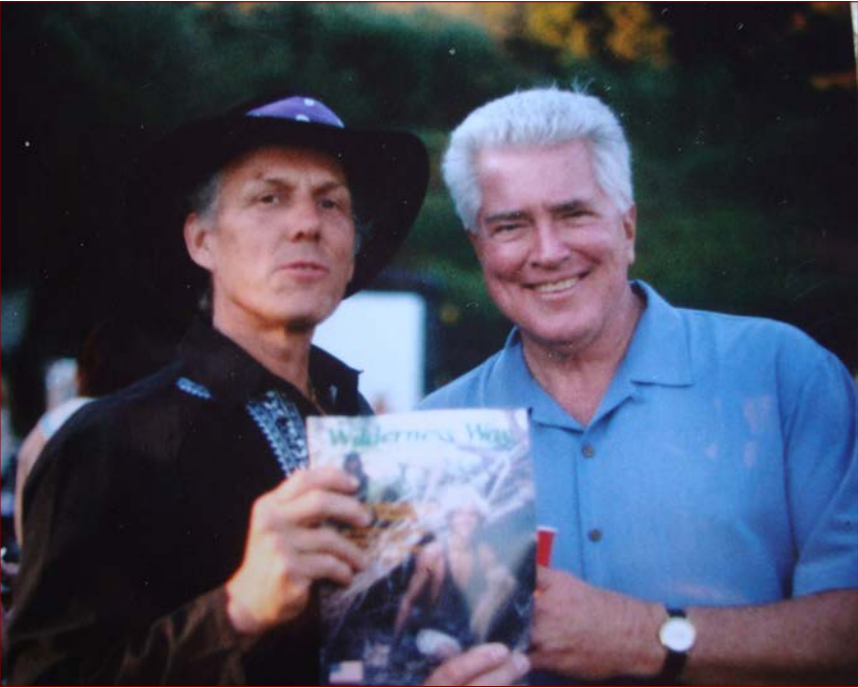
So as Dolores and I moved from plant to plant, picking leaves for what would be a wild Los Angeles salad, Huell would respond with amazement that he was actually eating wild plants from a vacant lot simply because I said they were edible. His photographer Fuerte moved around us rapidly and gracefully, as if dancing.

"You know, that's really good," Huell would say with all his Southern sincerity, as he chewed on a leaf.

That show, which was part of his Visiting series, and which he called "Survival foods," aired at least 20 times on television. We had a great day with Huell, and very much enjoyed our wild-salad "toast" that we made at the end of the show "to the Old Ways."

Though he had called me to do another segment in the mountain wilderness, it appears we won't be able to do that.

I am sure many, many people have similar stories



The author, left, and Huell Howser

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Looking Up  
with Bob Eklund  
PLANETS INNUMERABLE



At least 100 billion planets populate our galaxy, Caltech astronomers estimate

Look up at the night sky and you'll see stars, sure. But you're also seeing planets - billions and billions of them. That's the conclusion of a new study by astronomers at Caltech that provides yet more evidence that planetary systems are the cosmic norm. The team made their estimate while analyzing planets orbiting a star called Kepler-32 - planets that are representative, they say, of the vast majority in the galaxy and thus serve as a perfect case study for understanding how most planets form.

"There's at least 100 billion planets in the galaxy - just our galaxy," says John Johnson, assistant professor of planetary astronomy at Caltech and coauthor of the study, which was recently accepted for publication in the *Astrophysical Journal*. "That's mind-boggling."

"It's a staggering number, if you think about it," adds Jonathan Swift, a postdoc at Caltech and lead author of the paper. "Basically there's one of these planets per star."

The planetary system in question, which was detected by the Kepler space telescope, contains five planets. The existence of two of those planets had already been confirmed by other astronomers. The Caltech team confirmed the remaining three, then analyzed the five-planet system and compared it to other systems found by the Kepler mission.

The planets orbit a star called an "M dwarf" - a type that is smaller and cooler than the Sun and accounts for about three-quarters of all stars in the Milky Way. The five planets, which are similar in size to Earth and orbit close to their star, are also typical of the class of planets that the telescope has discovered orbiting other M dwarfs, Swift says. Therefore, the majority of planets in the galaxy probably have characteristics comparable to those of the five planets.

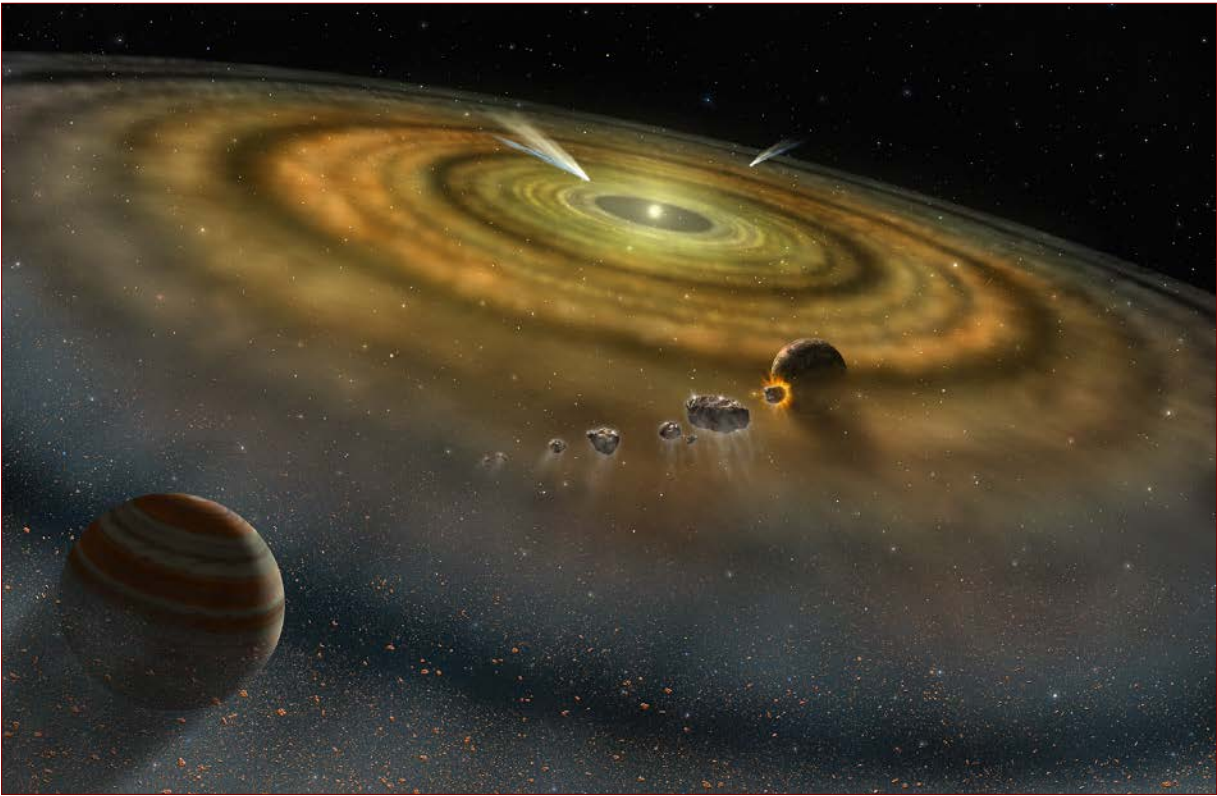
While this particular system may not be unique, what does set it apart is its coincidental orientation: the orbits of the planets lie in a plane that's positioned such that Kepler views the system edge-on. Due to this rare orientation, each planet blocks Kepler-32's starlight as it passes between the star and the Kepler telescope.

By analyzing changes in the star's brightness, the astronomers were able to determine the planets' characteristics, such as their sizes and orbital periods. This orientation therefore provides an opportunity to study the system in great detail--and because these planets represent the vast majority of planets that are thought to populate the galaxy, the team says, the system also can help astronomers better understand planet formation in general.

"I usually try not to call things 'Rosetta stones,' but this is as close to a Rosetta stone as anything I've seen," Johnson says. "It's like unlocking a language that we're trying to understand--the language of planet formation."

The implications of a galaxy chock full of planets are far-reaching, the researchers say. "It's really fundamental from an origins standpoint," says Swift, who notes that because M dwarfs shine mainly in infrared light, the stars are invisible to the naked eye. "Kepler has enabled us to look up at the sky and know that there are more planets out there than stars we can see." You can contact Bob Eklund at: [b.eklund@MtnViewsNews.com](mailto:b.eklund@MtnViewsNews.com).

Below: Artist's conception of an exo-solar system with planets and comets



Caltech astronomers have estimated that the Milky Way Galaxy contains at least 100 billion planets.





January 7, 2013 to April 30, 2013

## Street Closure Notice

Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension  
Pasadena to Azusa



### COLORADO BOULEVARD TO CLOSE for Bridge Construction

#### WHAT

Crews will be working to construct the new railroad bridge over Colorado Boulevard, as part of construction of the 11.5-mile Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension light rail project. This work requires a full closure of Colorado Boulevard (24-hours per day, 7 days per week) between San Antonio Rd and Santa Anita Ave for a period of 4 ½ months.

#### WHEN

This closure is scheduled to begin on Monday, January 7, 2013 and continue until Tuesday, April 30, 2013. The closure will be in place every day, including weekends and evenings. Work will be performed during the work hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Note: Possible weekend or night work may be needed to complete this work as scheduled.

#### WHERE

Crews will be working on Colorado Boulevard between San Antonio Rd and Santa Anita Ave, Arcadia, CA.

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Colorado Boulevard will be fully closed to thru-traffic between San Antonio Rd and Santa Anita Ave for 4 ½ months.
- Turn lanes from Colorado Place onto Colorado Boulevard will be closed.
- Detour signs will be posted to direct vehicular traffic, bicyclists and pedestrians during the closure (see detour map).
- Local residences and businesses can be accessed by use of the detour route.
- Newcastle Park will remain open.
- Construction equipment noise will be heard near active work zones.
- Watering equipment will be used to control dust.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Visit [www.foothillextension.org](http://www.foothillextension.org)
- Call the Hotline at (626) 324-7098
- Stop by the Public Information Office on Mondays or Wednesdays at 400 N. Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia

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## ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, through Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, the Police Department responded to 921 calls for service of which 101 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, December 30:

- At approximately 2:01p.m., officers responded to Sephora at the Westfield Shopping Town, 400 S. Baldwin Avenue, regarding a female suspect in custody for theft. The suspect concealed several perfume bottles inside a bag and exited the store without paying for the items. Further investigation revealed the suspect had been arrested prior for shoplifting at the Westfield Shopping Town. The 22-year-old, Hispanic female was arrested for commercial burglary and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At about 6:08 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 2000 block of Carolwood Drive in regard to a residential burglary. Officers discovered the suspect(s) entered through a shattered bathroom window, ransacked several rooms, and stole jewelry. There were no witnesses or surveillance cameras at the residence.

Monday, December 31:

- Around 1:19 a.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for swerving and speeding on Santa Anita Avenue near Huntington Drive. Upon contact with the driver, officers detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from inside the vehicle. A subsequent investigation revealed the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The 60-year-old, Hispanic male was arrested for driving under the influence, and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At about 10:47 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the Public Storage, 12340 Lower Azusa Road, in reference to a commercial burglary. Officers discovered that the suspect(s) broke into a storage unit and stole most of the items stored inside. Further investigation revealed that the padlock to the storage unit was cut open and replaced with another one. There were no witnesses or surveillance footage.

Tuesday, January 1:

- At about 3:34 a.m., officers responded to the area of Norman Avenue and Second Avenue regarding a solo vehicle crash, in which the male driver fled the scene. During their investigation, officers contacted the driver walking westbound on Norman Avenue, and discovered he was under the influence of alcohol. Further investigation revealed that the suspect had stolen the vehicle. The 26-year-old, White male was arrested for drunk driving, vehicle theft, and was transported to the Arcadia City Jail for processing.
- At approximately 7:19 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 900 block of W. Huntington Drive regarding a possible assault with a deadly weapon. Investigation revealed that a male suspect held a knife to a male subject before he entered his vehicle and fled the scene. Officers contacted the suspect at the vehicle's registered address and it was discovered that the incident was horseplay. During a consensual search of the residence officers discovered a dagger. The 18-year-old, Hispanic male was arrested for possession of a weapon and was transported to Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Wednesday, January 2:

- Around 2:46 p.m., officers were dispatched to Dana Middle School, 1401 S. First Avenue, in reference to vandalism. Officers discovered that one of the school's vending machines had been broken into and damaged. Investigation revealed that two metal hinges on the vending machine security door had been cut open and the coin box was stolen. There were no witnesses or surveillance cameras at the school.
- At about 11:10 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for expired registration on E. Longden Road. During the investigation, the officer discovered the driver had a suspended license. The 57-year-old, Hispanic male was subsequently cited and his vehicle was left parked at the scene.

