

JOE AND JACQUIE PERGOLA CHOSEN AS 2013 SIERRA MADRE CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

Joe and Jacquie Pergola have been named 2013 Citizens of the Year by the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce, announced by Ed Chen, Chamber President earlier this week.

The couple has exemplified the spirit of volunteerism in our community for many years including their many years of service and contributions to organizations such as the Creative Arts Group and The Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club. (partial listing)

The announcement was made on Wednesday and came as a total surprise to the Pergolas. A bouquet of flowers was presented by Chamber Board Vice President Noah Green at the Podley Real Estate office where Jacquie works. Joe had been lured there under a very creative pretense.

The Sierra Madre Chamber has honored a Citizen of the Year annually since 1966. Nominees are submitted from the community and selected by the Chamber Board. There have been 49 other recipients of this honor including, Marlene Enmark (2012), Richard Mays (2011), Glenn and Amy Putnam (2010), Dr. Paul and Louise Neiby (2009), Angel Throop (2008), Pete Siberell (2007), Bud Switzer (2006), John Grijalva (2005), and Hank Landsberg (2004).

The award will be presented on Saturday, January 25, 2014, at 6 pm at The Peppertree Grill – 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024. Tickets are on sale for \$30 each and are available for purchase online at www.sierramadrechamber.com or in person at Bean Town, The Bottle Shop or Savor The Flavor.

For more information contact the Chamber at (626) 355-5111 or visit the Chamber’s website at www.SierraMadreChamber.com.



Surprising the Pergolas, center, are from left to right Chamber Board Members Janette Ledea, Noah Green and Carol Canterbury. Photo by S. Henderson, MVNews

KOERBER WON’T SEEK RE-ELECTION



Councilman pledges to complete his term “to the best of his ability” despite personal challenges that compel his resignation. Notes the importance of the water rate increase in order to place Sierra Madre Water Department on “solid financial footing”

In the second surprising announcement by a sitting Sierra Madre City Councilman in the last ten days, Councilman Chris Koerber has announced that he too will not seek re-election. He joins Former Mayor and Councilman Josh Moran who made a similar announcement last week.

In a statement released on Wednesday, Koerber said, “I will not be running for re-election for Sierra Madre City Council in April, 2014. When I pulled papers on December 17, 2013 to run for re-election little did I know that, in the next 10 days, two members of my family would be diagnosed with very serious medical conditions. Obviously the possibility of my being called out-of-state, on short notice for an indeterminate length of time, is extremely high.

If I were to be re-elected, I’d be unable to put my full attention to the needs of the City for the next four years. Also, I do not want to be in the situation of leaving my elected position early. That would be unfair to the fine folks of Sierra Madre. I have been blessed and honored to serve the citizens of Sierra Madre for the last two years. I have met so many caring and genuinely nice folks!

I pledge to finish my term to the best of my ability. This will include City issues like the extremely important water rate increase scheduled for February 1, 2014 that will put our Water Department on a solid financial footing. I make this decision not to run with a heavy heart, but family comes first. Thank you, Sierra Madre.”

Koerber, who originally won the seat to fill the unexpired term of Former Mayor Joe Mosca. During his tenure on the council, Koerber was often the lone dissenting vote, adhering to his belief in fiscal conservatism. And, although he has been known to abhor raising taxes, after thoroughly reviewing the city’s water department and its finances, he recognized the need for the proposed rate increase. In his withdrawal letter, he noticeably makes that point, possibly in an effort to discourage residents from opposing the increase.

His announcement has stunned many in the community however, as with Josh Moran, many have also expressed their respect for both men yielding to their family responsibilities. His withdrawal from the race leaves the decision of the remaining incumbent, Mayor Nancy Walsh, still open for speculation as the final date for filing is Monday, January 13, 2014. S. Henderson/MVNews



A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE BIG ONE’S CREW!

The Sierra Madre Rose Float Association wants to thank the community for its support in building this year’s award winning float, “Catching the Big One”! It takes many people with different talents to make it happen.

Many kept our tummies full during our decorating week, including Beantown, The Burger Shack, Mountain Views News, Rotary, Kiwanis, Casa del Rey, Albertsons, The Bottle Shop, Hansen’s and the many individuals who brought goodies. Thanks also go to those who took a turn at the grill including Rena & Jason Williams, Halcyon Koerber and John Harabedian.

We appreciate the ongoing assistance we receive from the City including police support, timely tree trimming on Sierra Madre Blvd. to allow the float to travel safely and much help from the Public Works Department. We are grateful for the overnight security at Kersting Court provided by 3 of the SMPD Volunteers.

This year it was great to have help from several City Council members: John Harabedian, John Carpoccia and Chris Koerber – your presence at our float barn meant a lot.

Our float operators enjoyed extra rest with the loan of an RV on December 31st, parked in the parade formation area. Thank you Pat & Jim.

A special thank you to Verizon for providing us internet access, so we could utilize our brand new online scheduling program onsite, and Alisa Unell for spending countless hours as our program administrator and troubleshooter. To those who took the time to sign up online, thanks for your patience; we plan to do this again.

Publicity is essential. Thank you to Mountain Views News, The Sierra Madre Weekly and Diane Medina from Channel 7 News for getting the word out when we really needed it.

Our thank you list is not all-inclusive, but please know how much your contributions were valued.

Of course, none of this would be possible without financial contributions from our many loyal supporters.

Thank you so much!!



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Tuesday, January 14, 2014

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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

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VILLAGE VINE THIS WEEK

MONDAY - 10 - 11 am

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Trivia and Humor at it's finest. Just try to keep up with their wit!
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THURSDAYS - Noon
Catherine Adde's OUR TRAVEL AFFAIR

TINA TIME WITH COUSIN MATTHEW

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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.

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.

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Proceeds from this Sierra Madre Rotary event will benefit the International Water Project.

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Name of Couple: _____ Number of Years Married: _____

Phone number: () _____

May Rotary publish your name as a participant in this event? YES NO (circle one)

\$30.00 per couple renewing vows.....\$ _____

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I/We cannot attend, I/We would like to donate.....\$ _____

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Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce

The 2013 Citizens of the Year Dinner Honoring



Jacquie and Joe Pergola

Saturday, January 25, 2014

at
THE PEPPERTREE GRILL
322 West Sierra Madre Boulevard
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

No Host Bar 6-7 p.m. • Dinner served at 7 p.m.

