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A COMMUNITY GIVES THANKS



Speakers included: (l to r) Father Michael Higgins, Mater Dolorosa, Deacon John Hull, St. Rita's Church, Reverend Linda Marshall, Sierra Madre United Methodist Church, Reverend Dr. Jolene Cadenbach, Arcadia Congregational UCC, Rabbi Alan Lachtman, Temple Beth David; Father Michael Bamberger, Episcopal Church of the Ascension and Mr. Steven Licata, Bahai Faith.

Photo by S. Henderson

On Wednesday, the Sierra Madre Woman's Club held their annual Community Prayer Breakfast at the historic Essick House. The event was filled with community leaders, city officials and members of the general public most of whom had waited an entire year in anticipation of partaking in the famous 'Quiche' prepared by club members.

The event brings together people from various religious backgrounds with a common goal. The theme that was a part of every speech included references to giving thanks this holiday season for our lives and families and also being thankful for our community.

Eunice Banos, adorned in historic attire, played the piano for guests as they arrived and during the opening songs. Chairperson for the breakfast was Dr. Shahrzad Arzani. Mary Carney, President of the club, served as the Mistress of Ceremonies.

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The Women's Club is one of the oldest, if not the oldest service organization in Sierra Madre. Established in 1907, it is also a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. There are over 100 active area women who are dedicated to friendship and service. Our members enjoy our events, programs, fundraisers, and supporting our community through donations and service

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Just as residents begin to contemplate whether or not to support an increase in water utility rates and whether or not to extend and increase the User Utility Tax that will support our police, fire and paramedics, the city announced the launched "an interactive and user-friendly online platform of the City's financial data". There is also a program that allows you to find what the specific impact of a water rate increase will be on our household. These programs are designed to help citizens better understand the city's finances and why city leaders feel the increases are necessary.

Using software developed by OpenGov.com, a Silicon Valley software startup, there will be "an unprecedented ability to access, understand, and analyze the City's budget."

The one site, "OpenGov has provided a low-cost way for residents to dig deeper into the City's budget," said City Manager Elaine Aguilar. "I hope Sierra Madre residents will make use of this new tool to see how the City spends the residents' money."

The public is encouraged to explore the City's financial data via the OpenGov platform on the City's web site, or directly at sierramadre.opengov.com.

"The City of Sierra Madre is leading the way for transparency in government in the 21st century," says Zachary Bookman, CEO and co-founder of OpenGov. "By making its financial data transparent for its citizens, the City of Sierra Madre deepens the bond with its community and gives meaning to the term 'access to information.'"

As cities, counties, and other jurisdictions continue to transition to the digital age, it has become increasingly imperative for cities to utilize state-of-the-art technology to share financial data with residents in a user-friendly way. In a time when people are increasingly demanding open and transparent government, OpenGov is providing cities with a simple way to share data with the community.

Founded by Stanford technologists, and backed by prominent Silicon Valley entrepreneurs and investors, OpenGov develops user-friendly transparency software for operational intelligence and budget analytics.

Learn more at opengov.com.

Sierra Madre was recently recognized in a Los Angeles County City Internet Strategy Analysis as one of the most transparent cities in the county.

- The analysis also revealed:
- Culver City and Sierra Madre have the best overall strategies based on our measuring standards.
 - 51 of the 88 cities have a presence on Twitter or Facebook.
 - 64% of cities make their City Council meetings available online.
 - More cities had an official Facebook account (47%) than an official Twitter account (43%).

<http://www.tripecismith.com/los-angeles-county-city-internet-strategy-analysis-3rd-edition/>

In order to make informed decisions and to monitor how your tax dollars are being spent, residents are encouraged to utilize these resources.

If you have trouble with the sites, contact city hall at 626-355-7135.

"Continually utilizing the latest technology is really the key to addressing many of the challenges our City faces now and will face in the future. The budget transparency tool is a cheap and simple way of giving our residents complete access to the City's finances in a user-friendly format. It also allows us as a Council to communicate more effectively with residents regarding our budget priorities, goals, and challenges going forward. This level of access is really unprecedented, so we hope that residents utilize the tool and give us feedback."

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Wed:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	40s
Thur:	Showers	Hi	60s	Lows	40s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	40s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings listed below are held at City Hall 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, Ca. 626-355-7135

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
Tuesday, November 19, 2013
6:30 pm

CALENDAR

*Senior Community Commission	1st Thursday	3:00
*Planning Commission	1st and 3rd Thursday	7:00
*Community Services Commission	3rd Monday	6:30
*Tree Advisory Commission	3rd Wednesday	7:00
*Library Trustees	4th Wednesday	7:00

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

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

Your event must:

- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
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FOOTHILL UNITY CENTER, COMMUNITY TO SHARE THANKSGIVING BOUNTY WITH LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED



Foothill Unity Center is gearing up for its annual Thanksgiving food distribution in partnership with its eleven-city community. The distribution for families will be held on Monday, November 25, at Ayers Hall at the Los Angeles County Arboretum in Arcadia. A second distribution for individuals will be held Tuesday, November 26, at the Center's Monrovia and Pasadena locations.

The difficult economy and cuts in the CalFresh food stamp program are swelling the ranks of local people who need help to feed their families, says Center Executive Director Betty McWilliams. "Last year, we served more than 1,336 pre-registered families," she notes. "As economic conditions remain difficult, the need for our weekly food assistance has grown. The community's support is more vital than ever." 77% of the Center's clients are at or below the National Poverty Level.

The Center is seeking donations of food, funds and volunteer time for the Thanksgiving event and its upcoming Holiday Distribution in December. Funds may be donated securely online at foothillunitycenter.org. Food and checks may be dropped off weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at either Center location: 415 W. Chestnut Ave. in Monrovia or 191 N. Oak Ave. in Pasadena.

Information on Thanksgiving and Holiday volunteer shifts, most-needed food items and the annual Angel program for children's gift donations is available at foothillunitycenter.org/thanksgiving-and-holiday-distribution-programs or by calling the Center at (626) 358-3486. Photos of last year's distributions can be viewed in the online Photo Gallery.

Only one part of a bigger effort

The Thanksgiving Distribution is just one aspect of the Center's year-round Family Food Program, which provided over 3.6 million pounds of groceries to food-insecure clients last year. Each month, clients receive a grocery cart of food items, sized by number of people in the family to supplement needs for 7-10 days. They may return to pick up perishable food items once a week, including fresh produce, dairy and baked goods. The Center also delivers monthly food packages to qualified home-bound senior and disabled clients, and gives 50 to 60 substantial bag lunches (enough for about two days) three times a week to homeless or those who have no place to store or cook food. Its volunteer-run Pet Food Bank helped 726 families keep their pets last year.

The Center also provides referrals to over 100 organizations for crisis and housing assistance, employment counseling, and much more. Its Health Services Child Health Connection program connects children with urgent health care needs to free and low-cost care, helps uninsured clients enroll for low-cost insurance coverage, and conducts health screenings and education seminars. It also operates a Medical Outreach Clinic in partnership with the Community Health Alliance of Pasadena (Chap-Care) providing health and dental care to homeless and uninsured adult clients.

WALKING SIERRA MADRE.....THE SOCIAL SIDE

By Deanne Davis

Not a lot of walking Sierra Madre going on this week, even though this is one of the most beautiful Fall seasons I can remember. The weather's been delightful, the leaves are certainly doing their Fall job, falling everywhere, and I expect we're all doing something about Thanksgiving. Brining our turkey (best thing ever for a moist and tender Festive Bird!), making a pie, being in charge of the sweet potatoes. I'm wondering if any of you folks have ever had the following experience...

THE GHOST OF THANKSGIVINGS PAST

The Festive Bird is in the stove,
And time now for a nap.
I laid me down, closed my eyes,
And on the window heard a tap.

It's far too soon for guests to come,
I need a little peace!
The stuffing's ready, cranberries chillin',
Pies overflow with pumpkin fillin'.

The tap just keeps on at my window,
But I'm not gonna look!
There's nothing more for me to do,
This is one tired and sleepy cook.

So I snuggled deep down in my afghan,
Turned my head the other way.
I don't care who's at that window,
They can tap all day.

Off I went to slumberland and dreamed a lovely dream,
Of a kitchen, clean and washed and spotless, everything so bright.
But then I dreamt a dreadful dream,
That made me scream with fright!

The tapping at my window,
More insistent grew.
And what was out there tapping,
I'll try to describe to you.

The Ghost of my Thanksgivings Past,
A turkey that was huge!
Tapped an enormous beak at my window,
And gobbled.... "J" accuse!"

"Forty Thanksgivings, and more," he said,
"Since you walked down the aisle.
Forty turkeys you've served up,
With sweet potatoes and a smile."

"Forty turkeys come and gone,
And still your gravy's awful!
And the year the turkey hit the floor,
Should be declared... unlawful!"

"Most of them were nicely done, I'll give you that," he said.
"But some were cooked so badly,
You should have ordered Chinese instead!"
What an awful dream, I thought, as I cowered in my bed.

The Ghostly Turkey wasn't finished,
With his accusations many.
And I, offering excuses,
Discovered I hadn't any!

But then he smiled and said to me,
"Your crimes are all forgiven.
For those who've gathered at your table,
Have rejoiced and laughed for hours."

"We turkeys relish meals like these,
They are as sweet as summer flowers!
Enjoy today, with friends and family, gathered 'round your table,
Give thanks for health and joy and peace...
Then share this Thanksgiving fable."

Then with a last gobble...gobble, the Ghost of Thanksgivings Past,
Flew up and away...
And I heard him exclaim, ere he flew out of sight...
"Happy Thanksgiving to all...
And for heaven's sake, learn to make better gravy!"

Happy Thanksgiving to you all! Hope it's the best one ever!

FRIENDS OF THE SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY SILENT AUCTION

If you're a bibliophile or have one on your holiday gift list, you won't want to miss bidding on the exceptional books featured in the Silent Auction being held in the Sierra Madre Public Library, 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre from Friday, November 1, 2013 through Monday, November 25, 2013 during library hours. The books will be on display in the display case in the library's main room. To inspect the books more closely, visit the library every Saturday in November from 1-2 PM.

Amongst the treasures bring offered, we have a signed copy of The Hunt for Red October written by the late Tom Clancy, two six-volume sets of novels by Anthony Trollope, and a twenty-one volume set of Oxford Illustrated Dickens. A reprint of the children's classic Little Black Sambo includes the original story and some charming illustrations by the artist Eulalie. Reminiscent of some of the Grimm fairy tales from Germany, the two stories in the reprint of Little Mook and Dwarf Longnose by Wilhelm Hauff are filled with an assortment of dwarves, evil witches and devious princes and include colorful, gemlike paintings of Russian artist Boris Pak. Written by Walter Isaacson who wrote the 2011 best-selling Steve Jobs, the very clever and attractive book, Einstein-The Life of a Genius is arranged according to events in the life of Albert Einstein and includes many fold-outs, event wheels and envelopes which contain little-known details of those times. These and other treasures are available during this latest Friends of the Sierra Madre Library Silent Auction.

Bidding sheets and rules will be available in a notebook located on the library's checkout counter. Each of the books for sale at the auction will be numbered and will have a corresponding numbered bid sheet in the notebook. Bidders are asked to write their bid amounts and a contact telephone number on the appropriate bid sheet. Bidding will close promptly at 8 PM on November 25. Winning bidders will be notified by telephone the next day and will then be able to pick up their books at the library.

Proceeds from the Silent Auction will benefit the Sierra Madre Library's programs, services, and acquisitions. For more information, visit our website at www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org.

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County Releases Report on Devil's Gate Dam

LA County Public Works released a comprehensive, draft environmental impact report today on the need to restore the flood protection capacity of Devil's Gate Dam by removing as much as four million cubic yards of sediment from its reservoir.

The 90-year-old dam provides flood protection to several downstream communities along the Arroyo Seco, including Pasadena, South Pasadena, Highland Park, Hermon, Montecito Heights, Mount Washington, and Cypress Park, as well as the 110 freeway and well-known public spaces like the Rose Bowl.

The draft EIR covers a broad range of issues and presents six different alternatives for sediment removal behind the dam. The public is encouraged to learn more about these alternatives and offer its feedback during any one of three community meetings in November.

The draft EIR is available for a 75-day public review period, now through January 6, 2014, and can be viewed online at www.LASedimentManagement.com/DevilsGate. Check the website for a list of locations where hardcopies are available for public review during regular business hours.

Public comments may be submitted at the community meetings or by January 6, 2014, via email to: reservoircleanouts@dpw.lacounty.gov, mail to: County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Attn: Water Resources Division – Reservoir Cleanouts, P.O. Box 1460 Alhambra, CA 91802-9974, or by fax to: (626) 979-5436. Include “Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal and Management Project” in the subject line and the name of a contact person.

Pet of the Week



Diamond is a three-year-old Manchester Terrier mix. He came to shelter very shy, but our staff and volunteers spend a lot of time with him so he can adjust. He enjoys being petted and loves treats.

Diamond's adoption fee is \$125, which includes his neuter surgery, a microchip, the first set of vaccinations, as well as a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. New adopters will receive complimentary health and wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information on how to care for your pet. Ask an adoptions counselor for more information during your visit.

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A341700, 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.



Museum to be Managed by USC

As a way to preserve one of Pasadena's most notable landmarks, officials from University of Southern California and the Pacific Asia Museum, announced Monday an alliance between the two that will bring new management and naming to the 1924 Chinese Qing Dynasty-inspired mansion on Los Robles Avenue.

The new name of the museum will be the USC Pacific Asia Museum.

According to a statement released by the university, Pacific Asia Museum officials approached USC in July about a partnership. Under terms of the alliance, USC will take over management of the museum.

“Since its founding, Pacific Asia Museum has advanced intercultural understanding between East and West through

the arts of Asia and the Pacific Islands,” said Elizabeth Short, trustee and chair of the museum's strategic planning committee. “Devoted staff, board members and volunteers carry out this mission through exhibitions, tours, cultural and educational events and programs for the community. All of us are excited about the affiliation with USC and look forward to this rewarding relationship, which will provide synergies in the study of Asian arts and cultures and support the museum in Pasadena.”

Pacific Asia Museum, founded in 1971 and accredited by the American Alliance of Museums in 2009, has a collection of more than 17,000 items from across Asia and the Pacific Islands, spanning more than 5,000 years. The mansion, built in the 1920s

by art dealer Grace Nicholson, is a California State Historic Landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Elizabeth Garrett, USC provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, said that the new affiliation “will support the scholarship of our current faculty and graduate students, enhance our ability to recruit future faculty and students, and complement our very strong postdoctoral scholars program in the humanities.

“This partnership also highlights USC's deep connections to the Pacific Rim,” she continued. “What better way to exhibit those ties than through the breadth and beauty of the museum's distinctive art collection.”

PCC Hires New Athletic Director

Tony Barbone has been named Pasadena City College Athletic Director in charge of the Lancers' 16 sports teams. The appointment was ratified by the PACCD Board of Trustees meeting earlier this month.

Barbone, nicknamed “Bones,” by his friends and colleagues, will begin Jan. 6. He is finishing the fall semester as El Camino College's AD. Barbone has been in charge of ECC's 21 sports teams as AD at the Torrance institution since 2009.

“We are very excited and privileged to bring Tony Barbone and his vast athletic experience at the collegiate level into our PCC family,” said PCC Senior Vice President/Assistant Superintendent of Academic & Student Affairs, Dr. Robert Bell. Dr. Bell will continue to serve his additional role as athletic director, until Barbone's PCC start date, as he has done since February of this year.

“His appointment will bring stability to the athletics department and raise the overall level of success for Pasadena City College intercollegiate sports,” Bell said.

Barbone is currently the President of the South Coast Conference (SCC), the conference in which all PCC sports participate, with the exception of football. He is also President of the Central Conference of the Southern California Football Association (SCFA) and serves on the Executive Board as the SCC representative to the CCC Athletic Directors Association.

“I've become very familiar with PCC since working at El Camino and I feel there are great possibilities in growth for the intercollegiate athletics program,” Barbone said. “I know my role is lending support and leadership to our coaches, staff, and more importantly our student-athletes. Knowing PCC's rich history in athletics and being a part of future greatness here is something I look forward to in 2014 and beyond.”

Pet Day in the Courtyard

One Colorado will once again host Pet Day in the Courtyard. Bring your furry pal to sit in Santa's lap for a special Pet Day photo session, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting Pasadena Humane Society and SPCA, Sunday, December 8, from 3:00-7:00pm.

Mayor's Holiday City Hall Tree Lighting to be Held

Join Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard light the City's Official Holiday Tree during a free, annual festive family celebration with local singers, art projects for kids and a special appearance by Santa Claus! The Mayor's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting event happens from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 5 at Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave. The Mayor will light the tree at 6 p.m.!

City Officials have it on good authority that after the tree is lit, Santa Claus promises to make a special appearance with a little help from his friends at the Pasadena Fire Department. Parents and guardians should bring their own cameras to snap a special holiday picture of Santa with your children. City Officials also have learned that some unique weather patterns may occur during the Tree Lighting and snow flurries are in the local forecast just at City Hall.

Some great live entertainment will be provided both before and after the tree lighting, including performances by Pasadena Idol 2013 winner Tori Harvey; the Blair IB Singers from Blair

High School; the After School Adventures Program Singers; the Robinson Park Tiny Tot Singers and the Old Fashion Carolers.

In addition, Pasadena's Armory Center for the Arts will be hosting special “Holiday Crafts from the Around World” for young people to do. The crafts will highlight the holiday celebrations of cultures from around the globe. A special “Santa's Village” display will also be available for viewing enjoyment.

The Pasadena Fire Department also will be collecting new, unwrapped toys from attendees able to donate a gift for needy children as part of the annual “Spark of Love” Toy Drive sponsored by the Fire Department with the local ABC television station.

Light refreshments will be served. The event is organized by the City's Human Services and Recreation Department, with help from the Mayor's Office, the Department of Public Works, Pasadena Water & Power, the Fire Department, Police Department, Pasadena Public Library and the City Manager's Office.



City hall tree lighting 2012

Baum Re-Elected as Vice President to College Board of Governors

The California Community Colleges Board of Governors re-elected Vice President Geoffrey L. Baum for the 2014 calendar term during its recent bimonthly meeting held in Sacramento. Members of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors are appointed by the Governor and serve for a one-year term. Manuel Baca was re-elected president.

Geoffrey Baum, is an outgoing member and past president of the governing board of the Pasadena Area Community College District. Baum is currently employed as managing director of the Center on Communication Leadership and Policy at the University of Southern California. He also serves as director of communications and public affairs for the Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnyslands. In addition, Baum has previously served as the



assistant dean of the Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, an executive producer at C-SPAN, and as assistant vice president of Claremont McKenna College. He holds a master's degree in journalism from the University of Southern California and a bachelor's degree in economics from Claremont McKenna College.

Baum said he is looking forward to working with the President Baca and Chancellor Harris “in continuing our system's momentum in the coming year and continuing our focus on student success. We're seeing enrollment numbers come back, intersessions being offered again and system funding stabilizing. It's up to us to keep moving forward and to continue delivering to California the best workforce possible.”

Learn How to Produce Your Own TV Show

In anticipation of Pasadena Media opening new studios at 150 S. Los Robles Ave, they are offering free television-training programs for producers. Plan to attend an orientation to discover the right classes for you. Producers' Training teaches how to produce shows for The Arroyo Channel. Studio Production/Equipment training is also offered to volunteer crewmembers. In addition, on-going training will soon be



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Wednesday Dec. 4 at 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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Thursday Dec. 5 at 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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News and Views from Joan Schmidt

A **MUST** Read for All:

MORE VISIONS OF ARCADIA: A COMMUNITY ANTHOLOGY

Ten years ago, Gary Kovacic edited a great book, Visions of Arcadia in conjunction with the City's Centennial. There was so much positive feedback and requests for another book, that Arcadia's fine Councilman once again started the lengthy process. Try to imagine reading through and editing some 145 essays, going through hundreds of photos and then deciding how to categorize the essays into chapters.

This past Sunday, a wonderful event occurred at the Good Shepherd Methodist Church in Arcadia. A special program featured authors, Gary Kovacic, Carol Libby and Elizabeth Pomeroy. Gary has lived in Arcadia since 1952. Besides serving on the City Council, he is president/CEO of the Arcadia Performing Arts Foundation, board member of Foothill Unity Center, Inc., and volunteer coach of Arcadia High School Constitution Team. Besides his editing and writing skills, Gary practices law in Los Angeles.

Carol Libby is the author of Chronicles of Arcadia and co-author of Images of America, Arcadia. Carol and her husband Hal moved to Arcadia in 1956 into Hal's parents' home which was built in 1938. Carol has been a member of the Historical Society since 1986. Her father-in-law told her many stories about early Arcadia which she found fascinating and thus wrote Chronicles of Arcadia. She did much research on articles covering a time period of 57 years and had an 11 page timeline! Carol mentioned her interest in street names and told the audience that a few were named after Lucky Baldwin's horses!

Elizabeth Pomeroy is author of Images of America, Pasadena; Lost and Found: Historic Landmarks of the San Gabriel Valley and John Muir: A Naturalist in Southern California. Elizabeth graduated from Stanford and earned her doctorate at UCLA. She has resided in Pasadena for 35 years and is on the staff at Huntington Library. One story Elizabeth shared was about the origin of the Santa Fe Depot. Lucky Baldwin sold off a portion of his land across from his ranch for the railroad to be built. At that time, there were five passenger trains and several freight trains. However, in 1940, the depot was closed. There was a great effort to save the building. It was dismantled, moved and reassembled in 1979 on the Arboretum grounds. Initially the building cost \$5000; at the time of its move, its value was \$32,000.



There are so many great essays in the book covering every topic imaginable! Of course, I loved reading Marilynn Goulard's Raising Five Children on a Farm in Arcadia (1950-60). A peahen laid some eggs and then returned to the Arboretum! Another essay that caught my eye was Why I Became Italian by Frank Perini. This wonderful man still owns and operates the Perini Barber Shop at 73 East Foothill Boulevard, Arcadia. I had a delightful visit with him yesterday after reading his story. I learned quite a lot, but I don't want to spoil it for you.

This book covers so many different aspects of life in Arcadia-its history covers an era long gone and recalls life in the old days! Not only are their memories from the old MAD (Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte) High School but essays from young adults who share their great experiences in the Arcadia School System. Of course Council Member Bob Harbicht speaks of those great morning breakfasts at Crocker's Corner and even retired Jockey, Eddie Delahoussaye speaks of his illustrious career. The book ends with An Arcadia Photo Gallery by San Gabriel Valley's great photographer, Terry Miller. Copies of More Visions of Arcadia: A Community Anthology may be purchased by either Arcadia City Hall of the Arcadia Library. I have already purchased three for my children-they make excellent Christmas gifts! Thank you so much, Council Member Gary Kovacic for this priceless book, his wife Barb for her support, patience and encouragement to Gary during the many hours spent on this project, and to the other 144 essayists! It's great reading!

HILLSIDES CHARITY DISTRIBUTES MORE THAN 100 BASKETS OF FOOD FOR NEEDY FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS

(PASADENA) Due to the generosity of four local organizations and businesses, Hillsides, a Los Angeles County charity, has collected 102 food baskets to distribute this Thanksgiving season for families in need. The bins, filled with staples such as rice, potatoes, cereal, canned vegetables and canned fruits, were donated by the Pasadena area chapter of the National Charity League (NCL), the Pasadena Lake Avenue branch of the Bank of America, and Alexandria Real Estate Equities in Pasadena.



