

PLANNING COMMISSION TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

The Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing to consider amendments to the R-1 Single Family Residential Zoning Ordinance regarding various definitions (attic, habitable attic space, bedroom, driveway, floor area, flag lot, and front lot line), permitted uses, setbacks, building floor area calculation, height, and parking, among other development standards. The Commission is also considering amendments to the Parking Ordinance regarding the number of spaces required, tandem parking, and pavement of parking areas.

Some of the major proposed amendments include:

- Revisions to the calculation of allowable building floor area to include all structures covered by a solid roof, with some exceptions such

as front porches, fully submerged basements, roof eaves up to 4 feet in projection, and some attic areas.

- New angle plane height limit along the side yard to minimize the impact of second story structures to neighboring homes.
- Three on-site parking spaces required for homes with 5 bedrooms or more.
- Inclusion of flood control easement areas in the computation of lot area, for purposes of calculating the maximum allowable building floor area.
- Bedroom to be defined as any room capable of being used as sleeping quarters in a customary manner.
- Restricting storage of recreational vehicles (RVs), trailers, and boats within the front 25 feet of a property.

- Requirement for minimum percentage of landscaping in the front yard area.

The Planning Commission meeting will be held on February 7, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers at the Sierra Madre City Hall located at 232 West Sierra Madre Blvd. The meeting is open to the public and there will be opportunities to make comments.

Information regarding the draft amendments is available on the Development Services page on the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com, at the Development Services counter at City Hall, and at the City's Library. If you have any questions, please contact the Development Services Department at (626) 355-7138.

**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL
PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Tuesday, February 5, 2013
6:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers
232 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard
Sierra Madre, California 91024**

All Residents are encouraged to attend this meeting. The agenda includes discussion on the current and future status of the Upper Campus Construction Project; an update regarding Measure TT Bond Funds for Sierra Madre Schools and parking concerns at PUSD Campuses in Sierra Madre.

City Councilmember John Harabedian says, "Everyone please attend... PUSD's response to the Council's inquiries regarding the status of the project has been less than satisfactory."

CHASE BANK ARCADIA ROBBED

On Monday, January 28th at approximately 11:25 A.M., the Arcadia Police Department received a call of a robbery alarm at Chase. The bank is located at 60 East Huntington Drive, in Arcadia.

Officers contacted bank employees, who advised that a robbery had just occurred. The suspect presented a demand note and then left the location with an undisclosed amount of money. The suspect was described as a Male, Hispanic, in his early thirties, and he had a black mustache. The suspect was wearing a black sweatshirt, black hat, and black glasses.

The investigation is being conducted by Arcadia Police Department Detectives. Anyone with information is asked to call the Arcadia Police Department at (626) 574-5150. You can also submit crime tips and information via text, phone, or web to LA Regional Crime Stoppers, (800) 222-TIPS (8477).

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WISTARIA FESTIVAL SHUTTLE TICKETS TO GO ON SALE FEBRUARY 15TH

The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce announced on Friday that shuttle tickets to ride up to view the Wistaria Vine at its annual Wistaria Festival will be available for purchase on February 15th. . The 2013 Wistaria Festival will take place on March 17th, 2013.

The Wistaria Festival features tours of the world's largest blossoming plant, certified as such by the Guinness Book of World Records. Each year, the property owners upon whose land the vine sits open their property to allow thousands to view the vine. Dozens of Sierra Madre residents volunteer to act as docents at the property, telling the story of the vine, which was originally planted from a 1-gallon pot that was purchased for \$0.75 in 1894. At its peak, the vine covered more than an acre of ground, and in the early 20th century was so large that it even destroyed a home that was under it.

In addition to the tours of the vine, the two main downtown streets of Sierra Madre are closed to traffic so that as many as 175 juried crafters and artists can set up booths to display and sell their arts/crafts. Downtown village shops are open, and more than a dozen musical acts perform at multiple outdoor venues. Memorial Park is transformed into a combination Kids/Food zone, as bouncy houses, slides, rock climbing and other kids attractions set up in the park alongside food vendors, both for profit and non-profit alike.

The shuttle to the vine from downtown avoids a long uphill walk from downtown to the neighborhood in which the vine sits. "Day of" tickets for the shuttle are \$15 this year, and pre-sale tickets are \$12. Also this year seniors (over 65) and children (6 to 16) receive a discounted rate of \$7. Children under five ride for free. There is no charge to view the vine.

You will be able to order tickets online or at various retailers throughout the city.



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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.

STUDENT CREATIVE and ARTISTIC
COMPETITION ENTRIES SOUGHT

Art, Photography and Ceramic entries are being sought for the Sierra Madre Woman's Club annual competition on 27 February 2013. Winners will be entered into the GFWC/CFWC San Gabriel Valley District competitions and displayed during the District meeting on March 8 and displayed in the Sierra Madre Pubic Library from March 10 - March 30. If you are interested in entering your work please apply by email. Email subject line should include "Art (or Ceramic or Photography) Entry Request". In email, please list name of student, name of school, name and phone number of student's counselor to sierramadrewomansclub@gmail.com.

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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
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VILLAGE INTERSECTIONS - Gene's guest on Village Intersections at Noon on Friday is Alan Tierney, President of Sierra Madre Little League. Gene and Alan will discuss the tournament coming to Sierra Madre this summer and all things Little League.

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VOLUNTEER ATTENDANT TRAINING

The City of Sierra Madre is offering the Volunteer Facility Attendant Training on Sunday, February 10, 2013. This training is offered to eligible local non-profit organizations and schools. The Volunteer Facility Attendant Training allows organizations to provide their own volunteers to serve as a Facility Attendant for rental of City facilities. This is a two-part training which review facility procedures and provides First Aid/CPR certification. Please refer to the attached memo for additional information on the training. There is a \$27 fee to complete the First Aid/CPR certification, or if you are already certified you will only need

to provide verification and can skip that portion of the training.

Volunteer Facility Attendant only need to take the training course every two years. If you or a member of your organization completed the course in 2012, you are exempt for 2013 and will not need to renew your training until 2014. The deadline to register and complete your applications is Thursday, February 7. Please give me a call at 626-355-5278 or respond to this email for additional information.

FRIENDS OF THE SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY BEST USED BOOK SALE

Don't forget the next Friends of the Sierra Madre Library's Best Used Book Sale is being held in the basement and back parking lot of the library on Friday, February 1, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Vintage and collectible books and publications will be featured, but, as always, the sale will include cookbooks, art books and coffee-table books on history and contemporary culture in beautiful condition as well as new fiction, including lots of mysteries. Our Bargain Book Table on the parking lot offers good quality books at only \$1 each and we have several tables of paperbacks and children's books at twenty-five cents each or 5/\$1.00.

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Re: Citizen Of The Year Dinner

Dear Editor:

I want to thank the Chamber of Commerce for having the Citizen of the Year dinner in Sierra Madre. It was great. The food was great. The honoring of the new Citizen of the Year was fantastic. Congratulations to the Chamber for a great job and to the honoree, Marlene Enmark.

I am a former COTY and always attended every year's dinner until I could no longer drive after dark. I was always sorry to miss out on being there to honor each new person. It is great to be able to go again. I hope that this event will always be in Sierra Madre every year in the future.

I know that it took a lot of volunteers to pull it off, but isn't that what our town does? Thank you all for your hard work.


Marjorie Peterson, Sierra Madre

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

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MENTAL ILLNESS AND GUN VIOLENCE COMMUNITY CONFERENCE

National Alliance on Mental Illness and Fuller Seminary sponsor event

Tragic events like the shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School and Aurora, Colorado have left public officials and mental health researchers wondering what is the role of mental illness in gun violence?

In response, the [National Alliance on Mental Illness](http://NationalAllianceonMentalIllness.org) and Fuller Theological Seminary is hosting a community-wide conference on Monday, February 11 titled "Facing the Crisis: Mental Illness and Gun Violence."

The conference, which brings together community leaders and mental health officials, seeks to

answer questions like "What are our leaders and institutions doing to prevent future Sandy Hooks and similar tragedies in our community?"

Speakers at the event include: Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard, Pasadena Police Chief Phillip Sanchez, Pasadena Public Health Director Dr. Eric Walsh, Pasadena Unified Schools Director of Child Welfare and Safety Eric Sahakian, and Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Director Dr. Marvin J. Southard.

Fuller's School of Psychology Dean Dr. Winston Gooden and the TRI Center for Research Director Dr. Cynthia Erickson will also be speaking. Fuller's HR department will be delivering a short report on what the local higher education community (Art Center, Cal Tech, Fuller, PCC, etc.) is doing to prevent gun violence.

The event is open to the public, but seating is limited.

The conference is co-sponsored by All Saints Episcopal Church, Pasadena Mental Health Advisory Committee, and Peace Over Violence.

ABOUT NAMI

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For more information on the event, contact Sharon Hong at sharonhong@fuller.edu.

MUSICAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW

Musical scholarships are again being offered by the Sierra Madre Woman's Club for local students. Applications, available by email today, MUST be submitted no later than January 30. Include "Music Scholarship Application Request" in subject line. In email, please list name of student, name of school, name and phone number of student's counselor to sierramadrewomansclub@gmail.com.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW

Academic scholarships are again being offered by the Sierra Madre Woman's Club for local students planning to start college in 2013. Applications are available by email now. Please put "Academic Scholarship Application Request" in subject line. In email, please list name of student, name of school, name and phone number of student's counselor to sierramadrewomansclub@gmail.com.

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Police Arrest Final Suspects Involved in Shooting

By Dean Lee

Police detectives announced Wednesday the arrests the final suspects involved in the murder of Zane Goldstein last month. Goldstein was shot during a drug deal gone wrong.

Detective Lt. Tracey Ibarra said Goldstein and his brother arranged to meet with one of the suspects Jan. 15 to sell a small amount of marijuana.

“During the contact, the suspects attempted to rob the victims and a shooting ultimately occurred,” Ibarra said in a press statement.

Police said they arrested Raymond Frank Conchas and Stephanie Urias Jacquez after the two turned themselves into law enforcement Wednesday following a media release of their names and pictures.

Jacquez was released without charges filed according to police.

John Michael Piepoli and Ruby Yvette Conchas were also arrested police said. Raymond Conchas and Piepoli were both charged with murder, second degree robbery, conspiracy and murder in commission of a robbery. Raymond Conchas was also charged with gang enhancement and intentional discharge of a firearm. Ruby Conchas was charged with accessory after the fact.

“The arrests and subsequent criminal charges are the first steps to bringing the persons responsible for this senseless death to justice”, Police Chief Phillip Sanchez said.

Investigators said Goldstein was shot near the intersection of Chester and Villa Streets. He was transported to a local hospital and underwent emergency surgery. His bother Zachary Goldstein, 24, of Pasadena was also hurt, but it unclear if he was also shot. Police said they do not believe the bothers have gang ties.

Pet of the Week



Oreo is a two-year-old black, domestic shorthair cat. She's very sweet and affectionate, and enjoys being petted.

Oreo's 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. Ask an adoptions counselor for more information during your visit

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A320574, 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.



Legislation Introduced To Create Earthquake Warning System

By Dean Lee

San Fernando Valley Senator Alex Padilla introduced legislation Monday to establish a statewide earthquake warning system giving people critical time before shaking occurs.

He made the announcement at Caltech, joined by a panel of seismologists representing Caltech, UC Berkeley and the U.S. Geological Survey.

The warnings would come in the form of cellphone messages or computer signs, similar to “Amber Alerts.” An example played a human voice repeating “earthquake” with a series of tones.

We will have an earthquake early warning system,” he said. “The question is this, with it be before or after the next big one?” I argue it ought to be before.”

Padilla said the technology already exists to create a system. The system would effectively detect the strength and the

PCC Alumnus to Appear in Super Bowl XLVII

Pasadena City College football alumnus David Reed is set to play in Super Bowl XLVII (47) as a member of the Baltimore Ravens. They will face the San Francisco 49ers. The NFL championship game takes place at the New Orleans’ Superdome this Sunday.

At PCC, Reed was a 2007 All-American wide receiver who set a community college national record for most receptions and yards in a season with 111 catches for 1,661 yards. After a successful career at the University of Utah, Reed was drafted by Baltimore in the fifth round of the 2010 NFL Draft.

Reed set a Ravens’ record in his rookie season for the longest kick return in franchise history, a 103-yard touchdown. After recovering from a knee injury that kept him on the injured list most of this season, Reed made his first NFL reception in a Dec. 16 game v. Denver. He caught



five passes in two games. Reed is joining a short list of former PCC players to play in a Super Bowl. In Super Bowl XXIII (1989), PCC Sports Hall of Famer and defensive back Eric Thomas, a 1984 alumnus, played for Cincinnati. In Super Bowl XXVII (1993), punter Mike Saxon earned a Super Bowl ring for the Dallas Cowboys as the game was played at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena.

Schiff Joins Colleagues to Introduce Weapons Ban

Adam Schiff joined with his colleagues, last week, led by Senator Dianne Feinstein and Rep. Carolyn McCarthy as an original cosponsor of a renewed Assault Weapons Ban. This bill will specifically ban the sale, transfer, importation or manufacturing of over 100 specifically-named firearms and strengthens the 1994 law by moving from a 2-characteristic test to a 1-characteristic test and eliminating the ten year sunset that allowed the original ban to expire. Further, the legislation will protect responsible hunters and gun owners by exempting hundreds of specifically-named weapons used for hunting and sporting purposes and grandfathering weapons legally possessed on the date of enactment.