Thursday, January 3:

- At approximately 12:36 p.m., an officer contacted a subject lying on the curb in the area of Live Oak Avenue and Bradford Avenue. Upon contact with the male subject, the officer smelled a strong odor of alcohol on his breath and noticed other objective symptoms of intoxication as well. The officer determined the 67-year-old, White male was unable to care for his safety and arrested him for public intoxication.
- At about 10:30 p.m., officers responded to the 1500 block of N. Santa Anita Avenue regarding a non-injury traffic accident, in which one of the involved drivers fled the scene. Officers contacted the driver at his residence, and further investigation revealed he was under the influence of alcohol. The 48-year-old, Chinese male was arrested for drunk driving and was transported to the Arcadia City Jail for processing.

Friday, January 4:

- Shortly after 9:00 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 000 block of Alta Street regarding a physical fight between an ex-husband and wife, in which the ex-wife was the aggressor. Investigation revealed that the ex-wife became upset, broke the ex-husband's phone, and punched and scratched his face. The 40-year-old, Hispanic female was arrested for battery, and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- Around 5:03 p.m., officers responded to Foothill Federal Credit Union Bank, 30 S. First Avenue, regarding a robbery. Investigation revealed that two suspects entered the bank and demanded money from a teller. The teller gave the money to the suspects, and they fled the scene by foot. The suspects were described as a Black female, 25-30 years old, 5'06 ft., 180 lbs., and a Black male, around 30 years old, 6'0 ft., 200 lbs.

Saturday, January 5:

- At about 5:23 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle on Baldwin Avenue for a vehicle having a broken license plate lamp. A records check revealed the male driver had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The 52-year-old, Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At approximately 9:11 p.m., officers responded to Nordstrom at the Westfield Shopping Town, 400 S. Baldwin Avenue, regarding a female subject in custody for theft. The subject concealed earmuffs and a handbag inside her purse, and exited the store without paying. The 26-year-old, White female was arrested for commercial burglary and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.



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## 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.



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## COLDWELL BANKER'S ARCADIA OFFICE MAKES THEIR 25TH ANNUAL TRIP TO THE UNION RESCUE MISSION

On Monday December 17<sup>th</sup>, Dean Griffith and a group of real estate agents from Coldwell Banker's Arcadia Regional Office made their annual holiday trip to the Los Angeles Union Rescue Mission.

Dean and his fellow agents collected and delivered 75 bags full of clothing, shoes, and blankets and \$2,000 in donations for The Mission. The Mission was extremely grateful for everything that was delivered to them and will undoubtedly put the donations to good use.

Dean and his fellow agents would also like to sincerely thank everyone who made a donation for their generosity. They look forward to doing it again in 2013 for the 26<sup>th</sup> straight year.



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## 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.



## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING Wednesday, January 16, 2013 7:00pm – 8:30pm

The Monrovia Arcadia Duarte Town Council cordially invites you to attend our upcoming meeting which is now scheduled on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. Please join us and meet your Town Council members and learn more about the resources and information available in our community.

Representatives from the following offices will be available to provide reports and answer your questions:

- Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich
- Temple Sheriff's Station
- Duarte & Live Oak Public Libraries

We look forward to seeing you!

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## TERRANCE ROBERTS, OF THE LITTLE ROCK NINE TO SPEAK AT MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY REMEMBRANCE

Dr. Terrence James Roberts, one of the famed *Little Rock Nine* of African American students, whose enrollment in Little Rock High School in 1957 sparked a racial confrontation that led to one of the most important events in the African American Civil Rights movement, will speak to students and other community members in Duarte on Jan. 17.

Roberts will recount the historic event at a Community Remembrance program honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., beginning at 9 a.m. at the Duarte Performing Arts Center. In addition to Dr. Roberts, the event will also showcase a performance by the Duarte Teen Center Drama Club and the announcement of the annual Martin Luther King Essay contest winner.

Also in honor of the memory of Dr. King, Duarte's Promise – The Alliance for Youth and approximately 40 Duarte High School leadership volunteers planted flowers and shrubbery at the entrance of the new Duarte High School Stadium. The beautification project was sponsored by the Volunteer Center of the San Gabriel Valley.

For more information, contact Duarte's Promise at (626) 357-7931, ext. 267.

## Monrovia Police Blotter

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 405 service events, resulting in 84 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, see crime mapping. For Police Department news and information, visit our website and follow us on Twitter for police notifications.

### Bomb Threat - Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Office

January 8 at 10:35 a.m., the ABC office in the 200 block of East Huntington received a phone call from a male subject who was upset about losing his ABC license. He had the wrong state office, but he still threatened to blow the place up. The building was evacuated along with several nearby buildings. Police and fire department personnel searched the building for any possible packages or devices. No suspicious items were found and the building was cleared. The California Highway Patrol will be investigating the incident.

### Receiving Stolen Property - Suspect Arrested

January 9 at 8:20 p.m., an officer on patrol stopped a vehicle in the 100 block of West Duarte for a traffic violation. During a search of the vehicle, a backpack containing 36 Macy's gift cards, three laptop computers, and a Visa card in another subject's name were found. The suspect was arrested for receiving stolen property, and a computer check revealed that the suspect was a parolee-at-large.

### Theft From a Vehicle

January 9 at 9:08 p.m., a theft from a vehicle parked in a parking lot in the 500 block of South Mountain was reported to police. While the victim was in a business at the location, an unknown suspect stole an iPod from her unlocked vehicle. The investigation is continuing.

### Vehicle Burglary

January 9 at 9:23 p.m., a vehicle burglary was reported from a business parking lot in the 700 block of East Huntington. The victim's wallet was stolen from inside his vehicle while he was in the business. The victim reported that his vehicle was locked. There were no signs of forced entry. The investigation is continuing.



## WINTER COMMUNITY SERVICES CLASSES HAVE STARTED

The first week of the winter class session has begun. There are 25 youth and 39 adult classes offered this session. Classes offered vary from youth Lego, soccer, ballet and drawing to adult classes including zumba, pilates, mommy fitness, guitar and a beer and bread making class.

To sign up, please call Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

### Children's Storytime begins at the Library

The Library has resumed the weekly Children's Storytime. Baby Storytime, for six to 24 months and a caregiver, is every Tuesday at 10:15a.m.; Time for Twos, for two year olds, is every Tuesday at 10:45a.m.; and Munchkin Storytime, for three to five year olds, is every Wednesday at 10:45a.m. For additional information, please contact the Library at (626) 256-8274.

### Senior Stretch and Chair Yoga at the Community Center

Seniors are invited to attend a weekly senior stretching / chair yoga class. The class is held every Monday at 1 p.m., at the Community Center, and is \$2 per class. The class meets for approximately one hour and uses stretching techniques geared towards seniors over 50; however is great for anyone in need of a good stretching routine. The class focuses on stretching exercises. All techniques are easy on the joints and are geared to prevent falls. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and shoes and to bring a towel and bottle of water.

For additional information, please contact Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

### MAP Neighborhood Leaders & Neighborhood Watch Captains...

Neighborhood Leaders and Neighborhood Watch Captains will be joining together on Thursday, January 17 to eat, meet and get some tips on working together for safe neighborhoods in 2013!

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## PUSD WEEKLY NEWSFLASH

The application period for 2013-2014 Open Enrollment begins January 23, 2012. Open Enrollment is PUSD's school of choice program. Applications will be accepted for admission in popular specialized programs such as:

- Dual Language Immersion - Spanish (now offered on two campuses)
- Dual Language Immersion - Mandarin Chinese
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) middle school magnet
- International Baccalaureate schools
- College & Career Pathways in themed academies such as the App Academy, Engineering & Environmental Science, Culinary and Hospitality and Business & Entrepreneurship

Please visit [www.openenrollment.info](http://www.openenrollment.info) to learn more about the open enrollment process.

The City of Pasadena's Human Services and Recreation Department continues its After School Adventures Program. Designed to provide affordable, flexible and convenient after-school child care for only \$25 per week, the program is available at 12 PUSD elementary schools. Participants will experience exciting and fun activities including games, sports, and cooking projects, artistic expression, music and drama, socialization skills and learn the benefits of a healthy and active lifestyle. Snacks are included at most sites and all sites incorporate Safety First standards. Program walk-in registration opened January 7 at Robinson Park Center, 1081 N. Fair Oaks. Online registration is available at [www.cityofpasadena.net/reserve](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/reserve). Interested parents and guardians can call Darrell Walker at (626) 744-7530 or by email to [dwalker@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:dwalker@cityofpasadena.net).

Starting in January, college-bound seniors and their families can begin submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for state and federal grants, loans and work-study funds. For more information, go to [www.calgrants.org](http://www.calgrants.org). The filing period begins in January and ends March 2, 2013.

Pasadena Water & Power announced that Pasadena will experience a water shortage emergency February 21-28 while a major regional water pipeline is shut down for repairs and upgrades. To avoid running out of water, Pasadena must reduce water consumption by at least 30 percent. For more information, contact PWP at (626) 744-4005 or go to [www.cityofpasadena.net](http://www.cityofpasadena.net)

Thursday, January 17 - 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Parents and families are invited to hear about the School/City Work Plan and how the City of Pasadena and PUSD are working together to achieve shared goals that will benefit the children, youth and families of our diverse community. Speakers include Dr. Brian MacDonald, PUSD Chief Academic Officer and Mercy Santoro, Director of Human Services for the City of Pasadena. Hosted by the Pasadena Educational Foundation. Rose City Great Room, PUSD Education Center, 351 S. Hudson Ave., Pasadena. Entrance from south parking lot on Oak Knoll or north entrance at Del Mar and Oak Knoll. Spanish translation, childcare and light refreshments will be available. RSVP to (626) 396-3625 or [pef@pasedfoundation.org](mailto:pef@pasedfoundation.org)

FSaturday, January 19 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Students in grades 6-12 are invited to TEDxYouth@Caltech: Brain Food, a student-run event on ideas worth spreading in Technology, Entertainment and Design (TED). The event includes a day of talks, lunch, games and fun on the subject of "what feeds your brain?" California Institute of Technology Beckman Auditorium, 332 S. Michigan Ave., Pasadena, CA 91125 Tickets: \$5.00 for students grades 6-12. All other tickets \$25. Purchase tickets online at [www.tedxyouthcaltech.com](http://www.tedxyouthcaltech.com)

Monday, January 21  
Schools and offices closed in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

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## WISHES GRANTED: PEF TO AWARD \$42,000 IN GRANTS TO PUSD TEACHERS

Winter break may be over, but for 66 Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) teachers the season of gift-giving will extend at least through January 14th when they will receive over \$42,000 in grants from the Pasadena Educational Foundation (PEF). Awarded annually as part of PEF's Teacher Grant program, this year's recipients will be recognized at a reception on Monday at the Western Justice Center in Pasadena.

Since its inception in 1971, PEF has awarded over \$1 million to PUSD teachers and principals through its signature Teacher Grant program. Each year, the program provides applicants with the opportunity to submit proposals for student-centered projects that are related to the curriculum and demonstrate direct benefits to students by enhancing and improving student achievement. The grants fund classroom supplies and instructional materials for these projects, enabling educators to provide their students with vital tools and learning experiences.

This year, a total of 55 grants will be awarded to PUSD teachers during the PEF-hosted reception, sponsored by the California Credit Union. The grants will go towards projects involving everything from classroom library books to school gardens to science olympiads. As always, funding for the grants was made possible by individual donor contributions to the Pasadena Educational Foundation.

WHAT: Pasadena Educational Foundation's Teacher Grant Reception  
WHERE: Western Justice Center 55 South Grand Ave. Pasadena CA 91105  
WHEN: Monday, January 14, 2013  
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Pasadena Educational Foundation is a nonprofit organization that advocates for public education, engages the community, and develops resources to support excellent education for every Pasadena Unified School District student. For more information call 626-396-3600, ext. 88350 or visit [www.pasedfoundation.org](http://www.pasedfoundation.org). The Pasadena Unified School District serves pre-K to 12th grade students in a 76-square mile area that includes the communities of Altadena, Pasadena, Sierra Madre, and unincorporated parts of Los Angeles County. Pasadena Unified School District provides a caring, engaging, and challenging 21st century educational experience for over 18,000 students every day.

## 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.

## LIBRARY'S POPULAR PARENT/CHILD WORKSHOPS SLATED FOR MARCH

Sierra Madre, CA – Registration is now open for popular Parent/Child workshop series, slated for March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3 at 6:30 pm at the Sierra Madre Public Library. Sessions will take place at the Library on consecutive Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and will be interactive including toys, crafts, books and play in addition to discussions of parenting issues and concerns.

The parenting workshop will feature noted resource professionals from the community and each session will feature a different aspect of parenting, including early literacy, speech, hearing and language development, child development, nutrition, music, play, and health.

Families with children ages 36 months and younger are encouraged to register now as past workshops have filled up fast. Enrollment is free, but in-person pre-registration at the Library is required to ensure a spot in the program.