The city of Pasadena also provided 20 turkeys and 20 bags of Thanksgiving trimmings.

"I cannot thank these four groups enough for helping out families during this holiday season," said Laura Kelso, Hillsides director of community resources. "Each basket has enough food to feed a family for 10-14 days, which will be a life-saver for those families in our community with very few resources who otherwise might go without."

This is the tenth year that the Pasadena chapter of the NCL, which fosters the mother-daughter relationship through community service, has donated Thanksgiving baskets for Hillsides. "This drive is a way our members can take our family values of caring and share them with another family," said Pasadena branch President Paula Knop.

One mom, Judy Penner, and her daughter spent an entire Sunday shopping and sorting the food. "My daughter felt really good knowing she was helping someone," said Penner. "We put together five baskets and would have done 10, but we couldn't fit any more in our car."

In other holiday events, on November 16, volunteers from the Optimist Club at Gabrielino High School in San Gabriel made Thanksgiving crafts with the children in residence at Hillsides. On Wednesday, November 27, the recreation staff of Hillsides will put on a pre-Thanksgiving Day feast on campus for the children complete with party favors and special treats.

"During this time of giving, we are so thankful for the organizations, businesses, and staff that make sure families and children are provided for during this time of the year," said Joseph M. Costa, Hillsides chief executive officer. "Hillsides helps more than 7,400 individuals a year, and such support would not be possible without the incredible generosity of our volunteers and donors."

Hillsides is a premier provider dedicated to improving the overall well-being and functioning of children, youth, and families in need. To learn more about Hillsides, please visit www.hillsides.org.

Above: Pasadena chapter National Charity League volunteers Michelle Escobar and Judy Penner drop off buckets of food to Hillsides to help needy families over the holidays.



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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AND HOLIDAY SNOW FESTIVAL!

Saturday, December 7, 2013



Get ready for the holidays and come join us for breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 7th at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007. Breakfast with Santa is \$10 per person and includes breakfast, photos with Santa (one photo ticket per child only) and holiday entertainment. There will be two options for breakfast: 8:30-9:30am (#10276) or 10:30-11:30am (#10277). Registration is underway and space is limited. You can register by walk-in, mail-in or on-line, just go to the City's website at www.ci.arcadia.ca.us under the Recreation and Community Services Department. The breakfast fills up quickly so get your registration requests in to assure your spot! For new registrants, please remember to include your proof of residency/child's birth with your forms and on-line submissions, if you have not already done so. This information is required and will delay the process if not provided.

For more information, please contact the Recreation Department at 626.574.5113.

The Holiday Snow Festival is free to the public and will also take place at the Arcadia Community Center on the same day from 9am-2pm. This event will feature holiday entertainment, crafts, trolley train rides, dual sled runs and two snow

play areas. Delicious food from the popular Grilled Cheese Truck will be available for purchase from 11:30am-1:30pm.



Santa will only be present at the Breakfast with Santa Event. Free parking is available at the Centennial Way Entrance to Santa Anita Race Track. There will be shuttle service to transport participants to and from the Community Center from 8:00am-2:15pm. In the event of rain, the Snow Festival will be held Saturday, December 14th. For more information please call 626.574.5113!



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Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, November 10th, through Saturday, November 16th, the Police Department responded to 954 calls for service of which 136 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, November 10th:

1. Around 2:37 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Camino Real Avenue and Mayflower Avenue for a broken windshield and brake light. An investigation revealed the driver had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant and was under the influence of a controlled substance. He was also in possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. The 40-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
2. At about 4:42 p.m., an officer responded to Michael Kors at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in regards to a theft report. Video surveillance revealed two female suspects and one male suspect concealed merchandise inside a used purse and exited the store without making payment. The suspects of unknown race appeared to be in their fifties.

Monday, November 11th:

3. At approximately 12:22 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 400 block of San Antonio Road regarding a residence check. The officer discovered unknown suspect(s) forced entry through a front window and ransacked the location. One shoe print was collected for evidence. A neighbor reported that an unknown subject rang her doorbell shortly before the victim's alarm sounded. The subject, described as a Black female in her twenties, asked if she had seen her lost dog. The neighbor advised she had not and closed the front door. Within two minutes, she heard the alarm sounding next door. The neighbor also recalled seeing another Black female, approximately 30-years-old, standing next to a burgundy colored sedan that was parked in front of her house.
4. Shortly after 2:00 p.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle for illegally tinted windows. The officer discovered the driver had an expired license. The 51-year-old Hispanic male was cited in the field without incident.

Tuesday, November 12th:

5. At approximately 4:10 a.m., an officer responded to the 1000 block of Arcadia Avenue regarding a recovered stolen vehicle. A parking officer noticed the vehicle was left abandoned in the roadway with the doors unlocked. The vehicle was not stripped or burned and appeared to be in fair condition. A records check revealed it was reported stolen out of Altadena by the California Highway Patrol. The vehicle was later released to its registered owner.
6. Around 5:38 p.m., an officer responded to Pavilion's, 745 West Naomi Avenue, in regards to a theft report. A male subject entered the store, selected nine bottles of wine, and left without making payment. The suspect is described as White, approximately 25-years-old, 6' tall, 170 lbs., wearing a blue long-sleeve sweater, blue jeans, and white shoes.

Wednesday, November 13th:

7. Just after 2:10 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Santa Anita Avenue and Foothill Boulevard for a broken license plate lamp. The officer discovered the passenger, a 37-year-old White male, was in possession of methamphetamine and a drug pipe. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
8. Around 11:44 p.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a mother wanting to make a report of lewd and lascivious acts against a child under fourteen years of age. An investigation revealed a 34-year-old Asian male masturbated in front of his 12-year-old daughter while watching television at home. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Thursday, November 14th:

9. At about 5:47 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the area of Colorado Boulevard and Baldwin Avenue regarding a welfare check on a male subject lying on the ground. The officer discovered the subject was under the influence of alcohol and unable to care for himself. The 42-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
10. At approximately 9:44 p.m., an officer attempted a traffic stop on two vehicles racing westbound Duarte Road near Santa Anita Avenue. The vehicles were weaving in and out of traffic with a willful and wanton disregard for safety. One vehicle yielded to the traffic stop while the other vehicle drove out of sight. The driver, a 19-year-old male of unknown race, was cited in the field without incident and his vehicle was impounded for 30 days.

Friday, November 15th:

11. Just after 8:39 a.m., an officer was patrolling Arco Gas Station, 5 West Foothill Boulevard, and discovered a vehicle with expired registration. The officer made contact with the driver, a 39-year-old Hispanic male, and discovered he had an expired license and was in possession of methamphetamine. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
12. At about 4:52 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the area of Holly Avenue and Naomi Avenue regarding a welfare check on a woman standing on the corner of the street with an infant girl. An investigation revealed the woman left her home after an argument with her husband during which she aggressively scratched him on the shoulder. She was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The infant was released to the father.

Saturday, November 16th:

13. Just after midnight, an officer responded to Eisenhower Park, 601 North Second Avenue, in reference to a group of juveniles creating a disturbance. The officer made contact with two 17-year-old Hispanic male subjects who explained they were "just hanging with friends". The officer determined the subjects were in violation of curfew and loitering in the area unaccompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Both subjects were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
14. Around 3:30 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the intersection of Baldwin Avenue and Huntington Drive regarding a stalled vehicle. As the officer approached the vehicle, he discovered a male subject was passed out in the driver's seat with his foot on the brake. While the officer placed the vehicle in park and attempted to wake up the subject, he detected a strong odor of alcohol. Once awake, the driver declined preliminary alcohol screening. The 23-year-old Chinese male was arrested for Driving Under the Influence and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

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CAROLS, CHOIRS, AND COOKIES

"Joy in This Place" will be the holiday music theme for a Carol-Sing/Cookie-Feast hosted by the Women's Association of the Arcadia Presbyterian Church. Everyone is invited to taste some wonderful home-made Christmas cookies and sing favorite carols on Sat., Dec. 4, at 3:00 p.m.

Several magnificent choirs will be featured. Tabitha Henken will direct the combined choirs of Westminster Gardens, Royal Oaks Manor, and New Hope Presbyterian Church. The 77-voice Arroyo High School Choir will be directed by Jennifer Stanley. Pianist John Brunn will accompany both groups.

Ms. Henken will open the festivities with carols played on the church's beautiful 3-manual organ. A cantata, "Joy in This Place," is the centerpiece of the choral offerings by the combined choirs. The program will conclude with everyone's joining to sing Handel's glorious "Hallelujah Chorus."

This is a marvelous opportunity to usher in the holiday season, and to fill your heart and spirit with joyful music celebrating Jesus' birth!

The Presbyterian Church is located at 121 Alice St., Arcadia. For more information, call 626-445-7470.

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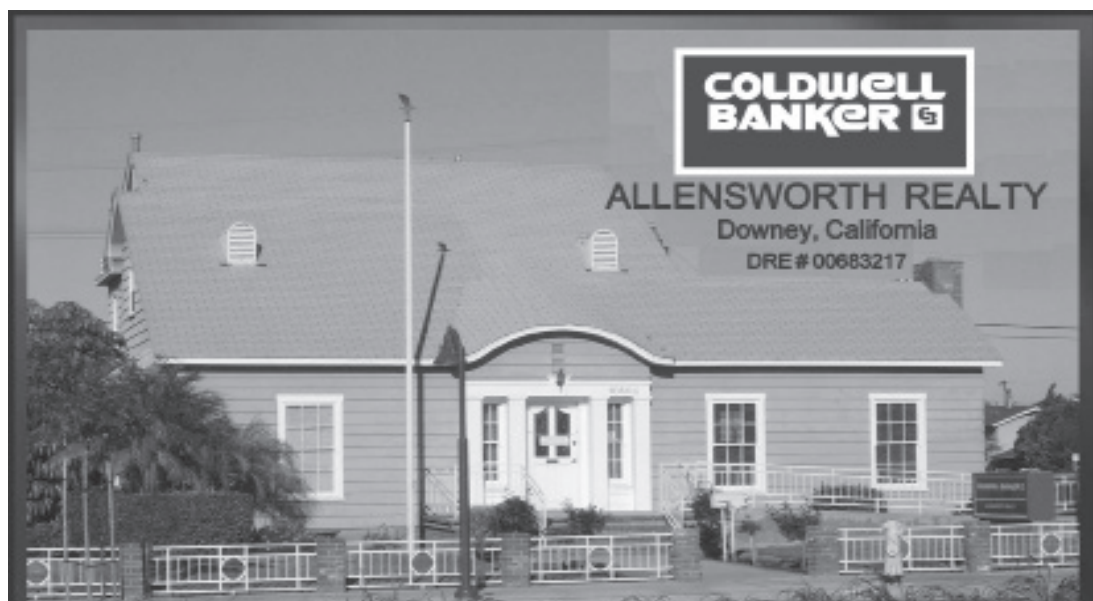
DUARTE, CA, November 20, 2013 -- City of Hope and City of Duarte have designated Saturday, Dec. 28 "Duarte Day," an opportunity for local volunteers to work on City of Hope's especially significant 2014 Tournament of Roses Parade float. The world-class biomedical research, treatment and education institution founded in 1913 in Duarte, will be officially sun setting its Centennial festivities as a participant in the 2014 Rose Parade on New Year's Day.

"Helping to decorate a Rose Parade float that will be seen and enjoyed by millions of parade viewers around the world is a fun and exciting way to kick off the new-year. Volunteering to work on the City of Hope float is a great opportunity for our Duarte residents to salute City of Hope's 100 years of life-saving work," said Deputy City Manager, Karen Herrera.

City of Hope is recognized worldwide for its compassionate patient care, innovative science and translational research, which rapidly turns laboratory breakthroughs into promising new therapies. The theme of City of Hope's 2014 Rose Parade float, "Turning Hope & Dreams into Reality," depicts the Wishing Trees that line the entrance to the medical center where patients, visitors and supporters can make a wish or honor a loved one. The float is being built by Phoenix Decorating Co.

The decoration site for the City of Hope's float is Rosemont Pavilion, 700 Seco St., in Pasadena. Volunteers must be at least 13 years of age or over. Opportunities are available for 80 volunteers who will be split into two work shifts of 40 persons each. The first shift will work from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The second shift from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. Duarte Day volunteers will receive a t-shirt and commemorative City of Hope lapel pin. For details about volunteering and to register go to www.cityofhopeparadefloat.eventbrite.com and select a shift during Duarte Decorating Day.

For those who would like to support City of Hope's float decorating efforts, but are unable to volunteer, there is another way to help. Add a wish to the Wishing Trees to make dreams come true and help save lives. Virtual wishes can be purchased for \$25. With a \$125 donation, wishes will be placed on the float. Wishes can be purchased at www.cityofhope.org/floatwishes.



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Highlighted Activity for the Weekdays of November 18-20, 2013

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Robbery

November 18 at 3:40 p.m., a robbery occurred in the 1100 block of South Myrtle. The victim was walking south on Myrtle with his cell phone in his hand and his head down. The suspect walked past the victim, grabbed the victim's phone out of his hand and ran north on Myrtle. The victim chased after the suspect, but when the suspect verbally threatened to beat him up, he stopped. The suspect is described as an African American male, 20 to 30 years old, short hair cut, a goatee, approximately 6 feet tall, average build, wearing a green hooded sweatshirt with yellow writing and possibly matching green sweat pants. Investigation continuing.

Public Intoxication – Suspect Arrested

November 19 at 3:40 a.m., dispatch received a call reporting a subject having difficulty parking a vehicle on the street in the 500 block of East Walnut. The caller stated that the person possibly struck a parked vehicle and drove up on the curb. The driver got out of the vehicle and walked away. When officers arrived, they saw the parked vehicle with recent collision damage. There were no other vehicles in the area that appeared to have damage caused by this vehicle. As officers were taking pictures of the vehicle, the owner of the vehicle exited his residence. The subject had a laceration over his left eye. The subject started cursing at officers and displayed signs of intoxication. There were no witnesses that could identify the suspect as the driver, and the vehicle was legally parked. Officers took pictures of the vehicle and the suspect was arrested for being drunk in public.

Burglary / Possession of Burglary Tools / Grand Theft – Suspect Arrested

November 19 at 10:46 p.m., a female subject entered a business in the 500 block of West Huntington and selected several items of clothing and merchandise. She entered the changing room, where she stayed for two hours. When she exited the changing room, loss prevention personnel discovered several metal clothing sensors cut into pieces. The suspect exited the store and walked to a fast food restaurant, where she entered the bathroom. Officers arrived and when the suspect exited the bathroom, she was detained. The wire cutters used to cut off the metal sensors were found in the bathroom, and the suspect was in possession of the stolen property. The suspect was arrested.

Residential Burglary

November 20 at 6:58 p.m., police dispatch received a call from an alarm company reporting that the residential burglary alarm had activated at a residence in the 300 block of North Madison Avenue. Officers responded and discovered a shattered rear sliding-glass door. A search team entered and cleared the residence; no suspects were located inside. The homeowner was contacted and indicated he was out of town. The investigation is continuing.

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Save the Date!

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING & HOLIDAY PARADE

Thursday, December 5

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

Tree Lighting begins at 6:00 p.m. in Library Park

HOLIDAY PARADE

"An Old Town Holiday" begins at 7:00 p.m. on Myrtle Avenue in Old Town Monrovia

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HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT



the Cambridge Institute of International Education, brought an enlightening program to the Duarte Kiwanis Club. The Cambridge Institute partners with Green Planet to identify families that want to host and international student for a school year. Host families, in general, commit to hosting a visiting student for 10 months. Hosting provides an amazing opportunity learn about cultural diversity and to show an international student what American life is all about. Additionally, Green Planet provides 24/7 support for bilingual support and counseling. With our modern technology – students are interviewed by prospective schools via Skype. They are provided with two family profiles to choose from and then the match takes place. A monthly stipend is provided to the host family as well. Pictured from left, speaker, Chor Mour, Residential Manager from The Cambridge Institute of International Education and Duarte Kiwanis Club President, Pam Kawaski. The Duarte Kiwanis Club has lunch meetings the first, third and fifth Tuesdays of the month at Westminster Gardens. For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com.

NOVEMBER IS SCIENCE MONTH AT MONROVIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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November 5 - Great Scott, the Glad Scientist

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November 12 - Sizes of Things

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November 19 - Animals 101

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November 26 - Hand's On Science

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BETHANY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S ADVENTURE CLUB



On Thursday, November 14th, The Bethany Christian School Student Council led an Adventure Club outing to Chantry Flats Recreation Area in nearby Arcadia. In addition to hiking to Sturtevant Falls, which was merely a trickle this time of year, the group roasted hot dogs, marshmallows, and coordinated a trash pick-up project to leave the area a little better than when they arrived.

The hot weather allowed the students to really take advantage of the water at Sturtevant Falls. Students quickly shed their shoes and socks upon arrival and headed straight for the waterfall. Heads were dipped, newts were found, and rocks were climbed by all.

six through eight, participated in the event. Mr. Kloostra, the Dean of Students and middle school history teacher at BCS, directed the event with his wife, Mrs. Kloostra, who happens to be the Kindergarten teacher at Bethany. Mr. Kloostra's parents, educators from Michigan with over 65 years of combined experience, also joined in on the fun. Mrs. Ambrose, the much-loved sixth grade teacher, brought plenty of laughter and love for everyone.

The Adventure Club hike to Chantry Flats is a yearly event designed to encourage kids to get to know their local parks and enjoy the beautiful world around them. For more information about Bethany Christian School please check out their blog www.bcsliions.org

LA SALLE'S CAROLINE KNOP SIGNS NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN FOR VOLLEYBALL

Photo and story by John Blackstock



Pasadena, CA - On Wednesday, November 13, Caroline Knop, (above with parents and sister) signed a National Letter of Intent to Michigan University for a full athletic scholarship. Caroline, or "CK" as she is known, will earn 16 Varsity letters in her athletic career at La Salle while playing four varsity sports each year; Volleyball, Golf, Basketball, and Softball. Arguably, she is La Salle High School's best female student-athlete in its 57-year history.

CK was the 11-12 and 12-13 Female Athlete of the Year and was selected to the first or second All-League team in all four sports every year at La Salle.

She has been a standout contributor on the volleyball team that captured its fourth straight Del Rey League championship. She was a key member of the school's first-ever CIF Volleyball title in Division IA last season.

Her Volleyball Accolades include:

First Team All-League, First Team All CIF Division IA.

Max Preps First Team All-State.

San Gabriel Valley Newspapers All-Area First Team.

Del Rey League MVP 2013.

Participated in the San Gabriel Valley Public vs. Private All-Star Game.

In addition to her rigorous athletic schedule CK maintained a 3.8 GPA. She also serves as a Student Ambassador and is a co-chair of the Student Life Rally Committee.

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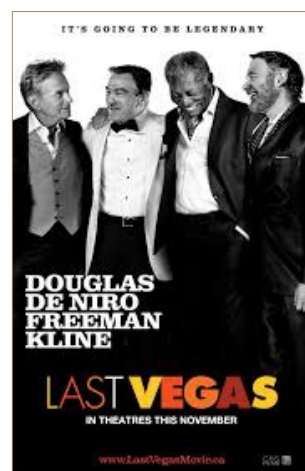
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THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show
LAST VEGAS

There were only two things that I knew about this movie before I saw it. One of them was that four famous actors were cast as the lead roles: Robert de Niro, Michael Douglas, Morgan Freeman, and Kevin Kline. The other things I knew was that this was a comedy about them going to Vegas.

Once friends in childhood, Paddy (Robert de Niro), Billy (Michael Douglas), Archie (Morgan Freeman), and Sam (Kevin Kline) had drifted apart as they grew older. However, when Billy enlists Archie and Sam to get Paddy to come with them on a bachelor party in Vegas, their lives make a massive turn-

around as the city of gambling, parties, and alcohol takes them on a wild ride.

While I initially thought this was just another comedy for an older audience, I soon discovered that it much more. Yes, Last Vegas has an older cast, but that does not mean it is meant for older people. This movie takes the topic marriage and turns it into a comedy that both younger and older can thoroughly enjoy.



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Most restaurants are closed on Thanksgiving. For some reason many Chinese if not all Chinese Restaurants stay open on this special day. For your convenience I have compiled a list of area restaurants worth checking out if you decide to dine out on Thanksgiving.

Most people have Thanksgiving dinner with family in a home setting, but 10% of Americans will dine at a restaurant for the holiday. If you're on vacation in the area over the holiday, you may have no other choice. Here are some great places for a memorable Thanksgiving dinner in and around Pasadena.

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
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Black Angus Monrovia

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Traditional Thanksgiving Feast with all the fixings \$20 Range

The Langham Pasadena

1401 S. Oak Knoll Ave (626) 585-6218

Enjoy an indulgent Thanksgiving brunch including champagne and live entertainment in the Huntington Ballroom from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., priced at \$95 per person and \$35 per child under 12-years-old.

Buca Di Beppo Pasadena

80 W. Green St. (626) 792-7272

Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner plus Italian Dishes

Gyu KaKu Pasadena

70 W. Green St. (626) 405-4842

All you can eat for \$25 per person

Il Fornaio Pasadena

24 W. Union St. (626) 683-9797

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Ruth Chris Pasadena

369 E. Colorado Blvd. (626) 583-8122

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Shaker's

601 Fair Oaks Ave South Pasadena

(626) 799-9168

Open for Breakfast at 8 AM to 2 PM Turkey Dinner Special

Beckham Grill

77 W. Walnut St. Pasadena (626) 796-3399

Prefix Menu 6 items to choose from \$30 Range

Mc Cormick Schmick's

111 N. Los Robles Pasadena (626) 405-0064

Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings

Also Open: Lucky Baldwin's - Beer Only after 5 PM, Panda Inn on Foothill, Fu Shing on Colorado, Mimi's Café Arcadia, Claim Jumper Monrovia

Happy Thanksgiving! Call ahead to confirm restaurants policy and availability.
Email me at thechefknows@yahoo.com if I missed your favorite.

**INGREDIENTS:**

2 cups butter
1/4 cup onion juice
1/4 cup garlic juice
1/4 cup Louisiana-style hot sauce
1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
2 tablespoons ground black pepper
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
7 fluid ounces beer
3 gallons peanut oil for frying, or as needed
1 (12 pound) whole turkey, neck and giblets removed

DIRECTIONS:

1. Melt the butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion juice, garlic juice, hot sauce, Worcestershire sauce, black pepper, cayenne pepper and beer. Mix until well blended.
2. Use a marinade injecting syringe or turkey baster with an injector tip to inject the marinade all over the turkey including the legs, back, wings, thighs and breasts. Place in a large plastic bag and marinate overnight in the refrigerator. Do not use a kitchen trash bag. If your turkey is large, you can use an oven bag.
3. When it's time to fry, measure the amount of oil needed by lowering the turkey into the fryer and filling with enough oil to cover it. Remove the turkey and set aside.
4. Heat the oil to 365 degrees F (185 degrees C). When the oil has come to temperature, lower the turkey into the hot oil slowly using the hanging device that comes with turkey deep-fryers. The turkey should be completely submerged in the oil. Cook for 36 minutes, or 3 minutes per pound of turkey. The turkey is done when the temperature in the thickest part of the thigh reaches 180 degrees F (80 degrees C). Turn off the flame and slowly remove from the oil, making sure all of the oil drains out of the cavity. Allow to rest on a serving platter for about 20 minutes before carving.