Ticket are \$30.00 each and online at www.sierramadrechamber.com (Click on 'Store')

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February 22nd is the deadline for purchasing tickets

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REMEMBRANCE



JACK WOLFE

On December 23rd Sierra Madre lost one of its beloved World War II veterans, and former commander of the Sierra Madre VFW 3208, Jack Wolfe.

Jack served heroically in World War II's Battle of the Bulge. He was 91. Services were held on Friday at Riverside National Cemetery.

Jack is survived by his wife of 45 years, Arlene Wolfe.

Pictured left, Jack speaking at VFW ceremony in 2003. Photo courtesy Bill Coburn, www.sierramadrenews.net

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

For the period December 30, 2013 to January 5, 2014

Wednesday January 1, 2014

In the early morning hours a physical altercation took place in the 00 block of East Montecito Avenue. Earlier in the day, two neighbors argued about one party stealing electricity from a neighbor. That incident ended peacefully. Shortly after midnight one party returned and confronted the other. After a short verbal argument an altercation ensued with one individual sustaining multiple injuries to the face. The other party fled and has not yet been located. The investigation revealed that both parties have a long history of business disputes with each other.

Friday January 3, 2014

Lawn tools were stolen from a gardener's vehicle parked at the curb in the 100 block of East Highland Avenue. The owner had only left the vehicle unattended for a few minutes as he worked in the back yard. When he returned, several items were missing from the bed of the truck.

At approximately 7pm, a traffic collision occurred in the intersection of Baldwin Avenue and Orange Grove Avenue. A northbound vehicle travelling at 30 MPH failed to stop for the stop sign and collided with an eastbound vehicle that was already in the intersection. The driver of the northbound vehicle stated he was new to the area and was looking for street signs. Occupants of both vehicles complained of injury and were transported to Arcadia Methodist Hospital for examination. Both vehicles sustained major damage.

Sunday January 5, 2014

At 3am, an officer observed a vehicle driving in excess of 50 MPH on Sierra Madre Boulevard near Lima Avenue. A traffic stop was initiated and the officer determined that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The driver (male 29 years) failed to pass any of the field sobriety tests and was subsequently booked for DUI.

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VOLUNTEER FACILITY ATTENDANT TRAINING

The City of Sierra Madre is hosting the once a year Volunteer Facility Attendant Training on Sunday, January 26, 2014. This is a two-part training that is for local organizations and non-profits. The first part of the training covers the opening and closing procedures and use of amenities at the Hart Park House, Sierra Madre Room and Youth Activity Center from 8:00am-9:00am. The second part of the training is a Red Cross First Aid, CPR/AED certification course from 9:00am-1:00pm. Each volunteer facility attendant is required to possess current First Aid and CPR certifications through either the Red Cross or American Heart Association. The cost of the Red Cross course through the City is \$27, attendees must bring cash or a check made out to the City of Sierra Madre on the day of the training. If you are already certified, you will just need to provide proof of certification to the City and do not need to attend the second part of the training.

It is highly recommended you have more than one representative from your organization attend this training. The cost of a facility attendant if your organization does not have a volunteer facility attendant available is \$51 an hour. Please forward this email to your organization's current President or person in charge if that has changed. Attached is a copy of the application and waiver, as well as additional information. The training will meet at the Hart Park House, located at 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024 and begin promptly at 9:00am on Sunday, January 26. If you did not attend the training in 2013, you will need to attend in 2014 as a refresher and to update your certification. I will need a final list of reserved spots for the Volunteer Facility Attendant Training no later than Thursday, January 23, 2014. Be sure to indicate if you need to attend one or both sessions of the training. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!



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WALKING SIERRA MADRE.....THE SOCIAL SIDE

By Deanne Davis

"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." — Walt Disney

We saw "Saving Mr. Banks" a day or so ago and loved every minute. If you haven't seen it yet, give yourself a special treat and go!

2014 has started off with weather that is so perfect, so lovely, so exquisite that it's sort of embarrassing. My Texas daughter texted me that it's a robust 15 degrees there in Wylie today and they had to drive Jessie, the Kindergarten Girl, to the bus stop! Now, friends, that's cold!

Saw five deer this morning, leisurely strolling down Canon Drive, which never fails to delight us. Also in the delight department, have you noticed there are a lot of Pasadena Parrots hanging out in town lately? What are they saying in squawk and shriek!

Another delight moment: Walked down to Kersting Court to take one final look at our Mayor's Trophy winning float, "Catching The Big One," and noticed one more delightful thing. On the back of the little rowboat where our Rose Princesses were perched, in small black letters, was its name: "Douglas D." One final tribute to dear friend Doug Sutcliffe, who, along with his wife, Donna, was a big part of so many of our Sierra Madre floats. The flowers still looked so fresh, even two days later, and I was consumed with a strong desire to get down to the nursery and buy some more bare root roses in that lavender color. My husband, the wise and ever-patient, John, pointed out that there is nowhere to put a new rose, unless I dig one up and toss it in the green waste bin. Well, fine, he's right, but I think I'll just go look anyway.

I don't know about you, but I'm really ready to think about something to eat that doesn't involve ham or turkey. No, I'm not going to talk about New Year's Resolutions and losing five pounds. That's a given! Let's talk about the Best Clam Chowder Ever...

I really like clam chowder. The white (Boston) kind as opposed to the red (Manhattan) kind. Actually, I really like that kind, too. But today we're talking about Boston. Anyway, I really do love it, especially when I can find a few clams in it and it's not made totally of something resembling wallpaper paste! This version is not so thick you can eat it with a fork, and, well, frankly, it's awesome, easy to make and doesn't take all day to do.

8 slices bacon, chopped
½ cup diced celery (the heart part with the leaves still on the stalk – more flavor)
1 cup thinly sliced green onions
*30 oz., more or less, chopped clams
1 cup regular strength chicken broth
3 medium size red potatoes (about a lb.) peeled and diced
2 cups half & half
Pepper
Chopped Parsley

*(I buy Bumble Bee fancy whole baby clams, which shows a net weight of 10 oz. and a drained weight of 5 oz. – these cost \$2-something apiece and 4 cans gives me plenty of clams. There's probably a better bargain but I haven't looked for one.)