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

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

## I LOVE MY LIBRARY ESSAY & DRAWING CONTEST

Cash prizes await some talented children who enter the I Love My Library drawing and essay contest. Children in grades K – 2 can create a drawing showing how they love the Library. Those in grades 3-8 can write an essay telling why they love the Library. The contest begins January 7 and entries are due by January 31, 2013 at the Sierra Madre Public Library.

Entry forms are available at the library and on the Library homepage [www.cityofsierramadre.com/departments/library](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/departments/library) beginning January 7, 2013.

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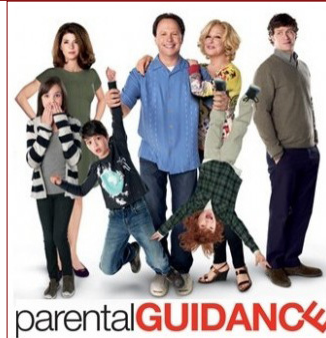
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## THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show

*Movie Reviews Especially for Teens & 'Tweens*

### 'PARENTAL GUIDANCE' & 'THE GUILT TRIP'



These two comedies for the holiday season are very similar, not in story, but in theme: families always have redeeming qualities and, even though you have fights, they're still your family.

In 'Parental Guidance', Artie (Billy Crystal) has just been fired from his job as a baseball commentator, and his daughter (Marisa Tomei) has invited him and his wife (Bette Midler) to watch their kids as they go on business. Reluctantly, they accept, and that's when everything falls apart.

'The Guilt Trip' is a comedy about a son (Seth Rogen) and his mother (Barbra Streisand) going on a road trip across the country to try to sell his cleaning product. Sadly, he is unable to sell anything and, they eventually end up at each others' throats, arguing over not only the cleaning product, but an old lover.

'Parental Guidance' and 'The Guilt Trip' have a thread of similarity, yet differ greatly. While 'Parental Guidance' deals with issues involving multiple members of a family, 'The Guilt Trip' deals with more personal family relationship problems. However, both are great movies that will make you laugh.



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## CAFÉ LUMAR, A CROATIAN OASIS IN MONROVIA

Recently I got an email from Dragica Grabovac inviting me to her restaurant, the Café LuMar in Monrovia. She insisted that my time would be well spent and my readers would appreciate something out of the ordinary, a Croatian Restaurant in our midst. This is the type of restaurant my dad made a stellar career on, tiny restaurants that you drive by a thousand and one times and never stop in. In fact, this place is across the street from one of my favorite spots, Big



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TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills  
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Shrimps. Dragica must have seen my autographed picture on the wall!

Daughter Lauren and I headed over to Café LuMar one recent early Thursday night. Pulling up in front and seeing no one inside always makes reviewers (and patrons) nervous -- where is the action? Keeping in mind this was just off the beaten path of the hustle and bustle of Old Town Monrovia, we were committed to do our share of supporting non-chain restaurants. Heck it beats the airfare to Croatia, doesn't it? We walked in and the server said "sit anywhere". We found out a bit later that is the theme of the restaurant, "sit anywhere", and our server was Dragica's sister.

For those not familiar (including me) it appears to be a mix of Eastern European and Mediterranean dishes. Before even scanning the menu, the Mediterranean salad (\$9.25) caught my eye. Much like the Greek salad that I enjoyed daily on my recent trip to Greece, the only difference is it was served on a bed of romaine. I can certainly live with that. The tomatoes, cucumbers, red onion, olives, and feta cheese were all there. Quite impressed were dearest daughter and I. So simple to make, I thought, but very few restaurants can perform this task, and Café Lumar did!

As guests started to arrive and seat themselves, and with only one server (capable) we had a chance to study the menu. Server Visnja returned and offered Croatian Beer or Wine. I



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Daughter and I shared and were both very happy. Daughter dearest asked for Baklava and got the stinkeye, but did two somersaults after having the freshly made Apple Cinnamon Crepe. The total meal was under \$50, so if you are tired of the same ol same ol, put Café Lumar on your radar, it just might be habit forming!!

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## Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



## A LITTLE FAITH GOES A LONG WAY

Just before Christmas of 2002, a guard dog named Princess gave birth to a litter of puppies behind the fence of the Oklahoma City flea market that she'd been raised to protect. One of the puppies in her litter was born with only three legs, and her single front

leg was grossly deformed, making it difficult to contend with her siblings in order to suckle and gain strength. When the puppy was about 3 weeks old, the momma dog apparently realized how weak she was and assumed she stood little chance of surviving, so, led by her instincts, the mother tried to smother her little pup by sitting on top of her. Fortunately, a young man named Reuben Stringfellow came along and rescued the little dog, saving it's life just in the nick of time.

When Reuben brought the puppy home to meet his family, they all agreed to do whatever they could to help her survive. They took her to the vet, who advised them to put the puppy to sleep because if she continued to drag herself around on the ground, she would eventually wear the skin off her belly and chin. To some people, the situation may have seemed rather hopeless, but in spite of the challenges at hand, the Stringfellows kept hope in their hearts and refused to give up on that little dog. They had the puppy's deformed front leg removed and continued to nurture her by hand-feeding her and giving her lots of love and attention. They took turns spending hours of each day caring for her and trying various techniques to get her to stand on her two back legs. They used peanut butter and other tempting treats to coax her upright, hoping she would learn to walk using the only two feet that she had. After months of tenacious training and kind encouragement, the Stringfellows were elated when that little dog finally learned to walk upright and even hop in order to get where she wanted to go! It was then that they decided the most appropriate name for their new furry friend would be, "Faith".

Through lots of encouragement and determination on the part of her human family and herself, Faith succeeded in overcoming some serious life-threatening obstacles to be what many now call "a miracle". When Faith became a certified therapy dog she began visiting injured and distressed soldiers in the US armed forces, many of whom have physical disabilities similar to her own. She's paid visits to patients at Walter Reed and several other military base hospitals, and remarkably enough she was even given the honorary title of E-5 Sergeant in the United States Army. Faith's determination to walk in spite of her unique challenges has allowed her to become an inspiration to all who meet her, and as an advocate for perseverance, she's had a remarkable impact on numerous people in the US various other countries as well. Countless individuals who may have found themselves at the end of their rope, lost their hope and may have even wanted to give up completely, changed their minds after meeting Faith and being inspired by her amazing inner strength and love for life.

When word got out that a would-be cripple puppy had been given a second chance and proved strong enough to beat the odds in order to move forward and encourage others to do the same, Faith's story eventually made it's way to the media and she became an overnight sensation. She has made guest appearances on several national television shows such as *Oprah*, *Montel*, *Animal Planet*, *Ricky Lake*, *Maury*, and *The Today Show* as well as more than 80 local television programs including Orlando's *The Buzz*, and Indianapolis' *Indy Style*. She has also accompanied her human "mom" & author, Jude Stringfellow on several inspirational speaking engagements throughout the US and abroad. Needless to say, Faith has not only lived up to her name, but she has also shared the true meaning of her name with the many folks who've come across her path, and I'd say that really is quite a miracle, especially considering how she got started on this earth!

In December of 2012, Faith turned 10 years old and she is now in the process of retiring from her typically very demanding schedule of traveling the globe to spread her message of hope and perseverance, but I imagine she'll never really retire from inspiring people in her daily walk of life. Jude Stringfellow has written 3 books about her dog, Faith: *Faith Walks* (Sep. 2011), *Faith Alone* (Feb 2007) and *With a Little Faith* (May 2005) and she is currently planning a military base book-signing tour for 2013. If you feel personally inspired by Faith's story and her example of perseverance, and are interested in supporting Jude in kick-starting her nation-wide book signing tour, go to <http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/faithwalks/faith-walks-book-tour-2013> and make a donation for this very worthy cause. Even a donation as small as a single dollar can help make a difference. You can also read more about Faith's journey and view several videos and photos of her on her official website: [www.faiththedog.info](http://www.faiththedog.info).

I am personally very thankful to the Stringfellows for being hopeful and giving little Faith a second chance at life. Their refusal to give up on that little dog even when the challenges seemed insurmountable, resulted in a miracle that has inspired thousands of people. After all, who can't use a little more faith and inspiration in this life? And, what better way to be inspired than by one of God's most wonderful creations; the dog!



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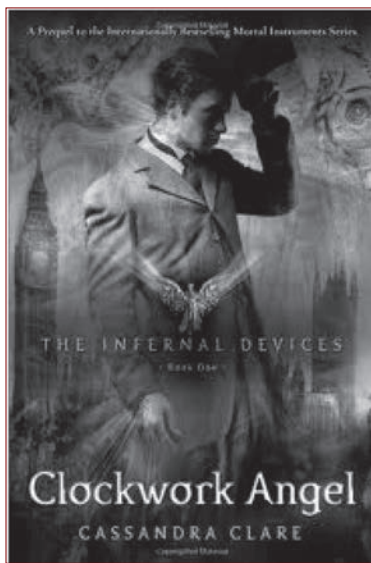


## JASMINE'S CORNER

Book Reviews by Jasmine Kelsey Williams

## CLOCKWORK ANGEL

By Cassandra Clare



Our next choice for this month should bring a smile to your face, as Cassandra Clare's words will do a spectacular job of transporting you to an entirely different world (with the help of your imagination, of course). 'Clockwork Angel' by Cassandra Clare takes the reader back in time to the late 18<sup>th</sup> century of Victorian England, and with it comes the thrilling tale of the shadows and underbelly that lurk beneath the surface of England. Clare's words are beautifully crafted when the reader is introduced to the protagonist Theresa Gray, and the supernatural ability that she possesses. Told from a third person perspective, the reader is brought into Theresa's oppressive predicament when two antagonists wish to use Theresa for their own gain, but soon becomes an adventurous chase into the underworld of Victorian London when the word spreads of Theresa and her ability. As the story progresses, the reader is introduced to new characters and a secret institute of warriors called the Shadowhunters, who find Theresa both a valuable ally and asset in their fight against demons and the other supernatural creatures they encounter. Clare's setting for the story and her words will not disappoint, and for those who enjoy a good story that takes place in a different time period, this will be a perfect option as Clare has clearly done her research to portray an accurate depiction of London during the 18<sup>th</sup> century, as well as tying in the dark and supernatural elements that are well-hidden in between. Each character created by Clare is given a wonderful introduction in one form or another in the story, the settings will certainly keep the reader enchanted and engaged with the pacing of the story, and even the fights and battle scenes will certainly be gripping page-turners. Copyrighted in 2010 and receiving praise from Booklist, Kirkus Reviews, and Publishers Weekly, as well as author Stephanie Meyer and various critics, 'Clockwork Angel' is an enchanting and gripping adventure, with pockets of romance and friendship and a dash of something historical, making this book a soon-to-be classic and perfect for anybody's personal book selection.

## TRIBUTE TO RAY BRADBURY NOW ON DISPLAY AT THE DUARTE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

He was a man who wore many hats: author, screenwriter, playwright and lecturer. But Ray Bradbury was mostly admired for his generosity and kind heart. A tribute to his life is now on display at the Duarte Historical Museum, collected and organized by Duartean Jack Collins.

Playbills, photographs, books, a video and news articles in the exhibit are from Collins' collection which he has built over the years. "I hold him in high esteem," says Collins, "and enjoyed organizing the exhibit to honor his many achievements."

Bradbury spoke before a record crowd at Duarte's PAC Center in 2002, and despite his advanced age, he remained at the Center for two hours after his presentation to sign books and talk to the guests. Monies collected at the lecture and all proceeds from his book sales were donated to our Library. He then returned to Duarte for another lecture and twice more to participate in the Annual Festival of Authors. Bradbury is commonly known for the books he has authored, many with a science fiction theme. However, his career is diversified, a fact Collins has incorporated into the exhibit. Bradbury died on June 5, 2012 at the age of 91.

The Duarte Historical Museum is located in Encanto Park in Duarte and is open Saturdays 1-4 p.m. and the first and third Wednesday of each month from 1-3 p.m. Admission is free. The Museum has an all-volunteer staff. For more information or to schedule a group tour call (626) 357-9419. The Bradbury exhibit will remain through February.