DEEP FRYING A TURKEY: WHAT DO TO WITH USED OIL + FIRE SAFETY

Do you deep fry your turkey? Before deep-frying your turkey, read these safety tips from the U.S. Fire Administration:

Use turkey fryers outdoors a safe distance from buildings and any other combustible materials. Never use turkey fryers in a garage or on a wooden deck. Make sure fryers are used on a flat surface to reduce accidental tipping. Never leave the fryer unattended. Most units do not have thermostat controls. If you do not watch the fryer carefully, the oil will continue to heat until it catches fire. Never let children or pets near the fryer, even if it is not in use. The oil inside the cooking pot can remain dangerously hot hours after use. To avoid oil spillover, do not overfill the fryer. Use well-insulated potholders or oven mitts when touching pot or lid handles. If possible, wear safety goggles to protect your eyes from oil splatter. Make sure the turkey is completely thawed, and be careful with marinades. Oil and water do not mix; water causes oil to spill over, causing a fire or even [becoming] an explosion hazard. The National Turkey Federation recommends thawing the turkey in the refrigerator approximately 24 hours for every five pounds in weight. Keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby. Never use water to extinguish a grease fire. If the fire is manageable, use your all-purpose fire extinguisher. If the fire increases, immediately call the fire department for help. Remember, cooking oil doesn't go down the drain. Recycle your used cooking oil by calling the following disposal companies listed here. You can also call around to local restaurants, who may accept used cooking oil.



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RICH Johnson

HOLIDAY EVENT EXCUSES

Well, here we are smack dab in the middle of the fall holiday corridor. Thanksgiving and Christmas loom just around the corner.

Most people have a wonderful time celebrating these holidays with family and friends. Many, however, do not. And it's to the latter crowd I focus on. For they are in desperate need of creative excuses in avoiding social gathering invitations.

I would like to thank two New Yorkers, Andrew Frothingham and Tripp Evans for publishing "Creative Excuses for Every Occasion." You might add a copy of this book to your Christmas list as you will find it indispensable in managing your social calendar. Our authors breakdown the excuses into three types: Old standards, more creative, and blame the dog. So let us get on with it.

You show up late for an event.

Old Standards: "My watch stopped." "I got lost." "The traffic was horrible."

More Creative: "I'm late, I'm taking Prozac, who cares?" "You know, in many cultures being late is a sign of great respect."

You bring uninvited guests.

Old Standards: "They showed up at the last minute. I hope you don't mind." "I tried to call but your line was busy."

More Creative: "I thought you knew. We don't go anywhere without our body guards." "They're writing a book about our lives and they go everywhere with us."

You come underdressed.

Old Standards: "I had to come right from work." "With the holidays I haven't had time to do the laundry."

More Creative: "I read somewhere being well-dressed greatly increases your chances of being kidnapped." "I was robbed. The thief ran off with all my good clothes."

You don't want to attend an event you had accepted.

Old Standards: "I wrote down the wrong date." "My car broke down and I couldn't make it."

More Creative: "You mean the party was this year?" "It was one of those stay-at-home-for-once-or-get-a-divorce things."

Declining or breaking a date.

Old Standards: "I think I'm coming down with something." "Not tonight. I have to stay at home and wash my hair."

More Creative: "I have to get permission from my psychiatrist first." "I can't. I'm still on probation after what happened to my last date."

This one is specifically for guys. Leaving the toilet seat up.

Old Standards: "I don't put it down at my house and I guess I forgot." "It wouldn't stay up."

More Creative: "I went to an all boys school and it was never an issue there." "In my native country we don't even have toilet seats." "Would you rather I left it down?"

Blame the Dog: "It's easier for the dog to get a drink when the seat's up."

A little self-promotion. My bandmates and me, aka "JJ Jukebox", are playing at Corfu Restaurant on Saturday night, December 14 from 6:30 - 8:30. Corfu is at 48 W. Sierra Madre Blvd in Sierra Madre. If you like 60s-70s songs like "Love Potion Number Nine" and "Spooky", among others call (626) 355-5993 and make a reservation. Come have dinner and enjoy some "fun rock".

And please don't forget the Barry Rich and Lisa Radio show. We're on the internet at iHeart.com, Speaker.com, Villagevine.org and our own website, Barryrichlisa.com.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: *Over the years, we have shared with you favorite recipes submitted by contributors, their families, supporters and well wishers. We hope you will try at least one recipe. They are really, really good!*

Mary Lee's (Dean Lee's Mother)

Sausage Appetizers

Also makes great sandwiches the next day !

Ingredients

Refrigerated dinner rolls (10 in a tube)
Farmer John sausage links (cut in half or thirds)
butter on top

Directions:

Take rolls and flatten separately with hand or rolling pin
Put link in half of flat dinner roll
(if using thirds spread sausage to cover roll)
Fold over and seal edges by pinching
Put 10 in ungreased cake pan
Bake 350 degrees/20 minutes until top is golden brown

Enjoy

Richard Garcia's

Cranberry-Pomegranate Sauce

1 1/2 pounds fresh or frozen cranberries (6 cups)
2 cups sugar
1 cup pomegranate juice
2 cups fresh pomegranate seeds

Directions

In a medium saucepan, combine the cranberries with the sugar and pomegranate juice. Bring to a simmer and cook over moderate heat, stirring occasionally, until most of the cranberries have burst, about 10 minutes. Scrape the cranberry sauce into a medium bowl and let stand until cool, about 2 hours. Fold in the pomegranate seeds and serve the sauce chilled or at room temperature.

Pat Ostrye's Non-Recipe Turkey(The Best)

My recipe would be that my husband always fixed the turkey. I really don't know how it began but, even when we had turkey a lot through the years, he always fixed it. So when he died 21 years ago, the men in the family thought I didn't know how to do it, which was fine with me. So, for this Thanksgiving, the family is going to Martin's in Arcadia. He is the youngest who was 27 when his dad died in October of '88. A few days before Thanksgiving that year he called to say he had the turkey but where should he fix it since he had a small apt in Arcadia at that time. Two of his sisters helped him do it and they brought it all to my sister-in-law's because I was living in Escondido yet, moving back to the area the first of that year. That Christmas, the oldest son took care of it, buying and fixing 2 turkeys. As long as the family doesn't run out of men, we have it made.

Dixie Countant's Easy Anti-marshmallow Yams

For those of us who don't like marshmallow on our yams, here's the family recipe for Candied Yams.

Ingredients:

Yams or sweet potatoes Butter Light Brown Sugar

Buy as many yams as you need depending on how many people are coming to dinner. I plan two medallions per person if I'm doing a full-blown dinner with all the trimmings.

Wash and slice yams (or sweet potatoes) into one-inch medallions. Steam medallions until barely done. (Not too soft) Skin the medallions by gently cutting the skin and lifting - it will almost fall off.

Arrange medallions in baking dish. (They can touch, but don't stack them) Put a small pat (aprox 1/4 tsp of butter on top of each medallion. Sprinkle light brown sugar over medallions. Cover and bake in 350 oven for 1/2 to 1 hour.

Happy Thanksgiving

Good Eats Roast Turkey



Recipe courtesy Alton Brown

Prep Time: 15 min

Inactive Prep Time: 7 hr 0 min

Cook Time: 2 hr 30 min

Level: Easy

Serves: 10 to 12 servings

INGREDIENTS

1 (14 to 16 pound) frozen young turkey
For the brine:
1 cup kosher salt
1/2 cup light brown sugar
1 gallon vegetable stock
1 tablespoon black peppercorns
1 1/2 teaspoons allspice berries
1 1/2 teaspoons chopped candied ginger
1 gallon heavily iced water

For the aromatics:

1 red apple, sliced
1/2 onion, sliced
1 cinnamon stick
1 cup water
4 sprigs rosemary
6 leaves sage
Canola oil

DIRECTIONS

2 to 3 days before roasting:

Begin thawing the turkey in the refrigerator or in a cooler kept at 38 degrees F.

Combine the vegetable stock, salt, brown sugar, peppercorns, allspice berries, and candied ginger in a large stockpot over medium-high heat. Stir occasionally to dissolve solids and bring to a boil. Then remove the brine from the heat, cool to room temperature, and refrigerate.

Early on the day or the night before you'd like to eat:

Combine the brine, water and ice in the 5-gallon bucket. Place the thawed turkey (with innards removed) breast side down in brine. If necessary, weigh down the bird to ensure it is fully immersed, cover, and refrigerate or set in cool area for 8 to 16 hours, turning the bird once half way through brining. Preheat the oven to 500 degrees F. Remove the bird from brine and rinse inside and out with cold water. Discard the brine. Place the bird on roasting rack inside a half sheet pan and pat dry with paper towels.

Combine the apple, onion, cinnamon stick, and 1 cup of water in a microwave safe dish and microwave on high for 5 minutes. Add steeped aromatics to the turkey's cavity along with the rosemary and sage. Tuck the wings underneath the bird and coat the skin liberally with canola oil.

Roast the turkey on lowest level of the oven at 500 degrees F for 30 minutes. Insert a probe thermometer into thickest part of the breast and reduce the oven temperature to 350 degrees F. Set the thermometer alarm (if available) to 161 degrees F. A 14 to 16 pound bird should require a total of 2 to 2 1/2 hours of roasting. Let the turkey rest, loosely covered with foil or a large mixing bowl for 15 minutes before carving.

Tips For Preparing a Thanksgiving Turkey

For home cooks, preparing a Thanksgiving turkey is a rite of passage. Not only do snafu opportunities abound, but there is added pressure on the holiday to prepare and serve a perfect meal for family and guests.

Whether you're a seasoned Thanksgiving chef, or a newbie in the kitchen, these tips can help eliminate the stress associated with prepping your meal's centerpiece:

Prepare Ahead

It's hard to perfect a turkey when you've got endless side dishes to worry over simultaneously, so accept guests' offers to bring some favorites. Assemble accompaniments to your meal in advance, especially sauces and dips, which actually improve in flavor over time.

Remember, you only have so much space in an oven, so schedule cooking accordingly to ensure everything is ready at mealtime.

Talk Turkey

You may not have aced home economics when you were in school, but the folks at the Turkey Talk hotline are experts in the field. You can get most turkey conundrums solved by giving them a call at 1-800-BUTTERBALL, or by emailing them at talkline@butterball.com.

Work Smart

Maintaining your knives streamlines kitchen operations, especially the formidable task of carving your Thanksgiving turkey. But knife sharpening doesn't need to be daunting. In fact, every home cook should get comfortable doing this regularly. With the right tools, your knives will last longer, and be safer and more efficient.

Generally, you should hone or polish knife edges after each use and sharpen knives regularly with a high-quality sharpener. Look for a sharpener that offers diversity. For example, Edgeware's adjustable knife sharpeners include coarse and fine sharpening slots for dull and damaged knives and regular maintenance respectively, and are ideal for sharpening a variety of knives from straight edge blades to serrated. For how-to videos and other tips on restoring your knives to their original factory angle, visit www.edgewareproducts.com.

When preparing the Thanksgiving meal, make sure your knives are sharp in the kitchen and to sharpen any knives that will be used to carve your bird at the table. Do this before setting the table so you won't forget.

Getting it Right

The general wisdom is to allot 1 to 1 1/2 pounds of turkey per person. Just be sure your turkey is big enough to provide you with leftovers! There's nothing more satisfying than a turkey sandwich for lunch the day after Thanksgiving.

Ready your bird for the oven by following the National Turkey Federation guideline on thawing: for every 4 1/2 pounds of frozen turkey, thaw for 24-hours in the refrigerator.

You don't need to be Julia Child to master the art of turkeys. By maintaining your kitchen

Mary's Confetti Stuffed Mushrooms

Thanksgiving Potluck Vegan-style Mushrooms

1-1/2	#	Mushrooms, Brown or Cremini: Separate into caps & stems.
1/3	cup	Celery, 1/8" dice
1/3	cup	Carrots, 1/8" dice
1/3	cup	Baby Bell Peppers - Yellow, Orange, Red - 1/8"
1-1/2	Tbsp	Extra Virgin Olive Oil
3/4	cup	Vegetable Broth, divided
1/4	cup	Apricot, Peach, Orange or Blackberry Brandy
3/4	tsp	Lindberg Porterhouse & Roast Seasoning (from Taylor's)
1	cup	Parsley, Finely Chopped
2	Tbsp	Lemon juice (fresh)
1	cup	Bread Crumbs - slightly dry
1/4	cup	Pecorino-Romano Crumbled Cheese

Clean Mushrooms. Remove Stems, set caps in lightly greased baking pan with holes up.

Dice mushroom stems into 1/8" bits.. You should have 2 cups diced mushroom stems. If not enough, add more mushrooms (if you have them) to make 2 cups.

Put olive oil & 1/2 cup broth in sauté pan, turn heat to medium. Add Seasoning. Add celery and carrots. Layer with diced mushrooms, then diced peppers. Cover and cook slowly about 5 minutes, stirring once to ensure mushrooms and peppers get mixed with broth.

Add Parsley. Simmer another 5 minutes. Taste and add more seasoning if needed. Remember - adding breadcrumbs will soften flavor intensity.

Drain broth from sauté pan into cup.

Add remaining broth with brandy and lemon juice to mushrooms, and return to heat until broth boils. Drain this liquid also into the cup. Reserve.

Add breadcrumbs and grated cheese to drained mushrooms. Mix well. If very dry, add 1 - 2 tablespoons of reserved broth.

Stuff mushroom caps. Place neatly in greased table-ready stove top / baking dish. Carefully spoon some of the reserved broth into the dish;

Simmer gently for 5 minutes ... Add more mushrooms as the others shrink. Simmer another 5 minutes & repeat. When adding the last mushrooms, drizzle any remaining broth lightly over all the mushrooms' stuffing for the final cooking.

Remove from heat and let cool. Serve room temperature. Or chill, and reheat just before serving. More fun to stuff the mushrooms with someone else - for sociability - after all, thanksgiving and social are what it's all about.



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Paul Nieby's CORN BREAD DRESSING

Ingredients:

2 - 6 oz. bags Mrs. Cubbison's Seasoned Cornbread Stuffing Mix
1 cup chopped, raw white onions
1 cup chopped raw celery
10 dried apricots cut into pieces
4 oz. Walnuts (they can be bought in a bag of about that size
6-8 oz. Sausage, sauteed brown, defatted & crumbled. (Jimmy Dean brand sage flavored is good
2 cups heated Chicken Broth
4 tbsp. butter melted in with 1 cup of the chicken broth

Directions:

Toss the vegetables and stuffing mix in a bowl. Add 1 cup of the heated broth with the melted butter and toss again. Load lightly in a greased covered casserole and bake for 45 minutes in a 350 degree oven. Half way through, pour the additional cup of chicken broth over the dressing.

This recipe is modified from the one that appears on the Cubbison pack by the addition of the sausage, apricot, and walnuts. The additional broth added half-way through the baking, makes the dressing moist enough but still light and discreet.

Also from Paul Nieby: CREAMED PEARL ONIONS

Ingredients:

Onions, small pearl as needed
Milk, butter, flour, Worcestshire Sauce, Cayenne, Salt & Pepper

Directions:

Trim the bottoms of the onions but otherwise leave them unpeeled. Drop into boiling water for 3-5 minutes. Drain and peel when cool. Reserve the onion water.

Make a medium white sauce (2/2/1) using half milk and half onion water. You may make a Mornay Sauce by adding shredded cheddar if desired. Flavor with Worcestshire, Cayenne and salt and pepper. The sauce should be fairly thick as the cooking onions will add liquor.

Pour the sauce over the onions in a casserole and bake covered in a medium oven for 30-40 minutes.

THE JOY OF YOGA ON THE PATH



There's a part in each one of us that we wish would come through and be seen. It could be a quality that we want more of, say patience or ambition. We could see this quality in others and long for more of that in ourselves. We know we are capable of it, but we need to develop and uncover it. Here is an instance when Yoga can help.

Whether we are just starting out with our yoga practice or been practicing a while, the process still works the same way. We gain awareness through the physical asana practice, which leads to mental clarity and ultimately, self knowledge. It's with this knowledge and awareness that we can then get clear on what we want and do not want. After we move through any sticky areas, new attributes may be exposed. Further, we can better determine where and to whom we want to give our energy.

Once the journey has begun, we have a responsibility to continue. What was once hard seems easy. We must deepen and explore, seeking out what makes us happy, what we love, or ask when do we feel the most free? In yoga, we do this not only through our asana practice, but meditation, mantra, and pranayama may come in to play when it's time.

Each student, or yogi progresses at their own pace. We can only handle so much "knowledge" at any one time. We must have fun too. And of course, there's always the pull to stay with what we know or what is comfortable. But, we just cannot ignore the quiet voice inside. That part in each one of us longing to be recognized and brought to the surface. With that, I hope to see you in class.

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Reversing fatigue with nutrition is the way to go. There are many, many causes! In fact, if you are stressed and fatigued it is hard to figure out which one is causing the other because stress can cause you to feel fatigued and fatigue can cause you stress. The food you choose may be a cause of your fatigue.

In a culture like ours where multitasking is a must, we find ourselves running on fast forward most of the time. This behavior can give your adrenals quite a workout. Your adrenal glands or "adrenals" as we refer to them, are small endocrine glands that sit at the top of the kidneys. They are chiefly responsible for releasing hormones in response to stress. You may be familiar with hearing them referred to as "fight or flight" hormones. Among other things, your adrenals are very important for a healthy immune system. They are necessary for proper thyroid function, balancing your hormones, maintaining a healthy weight, stabilizing emotions, and controlling food cravings. They are pretty much the regulators of your body, and when your adrenals are fatigued, they may be the key to solving many of your unexplained health challenges. The best way to improve energy and health is by focusing on what Hippocrates said many years ago, "Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food." There are a few different organs in the body that are in charge of your energy levels. If they are malnourished, they need to be aided with whole food nutrition. Be smart about your health. You can feed your body and remove toxins to improve health or you can suppress symptoms with medications. When our body has symptoms it is trying to tell us something...we need to listen.

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IS YOUR CHILD ON TRACK TO MEET DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES?

(StatePoint) It is natural for parents to be curious about how their children are developing mentally, emotionally and physically. And it's even natural for parents to experience some apprehension about what is "normal." But experts say that by better understanding your child, you can put the anxieties aside and help guide your children through each age and stage.

"Each child grows at a different pace," advises Dr. Lise Eliot, an early childhood mental development expert. "There are few hard and fast deadlines when it comes to a child's milestones."

To ease parents' concerns, Dr. Eliot worked with VTech, a world leader in age-appropriate and developmental stage-based electronic learning products for children, to create a set of Developmental Milestones. These milestones can be used as a guideline to help parents better understand a child's development and determine which toys and games are appropriate for that stage. Here are three areas of development to consider:

Language and Cognition

Language immersion is absolutely key to children's cognitive and emotional development. Children use words to express themselves, but also to learn about the people and world around them. Research has proven that early, two-way conversations with babies and young children are critical to speech and later reading development.

"Look for interactive toys and books to expand your child's vocabulary and awareness of letter sounds," says Eliot.

At the same time, children learn important concepts through non-verbal play, like building and sorting, and so the combination of verbal and spatial play is very powerful to children's overall development.

Social Development

Relationships are at the core of all human learning. Babies look to their parents' emotions and facial expressions to first learn about the world, and children continue to depend completely on other people to learn language and the rules of social engagement. Peers are an equally important part of the social equation.

"The fact is, we are a highly social species and the better children learn to read other people's feelings and desires the easier time they will have learning and befriending others," says Eliot.

Physical and Motor Skills

Children learn through play. And as every exhausted parent knows, their play is extremely physical. Whether it is learning to crawl, run, or build a toy tower, young children are constantly exercising their gross and fine motor skills, honing brain pathways for smooth, purposeful movement.

"The more opportunity children have for physical exertion and exploration, the better for the development of both their minds and bodies," says Eliot.

For a detailed milestones guideline, sorted by age group and area of development, along with other free parenting resources, visit www.vtechkids.com/milestones.

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by Chris Leclerc



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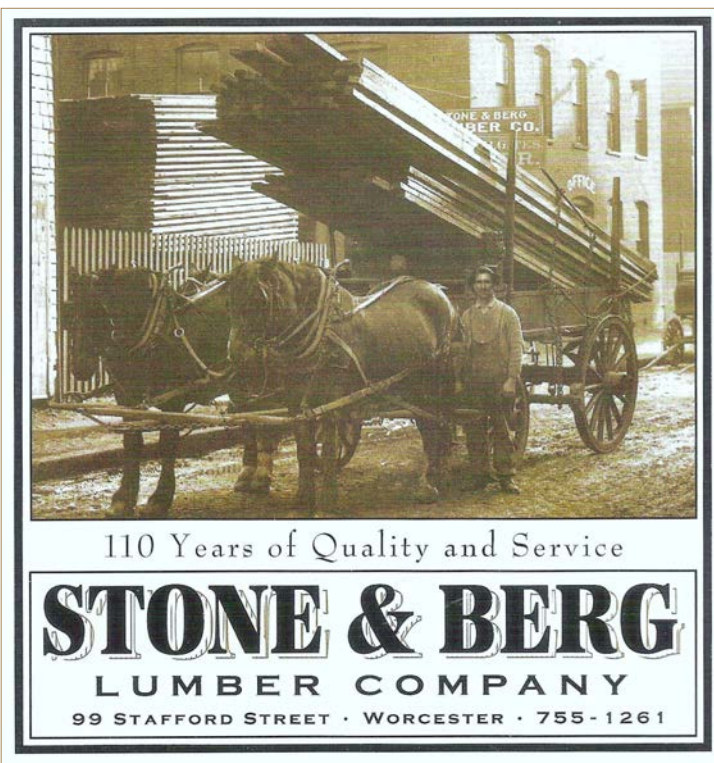
My dear Auntie Evelyn turned 100 years old this past week, and believe me when I say that you would never know it if I hadn't told you. She is remarkably healthy for her age, she has a steel-trap memory and she is as sharp as a tack! My mother's sister, Evelyn Swallow, was born the eldest of three children in Worcester, Massachusetts in November of 1913. She spent most of her younger years growing up during the Great Depression, which as we all know was a rather difficult time in American history. On the other hand, it was a time that seems purely ethereal to me, at least from the way my Aunt Evelyn describes it. She always gets excited and quite chatty when she shares her childhood memories, and I truly enjoy hearing them. I do my best to document the details of her stories in my journal, and I treasure her memories as if they were my own.

In one of my conversations with Aunt Evelyn a couple of years ago, she recounted a very vivid recollection of times when she would accompany her uncle on a horse-drawn carriage, while he made his lumber deliveries from one area of Worcester to another. Evelyn, who was about 10 years old at the time, would wait by the road side after school had let out, knowing that Uncle Carl would soon pass by in a carriage pulled by two horses towing a load of lumber. She would ride along with him on his deliveries until it was time for her to go home and time for Uncle Carl to take the horses back to the barn.