Cook the bacon in a 5 to 6 quart pan over medium heat until crisp. Stir occasionally. Discard all but about 3 Tb. of the drippings then add the celery and green onions. Cook, stirring often, until onions are limp. Stir in the clams and their liquid, broth and potatoes. Bring to a boil over high heat, then cover, reduce heat, and simmer till potatoes are tender to bite, about 10 minutes. Stir in the half & half and season to taste with pepper. Heat till steaming but not boiling. This smells incredible, by the way! Garnish with parsley and serve with some garlic bread. Enjoy!

"Let our New Year's resolution be this: We will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word." — Goran Persson

One last thing, dear Gentle Readers... I have a new book, entitled, "A Tablespoon of Love, A Tablespoon of Laughter."

It's available on CreateSpace at the following link: <https://www.createspace.com/4561071> and also on Amazon.com.

It's funny, it's got food, pictures, kid stories, gratitude, honesty, and I think you'll like it.

Take A Look!



Pasadena

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For Your Community

Hamburger Hamlet Closes, Opens as Du-par's

As Pasadena celebrates the Cheeseburger next week, one local institution that made them famous, Hamburger Hamlet, closed its doors last week — ending a 40-year burger tradition in the city.

The location at 214 S Lake Ave. opened Jan. 4 as Du-par's Restaurant & Bakery.

Hamburger Hamlet first opened in Pasadena in 1967. In a statement, Du-par's owner W.W. "Biff" Naylor said all the existing Hamburger Hamlet employees will keep their jobs at Du-par's.

Patrons of Hamburger Hamlet took to social media to express their opinions on the change.

"Hamburger Hamlet was a magical place where burgers were made and eaten and loved..." wrote one reviewer on yelp.com. "And, while I like Du-par's, it is just not the same."

The public can vote for a favorite Pasadena eatery, including Du-par's, as part the Cheeseburger Challenge during the third annual Pasadena Cheeseburger Week.

Cheeseburger Week commemorates teenaged Lionel Sternberger's culinary experiment in the early 1920s at his father's restaurant, The Rite Spot, adding a slice of cheese to a burger. Rumor has it that Sternberger burned a hamburger and used the cheese to cover his error.

Voting opens on Sunday at www.pasadenarestaurantweek.com and ends on Monday, Jan. 21. Categories include Favorite Burger Restaurant, Favorite Lunch Counter Burger, Favorite Sit-Down/White Table Cloth Burger, Favorite New Burger Restaurant, Favorite Beer and Burger, Favorite Sliders, among others.

Pet of the Week



Eric is an 11-month-old pit bull puppy. He's very friendly and playful. He loves to give kisses and gets along well with other dogs. He's even been out on our Mobile Unit at the Rose Parade Float Expo Village.

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

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A343934, 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.



Media Gets First Look at Animal Care Expansion

Local news reporters got a tour Thursday morning of the Pasadena Humane Society's \$20-million new Animal Care Center expansion, including The Shelter Shop, an expanded on-site pet store which opened for business the same day.

Although noisy, Humane Society Spokeswoman Ricky Whitman said construction of the center had not affected the animals, "We moved the animals farther away and when we knew certain things were going to happen we planned around that."

The new building features a large exercise yard in the middle, with artificial grass, for dogs Whitman explained, as she showed about half a dozen reporters.

"For canine events we can open up our daycare center," she said. "We can hold classes, training,

and exercise out here also."

She said the artificial turf was for easy cleaning, "you just hose it down."

Whitman also said a standout of the center was their new spay/neuter clinic.

"We will now be operating that five days a week beginning sometime next week," she said. "We will now have vaccinations two times a week (Wednesdays and Saturdays). She said the spay/neuter clinic is also now open to anyone in Southern California.

She also said a new surgery area will now accommodate up to 20 surgeries a day.

Whitman also said the new center will accommodate an influx of new volunteers. She said in the last year they have added about 400 volunteers. "We have about 700 now and

would like to get it up to around 800 volunteers."

The Pasadena Humane Society is also set to have an open house, inviting the public to see and tour the new center Jan. 30, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Residents and businesses are advised that the work on a water mainline installation at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Sierra Madre Villa Avenue will begin on Monday and is scheduled to be completed by February 7. Work will occur from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The City urges motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians to use caution while traveling through the area. Motorists can anticipate traffic delays and it is recommended that they seek temporary alternative routes. The work will involve partial road closures and motorists may be detoured to Orange Grove Boulevard and Halstead Street during construction. Local access to businesses will be maintained.

The project is an effort by the Pasadena Water and Power Department (PWP). Vido Artukovich & Son is the contractor for the project.

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Smoking Now Banned at Pasadena City College

Student to be fined for violating new smoke-free policy

None of the over 20,000 students set to start school at Pasadena City College Monday will be able to light up as the use of cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and smokeless devices became officially prohibited anywhere on the campus last week. College officials said a campus-wide survey showed 61 percent of students, faculty, and staff desired a smoke-free campus.

Jo Buczko, co-chair for the campus health and safety committee coordinated the tobacco-free campus campaign. "PCC students have been given notice for months that this day was coming and hopefully smokers will respect our right to have a campus that is now smoke-free," Buczko

said.

The PCC Board of Trustees passed the smoke-free ordinance in August 2013 in an effort to create a healthier campus environment.

Students caught smoking can be fined \$25 for a first offence, \$50 for a second offence and \$75 for a third offence. Students who are caught can also opt for a smoking cessation program instead of a fine Buczko told the Courier, the school's newspaper.

Campus police have said they will enforce the new policy. Smoking on the sidewalk around the college will still be permitted although police said those that chose to do so, must keep walking, while they smoke.

Unpaid smoking citations will go to collections, similar to parking violations, police said.



Pasadena City College

NASA Spacecraft Spots Its First New Asteroid

NASA's Near-Earth Object Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (NEOWISE) spacecraft has spotted a never-before-seen asteroid -- its first such discovery since coming out of hibernation last year.