“Senator Feinstein led the charge almost twenty years ago to pass the Assault Weapons Ban, but it has since been allowed to expire. It is past time to put that law, which would have outlawed the type of gun used by the shooters at Aurora and Newtown, back in place,” said Rep. Schiff. “Beyond the Assault Weapons Ban, we need to use a multifaceted approach, including universal background

checks, making sure we keep better mental health records, banning high capacity ammunition clips, going after straw purchasers, and eliminating the gun industry’s ability to act negligently with impunity. No one thinks that this fight is going to be easy, but who can be content to do nothing in the face of one awful tragedy after another.”

Specifically, this legislation would accomplish several important steps in curbing future gun violence and tragedies:

- Ban the sale, transfer, importation or manufacturing of about 150 named firearms, plus certain rifles, handguns and shotguns fitted for detachable magazines and having at least one military characteristic;
- Strengthen the 1994 ban by moving from a two- to a one-characteristic test to determine what constitutes an assault weapon;
- Ban firearms with “thumbhole stocks” and “bullet buttons;”
- Ban the importation of assault weapons and large-capacity magazines; and
- Ban high-capacity ammunition magazines that hold more than 10 rounds.

progression of earthquakes he said.

“We are not predicting anything,” U.S. Geological Survey Spokeswoman Dr. Lucy Jones said. “We are recognizing that an earthquake is underway and sharing that information before the shaking gets to you. We are taking advantage of the difference of the speed of light and the speed of sound.”

“In the case of a southern San Andreas earthquake, you would get about a minute to 70 seconds in the metropolitan Los Angeles area,” said Michael Gurnis, director of the Caltech Seismological Laboratory.

The system would need about 1,000 seismic stations to work and have enough employees to monitor it continuously. Jones said most of them are already in place but need to be overhauled.

Padilla said the benefits were endless, “A fully developed earthquake warning system could buy these critical seconds to take cover, to assist law enforcement, pull to the side of the road, to bring a train to a stop... to be able to power down critical infrastructure... the list of potential benefits goes on and on.”

The initial cost estimate for the system would be \$80 million. Padilla said that with the magnitude 6.7 Northridge Earthquake claiming 60 lives and causing at least \$13 billion

Black History Month Events

The public is invited to help celebrate Black History Month in Pasadena by participating in any or all of the numerous special events, parade and other great activities planned throughout February. All events are free unless otherwise noted.

Saturday Feb. 2 “Ragtime & Chili”

Celebrate Black History Month and our shared American music legacy with a performance by pianist Lawrence Kolakowski from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 2 at La Pintoresca Branch Library, 1355 N. Raymond Ave. Kolakowski will talk about all the great composers who created what many historians consider to be the first truly “American” art forms—Ragtime and Jazz. Then enjoy chili and iced tea, foods that were popular during the Jazz Age, immediately following the performance. For more information, contact Diane Walker at (626) 744-7268 or dianewalker@cityofpasadena.net.

“Genealogy Search”

Join the Pasadena African-American Genealogy Group from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Lamanda Park Branch Library, 140 S. Altadena Drive, to search your heritage and recover your past with this dynamic genealogy group. Call (626) 744-7266 for details.

“Opening Reception”

Join the Black History Parade & Festival Planning Committee for its Opening Reception for the 31st Annual Black History Parade and Festival, with this year’s theme, “Celebrating Freedom—Continuing the Dream” from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Alkebulan Cultural Center, 1435 N. Raymond Ave. Call (626) 744-7300 for more information.

Friday, Feb. 8 “Red, Black & Green Honors Dinner”

Join the Black History Parade and festival Planning Committee for this important sixth annual gala dinner to honor newly elected Assembly member (former Councilmember) Chris Holden; former Assembly member Anthony Portantino and LA County District Attorney Jackie Lacey; and special memorial award tribute to Victor McClintion. This gala affair will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday, Feb. 8, at the Hilton Hotel, 168 S. Los Robles. Tickets are \$60 per person. Contact the Jackie Robinson Center, (626) 744-7300, to purchase tickets.

Sunday, Feb. 10 “Black Film Showcase”

Watch the historical film “Courage to Love” (2000) about Mother Henriette Delille who, in the 1840s, began assembling a group of young women who would become the Sisters of the Holy Family. The event is from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 10 at the Jackie Robinson Community Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave. Sponsored by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Pasadena Alumnae Chapter.

Rude Awakening as Truck Slams into Family Home

A suspected drunk driver crashed his truck into a home on Washington Boulevard, late Wednesday night, as the residents slept inside. No one was hurt in the home although the driver suffered moderate injuries and was transported to a local hospital according to fire officials.

The driver’s name was not given although police did say he was a Pasadena resident. They said the accident is being investigated as a DUI.

Pasadena Fire Spokesperson, Lisa Derderian said the home, in the 100 block of Washington Boulevard, was red tagged due to the amount of damage to the structure. A local Urban Search and

Rescue team had to shore up the front of the structure due to the loss of structural integrity.

The Red Cross helped assist with shelter needs for four adults and four children that were displaced she said estimating the damage at \$25,000.

According to reports the driver lost control as he tried to make a left turn onto Summit Avenue. The silver pickup crashed into the porch as it spun out.

A local contractor, hired to clean up said the impact moved furniture inside the house and littered the front yard with debris ,” it kind of exploded everywhere.” He said.



City Council Declares Short-term Water Emergency

The Pasadena City Council on Monday declared the City will face a Level 4 Water Shortage Emergency during the temporary, eight-day shutdown of a major regional water pipeline, February 21 through February 28. The measure approved by the Council authorizes the City to enforce a total ban on outdoor watering, with very few exceptions, until pipeline deliveries resume.


For eight days, Feb. 21-28, Pasadena must rely solely on its groundwater and reserves—and water conservation. MWD normally supplies about 60 percent of Pasadena’s water needs.

“Even though this temporary cut in our water supply is severe, we are confident that Pasadena will once again rise to the challenge and cut back on daily water use, so that we all have enough water for drinking and vital indoor uses,” Pasadena Water and Power General Manager Phyllis Currie said.

Prior to the MWD pipeline shutdown, PWP will fill its 18 reservoirs with about 80 million gallons of local groundwater and water imported from MWD. Although normal consumption during this period is about 22 million gallons per day, local groundwater wells

only produce a maximum of 12 million gallons per day, making heightened conservation during the shutdown critical, particularly outdoors.

“Our horticultural consultants advise that most established plants and lawns can hold



up well without water for eight days, and much longer in this cooler weather,” said PWP Water Conservation Manager Nancy Long. “We are telling our customers to consider rescheduling any new landscaping plans, since plants that aren’t yet established are much more vulnerable.”

“We’ve already reached out to our large customers, and we are mailing a citywide notice to help everyone get ready well in advance,” said Currie.

More information on the watering ban, pointers for how to prepare, and daily updates during the shutdown can be found at www.pwpweb.com/shutdown

Armenian Genocide Memorial Announced

Art Center College of Design and the Pasadena Armenian Genocide Memorial Committee (PASAGMC) on Tuesday jointly announced the winning design concept for a new memorial whose planned dedication in 2015 will coincide with 100th anniversary commemorations of the Armenian Genocide.

The concept by Art Center Environmental Design student Catherine Menard was developed in 2012 as part of the College’s social impact design program, Designmatters. The

proposed site for the public artwork is Memorial Park in the City of Pasadena.

The central feature of Menard’s minimalist design—a carved-stone basin of water straddled by a tripod arrangement of three columns leaning into one another—is a single drop of water that falls from the highest point every three seconds, each “teardrop” representing one life lost. Over the course of one year, 1.5 million tears will fall into the pool, the estimated number of victims of the Armenian Genocide.

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, on-going training

Class Offerings 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Nightly

Orientation:	1st & 3rd Monday
Producers’ Training	2nd & 4th Monday
Camera	1st & 3rd Tuesday
Character Generator	2nd & 4th Tuesday
Lighting	1st & 3rd Wednesday
Audio	2nd & 4th Wednesday
Video Tape Operator	1st & 3rd Thursday
Technical Director	2nd & 4th Thursday
Stage Manager	1st & 3rd Friday
Teleprompter	2nd & 4th Friday
Citizen Journalism	Every Tuesday
Digital Film Group	Every Thursday



PASADENA MEDIA

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



Surely you saw the ads on television or in newspapers for “Shen Yun”, a few moments of mindboggling dance/acrobatics, gorgeous costumes and the promise of a glimpse into 5000 years of Chinese culture. The ad caught my eye, and Shen Yun sounded like a truly unique experience. This past Saturday, my husband Bob and I were given that opportunity, and I don’t know where to begin!

First, Shen Yun Performing Arts was founded with the mission to restore 5000 years of divinely inspired Chinese culture, which has been mostly destroyed under Communist rule. In fact, you couldn’t find a show like Shen Yun in China today! I cannot even imagine what this experience would be to anyone of Chinese background-to have your culture so shared and appreciated on such a grand scale. It’s also worth noting that Shen Yun Performing Arts Inc. is a nonprofit organization under Section 501(c) (3). (Please visit their website www.shenyunperformingarts.org/support.)

To understand the show’s purpose, translate “Shen Yun”. The Chinese character “Shen” is a general term for “divine” or “divine being”. In China’s rich 5000 year history, are thousands of rich stories entwined with hundreds of deities, Buddhas, and Taoist immortals who play different roles. The second character “Yun” is the overall manner of a dancer, a dancer’s style and the meaning behind his or her movements. The combination of these two characters exemplifies what the program is all about.

With an idea of “Shen Yun”, one now must look at Classical Chinese Dance. It is one way 5000 years of Chinese culture has been passed down and retained. This dance form began with traditional aesthetics among the people, in imperial courts and through ancient plays. Over thousands of years, it has been continually organized and refined until it evolved into the vast, systematic and distinctly Chinese dance form. Chinese Classic Dance has its own training in basic skills, physical expression, postures, leaps, flips, spins and difficult tumbling techniques.

The Shen Yun Program is of two parts, each with eleven acts enhanced by an awesome Orchestra that blends the world’s greatest classical music traditions, Chinese and Western, utilizing Ancient Chinese instruments such as the erhu and pipa. There are also a few vocal soloists, and on the screen are the lyrics in both languages. These soloists are searching for the meaning of life and perform at integral parts of the program. Prior to each act, two narrators come on stage to give a short preview (one or two sentences) of what is to come.

Each act is accompanied by a full-width backdrop that provided animation of mountain and village scenes, countryside landscapes, palaces and much more! The costumes are brightly colored, and I can’t imagine how so many dancers are in sync as in the use of scarfs. The first selection, *Descending to the World’s* backdrop has clouds and it’s mindboggling how these ‘figures’ come off the backdrop onto the stage and vice versa. Bob said they have to be in perfect sync to be dancing on the stage one minute then dance to the back of it and then be part of the backdrop.

I loved the variety of dances, (Mongolian Bowl Dance, An Early Spring), the solos, and the little skits. It was truly a remarkable experience and I am going on line to find out about Shen Yun in Vegas in March! I know my daughter will love the show, and I would love to experience it again!

THE SHEN YUN EXPERIENCE:
Spellbinding!



GROWING YOUR OWN
VITAMINS

By Christopher Nyerger

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also provide at least 1,000 mg. of potassium per pound, and they contain significant amounts of calcium, phosphorus, and magnesium.

Another good food group for your garden is the tomato and pepper group. A pound of whole tomatoes, for example, contains large amounts of potassium (1,107 mg.) and vitamin A (4,080 I.U.). That’s a lot! Tomatoes also are good sources of vitamin C, phosphorus, calcium, and lycopene (which may prevent certain cancers). Fortunately, tomatoes are easy to grow, and we’re all accustomed to using them in everything from juice to salad, soups, pasta sauce, and pizza. If you grow more tomatoes than you can use, dry or can them for later.

Garden lettuce, unfortunately, is not a good source of vitamins and minerals. Loose-leaf varieties test higher in vitamin A, but generally, store-bought, farm-grown lettuce is a poor source of nutrients. Consider, instead, the humble lamb’s quarter (pictured above). It will probably grow in your garden even if you don’t plant it. Seeds can be purchased from some seed catalogs, but this is usually not necessary. Used raw in salad, 100 grams of lamb’s quarter (about a cup) contains about 80 mg. of vitamin C, 11,600 I.U. of vitamin A, 72 mg. of phosphorus, 309 mg. of calcium, small amounts of thiamine, riboflavin, niacin, and iron. These figures are slightly lower when you cook the lamb’s quarter as a spinach-replacement, or in soups, egg dishes, or vegetable dishes.

Since we’re talking about the garden “volunteers,” don’t overlook the dandelions, normally scorned and poisoned out of existence in most gardens, they are probably better for you than most of what you’re intentionally growing in the garden. An analysis of 100 grams of dandelion greens by the U.S. Department of Agriculture shows 14,000 I.U. of vitamin A, 35 mg. of vitamin C, 397 mg. of potassium, 66 mg. of phosphorus, 187 mg. of calcium, and 36 mg. of magnesium. Dandelion greens are also the richest source of beta-carotene, with 8.4 mg. per cup. By contrast, carrots -- considered an excellent source of beta-carotene



-- contain 6.6 mg. per cup. Only young dandelion greens are good in salads, and the older, bitter leaves can be cooked like spinach or added to mixed-vegetable dishes.

Citrus trees can be called “vitamin trees,” since the fruits are not only a source of vitamin C, but a good source of most other vitamins and minerals, as well as the albuminoids and bioflavonoids.

