

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO SIERRA MADRE ON CHRISTMAS EVE
7pm - December 24th at the Sierra Madre Fire Station

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2013

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JOIN THE VILLAGE CHURCH
FOR A COMMUNITY
POTLUCK BEFORE THE
CANDLELIGHT WALK

Planning to participate in Sierra Madre's traditional Candlelight Walk on December 22nd. Walk up the hill a little early (5:30), stop at the Church of the Ascension, and share in food and fellowship at the Village Church's Community Potluck Dinner (bring enough of your favorite salad, main dish, or dessert to serve 8). Filled with food and community spirit, you'll be ready to join the singing and celebrating as we share in the Candlelight Celebration at 7:00 pm. Community Potluck starts at 5:30 pm in the newly renovated Hawks Hall all are welcome.

Church of the Ascension is located at the corner of Baldwin and Laurel. For more information about the potluck, call the parish office at 626-355-1133 or visit: www.ascension-sierramadre.com.

IT'S DEFINITELY CHRISTMAS IN SIERRA MADRE



By Coco La Salle

Perry Como was right on the money when he sang, There's No Place Like Home For The Holidays. Sierra Madre during the holidays is probably one of the nicest (and might I add most spirited) little villages in the San Gabriel Valley. Shortly after all the Halloween mayhem and stuffing our faces with far too much delicious Thanksgiving delicacies, the weather starts to cool down . . . way down and at that moment the feeling of Christmas is in the air.

The city of Sierra Madre has their fair share of holiday traditions that many look forward to, but there are many traditions that our neighbors look forward to as well. Aside from the annual wonderfully decorated Christmas trees and the constant baking of oh so dangerously delicious holiday treats, it has come to our attention that many in the neighborhood spread their holiday cheer by going above and beyond and transforming their front yards into spectacular works of Holiday magic!

This reporter scoured the streets of Sierra Madre

one very chilly night looking for the best decorated home of Sierra Madre, but stumbled into one problem. There were far too many homes extraordinarily decorated to choose just one. For this reason The Mountains Views News is pleased to announce the top five Best Decorated Houses of Sierra Madre.

Due to the safety of our neighbors these addresses will remain confidential. For those homeowners of these five incredible homes, we thank you! Your holiday cheer is highly noticed and appreciated by the whole community!

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Thur:	Sunny	Hi 70s	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, January 14, 2014
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
- * = Meetings are held in City Council Chambers

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JOIN US, MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS, HELP YOUR COMMUNITY, AND HAVE SOME FUN!

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

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

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

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

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to radio@cityofsierramadre.com.

**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMING ON SMTV 98 THIS WEEK**

For our inaugural Christmas celebration Channel 98 will be showing some of the best classic movies all day on Christmas eve. Starting at 7:00 a.m. on Christmas eve see Santa with the three bears and watch him defeat the Martians all before 9 a.m. Throughout the day watch for classic Christmas sitcoms from The Beverly Hillbillies, Jack Benny, Betty White and movies like Miracle on 34th Street, The Great Rupert, Holiday Affair, A Christmas Without Snow and Beyond Tomorrow...

Christmas day will be laid back family films including Hansel and Gretel, Heidi, Father's Little Dividend, The Snows of Kilimanjaro, David Copperfield, Charade and much much more.

If that is not enough, check out our website at www.sierramadretv.com, select the Christmas Music Videos menu, to watch and/or listen to over 7 hours of the fireplace crackling while cherished Christmas music is played. From all of us at Sierra Madre TV, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone. See pg. 13 for complete guide.



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Sierra Madre Police Blotter

For The Period December 8-15, 2013

Tuesday December 10, 2013

At approximately 3pm, a white Nissan pickup truck was stolen from the 400 block of North Sunnyside Avenue. The truck, which contained several gardening tools, was seen being driven away from the location by an unknown male. Witnesses saw the vehicle being followed by a tan Ford Explorer. With the assistance of the police helicopter, a search of the area was conducted but neither vehicle was located. As of December 16, 2013, the vehicle still had not been found.

Thursday December 12, 2013

At 3:15pm, a traffic collision occurred on Highland Avenue just east of Michillinda Avenue. A vehicle travelling eastbound veered to the right and collided with a vehicle parked at the south curb. The force of the impact caused the eastbound vehicle to roll over onto the roof of the parked vehicle. The driver was unhurt and the passenger sustained only minor injury. The investigation revealed that the driver and passenger became distracted when they focused on their cell phones just prior to the collision. Additionally, the driver displayed objective symptoms of intoxication and open alcoholic beverage containers were found at the scene. The driver was arrested for DUI.

Friday December 13, 2013

At 2pm, a traffic collision took place in the intersection of Lima Avenue and Montecito Avenue. A westbound vehicle entered the intersection without yielding to the southbound vehicle which had the right of way. The force of the initial impact caused the southbound vehicle to collide with a third vehicle parked at the curb. Although major vehicle damage was evident, no serious injuries were reported.

Saturday December 14, 2013

At approximately 7:30pm a family visited the Yogurt and More Store in Kersting Court. When they left the location, they forgot their Apple IPAD and Mini IPAD. A few minutes later they returned to the location and determined the items had been removed from the table where they had left them. No witnesses were located. Detectives will be reviewing store video to determine if the theft was recorded.

WANTED: Country Western DJ
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**THE COMMUNITY CHORUS OF
REDLANDS RETURNS**

The Community Chorus of Redlands returns to Sierra Madre for a wonderful holiday gift of "A Concert of Anthems, Readings, and Carols of the Season." Be prepared for a moving and unique presentation.

The event is on Saturday, December 21 at 8 pm at St. Rita Catholic Church, 318 N. Baldwin (corner of Grandview), Sierra Madre. Parking lot behind the church; enter from E. Grandview.

Dr. Jeffrey Rickard, Professor Emeritus of Sacred Music, directs a 70-voice choral ensemble with orchestral accompaniment. The festive evening features a wide variety of music. Also on hand is a special appearance by Ensemble XXI, a Redlands Camerata of over twenty voices.

This is the fifth visit to St. Rita by this very gifted and special group. Dr. Rickard originally asked St. Rita to host this event because of the widely acclaimed acoustics of the church building. He is a native of Sierra Madre and thus presents this very special gift to his former hometown.

This event has previously been held on a Sunday afternoon. We hope the Saturday evening time will allow more people to attend and enjoy this wonderful gift and prelude to Christmas.

Free will offering. For further information, please call St. Rita Parish Office, 626/355-1292.

**Rotary of Sierra Madre**

The Interact Club of Sierra Madre is collecting books for children ages 0-5 for teenage moms.

These moms want to keep the cycle of literacy going. Please collect books and hold them for a pick-up date in January. Send an email or leave a message with the pick-up address and be sure to **mark the books for Interact.**

Thank you for supporting Literacy

For more info please call Peggy 626-355-7635 or email Peggybeau@gmail.com

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM
THE GANG AT
VILLAGE VINE!****VILLAGE VINE THIS WEEK**

MONDAY - 10 - 11 am Barry, Rich & Lisa Show
Trivia and Humor at it's finest. Just try to keep up with their wit!
JOIN THE FUN!!!

Village Intersections with Gene Goss is back on the air! This week Gene's guest is Sierra Madre Police Chief Larry Giannone. Join Gene and the Chief as they discuss public safety in Sierra Madre. See our Calendar for airing times or listen to the podcast at our Village Intersections page.

THURSDAYS - Noon
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**ONE NIGHT ONLY! "THE
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MYSTERY" AT SIERRA MADRE
PLAYHOUSE ON
DECEMBER 22**

For those of you who enjoy "A Christmas Carol", you can enjoy the Sierra Madre Playhouse's mainstage production of the traditional tale of Scrooge and Tiny Tim. But here's a twist on the Christmas Carol you're familiar with. You still get the story you love, slightly condensed, except by the end of Act 1 a murder has happened. Jacob Marley becomes the detective, thanks to night school, and the characters you love, Bob and Ethel Cratchit, Fred and Elizabeth, Belle and of course, Tiny Tim, are all suspects. Oh, did we say there are your usual Ghosts and even a surprise ending? Enjoy one of your favorite Christmas stories with this interactive Murder Mystery worked into a joyous holiday tale.

This Dickens of a murder mystery is directed by Ken Salzman and presented by Sanzman Productions Renaissance Murder Mystery Players and Sierra Madre Playhouse.

"The Christmas Carol Murder Mystery." At Sierra Madre Playhouse, 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Ample free parking behind theatre. Sunday, December 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Admission: \$20. Reservations: (626) 355-4318. Online ticketing: www.sierramadre-playhouse.org

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CITY NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ROBO-PHONE CALLS

Sierra Madre, Calif. – Residents have reported receiving a “robo-call” from a group identifying itself as, “Water for You”, no other identification or return number is provided for this group. A number of residents have reported the calls as “threatening” and the City felt it was important to clarify that the City is not responsible for the calls. The City of Sierra Madre does not know who has paid for these robo-phone calls, nor does the City have contact information for this group.

While the City is confident that our water customers will read the information that was included in the Proposition 218 mailing that was mailed to all water and sewer customers and will ultimately make their own decisions regarding the proposed water and sewer rate increase, the City felt it was important to correct misinformation provided in the robo-call.

First, the “water rate increase” is not a 69% rate increase, but a total revenue increase of 61% over five years. This does not translate into a direct 61% increase to every water customer's bill. (For the impact on individual customer bills please see the next paragraph.) The water fund needs to increase its total revenues in order to reverse the deteriorating financial condition of the fund. Currently, the water fund does not generate sufficient revenues to support its annual operational, capital and debt payments. Please refer to the “Fact sheet” that was included in the Proposition 218 mailing, and is also available on the City's website for a complete explanation of the difference between a “revenue increase” and a “rate increase.”

Secondly, under the proposed rate increase, the majority (more than 50%) of Sierra Madre water customers' bi-monthly water bills will increase less than 10% the first year of the proposed increase. A typical residential water customer, who uses 33 units of water is estimated to experience the following increases in their water bill:

- 10.3% (\$12.70 bi-monthly, or \$6.35 a month) increase the first year,
- 14.3% (\$19.40 bi-monthly or \$9.70 per month) increase the second year,
- 12.7% (\$19.71 bi-monthly, or \$9.86 a month) increase the third year,
- 2.5% (\$4.24 bi-monthly or \$2.21 per month) increase the fourth year, and a
- 3.7% (\$6.70 bi-monthly or \$3.35 per month) increase the fifth year.

There is a Water Rate Calculator available on the City's website to assist customers in determining the estimated impact on their own water bill.

Lastly, the Sierra Madre City Council unanimously approved presenting the proposed rate structure to the City's water and sewer customers.

For information about the proposed water and sewer rate increase, please call City Hall at (626) 355-7135 from 11 am to 5:30 pm on Monday to Thursday. Or you can go to the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com.

SMPD TOY DRIVE

The Sierra Madre Police Department will be collecting toys for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. All toys collected will be distributed to less fortunate youngsters in the community. To donate, simply drop off a new, unwrapped toy at the Sierra Madre Police Department, 242 West Sierra Madre Boulevard. The Police Department will be collecting toys until December 20th.

This year, the area Toys for Tots campaign is partnering with the Southern California Division of The Salvation Army. Families requesting a toy can contact the Salvation Army in Pasadena at 626.773.4404.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT SIERRA MADRE'S VILLAGE CHURCH

Family Service & Midnight Mass - All are Welcome

Many special events take place at Ascension during Christmastide. You are invited to join us as we celebrate this glorious season through story, pageant, song, prayer, scripture, and candlelight. This year's schedule of special services for Christmas includes:

December 24th Christmas Eve - Family Service and Pageant at 5:00 p.m. This special family service features the Children's Christmas Pageant during which our youth inspire us with an adaptation of Max Lucado's story - The Crippled Lamb. All children attending this service are encouraged to participate in the telling of the story. The service will also be filled with music provided by the children and a musical quartet.

December 24th Christmas Eve – Carols and Hymns at 10:30 p.m. and Mass at 11:00 p.m. Ascension's late Christmas Eve service features the traditional

procession, incense, candles, prayer, sermon, and the great music of the season as the congregation joyously celebrates the birth of Christ. This glorious service of congregational and choral song, including the following anthems: Hodie, Christus Natus Est – Healey Willan; Nativity Carol – John Rutter Masters in This Hall – arr. William R. Price; Christmas Folksong – Roland E. Martin; Ave Maria – Franz Biebl; Christmas Cantata: Gloria in Excelsis Deo – Daniel Pinkham and What Sweeter Music – John Rutter.

December 25th Christmas Day - 11:00 a.m. the Celebration of the Feast of the Nativity.

Church of the Ascension is located at 25 E. Laurel Avenue corner of Laurel and Baldwin Avenues in Sierra Madre. For more information, please call the parish office at 626-355-1133 or visit: www.ascension-sierramadre.com.

SIERRA MADRE CITY HALL - Special Holiday Hours

The City of Sierra Madre City Hall, Public Library, Community Recreation Center and Hart Park House Senior Center will be closed December 25, 2013 - January 1, 2014. Normal operations will resume Thursday, January 2, 2014.

City Hall and the Community Services Offices will have special hours on December 23, opening at 7:30 am to 12:30 pm. Similarly there will be special hours on Friday, January 3, 2014 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. During the closure, water customers will still be able to pay their bills online or drop bills off in the drop box located in the City Hall parking lot. Customers can call 626.355.1414 for service requests.

The Sierra Madre Public Library will be open to the public on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, 2013 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. A special holiday craft will be offered on Tuesday, December 23 at 10:00 am. Children of all ages are welcome to make mini rose floats.

During the holiday closure Library patrons will still have access to online databases, catalog searches and book renewals, and patrons can still return material at the outside book drop in front of the Library.

The City of Sierra Madre staff wish all happy holidays and look forward to seeing everyone in the new year!

*Please note there will be no Farmers' Market on December 25th or January 1st.

Parking Enforcement

The Sierra Madre Police Department will suspend overnight parking enforcement during the Christmas and New Year holidays. Overnight parking enforcement will be suspended starting at 02:00 am on Friday December 20th and will resume at 02:00 AM on Friday January 3, 2014.

WALKING SIERRA MADRE.....THE SOCIAL SIDE

By Deanne Davis



Dear Sierra Madreans! In a few days it will be Christmas! The actual day we've all been waiting for, planning for, shopping for (I love Amazon.com more than I can describe), cooking for, and if you're ten and under, being beyond excited about.

That First Noel's come 'round again, Just like it does each year! To tell us it's Christmas! Finally it's Christmas! Joyfully it's Christmas, The best time of the year!

Sunday the 15th, had a wonderful walk up through the canyon very early and saw our family of six deer, wandering casually down somebody's driveway, but stopping long enough to pose fetchingly, especially the antlered buck, who let all the girls go first while he kept a close eye on us, then bounded over a little rock wall and herded his group out of sight.

Oh! The tree is in the window, A wreath is on the door! About a million ornaments are scattered on the floor!

Finally it's Christmas! Joyfully it's Christmas, A very Merry Christmas, the best time of the year!

Driving through town at night is delightful, observing all the splendid lights on the houses. Ours are up and look pretty splendid, too. Christmas trees are filling a whole lot of front windows and we realized we needed to quit procrastinating and get our own personal tree up and decorated.

Presents piled each place you look, Bikes and dolls and even books. Candles red and holly green, Warm and light this Christmas scene.

Sunday, the 15th, John, my handsome and amazingly patient husband, took me to Pepper's Mexican Restaurant for Huevos Rancheros and a glass of champagne before tackling Tree. Got it in the house, put it in the stand, gave it a healthy drink of water and tree food, brought up the boxes, put The Santa Clause in the DVD player, started stringing lights and feeling fairly jolly. A couple of hours later, Tree looked fantastic. We stood back and pronounced it Best Tree Ever.

Monday the 16th. Got ready for the walk, turned on the lights and discovered that Tree was lying on its side, surrounded by a whole lot of wet carpet.

But that's not the reason, We celebrate this Season! When finally it's Christmas! Joyfully it's Christmas! A very Merry Christmas, the best time of the year!

Some Christmases are just a little more exciting than others. A number of years ago, one of our neighbors experienced a fire in their Christmas tree, which brought out the neighborhood, the fire department, and a lot more attention than they really wanted.

Peace on earth, good will to men, We celebrate that night again. Hope was born that Christmas, Joy was born that Christmas. Angels filled the sky with light, the first Silent Night, Holy Night.

I resisted the urge to throw myself on the floor (in a dry spot) and throw a tantrum and made coffee instead. We picked Tree up, did a whole lot of readjusting, got out the Shop Vac, sucked up as much water as possible and started over. Nothing broke, it all looks beautiful and, with any luck at all, it won't find it necessary to collapse again.

Hope your tree is gorgeous, all your lights twinkle merrily, and none of the Christmas cookies stick to you longer than a second!

Finally it's Christmas, joyfully it's Christmas, The best time of the year, the best time of the year!

“That First Noel's Come 'Round Again” Lyrics by Deanne Davis, Music by David Wheatley

CHILDREN CREATE ROSE FLOATS AT SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY

Local children will create mini rose floats on Monday, December 23 at the Sierra Madre Public Library. Sierra Madre Rose Float Association official Bob Young will bring pieces of foam from Sierra Madre's entry into this year's Tournament of Roses Parade and children will use them as the bases for their own beautiful floats. Afterwards, the children will tow their floats in a parade through the Library to the new Local History Room.

Teen Docent Coordinator Diane Siegel and several of the teen history docents will share a short presentation on Sierra Madre's rose floats throughout the years using the new digital storyboard.

“We are so pleased to partner with our Rose Float Association and to showcase local history with our amazing digital storyboards,” said Library Director Carolyn Thomas.