NEOWISE's first discovery of its renewed mission came on Dec. 29 -- a near-Earth asteroid designated 2013 YP139. The mission's sophisticated software picked out the moving object against a background of stationary stars. As NEOWISE circled Earth scanning the sky, it observed the asteroid several times over half a day before the object moved beyond its view. Researchers at the University of Arizona used the Spacewatch telescope at the Kitt Peak National Observatory southwest of Tucson to confirm the discovery. Peter Birtwhistle, an amateur astronomer at the Great Shefford Observatory in West Berkshire, England, also contributed follow-up observations. NASA expects 2013 YP139 will be the first of hundreds of asteroid discoveries for NEOWISE.

"We are delighted to get back to finding and characterizing asteroids and comets, especially those that come into Earth's neighborhood," said Amy Mainzer, the mission's principal investigator from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in

Pasadena, Calif. "With our infrared sensors that detect heat, we can learn about their sizes and reflectiveness."

2013 YP139 is about 27 million miles (43 million kilometers) from Earth. Based on its infrared brightness, scientists estimate it to be roughly 0.4 miles (650 meters) in diameter and extremely dark, like a piece of coal. The asteroid circles the sun in an elliptical orbit tilted to the plane of our solar system and is classified as potentially hazardous. It is possible for its orbit to bring it as close as 300,000 miles from Earth, a little more than the distance to the moon. However, it will not come that close within the next century.

NEOWISE originally was called the Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (WISE), which had made the most comprehensive survey to date of asteroids and comets. The spacecraft was shut down in 2011 after its primary mission was completed. But in September 2013, it was reactivated, renamed and given a new mission, which is to assist NASA's efforts to identify the population of potentially hazardous near-Earth objects (NEOs). NEOWISE also can assist in characterizing previously detected asteroids that could be considered potential targets for future exploration missions.

Learn How to Produce Your Own TV Show

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



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available in citizen journalism and digital film groups. Call the office (626) 794-8585 or go to PASADENAMEDIA.ORG and explore what Pasadena Media has to offer.

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

Orientation & Producers Training

Monday, Jan. 13 at 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Stage Manager Training

Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Character Generator Training

Wednesday Jan. 15 at 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Video Tape Op. Training

Thursday Jan. 16 at 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Citizen Journalism Digital Film Group

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Pasadena Public Library will kick off our year-long celebration with music, song, historical exhibits, slide shows and a special CAKE to commemorate 130 years of Reading in Pasadena on Saturday, January 18, 3 p.m. at Central Library's Donald R. Wright Auditorium, 285

E. Walnut Street. Library Director Jan Sanders invites the community to "Join us as we begin this multi-month celebration to mark Pasadena's dedication to reading and the library which supports it." For more information, call (626) 744-4207.

Health Department Looks for Bone Marrow Donor



The public's help is needed to find a matching bone marrow donor for a 2-year-old Pasadena girl suffering with leukemia.

The Pasadena Public Health Department is partnering with the organization A3M-Asians for Miracle Marrow Matches (A3M), www.A3MHope.org, to encourage all members of the public interested in becoming a bone marrow donor to participate in the drive from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 16, 2014, at the Pasadena Public Health Department, 1845 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

Just five minutes and a quick cheek swab may help find much-needed compatible donors for patients across the

country, including, locally, 2-year-old Sofia of Pasadena, a little girl of mixed ancestry who suffers from leukemia. For more information on the donor drive, call (213) 625-2802 or visit www.A3Mhope.org.

A3M's mission is to improve the health and welfare of all people by providing education and assistance while facilitating prompt access to potential marrow and blood cell donors.

Donors must be between the ages of 18 to 44; be willing to donate to any patient in need and meet the health guidelines established by the National Marrow Donor Program, www.nmdp.org. The more people on the national donor registry, the better the chances are of finding matches for all patients of all backgrounds in need, including 2-year-old Sofia.

Currently, there are about 9.5 million national registry members in the United States. Of those, only 28 percent are of diverse racial or ethnic heritage.

For more info visit the department online at www.cityofpasadena.net/publichealth.



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

THE END OF AN ERA:
Sheriff Baca Retires

This article will have information you won’t find anywhere else about Sheriff Baca.

Earlier this week, my friend of over fifteen years, Lee Baca, made the most difficult decision of his life-stepping down as Sheriff of Los Angeles County as he announced his retirement at the end of January. He could have finished out his term, but all the negative publicity about the Department had to stop.

I went on Facebook and I was shocked about a certain retired LASD Sergeant’s REALLY ROTTEN comments about the Sheriff. I wondered where this sergeant has been the last fifteen years! (Needless to say, I unfriended him!)

I met both Chief Lee Baca and Community Policing Director Natalie Salazar after I joined the Community Advisory Committee at Temple Station. They both blew me away with their knowledge and visions. During his election, I became better acquainted with Lee and Carol, (his fiancée, now wife) because of my journalism. I saw firsthand many positive programs such as VIDA, attended two Asian Gang Conferences and the Anti-Hate Crime Conference, saw the establishment of a Clergy Council and Gang Advisory Groups at various stations-the list goes on and on. It seemed to me, from day one, that the Sheriff and his Department set up programs to reach out to the community anytime problems arose. I met current Assistant Sheriff Cecil Rhambo when he was a Lieutenant on the newly established Asian Task Force. I have a picture of Chief Roberta Abner, when she was the Commander/Captain at Temple Station. She introduced ten or twelve deputies who spoke various Asian languages. The Sheriff and his Department wanted to make sure there would be translators available for ALL RESIDENTS! (This was occurring at ALL the patrol stations!) And the Clergy Council was established to reach all to residents in need and help establish a rapport and trust between the community and LASD.

The brutality at Central Jail has been abominable. The Sheriff acknowledged that and said he should have been aware of it. He took responsibility and there IS NOW an Education Based Curriculum to help inmates! Yet a LA Times article yesterday said changes have to be made in the inmate programs!

I am NOT saying there were not wrongs during his terms. But I have a real problem with the sergeant who painted the picture ALL BLACK! This past year I attended the first Homicide Victims Conference at Sheriff’s Headquarters. I wrote about it and made a few calls to find out where to send the article. Jane Bufford could NOT say enough about the Sheriff’s compassion. This is what I find so upsetting. No one realizes what a caring compassionate man he is. Ask the late Deputy Dave March’s parents or sister what they think of Sheriff Baca. They speak of him with love and admiration.