## SEAN'S SHAMELESS

## REVIEWS:

Review By Sean Kayden

## FIVE ALBUMS TO KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR

**Ra Ra Riot – "Beta Love"** - Ra Ra Riot is gearing up for their third LP this January. The title track "Beta Love" is pure infectious synth-pop. It's sugary sweet with a killer falsetto to boot. While the track is undeniably the most synth driven tune from the band, it could be their ticket to break out into the mainstream world. With danceable beats, contagious hooks, and a highly produced sound, Ra Ra Riot may be destined from being the under-the-radar opening band to full fledge headliners by springtime. **"Beta Love" is out 1/22/13 on Barsuk.**

**Local Natives – "Hummingbird"** - Probably the most well known band off this list (seeing how they've been played on KROQ), Local Natives return with their sophomore album in nearly three years. After the release of their out of nowhere stellar debut, "Gorilla Manor" back in 2010, the boys from Los Angeles seemed destined for infinite stardom. While the buzz may have cooled off for a bit giving this long hiatus between records, it seems Local Natives were keen on avoiding the sophomore slump with this new record entitled, "Hummingbird." The first single, "Breakers" is Local Natives at their absolute best. A soaring track that starts with a 30 second intro of howling guitars and catchy drums beats before it explodes with grand arrangements accompanied by "oohs" to fiercely escalate it to new heights. It slows down a bit and the vocals kick in, but it's the chorus that brings the song into a freshly new environment. "Breakers" is a stunning first single that clearly validates the boys' long lull between records. If the rest of the album shapes up to be like this, Local Natives could very well be headlining beyond their accustomed small club settings. **"Hummingbird" is out 1/29 via Frenchkiss.**

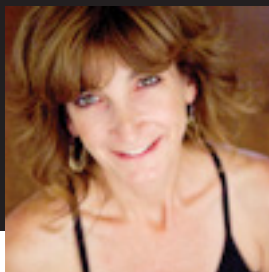
**Guards – "In Guards We Trust"** - "In Guards We Trust" will be the debut album from NYC indie power pop rockers, Guards. Lead singer Richie Follin's sister Madeline Follin performs in the ever increasing in popularity duo, Cults. While it's difficult not to bring up Cults when talking about Guards, Follin's band is rather different. With his longing vocals, 60s inspired rock melodies, and shimmering array of grunge meets psych rock arrangements, Guards hit the notes of generations before them as well as carving a new path for 2013. Be sure to check out the sure fire hit "Ready To Go." It's just one of many gems from the band's assortment of summery tunes. **"In Guards We Trust" is out 2/5/13 on Velvet Vision/Black Bell Records.**

**Foals – "Holy Fire"** - Foals' long awaited third album will debut this February. Their second single, "My Number" is a sizzling track from beginning to end. A pure pop song that is so bouncy, so intoxicating you'll be dancing and singing along to the instantaneously catchy line, "You don't have my number/ And we don't need each other now." There's a certain edge to this song, a funky tune if you will. With merely seconds into it, you'll be instantly moving and grooving to what could be the most indelible indie pop song of the year. **"Holy Fire" is out 2/12/13 on Warner Bros.**

**Beach Fossils – "Clash The Truth"** - Beach Fossils' sophomore record, "Clash The Truth" drops on February 19<sup>th</sup> 2013. The first single "Careless" is in the usual style Beach Fossils is known for—jangly pop, effortless tonal shifts, and fast guitars. This time however, lead singer Dustin Payseur's vocal are more in the forefront of the song rather than distorted in the background like with many songs found on their solid debut record. It's great to see the band expanding their tight sound and not treading the same territory as their previous record. At any rate, if this is any indication of how the full-length album will sound like, we may just have a front-runner for best album of 2013.

**"Clash The Truth" is out 2/19/13 on Captured Tracks.**

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Many people will say that they want to stretch out their backs. When the low back is tight, they fold over to their toes and strrrreeetch. This is the worst thing you can do. The little muscles of the low back are no match for the bigger tight hamstrings. Something has to give, and it may be your back. Gentle folds, done correctly with the knees very bent are much safer. Twisting may feel good too, but if the hips are not properly anchored, you can pull out the low back at the sacrum. If your shoulders round forward (while sitting at the computer?), the natural curves of your back are challenged. Overtime, this can really cause problems. So we all need to strengthen the muscles of the low back, but also the mid and upper spine. When the back is strong and flexible, there is a clear path for spinal fluid. When the spine is in good health, life is better. We walk taller, we sit more comfortably and we get to participate in the things we love to do. Oh yeah, then you can meditate comfortably also!

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Local high school students at John Muir High School in Central Pasadena have the opportunity for a real hands on and real world experience right onsite at their high school.

According to the Pasadena Unified School District website, "Since summer 2011, a team of volunteer teachers and students has been converting 2 acres of the John Muir HS campus into an urban farm. Any student of Muir can participate in hands-on learning at the Ranch and receive community service/internship hours. The mission of Muir Ranch CSA is to teach the students important business and life skills, help financially support the Muir Ranch teaching program, and provide Northeast Los Angeles communities with access to fresh, affordable, locally-grown produce. The vision is for the Ranch to be integrated into every discipline taught at Muir High School, including science, math, English, art, and environmental studies."

"We started with six rows in 2011," said Erika Redke, the Muir Ranch manager, "and by next spring we will be growing food and flowers on 75 % of our two acre field. An important element for the program at John Muir has been to launch the CSA as a way to fund internships in the summers, as a farm business where selling the produce helps pay the students, as well as giving them community service credits."

In a neighborhood where 78% of the students live at or below the poverty level, the opportunity to really make an impact on students in health, career choices, as well as applying real to school subjects like math and science was great. "The mission of Muir Ranch is to teach students important business and life skills and provide them with meaningful employment and improve access to fresh, affordable and locally grown produce for the community," commented PUSD Superintendent Jon R. Gundry.

A CSA, or Community Supported Agriculture program like the one started at John Muir High School, benefits each community in several ways. "Over the last 20 years, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) has become a popular way for consumers to buy local, seasonal food directly from a farmer. Here are the basics: a farmer offers a certain number of "shares" to the public. Typically the share consists of a box of vegetables, but other farm products may be included. Interested consumers purchase a share (aka a "membership" or a "subscription") and in return receive a box (bag, basket) of seasonal produce each week throughout the farming season," per the CSA website, <http://www.localharvest.org/csa/>. In addition to gourmet items like Cherokee purple heirloom tomatoes, each weekly box will include a lot of staples like carrots onions, potatoes and greens, according to Redke, as well as one or two less familiar items like leeks, to expand the exposure and palate of subscription members. Recipes including the week's vegetables are also available online.

Various other local farmers in the Muir Ranch CSA program are contracted to round out the Muir Ranch bounty for a wide and varied weekly produce package for subscription members. A full share subscription is intended to feed 4-6 people for a cost of \$25 per week, payable monthly by check or cash, though plans are in the works to accept credit card purchases in the future. A "half share" is intended to feed 1-3 people.

Several locations are available for easy pickup on Monday or Thursday afternoons, including PUSD District headquarters, Pasadena City Hall, John Muir High School. An East Pasadena location is planned soon, probably in the spring. Students growing food in the program learn much more than how to use a shovel. "The classes also work to separate the produce, learning when a tomato is too soft and when it is perfect," according to Redke. "They get familiar with what good produce looks like. We are also able to help other area school gardens, by giving away materials like seeds and soil."



Another avenue of revenue and reward is selling the flowers raised at Muir Ranch for events. "We have provided flowers like David Austen roses, dahlias and ranunculus, as well as the secondary arrangement flowers for events like Bar Mitzvahs and fundraisers," said Redke proudly.

Five CSA program students were also employed last summer to work on the irrigation at Muir Ranch, at Pasadena High School and other locations, according to Redke, funded by Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) the PUSD facilities department, with the help and direction of Facilities Supervisor, Shirly Barrett, also a Muir Ranch supporter.

Some of the students were even kept on through the school year to use their new irrigation skills at PUSD sites, as well as being able to maintain the Muir Ranch irrigation system.

Volunteers like Doss Jones, a who began the gardening program years back, and Mud Baron, a Muir alumni, both Master Gardeners, are key to the program's success.

All the volunteer adult staff are avid and experienced gardeners, and most are "Master Gardeners", a designation available through the UC Cooperative Extension program. The sixteen week Master Gardener program will be held onsite at Muir Ranch beginning in February, a boon for interested local gardeners, since it will be closer for Pasadena area residents.

Challenges always occur, and the Muir Ranch CSA isn't immune. "The greatest challenge is to run a business out of a school," chuckled Redke. "To run a farm is hard. To run a farm as a business is even harder. To add running it out of a school is even a greater challenge."

Liability parameters and myriad regulations

need to be followed to comply with the academic environment. "We can't just pop a student in the car and run an errand," said, Redke, due to liability constraints, for example. Another is that when the class period is over, the students must leave for their next period, whether the needed work is complete or not. The challenges, however, are miniscule compared with the rewards, according to Redke.

"My greatest reward," reflected Redke, "is to see the change in our students as they get engaged. Many of them are not used to getting their hands dirty. They're not used to seeing how plants grow. It's amazing to see them get excited about vegetables... get excited about grabbing a shovel. I see that it is genuine."

While John Muir students are learning so much about growing food, healthy eating and the science and process of it all, as well as the business aspect of it, the students really grown into and enjoy being outside, and the satisfaction of seeing the results of their labors, according to Redke. "It's also really important and rewarding for to see that are really having fun," so that it is more likely the experiences and choices here will last them a lifetime if they enjoy what they are doing. Redke made particular note of the CSA's appreciation of support from the Pasadena Education Foundation, "especially with the financial, banking and marketing needs of the program. As our fiscal agent, their help has been critical."

For more information, or to sign up for your weekly share of fresh grown vegetables, visit [www.MuirRanch.org](http://www.MuirRanch.org). If you have an interesting topic for "One of a Kind" please send the information to [C.Bertrand@MtnViewsNews.com](mailto:C.Bertrand@MtnViewsNews.com) today!

### ROSE PRUNING

Saturday, January 12

10am-1 pm

Palm Room

Jill Morganelli, Instructor

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Join Jill Morganelli, the curator of the Arboretum's Victorian Rose Garden, for a workshop about rose pruning and rose care. January is a big month for roses; proper pruning and soil building will determine the health and beauty of roses throughout the year. Jill will demonstrate all the techniques for pruning a variety of different types of roses, lead a discussion on disease control and soil building, and teach you how to nurture perfect roses!

At 10am, come to the Palm Room for a very informative (i.e. essential!) talk, and then walk to the Rose Garden for a demonstration and question/answer session...Bring water and a hat.



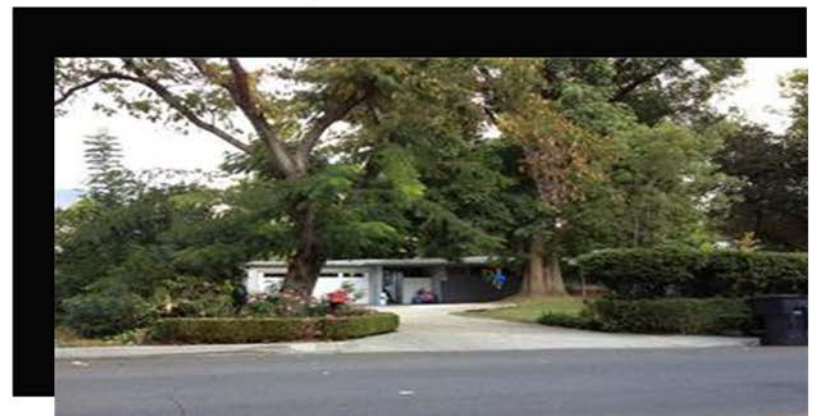
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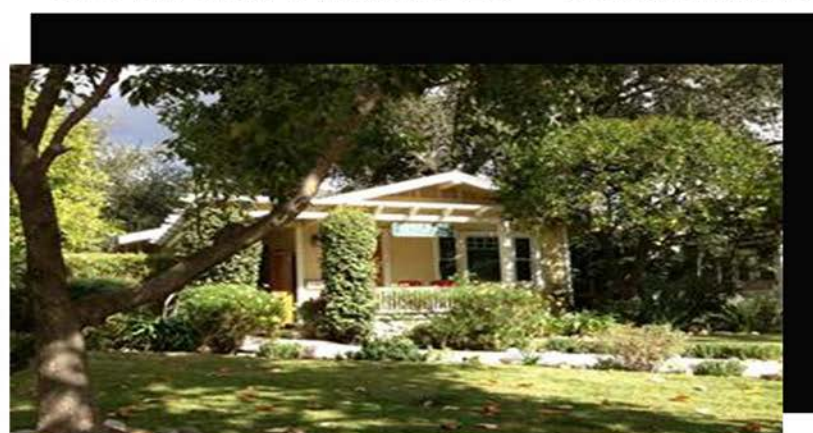
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## MEDICARE PREVENTIVE SERVICES: *What's free, what's not!*

*Dear Savvy Senior: What types of preventive health screenings does Medicare completely cover, and which ones require a coinsurance fee? I'm due to get some preventive tests done, but I want to find out how much I'll have to pay before I proceed.*  
Frugal Retiree



Dear Frugal:

Medicare covers a wide array of preventive services to help you stay healthy, but it's important to know which services are totally covered, and which ones will generate some out-of-pocket costs.

### Free Services

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, original Medicare now offers many of their preventive health services completely free to beneficiaries.

Preventive services include various exams, lab tests and screenings that help find health problems in their earliest stages when they're easier to treat. They also include a number of vaccinations and programs for health monitoring, as well as counseling and education to help you take care of your own health.

Here's a quick rundown of the different Medicare preventive services that won't cost you a cent, along with the eligibility requirements you'll need to meet to get them.