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Altadena

For Your Community

CITY TO ALLOW NEW HOMELESS SHELTERS

By Dean Lee

The city council approved unanimously Monday night the adoption of an ordinance that will bring the city into state compliance for an unmet need for emergency shelters for persons who are homeless. The city currently has an unmet need of 89 beds.

According to city staff, the proposed Zoning Code amendments would create a new land use called Emergency Shelter, Limited. The new specific land use standards, and would permit emergency shelters, up to 12 persons per shelter in two areas, south of Del Mar Blvd., east of Marengo Ave. in West Pasadena and south of Foothill Blvd., between Sierra Madre Blvd. and the 210 freeway, in East Pasadena.

City staff said in the west, there were 24 possible site locations for new shelters and 13 sites in the east study area.

The city would also set operational standards for any new shelter, "admission would be between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m." staff said during a November meeting when the issue was first heard. "lodging and meals would be for guests and staff only, at least one paid staff, guest storage space, parking would be one space for every four beds, no outdoor waiting areas and staff and counseling services provided to area residents."

Councilmember Victor Gordo also asked that they include cleanliness standards.

"I think we should mandate that the operators keep, not just the property but the space in front of their property to certain cleanliness standards, he said."

Gordo also asked if they could mandate drug and alcohol testing something City Attorney Michele Beal Bagneris said was doubtful.

The ordinance will be reviewed every three years.

Pet of the Week



Jude is a six-year-old Rottweiler/Chinese Sharpei mix. He loves belly rubs and can even "shake" your hand. Jude has been out on our Mobile Outreach Unit and has done well with other dogs and people. He'd love to find a home just in time for the holidays.

Jude'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. He also qualifies for our "Seniors for Seniors" program in which his adoption fee is waived for adopters 60 years old and older. 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 A340745, 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.



Santa Delivers Toys to Pediatrics Ward

Using a special rotor-equipped sleigh, aka, a helicopter, Santa Claus and a flight crew officer "elves" including, Pasadena Police Chief Phillip Sanchez, landed Wednesday morning atop Huntington Memorial Hospital as part of the department's 8th Annual Christmas Toy Drive, delivering toys to children in the Pediatrics Ward.

After visiting the Pediatric Ward, Santa and his flight crew traveled by police vehicles to a location supported by the Pasadena branch of Peace over Violence. They gave toys to children impacted by domestic violence.

"We are so appreciative of

Pasadena Police Department's generosity and commitment to serving survivors, especially during the holidays," said Peace over Violence Program Director Sandy Monroy.

"It is our honor as the hosting and coordinating agency to put this event together with other law enforcement men and women from many fine police departments," Sanchez said. "Moreover, it is our pleasure to bring some joy into the lives of the children at these locations who won't be home for Christmas."

Operation Polar Wind was funded through the generous contributions of police employees and Police Officer

Associations who participate in the San Gabriel Valley Foothill Air Support Team (FAST) program.



Police Chief Phillip Sanchez

NASA Ranked Best Place to Work

NASA's, for the second year in a row, was selected by the Partnership for Public Service as the Best Place to Work in Government, the agency, which includes Pasadena's Jet Propulsion Laboratory announced Thursday.

"NASA's selection as the Best Place to Work in Government for the second year in a row is a testament to the excellence of our workforce and their determination to maintain America's leadership in space exploration."

"In a year of budget uncertainty and a government shutdown, NASA employees never missed a beat. In the tradition of the 'can do' spirit that has enabled us for more than 50 years to turn science fiction into science fact, they have consistently rolled up their sleeves and worked hard at achieving our major goals which include leading the expansion of a domestic commercial space industry for low-Earth orbit transportation, and developing a heavy lift launch capability to take humans farther than they have ever explored - to an asteroid in the next decade and to Mars by the 2030s."

"Our employees are also focused on continuing our ambitious programs of aeronautics modernization, technological innovation and scientific and planetary exploration to achieve new breakthroughs in space and to bring critical benefits to Earth. "I am honored and proud to lead such a dedicated team of employees. They are what make NASA the Best Place to

Pasadena Honors the Cheeseburger

During Cheeseburger Week from January 12 to January 17, Pasadena honors Lionel Sternberger's genius in being the first to put cheese to hamburger at the Rite Spot in Pasadena in 1924. Dozens of Pasadena's favorite restaurants, lounges and burger joints offer their signature burgers, some special creations and deals during Pasadena Cheeseburger Week including the Cheeseburger Challenge.

Who serves your favorite turkey burger? Who makes your favorite veggie burger? Who serves the best beverage with a burger, you decide? Voting in the Cheeseburger Challenge opens on Sunday, January 12th.

Station 39 Reopens after \$2.9 Million Renovation

Neighbors, along with, Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard, Councilmember Steve Madison, Fire Chief Calvin Wells and other officials celebrated Saturday the rededication of Fire Station 39 following its \$2.9 million seismic retrofit and renovation.

The station, at 50 Avenue 64, is one of the oldest of the City Fire Department's eight stations and was originally constructed in 1949. The seismic retrofit and extensive interior remodel work was completed to comply with California earthquake and ADA (Disability Act) standards. Improvement work retained the brick exterior of the two-story, 4,400-square-foot building to maintain the building's historical significance. Other

work increased the building's energy efficiency; installed new fire sprinklers and alarm systems; new interior living, office and kitchen spaces and a new emergency generator room.

The facility reopened operations Monday, with Engine 39 and four firefighters. The temporary station on Glen Summer Road with Rescue Ambulance 39 was be taken out of service.

The City worked with Pasadena Heritage, www.pasadenaheritage.org, to develop a sensible project that retains the building's historic brick exterior using state historic preservation guidelines.

Project funding came from the city's Capital Improvement Project Fund.



Mayor Bogaard, Councilmember Madison, Fire Chief Wells and other officials

Tony Fellow Elected President of the PCC Board

Pasadena City College Trustee Dr. Tony Fellow was elected president of the board Wednesday night. Fellow, chair of the Department of Radio-Television-Film at Cal State Fullerton, becomes the first Arcadia resident in more than 25 years to assume the presidency of the Board of Trustees. He represents Arcadia and Temple City.

Fellow, Belinda Brown, Linda Wah and Ross Selvidge were administered the oath of office by California State Controller John Chiang. "The fact the PCC was just named the top community college in the nation says a lot about its governing board," Fellow said. "Trustees are truly concerned about student success."

Other officers elected to lead the board include Brown, Pasadena, as vice president, and, San Marino, as clerk. Assemblyman Roger Hernandez has called Fellow the "pillar of the San Gabriel Valley," where he has served as a vice mayor and city councilman in El Monte, as president of the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District Board of Directors, and as vice chair of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Fellow holds doctorate and master's degrees in communications research and political communications from the Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, the University of Southern California, where he was an Annenberg Fellow, a master's degree in



communications from Cal State Fullerton, and a B.A. in history and journalism from Cal State L.A. He also has done extensive post-graduate work in Soviet and Latin American Politics.

Fellow was a reporter and city editor the San Gabriel Valley Tribune, where he was head of a political reporting team and a columnist for 10 years before he entered doctoral studies. He is author of three books, including a popular text, American Media History.

He was chair of the Department of Communications, one of the nation's largest departments, for six years before taking over his current post in Radio-TV-Film. He teaches courses in media history, media law, international communications and graduate courses in media and politics. He also has taught at the University of Southern California and Cal State L.A.

He anchors World Press, a news program which appears on AT&T Uverse.

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“What’s Going On?”

News and Views from Joan Schmidt

ADAM MILLER, FOLKSINGER/STORYTELLER AND AUTOHARP VIRTUOSO EXTRAORDINAIRE COMES TO DUARTE

This past Monday, local residents were treated to two outstanding performances by Adam Miller, Folksinger/Storyteller/Autoharp Virtuoso as a gift to the Community from the Duarte Friends of the Library. I am embarrassed to admit I had never heard of him before, but after Monday’s performances, I will be purchasing his materials and waiting for his return to southern California.

Not only one of the premier autoharpists in the world, Adam Miller also has fame as an American folksinger and natural-born storyteller. During his performance, we learned about different folklore tales and actual history as he enthralled us with his rich baritone voice accompanied by lively finger-picking acoustic guitar and stunningly beautiful autoharp melodies.

Mr. Miller told us that Sam Hinton, a Marine biologist and American folksinger of six decades best known for his harmonica playing was his mentor.

Mr. Miller himself is a troubadour, traveling 70,000 miles a year performing in concert halls worldwide as well as teaching students-over 1,000,000 have attended his “singing Through History” school assembly programs.

Mr. Miller opened the program with a little history about the two beautiful harpsichords he brought with him. He then spoke of early Christmas traditions in England and people traveling from town to town. He introduced us to John Jacob Miles, an American composer, singer, and collector of traditional ballads. Soon we were joining in, singing the chorus to “Kentucky Wassail”.

History time brought the explanation of “Boxing Day”, December 26th in Canada and England. It had nothing to do with boxing, but a money gift was put into boxes and given to the servants/tradesmaen the day after Christmas. December 26 is also the feast day of St. Stephen, the first martyr who was stoned to death. Long ago, in Ireland, they blamed a wren for alerting the soldiers where Stephen was. They would beat a wren with a stick, put wren in a box and go door to door to collect money. (Fortunately that ended in the early 1900’s.)

Mr. Miller explained how Christmas has been celebrated on December 25th as a religious holy day In America, ibut n Japan and Korea, it’s a secular holiday with Christmas trees and presents. It was fascinating to learn that many songs are the merger of melodies and poems such as “Oh Holy Night.”

Mr. Miller told the background of Pete Seeger, son of Professor Charles Seeger who taught folklore at Berkeley and Constance de Clyver Edison, who was raised in Tunisia, trained in Paris, a concert violinist who taught at Juillard. They divorced when Pete was seven. His stepmother was Ruth Crawford, who wrote American folksongs for children. Pete was a member of the Weavers, wrote many songs, a Pacifist, and traveled across the county. (Back in the late 60’s, I was in our student lounge and Pete, carrying his guitar, came in a fellow student, sat down and sang! There were less than 15 of us there!)

Please visit Adam Miller’s website: www.Folksinging.org He has several special school programs for grades K-12. Some include: An Introduction to Folksongs and Ballads, Colonial Days, Going to the West, Folksongs Lincoln loved, The Gold Rush, Steamboatin Days, Cowboys Songs and Ballads, The Great American Railroad, Woody Guthrie: American Balladeer, Songs of the Labor Movement, and Wailing and Sailing Songs. Attention all music AND social studies teachers: this man is so lively and interesting- he will capture their attention.

ANTONOVICH CALLS FOR ADDITIONAL PROBE INTO SHERIFF’S HIRING PRACTICES

LOS ANGELES COUNTY — In response to Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich’s motion from two weeks ago, the Sheriff’s December 16th report states that 290 of the 395 former employees of the Office of Public Safety were hired by the Sheriff’s Department. Today’s motion by Supervisor Antonovich requested the Sheriff to report back to the Board in 2 weeks with additional information as follows:

Of the 290 former OPS employees who are currently employed by the Sheriff’s Department, how many hold sworn, custody assistant or civilian positions.

How many have had performance/conduct issues since joining the Sheriff’s Department.

How many of those identified in #2 above should not have been hired based on concerns raised during the background process, including prior disciplinary findings against them.

What justification was included in the personnel file of each employee who was hired but did not meet the Sheriff’s prevailing hiring standards.

What legal options are available to take against the person responsible even though he is no longer employed by the county.



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Some holidays are commemorative, some mark achievements, but the most necessary in the world are those dedicated to devotion.

The holidays, like the tenor of the seasons, reinvent our thinking. Labor Day is nothing more than a chance to flee the cage of the city. One could reasonably argue that a society, who is falling blind to the inspiration of its own past, should be conscripted to a day off on President’s Day but that day is mostly given to banks and government employees.

Christmas is different though. There is an element of magic in Christmas, or more accurately; the Biblical account chronicles the greatest expression of love known to the world with the story of Jesus. To understand the miracle of Christmas, it must be agreed that all gifts are not equal in value: some are common, some are noble, but the most precious gift ever offered to a hostile world, entered in the form of a child.

Each Christmas, the reminder of God’s gift revisits the world in the star-filled eyes of children; children bequeathed with a power beyond the measure of earthly kings. Absorbed in these tiny emperors of invention and rulers of expression, christen the finer proofs of heaven. As though a company of actors, children stage a play upon the world, and their dream-filled eyes form the whole of a heavenly theater, performing the delightful announcement of a baby on Christmas Day. If angels wander the world, then youth must hide their wings, for a child exalts the world in an empire beyond the reach of giants. The holy heartbeat of these tiny shepherds steer our mind across a field of thought, where the heavy burdens of this life float on the white wings of angels.

Some may challenge Christmas; some may celebrate the holiday absent the Christ child – Jesus. In every era known to the world, there have assembled lavish parties and expensive festivals to celebrate, celebrating. The remnants of such diaries are consistently frail in transcending the perishable good of a gathering, for nothing survives in a place of decency or presumes to endure the impulses of this world. Nothing elevates among the importance of the next, if neither a virtue is anointed, nor a thought made holy.

The holiday celebration may reign in a delightful style of tribute. It may mark a salute to family and an eloquent honor of friends, but if the Christmas celebration neglects the mission of making our hearts holy, and ignores the child called Christ, then the devotion to a miracle passively withers into an institutional of a day off.

A provocative breed of faith, and a cultural mode of persuasion, have prevailed upon this age. This self-regarded age has become convinced in the power of Santa Claus, and the general belief that the wonderful enchantment of children, alone, can make the season of Christmas great. Sure enough, there’d be a measure of magic in an experience absent Jesus, but the instant we discard the evidence of a miracle in the birth of Jesus is the moment a crowned lesson and royal illustration loses its power to renew us. If we forget the story of Christmas, and a tranquil night along the hills of Bethlehem, we live in as much a fairytale as ole Saint Nick. The day we close our eyes to the story of God, a Christmas Star, and the journey of Three Wise men who chased the prophets’ promise of a heavenly king, is the moment we’ve grown blind to the “true meaning of Christmas.”

The real story of Christmas will never be found in the material things that we give to family and friends. If Christmas is to reign within us and to have any meaningful expression to our own lives, then it must be discovered in what we give to God.

In all seasons and in all the places of your life may your path follow under the light of Christmas Star.

Merry Christmas!

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TARGET OFFERS 10% DISCOUNT AFTER CREDIT CARD HACK

By Emily Jane Fox and James O’Toole CNN Money

A day after Target announced that forty million of its customers had their credit and debit card data breached, the retailer announced a 10% discount for all shoppers at its stores this Saturday and Sunday.

"We recognize this has been confusing and disruptive during an already busy holiday season," Target CEO Gregg Steinhafel said in a statement Friday. "Our guests' trust is our top priority at Target and we are committed to making this right."

The company also provided details Friday about the extent of the hack and the information that could have been compromised.

The nation's No. 2 general merchandise retailer said cards used at its brick-and-mortar stores between Nov. 27 and Dec. 15 of this year may have been impacted.

Target (TGT, Fortune 500) said there is no indication that any debit card PIN numbers were compromised. The retailer also claimed it doesn't appear that the three- or four-digit security code visible on the face of credit cards were breached. That means that the debit and credit cards that were compromised cannot be used to withdraw cash from an ATM or to shop online.

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But lawyer Robert Ahdoot, part

of a legal team in California that has filed a lawsuit seeking class action status on behalf of Target customers, said he had spoken to shoppers who claimed thieves had used their debit card information to withdraw money from ATMs.

The lawsuit alleges negligence on the part of the retailer, and also says Target failed to promptly notify victims of the hack.

"Target has an obligation to provide adequate security for the financial information they collect," Ahdoot said. He recommended that consumers who suspect that their cards may have been compromised change their PIN numbers as a precaution.

Target spokeswoman Molly Snyder said the retailer "typically doesn't comment on pending litigation."

Target said it believes customers' birth dates and social security numbers weren't compromised. The retailer said it gave Visa, MasterCard (MA, Fortune 500), Discover (DFS, Fortune 500) and American Express (AXP, Fortune 500) the card numbers of those who may have been impacted, and that these companies will monitor the cards for fraud.

Target is also monitoring its own card, the REDcard, for potential unauthorized activity.

Steinhafel said the affected customers

"will not be held financially responsible for any credit and debit card fraud."

"[T]o provide guests with extra assurance, we will be offering free credit monitoring services," Steinhafel said. "We will be in touch with those impacted by this issue soon on how and where to access the service."

To help answer questions about the incident, Target has set up a hotline for customers. Shoppers have been reporting long hold times, so Target said it will beef up its staffing.

Target didn't specify how its systems were hacked. But judging by the scope of the breach and the kind of information that criminals obtained, security experts say hackers apparently targeted the retailer's point-of-sale system. That means they either slipped malware into the terminals where customers swipe their credit cards, or they collected customer data while it was en route from Target to its credit card processors.

The retailer said it had notified authorities and financial institutions immediately after it was made aware of the unauthorized access, and had hired a forensics team to investigate how the breach may have occurred. The issue that allowed the breach has been identified and resolved, Snyder said.

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ARCADIA POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES UPCOMING DUI/DRIVER’S LICENSE CHECKPOINT & DUI SATURATION PATROL

The Arcadia Police Department will host a multi-agency DUI/Driver’s License Checkpoint during the evening hours of Saturday, December 21st, as part of the AVOID 100 DUI Task Force. This checkpoint will be conducted during the California Office of Traffic Safety’s “December DUI Crackdown,” which runs from December 13th thru December 31st. Additionally, this is one of four, multi-agency AVOID 100 DUI task force operations scheduled in our region during this time frame.