A couple years ago, I met Sgt. Garo Kuredjian, brother of the late Deputy Jake Kuredjian who was killed over twelve years ago at Stevenson Ranch. Garo has a daughter, and another brother Raffi has a son and daughter who never met their Uncle Jake. I mentioned this to Sheriff Baca and asked for key chains for them to have as a remembrance. The Sheriff HIMSELF wrapped them up and mailed not only them to me, but something for Annie, Jake’s mom with a nice HANDWRITTEN note. Many times Sheriff Baca and Supervisor Antonovich blew me away with their handwritten “thank you” notes. Yet this Sergeant on Facebook would have us believe Sheriff Baca is the worst unfeeling person on the face of Earth.

I have concentrated too much on Lee Baca as a human being. As a member of LASD, while he was Chief of Court Services Division, Baca led to the merger of the Sheriff’s Department with the Marshall’s Department. The merger saved taxpayers of Los Angeles County 14 million a year! For his efforts he received the Department’s Distinguished Service Award. During his tenure, he provided leadership, management and direction to thousands of deputy sheriffs and police officers throughout his career.

All I hope and pray is that Lee Baca will be remembered not only for jail violence but for all of the positive programs he brought about and his compassion and kindness.



DYLAN VS. BEETHAVEN

By Christopher Nyerges

[Nyerges is the author of several books. He can be reached at www.ChristopherNyerges.com].

One Saturday, with no warning, family friend Paul Martinez engaged my father in the relative value of pop vs. classical music. This was probably around 1964 when Bob Dylan was

king, and seemed to be the messenger of the “secret messages” to the younger generation. All my older brothers could fairly accurately be called Dylan fans, if not Dylan worshippers. We all seemed to regard listening to Dylan as a more meaningful spiritual experience than sitting through Mass at Saint Elizabeth’s.

No one remembers how it began, but it was a legendary conversation that lasted for hours. My father’s argument was that the music and lyrics of Bob Dylan were of no lasting value and the young people were simply too ignorant to realize it. My father said that Dylan would be forgotten in a few years. He compared Dylan to Beethoven and Bach, and other classical musicians, and explained that Dylan was not in any way at the level of the classical composers. Paul wholeheartedly disagreed.

Their conversation began in the living room where Frank would sit in his easy reclining chair and watch TV. Paul sat near him on the couch. Everyone in the household only became aware of their conversation when we realized they were still at it after about an hour. As the conversation’s volume level would rise from time to time, we could all hear what they were saying: “Of course you can put Dylan in Beethoven’s category,” said Paul in his deep and sincere voice. “Have you actually ever listened to what he’s saying in his songs?”

He just cackles,” said Frank, “and you really can’t even make out his words most of the time. And I’m not even talking about the words. It’s very monotonous. And I don’t need any explanation to know that Bach’s music really is good,” said Frank as Paul patiently waited his turn in this lively exchange.

“Well, I’m not saying that Dylan and Bach and the other classics can be compared directly. Obviously, they can’t,” said Paul, giving some ground to Frank. “But there is obviously something that millions of people are responding to that you aren’t seeing – or hearing.”

This went on, back and forth, quiet and loud, for another hour. They opened up the record player and began playing select songs for the other to listen to.

Robert Haddon dropped by and joined us as we were preparing dinner. No one dared to interfere with the primary debate, but Robert, and my mother, and my brothers, each piped in from time to time.

“Dylan is the boss,” said Robert, “everyone knows that. Your dad is not cool, just like my dad,” he smiled.

Robert asked my mother what she thought. Marie obviously didn’t want to get involved, or to take sides, but she softly whispered, “Dylan is no Beethoven,” and we all laughed. But she said it with a look on her face of “knowingness,” and so that tempered our laughter. We figured that we could safely disagree with Frank, because he was regarded as a sort of Pasadena Archie Bunker.

But we knew better than to doubt or to cross Marie.

We prepared the usual Saturday night dinner – something like hotdogs and baked beans and salad and some other vegetables. We took a plate into Frank and Paul, and we didn’t expect them to come into the kitchen as their debate entered the third hour.

We spoke sparingly as we ate in the kitchen, around the corner from the living room.

We heard silence and then the lyrics of Dylan. Sad Eyed Lady of the Low lands. Hey Mr. Tambourine Man. Blowing in the Wind. The Times They Are A Changing. After each short selection, there would be a brief silence, presumably as Paul removed the needle, and then they would talk about it. We couldn’t hear all the details. Then there would be a round of some of the classical musicians’ work, a silence, and commentary by Frank.

We cleared the table and washed the dishes, and I set up the chess board and began a game with Robert. Our game lasted nearly an hour, and Robert won.

And then, all of a sudden, Frank and Paul were standing in the kitchen doorway, shaking hands as Paul had to depart. David hadn’t said much the whole night, but he never did. Gilbert had said a lot, mostly short derisive comments about my father.

It was late and Paul had to go home and so it was over. A stalemate, we presumed. No clear winner, each side having done their best to promote their own arguments to win over the other. But both Paul and Frank were unbudgeable and they each stuck to their guns.

For the rest of us, the conversation about the conversation had just begun.

“Why doesn’t he ever have meaningful conversations with us,” David asked to no one in particular. “He engaged with Paul when Paul challenged, but shouldn’t he take it upon himself to engage us?” asked David. No one really cared, but it was clear in the conversation about the conversation that David didn’t really care about whose music was best. To David, the conversation was an example of a father who didn’t take adequate interest in his own children, but would take extra time and supreme effort in a very engaging discussion – but not with David.

I was sure that David had a good point that Frank should do these sorts of things, but I was not bitter about the fact that he did not do so.

The rest of us had probably long ago accepted Frank for what and who he was. But to David, Frank’s conversation was like a slap in the face, saying that he can take the time with a friend of the family, but would not take the time with his own children. At least that’s how I took David’s reaction.

Though I generally disagreed with Frank’s premise, his performance definitely boosted my image of him. And likewise my image of Paul was greatly enlarged. Here was a peer of my brother who could debate with intensity and authority, and try to convince my father of a point of view which I held, but felt totally unable to communicate in any meaningful way.