- **Wellness visits:** All Medicare beneficiaries are eligible for two types of preventive wellness visits – one when you're new to Medicare and one each year after that. But don't confuse these with full physical examinations. These are prevention-focused visits that provide only an overview of your health and medical risk factors and serve as a baseline for future care.
- **Colorectal cancer screening:** The fecal occult blood test, flexible sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy is available to all beneficiaries age 50 or older.
- **Mammograms:** All women with Medicare ages 40 and older can get a free breast cancer screening mammogram every year.
- **Pap tests and pelvic exams:** These cervical and vaginal cancer screenings are available every two years, or once a year for those at high risk.
- **Prostate cancer screenings:** Annual PSA blood tests are available to all male beneficiaries age 50 and older.
- **Cardiovascular screenings:** Free blood test to check cholesterol, lipid and triglyceride levels are offered every five years to all Medicare recipients.
- **Diabetes:** Screening available twice a year for those at risk.
- **Bone mass measurements:** This osteoporosis test is available every two years to those at risk, or more often if medically necessary.
- **Abdominal aortic aneurysm screening:** To check for bulging blood vessels, this test is available to men ages 65 to 75 who have ever smoked.
- **Vaccinations:** An annual flu shot, a vaccination against pneumonia and the hepatitis B vaccine are all free to all beneficiaries.

In addition, Medicare also offers free smoking cessation counseling; medical nutrition therapy to help beneficiaries with diabetes or kidney disease; depression screenings; alcohol screening and counseling; obesity screening and counseling; annual cardiovascular risk reduction visits; sexually transmitted infection screening and counseling; and HIV screenings.

### Cost-Sharing Services

Medicare also offers several other preventive services that require some out-of-pocket cost-sharing. With these tests, you'll have to pay 20 percent of the cost of the service (Medicare picks up the other 80 percent), after you've met your \$147 Part B yearly deductible. The services that fall under this category include digital rectal exams for prostate cancer, glaucoma tests, and diabetes self-management training services.

For detailed information on all Medicare preventive services see [medicare.gov/share-the-health](http://medicare.gov/share-the-health), or call Medicare at 800-633-4227 and ask them to mail you a free copy of "Your Guide to Medicare's Preventive Service" (publication 10110).

### Medicare Advantage

If you have a Medicare Advantage plan, you'll be happy to know that all Advantage plans are also now required to cover the same free preventive services as original Medicare.

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* PAIRS WELL WITH KFC

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, again! Hope you had a great time. I can't complain, which means I'm totally content. Amidst the holiday flurry, my husband and I were fortunate enough to get away for a weekend wine tasting trip in Paso Robles! We'd been to Paso a couple times before and, being the adventurers that we are, we always try to hit new places every time we revisit the region. This year, we got to explore some well known vineyards, and a few that were off the radar.

I must admit that the GPS function on our phones was invaluable! But despite our technological advances, our initial attempts weren't very successful. One of the first places turned out to be some creepy industrial building with signs "For Lease" and for "Free Wine Barrels." We assumed they meant empty ones, but didn't stop to find out.

Rabbit Ridge was the first "real" winery we visited. I'd grown to adore their Allure de Robles Rhone red wine, sometimes sold at Trader Joe's for \$4.99 (can't beat that!). We arrived a little before noon at something that looked like a massive, seemingly abandoned, mustard-colored castle. Paper signs taped to the walls led us around several corners in search of the tasting room. We ended up on a loading dock. Retracing our steps brought us to an unadorned door which opened into a very large warehouse with a bar in one corner.

"Hey, whatever works!" A seated couple was already midway through their flight of wines. We tasted a series of reds, all of which I enjoyed. The next stop was Dunning. I'd had a bottle of a red (syrah?) from there before, and assumed the winery would be as wonderful as its wine. Needless to say, the GPS saved us from losing our way in the boonies of Paso Robles. At the end of a long, unpaved road, we reached Dunning vineyards and their vacation cottages. Unfortunately, it appeared to be abandoned. The tasting room was unlocked, and there were several corked bottles on the counter and a used wine glass. My husband checked for signs of life at the cottages, while I waited outside. The faint sound of a motor rose beyond the terraced hill. Eventually, a man drove up on a vehicle my husband later informed me was an ATV. The driver climbed off, introduced himself as the proprietor, and apologized for making us wait. Apparently he had to help out his neighbor with some shipment.

No worries! I didn't care if the owner arrived in a space ship, as long as the wine was good (and affordable). Over the next couple days we visited a variety of vineyards and met many interesting people. At one place, we were the only people at the bar when a young, well-groomed couple arrived. (The girl excused herself, and her fiancé hurriedly explained that he planned to surprise her by proposing at the next winery on their itinerary.) He had arranged for all their friends to "hide" at that vineyard until the moment he popped the question.

I was thinking that he must've been darn sure she was going to say "yes!" In view of the time constraint, he asked the tasting room attendant if she wouldn't mind "hurrying through" their flight so that they'd make it in time for the main event. We were all happy for them, and pretended we knew nothing of his intentions. But I wondered if the girl realized that she and her fiancé skipped over at least three whites, and were poured only miniscule portions of the two last reds. No bother. We caught up with them at the more trendy winery an hour later. She was admiring her large diamond ring, so the proposal must've been successful.

The other wineries and tasting rooms we visited had their share of memorable wines and company. The last one we visited had a couple cats sleeping dangerously close to the serving area. We knew it was time to head home. One thing I realized during this trip was that it's better to pack in a hearty breakfast and lunch, in order to fortify yourself in case a winery has a long flight of wines to sample. Dinner, therefore, becomes an afterthought. But we were happy that our hotel was adjacent to many cheap, late-night eateries. Zinfandel pairs well with filet mignon, but also nicely complements items from Denny's and KFC.



# SENIOR HAPPENINGS

By Pat Birdsall

## FYI: "I'VE FALLEN AND I CAN'T GET UP....."

"I've Fallen and I Can't Get Up..."

Most people my age or older have already gotten *several* messages: *Use it or lose it*, or...*A body in motion tends to stay in motion*...etc. Not me...I have to be hit over the head, quite literally, to get it. Without the embarrassing details, suffice it to say, I can hear you now! I will never laugh at the aforementioned commercial again...at least not as boisterously as once did. I am having hip replacement surgery on Wednesday and I'm going to be ill-prepared as far as my muscle tone is concerned. I have none! I have literally sat like a lump in front of my computer giving my brain non-stop nourishment but *none* to my limbs. There is really no excuse. In Sierra Madre we are lucky to have not just one, but two terrific volunteers who give free fitness lessons every week at the Hart Park House, Senior Center.

On **Wednesday, from 11:00 to 11:45 am**, Teryl Willis offers **Chair Yoga**. She focuses on senior yoga techniques that are geared toward gentle movements, breathing techniques and **balance improvement**. Hmmm? On **Friday, longtime volunteer, Lisa Brandley**, conducts *a free Strength Training class from 1:00 to 1:45 pm*. The class utilizes light weights (supplied), for low-impact resistance training. No excuses, right?

I need to give my guardian angel a well-deserved rest...as it is, he or she is now sporting double-strength support hose and has put in ads in the Penny Saver for several stand-by angels. Wish me well!

### HELPFUL HINT:

After boiling Pasta or potatoes, cool the water and use it to water your houseplants. The water contains nutrients that your plants will love.

## FOR YOUR FUNNY BONE

This is a true account as recorded in the Police Log of Sarasota, Florida. An elderly lady did her shopping and upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle. She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at the top of her voice, "I have a gun and I know how to use it! Get out of the car!" The four men didn't wait for a second invitation. They got out and ran like mad. The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her shopping bags into the car and got in the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition. She tried and tried and then it dawned on her why. For the same reason she did not understand why there was a football, a Frisbee and two 12 packs of beer in the front seat! A few minutes later, she found her own car parked four or five spaces farther down. She loaded her bags into the car and drove to the police station to report her mistake. The sergeant to whom she told her story couldn't stop laughing. He pointed to the other end of the counter where four pale men were reporting a carjacking by a mad, elderly woman carrying a large handgun. No charges were filed. If you're going to have a senior moment, make it memorable!

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:

If you cannot be a poet, be the poem. ~ David Carradine



### 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 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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Security researchers are advising Internet users to disable Java components in their browsers because of an exploit that can allow remote attackers to execute malicious code on compromised systems.

Java is used by hundreds of millions of Windows, Mac and Linux machines along with mobile devices and embedded systems around the world to access interactive content or Web applications and services.

It's being reported that cybercriminals are using a "zero-day" vulnerability in Java to attack computer systems and this exploit has the ability to allow attackers to stealthily install malware on the computers of users who visit compromised websites. A zero-day exploit is one that takes advantage of security vulnerability on the same day that the vulnerability becomes generally known.

There are "zero days" between the time the vulnerability is discovered and the first attack. Fortunately for most users with the latest versions of Java, users who need to keep it active can change a couple of settings to help secure their systems.

Go to the Java Control Panel that is installed along with the runtime, and in the Security section uncheck the option to "Enable Java content in the browser," which will disable the browser plug-in. This will prevent the inadvertent execution of exploits that may be stumbled upon when browsing the Web, and is a recommended setting for most people to do. If you need to see a Java applet on the Web, then you can always temporarily re-enable the plug-in.

The second setting is to increase the security level of the Java runtime, which can also be done in the same Security section of the Java Control Panel. The default security level is Medium, but you can increase this to High or Very High. At the High level, Java will prompt you for approval before running any unsigned Java code, and at the Very High level all Java code will require such approval, regardless of whether or not it is signed.

Since this threat is Java-based, it will only affect systems that have Java installed. Most platforms do not come with Java, but if you have installed it and do not need or regularly use it, you might consider removing it from your system. While Java is convenient for legitimate developers, its conveniences also help malware developers spread their harmful practices to multiple platforms.

## BUSINESS TODAY

*The latest on Business News, Trends and Techniques*

By La Quetta M. Shamblee, MBA



## THE INSANITY OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Most people think it would be insane to think of starting a business, but then, it takes a certain level of insanity to forgo the "security" of a regular paycheck from an employer. Which is why most people will never take the plunge into full-time self-employment of owning a business. All entrepreneurs are risk takers, however, there are varying levels ranging from cautious, calculated risks, to those who seem crazy enough to leap from a cliff with the belief they have wings to fly. You will find examples of extreme success at all levels of risk, but the entrepreneurs who seem to be wired to tolerate risks that appear illogical to most of us, see life through a different lens.

To observers it may appear that an entrepreneur willing to take risks has no fear, but that isn't the case. They have simply decided that the risk is worth the anticipated reward. Most people can't relate to this because of the fear that prevents them from ever moving beyond a pre-defined comfort zone. The comfort zone of a 9-to-5 for the majority can feel like a prison to a free-thinking entrepreneur. They think "outside the box" and are therefore driven to venture, seek and experiment outside of the boundaries of what is normal to everyone else.

They would rather work 20 hours a day to build their own enterprise, than to work 8 hours a day to build for someone else. Seems odd, but one of the trade-offs is a sense of relief, pride and satisfaction knowing that they are doing what they really want to do. Some of them find their niche, build a business and operate it for decades until they decide to sell it, pass it on to family or

close it after enjoying years as the creator of their own livelihood.

Others are serial entrepreneurs, leaving a trail of multiple business ventures. Some of the ventures are successful, but some are relegated to the collective heap of business failures. But again, a difference in perspective – the entrepreneur interprets each failure as a lesson learned, information to help them make better decisions the next time. Like the inventor and entrepreneur, Thomas Edison, 10,000 "failed" experiments to create the light bulb are simply viewed as discovering all of the ways it didn't work.

The correlation of failure to success is evident across the landscape of all accomplishments, large and small. It is something we all understood as children, but as we get older we forgot this fact. How many times did you fall before you learned to skate or ride a bicycle? Remember the frustration you felt as the older kids whizzed past you, and perhaps your mom, dad, or another kid encouraged you to keep trying. Or, you simply convinced yourself to try until finally, you were skating and riding along with everyone else.

So too, is the plight of risk-taking entrepreneurs who may find themselves, low on funds with bruised credit ratings, watching other whiz past them with the comfort and security of a steady paycheck. Those destined for success will get up and try again, knowing that they need to move beyond this latest lesson of what didn't work to keep searching until they discover what does.



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## FACEBOOK PREDICTIONS FOR 2013

When we teach a Facebook class, we let the room know two things; we don't work for Facebook and we are not Facebook experts. The reason? I believe there is no way anyone can claim to be an expert on a tool with 900 million users because everyone has their own way of using it! However, there are some of us who study it more than most.

With that in mind, here are four things I predict that "might" happen on Facebook this year.

1. Facebook will make another change to the timeline layout. It's actually already being tested in New Zealand. It looks like they are bringing back tabs and converting the two-column timeline layout to one.
2. People will complain about this change. Some will threaten to leave Facebook and try to convince all their friends to join them on Google+. They'll leave for two weeks and realize their friends won't move. They will come back.
3. I think more businesses will explore social ads especially on Facebook. Just like newspapers, magazines and television, Facebook is a content provider. If a business is trying to reach a certain audience, chances are they might find them on Facebook.
4. Facebook will continue to beef up their private messaging feature. They recently added a voice-message feature to their Mobile Messenger app. With this addition, Facebook's messaging center is now voicemail, video chat, live chat, texting, document and photo sharing all in one tool. Brilliant! Did you know we all have our very own Facebook email address that works with this? (yourname@facebook.com)

I recently read a statistic that said "one out of every seven minutes spent online is on Facebook." It's where the people are. It has become a mainstream communication tool we simply cannot ignore.