Even as a young child, Aunt Evelyn was an avid animal lover who was fortunate enough to have had pets of her own. Her face lights up every time she reflects on her memories of showing appreciation and affection to the two work horses that pulled the lumber truck Uncle Carl drove. She delights in remembering the fact that she made sure each horse got a carrot and a friendly pat on the nose before she was hoisted up and assumed her position in the seat next to Carl, then off they would go.

Among the many specific details that my aunt remembers about this experience, I was most amazed by the fact that she recalled the name of the company Uncle Carl worked for at the time. It was Stone & Berg Lumber Company of Worcester, Massachusetts. Equally amazing is the fact that Auntie even remembered the names of the two horses that hauled that loaded lumber cart! Their names were "Ned" & "Prince".

The day after Aunt Evelyn shared this fascinating story with me, I decided to do a little research on Stone & Berg Lumber Company, just to see if there was any history on the internet that I could connect to Auntie's childhood memory. Well, I am happy to say that my Google search rendered way more than I had expected to find. First of all, I was shocked to discover that Stone & Berg Company is still in business! Of course they no longer deliver lumber via horse-drawn carriages, but they are still thriving as a building supply company in Worcester. I called the phone number provided on their website, and I was directed to the current owner of the company, whose name just happens to be Jennie Berg!



Jennie was very cordial and kind enough to take the time to listen to my story about how my Aunt Evelyn remembered having been on several Stone & Berg lumber delivery excursions back in the mid 1920's. Needless to say, Jennie was as pleased as I was with the fact that Evelyn still had such clear memories about the early days of the Berg family's business, including such specific details as the names of the two horses that pulled the delivery carts. Jennie confirmed that my aunt's memories were perfectly consistent with what she knows about the history of their company, and amazingly accurate down to the last detail. She was as pleased as I was to know that my Auntie was able to retain and share her memories of having been there 90 years ago when the Berg family business was still in the hands of her grandfather.

Soon after our somewhat lengthy phone conversation, Jennie was thoughtful enough to send me a package of Stone & Berg Lumber Company memorabilia items, most important of which was a photograph of the two horses my Auntie Evelyn remembered, Ned and Prince, harnessed and hitched to a fully loaded lumber cart parked in front of the Stone & Berg building, with a gentleman standing beside. I forwarded the photograph to my Auntie Evelyn, and after comparing the face of the man in the Stone & Berg picture to a family photo taken around the same time, they were both confident in confirming that the man standing next to the hitched horses in the photo was indeed my great uncle Carl Woods!

I can't begin to describe how happy it made me to be able to bring my dear old Aunt Evelyn's childhood memory to life and full circle at her ripe old age of 100 years. All it took was a listening ear and a little research on my part, along with a good bit of random kindness on the part of a friendly person who also appreciates her family heritage, and one whom I still have yet to meet face to face. And as you can well imagine, both my Aunt Evelyn and Jennie Berg were very pleased to have found a bit of their own family history re-connected in a rather random way that they had least expected.

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Maple is blossoming in the safe and stable environment of her foster home after having a difficult start to life as a street dog in Los Angeles. She is learning to feel comfortable with her two canine foster siblings, and is beginning to show play behaviors. She feels most confident with other dogs, but should only be paired with a stable, gentle dog and with dog-savvy owners who feel ready to integrate a new dog slowly into their home. She could also be an only dog. Maple is living with cats in her foster home, and is doing very well with them. We think she will be a wonderful best friend for an individual, couple, or family living in a condo or single-family home. For more information on adopting this adorable and loving girl, please contact UHA Adoption Coordinator Katja at 951-973-2757 or katja@hope4animals.org.

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Dear Squeezed:
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Free Internet
If you are a light Internet user and you live in their service area, free high-speed Internet is now available through the telecom company FreedomPop. Just go to freedompop.com and type in your address to find out if they serve your location. If they do, you'll need to buy the \$89 Freedom Hub Burst home modem that allows you to access the Internet. You simply plug it in and you're ready to go.

FreedomPop is a non-contract service that provides 1 gigabyte (GB) of data per month for free, which is adequate for sending and receiving emails and surfing the web. If, however, you want more data for things like watching Internet videos or sharing photos you can pay \$10/month for 5 GB or \$18/month for 10 GB.

Cheap Internet
If FreedomPop is not available in your area, there are other providers that offer high-speed Internet at a low cost. For example, NetZero (netzero.net, 800-638-9376) and Juno (juno.com, 888-213-9093) now have DSL plans for only \$10 per month for the first six months with no data restrictions, provided you live in their service areas and you have a home phone line. After six months the price jumps up to \$18 per month.

To search for other high-speed Internet service providers in your area, see ispprovidersinmyarea.com.

Another strategy to get cheaper high-speed Internet is to combine, or bundle it together with your TV and/or phone service. Check with the television and phone providers in your area to see what types of bundle packages they offer.

If, however, you can't find a high-speed service that fits your budget, and you don't mind slower service, consider getting dial-up Internet. If you have a home phone line, NetZero and Juno again provide some very inexpensive dial-up services running \$10 and \$11 per month respectively.

Low Income Internet
If your income is low enough and you live in a participating state, there are also a number of programs that offer low-cost high-speed Internet services. One that's most fitting for financially challenged seniors is CenturyLink's Internet Basics program (centurylink.com/home/internetbasics, 866-642-0444), which is available in 37 states. This program offers high-speed DSL Internet service for just \$10 a month for the first year (\$21/month afterwards). It also offers offer a personal computer for just \$150 and free introductory computer classes.

To qualify, you'll need to show that you're receiving certain types of government benefits, such as Medicaid, Food Stamps, SSI, home energy assistance or public housing assistance. Or, that your household income is at or below 135, 150 or 175 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines – it varies by state.

There are other programs available that serve additional states, like Internet Essentials offered by Comcast (internetessentials.com) and Connect2Compete (connect2competite.org), but to be eligible you must have a child or grandchild who lives in your house that participates in the national school lunch program. Both of these programs offer Internet home service for \$10/month and a \$150 personal computer.

Also, stay tuned for the government's Lifeline Broadband Program that could soon be offering income-qualified citizens across the country, high-speed home Internet services for a low cost. To find out more about all of these programs, visit cheapinternet.com.

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



KATIE Tse.....This and That
WHITE SLIME --AGAIN

Happy Thanksgiving! I hope no one minds that I'm recycling this lightly-used article from 2012. I figured that some (probably most) readers didn't see my Thanksgiving article last year, therefore it will be new and fresh for them! For those people who did read my story last year, you probably don't remember all the fascinating details. And even if you do recall this article, (in which case you're probably either my Mom or one of her closest friends), I think the topic is still relevant.

One of the things I've enjoyed about recent Thanksgivings is the casual attitude my family and in-laws have developed. This means we can come wearing tee shirts and tennis shoes if we want. We can drink beer with the hor dourves and eat \$2 Ralph's pumpkin pie for dessert. And we're freed from the bondage of turkey.

Yes, turkey is bondage. Any dish that requires weeklong prepping or gallons of frying oil is a form of culinary slavery. An animal that comes with an implanted pop-up timer is a sure sign of freak farming. Unless you're a die-hard foodie, cooking a turkey is a daunting trial you should only have to experience once, if at all, in a lifetime.

I've never grasped why some people expend so much effort on a dish that typically tastes bland at best, and bland and dry at worst. I take that back. At worst, a colony of bacteria will fester in the stuffing crammed up your bird's body cavity, and sicken your whole family. If you manage to avoid food poisoning, you'll still most likely have a LOT of turkey left over. Sure, you can try to pawn it off on visiting relatives. "Kyle, you can take sandwiches on the plane back to Pittsburg." But Kyle will counter with a sly comeback, "I'd love to! (Liar!)" But TSA is really strict about what you can take on board these days."

So, you're stuck with more than half of the carcass. What to do, what to do...? Of course there's a plethora of recipes online for those experiencing turkey overload. However, no matter what decide upon, you're going to have to doctor up the bird somehow because, let's face it --turkey just doesn't taste good on its own.

Some good sports use up all their turkey bits in sandwiches, burritos, soups, and salads. But a lot of people take the easy, wasteful way out and chuck the remaining bird with the rest of the week's trash. I recall an L.A. Times article stating that about a third of the turkey meat purchased in the U.S. ends up in the dump.

This rampant waste is unconscionable, particularly because we're supposed to be in the throws of a major economic crisis! I understand trashing the left-overs if this is your first turkey venture and you've made everyone in your family sick. Perhaps just mustering the strength, in your weakened state, to lug the bird to the trash is a feat in itself. In that case, you've done the right thing in containing the contamination. But if you've tossed multiple birds over the years, or if you just can't stand the thought of eating turkey more than twice in a week, you should consider broadening your Thanksgiving main entrees. Try including something you either know everyone will finish or something that translates well into multiple meals. My family is going vegan this year -- Woo Hoo! (There's only four of us, but I'm still excited!)

It was while I was considering the great American turkey waste last year, that I had an epiphany! There's so much meat thrown away, while there are so many hungry mouths to feed. Why not send turkey trucks into neighborhoods the Saturday after Thanksgiving to collect everyone's discarded turkey meat? (Friday won't work, because everyone's busy killing each other at the mall or Walmart on Black Friday.) Collecting home-prepared turkey presents the hazard of spreading infection and disease. But don't worry, I've accounted for that!

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If this humble brain child should come to fruition, it would, most likely, soon go the way of most successful American enterprises. It would suffer graft and corruption. Ultimately there'd be cover up about the dangers of whatever noxious chemicals would be used in its production. But until then, this creative use for the nation's trashed turkey remains viable and untouched. Remember, when you see an ad for "White Slime" turkey nuggets, you read it here first!



SENIOR HAPPENINGS

By Pat Birdsall

FYI: ELDERLY DRIVING: *It may be time to make some significant changes*

If the following list describes your driving or that of a loved one, perhaps it's time to consider alternative options: (1) You have trouble recognizing or observing traffic signs and signals. You do not hear emergency sirens. (2) Everyone else seems to drive too fast or too slow. Others might think you are driving at an inappropriate speed. (3) You have had some close calls recently. For example, do you need more time to make driving decisions or do your decisions seem to be poor ones afterwards? Do you misjudge gaps in traffic? Do some cars seem to come out of nowhere and surprise you? Do you get honked at more? Have you had several moving violations in the last three years? (4) You have physical difficulty driving. For instance, do you have trouble moving your foot from the gas to the brake? Do you have trouble turning to look over your shoulder? Do you take medications that cause drowsiness, dizziness, seizures or blackouts? (5) You get angry or confused driving. For example, do intersections seem overwhelming with so much to watch? Do you forget how to drive to familiar places? And finally, do you feel exhausted after driving?

Even though it's a delicate topic, family members should discuss with friends and a physician concerns about an elder's driving. If a loved one continues to drive despite symptoms of incompetent driving, there are ways to discourage or prevent him or her from driving. For instance, directly express your concerns and take the person for a driving test or a course that would help protect this friend or relative and as a last resort, arrange for other forms of transportation. There are also online courses offered by the Auto Club www.aaa.com or through AARP www.aarp.com (www.kansashighwaypatrol.org)

HELPFUL HINT: Get a picture of all of your prescription bottles and keep it in your phone's photo album.

FOR YOUR FUNNY BONE - A 45 year old woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she had a near death experience. Seeing God, she asked, "Is my time up?" God said, "No, you have another 43 years 2 months and 8 days to live." Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction, breast implants and a tummy tuck. She even had someone come in and change her hair color and brighten her teeth! Since she had so much time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it. After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way home, she was killed by an ambulance. Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 43 years? Why didn't you pull me out of the path of the ambulance?" God replied, "I didn't recognize you."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ... November Birthdays



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Quote of the Week: On Thanksgiving Day, all over America, families sit down to dinner at the same moment- Halftime. ~Author Unknown



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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.



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.

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS:

Friday, December 13, 2013. "Because it's Christmas" Show at Candlelight Pavilion (Claremont, Ca.) \$67.00 (Lunch included) 10:00 am- 4:00 pm

*Registering for Excursions can be done in person at the Hart Park House Senior Center and the Community Recreation Center or online at www.cityofsierramadre.com Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted. Make checks payable "City of Sierra Madre". Payment must be made at the time of reservation. CALL (626) 355-7394



1963 VS. 2013 (A SPAN OF ONLY 50 YEARS)

By Bette Jones

This should be read only by those whose level of maturity qualifies them to relate to it.

1963: Long hair ... 2013: Longing for hair.

1963: KEG ... 2013: EKG

1963: Acid rock ... 2013: Acid reflux.

1963: Moving to California because it's cool ... 2013: Moving to Arizona because it's warm.

1963: Seeds and stems ... 2013: Roughage.

1963: Hoping for a BMW ... 2013: Hoping for a BM.

1963: Going to a new, hip joint ... 2013: Receiving a new hip joint.

1963: Rolling Stones ... 2013: Kidney stones.

1963: Passing the driver's test ... 2013: Passing the vision test.

Each year the staff of Beloit College in Wisconsin puts together a list to give the faculty a sense of the mindset of the year's incoming freshmen. Here's this year's list of the freshmen who were born in 1994!

They are too young to remember the space shuttle blowing up. Bottle caps have always been child-proof and plastic. The CD was introduced three years before they were born. They have always had an answering machine and always had cable. They cannot fathom not having a remote control. Popcorn has always been cooked in a microwave. They never took a swim and thought about Jaws. They never heard "Where's the beef?" or "I'd walk a mile for a Camel," or "De plane, Boss, de plane." They do not care who shot J.R. nor do they even have any idea who J.R. is. They don't have a clue how to use a typewriter. (I wish I still had one. I do have an old manual Underwood that no longer works, which my grandson used to call "Big Mama's old computer.")

Do you feel old yet?



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SECTION B

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2013

THE CIVIC CLUB SHOPPE RETURNS TO WHO VILLE

On November 30, the Sierra Madre Civic Club Shoppe will join the Grinch and be back in Kersting Court as part of the Chamber of Commerce's Who Ville Festival. The Shoppe will offer beautiful knitted items such as scarves, hats, fingerless gloves, darling baby accessories, and many other unique hand-made creations. These unique, one-of-a-kind items are made with loving hands by Civic Club members and their friends and will make very special gifts for your family and friends. And, if the weather is cold outside, how great it will be for you to choose a lovely and practical treat for yourself. The prices are reasonable, and the proceeds go back into the Civic Club Philanthropy budget to help fund local community projects.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to buy wonderful hand-made treasures while supporting community organizations. Be there on November 30, say "Hi" to the Grinch, and shop at the Civic Club Shoppe! It'll be good for you, good for your friends, and good for Sierra Madre.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The city of Sierra Madre's WHOVILLE festival needs volunteers. Also the movie, the ELF will be shown for free at 6:30 PM. There will be snow, horse and carriage rides, train rides and much more. For more information please contact the chamber of commerce at 626 355 5111



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Float Moves Up n the 2014 Parade Line Up



The Sierra Madre Rose Float Association's 2014 Rose Parade entry, "Catching the Big One." was designed by award winning float designer Charles Meier.

The name is in keeping with the 2014 Tournament of Roses Parade Theme, "Dreams Come True".

In response to the announcement of the float's prime placement in the lineup, SMRFA President Robert Young said, "I am extremely pleased with Tournament's announcement that our float will be the 16th entry and the 6th float in the 2014 Rose Parade. Tournament was unhappy with what occurred last year, as were we."

Last year, there was an unfortunate incident during the parade that put a damper on the fact that SMRFA won their 7th award out of the last 8 entries. Due to the parade itself exceeding broadcast television's two hour window, the very last scheduled float in the parade from Western Asset, advanced itself in the lineup which caused the Sierra Madre entry and the Women's Equestrian Group to miss most of the national broadcasts.

The SMRFA entry will be one of six self built floats. Other floats in that category include: The Burbank Tournament of Roses Association, Cal Poly Universities (Pomona & San Luis Obispo), Downey Rose Float Association, La Canada Flintridge Tournament of Roses Association, and the South Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association.

In the meantime, the clock is ticking and volunteers are busy at the barn.

Kaye Sappington, DECO Chair says, "it is time to kick it into high gear. Prep work at the barn is in full swing on Sunday's at the barn, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Starting Saturday, November 23rd, Deco will also be working on Saturdays, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Come spend a few hours with us and help create "Catching the Big One".

Dick Sappington is in charge of construction of the float, a task that begins almost immediately after the parade for the next year.

If you are interested in volunteering or making a donation to the SMRFA, call 626-355-7005

WOUNDED WARRIOR CROSS COUNTRY CYCLING UPDATE:



Jerry Poole Continues His Journey Alone and Ever Determined.

The journey continues, with weather slowing the pace from time to time, but Jerry Poole has made significant milestones on his journey this week. As he has recorded on his facebook page, daytime temperatures are as high as 79 degrees and when the sun goes down, so does the thermometer. Lately, the drop has been 35-40 degrees. And incimate weather has also slowed the journey, with rain, thunderstorms and windstorms. Nevertheless, Jerry continues on. At press time, he was still in Texas and looking forward to a few days rest while the weather improves. He has passed the 1,000 mile mark and had a couple days when he put in more than 80 miles a day.

On his Facebook page this week, he shared a little about himself, something that might help you understand this man so determined to do whatever is in his power to help his veteran kin.

But before you read about Jerry, don't forget to show your support. Like his Facebook page and follow the link to the Wounded Warriors Project. The fundraising goal for this project is \$10,000 and 100% of the funds go to the Wounded Warriors benefit. Go to the link below and make a donation to WWP in the name of Jerry Poole's Ride: Coast To Coast For Courage.

<https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/individual-fundraising/JerryPooleatFaceBook/>

Now, "JERRY POOLE: 12 Facts you may or may not know about me"

1. My middle name is Wayne
2. I have a son named Brian who's 37 in December who I love very much
3. I have 3 best friends, my wife Vicki, Larry Meeks & Duck (David Foster)....8-)
4. I was a tenor section leader of my concert choir in high school, (probably sound like a dying frog now, but I still love music)
5. I have a brother, Bobby, and a sister, Beage(Betty Jean) who I love very much
6. I served from 1973 to 1976 in the U S Army as a 63B20 light wheeled vehicle mechanic and E5 motor sergeant
7. In 1979 I joined the Stonewall Brigade, Virginia National Guard, went to OCS and retired as a Major in 2001
8. I worked for BMW dealers for 25 years
9. I want my life to have made a difference in some way and my family to be proud of me
10. I have lots of friends who are cheering me on towards a goal I have.
11. One of my best friends, who I've known since 7th grade, is helping me on a journey of my life across the United States for Wounded Warrior (Love you Duck)
12. The best thing that has ever happened to me is finding the love of my life Vicki my wife, my best of friends...8-)

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THREE SISTERS PONDS: MY JOURNEY FROM STREET COP TO FBI SPECIAL AGENT

By Philip Reid

Mr. Reid was a Baltimore City Cop from 1969 - 1977. He joined the FBI in 1977 and was assigned to FBI Offices in Norfolk, New York, Alexandria, Hawaii, Alaska, Denver and Washington, DC. He was also assigned to the FBI's Office of Professional Responsibility (Internal Affairs).

During his 28 years with the FBI, Mr. Reid was assigned to SWAT teams, as well as investigations that included bank/armored truck robberies, fugitives, kidnappings, counterintelligence and terrorism. He spent significant time overseas conducting FBI extra-territorial terrorism investigations, such as the 1988 attempted bombing of Secretary of State George Shultz's motorcade in La Paz, Bolivia. For 3 years (December 1988–November 1991) he was one of the full-time case agents assigned to investigate the bombing of Pan Am Flt. 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, in which 270 people were murdered.

While assigned to the Honolulu Field Office, Mr. Reid established an extra-territorial terrorism squad that investigated murders and kidnappings of American citizens in Asia and the Pacific Rim countries. He worked personally with US embassy officials, including Ambassadors and CIA station chiefs, and with host-country law enforcement, Intelligence and military officials in those parts of the world, that included India, Pakistan and the Philippines.

Mr. Reid's role in the PA Flt.103 bombing investigation is chronicled in Richard A. Marquise's book "Scotbom: Evidence and the Lockerbie Investigation." In addition, Mr. Reid's December, 2004 recorded speech to the City Club of Denver, titled "FBI Efforts Against Terrorism," can be found in C-SPAN's video library.

Prior to his retirement in 2005, Mr. Reid was Special Agent-in-Charge of the Anchorage and Denver FBI Field Offices.

He shares, "In September 2000, I was sitting on a bench facing the Mediterranean Sea in the French Riviera town of Nice. I had flown there during a three-day break in the Pan Am Flight 103 bombing trial in Camp Ziest, Netherlands, where I was expected to testify. As I sat on this bench eating lunch, I suddenly found myself overwhelmed by emotion. It was an awakening: I realized that my being there was the fulfillment of one of my many life dreams and goals that were launched thirty-one years earlier from another bench facing the Three Sisters Ponds in Baltimore's Druid Hill Park. Now, from a bench in the French Riviera, I began to chronicle the manifestation of those dreams and goals, accomplished through my thirty-six-year law enforcement career as a Baltimore City policeman and FBI agent.

I'm hoping my story catches on with anyone who dares to dream and set challenging and aggressive life goals. I hope to inspire and encourage more interest in law enforcement careers by sharing my professional experiences and the educational, leadership, and career opportunities that were availed to me during my law enforcement career. As an FBI agent, I was a part of the 1981 Brinks armored truck murder/robbery investigation in Nyack, NY; took part in New York FBI SWAT operations; and was involved in international extraterritorial terrorism investigations such as the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, the attempted bombing of then-Secretary of State George Shultz's motorcade in La Paz, Bolivia, and the kidnapping and murders of Americans in Kashmir, India, and Karachi, Pakistan.

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SIERRA MADRE CHAMBER KICKS OFF HOLIDAY SHOPPING WITH THE WHO VILLE FESTIVAL AS AMERICANS ACROSS THE COUNTRY TAKE PART IN SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

On Saturday, November 30th, Sierra Madre, will transform itself into Who Ville, as the formal kick-off of the holiday shopping season. The Who Ville Festival, which replaces the towns annual Dickens Village will be complete with Snow, Horse Drawn Carriages, The Grinch and Santa Claus. The event is encouraging families to come to town and support our local businesses and civic organizations as well as have FUN!

Small Business Saturday is a day dedicated to supporting small businesses on one of the busiest shopping weekends of the year.

From 1 to 8pm Saturday, the downtown area will host special festivities designed to bring shoppers to the popular shops in the Foothill Village.

Beginning at 1pm, there will be an opportunity for kids to snow sled and ride a choo choo train. Local artists will have their work on display and for sale along with many of the local civic organizations in Kersting Court. At 4pm, horse and buggy rides will be available in a loop around a four -square block area downtown.

Later in the day, shortly after dusk, the official tree-lighting will take place, also at Kersting Court. Santa, accompanied by the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association princesses from the 2014 Rose Float, will be available to listen to the wishes of youngsters, from 5to 8pm.

For more information about the Who Ville Festival, call the Chamber Offices at 626-355-5111.



SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

By Sean Kayden

DALLAS BUYERS CLUB

What's there to say about the career reinvention of Matthew McConaughey? Over the past few years, he's made a bold statement in starring in smaller films like "The Lincoln Lawyer," "Killer Joe," and this year's "Mud," as opposed to the fluff he did for over the past decade. He's transformed from a romantic comedy movie star to a bona-fide actor's actor. In his latest venture, "Dallas Buyers Club," McConaughey stars as Ron Woodruff, an electrician by day, a rodeo riding, drug taking, and woman loving homophobic man by night. Bigoted and selfish, Ron's life takes a dark turn after he collapses one evening at home. Shocked to hear he's been diagnosed with HIV and has a mere 30 days left to live, Ron doesn't come to terms that he actually has the disease. After a night of binge drinking and drug use, Ron doesn't feel the same. He starts to look into the causes of HIV and discovers you can contract it from other things aside from homosexuality. His world turns upside. McConaughey, weighing in at 135lbs, gives what should be hailed as not only his finest performance, but also one of the best of the year.

Directed by: Jean-Marc Vallée
Written by: Craig Borten and Melisa Wallack

Rated Rated R for pervasive language, some strong sexual content, nudity and drug use

Release Date: November 3rd, 2013 (limited release)

There are no huge moments in "Dallas Buyers Club," but very small significant ones that truly make it one of the superb films of the year. Woodruff's willingness to survive and not lose sight of what's important is quite remarkable and uplifting. Despite not being a considerably decent human being, one who's really difficult to root for, he somehow makes the transition from lowlife to hero very compelling. His character starts taking the FDA approved AZT, the only legal drug available in the U.S, which brings him to the edge of death. After learning from an unconventional doctor in México that AZT is toxic, Woodruff has a whole new perspective on the world around him. He has a grasp on how the US is not really helping people with the disease in the way they could and should. Alternative remedies illegal in the US have been found to be more beneficial to the illness than anything else the FDA has approved. The FDA and pharmaceutical companies do everything in their power to stop Woodruff. He continues to take them on because he knows they're just a business and don't care about the wellness of the people in need of real help.

The film also raises the question, without being preachy, why can't Americans take non-FDA approved drugs if they're on the path to imminent death? Woodruff realizes he could make money by smuggling these non-toxic, anti-viral medications and selling them in the U.S. This leads Woodruff in opening up an unofficial buyers' club. He is not only helping himself but also the likes of those he would have never imagined to associate himself with. This includes Jared Leto's portrayal of Rayon, a transvestite, who has the HIV virus. He definitely shines in this tragic and heartbreaking role. Ron and Rayon form this unlikely friendship in which is genuine and sincere. They may be polar opposites, but Ron finds himself caring for Rayon, something he would have never done otherwise in a different scenario. Both best actor and supporting actor nominations are warranted.

While the film could have easily been an utter downer, director Jean-Marc Vallée finds dynamic wit and humor in the grimmest situations. Jennifer Garner plays a doctor in the film, but her character is a little one-note. She's fine, but the real stars are McConaughey and Leto. McConaughey gives a fearless performance and Leto's presentation, while subtle, is intriguing and delicate. "Dallas Buyers Club" hits you hard in some scenes, but it never desperately tries to tug on the strings of one's heart. However, you will feel something though Woodruff's plight. It's refreshingly straightforward with a pair of brave, unconventional performances that place them among the very best of the year. What "Dallas Buyers Club" is sellin' is worth buyin'.

Grade: 4.5 out of 5

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Looking Up

with Bob Eklund



COMET ISON ON TARGET FOR A THANKSGIVING ROASTING..

...plus Possible Pre-Dawn Views in Early December

A comet that has caused a lot of excitement is racing toward a close encounter with the Sun on Thanksgiving Day. Comet ISON will pass about 700,000 miles above the Sun's surface before whipping around and heading back toward deep space—if it survives. If it does, the comet might be visible to the unaided eye before dawn for a few weeks after the encounter.

For a high-resolution illustration showing how to spot Comet ISON in early December, visit StarDate Magazine's Media Center: <http://stardate.org/mediacenter>.

While you're there, you can also sign up to receive notices of upcoming sky-watching events.

An automated asteroid-hunting telescope, part of the International Scientific Optical Network (ISON) in Russia, discovered Comet C/2012 S1 (ISON) on September 21, 2012. Some comet-watchers quickly suggested that it could become as bright as a full Moon late this year. Continued observations, however, show that it's not brightening as much as those early optimistic projections indicated.

The comet will get brighter as it approaches the Sun, but more difficult to see through the Sun's glare. It will shine at its brightest as it passes the Sun, although it will be too close to the Sun at that time to view safely.

Like all comets, ISON is a big ball of frozen gases and water mixed with rocks and dust. This ball, the comet's nucleus, appears to be about three miles wide—large, as comets go. As ISON approaches the Sun, the heat vaporizes some of the comet's icy surface. That surrounds it with a cloud of gas and dust that can span a hundred thousand miles or more. The Sun's radiation pressure pushes some of this material outward, away from the Sun, to form a glowing tail.

As ISON moves far enough from the Sun for us to see it in morning twilight in early December, it should be a pretty sight.

ISON will pass closest to Earth on December 26, at a distance of about 40 million miles. (The average Sun-Earth distance is roughly 93 million miles.)

ISON probably came from the Oort Cloud, a vast shell of icy bodies that extends out to a distance of approximately one light-year from the Sun—one-fourth of the distance to the nearest star, Alpha Centauri, which is 4 ¼ light-years away. The Oort Cloud bodies are leftover "building blocks" from the birth of the solar system, so they contain the same mixture of materials that gave birth to Earth and the other planets. Astronomers believe this is probably ISON's first-ever trip to the Sun's vicinity.

After a remarkable flare up in brightness on November 14, comet ISON became barely visible to the naked eye as it passed Earth on its journey toward the Sun. But the comet's future is far from certain. NASA lists three possible options for what might happen: (1) the comet spontaneously breaks up sometime before Thanksgiving; (2) it is destroyed as it roasts in the Sun's heat on Thanksgiving Day; or (3) it makes it away from the sun with a large tail of lost dust behind it. Spontaneous breakups are quite rare—they happen to less than 1 percent of comets—so one of the latter two options will likely come to pass over the next several weeks. Until then, expect more incredible photos of ISON to start surfacing—and keep looking up!

You can contact Bob Eklund at: b eklund@MtnViewsNews.com.



Photo by Damian Peach

SPORTS

RAIDERS BRING HOME 2ND PLACE CYO TROPHY

Sierra Madre, CA – After an action-packed weekend of CYO-championship football, a proud St. Rita Raider team brought home the second place trophy, beating out 129 of the 130 teams in the Los Angeles Archdiocese! It was their sixth championship game in the school's history, which culminated with a 28-0 loss to Holy Family of South Pasadena.

Saturday's game against the formidable St. James of Torrance was a nail-biter with the score tied at 6-6 at the half. The impressive Raider athletes turned up the heat in the second and a touchdown, with a successful two-point conversion, sealed their spot in the next day's championship game with a 20-12 final score.

Raider pride was unmatched as crowds of alumni and fans packed the stands on Sunday to support the team and their legendary coach and athletic director, Randy Davies. In his 43 years of coaching at St. Rita, Davies has garnered immense respect due to his unwavering high standards and sportsmanship. He has established many of the CYO rules in all sports, and passed up positions such as Director of CYO and others in high school athletics to remain committed to St. Rita students and athletes. This year, he continued to lead the way by mandating soft helmets for his players this year to protect them from head injuries.

St. Rita had finessed their way to victory over the Knights in league, but in this final game, Holy Family decided to stick to their physical brand of football and the Raiders couldn't match up. Despite the loss, Davies was touched by everyone who came out to show their support and was extremely proud of his athletes, saying they played a season filled with "passion and pride."

"As a coach, I would surely have loved to win that game because the boys worked so hard," Davies said. "...but I don't measure my successes in those types of things. I get my greatest pride from watching our athletes succeed in high school and college and hope their experiences here give them some tools to



become better parents and citizens."

His players take pride in the fact that they defeated a number of bigger and faster teams throughout the season, had a 16-game winning streak and, according to Davies, "never quit believing they could win."

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First, realize that the word "foreclosure" does not describe a property, but the legal process by which a homeowner loses their interest and the bank or lender assumes ownership. It's a legal term, not a property description.

If you're buying, you go to tour "foreclosures," per se. You're probably going to look at "Real Estate Owned" listings, or REOs. These are properties that the lender has taken back after the foreclosure process is complete. You may see these advertised as "bank owned."

Then there's another type of listing described as a "short sale." This may qualify as a "distressed" property, but it is not yet in the hands of the bank or lender. The homeowners and the lender have reached an agreement to sell the property for less than the owners owe on their mortgage.

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IS SUCCESS IN YOUR DECK?

Some people have faced hardships that have cause them to think they may have been dealt the wrong deck of cards during this round of life. Everyone faces challenges along this journey called life as certain cards are dealt, unexpectedly creating situations where it seems that they are holding the cards that don't provide them with a chance of winning. Those who make the decision to become entrepreneurs understand that, in spite of the cards dealt by life, there is always the option to keep shuffling the deck and exchanging cards to create a winning hand.

Each of us can decide whether the deck we're holding suits us, or we can create a brand new deck to begin the journey in the direction of success in business and in life.

Decide on what you want. It is important to write your goals, along with a plan of how you foresee achieving them. This plan will serve as a roadmap, and outline, with the understanding that you will need to make adjustments as you incur unforeseen roadblocks and detours. However, by having a well-laid plan, you'll always know whether you're moving toward your ultimate goals as you navigate the challenges to get back on track.

Execute your plan with fervor. Embark on the execution of your plan as if your life depends on it. "Anything worth having, is worth fighting for" and if your dreams and aspirations are important, you will do whatever necessary to hit the milestones noted in your written plan. No one attains success on an island, so it will entail collaborating with others along the way in some manner, whether through partnerships, alliances, or simply an exchange of encouragement or support.

Consistency will provide you with momentum when the going gets tough. Maintaining diligence in the face of challenges that may make you want to quit will create a level of internal discipline that is shared only by an elite family of achievers across many industries and disciplines. By doing what you know that you should do, in the timeline that you know you should be working on it will propel you from average to extraordinary in terms of your progress and achievements that you desire.

Keep moving forward, with the knowledge that "every journey begins with a single step." If you will simply continue to put one foot in front of the other by focusing on the key things in your plan, you'll find some parts of the journey to feel effortless at times. These moments don't come often, but when they do, you will find yourself propelled farther along that you'd anticipated.

Look through your deck. Don't like it? Shuffle it and dare to make a decision in the direction of your heart's desire and you'll be amazed at what you will accomplish. By taking time to put your decision in writing along with a gameplan, you will lay the groundwork to get started with the execution of your plan, and with a commitment to being consistent with your efforts you're develop the muscle to keep moving in the midst of what may seem to be insurmountable challenges.

"The journey of a thousand miles begins with one single step." – Lao Tzu



Modern computing in the age of the Internet is quite a remarkable thing. As one sits hunched over a laptop watching a YouTube video or using a search engine, one is actually plugging into the collective power of thousands of computers that make available all this information from server rooms distributed around the world. It's practically having a massive supercomputer at your beck and call thanks to a little thing called the Internet.

This phenomenon is what we typically refer to as "Cloud Computing". We now read the news, listen to music, shop, watch TV shows and store our files on the web. Some of us live in cities in which nearly every museum, bank, and government office has a website. The end result of all this technology being we spend less time in lines or on the phone, as these websites allow us to do things like pay bills and make reservations. The completion of many of our daily tasks online enables us to live more fully in the real world.

Cloud computing offers other benefits as well. Not too long ago, many worried about losing important documents, photos and files if something bad happened to the computer it lived on, like a virus or a hardware malfunction. Today our data has migrated beyond the boundaries of our personal computers. Instead, we move our data online into "the cloud". If you upload your photos, store critical files online and use a web-based email service like Gmail or Facebook, a city bus could over your laptop and all your data would still safely reside on the web, accessible from any Internet-connected computer, anywhere in the world.

What cloud computing is not is storing data on your local hard drive. When you store data on or run programs from you hard drive, that's called local storage and computing. Everything you need is physically close to you, which means accessing your data is fast and easy – and local. Working off your hard drive is how the computer industry functioned for decades and some argue it's still superior to cloud computing due to the greater amount of local control over the data. The cloud is also not about having a personal dedicated server local to you. Storing data on a home or office network does not count as utilizing the cloud.

For it to be considered "cloud computing," you need to access your data or your programs over the Internet or at least have that data synchronized with other information over the Net. In a big business, you may know all there is to know about what's on the other side of the connection; as an individual user, you may never have any idea what kind of massive data-processing is happening on the other end. The end result is the same: with an online connection, cloud computing can be done anywhere, anytime.



FORM FOLLOWING FUNCTION ON-LINE

The idea of form following function is that the shape or design of an object should be primarily based upon its intended function or purpose. It's an on-going debate among the super creative and the practical.

In the world of on-line marketing, the tools direct the design. This can be challenging for artists-at-heart.

For example, there is only one way you can lay out a Facebook page - a long cover image on top, a perfect square profile image in the lower left and four app buttons in the lower right. You can get creative with the images and colors you choose, but you can't manipulate the foundation, shape and placement. If you get too caught up in trying to manipulate your Facebook page, you'll miss the whole purpose of the tool – to get your messages in the newsfeed and engage with your audience!

It's very important to look good and have brand consistency but at the end of the day, the tool needs to do the job it was designed to do. I've seen people spend hours designing the "perfect looking" email campaign but they never get around to pushing that send button.

The successful entrepreneurs online don't let perfection get in the way of their progress. They don't let the tools frustrate, they use them for their intended purpose and find a way to fit their brand identity into them.

Perhaps its as simple as making sure you have two versions of your logo to fit different tools: one that fits in a perfect square (stacked) and one that is wide-format for top banner tools.

Take a look at all of your online areas and ask yourself, "What is the purpose of each?" If they look good and they are doing what they need to do – you're 10 steps ahead of the game!

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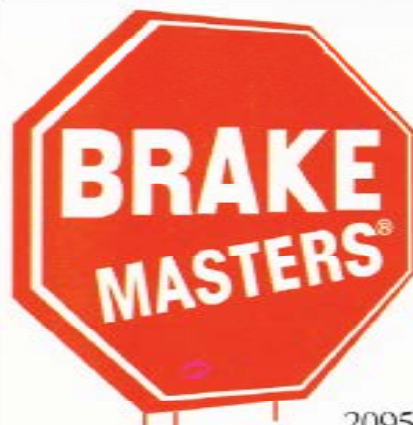
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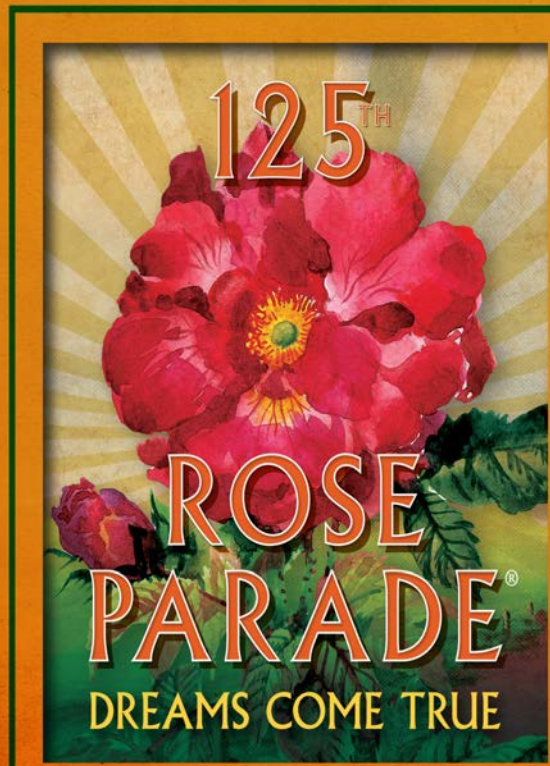


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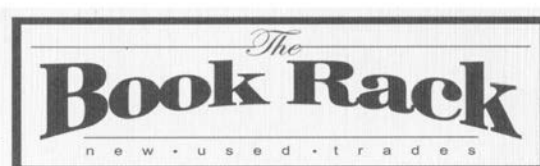


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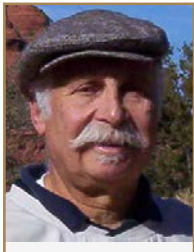
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STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE
WHAT LITTLE I KNOW

Not unlike most writers I dislike writing about areas about which I know little. Disqualified from this category are the writers who review politics, extra-terrestrial life, sorcery, life after death, the internal emotional life of other people, and their own motivation. What I am subtly attempting to say is that nobody really knows anything, but that ignorance does not prevent vast multitudes of people from writing about matters about which they have little insight. Unfortunately, these groundless writings frequently have great influence upon readers who digest these materials and actually believe they are learning something.

This mistaken belief in learning is one of the major points made in the book entitled The Black Swan: The Impact of the HIGHLY IMPROBABLE, authored by Nassim Nicholas Taleb. We are not talking John Grisham here. The book challenges one's deepest core beliefs right from its very first chapter entitled, Umberto Eco's anti-library.

Umberto Eco is a great scholar and the author of one of my favorite books, Foucault's Pendulum, together with other books like Name of the Rose (perhaps you saw the Sean Connery movie). I mention the Sean Connery movie mockingly because the whole point of the first chapter is that even when we are acquainted with a subject, we tend to remember the trivial and forget the substantial. It's not that we purposely misunderstand, but rather we tend to only capture new information within the arbitrary and artificial boxes we have already created. In discussing the contents of Umberto Eco's huge library, Taleb maintains "that the studious examination of the past in the greatest of detail does not teach you much about the mind of History; it only gives you the illusion of understanding it." According to his view, one learns more from the books that have not been read as opposed to the distortions that have been absorbed from the books that have been read. This kind of insight is the support he gives to his theories of "Black Swans". These Black Swan phenomena demonstrate that what you don't know is far more relevant than what you do know. What he calls a Black Swan is an event with the following three attributes:

- 1) It lies outside the realm of regular expectations, because nothing in the past can convincingly point to its possibility.
- 2) It carries an extreme impact.
- 3) Despite its total unpredictability, human nature makes us concoct explanations for its occurrence after the fact, making it explainable and predictable.

A suggested way of concretizing the phenomena is to picture life from the viewpoint of a turkey living on a ranch. It is the day preceding Thanksgiving and the turkey perceives nothing unusual. The rancher comes towards him and the turkey looks forward to being fed. After all, for every day of his life this rancher has acted kindly towards the turkey and has regularly fed him. This day is different; the rancher approaches the turkey and wrings his neck. After death the turkey has the perspective of the rancher and realizes that he should have known about Thanksgiving; it was all so predictable. Except for the fact that Thanksgiving was completely outside of the turkey's life experience.

All right, practically, what are the Black Swans in our own lives? And probably more importantly, what are the Black Swans that will occur in the near future that are now completely unexpected but, afterwards, will be seen as almost inevitable? Perhaps one of the first will be our own individual deaths. I know for me it's almost impossible to imagine my own death. Really, how could the world go on without me?

Sierra Madre will lose its wonderful village like quality and will become the home of expensive housing projects. I refuse to imagine such a thing. Wait though; just look at last week's issue of this paper and read the front page story about the lovely Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center contemplating a Housing Project. How about something even scarier? Imagine another Bush in the White House. Impossible; after the grandfather was the only elected President not re-elected in fifty years. After his brother was completely dishonored after serving eight frightening years; it could not happen. Please don't let it happen!

How about this? A Democratic woman elected President in 2016 who is not Hilary Clinton and who is an authentic Progressive. Have you ever heard of Elizabeth Warren?

Right; maybe these examples are not exactly Black Swans. As Taleb tells us, you really can't rely on the accuracy of anything you read. One thing I'm pretty sure of, though, is that all this talk of Black Swans will make some readers wonder how the phenomena ended up with that name. Perhaps that little bit of curiosity will encourage a few readers to actually pick up the book and start thinking more skeptically and thereby create a better world. Yes, I know. If this actually happens it will truly be a Black Swan.

A GREAT THANKSGIVING and don't be surprised to learn that turkey day is the birth date of both my children. Does that count as a Black Swan?

LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN

TINA Dupuy

OBAMACARE AND MY FAMILY



My in-laws, whom I've written about in the past, are emblematic of the economic meltdown: They're both 57 years old—in the doughnut hole of being too young for Medicare, too old for the job market. They worked as middle management in businesses tangentially related to the housing industry. After the crash they were both laid off. They went on unemployment until it ran out. They've yet to find work. They didn't benefit from the boom times, but the crash hit them hard. Their golden years have been fed to Goldman Sachs.

They've each been paying \$1,000 a month for COBRA coverage (the only insurance that would cover them) since they've been unemployed. That's \$24,000 annually. Their retirement savings have been going to their premiums. And that pricy COBRA coverage is set to run out January 1. People in other industrialized nations—all with universal health care and most single payer—can't imagine how Americans accept this as a reality. My in-laws aren't even sick and health care costs were going to bankrupt them. But under the ACA—Obamacare—they're eligible for California's primary public insurance program, Medi-Cal. Because of Obamacare the state expanded eligibility to poor adults with no dependent children. And once they're back on their feet, they cannot be denied coverage for preexisting conditions (which is basically being over 55). Also because of Obamacare. Politics is not a football game. It's not who's up and who's down and what quarter we're in. You might not gather that from the reporting on the budget showdown, but the stakes are just slightly higher than whose approval rating could be affected.

New York Times: "With Shutdown Near, Talk Is of Who's at Fault, Not of a Deal?" USA Today: "Blame Game for Impending Shutdown Plays On." Washington Post: "Just One in Four Approve of Republicans Handling of Government Shutdown Standoff." Because what really matters is who will challenge Ted Cruz in his 2020 presidential re-election campaign.

The House Republicans have voted to repeal Obamacare—the Affordable Care Act or ACA—42 times. The House GOP are lawmakers-in-name-only. They've been the leaders of the least productive Congress in the history of the institution. In this way Speaker John Boehner has already shut down the government. Now we're just talking

about degrees. James Lankford (R-OK) in an appearance on MSNBC's "Up with Steve Kornacki" on Sunday morning said, "There are also people that are going to be negatively impacted by [Obamacare]. We want to fix that."

They had 42 symbolic, go-nowhere votes to repeal the Affordable Care Act. Now Lankford tells the American public they just want to fix it...or shut the government down.

It's a favorite GOP pastime to make up horror stories about Obamacare. In Ted Cruz's meandering 21-hour talk-a-thon he used Sarah Palin's 2009 Lie of the Year "death panels." Tea party Freshman Congressman Tim Huelskamp tweeted on Sunday, "Because of a new #ObamaCare rule, Delno's wife is prevented from receiving a much-needed surgery. #DontFundIt." I asked the congressman via Twitter which "rule" in Obamacare he was referring to. He never answered. Because there isn't one.

The GOP has used a fire hose of baloney to try to thwart a law (they often refer to it as a bill) passed after a grueling 18-month debate in Congress, upheld by the Supreme Court and tested in a presidential re-election. Now the government is shut down: The Statue of Liberty, the symbol of American greatness is closed. The National Archives' original copy of the U.S. Constitution is locked away. How very appropriate.

And for what? So that the House GOP can save us from having affordable health care? Yes.

"We're very excited," said Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-Minn.) last Saturday when it seemed inevitable the government would be shut down. "It's exactly what we wanted, and we got it." Speaker Tip O'Neil said, "All politics is local." But really all politics is personal. And nothing is more personal than health care.