How each person eventually chose to discuss the discussion said far more about that individual person than it did about the debate itself.

SHARP INCREASES IN INFLUENZA ACTIVITY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

From LA County Public Health Dept.

Locally, percent positive lab tests of influenza have risen steadily over the past month and have jumped to 18.6%, up from 13.5% the previous week and 8.7% the week before that (Table 1). Relative to last year, the 2013-14 influenza season appears to be starting earlier, however an earlier season does not necessarily mean a more severe season (Figure 1).

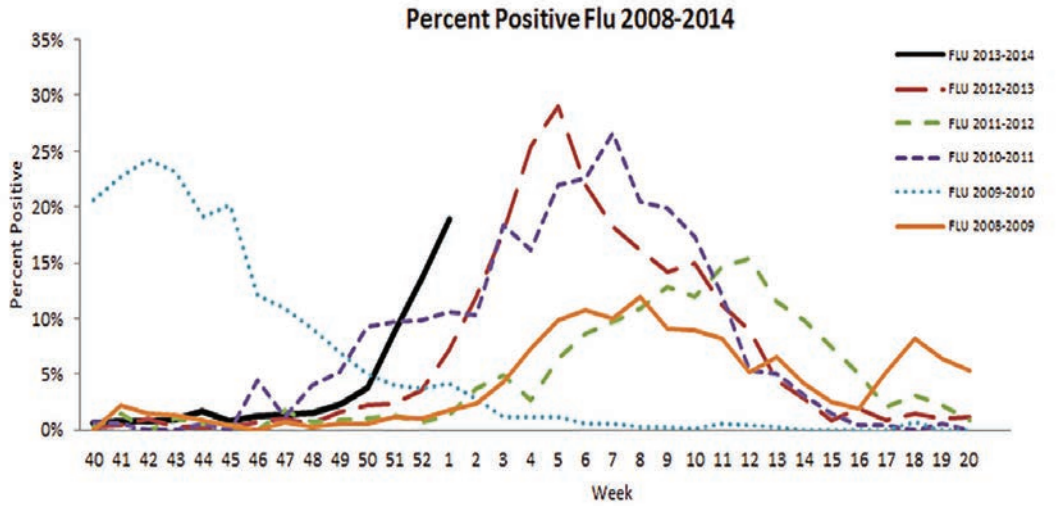


Table 1. LA County Surveillance Summary 2013-2014		
LA County Surveillance Summary	Week 1 12/29/13-1/4/14	2013-14 YTD (9/1/13-Present)
Positive Flu Tests/Total Tests†	222/1170	575/12241
(Percent Positive Flu Tests)	(19.0%)	(4.7%)
Percent Flu A/B	99/1	98/2
Community Respiratory Outbreaks	0	3
Flu Deaths, Confirmed††	2	6
Pediatric Flu Deaths	0	0
†Sentinel sites (9 participating)		
††Confirmed influenza death is defined by a positive lab test, compatible symptoms, and clear progression from illness to death		

Antivirals for Influenza

Antivirals are recommended for those with confirmed or suspected influenza and are most effective if administered as close to onset of symptoms as possible. Antivirals can help relieve influenza symptoms and reduce the duration of illness and further complications if administered as soon as symptoms arise, ideally within 48 hours of onset.

For CDC recommendations on antivirals: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/antivirals/>

For more information from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Influenza Watch go to:

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/FluSurveillance.htm>



Tips of the Trade:
Real Estate Revealed
by Luther Tsinoglou

IT PAYS TO STAY

If you want to take advantage of the affordability of homes today, but anticipate major life changes in the next couple of years, you have to consider the implications of selling so soon. Keep the following factors in mind when making your decision.

As long as you sell for more than you owe on the mortgage, you’ll be fine. Otherwise, you’ll lose those costs associated with your initial investment, including the money you spent on loan and closing fees.

Also consider the cost of selling your home soon after purchasing. You paid closing costs when you bought it, but you face more closing costs when you sell it. In just a couple of years, most people won’t build up enough equity in the home to justify selling so soon and paying transaction fees again.

Finally, if you sell your home in less than two years - for a profit - you may have to pay capital gains taxes on that profit. Currently, homeowners are exempt from those taxes up to \$250,000 (or up to \$500,000 for married filers) - but the home must be your primary residence and lived in for at least two years.

Hardships like health issues or job relocation may allow you a partial exclusion on those taxes, though. Speak with your tax advisor and real estate agent for some solid advice.

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MURDER-SUICIDE ROCK ARCADIA

Suspect hangs himself in Arcadia Jail

On January 7, 2014, at approximately 8:24 a.m., officers responded to an apartment complex located in the 900 Block of Arcadia Avenue on the report of a female not breathing. On arrival officers encountered a female victim inside of an apartment suffering from multiple stab wounds. Arriving officers were directed to a possible suspect who had just left the location. Responding officers were able to locate the suspect and took him into custody without incident.

Paramedics from the Arcadia Fire Department responded to the scene and transported the victim to Huntington Memorial Hospital where she was pronounced deceased by emergency room personnel.

The victim was identified as Xiaolin Li, a 41-year-old female resident of Arcadia. The arrested suspect was identified by family members as the father-in-law of the victim. Li Zhu, a 68-year-old male resident of Arcadia was booked at the Arcadia City Jail on a charge of murder with his bail set at \$1,000,000.00. Both the victim and suspect reside together along with other family members.

The following day, the Arcadia Police Department reported that the suspect in the brutal stabbing death of his daughter-in-law Tuesday was found hanging in his jail cell.

Spokesmen for Arcadia police and L.A. County Sheriff confirmed to ArcadiasBest.com that Li Zhu died Wednesday night at the Twin Towers Correctional Facility at 450 Baughett Street in Los Angeles. He was scheduled for an arraignment Thursday at Pasadena Superior Court. Zhu apparently killed himself. He was pronounced dead at before 10 p.m. Jan. 8. An autopsy is pending.

“Sheriff’s Homicide Bureau detectives have learned that Li Zhu, died due to an apparent suicide,” Deputy Irys Alvarez said in a statement. Sheriff homicide detectives were called in due to the inmate death; they are not involved with the Arcadia homicide investigation.