If you have the space to grow a carob tree, or if one grows near you, be sure to take advantage of the long, brown leathery pods. One hundred grams of the edible portion of the carob pod (which is about a cup of the entire pod, minus the seeds) contains 352 mg. of calcium. That makes carob one of the very richest non-meat calcium sources. Even when that same volume is compared to milk -- generally considered a good calcium source -- carob is nearly three times richer in calcium. Carob is also a good source of B vitamins. Though not a complete protein, it is said that this is the food that sustained John the Baptist in the desert for 40 days (hence the name, Saint John’s bread). You can simply eat the pods and spit out the seeds. Also, you can crack the pods, remove the seeds, and grind the pods into a flour which you add to bread and pasty products, or blend into liquids like rice or soy milk.

These are just a few examples of how we can obtain many of our needed vitamins from plants growing all around us. One good source for nutritional information is [Composition of Foods](#), published by the United States Department of Agriculture.

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Looking Up
with Bob Eklund

CHAMELEON PULSAR BAFFLES ASTRONOMERS



An international team led by Dutch astronomers has made a tantalizing discovery about the way pulsars emit radiation. The emission of X-rays and radio waves by these pulsating neutron stars is able to change dramatically in seconds, simultaneously, in a way that cannot be explained with current theory. The research results appeared in the journal *Science* on 25 January.

Pulsars are small spinning stars that are only about a dozen miles in diameter—the size of a small city—but which weigh as much as our Sun. These super-dense objects have a strong magnetic field that is approximately one million times stronger than the fields scientists can make in laboratories on Earth. The pulsar emits a beam of radiation. As the star spins—typically several times per *second*—the radio beam sweeps repeatedly over Earth, and we detect short pulses of radiation, a bit like a lighthouse. Some pulsars emit radiation across the entire electromagnetic spectrum, including both X-ray and radio wavelengths.

It has been known for some time that some radio pulsars flip their behavior between two (or even more) states, changing the pattern and intensity of their radio pulses. The moment of flip is both unpredictable and sudden (often within a single rotation period).

The scientists studied a particular pulsar called PSR B0943+10, one of the first pulsars discovered. The pulses from PSR B0943+10 change in form and brightness every few hours, and these changes happen within about a second. It is as if the pulsar has two distinct personalities. As PSR B0943+10 is one of the few pulsars also known to emit X-ray radiation, knowing how this pulsar behaved in X-rays during the ‘radio changes’ could provide new insight into the nature of the emission process.

Since the source is a weak X-ray emitter, the team used the most sensitive X-ray telescope in operation, the ESA-funded XMM-Newton. The observations took place over six separate sessions of about six hours in duration. To identify the exact flips in the pulsar’s radio behavior the X-ray observations were tracked simultaneously with two of the most powerful radio telescopes in the world, GMRT and LOFAR.

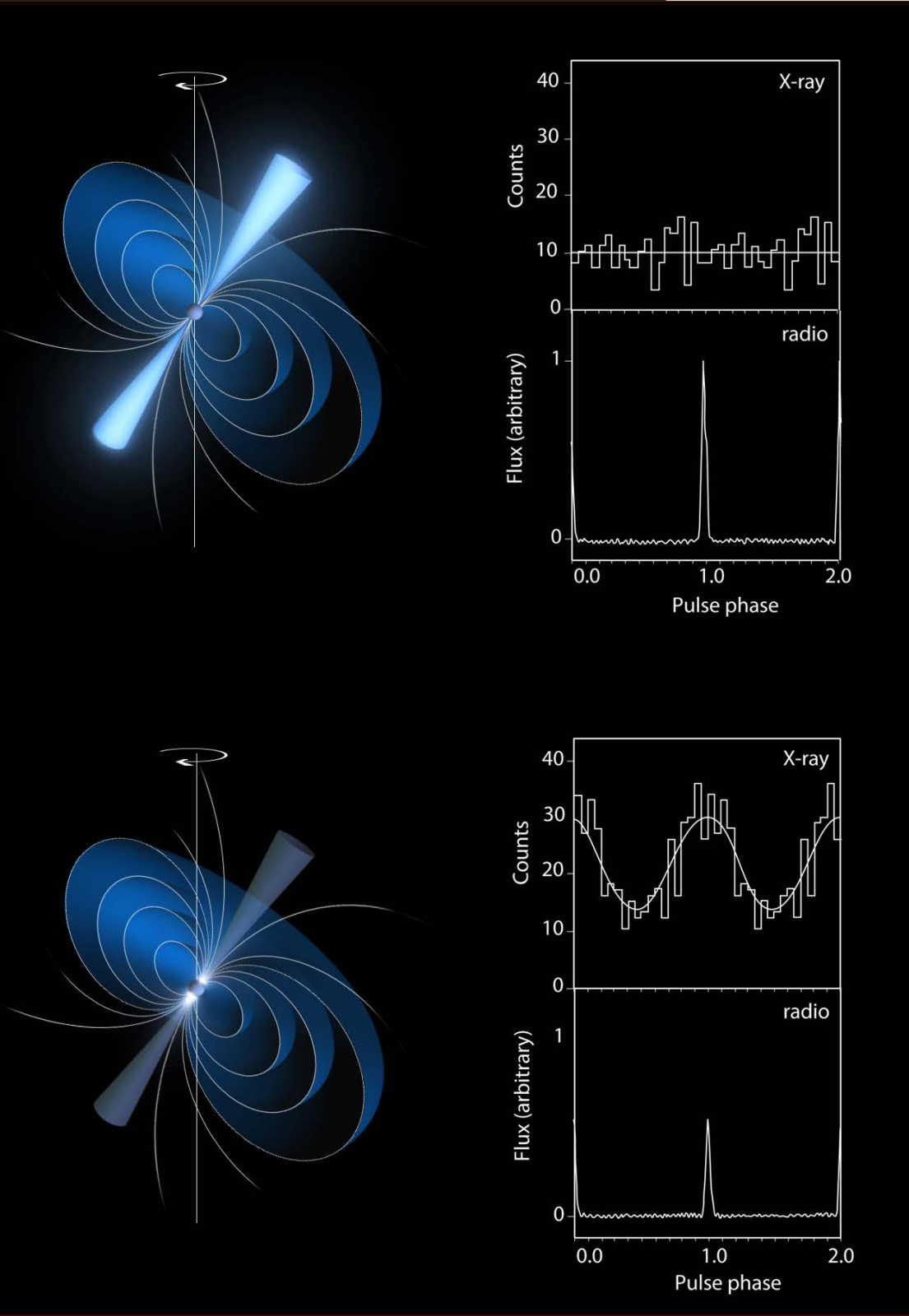
The results were surprising. The X-rays did indeed change their behavior synchronously with the radio emission, as might have been expected. But in the state where the radio signal is strong and the pulses are clear, the X-rays were weak. And when the radio emission switched to weak the X-rays intensified.

This unexpected chameleon-like behavior of the radio pulsar PSR B0943+10 bolsters fundamental research into the physical processes which occur in the extreme conditions which occur in the magnetosphere of pulsars, 45 years after their discovery.

The discovery of the first pulsar makes for an interesting story. In 1967 Jocelyn Bell, a graduate student at Cambridge University, was analyzing data from the university’s radio telescope and came across radio signals that were faster (many pulses per second) and more regular than anything ever before observed. At first there was speculation that these might be signals from extraterrestrials (“Little Green Men”), but as she and her associates studied earlier theoretical papers they determined that these signals must come from rapidly spinning, super-dense collapsed stars—which had been theorized but never observed.

In 1974, Antony Hewish, Bell’s thesis advisor, was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics “for his decisive role in the discovery of pulsars” without Jocelyn Bell being named as a co-recipient—even though Bell had been the first to observe the pulsar.

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This illustration shows a pulsar with glowing cones of radiation stemming from its magnetic poles - a state referred to as ‘radio-bright’ mode. Credit: ESA/ATG medialab

CHURCH BUILDINGS VANDALIZED

Public Help Sought To Help Identify Vandals

On January 30th, the Arcadia Police Department made a public appeal for assistance in apprehending the criminals responsible for vandalizing two churches in the city.

According to the release, the churches had been broken into and vandalized within the last two weeks. The first incident occurred overnight, Saturday to Sunday, January 19-20, 2013, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 400 West Duarte Road. The suspect(s) forced open a door to the church office, ransacked the interior, and threw clergy robes on the ground. A fire extinguisher was discharged in the office and the suspect(s) burned part of a portrait hanging on the office wall before making off with a guitar and other sound equipment.

Early this morning, shortly after 2:30 a.m., the police department received a 9-1-1 call from a passerby reporting suspicious activity at Holy Angeles Church, 330 Campus Drive. Arcadia Police and Fire units arrived on scene and discovered an administrative building on the church property had been broken into and there was smoke inside the building. Evidence of a small fire was found against an interior hallway wall, having burnt a small area of carpet and papers. It appears the suspect(s) broke an office

window to gain entry. Once inside, two religious statues and a DVD player were broken and tossed to the ground inside a small chapel, and an interior officer door was kicked in. It appeared the suspect(s) also rummaged through several rooms inside the building.

These crimes are being investigated by Arcadia Police Detectives. Due to the similarities of the crimes and the proximity of the churches, it is our belief the crimes may be related and it is our desire to inform the community; and specifically, other area religious facilities to be on watch for similar or suspicious activity. Although neither crime involved entry to the church sanctuaries, both events involved religious artifacts or items and we are treating these as religious based hate crimes.

Anyone with information on this incident is encouraged to contact the Arcadia Police Department at (626) 574-5150. If you prefer to provide information ANONYMOUSLY, you may call "Crime Stoppers" by dialing 800-222-TIPS (8477), texting the letters TIPLA plus your tip to CRIMES (274637), or using the tip page at Los Angeles Regional Crime Stoppers, <http://lacrimestoppers.org/>

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, January 20th, through Saturday, January 26th, the Police Department responded to 721 calls for service of which 105 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, January 20:

- At approximately 6:42 a.m., officers responded to Church of the Good Shepherd, 400 W. Duarte Road, in reference to a commercial burglary. Officers discovered that suspect(s) forced open a door, and vandalized the inside of the church. Further investigation revealed the suspect(s) also stole a clock, a guitar and two microphones. There were no surveillance cameras and no signs of the suspects in the area.
- At about 8:42 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 900 block of Arcadia Avenue regarding a battery. An investigation revealed a female victim was pushed to the ground by her male friend's girlfriend. As a result, the victim suffered a fractured ankle, and was transported to the Arcadia Methodist Hospital for treatment. A 63-year-old, Hispanic female was arrested for battery with a serious bodily injury, and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, January 21:

- At approximately 4:10 p.m., officers responded to Macy's at the Westfield Shopping Town, 400 S. Baldwin Avenue, regarding two subjects in custody for theft. The subjects concealed several accessories in their jackets, and exited the store without paying for the items. Two Hispanic males, ages 16 and 18, were arrested for petty theft and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for processing.
- At about 10:22 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 2000 block of Highland Oaks Drive regarding a residential burglary. Officers discovered the suspects entered through a locked, rear sliding glass door. Further investigation revealed bedrooms had been ransacked and property stolen, to include cash, watches and jewelry. A surveillance camera captured images of two suspects, however their faces remained hidden. The unknown suspects fled in a dark-colored sedan.

Tuesday, January 22:

- At approximately 11:22 a.m., officers were dispatched to the Santa Anita Race Track, 285 W. Huntington Drive, in reference to a possible assault with a deadly weapon. Investigation revealed that two subjects were involved in a physical altercation, in which one of the subjects lunged at the other with a knife. There were no injuries reported. The 55-year-old, White male was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon and transported to Arcadia City jail for booking.
- At about 6:48 p.m., officers responded to the 1000 block of Valencia Way regarding a residential burglary. During their investigation, officers discovered the patio door leading into the home had been forced opened. There were no witnesses and no property was missing.

Wednesday, January 23:

- At approximately 6:43 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for having dark-tinted front windows on Foothill Boulevard near California Street in Monrovia. During a consensual search of the vehicle, officers discovered several gloves, handheld flashlights, screwdrivers and hex keys. Further investigation revealed evidence that linked the driver and passenger to recent burglaries in the area. The 21 and 23-year-old, Black males were arrested for possession of burglary tools and residential burglary, and were transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- Around 9:16 p.m., officers responded to the 200 block of Huntington Drive in reference to a traffic collision involving two vehicles. The two involved vehicles were driving in the westbound lanes of Huntington Drive and collided head on. It is unknown which vehicle was driving the wrong way. One of the vehicles was driven by a male driver and the other vehicle was driven by a female driver with a female passenger. All three persons involved were transported to Huntington Memorial Hospital for treatment. The female driver was in critical condition and the other driver and passenger were in serious condition.

Thursday, January 24:

- At about 3:06 p.m., officers were dispatched to 24 Hour Fitness, 125 N. First Avenue, in reference to a commercial burglary. Investigation revealed that suspect(s) broke into the victim's secured locker, and stole cash from inside a wallet. There were no surveillance cameras or witnesses.
- At approximately 10:05 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for displaying false plates in the area of Santa Anita Avenue and Colorado Boulevard. Investigation revealed the vehicle was stolen. In addition, a records check revealed the passenger had an outstanding felony warrant. The 40-year-old and 47-year-old, Hispanic males were arrested for the stolen vehicle and outstanding warrant, and were transported to the Arcadia City Jail for processing.

Friday, January 25:

- At about 12:47 a.m., officers responded to the 000 block of San Miguel Drive in regard to a residential burglary occurring while the resident was home. Investigation revealed the suspect entered through a front window after ringing the doorbell twice. The resident contacted the suspect inside her living room and screamed. The suspect fled through the front window and entered the passenger side of a maroon Jaguar before driving away. The suspect is described as a Black or Hispanic male, late teens to early twenties, about 5'8, and can be identified if seen again.
- At approximately 9:48 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the Arcadia Police Department in reference to a petty theft that occurred earlier in the evening at the Westfield Shopping Town parking structure, 400 S. Baldwin Avenue. The victim discovered her passenger side mirror had been stolen. There were no witnesses or surveillance cameras.

ARCADIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE & WATER PARCEL TAX

Arcadia Unified School District Superintendent Joel Shawn will give a State of the District update at 8am Thursday, February 7, at the Arcadia Chamber Government Affairs Forum, sponsored by Expedia. Dr. Shawn's presentation will also include a discussion of the water parcel tax and its effect on the School District.

Additional updates will be provided by representatives from City, County, and State government offices, the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension, the San Gabriel Valley Business Coalition and the Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte Town Council.

Scheduled speaker for the March 7th Government Affairs Forum is City Engineer Phil Wray who will talk about the timeline and traffic routing for the bridge construction over Santa Anita Avenue which begins in late April or early May.

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

Kid's Night Out - Friday, February 8th Be My Valentine!

Kid's Night Out provides kids a night of fun and play so mom and dad can enjoy an evening out or a quiet evening at home. This event is held at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, California 91007, from 6-11pm. Recreation Staff and Volunteers offer dinner, themed games, movies, and supervision for children ages 4 and above. All activities will be geared toward elementary school children; anyone younger must be potty trained.

Accommodations cannot be made for special dietary needs. The cost is \$15.00 per child and also includes snacks and beverages. Pre-registration is mandatory and a \$2 registration fee is applicable for those participants not registered in any other fall classes.

Registration for Kid's Night Out can be done on-line at www.ci.arcadia.ca.us, by fax, 626.821.4370 or by coming into the Recreation Office, 375 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007. For more information please call 626.574.5113!

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MONROVIA WILL HOLD CITY ELECTIONS IN APRIL

By Joan Schmidt

There have been a lot of comments, speculation and even a meeting to decide the fate of the April elections in the City of Monrovia. Alice Atkins, City Clerk and Steve Baker, City Treasurer, are unchallenged. There are two empty seats on the City Council and only two candidates have officially filed, so why would there be an election? Why didn't more people file?

It's been an interesting process. Three people pulled papers to run. Clarence Shaw, Major in the US Army Reserves, current Council Member Larry Spicer, who has been filling in for Shaw on an interim basis, and Attorney Alexander Blackburn. However, only Spicer and Blackburn filed their papers by the deadline. Then Clarence Shaw resigned from the Council, and Council Members and residents were not pleased that there were only two candidates and the untimely resignation of Shaw.

BURGLARY ALERT IN DUARTE AND TIPS FOR RESIDENTS EVERYWHERE

By Joan Schmidt

Several months ago I was dropping off newspapers at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Satellite Station in Duarte and met Aida Torres, Crime Prevention Specialist for the City. Since that time, she has sent me many pertinent news alerts about crime activity, safety issues and more.

Yesterday I received "Burglary Alert", a warning from the City of Duarte/ Sheriff's Department that a home burglary occurred in Duarte in the 1600 block of Royal Oaks Drive, and that Sheriff's patrols and other security measures have been increased in response to the rash of burglary activity in the area.

This burglary happened between 2:00 and 4:00 pm Monday, January 28th while the residents were not home. An unknown person entered through the open garage door and stole an unloaded black Ruger rifle, which had not been in a secure location (no safe/no trigger lock). There were no witnesses.

When I had attended the Monrovia-Arcadia- Duarte Town Council Meeting, two weeks ago, Captain Nee and area deputies also had reported a spike in burglaries in county areas. It seems outrageous that this occurs in broad daylight and frightening to me. What if any preteens or teens had been home or walked in on this?

- Aida was kind enough to forward these important tips to share with our readers:
- Make your home look occupied; leave the TV, radio or lights on, or your dog in the backyard.
 - Lock all doors, windows, and garage doors before you leave the house or go to bed.
 - Use motion detector lights outside.
 - Don't allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers or flyers to build up while you are away. Arrange for the post office to hold your mail, or a friend or neighbor to collect them regularly.
 - Push-button locks on doorknobs are easy for burglars to open. Install deadbolts on all your outside doors.
 - Keep your yard clean and bushes trimmed. Don't give burglars a place to hide. (Nineteen years ago, after the Town Council formed, our deputies gave us this tip. We were so surprised and had never realized it!)
 - If you have an alarm system, use it, even if you leave for a short time.
 - If you don't have an alarm system, buy signs that say you have an alarm and post them around your home.

If anyone has any information about the above mentioned burglary, please contact Sergeant Anthony Haynes at (626) 357-7938, Ext. 320. If you witness a crime in progress, call 911. Anonymous tips can be left at the Sheriff's Satellite Station Crime Tip Hotline at (626) 357-7938, ext. 462. Tips can be emailed at duartecrimetips@lasd.org.

County residents who see any suspicious persons or vehicles in your neighborhood, please report them by contacting Temple Sheriff's Station at (626) 448-9861 or (626) 7171.

Special thanks to the Sheriff's Department and Duarte Public Safety Office for these valuable tips! Final reminder: LOCK THOSE CAR DOORS and DON'T have cell phones, I Pods, Notebooks, etc. on the seat and visible to anyone walking by! Captain Nee reminded us that this was an invite for someone to break into your car!

MONROVIA POLICE DETECTIVES RECOVER LARGE QUANTITY OF STOLEN PROPERTY FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY BURGLARIES

On January 18, 2013, the request for a welfare check on a suicidal female subject led Monrovia police officers to a residence in the 200 block of South Alta Vista. While searching for the suicidal subject, officers found a large cache of cameras, electronics, and other stolen property at the location. During further investigation, detectives uncovered information that led to a storage facility in West Covina where they found another large quantity of stolen property. Investigation by Los Angeles County Sheriff detectives has indicated that many of the victims of these suspects were individuals who had placed themselves on the Los Angeles Times vacation list. These victims were subsequently burglarized.

Monrovia Police Blotter

Highlighted Activity for the Weekdays of January 28-30, 2013

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 386 service events, resulting in 80 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monrovia> for crime mapping. For Police Department news and information, visit our website at <http://www.ci.monrovia.ca.us/city-government/departments/police-department-homepage> and follow us on Twitter for police notifications.

Juvenile Problem

January 28 at 11:42 a.m., officers were dispatched to an elementary school in the 200 block of Jasmine Avenue. A 10-year-old student was found to be in possession of a plastic Airsoft pistol. The student said he left it in his backpack from the day before and forgot he had it in the backpack. He showed it to a fellow student. The fellow student later reported the incident to school personnel. The principal called the student in and retrieved the Airsoft pistol. There were no plastic BB's or magazine clips with the pistol. The student's parent was notified and responded to the school. The parent later surrendered two additional Airsoft pistols and requested Monrovia Police Department have them destroyed. No injuries were reported and the school will be suspending the student. The incident was documented.

Grand Theft Auto

January 28 at 7:11 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of Vaquero on the report of a stolen vehicle. The victim parked and locked her vehicle on the street at 4 p.m. in the evening. She returned to her vehicle the next day a little after 7 p.m. and discovered it had been stolen. The vehicle is a blue, 1991 Toyota Camry. The investigation is continuing.

Residential Burglary

January 29 at 10:33 a.m., police dispatch received an alarm call from a residence located in the 400 block of Parkrose. The alarm was heard by neighbors who checked outside after a few minutes and saw the front door of the residence was open and called police. Officers responded and realized the front door appeared to have been kicked open. Containment of the area was established and the residence checked. No suspect(s) were located or seen by neighbors. It appears the suspect(s) kicked the front door and headed straight to the master bedroom. The loss appears to be costume jewelry. The investigation is continuing.

Residential Burglary

January 30 at 3:54 p.m., police responded to the report of a burglary in the 200 block of North Mountain. The resident left at 7:20 a.m. and returned at 3:30 p.m. Upon her return, she discovered her home had been broken into and ransacked. The loss was jewelry from the master bedroom. The suspect(s) entered through an unlocked living room window and ransacked the entire residence. The investigation is continuing.

Residential Burglary

January 30 at 11:12 p.m., a residential burglary was reported in the 400 block of Norumbega. The crime occurred between 2 p.m. and 11 p.m. The suspect(s) forced open the front door and the house was ransacked. Jewelry was stolen from the location. The investigation is continuing.

An election cannot be canceled without going through the proper procedure. Before any decision was made, there was a special Council Meeting opened to the public. There was mention of an election costing about \$58,000. Mayor Lutz, and Council Members Becky Shevlin, Tom Adams and Joe Garcia all spoke of the democratic process, that you can't put a price tag on freedom, and the voters need to vote in their candidates. They felt there should be an election. Residents- quite vocal - came to the meeting; some wanted the election canceled, while others thought it should be held.

By a vote of 3-0, (The Mayor abstained), the decision was made to hold the election. There will be a write-in option. Cyrus Kemp, a retired hotel, restaurant and resort manager, and Robert C.J. Perry, a marketing consultant and reservist with the Army National Guard have submitted letters declaring their intent to run as write-in candidates. To qualify, they must get and submit required nomination forms, collect 20 valid voter signatures and allow time for those signatures to be verified. All this must occur between February 11 and March 26. Monrovia residents please don't forget to vote on April 9th!



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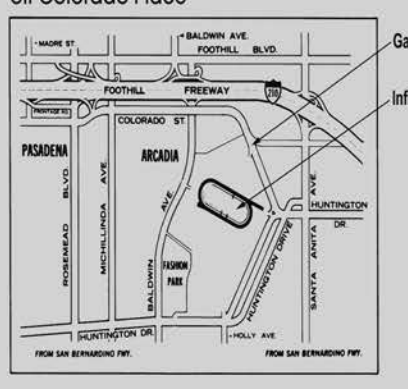


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BETHANY ADVENTURE CLUB HIKES TO THE FALLS

"Bethany Christian middle school students recently hiked the 3.7 mile round trip from Chantry Flats to Sturtevant Falls. This event was not just another extra-curricular activity at BCS, but was a new club formed by middle school teacher, Ryan Kloostra. Mr. Kloostra is passionate about getting students out into the community beyond the scope of the school campus. BCS Adventure Club's purpose was two-fold: to expose 12-14 year olds to the national park in Sierra Madre's backyard, and to encourage students to serve in their community. Students were encouraged to take in the beauty of the mountains as well as pick up trash along the way. They were able to put this toward their community service hours at BCS. On their hike the students and two teachers ran into a ranger who mentioned how understaffed the Forest Service was. He was very appreciative of The Adventure Club's cleanup efforts and said that there is no way he could do it all himself; he mentioned that it takes volunteers to keep the park looking good.



Helping out in the community and having fun go hand-in-hand for Bethany's Adventure Club. "Besides multiple fun water mishaps involving creek crossings, waterfall ponds, and a lot of unexpected rain, it was a great afternoon," said Mr. Kloostra. The rain and cold weather didn't distract the students from having fun. They ended their hike by roasting hotdogs and s'mores over a campfire after they overcame Cardiac Hill and returned to The Chantry Flats picnic area.

Many of the the thirty-one students had never been on a hike or been in the San Gabriel Mountains before. Mr. Kloostra felt it was a very positive experience, so much so that the next Adventure Club trip is planned to North County San Diego at a state beach. For more information about Bethany Christian School please visit bcsliions.org.



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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

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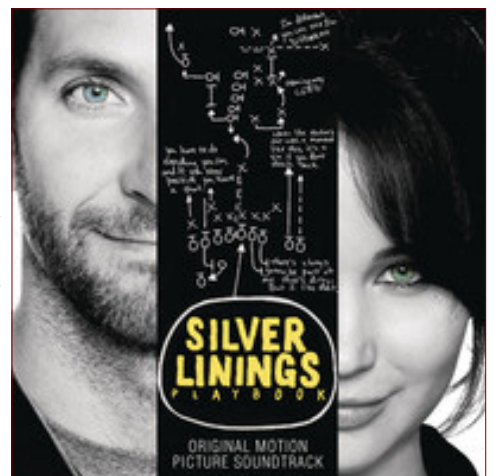
THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show

Movie Reviews Especially for Teens & 'Tweens
SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK

This is a very intriguing movie. It portrays the struggles of people with bipolar disorder better than any other film I've seen.

After Pat (Bradley Cooper) is released from a mental institution, he goes back to live with his caring mother (Jacki Weaver) and OCD (obsessive compulsive disorder) father (Robert De Niro). He thinks that, if he tries hard enough, he can get his old teaching job back and his ex wife. But, along the way, he meets Tiffany (Jennifer Lawrence) and his whole world is turned upside down.

At first, I thought this would be a boring, waste of time, but ten minutes in, I was hooked. This truly is a heartfelt movie of a family who is torn apart and brought together by amazing events.



SUNDAY BRUNCH AT CHEVAL BLANC

You remember the story of King Midas; he was a kind man who ruled his kingdom fairly. One day, while walking in his garden, he saw an elderly satyr asleep in the flowers. Taking pity on the old fellow, King Midas let him go without punishment. When the god Dionysus heard about it, he rewarded King Midas by granting him one wish. The king thought for only a second and then said I wish for everything I touch to turn to gold.” And so it was.

I met Gregg Smith some 25 years ago when he turned Perkins restaurant into the Parkway Grill, a few years later what was a florist shop “Jonkers” he turned it into the Arroyo Chop House. Monahan’s is now Smitty’s and the story of the Midas Touch has Gregg Smith as a bi line when you read this fabled story because Gregg certainly has the Midas touch, before I tell you about my recent visit to Cheval Blanc for Sunday Brunch, let’s get a quick history lesson on how brunch came to be.. The term “Brunch” is a portmanteau of breakfast and lunch, it was said to originated in Britain in the late 1890’s, to be fashionable to this day, we, say we must brunch sometime, this writers feeling is Brunch was a great way to party the night before, without committing to an early morning breakfast, the term should be an acronym, for let’s meet and eat once we awoken from our hangovers. I digress, since it was too early for tea, it was the perfect time to get the day going with a bloody mary or a mimosa.