And the Teapublicans want nothing more (and I mean NOTHING more) than to repeal health care reform that's set to give more Americans private health insurance.

Beltway prattle within the paradigm of who's winning and who's losing doesn't register the impact of affordable health care on the struggling working class. They're not an abstract—they're my family.

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

LET THE HOLIDAY SEASON BEGIN

This is the time of the year holidays get into full steam. It begins with Halloween when people put on a scary face and ends with New Year's day when people put on a new face. I could never figure out if the Halloween face was the New Year's Day face, just that much older.

I do not have much time for Halloween. Since the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has put me on a strict diet that does not include candy, what is the purpose of going out on Halloween night begging for candy?

It seems rather interesting that our holiday season starts out with people going around door-to-door begging for candy and ends New Year's Day making resolutions not to eat any more candy this year.

I love all of the ingredients making up our holiday season, whether it is Halloween candy or Thanksgiving turkey or New Year's Day pork and sauerkraut. These traditions that center on eating is right up my alley. If the alley is dark enough, my wife will not catch me in the act.

One ingredient I really do not appreciate during the holiday season is all the grouches and complainers and sourpusses people that insist on trying to take the fun out of my holiday time.

On the one hand, you have those who pretend they do not believe in God and yet during this time of the year they get all bent out of shape by the mere mention of God. They nervously say they do not believe in God and yet my belief in God threatens them somehow.

If they really did not believe in God they would not care one way or the other if somebody was stupid enough to believe in God. They would just sit back in their rocking chair smiling at the poor fools who go through the holiday season thanking God and celebrating the birth of Jesus on Christmas day.

For instance, I do not believe in the tooth fairy. I think it is the figment of someone's imagination and nothing exists that in any way resembles the tooth fairy. Yet, it is not the center of my life to go around trying to prove there is no such thing as a tooth fairy. How do you explain to a child the money under his pillow after placing his extracted tooth there?

Perhaps another illustration would be Halloween. I do not believe in ghosts, goblins and all of the stupidity invested in this kind of a holiday. Yet, my whole life is not focused around trying to disprove ghosts and goblins. If somebody wants to believe in ghosts and goblins, what is that to me?

I do not believe there was ever such a creature as Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer. Somebody made that up to go along with the Christmas story. I do not think Santa Claus ever existed. Not all the stories I have read about Santa Claus has ever convinced me such a person existed.

Yet, I do not spend the whole holiday season ranting and raving trying to disprove Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer and his master, St. Nicholas. If somebody wants to believe in Santa Claus and his reindeer and that Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer saved Christmas one year, what is that to me? I say let people indulge in these marvelous little fantasies.

I cannot tell you how many years I sat on Santa Claus's lap and to this day, nothing I asked for has ever come my way via Christmas. Yet, this Christmas I will take my grandchildren to the mall and have them sit on Santa Claus's lap and tell him what they want for Christmas.

Believing in the mall Santa Claus is pure fantasy.

Yet, I am not going to picket the mall around Christmas time demanding they do away with the mall Santa Claus. After all, Santa Claus in the mall brings customers to the mall.

Many fantasies I do not put any trust in, but I do not build my life around destroying these fantasies that other people enjoy.

I do not recall how old I was when I found out that Santa Claus was just a fictional character that made Christmas something of a fantasy. Even though I discovered that Santa Claus was not real, I found myself as a father telling the Santa Claus story to my children and then later to my grandchildren.

Some of these people attacking the holiday season, including the Christmas tree, are just indicating that somewhere along the line they have not grown up. If they do not believe in the holiday season, particularly Christmas, then let us who love the holiday season, especially Christmas, enjoy it.

I advise those who do not enjoy the holiday season to go up to Western Pennsylvania, find Punxsutawney Phil and spend the winter with him. We will be sure to look for you come spring.

I like how the apostle Paul put it. "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things" (1 Corinthians 13:10).

Some people, I am not mentioning who, need to just grow up and stop acting so childish.

I will celebrate the holiday season for the simple reason that God's amazing grace has brought me through another year.

LIBS DOING WHAT LIBS DO

GREG Welborn

The week has been rich with potential topics for this week's article, but it is one of the late breaking stories which has caught my focus because it so beautifully illustrates what liberals do when the world they actually experience doesn't behave the way in which they imagine the world should behave. They change the subject, ignore the problem and hope it all just goes away.

It's been a very bad week for Liberals. Their signature transformational social legislation – Obamacare – is dying before their very eyes. They know it's not just the website that's a problem. They now realize that millions will lose coverage, millions more will experience sticker shock, and God knows how many multiple millions will see the quality of their healthcare deteriorate. They also realize the voting public is mad as hell at the lies and subterfuge which was heart and sole of this legislation. So, Liberals have decided to change the topic to something so arcane that most Americans will have to refocus away from Obamacare in order to understand the headlines.

"The nuclear option" will commandeer the press's collective attention for a couple of days, perhaps a week. It's a scary term in the international context, but rather mundane, though no less important, when used with regard to the rules of debate and negotiation in the U.S. Senate. The U.S. Senate has been referred to as the greatest deliberative body in the world. It has earned that reputation in part because Senate rules were structured to protect the interests of the minority party and force the majority to make the strongest case possible when major legislation or significant appointments were to be made. If the minority party wanted to stop the majority, they had the ability to filibuster. This stopped the momentum of the Senate and forced the majority party to either negotiate better or compile a super majority to stop the filibuster. The Senate was meant to temper the momentary passions of the electorate with deliberative, even prolonged, debate.

The filibuster was an elegant, even majestic, aspect of our form of government, and of our Senate in particular. Of course the Senate has the right to make its own rules, but for the longest time both parties, when they were in the majority and when they were in the minority, have respected the wisdom of this super majority rule. As recently as 2005, Harry Reid, then the minority leader, stated "the filibuster is far from a procedural gimmick. It's part of the fabric of this institution we call the Senate." He rightly reminded us that it has been in use in the Senate since 1790.

So why did Harry Reid use a simple majority, party-line, vote to abolish the filibuster – to invoke the nuclear option? Because Liberals are looking for a victory – any victory – to change the news headlines and to rally the sinking morale of those with "D's" after their name. The Democrats control the Senate with a simple majority,

but they no longer have the super majority to override the filibuster. They have thus been stymied of late by Republicans invoking the filibuster. By changing the rules, they now can override filibusters with a simple majority vote. They no longer have to dirty themselves with having to work hard to convince even a handful of the minority party's members to end a filibuster. In effect, the filibuster is no longer an option.

The nature of the change itself is sure to command media attention. It already has. That's good for them. Right now, any headline that doesn't have the word Obamacare or healthcare in it is a good headline. Beyond the headlines, the rule change will allow Democrats to get some judicial appointments they otherwise wouldn't get. The judiciary is one of the last refuges of Liberal power. Politically, liberalism is losing war in the country. Governorships and state legislatures are turning conservative, and many predict the trend will soon impact the Senate itself. It is through liberal judges that Liberals have consistently been able to impose those rules and social changes they were unable to enact through democratic processes. So now they'll get some of their judges; they'll get some more successes; but it's all going to be very short lived.

Whether it's 2014, 2016, or 2018, it is inevitable that a Republican majority will return. When it does, Democrats will rue the day they changed these rules. When Republicans return to power, they have already announced they will use the precedence set by Harry Reid in the confirmation process for Supreme Court nominees. What Harry Reid has done, and President Obama approved, is to weaken the moral authority of the United States Senate, introduce more volatility into our democracy and ultimately weaken the legacy of modern liberalism. When historians write of these years in American history, they will note – willingly or unwillingly – the disaster that is Obamacare, the damage done to the U.S. Senate and the almost unparalleled hubris of imposing major policy changes without first seeking the public's overwhelming support.

The Obama administration has changed the subject and can pretend their problems are vanishing. We'll talk about Senate rules for a couple of days as the press scrambles to fill their 24 hour news cycles, and we'll hear a bit less about cancelled policies and skyrocketing premiums. But pretending this problem doesn't exist is akin to opening an umbrella to stop the snow while ignoring the on-rushing avalanche. When reality hits, it's not going to feel very good, but for right now, Libs are content to do what Libs do best.



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Monday 11.25.13	Movies
7 to 8 am	Children's Programing
9 to 10 am	Made For Each Other
11 to 12 pm	Nay Blues
1 to 2 pm	Strangers of the Evening
3 to 4 pm	Seven Sinners
5 to 6 pm	Community Programing
7 to 8 pm	Panic in the Streets
9 to 10 pm	Last Time I Saw Paris
Tuesday 11.26.13	Movies
7 to 8 am	Children's Programing
9 to 10 am	Harold Diddlebock
11 to 12 pm	Lost Honeymoon
1 to 2 pm	City Limits
3 to 4 pm	The Constant Woman
5 to 6 pm	Community Programing
7 to 8 pm	Too Late For Tears
9 to 10 pm	The Son of Monte Cristo
Wednesday 11.27.13	Movies
7 to 8 am	Children's Programing
9 to 10 am	Little Men
11 to 12 pm	Lil Abner
1 to 2 pm	Goodbye Love
3 to 4 pm	Sunset Murder Case
5 to 6 pm	Community Programing
7 to 8 pm	Too Late for Tears
9 to 10 pm	The Red House
Thursday 11.28.13	Movies - American Notables
7 to 8 am	Abraham Lincoln
9 to 10 am	Tina Cooks Roast Turkey and Yong Bill Hickok
11 to 12 pm	Mr. Robinson Caruso and Young Buffalo Bill
1 to 2 pm	JKF Years of Lighting
3 to 4 pm	Daniel Boon, Lou Costello and Jesse Owens
5 to 6 pm	Boris Karloff, Jayne Mansfield, Samuel Fuqua, Laurel & Hardy
7 to 8 pm	Jackie Robinson and John Glenn
9 to 10 pm	James Dean and Marilyn Monroe
Friday 11.29.13	Movies
7 to 8 am	Children's Programing
9 to 10 am	Behave Yourself
11 to 12 pm	Three Broadway Girls
1 to 2 pm	Flirting with Danger
3 to 4 pm	Young and Innocent
5 to 6 pm	Community Programing
7 to 8 pm	Cause for Alarm
9 to 10 pm	A Star is Born
Saturday 11.30.13	Movies
7 to 8 am	Children's Programing - Shuttle Docking
9 to 10 am	The Proud and the Dammed
11 to 12 pm	Only the Valiant
1 to 2 pm	Abilene Town
3 to 4 pm	Vengeance Valley
5 to 6 pm	Community Programing
7 to 8 pm	The Outlaw
9 to 10 pm	War of the Wildcats
Sunday 12.01.13	Movies
7 to 8 am	Children's Programing
9 to 11 am	Drums of Africa & Misbehaving Husbands
11 to 12 pm	The Amazing Adventure
1 to 2 pm	Cash, If I Were Rich
3 to 4 pm	Boys of the City
5 to 6 pm	Community Programing
7 to 8 pm	So Your Ant Emma & What Becomes of the Children
9 to 10 pm	Girl of my Dreams & Adventures of Don Quixote

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The best horror movies uses people's fears and nightmares against them to provoke a strong sense of anguish.

The Best Horror movies are made especially to produce negative emotions in their viewers. This is achieved by playing on the viewers' fears and nightmares. Horror movie scenes include startling the viewer with violent, evil, or supernatural elements. The Best Horror Movies lull you into a false sense of complacency and then scare the wits out of you. You like that don't you!

Horror films made their debut in the 1890s. Maori du adiable produced by Georges Melies is thought to be the first horror film. A few years later in 1910, Edison Studios produced the first Frankenstein film. These early horror films were quite mild on scariness scale compared to the horror films we watch today. These early horror films didn't have eerie music to make the mood tense, special effects, and didn't have scenes involving the supernatural. These films were often silent films, featuring monsters such as Frankenstein, Quasimodo, and Dracula, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, and the Phantom of the Opera.

Each decade has it's the best horror movie. Horror movies became very popular with the public over the years. In the 1930s, Tod Browning's Dracula became popular, and more versions of Frankenstein were produced. The Old Dark House, The Invisible Man, and The Mummy were also some popular horror films of the '30s. These films featured gothic horror, mad scientists, and incorporating horror into real- life scenes.

In the 1940s, the horror movie genre progressed and become increasingly popular. Some notable horror films from the decade are The Body Snatcher, Cat People, and I Walked with a Zombie. During the 1950s, with the popularity of horror movies still on the rise, technology was also advancing, and the horror films started shifting from Gothic horror to more contemporary horror. Also, this is when the supernatural started to become a regular part of horror films. Some popular examples of horror films of the '50s are Godzilla and its sequels, The Thing from another World, and Shrinking Man.

The best horror movies has greatly changed the film making industry as well as the culture. People find horror films to be thrilling and exciting. They want to feel that rush of adrenaline they get when they watch a horror film. As a result of this, people are more aware of violence, evil, and the supernatural. Some argue that watching violent films makes a person more inclined to violence. Also people have more interest in and experiment with evil forces and the supernatural.

The best horror movies have been around for so long, there are obviously going to be a lot of them out there! If you want to see a few horror movies, but don't know which ones are the best, the following list of horror films should be on your must- see list: Alien, Psycho, The Texas Chainsaw Massacre, The Shining, and The Exorcist.

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1-3	Romance movies
3-5	Film Noir movies
5-6	Community Programing
7-9	Crime movies
9-10	Mystery movies

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My Picks of the Week

Monday	Last Time I Saw Paris
Tuesday	The Son of Monte Cristo
Wednesday	The Red House
Thursday	Americans, they all are great you choose
Friday	Cause for Alarm
Saturday	War of the Wildcats
Sunday	Girl of my Dreams

Make sure you have your popcorn ready, gone to the potty, cushions fluffed and your are comfortable. There are no interruptions during the movie. The films are not edited for time or content.

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ORDINANCE NO. 1346

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE AMENDING TITLE 15.24 OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS TO THE 2012 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND THE 2013 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.

The City Council of the City of Sierra Madre does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Municipal Code Amendment. Section 15.24.010 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows: SECTION 15.24.010 ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE There is hereby adopted by the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion, that certain Code known as the International Fire Code, published by the International Code Council, being particularly the 2012 edition thereof, including Appendix Chapters with errata, and Title 24, part 9 of the California Code of Regulations, except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified or amended by Section 15.24.070 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code. From the date on which this ordinance shall take effect, the provisions of the 2012 International Fire Code and the 2013 California Fire Code shall be controlling within the limits of the City of Sierra Madre.

SECTION 2. Municipal Code Amendment. Section 15.24.070 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows: SECTION 15.24.070 AMENDMENTS TO THE 2012 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND 2013 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE

A. Section 101.1 is amended to read as follows: 101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the Fire Code of the City of Sierra Madre, hereinafter referred to as “this code”.

B. Section 109.4 is amended to read as follows: 109.4 Violation penalties. Persons who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install alter, repair or do work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the fire code official, or of a permit or certificate used under provisions of this code, shall be guilty of an Administrative Violation in accordance with Sierra Madre Municipal Code Section 1.18.010.

C. Section 111.4 is amended to read as follows: 111.4 Failure to comply. Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable to a fine in accordance with Sierra Madre Municipal Code Section 1.18.070.

D. Section 307.4.2 is amended to read as follows: 307.4.2 Recreational fires. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet (760mm) of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated. Discontinuance. The fire code official or his representative is authorized to require that recreational fires be immediately discontinued if such fires are determined by the chief to constitute a hazardous condition or if atmospheric conditions reach critical levels as specified in the policies and procedures of the fire prevention bureau.

E. Section 503.2.1 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical conditions as identified in the 2013 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission: 503.2.1 Dimensions. Fire apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 20 feet (6096 mm), except for approved security gates in accordance with section 503.6, and an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than 13 feet 6 inches (4115mm).

1. When fire hydrants are required, fire apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 26 feet (4114 mm) within a linear distance of 25 feet (7620 mm) each side of the hydrant.

F. Section 903.2.1.1 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2013 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission: 903.2.1.1 Group A-1. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-1 occupancies in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

G. Section 903.2.1.2 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2013 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission: 903.2.1.2 Group A-2. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-2 occupancies in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

H. Section 903.2.1.3 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2013 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission: 903.2.1.3 Group A-3. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-3 occupancies in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

I. Section 903.2.1.4 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2013 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission: 903.2.1.4 Group A-4. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-4 occupancies in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

J. Section 903.2.1.5 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2013 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission: 903.2.1.5 Group A-5. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-5 occupancies in the following areas: concession stands, retail areas, press boxes, and other accessory use areas in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

K. Section 903.2.2 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2013 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission: 903.2.2 Ambulatory care facilities. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all buildings containing ambulatory care facilities in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

L. Section 903.2.3 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2013 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission: 903.2.3 Group E. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all buildings containing a Group E occupancy in accordance with Code section 15.24.120. (exception: For public school state-funded construction projects see Section 903.2.19)

M. Section 903.2.4 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2013 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission: 903.2.4 Group F-1. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all buildings containing a Group F-1 occupancy in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

N. Section 903.2.5 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2013 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission: 903.2.5 Group H. Automatic sprinkler systems shall be provided in high-hazard occupancies as required in Sections 903.2.5.1 through 903.2.5.3. 903.2.5.1 General. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in Group H occupancies: in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

O. Section 903.2.6 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2013 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission: 903.2.6 Group I. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout buildings with a Group I in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

P. Section 903.2.7 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2013 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission: 903.2.7 Group M. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout buildings containing a Group M occupancy in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

Q. Section 903.2.8 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2013 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission: 903.2.8 Group R. An automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3 shall be provided throughout all buildings with a Group R in accordance with Code section 15.24.110.

R. Section 903.2.9 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2013 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission: 903.2.9 Group S-1. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all buildings containing a Group S-1 in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

S. Section 903.2.9.1 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2013 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission: 903.2.9.1 Repair garages. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all buildings used as repair garages in accordance with Code section 15.24.120.

T. Section 903.2.9.2 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2013 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission: 903.2.9.2 Bulk storage of tires. Buildings and structures with an area for the storage of shall be equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1.

U. Section 903.2.10 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2013 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission: 903.2.10 Group S-2. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout buildings classified as enclosed parking garages in accordance with Section 406.4 of the California Building Code or where located beneath other groups.

V. Section 903.2.10.1 is amended to read as follows due to local topographical, geological and climatic conditions as identified in the 2013 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission: 903.2.10.1 Commercial parking garages. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout buildings used for storage of commercial trucks or buses in accordance with Code section 15.24.120

W. APPENDIX A-Board of Appeals: Not Adopted

X. APPENDIX D-Fire Apparatus Access Roads is amended to read as follows due to local topographical conditions as identified in the 2013 Fire Code Findings of Fact as filed with the California Building Standards Commission: D103.1 Access road width with a fire hydrant. Where a fire hydrant is located on a fire apparatus access road, the minimum road width shall be 26 feet (7925 mm), within a linear distance of 25 feet (7620 mm) each side of the hydrant, exclusive of shoulders.

Y. APPENDIX J-Building Information Sign: Not Adopted

SECTION 3. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances. All existing ordinances or parts thereof conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance or the California Fire Code adopted are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. References in Documents and Continuing Legal Effect. References to prior versions of the California Fire Code, or of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code that are amended or renumbered in this Municipal Code, that are cited on notices issued by the City or other documents of ongoing or continuing legal effect, including resolutions adopting or imposing fees or charges, until converted, are deemed to be references to the new counterpart 2013 Fire Code or amended Municipal Code sections for the purposes of notice and enforcement. The provisions adopted hereby shall not in any manner affect deposits, established fees or other matters of record which refer to, or are otherwise connected with, ordinances which are specifically designated by number, code section or otherwise, but such references shall be deemed to apply to the corresponding provisions set forth in the code sections adopted or amended hereby.

SECTION 5. Continuity. To the extent the provisions of this Ordinance are substantially the same as previous provisions of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code, these provisions shall be construed as continuations of those provisions and not as amendments of the earlier provisions.

SECTION 6. No Effect on Enforceability. The repeal of any sections of the Municipal Code, shall not affect or impair any act done, or right vested or approved, or any proceeding, suit or prosecution had or commenced in any cause before such repeal shall take effect; but every such act, vested right, proceeding, suit, or prosecution shall remain in full force and effect for all purposes as if the applicable provisions of the Municipal Code, or part thereof, had remained in force and effect. No offense committed and no liability, penalty, or forfeiture, either civil or criminal, incurred prior to the repeal or alteration of any applicable provision of the 2007 Code as amended, shall be discharged or affected by such repeal or alteration but prosecutions and suits for such offenses, liabilities, penalties or forfeitures shall be instituted and proceed in all respects as if the applicable provisions of the 2007 Code, as amended, had not been repealed or altered.

SECTION 7. Supplementary of Existing Law. The City Council intends this Ordinance to supplement, not to duplicate or contradict, applicable state and federal law and this Ordinance shall be construed in light of that intent.

SECTION 8. Modifications to California Fire Code. All inconsistencies between the Municipal Fire Code, as adopted by this ordinance, and Part 9 of Title 24 the California Code of Regulations are changes, modifications, amendments, additions or deletions thereto authorized by California Health and Safety Code Sections 17858 and 17858.7.

SECTION 9. Findings. The City Council hereby adopts the findings attached hereto as Exhibit A by this reference fully incorporated herein. These modifications to the 2010 California Fire Code, incorporating the 2009 International Fire Codes are reasonably necessary due to the local climatic, geological, and topographical reasons set forth in Exhibit A.

SECTION 10. Severability. Should any section, subsection, clause, or provision of this Ordinance for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Ordinance; it being hereby expressly declared that this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase hereof would have been prepared, proposed, approved, and ratified irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 11. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days following its adoption as provided by Government Code Section 36937, or January 1, 2010 whichever is later.

SECTION 12. Copy with Clerk. The City Clerk shall maintain a copy of the California Fire Code, 2010 Edition, as amended by this ordinance, for use and examination by the public.

SECTION 13. CEQA. This Ordinance has been determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines §15061 (b) (3) as a project that has no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

SECTION 14. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be processed in the manner required by law.

SECTION 15. Filing with State. The City Clerk shall file a certified copy of this Ordinance with the California Building Standards Commission.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of November, 2013 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Walsh, Harabedian, Moran, Capoccia and Koerber

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

EXHIBIT A - 2013 FIRE CODE FINDINGS

Pursuant to Section 13869.7 of the California Health and Safety Code, the report contained herein shall be the “Findings” document to support City of Sierra Madre Ordinance No. 1346 Under this adopting ordinance, specific amendments have been established which are more restrictive in nature than those sections adopted by the State of California (State Building Standards Code, and State Housing and Community Development Code) commonly referred to as Title 24 and Title 25 of the California Administrative Code. The amendments to the 2013 California Fire Code and 2012 International Fire Code have been recognized by the City of Sierra Madre. The amendments address the fire problem(s), concern(s), and future direction(s), by which the City can establish and maintain an environment which will afford an adequate level of fire and life safety protection to its citizens and guests. Under the provisions of Section 13869.7 of the Health and Safety Code, local amendments shall be based on climatic, geographical, or topographical conditions. The “Findings” contained herein shall address each of these situations and shall present the local situation, which, either singularly, or in combination, cause the established amendments to be adopted.