One of the goals of our enforcement activity this holiday season is to promote public safety and increase awareness of the dangers associated with drinking and driving. This will be accomplished by providing a highly visible enforcement and publicity campaign, in order to deter intoxicated drivers from getting behind the wheel and driving. Through these efforts, we also seek to reduce the number of injuries and deaths associated with collisions involving intoxicated drivers.

We would like to remind the public of the dangers associated with drinking and driving. It simply is not worth it to drive while impaired. Give the gift of life this holiday season and celebrate responsibly by using a sober designated driver. Remember, “Friends don’t let friend’s drive while impaired.”

Jan’s Towing provides a no cost “Don’t Drive Drunk” detour program, 365 days a year, and will provide a free lift home for drivers and their vehicles up to 7 miles in their service area. Call (626) 334-1383 for more information. Don’t forget to visit the Arcadia Police Department News & Information Blog or follow us on Facebook, Twitter or Nixle for other pertinent news and information. Remember, the solution begins with you!

Funding for this operation is provided from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Report Drunk Drivers. Call 9-1-1!

PEDESTRIAN HIT, KILLED ON SANTA ANITA

An 83 year-old West Covina man was walking across Santa Anita Avenue south of Duarte Road early Wednesday evening when he was struck and killed by a southbound car driven by a 36 year-old Monterey Park woman.

Arcadia Police Department report:

Arcadia Police had officers respond to the intersection of Santa Anita Avenue and La Sierra Drive at approximately 5:36 p.m. on Thursday, December 18, 2013. They were investigating the report of a traffic collision, involving a pedestrian.

The automobile was traveling southbound in the number two lane of Santa Anita Avenue. The driver is a 36-year-old female resident of Monterey Park. The pedestrian was struck while walking in the number two lane of southbound Santa Anita Avenue. The driver stopped at the scene of the collision. Arcadia Paramedics treated the pedestrian at the scene but, unfortunately, he succumbed to his injuries. The pedestrian was an 83-year-old male resident of West Covina.

The investigation is being conducted by the Arcadia Police Department Detective Bureau’s Major Accident Investigation Team. Anyone with information related to this case is asked to call the Arcadia Police Department at (626)574-5150. You can also submit crime tips and information via text, phone, or web to LA Regional Crime Stoppers, 800-222-TIPS (8477).



Arcadia’s Best

Beware! Fraudsters are impersonating IRS agents are calling people across the country demanding they pay taxes that they don't even owe.

The IRS warned of this "pervasive" scam saying it has been identified in nearly every state, we had one confirmed incident in Duarte this week.

They target innocent taxpayers –often immigrants or people retired or close to retirement age -- victims are answering their phones only to be informed they owe money to the IRS and need to pay it immediately by either loading money on a prepaid card or sending it via a wire transfer. If they argue or refuse to pay, scammers will threaten to arrest or deport them, or even suspend their business or driver's license. "In many cases, the caller becomes hostile and insulting," the IRS said in a statement. Duarte resident reported they called many times and gave a 24 hour deadline to get the prepaid card and meet them at a local Duarte business. These calls may be convincing, because the scammers use caller ID spoofing to make sure the IRS's toll-free phone number or 911 shows up on the caller ID, they make up bogus badge numbers and may know the last four digits of a victim's Social Security number.


Sometimes victims will even hear background noise that sounds like a call center. And if the victim hangs up, they may get another call seconds later from the same scammer -- or another one -- saying they are with the police or an agent at the DMV and someone will issue a warrant for their arrest if they do not pay.

To avoid getting duped, don't believe anyone claiming to be the IRS who calls to ask for your credit card number or requests a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. The IRS said it will never ask for payments to be made by prepaid debit card or wire transfer, and it typically makes its first contact with taxpayers by mail. Nasty language and threats should also be a red flag. You should also be immediately suspicious of any caller demanding money, especially if you aren't aware that you owe anything.

"If someone unexpectedly calls claiming to be from the IRS and threatens police arrest, deportation or license revocation if you don't pay immediately, that is a sign that it really isn't the IRS calling," IRS Acting Commissioner Danny Werfel said in a statement.


To report any calls like this, contact the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 800-366-4484.

If you have been a victim please report it by calling Temple Sheriff’s Station at (626) 448-9861 or (626) 285-7171.



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Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, December 8th, through Saturday, December 14th, the Police Department responded to 879 calls for service of which 142 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, December 8:

1. Around 6:20 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 1000 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a theft investigation. Unknown suspect(s) entered the attached garage through an unlocked door and stole property from two unlocked vehicles. No evidence was located and no one reported hearing or seeing anything suspicious.
2. At about 7:20 p.m., an officer was dispatched to Macy’s at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, in regards to a theft report. The suspect concealed merchandise inside her purse and exited the store without making payment. The 56-year-old Chinese female was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, December 9:

3. Shortly after 1:30 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a broken tail light in the area of Santa Anita Avenue and Duarte Road. A records check revealed the 39-year-old Hispanic male had an expired license. He was cited, released in the field, and his vehicle was left legally parked.
4. At approximately 7:16 p.m., officers were dispatched to a residence in the 400 block of San Antonio Road in reference to an alarm activation. No suspects were located inside the residence or in the surrounding neighborhood. An investigation revealed the suspect(s) shattered a bedroom window and fled the location with no property.

Extra patrol was assigned to the residence since this incident was the home’s second burglary within the last month.

Tuesday, December 10:

5. Just after 9:00 a.m., officers were dispatched to a residence in the 400 block of East Live Oak Avenue regarding a welfare check. An investigation revealed a 35-year-old male of unknown race was under the influence of a central nervous system stimulant. He was transported to Arcadia Methodist Hospital for treatment and later cited without incident.
6. Around 6:00 p.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a fraud report. The victim received a phone call from an unknown subject posing as an Edison employee. The subject stated that if the victim did not clear his account balance of \$500, his power would be shut off. The victim paid the balance over the telephone via a Rite-Aid Moneypak and later discovered he had no outstanding balance when he called Edison for confirmation.

Wednesday, December 11:

7. Just after 3:00 p.m., an officer responded to the 1200 block of West Huntington Drive regarding a suspicious circumstances report. The juvenile victim explained that while she was walking to school in the 1000 block of Arcadia Avenue, she observed an adult male following her from behind and staring at her from inside his vehicle. Shortly after the victim started running away, the subject fled out of sight.

The suspect vehicle is described as an older model, 4-door, faded black Toyota with tinted windows. The subject is described as White or Hispanic in his thirties with short brown hair and an unshaven “scruffy” beard.

8. Around 3:24 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a traffic collision in the intersection of Second Avenue and Santa Clara Street. A 2001 Volkswagon Jetta was struck by a 2009 Honda CRV as the Jetta attempted to make a left turn onto Santa Clara Street. The officer determined the Jetta caused the collision as the driver failed to yield to oncoming traffic. The driver of the CRV reported having chest pain, but declined medical treatment.

Thursday, December 12:

9. Just after 6:50 p.m., an officer responded to Santa Anita Race Track, 285 West Huntington Drive, in regards to a male subject detained for possession of a controlled substance. An investigation revealed the 27-year-old Hispanic male was in possession of 14.4 grams of methamphetamine for sale. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
10. At about 10:27 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 800 block of North Santa Anita Avenue regarding a burglary report. Unknown suspect(s) forced entry through the front door and fled undetected with property including a laptop, jewelry, and toys. No evidence or witnesses were located.

Friday, December 13:

11. At approximately 2:39 a.m., an officer made consensual contact with a subject walking in the area of Huntington Drive and Morlan Place. The officer discovered the subject was under the influence of an alcoholic beverage and unable to care for himself. The 35-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
12. At about 1:40 p.m., an officer responded to Abercrombie and Fitch at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. A 44-year-old male of unknown race concealed a cologne on his person and exited the store without making payment. A records check revealed he had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Saturday, December 14:

13. Around 12:34 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a fraud report. While checking his Chase bank account online, the victim discovered unknown suspect(s) cashed two unauthorized checks at Chase, 60 East Huntington Drive. An investigation revealed the checks issued for approximately \$3,500 each were fraudulent. No suspect information was known at the time of the report.
14. Shortly before 7:00 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a broken tail light in the area of Longden Avenue and El Monte Avenue. The officer discovered the driver was in possession of concentrated cannabis. The 18-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking

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PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL CLOSURE IMPACTS DISPOSAL RATES FOR DUARTE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS BEGINNING JAN. 1, 2014

DUARTE, CA- Duarte residents can expect to begin paying an average of about \$1.50 more a month on their trash bill beginning January 1, 2014. After a two-year reprieve from any residential increases, an 8% rate increase will go into effect for residential service following a review of the cost data submitted by Burrtec Waste Industries. Commercial customers will also realize a rate increase in the new year. The most commonly used commercial waste service will rise about \$4.30 more per month.

Under the City's contract with Burrtec, annual rate adjustments for refuse collection and recycling are permitted based a specific formula that takes into account various cost factors including the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index, waste disposal tipping fees and fuel. The greatest cost increase this year was for green waste disposal. Puente Hills Landfill, which closed on Oct. 31, 2013, had previously used green waste as alternative daily cover. The Los Angeles Sanitation District's Puente Hills Material Recovery Facility and Transfer Station in Whittier (PHMRF) where the refuse of Duarte and other San Gabriel Valley cities is now transported, utilizes green waste as a compost/mulch material which requires more processing at a higher cost. Another factor impacting the cost of refuse disposal is a depressed recyclables market. Recyclable materials have lowered in value largely as a result of China's increased quality standards for mixed paper. Fuel costs also increased by 1.27%.

Duarte has historically maintained some of the lowest rates in Los Angeles County. Duarte's most commonly used residential rate is the second lowest of all the cities surveyed and the most commonly used commercial service rate continues to be lower than the average, compared to surrounding cities.

For residential customers who utilize 90 gallon trash container, 60 gallon recyclable container, and 60 gallon green waste container, the rate will increase from \$19.57 to \$21.16 a month. Customers with 60/60/60 service will pay \$1.30 more per month. Seniors and/or handicapped customers will see a \$1.20 increase per month.

The most commonly used Commercial Refuse Service reflects a 3% increase, Commercial Recycling Service rate, a 1% increase, and Commercial Green Service rate a 10% increase. As an example, the cost for commercial customers with a 3 yard bin picked up once a week will increase from \$142.84 to \$147.14 per month.

Burrtec Waste Services began providing franchised refuse collection and recycling services in the City of Duarte in 1996, with the most recent contract extension approved in 2009. In recent years, Burrtec completed the conversion of the diesel fleet to alternative fuel trucks, implemented a used oil curbside collection program, an e-waste collection at Community Cleanups, a construction and demolition processing option, and most recently a new multi-family recycling program.

DUARTE VOLUNTEERS INVITED TO HELP DECORATE CITY OF HOPE'S 2014 ROSE PARADE FLOAT

DUARTE, CA, December 18, 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 "Turning Hope & Dreams into Reality" theme of City of Hope's 2014 Rose Parade float, 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.

Decoration site for the City of Hope 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.

DUARTE CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING PROGRAM COLLECTION FROM DEC. 26 TO JAN. 17

Extra Holiday Trash & Recycling Program Offered

DUARTE, CA, December 18, 2013 -- The City of Duarte through its franchised trash hauler, Burrtec Waste, will provide a Christmas tree collection service for residential customers in conjunction with Los Angeles County Public Works.

Christmas trees will be collected on regular trash collection days from Dec. 26 through Jan. 17. All decorations, tinsel and stands must be removed. Flocked trees or trees coated with a fire retardant will be accepted. Trees over six feet tall need to be cut in half. Christmas tree collection will also be available in the county area of Duarte. The County of Los Angeles has contracted with

waste haulers serving the unincorporated areas to provide Christmas tree recycling services to residences, multi-residential complexes and commercial, institutional, and industrial entities.

This year Burrtec will also collect excess holiday trash and recyclables beginning Dec. 26 through Jan. 3. Single-family residences may place excess holiday trash/recyclables in bags alongside their containers on collection day. Approximately 80% of holiday trash is recyclable including all gift boxes, wrapping paper, greeting cards and cardboard packaging.

For more information about the Christmas tree recycling program in the City of Duarte, call City Hall at (626) 357-7931 or Burrtec at (1-800) 325-9417 or visit www.accessduarte.com.

Monrovia Police Blotter

Highlighted Activity for the Weekdays of December 16-18, 2013

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 366 service events, resulting in 72 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monrovia> for crime mapping. For Police Department news and information, visit our website and follow us on Twitter for police notifications.

Warrants – Suspect Arrested

December 16 at 8:20 p.m., an officer on patrol observed a male subject he recognized and knew had outstanding warrants for his arrest. The subject was walking through a rear alley behind a business in the 600 block of West Huntington. A computer check confirmed the male had three drug warrants for his arrest. The male was stopped and arrested for the warrants.

Warrant – Suspect Arrested

December 17 at 12:40 a.m., police dispatch received a call reporting a male subject chasing a female subject in the 700 block of West Foothill. Officers arrived and saw a male subject run north from Foothill to an alley. A resident advised officers of the apartment the subject went into. Officers knocked on the door and eventually located a 16-year-old male hiding inside. He said he ran because he had a warrant for his arrest.

A computer check revealed he did have a no-bail felony warrant for grand theft. While searching the area, officers located a stolen Honda Accord in a carport off the alley that had been stolen out of El Monte and had the ignition punched. The owner of the vehicle was notified and retrieved her vehicle. The male was arrested and taken to Eastlake Juvenile Detention Facility pending his court date.

Passing a Counterfeit Bill / Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor – Suspects Arrested

December 17 at 11:40 a.m., a staff member from Monrovia High School called to report a student had passed a fictitious five-dollar bill. An officer arrived and interviewed several students, who admitted they had passed the five-dollar bill, and that they had passed a twenty-dollar bill the previous day. One of the students told the officer that the money was given to them by a parent.

Detectives responded to the School District Office and managed to retrieve the bill that was passed the previous day. The parent was called in and admitted she told her son the bill was fictitious and she said she wanted to teach him a lesson if he was caught with the bill. She also admitted that she had two additional bills at her residence and later retrieved the bills. The students and the parent were subsequently arrested and charged. They were later released on citations to appear in court.

Domestic Violence Arrest

December 17 at 9:36 p.m., dispatch received a call reporting a female subject running down the street in the 100 block of North Sunset, yelling for someone to call police. Officers responded and located the female subject. Upon investigation, they learned the female had been in an argument with her husband regarding the family business.

During the argument, the husband choked the female, causing an injury to her neck. He let her go and she ran out of the house in a panic. The husband was questioned and then arrested. The female was taken to a local hospital, where she was treated and an emergency protective order was obtained.



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LA SALLE STUDENTS CREATE CARDS TO SEND TO JUVENILE HALL



Pasadena, CA - Under the direction of La Salle High School's Librarian, Delia Swanner, the December Café Bibliothèque, (student library social) in the Blakeslee Library, had students create Holiday cards for the young adults in Juvenile Hall.

For the past 25 years, Just People has visited kids in Sylmar Juvenile Hall on Christmas Day and passed-out over 2,000 handmade Holiday cards. "We appreciated La Salle's contribution since the giving of your time and spirit by making these cards helps the teens in juvenile hall, some of whom never get visitors except from our group on Christmas Day," said a Just People spokesperson. La Salle, a participant since 2005, contributed 70 cards made by over 55 students in December. Just People is a non-profit group that tries to offer some hope and encouragement to some of the many boys and girls currently detained in our area's juvenile detention centers.

Photo by John Blackstock

HUGO REID ELEMENTARY STUDENT WINS 4TH GRADE SECTION 2013 K-12 NATIONAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Joaquin Perkins of Hugo Reid Elementary in Arcadia won the 4th grade section of the 2013 K-12 National Championships held in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, according to the Arcadia Unified School District.

It was his seventh national scholastic chess championship. The following are links to articles about his successes this year and last:

Tournament results, 4th grade Championship (CAARHR = California/Arcadia/HugoReid)

Perkins is a Candidate Master according to FIDE, the world chess federation.

He is also the 7th-youngest player to defeat a master in a regular-rated US Chess Federation game.

PASADENA UNIFIED INVITES COMMUNITY TO FIRST CHOICE FESTIVAL

Families encouraged to explore options, find best educational fit

Pasadena, CA --- Making the choice on where to send a child to school can be a daunting and stressful task for families. To make this decision a little easier, the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) will be hosting the inaugural First Choice Festival January 14, 2014 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the PUSD Education Center, 351 South Hudson Avenue (Corner of Hudson Avenue and Del Mar Boulevard), in Pasadena. The First Choice Festival will be a one stop shop for parents and the community to meet and speak to representatives from every PUSD school.

Whether families are considering a PUSD signature program school or simply want to learn more about the campus down the block, this festival is an opportunity to find the best educational fit for each individual family.

"I would like to invite residents of Altadena, Pasadena and Sierra Madre to the festival to learn more about their public schools and the exciting programs that are being offered," said PUSD Superintendent Jon R. Gundry. "The First Choice Festival will showcase the multitude of educational options in PUSD, including programs that prepare students with global and enduring skills for the 21st century."

At the festival there will be information and presentations about PUSD signature programs such as Mandarin and Spanish Dual Language Immersion, International Baccalaureate, College & Career Pathways, and the district's new magnet schools. There will also be activities for kids, information about preschool and afterschool programs, and free immunizations required for students to attend school (for uninsured or Medi-Cal eligible children). Festival attendees can enter a raffle to win a family membership to KidSpace Museum or a full scholarship to the Pasadena Educational Foundation Summer Enrichment Program.

The timing of the festival coincides with the district's Open Enrollment process which runs from January 9-February 6. Open Enrollment is an opportunity for district students to apply to a school other than the one they attended in 2013-2014 or for those enrolling in PUSD for the first time and interested in applying to a school other than their neighborhood school. Staff will be available at the festival to help parents complete the online Open Enrollment application. Open Enrollment applications can also be submitted online at openenrollment.info. More information about the festival will be posted at gopUSD.com/first-choice or call 626-396-3606.