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
thechefknows@yahoo.com

Bubbly, this guy felt he just stepped into the French Quarter, after all this is a French Restaurant. Now this is where my job gets tricky, one man can only eat so much, so I’d better pick wisely, Spoiler Alert!!! I did !! After a few bites of the brioche toast with raspberry jam I decided on the Charcuterie, which included Cured Ham, those little tiny pickles that everyone loves and Artisan terrine (cheese for you Americans), my dad always taught me, never fill up on the bread when doing a Sunday Brunch. So, I was smart enough to only get half full, As I mentioned before, we must do Brunch, well you must order the Saumon Fume Eggs Benedict, yes Benedict was a trader but maybe this was my first French Brunch, I was

looking for something unique and this is it, when they poured the warm béarnaise sauce on top of the poached egg I was in heaven, no the first bite was Heaven and the second was Nirvana, it was time for another glass of bubbly and at \$13 a glass for what I consider top notch California Wine one could afford it, in fact there were several wines on the list that I considered good values including a full bottle of Domaine Chandon for \$31, and a Magnum of Robert Mondavi for \$150.

Hey it Brunch, live a little you have to go to work on Monday enjoy yourself. Many of you want your eggs a certain way, as my gal at Starbucks says No problem !!! I recommend the Petit Filet and Eggs, eggs anyway way you want them with the black truffle hollandaise sauce.

As of this writing there were five desserts offered and I opted for the Crème Burlee, but of course, it takes a few minutes more to make, but well worth it. Please indulge me to jump back to the bar, many of you like a bloody mary to jump start your morning , I opted for the bubbly , but I witnedd the bartender making a Bloody Mary for the ages, I won’t and can’t give you the recipe but is one the best Bloody marys I have ever had, free pour of Vodka, very little tomato juice, but it was epic. The restaurant is spacious with white lined and still that same big bar and beautiful stained glass windows from the days of Club 41. Located in central Old Pasadena. All I can say Magnifico !!!

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INGREDIENTS:

- To braise the beef:
- 4 pounds flank steak
- EVOO – Extra Virgin Olive Oil, for drizzling
- Salt and pepper
- About 2 quarts water
- A handful of cilantro (for a bright flavor) or flat leaf parsley (for a grassy flavor)
- 2 to 3 sprigs fresh oregano
- 1 large onion, root attached, peeled and quartered
- A few ribs of celery, coarsely chopped
- 2 carrots, peeled and coarsely chopped
- 4 large cloves of garlic, crushed
- 2 large fresh bay leaves

- For the Sauce:
- 2 tablespoons EVOO – Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 3 medium bell peppers, green, red and yellow, seeded and chopped
- 1 large red onion, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 Fresno (red, fruity hot chili) or jalapeño pepper, seeded and finely chopped
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cumin, half a palmful
- 1 sprig fresh oregano, finely chopped
- Salt and pepper
- A small handful of cilantro or parsley, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup pimiento-stuffed Spanish olives, chopped
- About 3 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 can 15 ounces crushed or diced tomatoes
- Toppings:
- Very thinly sliced red onions dressed in lime juice and seasoned with salt and pepper
- Drained pickled sliced jalapenos

DIRECTIONS:

Dress meat with oil, salt and pepper. Brown the meat over medium-high heat in a Dutch oven. Add water, cilantro or parsley, oregano, onion, celery, carrots, garlic and bay. Bring to a boil then reduce heat to simmer and cook uncovered for 1 1/2 hours. Turn off heat and let rest for half an hour. Remove meat to shallow platter and shred with forks, cover and reserve. Strain the braising liquids and return to pot, reduce over medium high heat about 30 minutes more. Meanwhile, prepare the sauce: Heat EVOO, 2 turns of the pan, in a deep sauté pan over medium-high heat. Add peppers, onions, garlic and chili pepper to oil, and season with cumin, oregano, salt and pepper, and cook to soften 8-10 minutes. Add in cilantro or parsley, olives, tomato paste, stir a minute then deglaze with reduced braising liquid and stir in tomatoes to combine. Slide in shredded beef and simmer a few minutes more to allow beef to soak in sauce. Serve with rolls or tortillas for a party snack or serve with rice and beans as a meal. Top beef with red onions dressed with lime and pickled jalapeños for garnish. Serves 8 *Recipe courtesy Rachel Ray

FOOD PLAYS ESSENTIAL ROLE IN CELEBRATION OF A CHINESE NEW YEAR

Be prepared for a big SGV style celebration starting New Year’s Eve Saturday, February 9 as we usher in the Year of the Snake. If you were born in 1953, 1965, 1977 or 2001 you were born under the snake sign and 2013 will be a significant year for you. People born during the year of the snake are good in financial matters and business negotiations. This clever calculating creature is quick to spot new opportunities and has the skills to act on them. The Chinese New Year or "Spring Festival" is steeped in traditions. Food plays a central role in the celebrations with the most important meal being the Family Reunion Dinner on New Year’s Eve. Families come together for a lavish multi-course supper. If you don’t have the time to plan and cook such a meal, no need to panic. Many Chinese restaurants offer Reunion Dinner Packages so families can enjoy the tradition with less fuss. The SGV is home to the best Chinese restaurants in the United States. Instead of champagne, the "Jiaozi" dumpling plays the center role because its shape resembles a gold nugget and represents prosperity. We have so many choices for good dumplings - Flavor Garden in Alhambra, Fortune Dumpling in Monterey Park, Little Taipei in Arcadia and Shang Ming in San Gabriel - to name just a few. Gifts are also an important part of the New Year celebration. Children receive red packets containing new currency. Red is the color of new years and you’ll see paper-cutouts and lanterns adorning stores and restaurants.

If you are fortunate enough to be invited to participate in a celebration, be sure to take your hostess a gift of mandarin oranges or "nian gao" (Chinese New Year’s cake). Eating a piece of this sweet rice flour cake is thought to improve your luck for the year. No time to bake? Not a problem in the SGV. Happy Bakery, Cathy Bakery and Kee Wah Bakery, all in the City of San Gabriel, will be glad to bake for you. A great way to join in the New Year’s fun is to attend one of the festivals and parades being held in several SGV cities. Plan a trip to Monterey Park on either February 2 or 3. You’ll find the New Year’s festival on Garvey Avenue between Garfield and Alhambra. Enjoy the booths with unique gifts and food. There will be lion and dragon dancers with loud drums and cymbals to evict evil spirits and a large fun zone for children. The City of Alhambra’s celebration is February 16 on Valley Blvd. between Garfield and Almansor. More than 250 booths will be open from 10 am to 5 pm. There is fun, games and food for everyone. I am sure you can count on hearing at least a few firecrackers signifying good luck. For those of you who just can’t imagine any New Year celebration without champagne, I have it on good authority that dumplings and Champagne go very well together. Gung Hay Fat Choy - Best wishes and congratulations. Have a prosperous and good year. Written by Cynthia Kurtz, President San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership and originally printed in the San Gabriel Valley Tribune.

SIERRA MADRE FARMERS MARKET

The Sierra Madre Farmer’s Market hours have changed to 3:00pm through 7:00pm every Wednesday in fall and winter. Vendors include Dry Dock which has fresh and wild caught fish, Rustic Loaf with artisan breads, Cutie Pie with fresh pies and much more!

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Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



OK, true confession ~ I just celebrated my 50th birthday last week, and as most people do, I guess I consider this to be a landmark year! One thing I can say about getting older is that age seems to have instilled in me a stronger desire to pursue those things that I have always been compassionate about, and one of those things is to be proactive on behalf of the animals we share this remarkable planet with. Ever since I was a kid, I have had an intense sense of compassion for animals, wild and domestic, and as an adult I have shared what resources I could to make a change for the better by donating to select animal rights and animal rescue organizations. Well, with all that said I must say that with a half-century under my belt I can't help thinking it's time to do more. I know there are a lot of well-meaning groups out there that do good things to help animals, but I am on a constant quest to find the best in my area to invest in. During a recent search for a favorite rescue group, I was very pleased to have discovered an organization with the very same compassion and intention as my own.

Animal Advocates Alliance (AAA) is a 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to promoting the humane treatment of animals through legal advocacy, humane education initiatives and animal rescue. AAA has made it their mission to reduce the animal euthanasia rate through humane

ANIMAL ADVOCATES ALLIANCE MAKING A DIFFERENCE BECAUSE THEIR LIFE MATTERS

education, spay/neuter initiatives and rescue/adoption programs. With the help of numerous animal-loving volunteers, they carry out their mission by implementing various practical projects. They rescue at-risk animals from high-kill shelters, then provide veterinary care for and promote adoption of those animals by posting photos and descriptions on their website and linking that information to social network websites; they provide educational presentations in LA area schools with an emphasis on spaying & neutering as well as proper care and humane treatment of animals; they hold on-site pet adoption events and they advocate legislature for more humane animal treatment. Honestly, I can't think of a more balanced and practical approach to making a change for the better on behalf of the animals.

So, getting back to my inherent childhood compassion, one of my best memories is the time when I was about 5 years old and my dad took me and a few of my siblings to the local animal shelter so we could pick out a dog to be our pet. I remember choosing what most people might have considered to be a "mongrel". He was a multi-mixed up mutt that I thought was the most beautiful beast I'd ever seen. He was a long-hair black and tan shepherd sort of mix with chocolate brown eyes and a perpetual puppy-faced smile. Being the "baby of seven", I guess I must have related to that poor little fella in some special way, and also being "the baby" I had some influence in the selection process, so we did end up adopting that pathetic little pup and we called him Rex. About a year later, Rex snuck out of the back yard and ran into the road where he was hit by a car. I thought my world had ended, but miraculously my dad was able to rescue him from the street and set his leg with some wood and masking tape we happened to have on hand at the house. We

nursed him back to health and he gave us many years of the kind of happiness only a precious loving pet knows how to give.

Regardless of why I became such an animal lover and advocate for their rights and humane treatment, I would not know what to do without the others who care as much as I do about giving potentially euthanized pets a second chance at life. Animal Advocates Alliance has wiggled their way into my heart by being the kind of people who remind me of my daddy when I was a little girl. They are the ones who will go out of their way and forego their own personal selfish desires in life to ensure that an animal is treated humanely. They're the ones who will make all the difference in a world where many humans do not respect or even acknowledge the fact that God put animals on this earth for a very express purpose, and that we humans were given the responsibility to watch out for them. Indeed they are the ones who will also recognize the fact that if we fail to respect and care for the animals who share our space on this planet, we humans may not survive at all! For that I want to say thank you, Animal Advocates Alliance, for being the kind of people you are. People who love and respect God's other creatures, and are willing to go out of your way to make sure all animals are given an equal chance at having a happy & healthy life.

If you are interested in adopting a dog from Animal Advocates Alliance, visit their website adoption page at: <http://animaladvocatesalliance.org/category/adopt-now-menu/> where you can view recently posted photos and descriptions of the furry four legged friends they have currently available. Or, you can attend one of their up-coming adoption events to be held on Sunday, February 10th and Sunday, February 24th at Pan Pacific Park, 7600 Beverly Blvd. in Los Angeles.

For more information about AAA you can visit their website at: info@animaladvocatesalliance.org. Or, you can write to them at: Animal Advocates Alliance, 137 N. Larchmont Blvd. #708, Los Angeles, CA 90004

PET OF THE WEEK

PIKA: #A4533348



Meet a young girl with a big heart, Pika (A4533348). Pika is a well-adjusted one and one half year old black and white female Pit Bull puppy who was brought to the Baldwin Park Shelter on January 12th. Weighing forty pounds, Pika walks well on the leash. She is fine with other dogs, but

what volunteers think she will really adore are children! Pika has never met a face she did not want to kiss, and she will be a fantastic indoor pet for an active individual or family living in a large condo or private home. To watch a video of Pika please visit: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ize804HfCvY

To meet Pika in person, please see her at the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center, located at 4275 N. Elton St., Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378 or 626-962-3577). She is currently available now. For any inquiries about Pika, please reference her animal ID number: A4533348. The shelter is open seven days a week, 12 pm-7 pm Monday-Thursday and 10am-5pm Friday-Sunday. This is a high-intake shelter with a great need for adoptions. For more information about Pika or the adoption process, please contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at Samantha@hope4animals.org.

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



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TIPS TO KEEP PETS HEALTHY

(StatePoint) Just as you can become tense and stressed out by your daily life, so too can your dog or cat. And pet anxiety is not only unpleasant for your pet and potentially damaging to your home and belongings; it can also lead to a host of other health and well-being problems.

With some simple lifestyle tweaks however, you can make scratching, digging, clawing, whining and crying a thing of the past. Here are some tips to reduce your dog or cat's anxiety and make their life, and yours, a bit more comfortable:

Keep Pets Active

"Often, the source of a pet's anxiety is lack of activity," says Brian Atkinson, Director of Pet Training at Invisible Fence Brand. "Whether you have a dog or cat, regular exercise is crucial for a happy, anxiety-free pet."

Be sure to give pets plenty of opportunities for outdoor exercise. Play games with your cat or dog that are both mentally and physically stimulating.

Grant More Freedom

If you're like many pet owners, your schedule means leaving your dog or cat alone for long stretches of time. Granting safe access to your yard while you're busy can alleviate this burden. Consider installing a pet door combined with a pet containment system.

"With proper training, dogs and cats can safely learn to understand and respect the boundaries of the yard," says Atkinson.