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## PRESIDENT SIGNS REP. SCHIFF DNA BILL INTO LAW

**Legislation Would Award Grants to States to Implement DNA Collection for Felony Arrestees**

Washington, DC – Today, President Barack Obama signed Rep. Adam Schiff's (D-Burbank) legislation, the Katie Sepich Enhanced DNA Collection Act of 2012 (H.R. 6014), into law. Originally introduced in 2010 by Schiff, Katie's Law bears the name of Katie Sepich, a college student who was raped and murdered in 2003 in New Mexico. Her attacker was arrested several times over subsequent years but was never linked to Katie's murder, as his DNA was not collected until 2006.

"I'm so pleased that President Obama today signed this important legislation – Katie's Law is a vital tool for law enforcement to help save lives and prevent future crimes," said Schiff. "By improving our DNA system, we will make sure that more violent and serious crimes are solved, and we take more felons off the street every year. This legislation – now law – is another tool in law enforcement's tool-kit. Just as we fingerprint arrestees and those convicted of crimes, it makes absolute sense to collect a DNA profile when someone is arrested for a violent felony, and this bill will encourage states around the nation to join California and other states that have adopted arrestee testing."

"We are so grateful for the support of our primary sponsors, Rep. Adam Schiff, Rep. David Reichert and Senator Charles Schumer who worked so tirelessly to support this bill and see it enacted," said Mrs. Sepich.

The Katie Sepich Enhanced DNA Collection Act of 2012, also known as Katie's Law, establishes a program to provide grants to states which implement DNA collection programs for arrestees of murder, sexual assault, kidnapping, burglary, and aggravated assault. States are authorized to collect DNA for a larger subset of crimes but must do so for those felony crimes. The bill uses funding sources within the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Reduction Act and specifies that up to \$10 million in each fiscal year from 2013 to 2015 may go to grants to states under Katie's law.

An example of the power of arrestee testing comes from a case in Los Angeles. In 1987, Chester Turner was arrested for assault in California, but freed due to a lack of evidence. DNA technology was in its infancy at the time and Turner's DNA was not taken upon arrest. Turner continued to terrorize a Los Angeles community and was arrested nineteen more times before being convicted of rape in 2002. Only then was his DNA profile taken, and it matched evidence found on twelve rape and murder victims, the first murdered only two months after his 1987 arrest. Had California taken his DNA when he was first arrested, as is now required under state law, his decades long crime spree could have been prevented or cut short.

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## HOWARD Hays As I See It



*"An M4 Carbine fires a .223 caliber round, which is 5.56 mm at about 3,000 feet per second. When it hits a human body, the effects are devastating. It's designed for that ... I personally don't think there's any need for that kind of weaponry on the streets and particularly around the schools in America ... we've got to protect our children, we've got to protect our police, we've got to protect our population ..."*

- Gen. Stanley McChrystal, former commander of US and NATO forces in Afghanistan, on the military version of the AR-15 used in the Aurora, CO and Newtown, CT massacres

What do head lice, root canals, cockroaches, traffic jams, NFL replacement refs, used car salesmen and Genghis Kahn have in common? According to a recent Public Policy Polling survey, Americans hold a "higher opinion" of each of them than they do of Congress. (To be fair, Congress did come out ahead of North Korea, gonorrhea, meth labs and the Kardashians.)

Providing a partial explanation for this abysmal lack of esteem is last week's column in USA Today from former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ) and husband Mark Kelly (former astronaut and decorated navy pilot with forty combat missions in the Gulf War), which begins:

"In response to a horrific series of shootings that has sown terror in our communities, victimized tens of thousands of Americans, and left one of its own bleeding and near death in a Tucson parking lot, Congress has done something quite extraordinary — nothing at all."

They mention the "11 mass murders" since the wounding of Rep. Giffords and the murder of six others in Tucson exactly two years ago, and blame a gutless Congress for the fact "we are more vulnerable to gun violence. Weapons designed for the battlefield have a home in our streets. Criminals and the mentally ill can easily purchase guns by avoiding background checks. Firearm accessories designed for killing at a high rate are legal and widely available. And gun owners are less responsible for the misuse of their weapons than they are for their automobiles."

The survey reflects a mainstream America fed-up with purchased politicians dutifully reciting marketing slogans from the gun industry. They see paralysis in dealing with such common-sense measures as criminal background checks for gun owners, mandatory reporting of stolen firearms and prohibiting those on the terrorist watch list from acquiring guns; measures opposed by the N.R.A. but which, according to recent polling, have majority support of 74%, 64% and 71%, respectively – among N.R.A. members.

While in the House they're dismissing the arguments of service veterans McChrystal and Kelly, in the Senate they're going after another decorated veteran, former Sen. Chuck Hagel (R-NE), who served as an enlistee infantry sergeant in Vietnam. Sgt. Hagel had the job of "walking point", being the one most likely to step on a landmine as his men made their way through the jungle. Hagel witnessed at least one fellow soldier blown apart performing that same job. As President Obama's nominee for Secretary of Defense, he would be the first enlistee combat NCO to hold the position.

Hagel served in the Veterans Administration under President Reagan, but resigned when the V.A. Administrator described veteran groups as "greedy", and compared the effects of Agent Orange to a "little teenage acne". He made clear his own perspective on war while serving in the Senate under President Bush, openly deriding Vice President (and draft dodger) Dick Cheney's assertion that the Iraq insurgency was in its "last throes". He later commented, "These young men and women that we put in Anbar province, in Iraq, in Baghdad, are not beans. They're real lives. And we better be damn sure we know what we're doing."

Commenting on the propriety of a Republican senator criticizing a Republican administration, Hagel insisted, "To question your government is not unpatriotic – to not question your government is unpatriotic." And, he reminded, "I took an oath of office to the Constitution. I didn't take an oath of office to my party or my president."

This didn't sit well with Republican colleagues in the Senate, many of whom are still there – and see his nomination by the president as an opportunity to settle old scores. Chuck Hagel has made his views known that the Iraq War was a mistake, negotiations are preferable to committing troops, unilateral sanctions (as in the case of Iran) are less effective than multi-national efforts, and the interests of the United States must override any other government's wish-list – including that of the right-wingers in Israel.

Republican Senators see such views as "controversial" and "in-your-face". Most Americans see them as "mainstream".

In the Senate, they're using the office of Secretary of Defense as a means of needling the president and getting back at a former colleague. In the House, they're putting profitability of the gun industry over the safety of our citizens. And, they're suggesting a legitimate means of attacking the budget deficit is to simply refuse to pay the bills they've already racked up.

Over the past couple of weeks, House Republicans have insisted there wasn't time to address the needs of the tens of thousands in New York and New Jersey still suffering from the effects of Hurricane Sandy - but there was time for Rep. Michelle Bachmann (R-MN) to introduce (for the 34th time) a measure to repeal "Obamacare".

Last week, Rep. Bachmann was reappointed to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

The question is not why Americans rank Congress below cockroaches and Genghis Kahn; the question is why it's still ranked higher than the Kardashians.

JOE GANDELMAN Independent's Eye  
THE REPUBLICAN RACE FOR  
NON-COMPASSIONATE  
CONSERVATISM

Will the Republican Party's 2012 national rout have an impact? Will it become more a moderate (excuse the "dirty" word) conservative party that tries to inch back to George W. Bush's stated goal of a more "compassionate conservatism" that would appeal to growing, Democratic-inclined demographics? As Tony Soprano said: "Fuhgeddaboutit!"

Amid signs of looming Republican political civil war between purity-demanding conservative activists and a political establishment that seeks to enlarge the party's current perceived "MEMBERS ONLY" tent, there seems to be a race among Republicans to prove who has the least empathy and who will be tougher, no matter what the consequences (to groups that don't vote overwhelming Republican).

Ronald Reagan's smiling "Shining City On the Hill" has been replaced by a scowling "You Give Us What We Want or We'll Level that Hill."

Sen. Lindsay Graham blasts President Barack Obama's nomination of former Republican Sen. Chuck Hagel as an "in your face nomination," but the reality is this: to millions of Americans, today's Republican Party has become the 24/7 "in-your-face" political party.

Many American independents, centrists, moderates and 20th century style conservatives are now in a state of near political grief. They sadly watch as a party that offered substantive alternatives to govern is morphing into a political party seemingly in a state of perpetual filibuster, seeking ways to provoke political brinkmanship, looking for ways to confront – while appearing to kowtow to its most ideologically intolerant rightward faction and polarizing conservative talk show hosts.

A government shutdown? Give us what we want, or it's about time we had another one (forget about the chaos it'd mean to not just the government but government services, funding and to millions of Americans). Default on the debt limit? Slash spending the way we want or those bills won't be paid – and it won't be as bad as you "libruls" think and might even help the country (forget about the wide variety of experts, including conservative economists, who predict it'd be catastrophic to the American and world economies).

The problem for the GOP is that its courage-challenged politicians won't stand up to the Tea Party, so the soggy tea bag is waving the elephant. According to Rasmussen, only 8 percent of voters now say they are members of the Tea Party, down from a high of 24 percent in April 2010. The Tea Party now has a limp 30 percent favorable rating

and an unhealthy 45 percent unfavorable rating.

Some traditional conservatives are increasingly alarmed by the nihilistic tone of their party and they're speaking out. For instance, conservative blogger Doug Mataconis writes that his party now offers two choices: "Either the nation moves in the direction that those who advocate it want it to, or it burns. There's no room for compromise, no room for debate other than on the terms already set. This is not the philosophy of a party that wants to govern, and it's not the philosophy of a party that is going to last for an extended period of time in its present form. It is, in the end, a philosophy of anarchism in which one really doesn't care what happens."

Hint to the GOP: If politics ain't bean ball, the debt ceiling ain't the fiscal cliff. It's the fiscal Grand Canyon. The debt ceiling is where craven political gamesmanship and blatant partisan power-plays can shove the United States and the world into a major financial setback.

If that happens, then in future national elections all of Rush Limbaugh's listeners and all of the Tea Party's activists won't be able put the tea-guzzling Elephant Dumpty back together again.

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## WHAT DOES THE PRESIDENT THINK? GREG Welborn

It seems we fell off the fiscal cliff but climbed back up. Now we face the deficit cliff, off of which we careen in 60 days unless the President and Congress can reach a compromise. Already, the President is posturing to claim what he hopes will be the moral high ground. The only problem for Obama is in selecting the issue on which he has perhaps the least moral authority among a slew of issues on which his moral bank account has been seriously depleted. His strategy will work only if Lincoln was right about being able to fool all of the people some of the time.

In commenting on our budget problems, a famous and powerful politician once said that borrowing more money was "a sign that the United States Government can't pay its own bills. Washington is shifting the burden of bad choices today onto the backs of our children and grandchildren. To leave no doubt as to where he stood on the issue, he added, "America has a debt problem and a failure of leadership." Care to guess who that powerful politician is? It's the same one who more recently told John Boehner that "we don't have a spending problem".

For those with short memories, or who react to facts like kryptonite, it is our esteemed president. We can thank the Wall Street Journal editorial page for digging up those quotes from then- U.S. Senator Barak Obama, who led the fight to defeat George Bush's attempt to borrow more money.

One can sense the essence of the President's credibility problem here. 6 years ago, as a Senator, he objected morally to borrowing \$781 billion more to pay for profligacy. He was actually on the right side of history and morality at that point. Today, he tells the speaker we don't have a spending problem, and then he doubles down with the vacuous moral argument that morality demands we borrow \$1 trillion more to pay for profligacy of his own making because Congress "should pay the bills that they have already racked up".

I can't think of a more glaring example of hypocrisy, or a more immoral position than to try to justify taking away a massive amount from our kids and grandkids because of excess spending that this same president advocated. Remember, he and his party controlled both houses of Congress and the Presidency. This president, and no other before him, has spent more money than he didn't have - \$3 trillion worth over the last 3 years with more to come.

President Obama is, of course, trying to paint the Republicans as the bad guys – a moral lapse of another sort, especially so when he knows that the Republicans offered him after the election, as a token of good faith, much of the revenue he requested. Speaker Boehner went to the White House and offered to close loop holes and phase out deductions to raise almost all of the extra money the President requested. Obama pocketed the offer and pressed for more.

## TINA Dupay

LEFT AND RIGHT ARE NOT  
OPPOSITE EQUALS

Are the left and the right in this country pretty much the same except for ideology? Are liberals and conservatives basically two sides of the same coin? One side you have one opinion, the other side an opposing view. Are the parties in America symmetrical?

Only the right wing will say yes.