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THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show A MADEA CHRISTMAS



While this was definitely not high on my to-see list of movies this holiday season, I'm glad that I saw it. Not all Madea movies do the best at delivering a strong, emotional point but this one does it very well.

When her daughter Lacey (Tika Sumpter) won't come home for Christmas, the over-protective mother Eileen (Anna Maria Horsford) enlists the help of Madea (Tyler Perry) to get her down to her country home. When she arrives unexpectedly, she adds stress to an already nerve racking situation that has been building in the town: their annual Christmas jubilee may

not happen and the only way to get the money to save it, the local school, and the town is to get money from Lacey's old boyfriend.

This movie handles a very delicate topic (racism in the modern age) very well. It looks the practice right in the face and says "This is not good. Stop it." Madea's straightforward and brutally honest approach to situations not only progresses the plot at a good pace but also keeps annoying characters in line and the audience laughing. While it's not the best comedy ever, A Madea Christmas is a charming holiday movie that has a message of acceptance with a nice and warm Christmas theme at its heart.



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When most of us think of Domestic Wines we tend to go to California first, and why not we have many wonderful regions of wine producing areas Temecula, Santa Barbara, Central Coast but for me it's the Napa Valley. First let me remind you that Champagne is a region in France and only those wine produced it that region can be called "Champagne". Though the wines of the Napa Valley can be produced with the same "Method" as our friends in France. I have one Sparkling wine worthy of starting of our Holiday Series. Mumm Napa Prestige.



It's a blend of grapes including 45% Chardonnay, 45% Pinot Noir and a small amount of Gris and Meunier grapes, all sourced exclusively from Napa area Vineyards. Don't let that make you hesitant to try, most popular wines that you purchase out source some juice to ensure the right flavor. These grapes are blended during the winter. Sparkling Wines and Champagnes have long been a favorite in the Dills' household, many people believe that Bubbles are for a special occasion, my feeling is everyday is that occasion. Mumm Napa goes wonderful with Salmon, Oysters, BBQ'd or grilled chicken, and for this tasting I had fresh sourdough bread and butter!! Enjoy with a Champagne flute and watch the bubbles flow from bottom to top with light speed.

Dills Score

We start with a base of 50. I have added a 10 for color, 7 for the aroma or "nose" 10 for the taste and a 11 for my overall impression including value. With any Sparkling Wine or Champagne there isn't much time to swirl, but often when you are at a fine dining establishment they will let you taste before you proceed with the bottle. Dills' tip, if there is a pop, and life with plenty of bubbles and the cork expands, it is good to drink. Dills Score 88 Available at Vons, Pavilions and other fine retailers.



Listen to Dining w/Dills every Sunday Night at 5PM KABC and follow Peter Dills on Facebook. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays



INGREDIENTS

- Unsalted butter for the baking dish
- 6 large egg yolks
- 2 cups whole milk
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 6 croissants, cut into 1-inch pieces (about 1 pound)
- 4 ounces bittersweet chocolate, cut into chunks

DIRECTIONS

- 1.Heat oven to 375° F. Butter an 8-inch square or other shallow 2-quart baking dish.
- 2.In a large bowl, whisk together the egg yolks, milk, cream, sugar, vanilla, salt, and nutmeg. Add the croissants and chocolate and mix to combine.
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Fire is a central part of the practice of yoga. In traditional tantra –hatha yoga, there are 3 kinds of fire (agni), digestive fire, transformational fire and ceremonial fire. First there is jathara agni. This fire is one that we create in the belly in order to more easily digest. It is referred to as the inner sun. There are exercises and food that stoke this fire. Mantra is also used. Because we digest thought and feeling in addition to food, attention needs to be paid to cultivation of this fire to keep us happy. No one wants a sludge of food, feeling or thought hanging around. We want to effectively process what comes in and then get rid of what has become toxic. The belly is the center where joy and happiness come from. This is not just my idea, Western science is now seeing what the yogis have known all along – that serotonin is actually manufactured in the belly. It is the center of our inner universe really. It's just like the sun. It gives us warmth, and a powerful digestive process turns food into cells and energy. With a strong digestive system comes a strong metabolism. It's a fascinating process. Our asana practice can help us generate this heat in the belly. Ginger is a fabulous aid in digestion too. Our "gut" has its own ability to guide us. That "gut feeling" is real. You can actually feel queasy when something is not right. This is one of the reasons we advocate a relaxing meal. No TV, computer or standing up while eating. The parasympathetic nervous system needs to kick in so you can digest peacefully.

We all know that a deep belly laugh is the best kind. Joy comes from this center. Keeping it healthy is key.

Over the next few weeks we will discuss the other two kinds of fire. But for now and during the Holidays especially, keep up that warm glow in your belly. Get into class and melt away the stress, burn up the calories, create some joy in your center and have a lovely Holiday.

See you in class. Namasté, René

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This time of year we are trying to squeeze more in to our free time than we would normally which adds stress to our body. Our immune systems are challenged and are not working up to par. Of course, I recommend rest and keeping properly hydrated but adding the support of Echinacea can be a real benefit.

Echinacea supports healthy upper respiratory tissue and throat tissue. This time of year most of us can benefit from taking a quality Echinacea supplements especially if you are traveling by plane. The air on a plane

is recirculated so if you are traveling with someone who is already sick you will be exposed to their germs while on board the plane. Echinacea enhances your natural immune response by optimizing the function of white blood cells. White blood cells are responsible for getting rid of invaders that would challenge your immune system.

Not all Echinacea supplements are the same. A good way to know if you are taking a high quality Echinacea supplement is to chew it or open a capsule and mix it with a teaspoon of water and swish it in your mouth, you should experience a strong tingling sensation in your mouth.

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JUST FOR BEST FRIENDS

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



Like most dogs, my own canine companion, "Tatertotts" loves to go for a ride in the car. In fact she enjoys riding along and playing the passenger part more than just about anything else in the world. For Tater, a cruise around town with the top down is a little bit of heaven. She seems to enjoy tagging along while I run my errands even more than chasing squirrels in the back yard, howling happily at Frank the mailman, or harassing the landscape maintenance men working in the yard next door! Although she can be a bit of a handful, and quite a challenge when it comes to socializing in public, I do my best to accommodate Tater's desire to go for a drive so she can hang her head over, let her enormous ears flap in the wind, and bay from the bottom of her heart at other dogs passing by.

Before I adopted Tater, I had another dog named "Lady" who also loved to tag along every time I went for a drive. I will never forget the day, about 25 years ago, when I had Lady in the passenger seat with the windows down. She was hanging out with her front paws bent over the top of the window opening (as she always did) and I stopped at a red light on the corner of PCH and Catalina. We were waiting for the light to change when she suddenly jumped out of the car and started running randomly, chasing a bird through the corner park located on the south side of the street. If you are at all familiar with that area, you know it is a very busy, 5-point intersection with lots of fast-moving traffic coming from all directions. It is most certainly

HUG'EM AT HOME, BELT'EM IN THE CAR

not a safe place for a dog to roam free, so I immediately put my car in park, left it where it was, and ran after Lady, yelling for her to get back. Fortunately, I did succeed in catching up with Lady and within minutes we were back in the car (with the windows up), continuing on our journey.

Of course it upset me that Lady chose to jump out and chase that bird, but I had no right to be angry with her. It was my fault that she even had the opportunity to react that way and do what came natural for her. I knew better than to reprimand her for taking chase after a flying bird. I mean, that's what she was bred to do! I spent the rest of the day beating myself up for having been so stupid and neglectful about properly protecting my beloved "daughter-dog" as a passenger in my car. It was a lesson well-learned, and fortunately Lady was not hurt during the ordeal. The experience made me much more aware of the risks involved with having a dog loose and un-restrained while driving a motor vehicle.

These days I drive a convertible, which presents an even higher safety risk for an unrestrained dog. Not only is it a safety hazard, but now it is against the law to transport a dog in an open vehicle without a safety restraint. (LA County Vehicle Code Sec. 23117 - Dogs In Open Vehicles). Several years ago, before the pet restraint law had been passed, I went shopping for a device I could use to "bungee" Tater down while traveling in the car, but there was no such thing on the market at the time, so I got creative. I purchased a heavy duty harness and used a leash to loop through the top strap. I then wrapped the leash around

the back of the car seat, leaving just enough wiggle room for comfort but not enough to allow Tater's head to touch the windshield. It works wonders! At first she was a little tentative about wearing the harness, but within a few days she became much more confident in the car with her "safety belt" on, in fact now she refuses to ride without it!

A higher level of pet safety awareness and new legislation to regulate the safe transportation of animals in motor vehicles has apparently inspired pet supply manufacturers to come up with some excellent ideas for pet safety belts, leaving no excuse for a caring, conscientious pet owner to take their dog for a ride without a restraint. One pet supply company, "Pet Buckle" came up with an excellent product concept designed to connect to "Latch Bars" that are installed in the back seat of many vehicles.

The primary purpose for latch bars, which have become somewhat standard in new vehicles, is for use in securing child and infant car seats, but the creative crew at "Pet Buckle" realized it was a perfect resolution to the problem of connecting a dog restraint in a way that would be both comfortable and secure. There are a number of other products available in today's market, offering something for everyone, regardless of weight, size or shape, so the next time you take your precious pup out for a cruise around town, make sure he/she is restrained safely and securely in a doggy seat belt. It could help save your pet's life, or even your own life in the case of an accident. Let's all try to be conscientious care-takers of our best friends by being responsible for their safety at home, outdoors and in the car.

LOOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND...

...To share the holidays with?

So is Lottie! Her roomie, Ruffles, was just adopted and she knows it's now her turn. She is approximately 2 ½ years old and weighs 9.5 pounds.

She is a very sweet, lovable, and very energetic brindle Chihuahua girl who is friendly with both people and other dogs. She can be a bit shy when she first meets new people but she is such a joy to be with and will bring lots of laughter and fun into your life! Based on our experiences, she loves running on her walks, playing with other dogs, and chasing, retrieving and playing with toys.

Because she is an energetic dog who loves to keep busy, we think she could be easily trained to direct all of that energy. She is looking for an active family willing to take her out on adventures and walks. She dreams of having her own yard to play in! She is spayed, up to date with all routine shots and ready to move in. Please consider making this gal part of your family and enjoy the holidays together!

She currently resides at the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society located at 851 E. Grand Avenue in San Gabriel. We are located off San Gabriel Blvd., north of Mission and south of Las Tunas.

To arrange a 'Meet and Greet' with Lottie (aka..... TC08843), please stop by any time from 10:00am to 4:30pm Tuesday thru Sunday. Her adoption fee is \$120 which includes her spay surgery, a microchip, first vaccinations and a free wellness check-up at a participating veterinarian. Feel free to call us at (626) 286-1159 for more information on Lottie. See our website at www.sgvhumane.org for information and photos of all our available pets.



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SIMPLE CHANGES FOR MAKING A HOME SENIOR-FRIENDLY

Dear Savvy Senior: What tips or products can you recommend to help make a home safer and more convenient for aging in place? My husband and I are in our 70's and don't have the money for any big renovations, but we want to do what we can to stay in our house as long as possible. Homebodies

Dear Homebodies: There are lots of small adjustments and simple modifications you can do to make your home safer and livable as you age that are very inexpensive or completely free. Here are several to consider.

Fall-Proofing Since falls are the leading cause of home injury among seniors, a good place to start is by picking up any possible clutter that can cause you to trip like newspapers, books, shoes, clothes, electrical or phone cords. If you have throw rugs, remove them or use double-sided tape to secure them. And if you have stairs, consider putting handrails on both sides.

Good lighting is also very important, so add lamps or light fixtures where needed, and install brighter full-spectrum bulbs in existing fixtures to improve visibility. Also purchase some inexpensive plug-in nightlights for the bedroom, bathroom and hallways, and consider installing motion sensor lights outside the front and back doors and in the driveway.

In the bathroom get some non-skid bath rugs for the floors, put a non-slip rubber mat or self-stick strips on the floor of the tub/shower, and have a carpenter install grab bars inside the tub/shower.

And in the kitchen, organize your cabinets so the things you use most often are within easy reach without using a step stool.

Simple Modifications Growing old can also bring about various physical limitations which can make your home more difficult to use. Some simple solutions, for example, that can help weak or arthritic hands is to replace round doorknobs with lever handles, or get some inexpensive doorknob lever adapters. The same goes for twist knob kitchen or bathroom faucets. You can easily replace them with lever faucet handles that you can purchase for a few dollars in most hardware stores, or get a single lever handle faucet installed.

In the kitchen, you can make your cabinets and pantry easier to access by installing pullout shelves or lazy susans. And D-shaped pull-handles for the cabinets and drawers are also recommended because they're more comfortable to grasp than knobs.

In the bathroom consider getting a hand-held adjustable showerhead installed, and purchasing a shower or bathtub seat, so you can shower from a safe seated position if need be. And for easier toilet access, purchase a toilet seat riser for a few dollars. This can make sitting down and standing up a little easier, especially if you're 6 foot or taller.

And, if you get to the point where you need to use a walker or wheelchair, you can adapt your house by installing ramps on entrance steps, and mini-ramps to go over high entrance thresholds. And, you can widen the doorways an additional two inches by installing "swing clear" offset door hinges.

More Tips For many more tips, visit The Fall Prevention Center of Excellence website at homemods.org, and see "The AARP Home Fit Guide" (publication D18959) which offers dozens of modification suggestions to make your home safe and livable as you age. You can access it at online at homefitguide.org, or if you're an AARP member, call 888-687-2277 and ask them to mail you a free copy.

Or, if you want personalized help, get an in-home assessment with an occupational therapist, or OT, who can evaluate your home, make modification recommendations and refer you to products and services to help you make improvements. Medicare will pay for a home assessment by an OT if prescribed by a doctor. Ask your physician for a referral.

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

“ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS MY FINGERNAILS!”

There's less than a week before Christmas. And if you have kids on your gift list, good luck! Hopefully you made it through Black Friday, Small Business Monday, and Thirsty Thursday (wait, no --that's for happy hour), without any black eyes or police bookings. Kids these days expect the latest technological products with all their bells, whistles, and hi-def resolution. (One of our tech managers jokingly informed us of the "I-Potty," a toilet seat with an iPad installed in front. The current item is supposedly intended to lure toddlers into toilet training, but you know it's just a matter of time before they come out with the adult version, complete with cup holders.)

Ahhh... Remember the good old days when life was simpler, and kids just wanted their two front teeth? While I'm not lustung after a new pair of upper incisors, I do wish I had fingernails, if only for a day. I don't want "glamour nails" with rhinestones. Nor do I want nails that are long enough to fit an intricate reproduction of the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. Just normal, run-of-the-mill, healthy-looking nails would be fine for me.

Since my early childhood, the ends of my nails have never extended beyond my fingertips. Of course this is entirely my fault, and I take full responsibility. You've heard of people who grind their teeth, pull out their hair, or engage in other compulsive behaviors. Well, I rip up my nails. I'm not proud of it, but it could be worse.

The only time I made a conscious effort to grow out my nails was for my wedding. And then, the only reason was because I knew our photographer would take pictures of our hands wearing our rings. I was able to leave my nails alone for two weeks. Then there was a stressful meeting at work close to the wedding date. I could feel my fingers drawing together into rip position beneath the table.

"Don't do it! You've worked so hard!" I told myself. And I did resist the urge to tear my newly grown nails --for about five minutes. Unable to stand it any longer, I yielded to the impulse and feverishly tore the tops off all 10 fingernails. Weeks of patience and restraint were undone in a matter of minutes. But oddly, I felt better.

At the wedding, our photographer did arrange our hands for a couple close-ups of our ringed fingers. I tried to curl my fingertips inward to avoid exposure of my miniscule nails. (As a wife, it's embarrassing if your husband has nicer nails than you do.) Somehow those photos never made it into our album...

I used to think nail-biting (or nail decimation of any sort) was a sign of some deep-seated personality imbalance. Children might bite their nails, but adults are supposed to be above such things. Those were my thoughts until I met a very smart, very "put-together" intern at our company. We'll call her Lois.

Lois was in the midst of grad school, a scary shadow-land pitted with academic quick sand ready to swallow students whole. At least that's my memory of it.) Nevertheless, Lois was composed, confident, and cool as a cucumber. She also came to work every day with flawless makeup and not a single coiffed strand of hair out of place. Sigh... I supposed that's how the other up confident half lived --until I saw her fingernails.

Looking past her perfect hair and makeup, Lois's fingernails (or lack thereof) betrayed the secret anxiety of all nail-biters. I never brought up nail biting as a commonality between Lois and myself. But at least I knew that I wasn't alone in the world; there were other normal, functioning people with naked fingertips. "They walk among us!"



SENIOR HAPPENINGS

By Pat Birdsall

FYI: ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS.....

Unless you know a specific item that the senior on your Christmas list wants, please don't get them another scarf or another necktie. They will just go into the drawer along with the other scarves and neckties they have gotten in the past. Get them something they can really use; your time. Put IOU's in the form of Christmas themed tags or cards. Some ideas: Run errands, give rides, help make phone calls, write letters for them, read to them, and help with cleaning, changing bed linens or cooking. The list goes on if you give it time, which after all, is all they want in the first place. Merry Christmas!

HELPFUL HINT: Repurpose Paper Towel Rolls- Part II Make party favors: Just fill with candy and wrap in suitable paper for the occasion tying both ends. As much as I hate the idea of plastic bags, the inevitable occasionally occurs: Use an empty paper towel rolls to store the excess bags. The Pollyanna in me says to eventually work your way down to a toilet paper sized roll. I can dream, can't ?