Highly recommended by veterinarians, professional dog trainers, behaviorists and other pet experts, a pet door can reduce accidents inside the home, increase exercise, stimulate a pet's senses and provide a change of scenery.

Opt for a programmable electronic pet door that's customizable. For instance, the Invisible Fence Brand Doorman, which is completely secure against unwanted visitors with an automatic locking device, allows you to set different schedules, boundaries and rules for each pet. More information about such devices is available at www.invisiblefence.com.

**Make Separation Easier**

If your pet cries or misbehaves when you leave the house, you may need to take steps to reduce his or her separation anxiety. Desensitize your pet to anxiety-inducing pre-departure cues like putting your shoes on or packing your bag, by regularly doing these actions and staying put.

When you do leave, keep the radio on to keep your pet company throughout the day. Keep your absences short initially, gradually building up the length of time you're away. And try to avoid making grand entrances and exits. The act of leaving and returning home should be as much of a non-event as possible.

Maintain their Space

Be sure to regularly clean litter boxes and keep your pet well-hydrated. Automatic litter systems, pet feeders and drinking fountains can help you maintain your pet's living conditions, even when you aren't there to do it yourself.

Don't ignore your pet's anxiety. A few household changes can take the stress out of being a pet, giving you peace of mind that your furry friend is happy and healthy.



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HOW TO DIVVY UP YOUR STUFF

Dear Savvy Senior:

What's the best, conflict-free way to divvy up my personal possessions to my kids after I'm gone? I have a lot of jewelry, art, family heirlooms and antique furniture, and five grown kids that don't always see eye-to-eye on things. Any suggestions would be appreciated. Seeking Peace



Dear Seeking:

Divvying up personal possessions among adult children or other loved ones is a task that many parents dread. Deciding who should get what without showing favoritism, hurting someone's feeling or causing a feud can be difficult, even for close-knit families who enter the process with the best of intentions. Here are some tips to consider that can help you divide your stuff with minimal conflict.

Problem Areas

For starters, you need to be aware that it's usually the small, simple items of little monetary value that cause the most conflicts. This is because the value we attach to the small personal possessions is usually sentimental or emotional, and because the simple items are the things that most families fail to talk about.

Family battles can also escalate over whether things are being divided fairly by monetary value. So for items of higher value like your jewelry, antiques and art, consider getting an appraisal to assure fair distribution. To locate an appraiser, visit appraisers.org.

Ways to Divvy

The best solution for passing along your personal possessions is for you to go through your house with your kids (or other heirs) either separately or all at once. Open up cabinets, drawers and closets, and go through boxes in the attic to find out which items they would like to inherit and why. They may have some emotional attachment to something you're not aware of. If more than one child wants the same thing, you will have the ultimate say.

Then you need to sit down and make a list of who gets what on paper, signed, dated and referenced in your will. You can revise it anytime you want. You may also want to consider writing an additional letter or create an audio tape, CD or DVD that further explains your intentions.

You can also specify a strategy for divvying up the rest of your property. Some fair and reasonable options include:

- Take turns choosing: Use a round-robin process where family members take turns picking out items they would like to have. If who goes first becomes an issue, they can always flip a coin or draw straws. Also, to help simplify things, break down the dividing process room-by-room, versus tackling the entire house.
- Have a family auction: Give each person involved the same amount of "play money," or use "virtual points" to bid on the items they want. This can also be done online at eDivvyup.com, a website for families and estate executors that provides a fair and easy way to distribute of personal property.

For more ideas, see "Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?" A resource created by the University of Minnesota Extension Service that offers a detailed workbook or interactive CD for \$12.50, and DVD for \$30, that gives pointers to help families discuss property distribution and lists important factors to keep in mind that can help avoid conflict. You can order a copy online at yellowpieplate.umn.edu or by calling 800-876-8636.

It's also very important that you discuss your plans in advance with your kids so they can know ahead what to expect. Or, you may even want to start distributing some of your items now, while you can still alive.

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 TseThis and That
HOSE DRINKERS

How are your New Year's resolutions going? I set my sights small, and resolved to drink less creamy and sugary coffee at work. Instead, I mix an aspartame-laden "Crystal Light" knock off with water in a two-liter bottle and sip it throughout the day. Sure, it's artificial and possibly carcinogenic, but at least it's gotta be better than sugar with coffee --I mean coffee with sugar.

So, I was filling my water bottle from the sink in the break room the other day when the boss burst through the door. "What are you doing?" she asked. Aghast, I sheepishly looked up from the faucet. "Uh, getting water?"

"No, no, no!" she said, shaking her head. "Come on," she motioned toward her office, "Use the 'Arrowhead' in there." I could feel water overflowing from my bottle into the sink, and nodded, "Okay, maybe next time." I figured, why waste a perfectly good batch of flavored water? Luckily, some small crisis distracted my boss and I was able to retreat to my office with my substandard "faucet water" drink.

For a while I wondered if I was the only tap water-drinking employee until last week, when the topic of tap vs. bottled water came up during lunch. "I was a hose drinker as a kid!" one of the senior workers joked with the boss. This prompted a number of us closet hose drinkers to "come out" and admit our tacky-"tap" habits.

"Yeah," one of my coworkers chimed in, "Nothing tastes better than cold water from the hose after playing outside all day!" A number of us reminisced about our own tap water childhood memories.

I don't know about you, but I never understood the purpose of bottled water. Talk about the antithesis of "green" living! Think about all the plastic used to store bottled water. Then consider the fuel needed to transport it from place to place. THEN consider the fact the most bottled water is drawn from municipal sources, not the babbling brooks of the Sierras, Andes, or any other pristine locale.

The waste that goes into producing regular bottled water is bad enough, but then they've got to go and make even smaller bottles of water! What? You or your kid can't commit to a 12 oz. bottle, so you go for the tiny 6 oz.? Yes, midget water bottles are cute, but really, can cute be justified at the cost of jeopardizing the environment?

I understand that there are situations that demand bottled water. Anytime you're traveling in the third world or a developing nation, by all means, stock up on Dasani or whatever brand you like. During a vacation to Michigan, we stayed at a relative's house that was situated in the middle of a corn field. The water had an orange tint, and smelled like burning sulfur. I don't recall whether or not I actually showered in it, but that was one time I was very grateful for a bottle of Arrowhead!

So, if you're traveling, take advantage of our wonderful advances in bottled water. But if you're torn between filling up at the kitchen sink or paying \$1 for a bottle of Dasani, I hope you choose the sink. It's a heck of a lot cheaper. And remember --what doesn't kill you makes you stronger!



SENIOR HAPPENINGS

By Pat Birdsall

FYI: PROGRESS REPORT

Pat Birdsall, who normally writes this section of the paper, underwent hip replacement surgery A few weeks ago. Pat has been progressing well from the surgery on one hand, but unfortunately, fractured her leg in a fall. This will set back her complete recovery a bit. It does appear, however, that there is a good chance she will be writing again next week. Pray for her. If you wish to send her greetings, email her at: pbird305@aol.com.

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

A couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a checkup, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember.

Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. "Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?" he asks.

"Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?"

"Sure."

"Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?" she asks.

"No, I can remember it."

"Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so's not to forget it?"

He says, "I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries."

"I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?" she asks.

Irritated, he says, "I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, forgiveness sake!"

Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment. "Where's my toast?"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ... February Birthdays...



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Quote of the Week:

Kind words are the music of the world. - F. W. Faber



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 2nd 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 2nd 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.*

Free Income Tax Assistance: Wednesdays through April 10th from 1pm to 2pm Don Brunner will provide is available to all seniors for income tax consultation. Appointments are required, call 626-355-7394.

Birthday Celebrations: The 2nd 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.

NEW CLASS - Hawaiian & Polynesian Dance: Starting Feb 25th, this six week introductory course will teach hand, hip, and feet movements for one full dance. Classes will be held on Mondays from 1:00pm to 2:00pm for six weeks. Sarongs and leis will be provided. Class taught by Sierra Madre resident Cheryl Mason.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE This class focuses on learning current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques, and how to operate your vehicle more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment. You'll also learn how you can manage and accommodate common age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time. Manystates including California offer discounts on auto insurance rates for those who complete this course..



EXCURSIONS:

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.

COMING UP: Whale Watching Trip - 2 hour boat ride (Long Beach, CA) Date: Saturday, March 2, 2013 Time: 10:00am - 3:30pm Meeting Location: Community Recreation Center Cost: \$31.00 (does not include lunch) Register by: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 Join the Community Services Department on its annual whale watching excursion. The 2013 excursion will visit the same whale watching Charter Company as 2012, which features a 2 hour cruise narrated by Aquarium of the Pacific staff and a boat that features indoor and outdoor seating. Participants can bring their own lunch to enjoy on the boat, or purchase snack items on-board. Bus leaves from the Community Recreation Center.

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 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. The films, one contemporary and one vintage, are chosen by the seniors themselves. **February's selections are:**

WE BOUGHT A ZOO (2011) February 6th Set in Southern California, a father moves his young family to the countryside to renovate and re-open a struggling zoo. Adaptation of Benjamin Mee's memoir about buying and saving a run-down zoo, complete with escaped tigers and a zoo crew of misfits. Featuring Matt Damon and Scarlet Johansson. Rated PG Start time: 1:00 pm (run time is 126 minutes)

GOLDFINGER (1964) February 20th The third installment in the 007 series, which racked up an Oscar for Best Sound Effects, finds 007 James Bond trying to thwart antagonist Auric Goldfinger and his elaborate gambit to corner the gold market by contaminating Fort Knox. Featuring Sean Connery as James Bond. Not Rated Start time: 1:00 pm (run time is 111 minutes)

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

SOCIAL SECURITY ANNOUNCES NEW ONLINE SERVICES AVAILABLE WITH A MY SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT

Social Security is expanding the services available with a *my Social Security* account, a personalized online account that people can use beginning in their working years and continuing throughout the time they receive Social Security benefits. Recipients can now access their benefit verification letter, payment history, and earnings record instantly using their online account. Social Security beneficiaries also can change their address and start or change direct deposit information online.

This new online service allows people to conduct business with Social Security without having to visit an office or make a phone call, and very often wait for a letter to arrive in the mail.

People age 18 and older can sign up for an account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

People age 18 and older who are not receiving benefits can sign up for a *my Social Security* account to get a personalized online Social Security *Statement*. The online *Statement* provides eligible workers with secure and convenient access to their Social Security earnings and benefit information, and estimates of future benefits they can use to plan for their retirement. In addition, the portal also includes links to information about other online services, such as applications for retirement, disability and Medicare.

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



"WHAT TREE IS THAT?" *Local Plant Pathologist Begins News Series on Local Landscape*

Rarely do I come across someone as passionate about his work and his subject as Dr. Jerrold Turney. Beginning today, Saturday February 2, Dr. Turney, a Plant Pathologist and Certified Arborist, will begin a delightful monthly series at the LA Arboretum in Arcadia on the "care and feeding" of our urban forest, known as the one of the most diverse in the country.

Our Southern California climate is seductively conducive to growing a wide variety of trees. Some make sense to grow here and others are just a headache from the first day they're planted.

Dr. Turney will discuss several different popular SoCal landscape trees at each month's session, including, this month, varieties of Magnolia, Liquidambar, Bottle, Trumpet, Dogwood, Jacaranda, plus five San Gabriel Valley staples, the California Coastal, Engelmann and English Oaks, plus Western Sycamore and the White Alder. After the classroom presentation of these trees' growth habit, native origin, common diseases and pests, the beauty of this series lies in the ability to see these trees *in situ*, right at the arboretum during the class's hands on walk, to understand and further discuss features and care and identification of variety as well as plant care issues. In addition to having served as curator of the camellia gardens at the Huntington Library and Botanic Garden, a research horticulturist at the Los Angeles County Arboretum, Turney is one of a small group of Plant pathologists for LA County's Department of Agricultural Commissioner/ Weights and Measures.

This department is responsible for collecting samples of nursery stock arriving from other states, to determine if disease or insect infestation is present. This process, according to Turney, is critical not only to the plant health of our urban forest here in LA, but the huge agricultural economy in the state. Think, citrus, vegetables, stone fruits, nuts and so much more!

This "homegrown" pathologist grew up right here in the San Gabriel Valley, in South Pasadena. Chuckling, he remembers his first real exposure to the plant world was mowing lawns when he attended Pasadena City College. "I had the opportunity to look at the different plants around me during that job. From there, I majored in Botany at Cal Poly, then did my Ph.D. at UC Riverside on *Phytophthora*, a parasitic algae that infects roots when they are

overwatered (a biig problem with oaks) ... and here I am today!"

"I spend a lot of time with gardeners on how to water their gardens," he reflected. "When I ask how often they water, most say that their plants get plenty of water. Every day, in fact. Through automatic irrigation. It's drowning their plants! Most need to be watered deeply, and then allowed to dry out for a time. Proper watering is one of the most critical factors in health plants."

Oak root rot fungus is very common in both the San Gabriel Valley and the Beverly Hills area, he commented. If mushrooms come up right on the tree wood in December or January, this fungus is a big concern.

"In fact," he said, "the first thing I look for when a tree or a shrub dies in the San Gabriel Valley is oak root rot. When I cut into the bark, I'll often see a white mycelia fan, a definite indicator, though we will culture it to make sure."

Often, the problems Angelinos bring to him are not necessarily a virus or fungus infection. "Half the time, the problem arises from unexpected frost, sunburn or a windborne herbicide drift. But it's important to know, so you can understand how to care for the plant."

Turney continued, "A lot of people don't know the trees in the neighborhood. It's important to know what you have in order to take care of them... especially when it comes to pruning!" "An important area for gardeners to understand is what time of year to prune, and why," he said. "Trees are complicated. The Oriental tulip tree blooms in late winter on last year's growth. If it's pruned in winter, it will have fewer flowers. Instead it should be pruned right after flowering."