It's a go-to (think lazy) response to any criticism of the right: The left does it too. Even more so, probably.

If you say the right is still utilizing the Southern Strategy while trying to disenfranchise African-Americans, they'll say the left are the real racists. James Taranto of WSJ.com wrote, "To keep blacks voting Democratic, it is necessary for the party and its supporters to keep alive the idea that racism is prevalent in America and to portray the Republican Party ... as racist." According to conservatives, liberals are the ones who really have a war on women. (Republicans just want to nationalize their wombs.) Democrats are the ones who really don't want diversity. (All the old white men in the Republican Party are just a coincidence.) It's not Mitt Romney who was shockingly untethered from facts in the most suspended-reality campaign in modern history; Obama lied about closing Guantanamo!

Yes, Republicans are rubber, Democrats are glue...

Whatever you say about Republicans they'll try to pin that tail on the donkey.

This false equivalency benefits the right. A pox on both your houses disengages people from the political process and that helps Republicans. As we've seen in the midterms: When fewer people vote, more Republicans get into office.

The two parties are not, as we say in math, opposite equals. At all. Especially in math. As Bill Clinton said in his 2012 DNC speech, "Now, people ask me all the time how we got four surplus budgets in a row. What new ideas did we bring to Washington? I always give a one-word answer: Arithmetic." When Republicans were in charge they started two unfunded wars and took the unprecedented (for a reason) step of giving deep tax cuts – also unfunded – during a time of war(s). They spent like proverbial (and literal) drunken sailors. They increased the size of government (Department of Homeland Security) and increased the deficit while decreasing revenue. That's what Republicans did when they could do everything they'd always hoped for: They made a mess of the place.

Now Republicans are shocked! Shocked by the state of their beloved country! It's a disaster! Republicans are aghast and determined to find someone (non-Republican) to blame: illegal immigrants, single mothers, "Washington," Pelosi, Obama, ACORN, New Black Panthers, Old Black Panthers, Planned Parenthood. Maybe if they just habitually say "Benghazi" no one will pay attention to what Republicans do when they're in power.

Oh and all this spending – it's akin to sin and treason and everything distasteful now that Republicans no longer in the Oval Office. The phony outrage is palpable. As Speaker of the House John Boehner tweeted, "Too many Americans are still out of work & Washington still spends too much, taxes too much & borrows too much."

If you ask a Republican, Democrats are responsible too. Yes, Democrats didn't shut down the government when the first and second unpaid-for Bush tax cuts were up for a vote. They didn't abuse the filibuster to stop Republicans from passing (the also unpaid-for) Medicare Part D. They didn't impeach Bush when they had the votes. In short: Democrats didn't act like Republicans act when they're in the minority so they didn't try hard enough to keep Republicans from melting the world's economy.

See? Democrats had the power to be just as disruptive, cantankerous and disrespectful of the process when they were in the minority. Therefore, both parties (can) do it.

Six of one, half a dozen of the other. The whole thing is disgusting. They're all crooks. You shouldn't even bother to vote or be involved. You should just look away. That's how Republicans like it.

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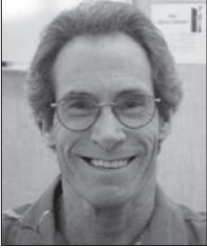
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### PPACA: A Big Step in the Right Direction

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), commonly called Obamacare, is signed into law by President Barak Obama on March 23, 2010. It represents the most significant regulatory overhaul of the U.S. health care system since the passage of Medicare and Medicaid in 1965.

PPACA is aimed primarily at decreasing the number of uninsured Americans and reducing the overall costs of healthcare. It provides a number of mechanisms--including mandates, subsidies, and tax credits--to employers and individuals in order to increase the coverage rate. Additional reforms are aimed at improving healthcare outcomes and streamlining the delivery of health care. PPACA requires insurance companies to cover all applicants and offer the same rates regardless of pre-existing conditions or gender

On June 28, 2012, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of most of PPACA, and a report late July by the Congressional Budget Office projected that the PPACA will significantly lower both future deficits and Medicare spending.

This said, now might be a good time to compare the proposed U.S. reforms to what is generally considered the standard among developed nations around the world--namely, universal single-payer health care--and answer the question: What are the characteristics of a good and fair health care system?

As far back as 2000, the World Health Organization (WHO) released a groundbreaking report, with data on the health care systems of 191 member countries. In its analysis, WHO developed five primary goals for what a good health care system should accomplish:

- 1) overall good health (e.g., low infant mortality rate and high disability-adjusted life expectancy);
- 2) a fair distribution of good health (e.g., low infant mortality rate and long life expectancy evenly distributed across populations groups);
- 3) a high level of overall responsiveness;
- 4) a fair distribution of responsiveness across population groups; and
- 5) a fair of financing healthcare (whether the burden of health costs is fairly distributed, based on ability to pay, so that everyone is equally protected from the financial risks of illness).

Here are some sobering facts that stand out comparing the current U.S. health care system with the health care systems of other developed countries around the world:

1) **COST:** The United States has the by far the most expensive health care system in the world, based on health expenditures per person, and on total expenditures as a percentage of gross domestic product (GDP). For example the U.S. health care system is nearly twice as expensive as its next door neighbor Canada.

2) **ACCESS** to health care: The U.S. is the only country in the developed world, except South Africa, that does not provide health care for all its citizens. Instead, we have a confusing hodgepodge of private insurance coverage based primarily on employment, along with public insurance coverage for the elderly (Medicare), the military, the military, veterans, and for the poor and disabled (Medicaid), that until the PPACA left an estimated 45 million Americans uninsured.

3) **HEALTH AND WELL-BEING:** There are many indicators of the overall health status and well-being of a country's population, but among the most commonly used measures are infant mortality rates, and life expectancy, particularly disability-adjusted life expectancy (e.g., the number of healthy years that can be expected on average in a given population). The U.S. currently ranks 27th in infant mortality and 38th in life expectancy.

4) **RESPONSIVENESS:** The U.S. is still the first among the 191 WHO member countries in the category of responsiveness, the extent to which caregivers are responsive to client/patient expectations with regard to non-health areas such as being treated with dignity and respect. However, this figure almost certainly covers over the existence of extreme disparities in responsiveness among different populations.

5) **FAIRNESS IN FINANCING:** This measures the degree to which financial contributions to health care systems are distributed fairly across the population. While such countries as Luxembourg, Denmark and Germany have health care systems are very fair in financial contributions, other countries such as the U.S. and Italy have very unfair systems of health care financing.

Despite the efforts of insurance companies and managed care providers to limit the range of political choices in health care reforms, there appears to be growing broad-based support among Americans for the PPACA, which it is hoped will help resolve, or at least diminish, some of the more serious problems of cost, access and fairness. Although the PPACA is not a universal single-payer health care system, it is a big step in the right direction.

## RICH Johnson AIN'T TECHNOLOGY GRAND?



Remember Charles Holland Duell? Probably not. He was a lawyer who was the United States Commissioner of Patents from 1898 through 1901. He is famous for allegedly saying in 1899 that, "Everything that can be invented has been invented." And for encouraging President McKinley to shut down the Patent Office.

He probably never said that. But it is fun to think he did. And the truth is, plenty of people have made funny comments and predictions about technology that ended up being as far from reality as is possible. At the advent of train travel in the early nineteenth century, scientists predicted that the human body could not sustain traveling for long periods of time at speeds approaching 40 miles per hour.

Harry Warner (one of the famous studio executive brothers known as the Warner Brothers) said in 1927: "Who in the he (double hockey sticks) wants to hear actors talk?"

*An internal Western Union memo from 1876 told employees, "The 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication..."*

*"Airplanes are interesting toys but of no military value." French Professor of Strategy*

Lord Kelvin, a brilliant mathematical physicist and engineer who is credited for wonderful discoveries, is also known for several prognostications that did not turn out the way he thought. For example:

"Heavier-than-air flying machines are impossible."  
"X-rays are a hoax."  
"Radio has no future."

When it came to computers:

*"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers." Tom Watson, Chairman of IBM (1946)*

*"Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons" Popular Mechanics prediction made in 1949.*

*"There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home." Ken Olson, President/Chairman of the Digital Equipment Corporation, 1977.*

Guess who said this:

"So we went to Atari and said, 'Hey, we've got this amazing thing, even built with some of your parts, and what do you think about funding us? Or we'll give it to you. We just want to do it...' And they said 'No'. So then we went to Hewlett-Packard, and they said, 'Hey, we don't need you. You haven't got through college yet.' *Steve Jobs, Apple Computer founder, on attempts to get Atari and H-P interested in his and Steve Wozniak's personal computer.* Even Bill Gates can be wrong. He once said: "640k ought to be enough (ram) for anybody." 1981.

A last diversion from technology. Gary Cooper said this about Clark Gable: "I'm just glad it'll be Clark Gable who's falling on his face and not Gary Cooper." *Gary Cooper commenting on his decision to not take the leading role in "Gone With the Wind."*

All I can say is, "oops". Have a good week friends.

## STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE JURY DUTY: It is Not Inappropriately Named



Earlier today, while I sat idly meeting my obligatory jury duty obligation, my wife and her nephews visited the Orange County Discovery Science Center. They had a terrific time. According to our nephew Jake, "It was awesome. There was an Indiana Jones Exhibit that made use of a Touchpad that showed certain clips of the movie to display hidden clues. Then using those clues you solved a puzzle to unleash your inner archeologist. Cool! There were four other neat exhibits involving water, air, fog, and a bowling ball." He beautifully described the bowling ball exhibit as involving a pulley which compresses air in another plastic tube which contains a tennis ball that eventually rockets to the sky.

Alas, this is not what my day was like. It began at the crack of dawn as I prepared to arrive at the Downtown Los Angeles Courthouse at the required time of 7:45 a.m. for Jury Duty. My heart condition, combined with my diabetes require that I take diuretic pills in the morning and the combination of these medications and maladies were causing me some concern as I need to urinate very frequently. Would I be forced to tell the judge that I could not sit on a jury because my frequent need to urinate would be too disruptive? I hated the idea of exposing myself as some kind of ineffectual invalid. I'm not going to tell them. I will tough it out. Strangely enough I actually wanted to serve on a jury.

With great difficulty I found the Jurors assigned parking lot, the entrance to which is located in the basement of the Disney Concert Hall. Unfortunately, it was not lit well and I was bewildered as to what direction to proceed. In the distance I observed a person with a flag who directed me toward a distant person who also carried a flag. This went on for a total of about eight highly spaced flag carriers who directed me four levels below the ground where I finally found an open space. Now I was worried that I would never find my car again but, ignoring this fear, I found an elevator and ended up at ground level. Okay, I admit it, at my age I do not walk up hills very rapidly. Now here I was walking up hills and being passed on all sides by pedestrians. Breathlessly, I walked up more hills, crossed the street and saw an entrance. I approached the entrance and was informed that this entrance was not available for jurors and was directed back around the block. Soon I saw another entrance which I approached and was told this was not for jurors. I walked another couple of long blocks and came to a huge line. I was told that this line was not for jurors and was directed to the front door. I walked up to the front door and showed the guard my jurors summons and was told that jurors had to wait in the long line which stretched back another block. At this point I was exhausted and really could not face walking to the back of the line. I was dressed in my customary coat and tie and was carrying a brief case. The guard asked if I was an attorney. I said yes and he said "Go right in."

I next walked the long two block hall back in the direction from which I had come. I took an escalator and arrived at the jury room and presented my summons. I sat in the room with a few hundred other people and eventually was sent with about 25 other people other people to a Courtroom two flights up. Eventually, after an hour and a half someone came out and started talking to crowd. She said something like, "Oh, I didn't know you were here. We don't really need you. Go back to where you were." Honest, that's what happened. We went back to the Juror Assembly Room and sat without direction until noon at which time we were told to go to lunch and come back at 1:30. We came back and sat around without any direction or presentation and were told to leave at about 4:00 p.m. We received our green proof of attendance cards and were told to go home.

What a colossal waste of time! I contrast my wasted day with the entertaining day my wife and nephews experienced at the Discovery Center. Every opportunity to educate our woefully uninformed and uneducated population should be utilized. Instead of worrying about our own fears and problems we might become better able to adapt to the conditions of our changing environment and changing economy. Who knows? Exciting learning could occur not only at the Discovery Center; it could become part of our daily lives.



## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

### SO THIS IS WHAT NEW LOOKS LIKE

It was just before New Year's and the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were relaxing after a busy week of toil and labor. Not paying much attention to my surroundings, I had immersed myself in a favorite book.

As far as I am concerned, nothing compares to a favorite book when you are trying to relax and unwind. I turned the page and happened to notice on the other side of the room my wife was all a twitchy. I have seen this behavior before and I knew she was anxious to say something. I pretended not to notice.

Finally, it was as if she exploded. "I can't wait for the New Year. Aren't you excited?" I answered in the affirmative to try to keep the conversation as minimal as possible.

"No, I mean aren't you really excited about the New Year?"