FOR YOUR FUNNY BONE - One evening in a busy lounge in the Deep South, a reindeer walked in the door, bellied up to the bar and ordered a martini. Without batting an eye, the bartender mixed and poured the drink, set it in front of the reindeer and accepted a \$20.00 bill from the reindeer's hoof. As he handed the reindeer some coins in change he said, "You know, I think you're the first reindeer I've ever seen in here." The reindeer looked hard at the hoof full of change and said, "Hmmpf, let me tell you something buddy, at these prices, I'm the last reindeer you'll see in here."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ... December Birthdays Pat Karamitros, Joan Hufnagel, Marie Pedersen, Mary Alice Cervera, Carol Horejsi, Shirley Anhalt, Mignon Grijalva, Helen Reese, Levon Yapoujian, Toni Buckner, Bonnie Garner, Lottie Bugl, Pat McGuire, Sheila Wohler, Nan Murphy, Eleanor Hensel, Sylvia Curl, Elizabeth Levie, Gayle Licher and Cindy Barran.

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

Quote of the Week: From a commercial point of view, if Christmas didn't exist it would be necessary to invent it ~ Katherine Whitehorn

ACTIVITIES: Unless listed differently, all activities are at the Hart Park House (Senior Center) 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre YMCA San Gabriel Valley Intervale Senior Café: Monday-Friday at 12:00 Noon (Participants are urged to arrive no later than 11:45 A.M.)

All seniors 60 and up can take part in the lunch program. There is a suggested donation of \$2.00 for those 60 and over and \$3.75 for non-senior guests. Daily reservations are necessary as space is limited. Please call 24 hours in advance...626.355.0256 Free Balance Class: Every 3rd Monday for 11:00 am to 11:45 am with Shannon Vandevelde. A variety of balance exercises are practiced; all ability levels are encouraged and welcomed.

Free Blood Pressure Testing: Held Second Tuesday of the month from 11:00 am-12:00 pm: No appointment necessary.

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

Free Chair Yoga: New Hours: 11:00 to 11:45 Every Wednesday morning. Join Paul Hagen for this free class that focuses on senior yoga techniques. No reservation is necessary!

Free Legal Consultation: Pasadena attorney Lem Makupson volunteers on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. He focuses on estate planning, trusts, wills, probate, conservatorships and business law. *Appointments are a must! Please call: 626.355.7394 to make yours* Conflicting court schedules can occasionally cause cancellations.

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 Brandlee. 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: Los Angeles Times & Printing Plant (Los Angeles, CA.) Date: Friday, January 10, 2014 Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Meeting Location: Hart Park House/Senior Center Cost: \$15.00 (does not include lunch)

With a daily circulation of more than one million readers, the Los Angeles Times is by far the most popular newspaper in the Southland. The publication's headquarters, built in 1935, is situated on the outskirts of Downtown. The one-hour tour is an educational trip through the entire publication process as well as a history of this storied American newspaper. Following the Headquarters tour, the bus will take a short drive to the printing plant. During this 45-minute tour watch robots assist in the preparation of final copies of the paper for distribution. After the tours lunch will be enjoyed at a downtown restaurant. It is recommended that you bring \$10 to \$15 for lunch. Last day to register is Friday, January 3rd. Level of walking: Moderate

Save the Dates: Thursday, February 27, 2014 Feline Conservation Center (Rosamond, Ca.)Time: 9:00am to 4:00 pm Cost: \$15.00 (does not include lunch)

Saturday, March 22, 2014 Whale Watching (Long Beach, Ca.) Time: 10:00am to 3:30 pm Cost: \$31.00 (does not include lunch)

*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.



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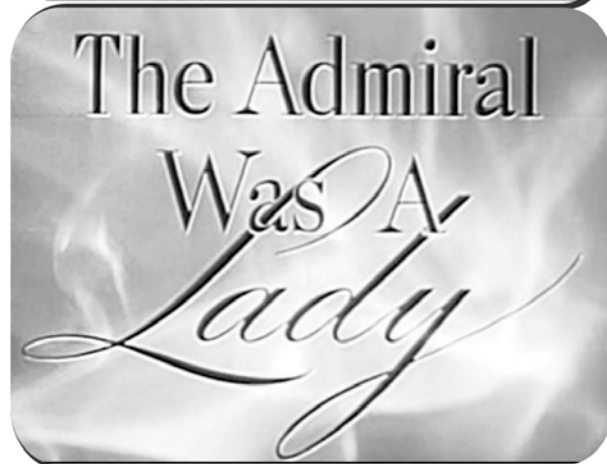
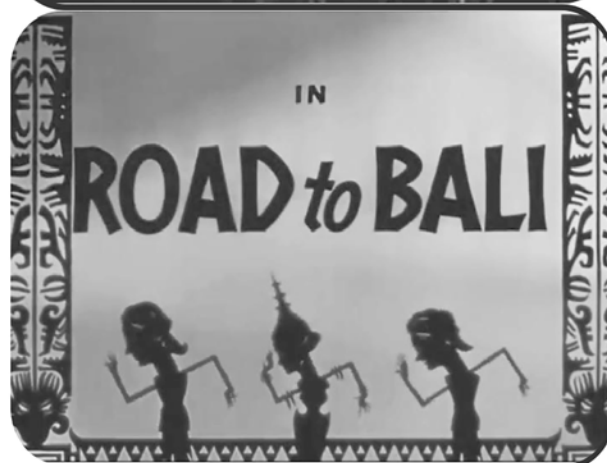
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7 to 8 am	Children's Programing
9 to 10 am	Under the Big Top
11 to 12 pm	Hi Diddle Diddle
1 to 2 pm	My Man Godfrey
3 to 4 pm	Strange Woman
5 to 6 pm	Community Programing
7 to 8 pm	Panic in the Streets
9 to 10 pm	Murder on Campus
Tuesday 12.24.13	Movies
7 to 8 am	Santa and the 3 Bears & Santa Conquers the Martians
9 to 10 am	Nativity
11 to 12 pm	The Great Rupert
1 to 2 pm	Son of the Navy
3 to 4 pm	Miracle on 34th Street
5 to 6 pm	Holiday Affair
7 to 8 pm	A Christmas Without Snow
9 to 10 pm	Beyond Tomorrow
Wednesday 12.25.13	Movies
7 to 8 am	Hansel and Gretel
9 to 10 am	Heidi
11 to 12 pm	Father's Little Dividend
1 to 2 pm	Wake Me Up When the War is Over
3 to 4 pm	The Snows of Kilimanjaro
5 to 6 pm	Davide Copperfield
7 to 8 pm	Charade
9 to 10 pm	Beyond Tomorrow
Thursday 12.26.13	Movies
7 to 8 am	Children's Programing
9 to 10 am	Speak Easy
11 to 12 pm	Nothing Sacred
1 to 2 pm	The Ghost Walks
3 to 4 pm	The World Gone Mad
5 to 6 pm	Community Programing
7 to 8 pm	Suddenly
9 to 10 pm	And Then There Were None
Friday 12.27.13	Movies
7 to 8 am	Children's Programing
9 to 10 am	Two Weeks to Live
11 to 12 pm	His Girl Friday
1 to 2 pm	Money Means Nothing & Second Honeymoon
3 to 4 pm	Impact
5 to 6 pm	Community Programing
7 to 8 pm	Dressed to Kill
9 to 10 pm	Whistle Stop
Saturday 12.28.13	Movies
7 to 8 am	Children's Programing
9 to 10 am	Angle and the Badman
11 to 12 pm	Under California Starts
1 to 2 pm	Cowboy and the Senorita
3 to 4 pm	The Big Trees
5 to 6 pm	Community Programing
7 to 8 pm	The Loudspeaker
9 to 10 pm	Eternally Yours
Sunday 12.29.13	Movies
7 to 8 am	Children's Programing
9 to 11 am	Breaking the Ice
11 to 12 pm	The Fabulous Dorseys
1 to 2 pm	Hot Curves
3 to 4 pm	Shake Rattle and Rock
5 to 6 pm	Community Programing
7 to 8 pm	Sante Fe Music Festival
9 to 10 pm	Angel on my Shoulder

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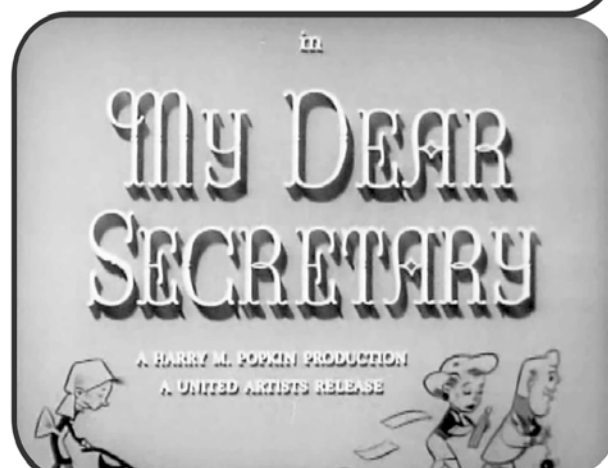
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SECTION B

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2013

THANK YOU JACKI RAYMOND



Above left: (l to r) Kristin Naran, Jacki Raymond and Lew Watanabe. "Antiquity" (right) and the plaque honoring Jacki. Photos courtesy of Creative Arts

Sometimes, it is difficult to express one's appreciation to those who go above and beyond the call of duty. That is with the Creative Arts Group and many residents of Sierra Madre when faced with the awesome task of thanking Jacki Raymond for 34 years of service to Creative Arts and our community.

Last year when Jacki announced to the Board that she would be retiring, it was hard to comprehend CAG without her and the next twelve months came too quickly.

Over the last month, there have been lunches, and parties and commendations to thank her for her tireless service, but the ultimate honor was bestowed upon her last Saturday. And, it was a total surprise.

The honor was in the form of the dedication of a fountain in the front entrance of Creative Arts. The fountain was a gift from well known former Sierra Madre resident, Lew Watanabe.

Kristin Naran, who is the new Executive Director of Creative Arts, and who worked with Jacki for the last ten years, presided over the dedication. She introduced Lew as "both a landscaper and an artist known for creating beautiful and tranquil spaces."

In 1996 he was Sierra Madre Citizen of the Year and In 1999 he donated a granite sculpture to the City of Sierra Madre. This sculpture called "the weeping wall" is located in Memorial park.

And now Creative Arts Group is the fortunate recipient of this magnificent fountain. The name of the fountain is "Antiquity". Lew has donated it in honor of Jacki in honor of her 34 years at the art center. In addition to Lew's contribution, Norman's Nursery donated the plants Simons rentals donated the equipment that was necessary to transport and place the fountain.

Bob Eriksson helped to coordinate the various parties who contributed to the installation. Robert McAlister who did his eagle scout project here in the Spring. He raised more money than was needed for his project and that money went into a building improvements reserve that we were able to use to help with the installation costs, and Arturo Garcia did a "masterful job" of installing the fountain and planting the area around it.

In the presence of a crowd of artists and community members, a farewell toast was made to Jacki. The plaque honors Jacki for serving as Executive Director of Creative Arts Group from 1979 through 2013. Jacki Raymond thank you. We miss you already.

NOMINATE A CITIZEN!



The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for the 2013 Citizen of the Year. To be eligible, a person must be a resident of Sierra Madre. The accomplishment(s) or project(s) for which they are being nominated must have been of benefit to the community of Sierra Madre and its citizens during 2013. They must have served without remuneration on the project for which they are being nominated, and members of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors are not eligible.

Completed forms should be mailed to Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce, 19 Suffolk Ave, Unit A, Sierra Madre, 91024 by Jan. 6th. The winner will be selected by members of the Chamber Board of Directors, and will be honored at the annual Citizen of the Year/Board of Directors Installation Dinner to be held in January 31, 2014. Nomination forms are available either online at www.sierramadrechamber.com or by calling the Chamber Office at 626-355-5111.

SANTA ARRIVES EARLY



Earlier this week, Santa delivered a present to the Sierra Madre Senior Community Commission. Mayor Nancy Walsh (above left) help deliver the gift to Commission Chair Nina Bartolai (above right). The gift? A check for over \$28,000 raised by the seniors through their recycling program. The Senior Commission, which has accumulated a substantial fund over the years, uses the money for the betterment of the entire community. Photo by Clem Bartolai

WINE AND CUISINE TASTING TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Tickets are on sale now for the 44th annual Friends of the Sierra Madre Library Wine and Cuisine Tasting. The event will be held on Friday evening, February 21, 2014, at Alverno Villa, 675 West Highland Avenue, Sierra Madre, CA, and will be an elegant affair featuring more than two dozen vintners providing superb wines and local restaurants offering delectable hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

Tickets to the premier event are \$80 and allow you early admission at 6:00PM and a souvenir wine charm. A sommelier will give a special wine tasting for those at the premier event, a chocolatier will provide chocolates to be paired with the red wines, and a local restaurant will offer hors d'oeuvres to be paired with the white wines. Tickets to the main event are \$60 and provide admission at 7:00PM. All are on sale at the Sierra Madre Library, the Bottle Shop, Savor the Flavor, and Arnold's Frontier Hardware.

Throughout the evening you will enjoy live music and Magic Castle magicians as you stroll about the lovely grounds of Alverno sampling the wonderful wines and appetizers. A silent auction will again be offering lovely artwork, services, tickets to special events, restaurant vouchers, and many other tempting items.

For a delightful evening of enjoying fine wines, tasty food, and lively entertainment amidst the company of friends, joins us at Alverno on February 21, 2014. The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library is a non-profit organization and all proceeds benefit the Sierra Madre Library. For more information visit our website at www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org, or call the library at 626 355-7186.

SIERRA MADRE ONE BOOK ONE CITY IN FEBRUARY

Maisie Dobbs has been chosen as the Sierra Madre Public Library 2014 One Book One City choice and an appearance by the author Jacqueline Winspear will highlight a month of exciting free programs at the Library.

Winspear will speak on Saturday, February 22 at 2:00 p.m. in the Gooden School multi-purpose room and will talk about her mystery novel featuring an extraordinary young woman living through epic times in World War I era England and France. A reception will follow the talk and copies of all the books in the Maisie Dobbs series will be available for purchase and signing by the author. 014 marks the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I and Winspear's talk caps a month of programs with a World War I theme.

Kickoff Event - Saturday, February 1, 2:00 p.m. at the Library

- Children's Airplane Flying Contest
- Display of artifacts from World War I
- Display of World War I award-winning poetry by Christopher "Kit" Adde
- Teen Docents will feature virtual tours of Sierra Madre in the World War I period
- Music from the era
- Events throughout the month
- Tuesday, 2/4, 7 p.m. Library Travel in Time and Space. Immerse yourself in Maisie's world with an armchair traveler's tour of World War I life. Catherine Adde will take us away to Cambridge, London, an historic house in the English countryside and the battlefields of France where the story takes place
- Monday, 2/10 7 p.m. Sierra Madre Playhouse Wings, the only silent film to win the Best Picture Oscar. Wings is an epic World War I action drama that features spectacular aerial sequences of vintage dog fighting and

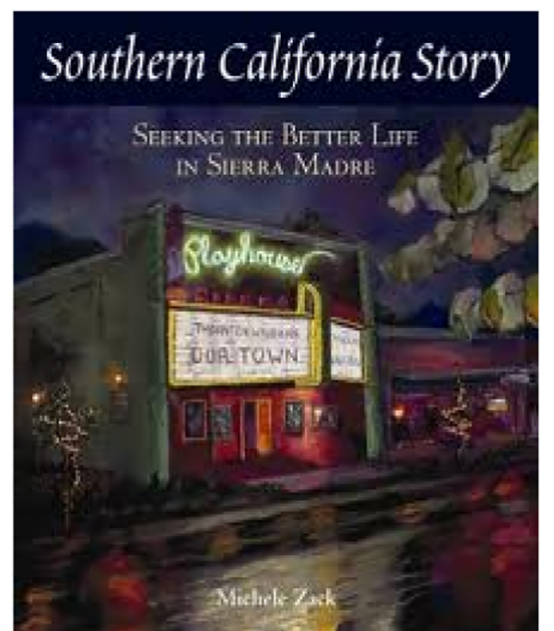
a romantic angle featuring its top-billed star Clara Bow.

- Wednesday 2/ 12 at 7 p.m. Library Featured Book Discussion - Everyone is welcome to attend a special discussion of Winspear's book.
- Thursday, 2/ 20 11 a.m., Library Third Thursday Book discussion
- Wednesdays, February, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Teen Book Club will read Leviathan, a steam-punk novel with a World War I setting. Library basement
- Friday 2/21, 7:00 p.m. Library Friends of the Library Wine Tasting. Actors dressed in the World War I period of Maisie Dobbs will mingle with the crowd. A signed copy of Maisie Dobbs will be featured as a silent auction item. Alverno Villa
- Saturday, February 22 at 2:00 p.m. in the Gooden School multi-purpose room Appearance and book signing by author Jacqueline Winspear.

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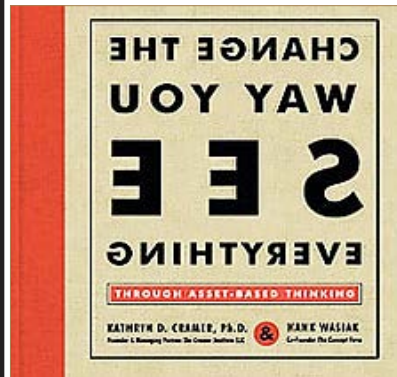
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JASMINE'S CORNER

Book Reviews by Jasmine Kelsey Williams



CHANGE THE WAY YOU SEE EVERYTHING THROUGH ASSET-BASED THINKING

By Kathryn D. Cramer & Hank Wasiak

It's now the middle of December, and we are gradually drawing towards the end of another year, filled with wonderful books and stories that I've read, reviewed, and shared. And with the Christmas holiday fast approaching, as well as the New Year in January, the next upcoming selections will be sure to put you in a fresh and positive state of mind. To start off our uplifting picks, we come to this selection: "Change the Way You See Everything through Asset-Based Thinking" by Kathryn D. Cramer and Hank Wasiak. Although you may be familiar with

longer titles by now, dear readers, this pick for the middle of December is sure to not just put you in a more positive frame of mind, but may also help to relax you while reading.