Conversely, other types of trees require the opposite treatment. "Mimosas bloom here in June on the new growth that occurs in spring. So this tree should be pruned in winter. Stone fruit pruning is another critical area. Pruning is really critical to having healthy vigorous growth. Apricots respond very well to a hard pruning every winter. But remember the *Prunus* trees like apricot and plums only last 15-20 years before succumbing to age, disease and insect problems."



"Citrus, on the other hand, can grow for a hundred years," according to Turney, "and production doesn't drop off with age."

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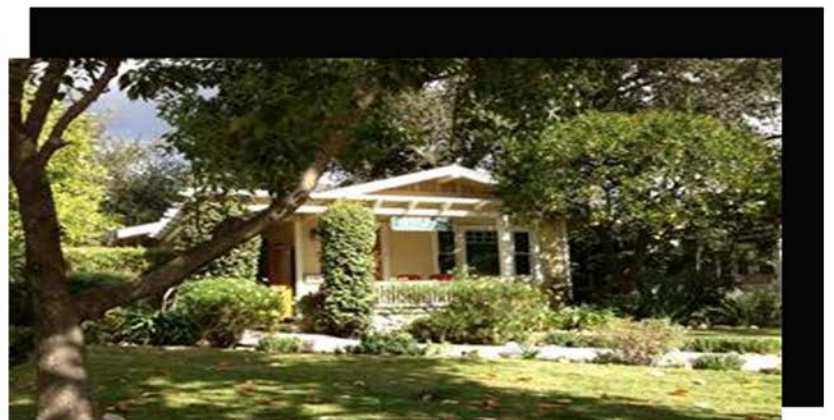
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HOWARD Hays As I See It



"To Libyans who witnessed the assault and know the attackers, there is little doubt what occurred: a well-known group of local Islamist militants struck the United States Mission without any warning or protest, and they did it in retaliation for the video."
- New York Times, October 15 2012

Regular readers of my column (okay – for the sake of argument, let's assume there are regular readers of my column) know the first thing I turn to in the MVN is Greg Welborn's column. That was true last week, as I turned to the Left / Right page and read what he had to say. And then read it again - and again, a third time.

Greg was upset over Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's lack of concern during her Congressional testimony over "who lied about what really happened" at the attack on our compound in Benghazi, Libya last year. If somebody lied, I'd like to know about it. But first, I'd like to know what this "lie" is that Greg wants to get to the bottom of.

I didn't see what the "lie" is upon first reading. So I read the column again – and again. I was hoping, but unable, to find something along the lines of, "Here's what was said – and here's why it's untrue."

For example, from Greg's own column one could take his statement that Secretary Clinton "blamed the failure to protect the diplomatic compounds on 'the assistant secretary level or below'", and explain that it's untrue because it's something Secretary Clinton didn't do. What she did do in her testimony was cite the findings of the commission led by retired diplomat Thomas Pickering (who served under Presidents Carter, Reagan, H.W. Bush and Clinton) and Mike Mullen, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Stating it was Ambassador Pickering and Admiral Mullen who "blamed" those lower-level employees wouldn't have the same "spin" as stating it was Clinton herself who did, but the latter statement remains untrue.

There's also Greg's statement that Bill Clinton was "Disbarred from practicing law because he committed perjury." At the end of his presidency, Clinton made a deal with Whitewater prosecutors, accepting a \$250,000 fine and a five-year suspension of his Arkansas law license in return for their not pursuing charges once he left office. Perjury is a crime; one which Bill Clinton was never indicted for, stood trial on nor pled guilty to. This isn't "spin"; it's a false accusation of criminality.

I continued wondering about the "lie" Greg referred to. Then I recalled coverage by John and Ken on KFI, who, rather than replaying Clinton's testimony, instead offered a background narrative so we'd understand what the hearings were about: Although our compound at Benghazi was attacked by terrorists, the White House pushed the line it instead was related to protests over an anti-Islam film – and sent out reps, notably U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice, to spread that story in the media. This was done to help President Obama's re-election prospects. Anyone who denies this must be gullible or involved in a cover-up.

On Bill Maher's HBO show, he screened a clip from the Benghazi hearing of Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) asking (in all sincerity) a question about arms from Libya being funneled to Turkey. Secretary Clinton responded with a where-the-heck-did-that-come-from look and a perplexed, "Turkey?!"

As Maher explained, this had nothing to do with information from a State Dept. or intelligence briefing, but more likely was something Sen. Paul picked up from a Glenn Beck show. It's what Maher calls the "bubble"; stories echoing through Fox News and wing-nut radio becoming "reality".

Mitt Romney experienced first-hand the danger of living within this bubble, as he apparently accepted the narrative as repeated by John and Ken. Part of the narrative is that President Obama refused to refer to the attack as "terrorist" until days later.

Whatever momentum Romney gained from the first presidential debate was lost at the second, when President Obama mentioned having referred to "terrorists" the day after the attack. This contradicted the bubble narrative, so Romney challenged the verifiable reality of Obama's statement – and looked stupid in front of a world audience.

The NY Times article quoted above reported how Congressional inquiries were focused not on defending our missions overseas, but in defending the bubble narrative used against President Obama. One focus was on undercutting Obama's successes against terrorism by directly connecting Benghazi attackers to Al Qaeda – with Republicans expressing great irritation as witnesses testified such connections were tenuous, at best.

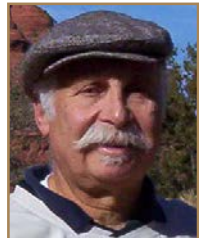
There was the derailing of the nomination of U.N. Ambassador Rice for Secretary of State, charging she gave false accounts to media outlets following the attack. What she actually said is readily available. On NBC's "Meet The Press" on September 16, Ambassador Rice said, "the best information we have at present" is that "opportunistic extremist elements came to the consulate . . . with heavy weapons that are unfortunately readily available in post-revolutionary Libya." She said it appeared to be "initially a spontaneous reaction to what had just transpired hours before in Cairo", but added, "that's our best judgment now. We'll await the results of the investigation."

What Ambassador Rice said was pretty much in line with what we knew then, and what we're finding out today. The conflict is not between what she said and reality, but between reality and the bubble narrative that can be so easily dismantled by a couple quick Google searches on primary sources.

Republicans seem incapable of realizing the campaign is over, and Americans expect real efforts to tackle serious issues, not desperate attempts to defend made-up bubble narratives created for no purpose other than to ding the president and his administration.

As Secretary Clinton put it, the focus should be on bringing those responsible for the deaths of four Americans to justice, and to take steps to prevent such a tragedy from happening again. For Republicans who insist on keeping the focus elsewhere, it's time somebody popped their bubble.

STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE HOW DID SHE DO IT?



Soon after I saw Justice Sonia Sotomayor administer the Oath of Office to Vice-President Biden I became aware that she would be doing a book-signing at Vroman's last Friday. I mentioned this to my wife, who promptly went out and bought her book, *My Beloved World*,

at Costco. I called my wife and learned that she really didn't want to stand in the rain for three hours just to get a book signed and that, if it was that important to me, I should buy another book and go stand in line by myself. I was disappointed but just to show her, I decided to go by myself.

Well, it really wasn't just to show her. I am really interested in Justice Sotomayor. How could this woman, born in great poverty with an alcoholic father, dead by the time she was nine, achieve such improbable success? Her elevation to the Supreme Court is almost as surprising and unlikely as the election of a President who really never knew his father or his goat-farmer grandfather. Old limitations have disappeared and it is time for me to learn the new rules.

Well, the first thing I learned was that it would cost me thirty dollars to buy the same book at Vroman's, for which my wife had paid fifteen bucks at Costco. I paid it and received a ticket allowing me to get in line about a half an hour before the signing was to begin. A little before the appointed time, I appeared at the back door of the book store and was directed to wait at a corner about 2 full blocks away from the door. This was a surprise, but I was more surprised when I was forced to wait at that corner as a part of a huge line that remained stationary for over two hours. AND IT WAS RAINING!

Why was I doing this? Somehow I imagined by eventually getting close to this woman I might possibly learn the new secret path to success. I waited; got wet and eventually I was allowed to enter the store and walk up the stairs and there she was. I reached the front of the room where she sat signing. The person in front of me said, "You have been my role-model." The Justice smiled, and as she smiled, I said, "Keep rolling." She laughed and made a scrawl across the title page of my book. Maybe I had made some small contact.

I went home and told my wife that she hadn't missed much and that I couldn't believe I had waited for so long in the rain. Really, though, I thought I was on to something and I immediately began to read the book. It is 308 pages plus an added Spanish-English glossary and a Spanish poem. I read the glossary first and leaned that café con leche is translated as coffee with milk. Not exactly a surprise and for me kind of illustrative of the whole book. Much of it was very familiar, such as the revelation that when studying it is best to underline and make notes in the margins; then, right before the examination, reread the chapters with emphasis on your underlining and marginal notes. I knew that. Similarly, don't just read to learn the results. It is more important to understand process than products. I know that also. Here is a surprise though. Her father was a hopeless alcoholic and her mother was cold and seemingly disinterested in her. The Justice revealed that this inspired within her, "a kind of precocious reliance that is not uncommon in children who feel the adults around them to be unreliable."

Curses! No wonder I am such a failure. My mother was always interested in me and was completely reliable. Still I read the whole book. Chapter 26 reveals that the Justice's genius cousin, her soul-mate and almost-twin, died of a heroin overdose before he was thirty. She wonders why did she survive and prosper, while he did not. She hunts for the answer and concludes, "Call it what you like: discipline, determination, perseverance, the force of will. If only I could bottle it, I'd share it with every kid in America. But where does it come from?"

Where indeed? Of course the question is never answered; but after reading the book I had this feeling that all things are possible. I need not feel eternally restricted by my own past and recognized limitations. Sometimes it is a good idea to stand in the rain and devote oneself to some vision, however improbable. The book of our own lives continues and our main task is to stay interested in that life even if we think we have already learned its lessons. Enjoy another café con leche and realize that though we all end up in the same place; it our individual journey that matters even if we are hampered by reliable parents. Who knew?

IMMIGRATION REFORM CAN WORK IF DONE RIGHT GREG Welborn



President Obama has now turned his sights on immigration as the next big issue to be "solved", but, like so much of what he does, political gamesmanship and positioning is more important than concrete results for the very people he wants to help. If the president really wanted to help immigrants in this country and position them and their children to succeed and prosper in this country, he would forget the politics and follow the conservative lead on how to really fix this problem and best serve the country he professes to love.

The political elites in our country – primarily those on the left in politics and the media – have narrowly defined the immigration problem and are covering it from a president vs. Republican perspective. It's the melodrama of the conflict between approximately 11 million, largely brown-skinned, people and the painted-white and privileged Republicans that animates the media and most of those on the left. They never think that Republicans might just care about people as people and might even have a soft spot in their hearts for hard working immigrants. So, let me spell out the essential conservative position on immigration reform.

Immigration reform and education reform must go hand in hand. They are two side of the same coin and can't be separated if we truly want to help immigrants work their way up in our system. If Obama and fellow Liberals really cared about immigrants, they'd realize that letting them stay in the U.S., but consigning them to the worst performing schools in the country, doesn't do them, or us, any good.

There are 1 million children in this country illegally and another 4.5 million who are legal, but whose parents are not legal residents. In both cases, the tough economic situation faced by the parents largely relegates these kids to the poor urban areas with the lowest performing schools. Overwhelmingly, they suffer great hardship because of their parent's situation, but then again because of the education they receive.

What possible justification can there be for self-professing "progressives" to not let these kids – and every other poor kid in America, irrespective of skin color, to have a choice of where to go to school. Immigration reform AND education reform must go together. We have to let parents decide where they want their kids to go to school. Education choice is the kindest, fairest, and most "progressive" policy prescription for these kids and their families, and it is a Conservative position, not a Liberal position.

Liberals see the education component as a political issue, not a human issue. They see an entrenched, financially powerful, Democratic Party supporter in the public school unions, and they are not about to jeopardize that relationship. Any mention of choice, charter, or competition in the public school sphere sends the union lobbyists out threatening to withhold campaign contributions from any Democrat that supports these concepts.

So let's not pretend that liberals care and conservatives don't. That lie should have died a long time ago, but it has the best life support system money can buy in D.C. It was Ronald Reagan, the arch-conservative, of all people who first articulated

the conservative party belief that hard working immigrants are what built this country, will continue to be a part of its success in the future, and have a solid home in the Republican party.