I knew if I was going to get back to my book I would have to let her say, what was on her mind. According to her, the approaching New Year was going to be spectacular. Everything old, she explained to me, would be new again.

We have been in this New Year for a couple of weeks now and, I will not contradict my wife, at least aloud, but this New Year looks suspiciously like the Old Year.

I am not quite sure what she thought would be different this year, but to me it is just the old year run through again. And, that is good with me. I am not one of these persons that needs the latest flash in the pan. I quite prefer the tried and true.

It was about two weeks after the New Year and my wife said, "I'll be back in an hour or two, I'm going shopping."

It did not dawn on me at the time but about 10 minutes later, it did. The reason my wife was so excited about the New Year was that she was going to go out and buy some new clothes.

After all, according to her calculations, the New Year deserves new clothing.

I smiled as I thought about her going to the store trying on dresses, seeking one that would fit her both in size and in fancy. As for me, I am quite comfortable in my old clothes. They fit me just fine, thank you.

Women have to look fine all the time. Men, on the other hand are not that particular about what they wear. I can wear the same shirt for days on end and feel just as comfortable as the first day I put it on.

My clothing does not make me feel any younger. I go along with the saying that says you are only as old as you feel. Of course, I do have some of those Methu-

selah moments. Everything old was once new and if new last very long it ends up being old. Therefore, whatever is old was once new and whatever is new will one day be old. This is where most people make their mistake. They fail to see the relationship between old and new.

For example, as much as our culture pretends to be youth oriented, it does everything to get old while looking young. I often have this conversation with my wife. I am not old, I am just getting older and my plans are to get older and older and older.

The great object in life is to get as old as you possibly can while looking and feeling new. Nothing to me is sillier than a 40 year old trying to act 20. The mind may say 20, but the body really knows it is 40.

If people would put the money they spend to look young in a 401(k) their golden years would truly be golden. How much money is spent each year on plastic surgery? What I want to know is, who in the world do they think they are fooling? Their mirror?

Right after the New Year's celebration, I got up one morning feeling terrific. There was a bounce in my step, a giggle on my tongue; I was feeling like I was 20 something. I had not felt this good since I cannot remember how long. Then it happened.

No matter how good you might feel some day, there is always something or someone who can undermine that and put you in your proper place.

My mistake was going into the bathroom. There in the bathroom for all the world to see, especially me is this ghastly object called a mirror. When I looked into the mirror, I was shocked to see I was not alone. I thought I had come into the bathroom by myself but there in the mirror was this old guy I hardly recognized.

My first reaction was to ask him to leave the bathroom and then I noticed something. That person in the mirror was me! All of those exhilarating feelings dissipated as reality grabbed hold of my soul and soundly shook me.

In my Bible reading that morning, I read what the apostle Paul said. "And be renewed in the spirit of your minds; and that she put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" (Ephesians 4:23-24 KJV).

Only God, in His wisdom, can create in me something that is truly new.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ZHEJIANGNESE ASSOCIATION, 3655 TORRANCE BLVD, STE 410, TORRANCE, CA 90503. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EAST WEST ELECTRONICS, INC., 3655 TORRANCE BLVD, STE 410, TORRANCE, CA 90503. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: JIANLIANG XU. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/18/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2012-250395  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SPIT-SHINE.COM, 4400 DON FELIPE DR., #A, CA 90008. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CHARLES WILLIAMS, 4400 DON FELIPE DR., L.A., CA 90008. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CHARLES WILLIAMS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/18/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/18/2012. 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. 2012-252701  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: STANDPOINT CAPITAL, 13113 CARAVEL ST., CERRITOS, CA 90703. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RONALD MONIS, 13113 CARAVEL ST., CERRITOS, CA 90703. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RONALD MONIS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/19/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2012-248751  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: STARTUP, 44415 OCEANVIEW BLVD, #14, MONTROSE, CA 91029. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JAIME VEGA, 44415 OCEANVIEW BLVD, #14, MONTROSE, CA 91029. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JAIME VEGA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/14/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2012-252734  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: STUDIO PLAZA INN, 11117 VENUTRA BLVD, STUDIO CITY, CA 91604. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SAI ARPT, LLC, 1615 N. WESTERN AVE, HOLLYWOOD, CA 90027. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: DAXA PATEL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/20/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2012-248759  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TACOS BRANDOLYN, 5442 E. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., LYNNWOOD, CA 90262. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JESUS CASTANEDA, YAZMIN SALAS, 11679 WRIGHT RD, #B, LYNNWOOD, CA 90262. This Business is conducted by: HUSBAND AND WIFE. Signed: JESUS CASTANEDA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/14/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2012-251464  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE HOT MOPPER, 4329 MAYCREST AVE, L.A., CA 90032. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ANDREW ALCAZAR, 4329 MAYCREST AVE, L.A., CA 90032. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ANDREW ALCAZAR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/19/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2012-247430  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE ONLY WAY HANDYMAN, 1144 LOCUST AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90813. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE HERNANDEZ, 1144 LOCUST AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90813. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSE HERNANDEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/17/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2012-252732  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE STYLE CONTINGENT, 7201 MELROSE AVE, #205, L.A., CA 90046. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) THE ONTIVEROS GROUP, LLC., 261 S. ORANGE DR., L.A., CA 90036. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: DESIREE ONTIVEROS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/20/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2012-249851  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TRANS ATLANTIC TRANSPORT, 7945 SAINT LOUIS AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90804. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GUADALUPE Z. REYES, HUGO PEREZ SANCHEZ, 7945 SAINT LOUIS AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90804. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: GUADALUPE Z. REYES. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/17/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2012-249144  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VASQUEZ TIRES, 4479 E. OLYMPIC BLVD, L.A., CA 90023. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LAURA N. VASQUEZ, 12072 HALCOURT AVE., NORWALK, CA 90650. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LAURA N. VASQUEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/17/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2012-249688  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VIC'S TRUCKING, 9007 MULLER ST, #J, DOWNEY, CA 90241. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VICTOR MANUEL MEJIA, 9007 MULLER ST, #J, DOWNEY, CA 90241. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: VICTOR MANUEL MEJIA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/17/12. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/17/2012. 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 TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-12-521902-AB Order No.: 6943690**

**YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/26/2010. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.**

A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): **CHARLES STOUGHTON, INDIVIDUAL** Recorded: **4/1/2010** as Instrument No. **20100444008** of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of **LOS ANGELES** County, California; Date of Sale: **1/24/2013 at 9:00 AM** Place of Sale: **At the Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650 in the Vineyard Ballroom** Amount of unpaid mortgage and other charges: **\$313,947.99** The purported property address is: **81 N MT TRL, SIERRA MADRE, CA 91024** Assessor's Parcel No. **5767-014-003** **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property.

**NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call **800-280-2832** for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site **http://www.qualityloan.com** , using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-12-521902-AB** . Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. **If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney.** Date: **Quality Loan Service Corporation 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 800-280-2832 Or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318** Quality Loan Service Corp. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only.

**THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. TS No.: **CA-12-521902-AB** IDSPub #0042459 12/29/2012 1/5/2013 1/12/2013

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: SARA V. GIBSON CASE NO. GP017090**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of SARA V. GIBSON. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JANE GIBSON in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JANE GIBSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/18/13 at 8:30AM in Dept. 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 decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

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

**Attorney for Petitioner**  
**DOUGLAS J. FARRELL - SBN SBN 065749**  
**37 W SIERRA MADRE BLVD**  
**P.O. BOX 183**  
**SIERRA MADRE CA 91025**  
**12/29, 1/5, 1/12/13**  
**CNS-2423849**

**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 otherwise 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 8:30 AM in Dept. No. A located at 300 E. Walnut St., Pasadena, CA 91101.

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

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.

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City of Sierra Madre

#### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**From:** The City of Sierra Madre  
**Subject:** **THE BRITISH HOME SPECIFIC PLAN- SPECIFIC PLAN NO. 12-01 (SP 12-01); MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 12-02 (MCTA 12-02)**  
  
**Applicant:** The British Home  
**Project Location:** 647 Manzanita Avenue and 676 Ramona Avenue

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider a request for a Specific Plan to allow 1) the addition of 754 square feet of floor area to an existing building (Armstrong Hall) located at **647 Manzanita Avenue**, and 2) demolition of an existing single-family home and construction of a new one-story, 3,591-square-foot, 8-bedroom residential building at **676 Ramona Avenue** as part of the British Home site. The new building will allow an increase in the total number of residents on the site from 41 to 49. A Specific Plan is required pursuant to General Plan Land Use Policy L3.1 which requires the adoption of a comprehensive plan or similar planning document for all developments on properties exceeding one acre in size. In order for such plan to have regulatory authority over the underlying zone, a Municipal Code Text Amendment will also be considered. At their meeting on December 6, 2012, the Planning Commission approved Conditional Use Permit 12-04 (CUP 12-04); pursuant to Sierra Madre Municipal Code (SMMC), convalescent homes and similar institutions are permitted subject to the approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). In addition, the Planning Commission recommended approval of Specific Plan No. 12-01 and Municipal Code Text Amendment No. 12-02 to the City Council.

#### 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

All interested persons may attend this meeting and the Planning Commission will hear them with respect thereto. **ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** The project qualifies for Class 1 Categorical Exemption, pursuant to Section 15301(e)(1) as the addition of floor area to the existing building (Armstrong Hall) constitutes a negligible expansion of an existing use. The project also qualifies for Class 3 Categorical Exemption, pursuant to Section 15303(a) in that it involves construction of one new residential building in a single-family residential zone.

**APPEAL:** If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the City Council in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Development Services Department at (626) 355-7135.

  
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#### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**From:** The City of Sierra Madre  
**Subject:** **MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT 12-03 (MCTA 12-03)**  
  
**Applicant:** City of Sierra Madre  
**Project Location:** Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider an Ordinance amending the following chapters of the Municipal Code: 1) Chapter 17.20 ("R-1 One Family Residential Zone") regarding various definitions (attic, habitable attic space, bedroom, driveway, gross and net floor area, flag lot, and front lot line), permitted uses, floor area calculation, setbacks, building floor area calculation, height, and parking, among others; and 2) Chapter 17.68 ("Parking") regarding parking requirements, tandem parking, and pavement of parking areas associated with single-family residential uses.

#### DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre  
Planning Commission meeting  
Thursday, **February 7, 2013**  
(Hearing begins at 7:00 p.m.)

#### PLACE OF HEARING

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

All interested persons may attend this meeting and the Planning Commission will hear them with respect thereto. **ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** The project qualifies for a Negative Declaration pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**APPEAL:** The decision of the Planning Commission is subject to a 10-day appeal period to the City Council. If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the Planning Commission in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Development Services Department at (626) 355-7138.

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It is a vision of the future that is being painted by the Sierra Madre City Council. The council is currently reviewing a plan for a new development in the city. The plan includes a large, modern building with a glass facade, which will be used for various purposes. The council is also considering a new park and a new library. The plan is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

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A group of local residents have been selected by the Rotary Club to travel to India. The trip is expected to take place in the near future.

**This Week's Highlights:**

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The coldest areas of the world are the Polar regions, North and South. Greenland, Siberia, Alaska and Canada are close to the North Pole. Antarctica is the land mass that surrounds the South Pole.

People started exploring these lands of cold, snow and ice many years ago. In the area of the North Pole, people came to find new trade routes to the Far East. Some explorers wanted to be the first to reach the poles. Many kept written records of their observations.

Today, scientists study weather patterns, glacial movement and animal life in the Polar regions. These lands give clues to the Ice Ages, during which a large part of the Earth's surface was covered with ice!

Antarctica! Land of ice.

thermometer

polar bear

glacier

ice ages

Canada

penguins

McKinley crevasses

Antarctica

Greenland

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Siberia

iceberg

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## Lands of Ice and Snow!

Can you read these clues and fill in the puzzle with the "icy" items?

- "safest ship in the world," sunk by hitting an iceberg
- glass tube with special liquid that rises and falls with the temperature
- huge area of North Asia, Husky dogs
- Mount \_\_\_\_\_ is the highest peak in North America, its temperature has plunged as low as - 75° F.
- the world's largest land meat eater, lives in the arctic circle
- this country's name is sneaky, it is actually covered in ice
- a native people of Canada, Alaska: Inuit; Yupik
- chunk of a glacier broken off at ocean's edge; only 1/8 can be seen above the water
- large cracks in the ice
- over thousands of years, snow hardens into thick mass of slow-moving ice
- continent surrounding South Pole, has the largest sheet of ice in the world
- northern neighbor of the U.S.A.
- time periods during which a large part of Earth's surface was covered in ice
- flightless birds that are known for living in cold places
- group that might use an icebreaker to save an icebound ship

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**1845 Kinneloa Canyon Rd.,  
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**SOLD**

This beautiful modern home was built in 1978 and offers a spacious single-level floor plan offering 3 bedrooms and 2 baths measuring approximately 1,983 Sq Ft.

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**IN ESCROW**

1728 square foot single family home has 3 bedrooms and 2.0 bathrooms. Contact Luther for more info.

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