If you are a first-timer to read this, then you shall find it both relaxing and beneficial in what this book tries to convey. Cramer and Wasiak introduce the crucial plot of Deficit-Based Thinking (DBT) versus Asset-Based Thinking (ABT), and how as individuals we can train our minds to slowly convert over to ABT. For first-timers, such as myself, to come across this book, the straightforward explanations, soothing visual pictures and individual stories from various examples and exercises help to fully explain that when readers attempt to apply this method to themselves, they are able to gradually make small improvements to their overall being and mentality. Do keep in mind that this book makes a good pick for young adults or first-timers even, but the familiar theme of changing your state of mind through positive thinking is one that is commonly used and may seem dull to anyone who has read something similar or already content with their own frame of mind. But this does not mean to overlook this book; readers can enjoy the simple lessons Cramer and Wasiak express and that just one slight change (without trying everything all at once) can have a major impact.

Receiving praise from critics, as well as a kind word from Publishers Weekly, "Change the Way You See Everything through Asset-Based Thinking" is a wonderful way to wind down the last of the holidays and prep for the start of a new, fresh, and much more positive new year.



Writer/director Scott Cooper broke out onto the scene with his critically lauded film, "Crazy Heart" a few years ago. He's returned with his follow-up, "Out of the Furnace," that has one of the strongest acting ensembles of the year. With a cast of all-stars including, Christian Bale, Woody Harrelson and Casey Affleck with support from Willem Dafoe, Forest Whitaker, Sam Shepard and Zoe Saldana. Bale stars as Russell Baze, a mill worker in small town in Pennsylvania. Grueling hours and making ends meet, Baze hopes to start a family with his girlfriend played by Zoe Saldana. In the meantime, his brother, Rodney (Casey Affleck) returns home from the war looking for anyway to make a quick buck. In a cruel twist of fate, Russell lands himself in prison and Rodney gets involved with a brutal and sadistic crime ring up in the Northeast. Woody Harrelson plays a vicious villain who's pitiless toward anyone who crosses his path. While it's difficult to ignore the overwhelming talent on screen, it sort of baffles you how actors of this caliber are drawn to such an empty, hollow script. "Out of the Furnace" doesn't say a whole lot about really anything. It attempts to be contemporary with a jab to the US military by a disgruntled marine and how the choices you may certainly may have dire circumstances. "Out of the Furnace" simply doesn't have anything to offer other than feeling like a direct-to-DVD film that just happens to include an all-star cast attached to it.

Directed by: Scott Cooper
Written by: Brad Ingelsby, Scott Cooper
Rated R for strong violence, language and drug content
Release Date: December 6th, 2013

I was really hoping and even expecting to see a dynamite film here. However, the film is utterly straightforward in such an old school, traditional way. Often times, the reasons made by characters didn't hold much merit. Not for a second did I believe Casey Affleck to be some tough guy marine who has served four tours of duty in Iraq. In addition, Bale's character reasoning behind being locked up (never knowing how long it was for) just seemed derivative. Sam Shepard had no point in the film while Forest Whitaker once again shows up as a cop or some authority figure with little to offer. The only two guys who had anything going for them were Bale and Harrelson, but even their characters were very one-note. Harrelson plays a badass guy better than anyone else, but there wasn't a whole lot of meat to his character for him to chew on. After Russell gets out of prison is when his brother, Rodney gets into deeper trouble than ever before. What doesn't make sense is Rodney doing what he said he would do, but paying a price for it. It's unclear why the fate of his character is met with unwarranted results. Then there's the ending, which is almost laughable of how it all unfolds. No twists or turns, just baffling uncomplicated.

Indeed Scott Cooper has suffered the sophomore slump with his second directorial effort. I almost can't believe this film was released by big names such as Ridley Scott and Leonardo DiCaprio's Appian Way company. It's not as if "Out of the Furnace" is complete garbage, but there's really nothing holding it together. No centerpiece, no message. It has a few good scenes amongst a plethora of scenes lacking any intrigue or interest. There are several faults and ill-conceived story decisions here that easily allow the viewer to pick it apart piece by piece. With a cast like this, a director coming off a big hit, you just have certain expectations that you hope are met. With "Out of the Furnace," you get almost nothing in return for the price of admission. Perhaps this script should have been sent to the furnace before anyone was dumb enough for giving it the green light.

Grade: 1.5 out of 5

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HUBBLE DISCOVERS WATER VAPOR

Vapor Found Venting from Jupiter's Moon Europa

The NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope has discovered water vapor erupting from the frigid surface of Jupiter's moon Europa, in one or more localized plumes near its south pole.

Europa is already thought to harbor a liquid ocean beneath its icy crust, making the moon one of the main targets in the search for habitable worlds away from Earth. This new finding is the first observational evidence of water vapor being ejected off the moon's surface.

"By far the simplest explanation for this water vapor is that it erupted from plumes on the surface of Europa," said lead author Lorenz Roth of Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio, Texas. "If those plumes are connected with the subsurface water ocean we are confident exists under Europa's crust, then this means that future investigations can directly investigate the chemical makeup of Europa's potentially habitable environment without drilling through layers of ice. And that is tremendously exciting."

"We pushed Hubble to its limits to see this very faint emission," said co-lead author and principal investigator of the Hubble observing campaign Joachim Saur of the University of Cologne, Germany.

Hubble's spectroscopic observations provided the evidence for Europa plumes in December 2012. Time sampling of auroral emissions measured by Hubble's imaging spectrograph enabled the researchers to distinguish between features created by Jupiter's magnetospheric particles and local enhancements of gas, and to also rule out more exotic explanations such as serendipitously observing a rare meteorite impact. The imaging spectrograph detected faint ultraviolet light from an aurora, powered by Jupiter's intense magnetic field, near Europa's south pole.

It is unknown how deep inside Europa's crust the source of the water may be. Do the vents extend down to a subsurface ocean or are the ejecta simply from warmed ice caused by friction stresses near the surface?

THE HOLIDAYS have crept in on us, almost unnoticed (at least by this writer)—and just when we all needed a little cheering up. So let's all "deck the halls with boughs of holly," and not let gloom take over, even if the sky seems to be falling (it won't).

IN A DARK TIME

All these tiny lights

Linked up in a mesh of love
Illumine our town.

STAR OF WONDER. During the holiday season, public astronomy lecturers often focus their talks on the "Christmas Star," trying to find a logical, scientific explanation for it. Perhaps a comet, or an unusual grouping of planets, they suggest. I prefer to avoid such attempts to explain away what is, as a familiar carol says, a "star of wonder"—and let the poet in me prevail. As poet Rainer Maria Rilke put it in his book, Letters to a Young Poet, "Have patience with everything unresolved in your heart, and try to love the questions themselves."

Isn't it great that there is so much yet to be discovered, so many questions to be loved?

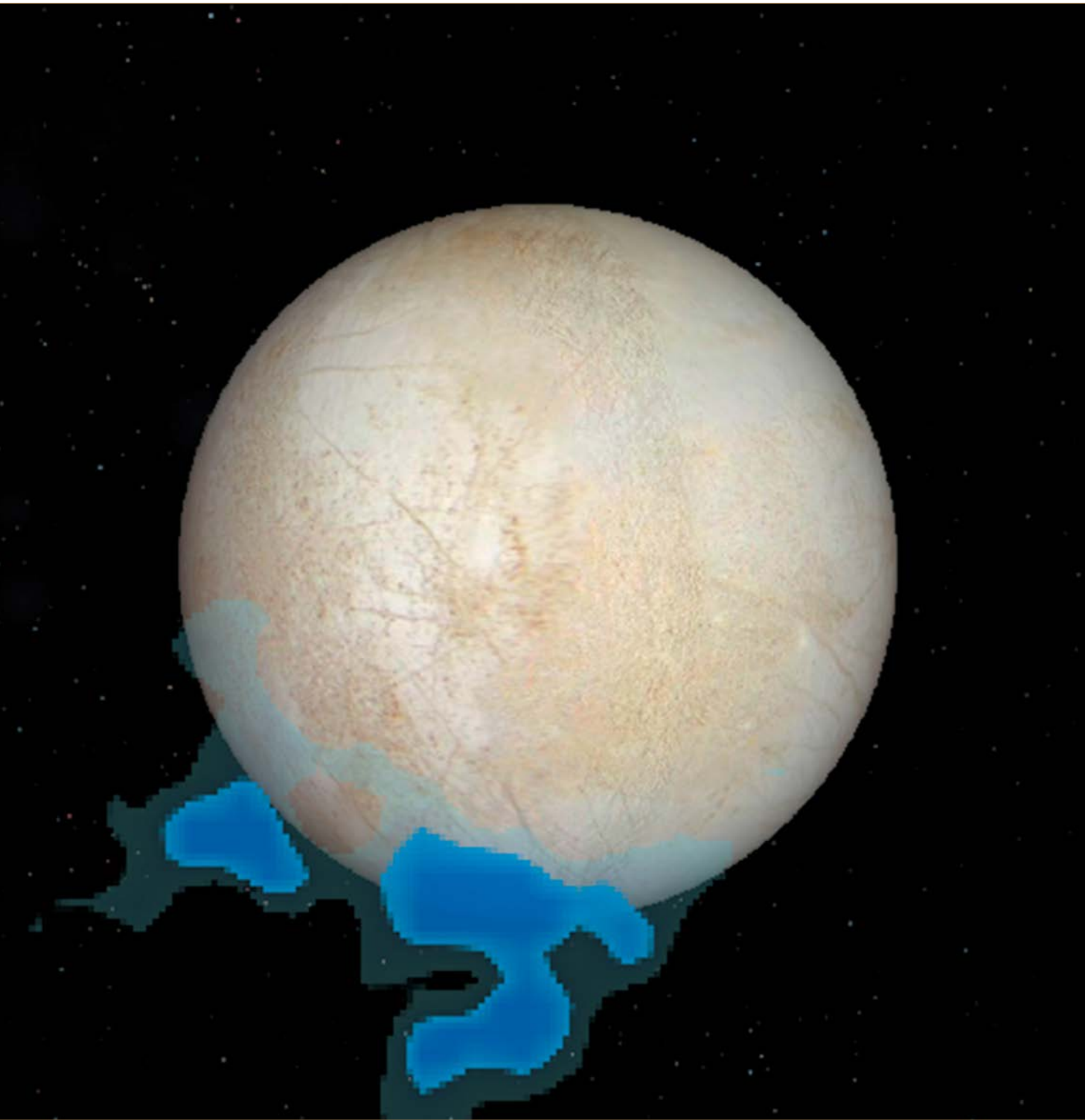
Billion-year mission:

Descrambling the wonder

Outside and inside.

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This graphic shows the location of water vapor detected over Europa's south pole that provides the first strong evidence of water plumes erupting off Europa's surface, in observations taken by NASA's Hubble Space Telescope in December 2012. Hubble didn't photograph plumes, but spectroscopically detected auroral emissions from oxygen and hydrogen. The aurora is powered by Jupiter's magnetic field. This is only the second moon in the solar system found ejecting water vapor from the frigid surface. The image of Europa is derived from a global surface map generated from combined NASA Voyager and Galileo space probe observations.

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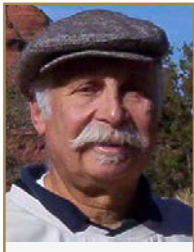
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STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE

PRESENTS: How Do You Wrap An Artichoke?

Well, it's that time of the year again. The Holiday Season when custom requires that we extend ourselves and exchange gifts with those who are in some way significant to us. Just from the way I form these first few sentences you perceptive readers can discern that I am not comfortable with the whole process. (By the way I hereby declare that those of you who regularly read my articles are perceptive, sensitive people who are of great benefit to man and woman kind and especially to me.)

Anyway, it's true - I am not comfortable with the whole gift-giving thing. When I think of gifts I remember that first Valentine's Day when I was going to elementary school in Chicago. The night before my grandmother, my mom, and I had carefully made Valentines for everyone in the class. I, of course, was afraid that I would miss someone but I was pretty sure I remembered everyone's name. We made out the Valentines the night before and I dutifully and proudly marched off to School.

It was Chicago and cold and windy and snowing. Of course I fell in the snow and lost the bag that held the Valentines and also lost the bag that carried my lunch. I looked around for awhile but it was cold and I was late and had to go to school without the Valentines and without my lunch. That whole school day was pretty horrible. At the lunch break the school provided us with little cartons of milk but on this particular day it was frozen solid and we couldn't drink it. So, no milk and no lunch for me and then in the afternoon it was time to distribute the Valentines.

I, like all the other kids in class received many Valentines but each Valentine made me feel more unworthy. I had not given Valentines to any of the other kids and was too embarrassed to tell anyone. I think I've been feeling guilty about it for over sixty years. I know some of you less compassionate readers will echo Cher in "Moonstruck" and yell "So, get over it!" I kind of agree with you but I seem to hold onto this feeling rather than to do something about it. Really though, it's not that easy to remember the names from 60 years ago and to now send Valentines with a little note that says Better Late Than Never seems ridiculous.

You know I meant that as an ironic joke to demonstrate how difficult it is to affect deep-seated negative views of our individual selves. Maybe though, it would be an interesting project for retirement; googling names and

addresses then sending Valentines saying I failed to give one to you in 1949; SORRY! Maybe it would rekindle pleasant memories of childhood for the senior citizens still alive enough to remember. Unfortunately at this stage of my life I cannot remember anyone's name.

Speaking of gifts, my wife just came downstairs and saw me writing on a yellow pad. "I can't make the computer work", I whined. She gave me that look that reminded me of how I felt when I lost the Valentines. The balky computer undoubtedly means that I have done something wrong and that I am going to have to ask her to type this article for me on another computer even though she is very busy. She is in the process of wrapping presents that say from Stuart and Irene. Of course this leads to more guilt as I did not participate in the gift selection or gift wrapping and of course I won't know what people are talking about when we receive thanks for the gifts.

I have been complaining about these negative feelings for years. About thirty five years ago, my then girlfriend decided to cure me once and for all by decreeing that we needed to give each other gifts once a month and wrap them ourselves. I can still remember struggling to wrap an artichoke and further struggling with gifts received from her which were things like diagrams for gift wrapping and for creating a bed made with hospital corners. I'm beginning to realize I like feeling guilty - it suits me. Maybe that's why I still enjoy being a defense lawyer because as it happens, most of my clients are guilty.

I still don't know how to wrap an artichoke but, rather than continuing to feel guilty, I realize that this Christmas Season can easily be turned into something positive. My wife just gave me a wonderful present. She asked me to take a moment and go out and look at the sunrise. I did and it was spectacular as always. What a great gift to still be alive on this beautiful morning in this strange year where the temperature each day is a surprise.

We all live in a wonderful world that continually presents us with gifts that require nothing from us but the awareness necessary to enjoy our own lives and with the opportunity to try our best to reach out to others.

SO DON'T FFEEL GUILTY IF YOU HAVEN'T SENT ME A PRESENT.

You've already given me a great gift by reading this whole article and being who you are. HAVE A GUILT FREE POSITIVE MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

AMISH AIN'T ALWAYS AMISH

Recently, it was my privilege to go to a convention in Ohio in the middle of a large Amish/ Mennonite community. I looked forward to this very much because I grew up in Lancaster County Pennsylvania, which has many Amish/ Mennonite communities.

I was expecting quite a bit as I packed my bags to leave.

"Are you sure you got everything?" A phrase reiterated to me by the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

To which I responded by saying, "Yes, for the umpteenth time I got everything."

This in and of itself was to guarantee me I would forget something, usually essential in my travel. Then when I get home, I will be reminded that I was reminded to make sure I got everything.

Nothing, at this point, could deter my high-level expectation of going into an Amish/ Mennonite community. My great eagerness was looking forward to indulging in one of my favorite desserts: the shoofly pie. Nobody makes shoofly pie quite like those wonderful Amish people.

To make matters even more enticing, I would not have anybody sitting next to me reminding me I had enough shoofly pie. I fully intended to gorge myself on as much shoofly pie as my wallet could handle. In my book, there is no such thing as too much shoofly pie.

I drove 15 hours to get to this little town in Ohio. Every mile creating anticipation for my dessert delicacy awaiting me in some Amish restaurant.

I confess it has been a long time since I visited an Amish/ Mennonite community. Even though I grew up in such a community, some things a person tends to forget.

The convention I was attending ended Sunday morning at lunch. I, being the grandiose Know-It-All, decided to skip the Sunday lunch and look for a restaurant to indulge in my delectable delicacy. The convention was wonderful and as I left the grounds, I did so with a lot of joy in each step.

The thing I forgot was it was Sunday in an Amish/ Mennonite community. If you have never been in such a community, let me inform you that on Sunday the only thing open are churches. I had forgotten this little tidbit.

During the week, I made a list of several Amish restaurants. I had plans of visiting each of them before I left and having shoofly pie, a whole pie, in each restaurant.

When I got to the first restaurant, it finally hit me. This was Sunday and everything in an Amish/ Mennonite community was closed. I do not usually go to a restaurant on Sunday unless it is some special occasion. I was a little chagrined to realize everything was closed. This only

heightened my anticipation of the shoofly pie delicacy awaiting me come tomorrow.

At times it feels like tomorrow will never come, but eventually tomorrow came and I awoke with a song on my lips, a pang of hunger in my stomach and a desire to indulge in a shoofly delicacy.