SIERRA MADRE COMMUNITY PROFILE

The City of Sierra Madre was established in 1881. Sierra Madre encompasses an area of approximately 3.2 square miles at an elevation ranging from 700 to 800 feet above sea level. The residential population is approximately 10,800. The physical location of Sierra Madre is bordered by the city of Pasadena to the west, Arcadia to the south and east and the Angeles National Forest to the north. The majority of Sierra Madre is residential housing, with a number of small businesses and light industrial, four elementary schools, a middle school, a high school and six churches. Based on this profile of Sierra Madre, the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department established certain requirements to increase the level of fire safety to the citizens and guests of Sierra Madre, as well as the buildings within its boundaries. The following points were established as factors, which caused concern to the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department, and are herein established and submitted as its “Findings:”

1. CLIMATIC

Normal rainfall averages 15 inches annually. During the summer and fall months, temperatures average approximately 85 degrees and can exceed 100 degrees for a period of days. Dry winds remove the moisture from vegetation. During late summer and fall, winds can move a fire quickly across the foothills or through residential areas of Sierra Madre. Because of periods of high temperatures, accompanied by low humidity and high winds each year. These conditions create an environment in which the Fire Department commits the majority of its fire fighting resources to the control and extinguishment of wildland fires. During such periods, the limited available firefighting resources may have great difficulty in controlling fires in structures with wood roofs and structures not having built-in fire protection.

2. GEOLOGICAL

Sierra Madre has within its boundaries active seismic hazards with respect to the San Andreas and Sierra Madre faults. While systems have been developed to study and monitor the activity of earthquakes, science has not yet been able to predict with reliability the potential for activity on these or on any other active fault. While minor seismic activity within Sierra Madre occurs yearly without damage, the potential for severe damage does exist with these active faults, particularly with the Sierra Madre fault, which traverses the City. The potential for earthquakes influences fire protection planning. A major seismic event would create a community-wide demand on fire protection services, which would be beyond the response capability of the Fire Department. This potential problem can be partially mitigated by requiring initial fire control through the installation of automatic fire protection systems. Although the water system in Sierra Madre is rated Class 4 by the Insurance Services Offices, with the above noted hazard, it is possible that major fire flow requirements could be disrupted and automatic fire suppression systems requiring much less water would be the only means of extinguishment.

3. TOPOGRAPHICAL

The mountains that border the north of Sierra Madre create a beautiful backdrop, and at the same time, create a unique hazard. As one approaches the mountains, the elevation increases, and this lengthens the response time of emergency vehicles due to the increase in grade. Additionally, the steep, narrow canyons create narrow winding roads that also lengthen response times. The foothills have become prime sites for residential development because of their scenic beauty. These same scenic hills create barriers for accessibility by fire suppression forces. The topographical layout of Sierra Madre's hillside areas creates hazardous conditions should a storm cause trees to fall and block roadways within Sierra Madre, again making accessibility difficult until properly cleared. These conditions have occurred in the past and have the potential to happen again. During a fire, fire engines need to utilize the water from the many fire hydrants found in the canyons along these narrow roads. While using these hydrants, the access on the road is severely restricted. These conditions have occurred in the past and have the potential to happen again. This potential problem can be partially mitigated by requiring new roads to have additional width to the roadway in the vicinity of fire hydrants. Sierra Madre has areas that are in high fire hazard zones. As stated above, due to topography, access to structures in these fire hazard zones increases response time and delays fire suppression efforts. Extended response times allow fires to grow beyond the control of initial attack resources. Additionally, large structure fires in the hillside areas have a greater likelihood of starting wildland fires, which exposes additional structures to fire. The value of the land in Sierra Madre is near the top in the County and maximum usage of the land is important to investors and developers. The multi-residential zones located within Sierra Madre encourage developers to seek maximum return on their investment. The most effective method of achieving this is to allow maximum density. This creates buildings that provide minimum required clearances between structures and maximum allowable height. This results in “barriers” that hinder fire-fighting operations, and restrict the movement of emergency personnel and equipment in the vicinity of the structure.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

The Fire Department is charged with the task of providing a reasonable degree of fire and life safety in Sierra Madre with minimum budget and staffing levels. The City of Sierra Madre places a high value on protection of human life against hazards of fire. While smoke detectors are intended to give an early warning that allow occupants to escape or defend themselves from the hazard of fire, automatic sprinklers are meant to control or extinguish a developing fire to enable occupants to better escape. Sprinkler systems have been found to be highly effective systems for the protection of human life and should be used whenever feasible. The water supply in Sierra Madre makes extensive use of automatic sprinkler systems feasible. Most of the City is ideally located below the 6 reservoirs, which supply the gravity flow water system with storage capacity in excess of 6 million gallons. Many of our fire service installations maintain static pressures in excess of 80 pounds per square inch. The City of Sierra Madre water distribution system is the major contributing factor toward the fire suppression capabilities of the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department. There are jurisdictions within the State, which have difficulty providing required water flows for automatic fire sprinkler systems, making the operation of such sprinkler systems less feasible than in the City of Sierra Madre. The City of Sierra Madre is also subject to certain dangers, making the use of automatic sprinkler systems a more significant factor in fire suppression. The City of Sierra Madre is located in one of the most active earthquake fault systems in the United States. Major damage corresponding to magnitude 7 or higher earthquake can be expected. Severe seismic action would place extreme demands on the limited resources of our small fire department. Communications could be disrupted. Damage to gas and water mains is to be expected. As previously mentioned, the City of Sierra Madre water system is the key to sprinkler supply. The City of Sierra Madre water system is constructed in a grid to reduce the effect of a single pipe or area of pipes breaking. Therefore, entire system failure due to earthquake is more unlikely than a partial failure. Automatic fire sprinkler systems will operate on much less pressure than normally available in Sierra Madre. Although sprinklers may only partially control a fire, this would be important in reducing the fire problem or delayed response that may be created by broken communications and obstructed access. Automatic fire sprinkler systems would therefore reduce demands on firefighting forces during emergency earthquake conditions. The Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department's first alarm assignment varies depending on volunteer staffing and availability of mutual aid companies from surrounding cities. Most jurisdictions consider two engine companies, a rescue squad, and a Chief Officer to be a minimum for a single-family structure fire. Because Sierra Madre's Fire Department staffing is dependent upon volunteers and mutual aid companies from other cities, it is imperative that developers and builders provide built-in fire protection within buildings covered by the City of Sierra Madre Sprinkler Ordinance. Unless fires are kept in their incipient stages, which automatic fire sprinkler systems achieve, the fire department, as presently staffed and equipped cannot function effectively against large or numerous fires. Large or numerous fire necessitate the immediate call for mutual aid, which if available, will be delayed. Additionally, due to the winding narrow roads that are found in our canyon areas, it is imperative that access on these roads be maintained at all times, especially during a fire when the fire hydrants are being used. While the adoption of regulations may not prevent incidents of fire, the implementation of the various regulations and/or requirements will reduce the severity and potential loss of life and property in our community. The serious concerns based on these “Findings”, support the imposition of built-in fire protection requirements greater than those set forth in the International Building and Fire Codes. Additionally, Sierra Madre Ordinance No. 1346 will provide effective protection of the populace and property, and help reduce the ravages of fire. The Sierra Madre Fire Department submits these “Findings” and requests acceptance of same as defined under Section 13869.7 of the State of California Health and Safety Code.

ORDINANCE NO 1347

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE 2013 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODES WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, MODIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre does hereby find that there is a need to enforce the most current editions of the California Building Standards Code, with the local amendments recited herein for regulating and controlling the design, erection, construction, enlargement, installation, alteration, repair, relocation, removal, use, occupancy, demolition, conversion, height, area, location, maintenance, and quality of materials of all buildings and structures and plumbing, mechanical, electrical and fire suppression systems and certain equipments within the City;

WHEREAS, pursuant to sections 17922, 17958, 17958.5 and 17958.7 of the California Health & Safety Code, the City may adopt the provisions of the Building, Residential, Green Building Standards, Energy, Referenced Standards Plumbing, Mechanical and Electric Codes, with certain amendments to the provisions of the codes which are reasonably necessary to protect the health, wealth and safety of citizens of Sierra Madre because of local climatic, geological and topographical conditions;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre made the factual findings outlined in Exhibit 1 attached hereto relating to the amendments to the uniform codes recited herein in accordance with Health & Safety Code section 18941.5;

WHEREAS, the city City Council also finds that areas within the City are hazardous fire areas that have only limited fire suppression forces and facilities available for the protection of life and property;

WHEREAS, the City Council does hereby further find that the southern California region, which includes the City, is within a very active seismic area and local soil conditions can be highly expansive and subject to local topographic considerations including extensive hillside construction that is prone to erosion;

WHEREAS, the City Council does hereby further find that in accordance with section 15061(b)(3) of the California Code of Regulations, the adoption of local amendments to the California Building Standards Code, and amending the Sierra Madre Municipal Code are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Amendments to Chapter 15.04, entitled “Building Code and Permits”.

The following sections of the Municipal Code are hereby amended or added to provide as follows: 15.04.010 Adoption of the 2013 California Building Code

Subject to the additions, deletions and amendments specified in this chapter, the rules, regulations, provisions and conditions set forth in that certain code entitled 2013 California Building Code based on the “International Building Code 2012 edition,” promulgated by the International Code Council and referred to and by this reference expressly incorporated herein and made part hereof as fully and for all intents and purposes as though set forth at length, and said 20112California Building Code is made part of this code and the same shall be designated, known and referred to as the “building code” of and for the city.

15.04.030Amendment to Section 702 Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone

A. The definition of “Very high fire hazard severity zone” in Section 702A of the 2013 California Building Code is amended to provide as follows. Fire hazard severity zones are geographical areas designated pursuant to California Public Resources Code sections 4201 through 4204 and classified as very high, high, or moderate in state responsibility areas or as local agency very high fire hazard severity zones designated pursuant to California Government Code sections 51175 through 51189. See California Fire Code Article 86. The California Code of Regulations Title 14 Sections 1280 entitles the maps of these geographical areas as “maps of the fire hazard severity zones in the state responsibility area of California.” For the purposes of this code, the entire city of Sierra Madre is hereby established as a Fire District and shall contain within it an area designated as a very high fire hazard severity zone, and shall include such territories or portions of said city as outlined in Chapter 15.04 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code. Whenever in this code, reference is made to any fire zone; it shall be construed to mean the fire zone created by this chapter.

B. Section 704A 2013 California Building Code is revised to add:

Building or structures hereafter erected, constructed, moved within or into the very high fire hazard severity zone shall meet the requirements of this section as follows:

1. Exterior walls of all buildings shall be of one-hour, fire-resistive construction. Exterior glass in such walls shall be double-glazed. Wood shake shingles being used as an exterior wall covering shall be treated with an approved fire retardant chemical.

2. Roof soffits (including eaves), open patios, carports, porches, unenclosed underfloor areas and all open structures, attached or detached, shall be protected on the under side with materials as approved for one-hour fire-resistive construction or shall be of incombustible materials throughout.

Exceptions:

a. Asphalt composition shingles with Class “B” rating.

b. When in the opinion of the Building Official, no material increase in fire hazard will occur, additions not exceeding twenty-five percent (25%) of the existing square footage over the life of the building, may be covered with the same materials used on the existing building.

c. Any roof covering conforming to the specifications of the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) for Class “A” roof covering as published in the Underwriters Laboratory “List of Fire Protection Equipment and Materials” shall be considered a “fire-retardant” roof covering”.

15.04.090 Amendment to Section 1505 Roofs – Fire Classifications The 2013 California Building Code Section is amended to add the following to Sections 1505:

A. Any building alteration, replacement or repair, which does not exceed twenty-five percent of the area of the existing roof, over the life of the structure, may use existing like materials on said roof.

B. Any building alteration, replacement or repair, which exceeds fifty percent of the area of the existing roof, over the life of the structure, shall be made with fire retardant covering as specified in the California Building Code.

C. Any building alteration, replacement or repair, which exceeds fifty percent of the area of the existing roof, over the life of the structure, shall be made with fire retardant covering as specified in the 2013 California Building Code.

D. Any building addition, which does not exceed twenty-five percent of the area of the existing roof, over the life of the structure, may use existing like material on the roof addition, and any alteration, replacement or repairs to the existing roof, required by such addition, shall be made with fire retardant covering as specified in the 2013 California Building Code, and any alterations, replacements or repairs to the existing roof, required by such addition, shall also be made with such fire retardant roof covering.

F. Wood roofs shall not be considered a Class A covering regardless of the rating of an assembly.

15.04.100 Amendment – Section 202 – Additions, alterations or repairs

A. The following is added to the end of Section 202 of the 2013 California Building Code: The phrase “additions, alterations and repairs” as used in this section, and all subsections thereof, shall not be construed to apply to the remodeling of an existing building to provide new facades or other aesthetic embellishments or accouterments which do not modify the structural support or members of such building.

B. Section 3403 of the 2013 California Building Code is amended to include and read as follows: Section 3403 Buildings or structures to which additions, alterations or repairs are made shall comply with all requirements of this code for new facilities except as specifically provided in this section. See section 907 of the Building Code for provisions requiring installation of smoke detectors in existing Group R, Division 3 Occupancies.

15.04.110 Amendment – Section 109.4 Work commencing before permit Issuance The following is added to the end of Section 109.4 of the 2013 California Building Code: Where the work for which permit is required by this code is started or proceeded prior to obtaining said permit, the building permit fee shall be doubled, but the payment of such double fee shall not relieve any persons from fully complying with the requirements of this Code in the execution of the work nor from any penalties prescribed herein.

15.04.115 – Section 105.7 Demolition Permits. The following is added to Section 105 of the 2013 California Building Code Section 105.7 Demolition Permits

A. No permit for the demolition of all or any substantial portion of any building in the city shall be issued for a period of thirty days after such application is made. For the purposes of this chapter, demolition shall be considered the alteration, reconstruction, or elimination of 50% or more, of the floor area or monetary value. Projects that involve less than 50% of the alteration, reconstruction, or elimination of the floor area or monetary value may still be subject to requirements of Chapter 8.13 and/or 12.20 of this code.

B. There is a 30 day wait period after the application is submitted.

C. Within 10 days of the application, the applicant should submit a mitigation plan for vermin, noise, dust, asbestos, salvage, trash removal, air pollution, historic preservation, and neighborhood peace and enjoyment. Failure to submit such mitigation report may be grounds for denying such permit.

D. Notice of the application for a demolition permit shall be made available within three days to every city councilmember and city official. Copies of the applicant’s mitigation report shall also be made in similar fashion.

E. Prior to the release of the demolition permit, the applicant shall demonstrate that notification of, and compliance with, the following:

1. South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD);

2. Electricity provider;

3. Natural gas provider; and

4. City Department of Public Works (Chapters 8.13 and 12.20.)

F. Prior to the issuance of a demolition permit, the applicant shall file (in general terms) his/her intended reuse of the property with development services department. Such plan shall indicate the intended use and condition of the property after the demolition of structures requested within the demolition permit is completed.

G. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, in the event of an immediate threat to the public health, safety and welfare, the thirty-day waiting period for the issuance of a demolition permit may be waived. Evidence of such an immediate threat shall be submitted by the applicant to the director of development services. Upon receipt of such information, the director of development services shall determine if an immediate threat to the public health, safety and welfare exists.

H. The filing of any notice or report, as called for herein, is not intended to vest any discretion (under CEQA or otherwise) in the building official to deny such application. Instead, at the end of the thirty-day period, such permit shall be issued unless such issuance is contrary to any law or regulation applicable at that date.

I. To the extent, if any, that this Section 115 differs from the 2013 California Building Code (CBC), the city council finds that there are conditions unique to this city that justify such change, including high fire danger, steep hillsides, vermin infestation, wildlife and asbestos levels, the issuance of a demolition permit shall be considered a ministerial duty under the provisions of CEQA Section 15268 except for historical and unique archeological resources as outlined in CEQA Section 15064.5. If the demolition permit is for a historic structure, a cultural resources report shall be prepared at the property owner’s expense.

J. Any person, firm or corporation demolishing a structure without a permit shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction of any such person shall be punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment in the city jail for not more than one hundred eighty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

K. Demolitions of Historic Structure.

1. If a structure that is deemed to be a historic resource is demolished without a permit:

a) The violator shall within one year completely rebuild the demolished structure to pre-existing condition and shall submit a surety bond that shall be in amount equal to the replacement value as calculated by the department of development services;

b) The city may rebuild it within said one-year period placing the costs thereof as a lien on the property which shall indemnify the city against all costs so incurred and all liabilities arising there from; or

c) No building or construction related permits shall be issued, and no permits or use of the property shall be allowed, from the date of demolition for a specified time period, as follows: If the structure was listed or deemed eligible for listing in the local, state, or Federal Registry of Historic Resources. In addition, for a historic structure, a cultural resources report shall be prepared at the property owner’s expense. For the purposes of this section, the demolition shall be presumed to have occurred on the date the city has actual knowledge of the demolition. The owner shall have the burden of proving a different date if one is claimed. Such waiting period shall be for the purpose of consideration of rebuilding, relocation, grants, etc., for replacement.

2. The director of development services shall cause notice that this section is applicable to property to be served by mail on the person shown as the owner on the rolls of the tax assessor, and on any other person known to have an interest in the property, as soon as practicable after having knowledge that the provisions of this section are applicable to property. The date the city first had actual knowledge of the demolition shall be stated in the notice. The provisions of this subsection are directory only.

3. The decision of the director that this section is applicable may be appealed by the property owner to the city council. The city council may grant relief from the requirements of this section if the demolition in violation of this section was not done to any of the following:

a) A building or structure deemed eligible for landmark status;

b) A building or structure listed or deemed eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;

c) A building or structure listed or deemed eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources;

d) Any cultural resource determined to have historic significance.

15.04.117 Section 105.2 Work Exempt from Permits Section 105.2 Building Exception 2 is hereby deleted and the following is added at the end of Section 105.2 of the 2013 California Building Code: “All walls, retaining walls and fences regardless of type or height shall require building permits.”

15.04.118 Amendment – Section 903 Automatic Fire Sprinklers The following sections within section 903 of the 2013 California Building Code, entitled, “Automatic Sprinkler Systems” are revised to provide as follows: 903.2.1.1

Group A-1. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group 1 occupancies in accordance with Sierra Madre Municipal Code section 15.24.120. 903.2.1.2

Group A-2. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-2 occupancies in accordance with Sierra Madre Municipal Code section 15.24.120. 903.2.1.3

Group A-3. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-3 occupancies in accordance with Sierra Madre Municipal Code section 15.24.120. 903.2.1.4

Group A-4. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-4 occupancies in accordance with Code Sierra Madre Municipal section 15.24.120. 903.2.1.5

Group A-5. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-5 occupancies in the following areas: concession stands, retail areas, press boxes, and other accessory use areas in accordance with Code section 15.24.120. 903.2.2

Group B ambulatory health care facilities. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all buildings containing Group B ambulatory health care occupancy in accordance with Sierra Madre Municipal Code section 15.24.120. 903.2.3

Group E. Except as provided for in Sections 903.2.2.1 for a new public school campus and 907.2.3.6.1 (fire alarm and detection) for modernization of an existing public school campus building(s), an automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group E occupancies in accordance with Code section 15.24.120. 903.2.4

Group F-1. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all buildings containing a Group F-1 occupancy in accordance with Sierra Madre Municipal Code section 15.24.120. 903.2.5

Group H. Automatic sprinkler systems shall be provided in high-hazard occupancies as required in Sections 903.2.5.1 through 903.2.5.3. 903.2.5.1 General. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in Group H occupancies in accordance with Code section 15.24.120. 903.2.6

Group I. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout buildings with a Group I in accordance with Sierra Madre Municipal Code section 15.24.120. 903.2.7

Group M. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout buildings containing a Group M occupancy in accordance with Sierra Madre Municipal Code section 15.24.120. 903.2.8

Group R. An automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3 shall be provided throughout all buildings with a Group R in accordance with Sierra Madre Municipal Code section 15.24.110. 903.2.9

Group S-1. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all buildings containing a Group S-1 in accordance with Code section 15.24.120. 903.2.9.1 Repair garages. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all buildings used as repair garages in accordance with the California Building Code. 903.2.9.2 Bulk storage of tires. Buildings and structures with an area for the storage of shall be equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1. 903.2.10

Group S-2. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout buildings classified as enclosed parking garages in accordance with Section 406.4 of the California Building Code or where physically located beneath other occupancy groups.

903.2.10.1 Commercial parking garages. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout buildings used for storage of commercial trucks or buses.

15.04.120 Adoption of Los Angeles Regional Code Program – Los Angeles Basin Chapter 2013 Technical Amendments The 2013 California Building Code is hereby amended by adopting by reference the Technical Amendments as published on September 5, 2013 by the Los Angeles Regional Uniform Regional Code Program – International Code Council – Los Angeles Basin Chapter.

SECTION 2. Amendments to Chapter 15.06, entitled “California Residential Code” Residential Code the following sections of the Municipal Code are hereby amended or added to provide as follows: 15.06.010 Ad option of the 2013 California Residential Code Subject to the additions, deletions and amendments specified in this chapter, the rules, regulations, provisions and conditions set forth in that certain code entitled 2013 California Residential Code based on the “International Residential Code 2012 edition,” promulgated by the International Code Council of Whittier, California, and referred to and by this reference expressly incorporated herein and made part hereof as fully and for all intents and purposes as though set forth at length, and said 2013 California Residential Code is made part of this code and the same shall be designated, known and referred to as the “Residential Code” of and for the city.

15.06.020 Amendment - Section R105.2 Work Exempt from Permits

Section R102.2 Building Exception 2 is hereby deleted and the following is added to the end of Section R105.2 of the 2013 California Residential Code: “All walls, retaining walls and fences regardless of type or height shall require building permits” 15.06.030 Amendment - Section R108.6 Work commencing before permit issuance The following is added to the end of Section R108.6 of the 2013 California Residential Code: Where the work for which permit is required by this code is started or proceeded prior to obtaining said permit, the building permit fee shall be doubled, but the payment of such double fee shall not relieve any persons from fully complying with the requirements of this Code in the execution of the work nor from any penalties prescribed herein.

15.06.040 Amendment - Townhouse automatic fire sprinkler systems

Section R313.1 of the California 2013 Residential Code is amended to provide as follows: “An automatic residential fire sprinkler system shall be installed in townhouses in accordance with Sierra Madre Municipal code section 15.24.110.”

15.06.050 Amendment - One and two family dwellings automatic fire systems The following is added to the end of Section R313.2 of the 2013 California Residential Code: “An automatic residential fire sprinkler system shall be installed in one- and two-family dwellings in accordance with accordance with Sierra Madre Municipal code section 15.24.110.”

15.06.060 Amendment – Required sprinkler locations, exception 4 Section R313.3.1.1, of the California 2013 Residential Code exception 4 is amended to read as follows: “Detached garages and carports in accordance with Sierra Madre Municipal code section 15.24.110.”

15.06.070 Water flow detector alarm

A new section R313.3.3.5 of the California 2013 Residential Code is added to the Residential code and shall be entitled “Water flow detector alarm.” That section shall provide: “Water supply” “The flow of one sprinkler shall activate a water flow detector alarm that shall be audible on the exterior of the building.”