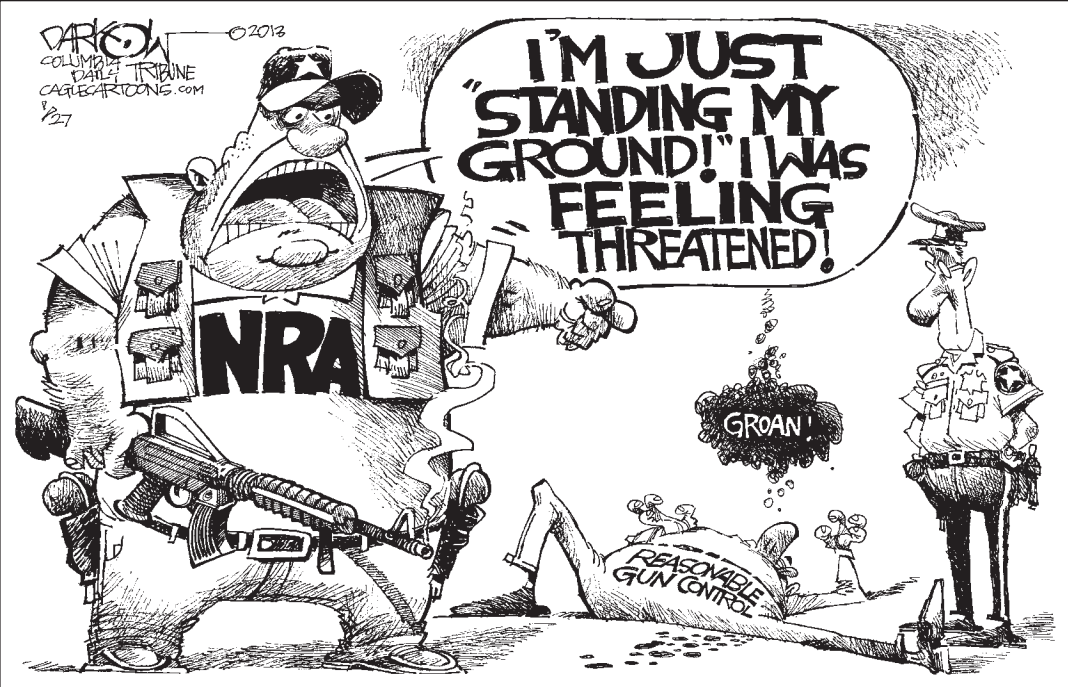
At the same time, conservatives are justifiably concerned about future influxes of people who ignore our laws and simply walk across the border. Illegal immigration is a problem that we believe must be stopped. Legal immigration is a resource we want to encourage. The core issue for conservatives is not whether to deport 11 million people. The key issue is how to treat them so as to not encourage others to break the law, thus insulting those foreigners who want to come to the U.S., but who have thus far obeyed the law and waited their turn. It's a principal that most Americans – right, center and left – should appreciate. We come together in a Democracy, vote, pass our laws and then expect people to obey them. If they don't, they shouldn't expect to be rewarded.

Conservatives propose "regularizing" those people who are illegally in this country in a way that falls way short of deporting them but doesn't simply reward them for what they did. When Ronald Reagan signed his immigration reform act it was with the express desire, and promise, that by dealing with illegal immigrants then, we would not have to deal with the same issue in the future. Sadly, he was hoodwinked by the Congress, and nothing was done to prevent future illegal immigration. So we face the same situation today.

Accordingly, the last major plank of the conservative position is that we have to secure the border even as we accept the fact that 11 million people are largely going to stay in this country. We can find a way to deal with them that is fair, but we have to make sure it doesn't happen again. Promises that the border will be secured after immigration reform is passed don't fly. Americans have been lied to on this issue time and time again. We're not going to kick the football held by Lucy anymore.

For those who suggest that a fence doesn't work, they should check with Israel. When Israel built its fence, the number of suicide and terrorist attacks fell dramatically. The technology is not that difficult. A double fence construction (two fences running parallel) will halt the vast majority of illegal immigration. Nothing is 100%. The perfect cannot be the enemy of the good.

In conclusion, spare us the sanctimonious pronouncements, Mr. President, about how you and your kind are the only ones who care. Save us the ugly accusations about the black hearts of conservative Americans. And for once, just once, please put the country ahead of politics. Join the conservatives in helping immigrants join the American fabric, giving their kids – and all poor kids – a choice of where they go to school, and secure the border to secure this nation for everyone who lives here, whether they are rich, poor, white, black, legal or illegal.



JOE GANDELMAN Independent's Eye



CAN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY REBRAND ITSELF?

Can the Republican Party re-brand itself after its big 2012 national election defeat, loss of growing demographic groups, and polls indicating many perceive it as out of touch and too extreme? The answer is yes. Will it? That answer is more iffy.

There are signs of movement.

Senate Republicans in the "Gang of 8" reached a deal with Democrats on immigration reform. But will the Republican House dilute or stop it? Several top Republicans suggest the party must be more inclusive in tone. Notable non-Sarah Palin fan and Fox News bigwig Roger Ailes made the former Alaska Governor a lowball-contract-renewal offer she could and did refuse, in what many consider an Ailes effort to move Fox away from the Twilight Zone-ish far right. So Palin joins Glen Beck in Fox News exile.

To rebrand, the GOP must extricate itself from the talk radio political culture that celebrates political brinksmanship, snarkiness, over-the-top verbal demonization and division, and considers compromise "caving" and consensus as dated. The talk radio political culture, coupled with the Just Say No bitter political brew of Tea Partiers, have greatly damaged the GOP image -- and brand.

If Republicans want to lose six out of seven Presidential elections come 2016, they should stay the course. There is a market in America thirsting for a thoughtful, substantive, Republican Party that offers a serious alternative to Democrats, rather than zinger-hurling politicians and activists seemingly auditioning to be Rush Limbaugh Show substitute hosts.

Current Republican Party rebranding efforts have been damaged by reports that in several states, and even at the national level, some GOPers may want to do what some Virginia Republicans are trying to do. Virginia Republicans tried to shove through a measure changing the way our political system operates by allocating electoral votes according to Congressional districts. Several pundits note that if this system had been in place nationally in 2012, Mitt Romney would have defeated Barack Obama -- even though Romney lost by 4.4 million votes.

When Republican National Committee Chair Reince Priebus expressed interest in this idea, the story spread further and hurt the GOP brand -- since to many Americans it (rightfully) made Republicans look like sore losers, willing to garbage-bag our accepted rules of the game to rig elections to win and maintain power. As the imagery damage became evident, more Republicans started voicing opposition to the idea, which even the Wall Street Journal headlined "divisive."

Florida's Republican House Speaker Will Weatherford told a reporter: "To me, that's like saying in a football game, 'We should have only three quarters, because we were winning after three quarters and they beat us in the fourth.' I don't think we need to change the rules of the game, I think we need to get better."

You could say "no duh" -- except there still are an awful lot of powerful "duhs" still out there.

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal famously declared it's time for the GOP to stop becoming known as the "stupid party." The National Journal's Charlie Cook suggested the party could use sensitivity training because Asians and Latinos were turned off by "shoot-from-the-lip remarks from various Republican candidates, conservative radio and cable television talk-show hosts, and guests who were seen by many as being, correctly or not, spokesmen for the Republican Party."

So are the attempts to rig the Electoral College dead? Not totally.

If Republican dominated legislatures shove this through in even a couple of states, it will be a god-send to Democrats who have their own ideas on how to brand the GOP. And if Republicans ever did, in essence, gerrymander the electoral college so that they can maintain power without winning the popular vote, then the U.S. would be on its way to becoming a banana Republic -- engineered by "stupid" banana Republicans.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 4 SEASONS TURK, 732 N. DIAMOND BAR BLVD. UNIT 118, DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PRODUCTION, INC., 24319 DELTA DR., DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: RICHARD HUNG MACH. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/20/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-019351
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 4018 RIVIERE RENTAL, 3329 E. 4th ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90814. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ANTHONY JOHNSON, 3329 E. 4th ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90814. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ANTHONY JOHNSON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/29/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-017862
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 5 STAR SMOG ONLY, 1594 N. MISSION BLVD. #A, POMONA, CA 91766. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KENNETH W. TOLLMAN, 1245 MILANO PL., POMONA, CA 91766. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: KENNETH W. TOLLMAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/25/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-021337
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: A&K COIN LAUNDRY, 6706 ATLANTIC AVE. #101, BELL, CA 90201. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DOORI PROPERTIES, LLC, 13120 BARTON RD., WHITTIER, CA 90615. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: KELLY CHOI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/31/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-019420
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: A1MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION, 12534 VALLY VIEW ST., GARDEN GROVE, CA 92645. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) 1MEDIC TO TRANSPORTATION, 12534 VALLY VIEW ST., GARDEN GROVE, CA 92845. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: ALMED DASH. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/29/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-021089
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AAA AUTO SALES; AAAS LEASING; 24HOURS AUTO LEASING; KARS AUTO LEASING; KART AUTO LEASING; KART LEASING; SIMPLE AUTO LEASING, 15301 S. GARDEN GROVE BLVD. #205, L.A., CA 90048. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALI SALMAN, 1824 FAIRFORD DR., FULLERTON, CA 92833. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALI SALMAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/31/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-019278
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ADVANTAGE EXCHANGE, 10625 TIERRA NAVARRA DR., WHITTIER, CA 90601. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HUGH ALLEN, 10625 TIERRA NAVARRA DR., WHITTIER, CA 90601. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: HUGH ALLEN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/29/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-021675
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ADVANTAGE CAR EXCHANGE, 10625 TIERRA NAVARRA DR., WHITTIER, CA 90601. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HUGH ALLEN, 10625 TIERRA NAVARRA DR., WHITTIER, CA 90601. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: HUGH ALLEN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/29/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-021341
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ALBERTO'S PLUMBING, 5725 N. FIGUEROA AVE., #92, L.A., CA 90042. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALBERTO ESPINOZA, 5725 N. FIGUEROA ST., L.A., CA 90042. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALBERTO ESPINOZA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/29/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-020652
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ALL SECURITY SERVICES/POMONA, 363 S. PARK AVE. STE 107, POMONA, CA 91766. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PAVEL MOLNAR, 363 S. PARK AVE. STE 107, POMONA, CA 91766.

This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: PAVEL MOLNAR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/30/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-019201
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AMIGO CHI, 408 E. 12th ST., L.A., CA 90012. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NORMA I. LOPEZ, 17434 W. 64th ST., L.A., CA 90047. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: NORMA I. LOPEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/29/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/29/2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-020911
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ANTELOPE, 428 S. ATLANTIC BL. STE 212, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LANCE TORIGOE, 866 S. GARFIELD AVE., MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LANCE TORIGOE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/30/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-020858
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BEETHOVEN'S AUTO PRECISION, 14530 LAKEWOOD BLVD., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) YOLANDA GUZMAN, 14530 LAKEWOOD BLVD., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: YOLANDA GUZMAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/29/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-020466
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: B&B BARBERSHOP, 1151 S. AVALON BLVD. STE 103, L.A., CA 90061. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HECTOR M. GONZALEZ, 753 E. LINCOLN ST., CARSON, CA 90745. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: HECTOR M. GONZALEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/30/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-019266
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BRENDA HOUSE KEEPING, 12114 HASTINGS DR., WHITTIER, CA 90605. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BRENDA CARDONA, 12114 HASTINGS DR., WHITTIER, CA 90605. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: BRENDA CARDONA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/29/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-019464
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BRO HANDYMAN, 7716 S. FIGUEROA #6, L.A., CA 90033. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EUGENIO ESTRADA, 7716 S. FIGUEROA #6, L.A., CA 90033. FRANCISCO GOMEZ, 1320 W. 8th ST., L.A., CA 90017. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: EUGENIO ESTRADA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/29/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-021848
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CALIFORNIA TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE, C.T.M. 114 E. PALMER #7, GLENDALE, CA 91205. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CHRIS APODACA, 114 E. PALMER #7, GLENDALE, CA 91205. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CHRIS APODACA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/31/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-018716
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CARLOS CORTEZ ELECTRIC, 6049# FRY ST., BELL GARDENS, CA 90201. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CARLOS CORTEZ, 6049# FRY ST., BELL GARDENS, CA 90201. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CARLOS CORTEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/28/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/22/2008. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-018505
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CAR SERVICE, 3333 CAR SERVICE, 3333 W. SAUSON AVE., L.A., CA 90047. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FULL LINE TRANSPORTATION, INC., 3311 W. SAUSON AVE., L.A., CA 90047. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: MAYNARD MYERS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/28/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-020672
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CLEARWATER POOL CARE, 324 S. BEVERLY DR. #277, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FRANCISCO J. KEMPF, 324 S. BEVERLY DR. #277, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARCUS J. KEMPF. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/30/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-021313
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DANNY'S ORNAMENTAL IRON SHOP, 5308 VENICE BLVD., L.A., CA 90019. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE CHAVEZ DIAZ, 5308 VENICE BLVD., L.A., CA 90019. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSE CHAVEZ DIAZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/31/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-020562
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DASILVA, 1331 W. VERNON AVE., L.A., CA 90037. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LUIS ORELLANA, 1323 1/2 W. VERNON AVE., L.A., CA 90037. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LUIS ORELLANA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/30/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-019219
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FASHION, 1700 S. SANTA FE AVE. #219, L.A., CA 90021. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARCOS VICENTE SANCHEZ SANCHEZ, 842 E. 77th ST., L.A., CA 90001. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: MARCOS VICENTE SANCHEZ SANCHEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/29/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-021315
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ECOMMERCE 5 COMPANY, 317 W. LOHART AVE., MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) YONGZHI LIU, 733 TAMAR DR., L.A. PUENTE, CA 91746. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: YANMING CUI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/30/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/19/2011. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-020597
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EXCELLENT PEOPLE CONSTRUCTION, 733 TAMAR DR., L.A. PUENTE, CA 91746. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) YONGZHI LIU, 733 TAMAR DR., L.A. PUENTE, CA 91746. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: YONGZHI LIU. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/30/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-018994
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EXPRESSION OAXAQUENA, EXPRESSION OAXAQUENA MARKET, EXPRESSION OAXAQUENA RESTAURANT, 3078 W. PICO BLVD., L.A., CA 90006. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CRISTIAN CRISTIAN, 3078 W. PICO BLVD., L.A., CA 90006. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: ZEPHERINO GARCIA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/28/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/03/2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-020933
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FIGHT CLUB, 909 S. THOMAS ST., POMONA, CA 91766. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DANIEL MORALES, 386 S. THOMAS ST., POMONA, CA 91766. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DANIEL MORALES. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/30/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name

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