I finally arrived at my first Amish restaurant and I was drooling so much I could hardly tell the hostess I was just a party of one. Boy, what a party it was going to be.

Being a gentleman, I contained myself as best I could and ordered a very scrumptious repast. Nobody can cook like those Amish women. Oh, what a lunch I had. I think what made it so wonderful was the dessert expectation hovering over me like an angelic halo.

Just as I was finishing my lunch the lovely young waitress, all dressed in Amish attire, came by inquiring if I would like to see the dessert menu.

"No," I said with a delectable determination, "I know exactly what I want for dessert."

We exchanged smiles. I have no idea what she was smiling about; maybe the anticipatory tip. I knew what I was smiling about; the anticipatory dessert.

I tried to contain myself and carefully pace out my instructions.

"Young lady," I said as calmly as possible, "I will have a piece of shoofly pie. In fact, why don't you bring me the whole pie." And with that, I smiled.

The waitress looked at me rather strangely and said, "What kind of pie do you want?"

Being the kind of person that enjoys a good old-fashioned joke, I responded, "Ha ha ha. A shoofly pie, if you please."

"What's a shoofly pie?"

I can take a joke as well as anybody but there comes a time when all jokes need to be put aside and bring on the shoofly pie.

"This is an Amish restaurant, isn't it?"

"Yes it is," she smiled patiently.

"You've heard of a shoofly pie, haven't you?"

"No, I've never heard of such a pie."

I cannot tell you the depth of disappointment this brought to me. For weeks, I have been looking forward to some good old-fashioned shoofly pie.

As it turned out, only the Amish/ Mennonite in Lancaster County Pennsylvania, know anything about shoofly pies. Not all Amish are the same, even though they look alike.

The apostle Paul understood this kind of disappointment.

"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable" (1 Corinthians 15:19 KJV).

I have had many disappointments in life and many people have disappointed me, but I have found in Jesus Christ no disappointment whatsoever. All legitimate hope is in Jesus.

LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN



HOWARD Hays As I See It

"To sustain a lifestyle which excludes others, or to sustain enthusiasm for that selfish ideal, a globalization of indifference has developed. Almost without being aware of it, we end up being incapable of feeling compassion at the outcry of the poor, weeping for other people's pain, and feeling a need to help them, as though all this were someone else's responsibility and not our own. The culture of prosperity deadens us; we are thrilled if the market offers us something new to purchase; and in the meantime all those lives stunted for lack of opportunity seem a mere spectacle; they fail to move us."

- Pope Francis, in "Evangelii Gadium" ("Joy of the Gospel")
- Rush Limbaugh

My wife and I got our first big jolt of Christmas spirit last weekend, attending the "Holiday Spectacular" of the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles at the Alex Theater in Glendale; 200 voices, classic choral arrangements, familiar carols and show-stopping production numbers. (Seeing "12 Days of Christmas" breathlessly performed by bounding lads in black leather pants, I feel I've experienced the "definitive" version.)

A couple special segments stood out. We were told that a dozen years ago, the GMCLA, on its second international tour, became the largest official gathering of gay men ever in Russia. With its performance of Tchaikovsky's "Nyet, Tol'ka Tot Kto Znal" ("None But the Lonely Heart") in Moscow (and St. Petersburg), "a stunned audience responded with tears and a deafening ovation."

We were reminded that the situation in Russia has regressed dangerously since then. As often happens, when oligarchs privately consolidate wealth and power, they distract attention by publicly targeting a particular minority for persecution. Today in Russia, that minority is the LGBT community. Roving bands of thugs seek out gays to beat-up, hatred and bigotry are promoted by politicians and state media, arrests are increasing for the crime of disseminating "gay propaganda".

Last weekend, the GMCLA performed "Nyet, Tol'ka Tot Kto Znal" again; this time in honor of their gay brothers and sisters in Russia.

Another highlight was a short set performed by the group Outside Voices - a product of the GMCLA's support of anti-bullying efforts in schools. They looked to be a diverse bunch of high-school kids; boys and girls, black and white, Asian and Hispanic. What they all had in common was being out and being proud of who they were.

The capacity audience was equally diverse - and both gay and straight. What they all had in common was joining together as one to give these kids one of the biggest ovations of the evening.

Following the concert, my wife learned once again I'm incapable of passing up a shelf of used books for sale. I picked up a volume of American folklore - many identified as having African, European, Mexican or Native American origins, but all distinctly American.

One of the first I turned to concerned a Dutch baker by the name of Baas Volckert Jan Pietersen Van Amsterdam, and what happened at his Albany (N.Y.) shop on New Year's Eve, 1654.

This baker was quite successful; specialties included New Year's cakes and gingerbread men. Late this evening he was looking

forward to the business New Year's Day would bring, when a shrill-voiced, ugly old woman came and asked for a dozen New Year's cookies. He got them for her, but she demanded another, saying she'd only gotten twelve. He told her twelve was a dozen, she still demanded another to make the dozen, and finally he told her that if she needed another one, she could go to the Devil for it.

The story concerns whether that was, in fact, what she did. From then on, nothing the baker tried to bake turned out right. His wife went deaf. An "invisible hand" pelted him with bricks torn from his oven. His kids became "unkempt" as business went elsewhere.

Three times the old woman returned with the same request, and three times she was told she'd have to go to the Devil for that extra cookie.

Finally, the baker had had enough, and called on the patron of Dutch feasts, Saint Nicholas, for help. Saint Nick appeared and gave him a lecture on generosity and charity.

As Saint Nicholas vanished, the old woman appeared in his place and again asked for that extra cookie. This time, she got it.

Announcing that the spell was broken, she took a gingerbread likeness of Saint Nicholas from the shelf, put the baker's hand on it, and had him promise to be more generous in the future. From then on, thirteen comprised a baker's dozen.

The story made no mention of Christmas or Santa Claus. Saint Nicholas was not bringing gifts himself, but instead came admonishing us to be more generous in giving to others.

A week after Time named Pope Francis Man of the Year, the same honor was bestowed on him by The Advocate, the longtime foremost publication for the LGBT community. There's no illusion of deviation from the church's stand on gay marriage, but recognition of progress: from a year ago with a Pope who'd declared homosexuality to be "intrinsically evil", to today when the Pope asks, "When God looks at a gay person, does he endorse the existence of this person with love, or reject and condemn this person?"

Last week, President Obama named tennis great Billie Jean King and Caitlin Cahow, star of the U.S. Women's Ice Hockey team, to the official U.S. delegation to the upcoming winter Olympics at Sochi, Russia. As to the president's pointedly sending two openly gay women to a country with a worsening record of persecution against gays, White House spokesman Shin Inouye says the delegation "represents the diversity that is the United States", and the president "knows they will showcase to the world the best of America -- diversity, determination and teamwork."

Merry Christmas.

DUCK DYNASTY AND THE CULTURE OF INTOLERANCE

GREG Welborn



Intolerance and hatred have again spilled into the public square, and as is almost always the case, it's coming from the left, not the right. As most readers know, A&E placed Duck Dynasty star and family patriarch, Phil Robertson, on indefinite suspension for comments he made about homosexuality in a recent GQ Magazine interview. The suspension was the least hurtful aspect of this situation. What's appalling and should have Americans of all political persuasions up in arms are the lies and character assassination directed at Mr. Robertson.

As the GQ interview was released, GLAAD issued a statement accusing Phil Robertson of making "some of the vilest and most extreme statements uttered against LGBT people in a mainstream publication". They called for A&E and its sponsors to disassociate with the family and Duck Dynasty. A&E was all too willing to accommodate. This was followed by a parade of gay activists making the rounds of the news shows to drive home the accusation of hatred, homophobia, and a general unworthiness to be seen in the company of polite society. Accusations like that deserve some analysis. If Phil Robertson is such a man, he, his family and his show probably do deserve banishment. So what did he say exactly?

In the interview, Phil is quoted as saying, "you put in your article that the Robertson family really believes strongly that if the human race loved each other and they loved God, we would just be better off." The interviewer asked Phil what constituted sin. He replied, "start with homosexual behavior and just morph out from there. Bestiality, sleeping around with this woman and that woman and that woman and those men". He offered as support a paraphrased quote from Corinthians: "Don't be deceived. Neither the adulterers, the idolaters, the male prostitutes, the homosexual offenders, the greedy, the drunkards, the slanderers, the swindlers - they won't inherit the kingdom of God."

Perhaps the interviewer appeared shocked at hearing such a thing. We'll never know, but Phil followed this by stating, "we never, ever judge someone on who's going to heaven, hell. That's the Almighty's job. We just love 'em, give 'em the good news about Jesus - whether they're homosexuals, drunks, terrorists. We let God sort 'em out later".

Let's be perfectly clear here. Absent the slight technical differences from the exact Corinthians passage (it was paraphrased after all), there's nothing hateful about those statements. In fact, I see a whole lot of tolerance in them. There's also nothing erroneous about the statements. There's nothing worthy of punishment here other than the fact that Phil Robertson dared to reference the mainstream belief of every major world religion, and Christianity specifically. He came out of the closet, although I'm not sure he was really ever in one - he's never been that shy about his

beliefs - and coming out of the closet is only something gays get to do.

Phil Robertson, like the bible he references, teaches love on each side of the discussion of sin. God speaks of his love for mankind (front end) and he commands us to love the sinner (the back end). But in between, God does speak of sin, labels it, condemns it, and directs us to correct it. In this, Christianity shares much with every other major religion; the practice of homosexuality is seen as a sin. So are the depravations to which heterosexuals are prone. Sleeping with many women, rather than just one's wife, is a sin. Bestiality is a sin. Idolatry is a sin, etc. These sins are note equated, and they are not all attributed to homosexuals or heterosexuals. There is no attempt here to accuse anyone of any sin other than the one in which they may be engaging.

The point is, and always has been, that God prescribes certain behavior and lists other behavior as sin. He hates that sin (all of it), but he offers salvation from it. While each of us is working out our salvation and our repentance, all of us are called to treat one another in love. I find this beautiful. I love how God loves us through the sin even as He calls it out.

The hatred and hypocrisy in this whole sorted affair belong to the activists and the A&E executives. A&E has known about Phil's beliefs for a very long time. They've been content to earn massive profits on a show about a bible thumping, gun toting, God fearing, and faithfully, heterosexually, and monogamously married band of "rednecks" for 5 seasons now. All of a sudden they're shocked to find that this family really believes the bible. And yet, not so shocked that they take the show off the air. No, they want the advertising money from the reruns AND they want to pretend to be in sympathy with the gay activists. As for those activists, if we really listen to what they're saying - to the words they're using - it's not too hard to see some real intolerance and hatred.

In a way, we should give thanks that this skirmish is out in the open. There is a culture war in the land, and until we engage in this war, defend our beliefs and in our right to articulate them, we're going to be pushed around, and we're going to eventually lose many of those rights. That's something everyone should consider.

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Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou

HARDER THAN IT LOOKS

With markets so rapidly changing, it's easy to imagine how property appraisers might sit in a darkened room, waving their hands over a crystal ball, and producing the mysterious and all-powerful document of a home's value. Let's dispel the notion of magical figures and look more carefully at the process.

When comparing against similar properties, it's not just the final price that counts. Appraisers also factor in any "incentives" offered, such as sellers who pay closing costs or remodeling allowances. Perhaps the most important factor that lenders review in an appraisal is the closing dates of the "comparables" (other homes by which yours is measured). Unfortunately, with today's stricter lending requirements, most "comps" must have sold within the last 60 or even 45 days to carry weight. Markets change so quickly that any sale price over two months old may be completely irrelevant.

Now a few words about how foreclosures in a neighborhood affect determination of value. Technically, appraisers shouldn't consider them, because they don't fit the Appraisal Institute's definition of "a property reasonably exposed in a competitive market." However, if several area homes have been abandoned, we know the negative effect that can have on a home's "perceived" value.

If you're planning to sell, express your concerns about the appraisal process to your representative, who will offer explanations and suggestions for improving your report's results.

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The latest on Business News, Trends and Techniques



By La Quetta M. Shamblee, MBA

POST-HOLIDAY DONATIONS

Everyone knows about the fantastic sales that commence on December 26th. If you are among those adventurous enough to brave the crowds to take advantage of deep discounts, consider picking up a few extra items to donate to a nonprofit, community group or school in your community.

Have you attended an event at one of these organizations and noticed they could really use a new and improved coffee machine or some carafes that you might find on sale? You may want to throw in a supply of disposable cups.

Most people don't realize how much teachers spend on schoolroom supplies out of their own pockets. Try to reflect on some of the displays on the bulletin boards and other decorations from your last visit to your child's school. Art supplies and writing instruments like markers, glitter glue and other specialty supplies will be a welcome addition to the arsenal of most grade school teachers.

Local nonprofit organizations are always in need of something, as many of them rely on donations to replace office furniture, filing cabinets and many other furnishings that can be costly. They would be elated to receive new seating to replace worn and dated chairs in their reception area, or a new office chair to make a worker's time more comfortable at a desk assisting clients.

We can all extend the spirit of the traditional holiday giving season to pass along a few additional blessings to support the organizations that extend a helping hand to some segments of our communities year-round.

Not certain of what to purchase as a donation? A gift card from a local store that may have something of use to one of these organizations will be certainly be appreciated and put to good use.



Social Media

Tips & Tricks

By Merri Jill Finstrom



HOW DO PEOPLE FEEL ABOUT YOUR BRAND?

Part of a good marketing strategy is about finding the right people you can persuade that your product or service is worth spending their money on.

People buy a product or service for four reasons: they need it, have time for it, can afford it, they like it or they like the person providing the service.

Social media can only influence one of those four areas. You can't force someone to need your product if they don't, and you can't control how much money someone has. The only area you really can influence is whether they like you or not. And sometimes, that's hard to do too!

Maya Angelou said...
"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."
Take a look at your social media presence and see if you are creating a brand that is likeable. Are you adding in human touches? Are you sharing interesting information? Are you listening and commenting on other people's social media posts?

Making your audience feel good is good for your business.

About MJ: MJ and her brother David own HUTdogs, a creative services business that specializes in Internet Marketing strategies and Social Media. They offer social media management services and help their clients build a strong on-line presence. "Like" them on Facebook for trending news in social media, internet marketing and other helpful tips, www.facebook.com/hutdogs. Sign up for their upcoming classes and presentations at: www.hutdogs.com/workshops/schedule

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RICH Johnson

QUESTIONING LIBRARIES

Ever been in a library? We have a grand one in Sierra Madre. And you should take advantage of their many resources. One of the services many libraries have been known to perform is telephone reference services. People call with often strange questions. Librarians have compiled 6 million of them. I'm short a little space to list them all. But I will offer up some highlights.

What is the most despised household task? According to a Gallup poll in 1991, washing dishes is the least favorite. Followed by cleaning the bathroom and ironing.

Did Betsy Ross design the American flag? Sorry, but no. It was designed by Francis Hopkinson, a naval flag designer. He got paid for it.

What is the most unusual and unlikely mating on record between dogs? Believe it or not in 1972 a rascally little male dachshund crept up on a sleeping...great dane! The union produced 13 Great Dachshunds, known by their short legs, large heads and raised ears.

How did the kingdom of Oz get its name? L. Frank Baum, author of the book series says he was inspired by, of all things, a file cabinet drawer marked "O-Z".

How long was the Berlin Wall? It was raised in 1961 and razed in 1989. And it was 26.5 miles long. That's approximately the distance from Los Angeles to Catalina Island (remember the song, "26 Miles Across the Seas"). The Great Wall of China is, by the way, 13, 170 miles. A wee bit longer.

Are humans the only animals that get sunburn? Ask local hometown hero Neil the Pig. He told me pigs can also get sunburn.

How did we get the term "best man" at weddings? This tradition was started in Scotland where men were men and they often kidnapped their would-be brides. The best man was the toughest friend the bridegroom had and helped in the abduction and any disturbances caused by the bride's friends or relatives.

How many muscles does it take to smile? To frown? We're told it takes seventeen to smile and forty-three to frown.

How many females have appeared on U.S. currency? Four. Martha Washington appeared on \$1 silver certificates in the 1880s. Pocahontas appeared on \$10 notes from 1869-1878. Susan B. Anthony had her image on the one dollar coin from 1979 to 1981. And again in 1999. And Sacagawea resides currently on the dollar coin.

And finally, just what does Kemo Sabe really mean? Used by Tonto on the show The Lone Ranger it was supposed to mean "faithful friend". In Apache, it really means "white shirt"; in Navajo, it means "soggy shrub." I wonder if Tonto was Navajo.

I have a wonderful private library that includes dozens of trivia and quote books. This information primarily came from a book coincidentally entitled, The Book of Lists. It was compiled by David Wallichinsky and Amy Wallace. Thank you David and Amy.

If you like this type of humor and information please join me and my crazy friends on the "Barry Rich and Lisa" radio show. You can hear us on the internet in several places: Locally at Villagevine.org. We are also on iHeart.com, Spreaker.com, and finally our own website: BarryRichLisa.com. Have a wonderful and Merry Christmas!



WENDY JOSEPH

If you enjoy the intrigue of sword and sorcery, you'll want to stop and take notice of an author who has lived a more adventurous life than most of us would ever imagine.

Wendy Joseph vies with her characters for a life of romance and adventure. A deckhand on merchant ships, she has outrun pirates off of Somalia, steered ships large and small through typhoons and calms from the Bering Sea to Shanghai, and helped rescue seals on the Pacific coast.

Her passion is for works of the imagination, for telling a really good story, and for connecting with the minds and souls of readers and taking them to a magnificent and finer place.

Researching her sword and sorcery novel The Witch's Hand in France, she traced the paths of her characters over the terrain they covered to get the description right, and dug up old documents for historical accuracy. She holds two Master's in English from UCLA and the University of Washington, and can splice a twelve strand line.