Typically the Arcadia Police do not hold prisoners in the local jail for long periods, especially if there is a pending arraignment and investigation. Prisoners can also be transferred to County Jail if the inmate requires special medical needs.

Police said the motive appeared to be related to an on-going dispute within the family. A commenter on ArcadiasBest.com said the two were arguing over money and that Li’s son was in the room with the mother when she was being killed.

Story from police reports and Arcadia’s Best.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, December 22, 2013 through Tuesday, December 31, 2013

Monday, December 23:

1. Shortly after 6:00 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the area of Santa Anita Avenue and St. Joseph Street regarding a fight in progress. The suspect, a 41-year-old White male, attacked the male victim because he would not stop contacting his girlfriend. At some point during the altercation, the suspect stabbed the victim in the chest with a flathead screwdriver. The victim was transported to Huntington Memorial Hospital for treatment. The suspect was arrested for Attempted Murder and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

2. At approximately 6:08 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a residence in the 000 block of Oakhurst Lane. Unknown suspect(s) forced entry through a kitchen window, ransacked the master bedroom, and fled undetected with a 36” x 30” safe containing checks and credit cards. The victim explained the safe was very heavy and would have required at least two people to carry.

Wednesday, December 25:

3. Just after 8:00 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a residence in the 000 block of West Winnie Way regarding a report of an assault with a deadly weapon. An investigation revealed a 43-year-old White male hit his elderly uncle on the neck with an 18” metal pipe, and was in possession of a switchblade. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The victim was examined by paramedics at the scene and refused treatment.

Thursday, December 26:

4. Just after 12:00 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 700 block of Naomi Avenue in regards to a man who brandished a gun. While the victim was driving, a man driving a silver BMW pulled alongside her, flashed a black semi-automatic handgun, and yelled at her for texting and “drinking and driving”. The victim explained she was not using her cell phone, but the subject observed her drinking a can of Red Bull while she was on her way to work.

5. At approximately 3:00 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1000 block of Green Oaks Drive in regards to a mail theft report. Two unknown suspects driving a blue four-door sedan with tinted rear windows,

possibly a Honda, stole mail from multiple mailboxes. The incident was recorded on video surveillance; however, the vehicle’s license plate was not visible.

Friday, December 27:

6. At about 7:50 a.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the parking lot of Extended Stay America, 401 East Santa Clara Avenue, in reference to a driver wearing sunglasses with sidewalls over one-half inch thick. A records check revealed he was on parole for possession of a firearm. A search of his vehicle and hotel room revealed he was in possession of marijuana, methamphetamine for sales, and drug paraphernalia. Officers made contact with two room occupants, a 37-year-old White female and 40-year-old White female, and discovered they were also in possession of controlled substances and drug paraphernalia. All three subjects were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

7. At about 10:25 p.m., an officer made consensual contact with three male subjects sitting on a picnic table on the west side of Newcastle Park, 143 West Colorado Boulevard. The officer discovered two subjects were in possession of concentrated cannabis. The 18 and 19-year-old White male subjects were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Saturday, December 28:

8. Around 8:18 a.m., officers responded to a residence in the 400 block of East Camino Real Avenue regarding a report of an unconscious female. The female was sitting on the rear seat of a vehicle that was parked inside the garage of the residence. When officers arrived, they determined the subject was deceased.

Preliminary investigation revealed the resident and an unknown friend transported the decedent to the home after a party, but left her inside the vehicle because they were unable to move her inside the residence. When the resident went to check on the female, the victim was still inside the car and unconscious.

Officers found no indication of foul play at the time of the report and further investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.

9. At approximately 9:28 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 1200 block of Temple City Boulevard regarding an assault with a deadly weapon

report. After a family dispute, an 84-year-old Hispanic male jabbed his son in the face with a knife, causing a half-inch laceration to his jaw area. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The victim refused treatment and ultimately declined prosecution.

Sunday, December 29:

10. Around 00:45 a.m., an officer working DUI enforcement conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle on Santa Anita Avenue at St. Joseph Street. The officer detected an odor of alcohol emitting from the driver’s breath and person. He discovered the 49-year-old Vietnamese driver was under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content greater than 0.08 percent. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

11. At approximately 12:54 p.m., an officer was dispatched to Extended Stay America, 401 East Santa Clara Street, in reference to a theft investigation. A male suspect failed to pay for his hotel and a search of his room revealed he also stole the television.

The suspect is described as a White male, approximately 30-years-old, medium build with brown hair, wearing a black trench coat.

Monday, December 30:

12. Around 7:30 a.m., unknown suspect(s) stole a grey 2008 Lexus LS 460 that was parked at World Gas Station, 3 East Duarte Road. During an area check for evidence, the officer located several shaved keys and two used gloves on the ground where the vehicle was parked. The victim recalled leaving the doors unlocked. No suspects were located and no one reported hearing or seeing anything suspicious.

Tuesday, December 31:

13. At approximately 4:11 a.m., an officer was dispatched to Nordstrom at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a sounding burglary alarm. No suspects were inside the building at the time of the officer’s arrival. An investigation revealed three unknown suspect(s) forced entry through a side window, smashed a jewelry case, and fled with \$100,000-\$200,000 in jewelry and multiple purses. Further investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.



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From Monrovia Now:

Opinion: Monrovia City Government Has Dawdled with the Hillside Wilderness Preserve

They say that when you criticize someone, you should say nice things about them first, so, since I am about to slam the Monrovia city government, let me say some nice things first.

We have an amazing Old Town; that the city was able to fit an awesome theater into Old Town while actually enhancing Old Town's character is a triumph. Having lived through a serious earthquake and an insane wind-storm, I've been very impressed with the city's handling of disaster response. The events the city helps coordinate, such as the Christmas parade and tree lighting, the amazing Fourth of July fireworks display, the Friday-night Farmers Market, and now a New Year's Eve party, all seem to be very well done. The city's attitude toward business seems far more positive than other cities I know, some of which seem to regard businesses as pariahs. And, as best I can tell, the city has responded to the fiscal challenges facing California cities by pretty much getting its expenditures under control, even when it has hurt. Good things.