15.06.080 Adoption of Los Angeles Regional Uniform Code Program Technical amendments to the 2013 California Residential Code. The 2013 California Residential Code is hereby amended by adopting by reference the Technical Amendments as published by the Los Angeles Regional Uniform Regional Code Program – International Code Council – Los Angeles Basin Chapter published September 5, 2013.

SECTION 3. Amendments to Chapter 15.08, entitled “California Mechanical Code” The following sections of the Municipal Code are hereby amended or added to provide as follows: The following sections of the 2013 California Mechanical Code are amended or added to provide as follows:

15.08.010 Adoption of the California Mechanical Code.

The 2013 California Mechanical Code which is based on the Uniform Mechanical Code, 2012 Edition,” published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials is adopted by reference, together with all indexes and appendices therefore, except as herein amended in this chapter and said 2013 California Mechanical Code is made part of this code and this chapter shall be designated, as known and referred to as the “mechanical code” of and for the city.

15.08.030 Amendment – Section 110.0 Violation Section 110.0 of the 2013 California Mechanical code is amended to include the phrase: “In addition to the penalties herein above provided, any condition caused or permitted to exist in violation of any of the provisions of this code shall be deemed a public nuisance and may be abated in the manner provided by law as such. Every day such condition continues shall be regarded as a new separate offense.”

SECTION 4. Amendments to Chapter 15.16, “California Electrical Code” .The following sections of the Municipal Code are hereby amended or added to provide as follows:

15.16.010 Adoption of the 2013 California Electrical Code. Subject to the additions, deletions, and amendments specified in this chapter, the rules regulations, provisions and conditions set forth in those certain codes entitled, 2013 California Electrical Code which is based “National Electrical Code, 2011 Edition,” therein contained, published by the National, Fire Protection Association is adopted by reference, together with all indexes and appendices therefore, except as herein amended in this chapter and said 2013 California Electrical Code is made part of this code and this chapter shall be designated, as known and referred to as the “electrical code” of and for the city.

Section 15.16.015 is added to the municipal code to provide as follows: 15.16.015Amendment- Annex H: Administration Section 80.27 Inspectors Qualifications Section 80.27 of the 2013 California Electrical Code is amended to provide the phrase “The Building Official is exempt from requiring certification as an electrical inspector.”

SECTION 5. Amendments to Chapter 15.20, entitled “California Plumbing Code” The following sections of the Municipal Code are hereby amended or added to provide as follows:

Chapter 15.20.10 Adoption of the 2013 California Plumbing Code and Appendixes The 2013 California Plumbing Code which is based on The Uniform International Plumbing Code, 2012 Edition, is adopted. That certain document “International Plumbing Code, 2012 Edition,” published by International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials is adopted by reference, together with all indexes and appendices thereof and therefore, except as herein amended in this chapter and said 2013 California Plumbing code is made part of this code and this chapter shall be referred to as the “plumbing code” of and for the city.

15.20.060 Section 710.1 Drainage of fixtures located below the next upstream manhole or below the main sewer level. Section 710.1 of the 2013 California Plumbing Code shall be amended to read as follows: Sewage backflow. Where the flood level rims of plumbing fixtures are below the elevation of the manhole cover of the next upstream manhole in the public sewer, such fixtures shall be protected by a backwater valve installed in the building drain, branch of the building drain or horizontal branch serving such fixtures. Plumbing fixtures having flood rim levels above the elevation of the manhole cover of the next upstream manhole in the public sewer shall not discharge through a backwater valve.

SECTION 6. Amendments to Chapter 15.26, entitled “Existing Building Code” The following sections of the Municipal Code are hereby amended or added to provide as follows

15.26.010 Adoption of the 2012 Existing Building Code. Subject to any additions, deletions and amendments that may exist in this chapter, the rules, regulations, provisions and conditions set forth in that certain code entitled “Existing Building Code 2012 Edition,” promulgated by the International Code Conference and referred to and by this reference expressly incorporated herein and made a part thereof as fully and for all intents and purposes as though set forth at length, and said Existing l Building Code is made a part of this code and the same shall be designated, known and referred to as the “existing building code” of and for the city.

SECTION 7. Amendments to Chapter 15.30, entitled 2 “Green Building Standards Code” The following sections of the Municipal Code are hereby amended or added to provide as follows:

Section 15.30.010 – Adoption of 2013 California Green Building Standards Code Subject to any additions, deletions and amendments that may exist in this chapter, the rules, regulations, provisions and conditions set forth in that certain code entitled “California Green Building Standards Code 2013 Edition,” and referred to and by this reference expressly incorporated herein and made a part thereof as fully and for all intents and purposes as though set forth at length, and said California Green Building Standards Code is made a part of this code and the same shall be designated, known and referred to as the “green building code” of and for the city.

15.30.030 Adoption of Los Angeles Regional Uniform Code Program Technical Amendments to the 2013 California Green Building Standards Code The 2013 California Green Buildings Standards Code is hereby amended by adopting all of the Technical Amendments as published by the Los Angeles Regional Uniform Regional Code Program – International Code Council – Los Angeles Basin Chapter published September 5, 2013, except for the two amendments that would have authorized the addition of Sections 101.12 and 101.12.1 to the Green Building Standards Code which would have authorize a 10% increase in fee to be charged for processing green building projects.

SECTION 8. Amendments to Chapter 15.34, entitled “CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE” The following sections of the Municipal Code are hereby amended or added to provide as follows: 15.34.010 – Adoption of 2013 California Energy Code Subject to any additions, deletions and amendments that may exist in this chapter, the rules, regulations, provisions and conditions set forth in that certain code entitled “California Energy Code 2013 Edition,” and referred to and by this reference expressly incorporated herein and made a part thereof as fully and for all intents and purposes as though set forth at length, and said California Energy Code is made a part of this code and the same shall be designated, known and referred to as the “energy code” of and for the city.

SECTION 9. Amendments to Chapter 15.36, entitled “REFERENCED STANDARDS CODE” The following sections of the Municipal Code are hereby amended or added to provide as follows: 15.36.010 Adoption of the 2013 California Referenced Standards Code Subject to any additions, deletions and amendments that may exist in this chapter, the rules, regulations, provisions and conditions set forth in that certain code entitled “California Referenced Standards Code 2013 Edition,” promulgated by the International Code Conference and referred to and by this reference expressly incorporated herein and made a part thereof as fully and for all intents and purposes as though set forth at length, and said California Referenced Standards Code is made a part of this code and the same shall be designated, known and referred to as the “referenced standards” of and for the city.

SECTION 10. References in Documents and Continuing Legal Effect. References to prior versions of any portion of the Building Standards Code, or of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code that are amended or renumbered in this Municipal Code, that are cited on notices issued by the City or other documents of ongoing or continuing legal effect, including resolutions adopting or imposing fees or charges, until converted, are deemed to be references to the new counterpart part of the Building Standards Code or amended Municipal Code sections for the purposes of notice and enforcement. The provisions adopted hereby shall not in any manner affect deposits, established fees or other matters of record which refer to, or are otherwise connected with, ordinances which are specifically designated by number, code section or otherwise, but such references shall be deemed to apply to the corresponding provisions set forth in the code sections adopted or amended hereby.

SECTION 11. Continuity. To the extent the provisions of this Ordinance are substantially the same as previous provisions of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code, these provisions shall be construed as continuations of those provisions and not as amendments of the earlier provisions.

SECTION 12. No Effect on Enforceability. The repeal of any sections of the Municipal Code, shall not affect or impair any act done, or right vested or approved, or any proceeding, suit or prosecution had or commenced in any cause before such repeal shall take effect; but every such act, vested right, proceeding, suit, or prosecution shall remain in full force and effect for all purposes as if the applicable provisions of the Municipal Code, or part thereof, had remained in force and effect. No offense committed and no liability, penalty, or forfeiture, either civil or criminal, incurred prior to the repeal or alteration of any applicable provision of the 2007 Code as amended, shall be discharged or affected by such repeal or alteration but prosecutions and suits for such offenses, liabilities, penalties or forfeitures shall be instituted and proceed in all respects as if the applicable provisions of the 2007 Code, as amended, had not been repealed or altered.

SECTION 13. Supplementary of Existing Law. The City Council intends this Ordinance to supplement, not to duplicate or contradict, applicable state and federal law and this Ordinance shall be construed in light of that intent.

SECTION 14. Modifications to California Building Standards Code. All inconsistencies between the Building Standards Code as amended and adopted by this ordinance, and Parts 2, 2.5, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10 of Title 24 the California Code of Regulations are changes, modifications, amendments, additions or deletions thereto authorized by California Health and Safety Code Sections 17858 and 17858.7.

SECTION 15. Severability. Should any section, subsection, clause, or provision of this Ordinance for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Ordinance; it being hereby expressly declared that this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase hereof would have been prepared, proposed, approved, and ratified irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 16. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2014.

SECTION 17. CEQA. This Ordinance has been determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines §15061 (b) (3) as a project that has no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, because any changes caused by this ordinance would be speculative, and do not have any significant impact on the environment.

SECTION 18. Publication. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be processed in the manner required by law.

SECTION 19. Certification. The City Clerk shall file a certified copy of this Ordinance with the California Building Standards Commission.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of November, 2013 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Walsh, Harabedian, Moran, Capoccia and Koerber. NOES: 0 Abstain: 0

Exhibit 1

SIERRA MADRE BUILDING DEPARTMENT 2013 BUILDING CODE FINDINGS

This report contains the “Findings” to support this ordinance to amend the California Building Standards Code. Each of the proposed amendments to the non-administrative provisions of the building standards code are based on local climatic, geologic and topographical conditions and cause the new code to be more restrictive in nature than the underlying California Building Standards Code. The amendments address the building problem(s), concern(s), and future direction(s), by which the City can establish and maintain an environment which will afford an adequate level of building and life safety protection to its citizens and guests.

Section 1 of this Exhibit sets forth the various finding. Section 2 of this Exhibit explains which findings apply to which amendments. **Section**

1. General Findings

The following findings apply in the City of Sierra Madre, and explain why the changes to the Building Standards Code are necessary because of climatic, geological and/or topographical condition is in the city. Climatic Conditions 1. Normal rainfall averages 15 inches annually. During the summer and fall months, temperatures average approximately 85 degrees and can exceed 100 degrees for a period of days. Dry winds remove the moisture from vegetation. During late summer and fall, winds can move a fire quickly across the foothills or through residential areas of Sierra Madre. Winter rains often cause floods and the threat of damage due to water runoff.

Geologic Conditions 1. The beautiful mountains that border the north of Sierra Madre create a unique hazard. The foothills have become prime sites for residential development because of their scenic beauty. The steep, narrow canyons create narrow winding roads that lengthen response time of emergency vehicles due to the increase in grade. Also, due to the hills and mountainous terrain, it is difficult to ensure proper fence and wall heights and footing depths without requiring inspections and permits.

2. The city is a densely populated area having buildings and structures over and near major fault systems capable of producing major earthquakes. Thus there are proposed modifications to emphasize designs with seismic-force-resisting elements.

B. Topographic Conditions 1. The topographic element of this report is associated closely with the geologic element noted above. While the geologic features create the topographic conditions, the areas of findings in this Section are, for the most part, a result of the construction and design of Sierra Madre.

Sierra Madre has areas that are in high fire hazard zones. As stated above, due to topography, access to structures in these fire hazard zones increases response time and delays fire suppression efforts. Extended response times allow fires to grow beyond the control of initial attack resources. Additionally, large structure fires in the hillside areas have a greater likelihood of starting wild land fires, which exposes additional structures to fire.

3. Clarification of the design parameters for projects subject to the Building Code is necessary to assure that appropriate development is constructed in accordance with the scope and objectives of the International Building Code, as applied in the city of Sierra Madre.

C. Administrative 1. These amendments are necessary for administrative clarification and do not modify any building standards. They establish standards to effectively enforce building standards and therefore need to be incorporated into the code to assure that new building and structures and additions or alteration to existing buildings or structures are designed and constructed in accordance with the scope and objectives of the California Building Standards Code.

Section 2 – Which Findings Apply to Which Amendments The following amendments to the 2013 Edition of the California Building Standards Code are found reasonably necessary based on the climatic, geologic and/or topographic conditions cited in Section 1 of this Exhibit.

California Building Code Sections

Chapter 7
202, 3403
109.4
105.2
Section 903 (903.2.1.1; 903.2.1.2; 903.2.1.3; 903.2.1.4; 903.2.1.5; 903.2.2; 903.2.3; 903.2.4; 903.2.5; 903.2.5.1; 903.2.6; 903.2.7; 903.2.8; 903.2.9; 903.2.9.1; 903.2.9.2; 903.2.10; 9; 903.2.10.1)
Section 1506 (1505.1; 1505.1.1; 1505.1.2; 1505.1.3; 1505.1.4; 1505.2)
Technical Amendments
2013 California Residential Code
R105.2
R108.6
R313.1
R313.2
R313.3.1.1 exception 4
R313.3.3.5
Technical Amendments
2013 California Mechanical Code
110.0
2013 California Electrical Code
Annex H
2013 California Plumbing Code
710.1
2012 Existing Building Code
SMMC 15.26.020
2013 California Green Building Code
SMMC 15.30.020
Technical Amendments
2013 California Energy Code
EMC 15.34.020
2013 California Referenced Standards Code
SMMC 15.36.020

Applicable Findings

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name of registrant(s) is (are) JAMES PETER RILEY, 4848 W. MARTIN LUTHER KING BLVD. #4, L.A., CA 90016. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JAMES PETER RILEY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/31/2013. 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: November 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2013-223431 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ROSAS CLEANERS, 5673 MAIN ST., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALICIA CLEMENTE, 9164 PRISCILLA ST., DOWNEY, CA 90242. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALICIA CLEMENTE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/28/2013. 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: November 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2013-223603 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SAW & GOT INTERNATIONAL TRADING CO., 2051 REDDING AV., ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LING QIN, 2051 REDDING AV., ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LING QIN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/28/2013. 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: November 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2013-223784 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SHERWOOD SPINE, 2407 ROCKEFELLER LN, UNIT B, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90278. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NORAB MEDICAL CONSULTANTS, INC., 2403 ROCKEFELLER LN, UNIT B, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90278. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: VICTORIA BARON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/29/2013. 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: November 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2013-223311 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SPECIALIZED MOBILE MECHANIC, 8748 CEDAR ST., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ERICK SOSA, 8748 CEDAR ST., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ERICK SOSA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/30/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/12/2007. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new

Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: November 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2013-224721 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SS SHOP, 1519 W. FLORENCE AVE., L.A., CA 90047. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUAN ZEPEDA, 2025 W. 66th ST., L.A., CA 90047. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JUAN ZEPEDA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/29/2013. 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: November 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2013-222482 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: STARLITE VILLA, 71 N. WILSON AVE., PASADENA, CA 91106. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SHERMAN S. CHEN, MARGIE M. CHEN, 1429 ROBERT CT., BREA, CA 92821. This Business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE. Signed: SHERMAN S. CHEN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/25/2013. 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: November 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2013-224769 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SUN POWER RESOURCE, 415 CHARMINGDALE RD., DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RESOURCE MATCHING INC., 415 CHARMINGDALE RD., DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: CHUAN KUANG MOU. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/29/2013. 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: November 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2013-222640 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: T DAY SPA, 2885 E. COLORADO BLVD., PASADENA, CA 91107. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JING HUA LIU, 2885 E. COLORADO BLVD., PASADENA, CA 91107. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JING HUA LIU. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/31/2013. 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: November 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2013-206545 The following person(s) is (are) doing business

as: TAX TIME 57, 1845 E. COMPTON BLVD., COMPTON, CA 90221. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DANIEL K. MARGERUM, 1845 E. COMPTON BLVD., COMPTON, CA 90221. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DANIEL K. MARGERUM. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/02/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/02/2013. 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: November 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2013-225151 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TEAM PATROL, 639 N. LIDFORD AVE., LA PUENTE, CA 91744. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FERNANDO PLAZOLA AVE., LA PUENTE, CA 91744. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: FERNANDO PLAZOLA JR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/30/2013. 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: November 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2013-225453 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE LOWDOWN IN UPTOWN, 6701 GREENLEAF AVE., WHITTIER, CA 90601. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) STELIOS T. PROIOS, CYNTHIA PROIOS, 8121 BARUCH ST., ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. This Business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE. Signed: STELIOS T. PROIOS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/30/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/30/2013. 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: November 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2013-225380 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TORTAS Y MARISCOS CHALIO, 1249 W. WASHINGTON BLVD., L.A., CA 90007. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROSALIO RAMOS, 1249 W. WASHINGTON BLVD., L.A., CA 90007. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ROSALIO RAMOS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/31/2013. 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: November 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2013-223312 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VA MAIDS & ASSOCIATES, 2211 THOMAS ST. #B, L.A., CA 90031. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ISREAL PEREZ, BENITA PEREZ, 2211 THOMAS ST. #B, L.A., CA 90031. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: ISREAL PEREZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/28/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/18/2013. 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: November 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2013-225653 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MRS. 13820 FOOTHILL BLVD. SPC #3, SYLMAR, CA 91342. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MICHAEL DEAN HARRIS, 4462 MINES RD., LIVERMORE, CA 94550. JOSEPH PAUL MILITELLO, 29012 LONGLEAF CT., SANTA ROSA, CA 95403. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: MICHAEL DEAN HARRIS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/30/2013. 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: November 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2013-224165 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WORLD INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BILLING AND CODING, 11230 CORNISH AVE., LYNWOOD, CA 90262. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) OPHELIA ALVAREZ, 11230 CORNISH AVE., LYNWOOD, CA 90262. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: OPHELIA ALVAREZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/29/2013. 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: November 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FILE NO. 2013-224483 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME The following person(s) VAN PHONG, has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: NAIL GALLERIA, 334 N. LEXMON AVE., WALNUT, CA 91789. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 01/20/2011, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2013224482. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/29/2013. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: VAN PHONG/OWNER. Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: November 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2013-226198 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LUNA'S BAKERY, 1010 E. FLORENCE AVE., BELL, CA 90201. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FERNANDO HERNANDEZ GUTIERREZ, EDGAR OSWALDO HERNANDEZ GUTIERREZ, 3910 E. FLORENCE AVE., BELL, CA 90201. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: FERNANDO HERNANDEZ GUTIERREZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/31/2013. 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: November 02, 09, 16, 23, 2013

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RICHARD S. WELSH AKA RICHARD STEPHEN WELSH CASE NO. BP146656

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of RICHARD S. WELSH AKA RICHARD STEPHEN WELSH.

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

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 12/10/13 at 8:30AM in Dept. 29 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.


Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

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- about half of these people moved to Holland, then to the New World so they could build a better life and worship as they pleased
- taught the Pilgrims skills to survive (Native American)
- Native American who lived with the Pilgrims
- number of braves who came to the Pilgrims' feast
- stone that marks the Pilgrims' landing place (2 words)
- an agreement signed by the men to set up a new government (2 words)
- Pilgrims' ship, sailed 66 days and nights to America
- large American bird
- the first Indian to welcome the Pilgrims
- to say or show that we are pleased, grateful
- big games played today
- men found baskets of this buried in the sand in deserted Indian fields

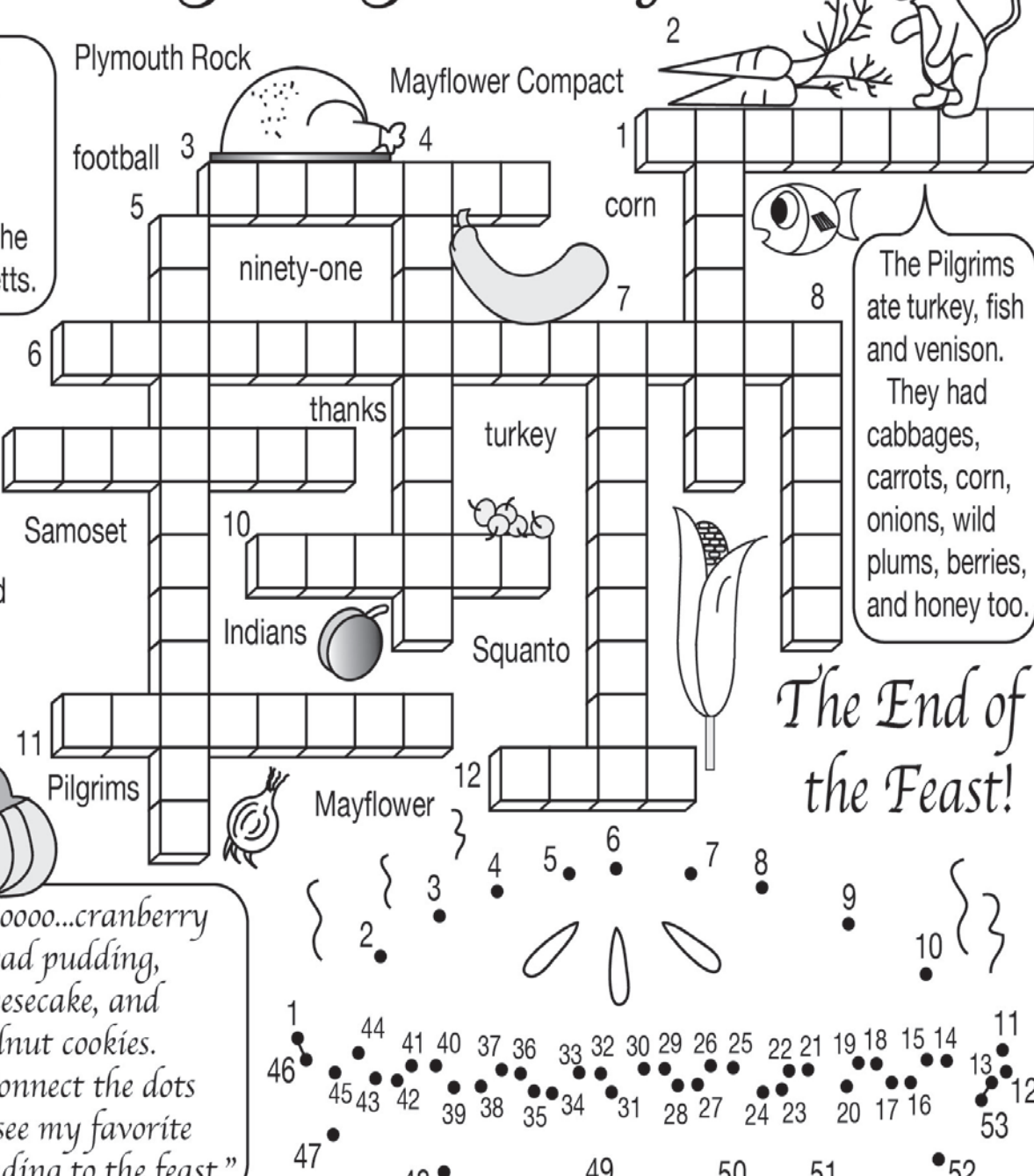
Our Thanksgiving holiday is based upon the wonderful feast that the Pilgrims and Native Americans shared at Plymouth Plantation, where the Pilgrims lived in Massachusetts.

We travel 'Over the River and through the Woods' to places where 'We Gather Together' to give thanks for our family, friends and all that we have!

...parade and then having our feast!

The Pilgrims ate turkey, fish and venison. They had cabbages, carrots, corn, onions, wild plums, berries, and honey too.

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