The Witch's Hand is the thinking person's sword and sorcery, and preview readers have given it a thumbs up. Malaxia, the most formidable witch in 13th century France, has chosen young Liana as her protégé and successor, but Liana isn't sure she wants to be the most powerful and destructive witch in the world, and doesn't want to cooperate. Hounded into the wild by the Church, she receives unexpected help from the vicomte Jettaret, a returned Crusader and lost soul with PTSD, and his rascally friend Alberge. Magic, swordplay, and medieval faith and superstition share the pages, as Liana tries to find her path and decide who and what is good or evil.

The Witch's Hand has contemporary applications and resonance—an ex-soldier with PTSD, religion-fueled hysteria, and the use and misuse of power. It is not an otherworldly fantasy but is rooted in the real world.

Available in hardcopy, Kindle and Nook.

For information on how to order The Witch's Hand, as well as information on our talented roster of members, visit www.AuthorsTourUSA.com.



DIMINISHING HOUSING AFFORDABILITY CONTINUES TO SLOW DOWN HOME SALES IN NOVEMBER, A.A.R. REPORTS

ARCADIA- A run-up in home prices, coupled with higher interest rates, put downward pressure on housing affordability and led to the fourth straight month of sales declines in November, the Arcadia Association of REALTORS® (A.A.R.) reported.

"Improving home prices are a double-edged sword for the housing market. While welcomed news for homeowners and prospective sellers, diminished affordability is squeezing out many buyers and dampening their enthusiasm for home purchasing," said 2013 A.A.R. President Andy Bencosme. "Buyers are playing the waiting game and putting their home search on hold until prices stabilize and more inventory becomes available in the market."

Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California totaled a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 387,520 units in November, according to information collected by the California Association of REALTORS® (C.A.R.) from more than 90 local REALTOR® associations and MLSs statewide. Sales in November were down 3.4 percent from a revised 401,000 in October and down 12 percent from a revised 440,250 in November 2012. The November 2013 figure was the lowest since July 2010. The statewide sales figure represents what would be the total number of homes sold during 2013 if sales maintained the November pace throughout the year. It is adjusted to account for seasonal factors that typically influence home sales.

The statewide median price of an existing, single-family detached home slipped 1.2 percent from October's median price of \$427,290 to \$422,210 in November. November's price was 22.2 percent higher than the revised \$345,560 recorded in November 2012, marking the 17th straight month of double-digit annual gains. The median sales price is the point at which half of homes sold for more and half sold for less; it is influenced by the types of homes selling as well as a general change in values.

"Sales reached their highest level in the fourth quarter of 2012, when mortgage rates bottomed out last November. While diminishing housing affordability played a big role in the larger than expected decrease in home sales this November, exceptionally strong sales last year was another factor for the double-digit year-to-year decline," said A.A.R. CEO, Andrew Cooper. "The demand for housing could remain soft in the upcoming months as buyers and sellers continue to search for a level playing field in the market."

Other key facts of C.A.R.'s November 2013 resale housing report include:

- The available supply of existing, single-family detached homes for sale edged up in November to 3.6 months, up from October's Unsold Inventory Index of 3.4 months. The index was 3 months in November 2012. The index indicates the number of months needed to sell the supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate. A six- to seven-month supply is considered typical in a normal market.
- The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home also increased to 36.7 days in November, up from 33.1 days in October, but was down from 37.5 days in November 2012.
- Mortgage rates rose in November, with the 30-year, fixed-mortgage interest rate averaging 4.26 percent, up from 4.19 percent in October and up from 3.35 percent in November 2012, according to Freddie Mac. Adjustable-mortgage interest rates in November averaged 2.61 percent, down from 2.63 in October and up from 2.57 percent in November 2012.

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MARRIED COUPLE. Signed: AARON AGOPIAN.
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of registrant(s): JABACK, Full name of
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5375 S. SOTO ST., L.A. CA 90033. This Business
 is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL.** Signed: **PEDRO**
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
**METRO PUBLIC RELATIONS, 8383 WILSHIRE
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The purpose of this statement is to register **PUBLIC
RELATIONS, INC., 230 W. 55th St, #19D, NEW
YORK CITY, NY 10019**. This Business is conducted by:
A CORPORATION. Signed: **TESS FINKLE**
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-248601
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MODA DIVINE, 1017 Santee St. Unit D, Riverside, CA 92505; Full name of registrant(s) is (are): MODA DIVINE, LLC, P.O. Box 1017, Riverside, CA 90660. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: FRANCISCO MACIAS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/04/2013. The fictitious business name(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/06/2013. 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 in 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:

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-248583

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MONTEREY PARK HOT DOG COMPANY, 690 W.
MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754. The business is located at:
Full name of registrant(s) is/are: JASMINE N.
SUNDA, 690 W. EL REPETTO DR., MONTEREY
PARK, CA 91754. This Business is conducted by:
AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JASMINE N. SUNDA.

This statement was filed with the County clerk of
the County of Santa Clara on 01/20/2014. The registrant
has/have commenced to transact business above
the fictitious business name or names listed above
on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name
statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the
County of Santa Clara. 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,
County or local law. See also the Uniform Domain
Name Dispute Resolution Policy/Uniform Domain Name
Dispute Resolution Code/Publisher: Mountain View News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-244620

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
 89394 W. 77th St., L.A., CA 90044. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PERCY PEARSON, 72854 W. 77th St., L.A., CA 90044.

This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL,
 PERCY PEARSON. This statement was filed
 with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on
 11/26/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced
 to transact business under the fictitious business
 name or names listed above on NA. NOTICE is
 hereby given that this statement was filed 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
 constitute an admission of liability for 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:
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 2013-245967
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
 NORTECH, 10631 ELEANOR CT., NORWALK,
 CA 90650. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ANDRE
 ANDRE LOPEZ, NORWALK, CA 90650. This
 Business is conducted by: AN
 INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ANDRE LOPEZ.
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los
 Angeles County on 12/02/2013. 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
 is filed with 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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

No. 2013-249570

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as _____.

_____ (P.O. Box # _____), GARFIELD AVE., SOUTH
GATE, CA 90280. Full name of registrant(s) is: _____
_____, PASCUAL CASTELAN, 3081½ E. 6th St., #2,
L.A., CA 90023. This Business is conducted by: AN
_____, signed _____, PASCUAL CASTELAN.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of
Los Angeles County on 12/05/2013. The registrant(s)
has/have commenced to transact business under
the fictitious business name _____.
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
Statement must be filed prior to expiration of the
filing of this statement does if 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).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 2013-247585

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
 MEDICAL SUPPLIES, 19304 NORWALK
 BLVD., ARTESIA, CA 90701. Full name
 of registrant(s) is (are) MOSAMMAT P. AKHTER,
 19304 NORWALK BLVD., ARTESIA, CA 90701.
 This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.
 Signed: MOSAMMAT P. AKHTER. This statement
 was filed with the Com. Clerk of Los Angeles
 County on 12/03/2013. 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. The office of
 the County Clerk of Los Angeles County Business
 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
 local laws. (See California Civil Code Sections 3369 and
 Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 2013-246460
 The following person(s) is/are doing business as: PC AND WEB PROS, 2424 SOUTHERN AVENUE, #4, TAMARA GARDNER, a name of a registrant(s) is/are TAMARA GARDNER, 2424 SOUTHERN AVE, #4, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280
 This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.
 Signed: TAMARA GARDNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/14/11. The County Clerk has duly examined the statement 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:
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 2013-247973

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as **MECHANICAL, 138 N. BONITA AVE. STE 201, SAN DIMAS, CA 91773**. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ROMANUS K. KLOSS, KEN PERRY, DOUG PERRY, JOE KLOSS, and JAMES K. CLARK, JR.** **SPRINGS, CA 90670** This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP**. Signed: **ROMANUS K. KLOSS**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of **Los Angeles County** on **12/03/2013**. **KLOSS** has/have been authorized 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. If the County Clerk, **Ken Clark**, of this Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to the date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name. For more information, please contact the Federal, State, or common law (See section 114441 and seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-248696
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
PRESIDENTIAL HIGH, 5726 DAIRY AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90805. Full name of registrant(s) (Last, First, Middle Initial): **DAIRY, DARYLE (L) WHEELER, DARYLE WHEELER**
BEACH, CA 90805. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DARYLE WHEELER.**
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/04/2013. The registrant(s) of this statement intend to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/19/2001. **NOTICE:** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Name Statement must be filed prior to the expiration date. The filing of this statement does not in 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:
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 2013-246598
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
**PRIORITY EXPOSURE, 14419 LONNESS AVE.,
 COMPTON, CA 90220; QUINN MCGEE, 1819 LONNESS AVE.,
 COMPTON, CA 90220; MARCUS ROGERS, 2414 E.
 114th ST., COMPTON, CA 90220.** This Business is
 conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP.** Signed:
QUINN MCGEE. This statement was filed with the
 County of **SAN DIEGO** on **12/02/2013.**
 The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact
 business under the fictitious business name or names
 listed above on **12/02/2013.** **NOTICE:** This Fictitious
 Name Statement expires five years from the date it
 was filed in this office of the County Clerk. A new
 Fictitious Business Name Statement on **12/02/2018** filed
 prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not
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JAMES M. BENNETT
CASE NO. BP147493

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JAMES M. BENNETT.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MICHELE CASTILLO AND KIMBERLY BULLOCK in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MICHELE CASTILLO AND KIMBERLY BULLOCK be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

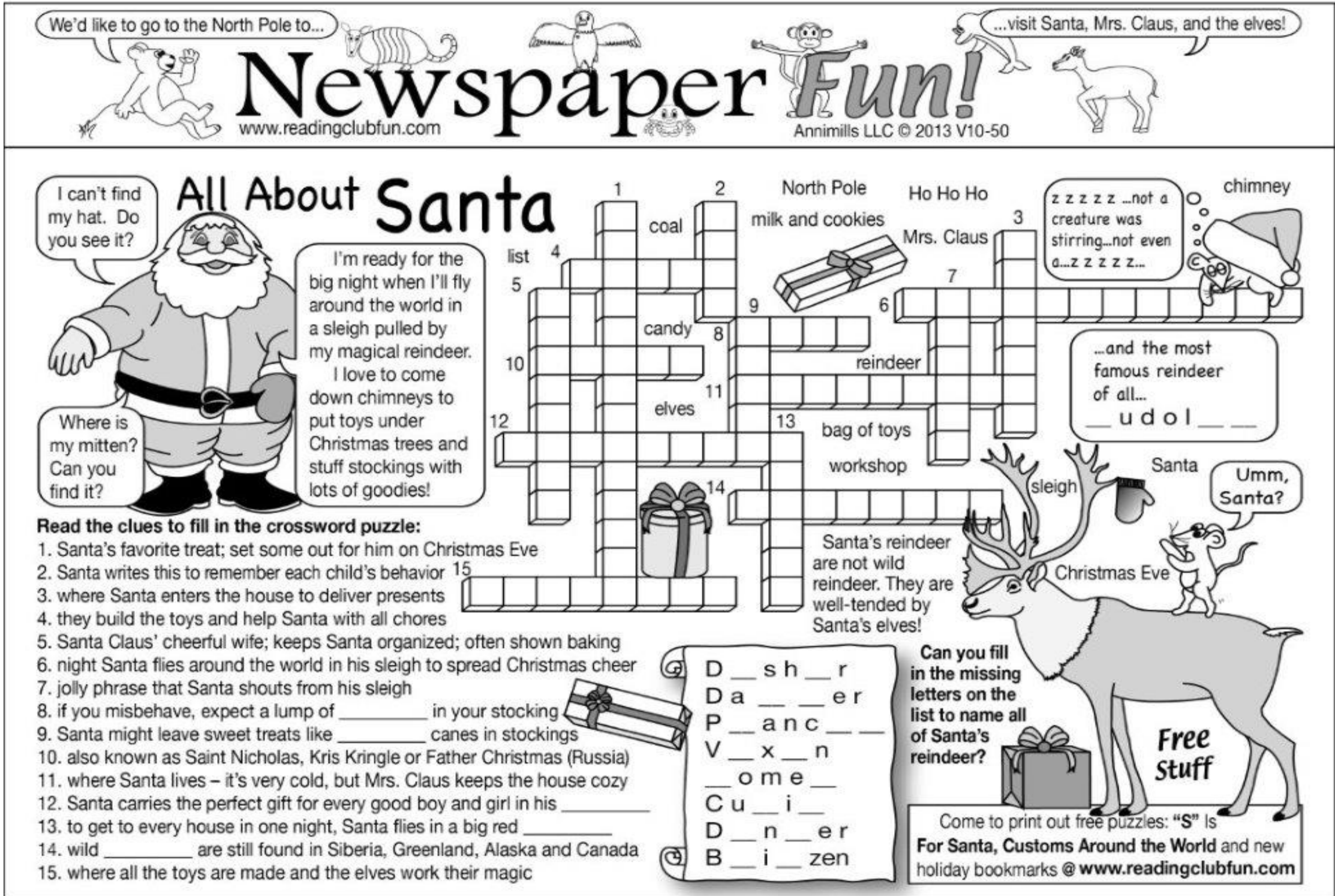
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/08/14 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before 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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THEY'RE BACK! SANTA ANITA'S OPENING DAY IS DECEMBER 26TH

Here's what's happening next week:

Opening Day: Santa Anita's 77th winter/spring meet opens on Thursday, with special early first post time at 12 noon, admission gates open at 10 a.m. Two Grade I, \$300,000 stakes will highlight the opening day festivities; the \$300,000 Malibu and the \$300,000 La Brea. Both races are to be run at seven furlongs, with the La Brea for 3-year-old fillies and the Malibu for 3-year-old colts and geldings. The Grade II, \$200,000 Sir Beaufort Stakes, for 3-year-olds at one mile on turf, will also be offered.

Special Early First Post Time: First post time on Opening Day is 12 noon, with admission gates opening at 10 a.m.

Opening Day Wall Calendar Giveaway: All on-track attendees will receive a beautiful Santa Anita wall calendar, free with paid General Admission. This year's calendar theme is "Flying Silks," as some of racing's most prominent owners will be honored by having their stable colors displayed month by month.

Friday, Dec. 27: Regular first post time is 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 28: Santa Anita will again honor the late Eddie Logan, the track's iconic "footman," who manned his shoeshine stand from the track's opening in 1934 until his passing in January, 2009, with the \$75,000 Eddie Logan Stakes for 2-year-olds at one mile on turf. The Grade III, \$100,000 Daytona Stakes and the \$75,000 added Kalookan Queen Stakes will help to comprise an outstanding day of racing.

Sunday, Dec. 29, 2013: The Grade III, \$100,000 Robert J. Frankel Stakes, named in honor of the late Hall of Fame trainer who is Santa Anita's all-time leader by number of wins, will feature fillies and mares 3-and-up at 1 1/8 miles on turf.

End Zone Package: Available each weekend for just \$20 through Big Game Sunday, Feb. 2. A great way to watch top college and profes-

sional football on 18 HD flatscreen monitors. A delicious buffet is served from 12 noon to 3 p.m., featuring pizza, pork sliders, salad and all-beef hot dogs. General Admission, a racing program, one complimentary cocktail and special beer prices that include \$ Buds (12 oz.) and \$14 pitchers are part of this extremely popular promotion. **YOU MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE TO ENTER THE END ZONE.**

Mornings at Clockers' Corner: Santa Anita's picturesque early morning hot spot is open daily at the top of the stretch and offers fans and horsemen a complete breakfast menu from 4:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. This magnificent venue is free of charge to attend and allows the public ready access to America's top trainers and jockeys while providing a spectacular view of the nearby San Gabriel Mountains.

Free Seabiscuit Tram Tours: These popular tours take fans inside the Sport of Kings as they wind through Santa Anita's storied stable area. Tours are offered weekend mornings and

initiate at Clockers' Corner at 7:30 a.m.

Farriers Package: This includes Club House admission (complete with box seating and racing program), a signature Craft Brew from Farriers (featuring the Los Angeles Golden Road Brewing Co.), and an entrée from one of Santa Anita's brand new Club House Mezzanine eateries. The Farriers Package also includes a commemorative pint glass—yours for the taking!! Weekday packages are \$40, weekends, \$50. To purchase, please visit santaanita.com/events.

Monday, Dec. 30 and Tuesday, Dec. 31: Santa Anita will be dark both of these days.

Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014: Live racing will resume at 12:30 p.m. on New Year's Day—with beers, sodas and hot dogs offered for just one dollar. The \$75,000 Blue Norther, for 3-year-old fillies at one mile on turf, will be the New Year's Day feature.

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If you reminisce about your childhood and recollect fond holiday memories of family events filled with laughter and love, you are one of the fortunate ones. Unfortunately, hundreds of thousands of foster children will not have a family to celebrate, or open gifts with, this holiday season.

This year, we asked children at Five Acres "What would your ideal family situation look like during the holidays?" Here's what they had to say: "I wish to go home with my mom, dad and the rest of my family, and have a big dinner together around the table." – Alexis

"I wish to go home with my family and celebrate like families are supposed to do." – Dyeish

"I wish I was with my mom, dad and brother so that we could family feast ... because that's what the holidays are all about – coming together to celebrate." – Holly

I urge you to take a few minutes to consider the holiday wishes of permanency from many other Five Acres children.

For 125 years, Five Acres has been providing hope to children whose greatest holiday wish was never for toys, but for a family. Today, Five Acres' mission continues to ensure that children have safe, loving and permanent family homes – whether with a family of their own or with a family that Five Acres can help them create.

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Join Five Acres and our belief that no child should ever be left without hope of a permanent, safe and loving family. Help us continue our legacy for another 125 years. Thank you for lending your support.

Warm regards, Chanel W. Boutakidis, MA, MFT Chief Executive Officer, Five Acres

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