Now for the criticism.

Somewhere around 14 years ago residents on the upper edge of Monrovia were concerned about a plan to build homes in the foothills above their homes, so the city responded by passing a bond and getting money from the state to purchase the land as a preserve that people could hike about in.

But then, for well over a decade, the trails didn't open. So, the day after Christmas last year, thinking that more than enough time had elapsed, I sent a letter to all the city council members and the city manager saying I was about to write this article. Here, verbatim, are the points I made:

- It is somewhere around 14 years now since Monrovia passed a bond measure to purchase the hillside property and nothing has been done to provide the access that was promised to the voters who passed the bond measure, or to the State of California, from which the city obtained money on the condition that the city would provide access to the area.

- The people of Monrovia have been taxed to pay for this bond for well over a decade, but the service they were promised when they voted on



The old and new gates at Clamshell Trail. Finally some progress.

the measure has not been provided.

- I am aware that there were, and are, lawsuits hindering the opening of the trails, but my impression is that solving these suits is a low priority. I do not get the impression that the city is exerting much effort in this regard, despite "opening of the hillside area" scoring rather high in the recent community survey.

- The main reason for that impression is that whenever I ask about progress, my council-member contact needs to check for me. If it was a matter of discussion and regular updates among the leadership of the city, it seems unlikely such checking would be necessary.

- Further, communications with the public regarding the lawsuits and progress on opening the trails is extremely poor. What little communication has occurred seems to be mostly in response to my questioning. Also, the previous city web site had a page that gave some rudimentary information about progress, but after being first posted it did not seem to be further maintained, and I can no longer even find that limited information on the new city website.

- Whenever I have asked - and I

have asked five or six times over the last few years - I have always been given vague estimates in the range of a three to six months regarding when the trails will open - but those estimates never seem to come about.

- The one trail I was told was "sort of" open is on Norumbega. I explored it and it's not a trail at all. It looks like an overgrown driveway leading about 100 yards up to a graded lot that was never built on.

- If a private company in Monrovia were to sign people up and bill them regularly for a service that the company did not provide within a reasonable time, I suspect the Monrovia City Council would rightly be furious. And if the company said that lawsuits were preventing it from providing the service, I doubt you would be appeased. I suspect you would at minimum demand regular updates, progress reports, and that you would say that their being sued did not give them the right to continue charging people for a service the company was not providing. I really don't see any substantial difference between such a company and what is happening with the city.

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Duarte Crime Blotter

The City of Duarte and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department would like residents to be aware of the current rise in home burglaries. Please notify your neighbors and increase your vigilance. We urge you to call in all suspicious activity. We can reduce the number of residential burglaries by working together. You are the eyes and ears of the community and we need your help.

Latest Home Burglaries

Area 2: South of Huntington

On Thursday, December 19, between 8:30 am and 12:00 pm in the 1300 Block of Maynard Drive while the resident was away, unknown suspect(s) entered the home through a rear door left open for cats to come in and out and stole a kindle fire and miscellaneous custom jewelry.

Area 4: Beardslee

On Friday, December 26, between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm in the 900 Block of Hurstview Street while the resident was away, unknown suspect(s) entered the home after smashing a side door open and stole \$500 in US currency and two check books.

Between Friday, December 26, and Monday, December 30th, in the 1800 Block of Park Rose Avenue while the resident was away, unknown suspects pried window open and stole a dish washer and a stove. Suspects removed sliding glass door in order to get the items out of the home.

Area 5: Hope

Between Saturday December 28, at 8:00 pm and Sunday, December 29 at 4:00 am in the 1300 Block of Pengra Street while the resident was away on vacation, unknown suspect(s) entered the home after shattering a rear glass sliding door. It is unclear if any items were stolen as the residents was on vacation.

Area 11: Rancho Duarte

On Sunday, December 29 at approximately 1:30 pm in the 2700 Block of Royal Oaks Drive while the resident was in the back yard and the front door was open a 25-30 year old Male Black Suspect approximately 5'10" 150 to 160 lbs. wearing a black beanie, gray sweatshirt and sweatpants carrying a skateboard entered the residence and stole two empty black purses.

Area 12: Fish Canyon

On Thursday, January 2 between 7:00 and 7:15 pm while the resident was in the home the unknown suspect(s) entered an open garage and an unlocked vehicle and stole a briefcase containing an Ipad and \$1,750 worth of gift cards and a check book.

If you spot suspicious persons, vehicles, and/or any other unusual activity in the abovementioned areas, or If you have any information that can assist in the investigation of these burglaries, please contact Special Assignment Deputy Goodrich at the Duarte Sub Station by calling (626) 357-7938, ext. 320.

Please visit our website for crime statistics and an area map http://www.accessduarte.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=83&Itemid=76

We also encourage residents to consider the following practices:

Use Proper lighting

- Proper lighting eliminates shadows that provide burglars with cover
- Use adequate lighting at all points of entry
- Leave lights on inside just as you would if you were living in the house
- Include the use of lighting timers and set them to an irregular pattern

Secure Doors and windows

- Reinforce the backs of doors with crossbars
- Be sure the doorframes cannot easily be "jimmied";

Locks

- Quality commercial security locks are great but are not effective if they are not properly used by the homeowner
- Unscheduled or surprise visits to your property or project will also act as a deterrent to an opportunistic thief
- Update the key in the event an employee leaves or quits a job
- Traceable property
- Third party vendors can secure your items with trackers that will assist law enforcement with its quick recovery

- If your item does not have a serial number, you can engrave it with a unique number or word.
- Please be sure to record serial numbers. In the event the property is recovered, the owner can be located.

Fences

- Ensure your fences are sturdy and secured.
 - Patrol Checks
 - Call Temple Station and request patrol checks. Please contact the Temple Station Watch Commander at (626) 285-7171 if you would like to schedule a security review of your property.
- If you see suspicious persons or vehicles in your neighborhood, please make a note of the make/model/color of the car or description of the person(s) and Always call in ANY and ALL suspicious activity to Temple Sheriff's Station at (626) 448-9861 or (626) 285-7171.

Should you witness a crime in progress, please call 911.

If you would like to leave an anonymous tip, that can assist us in an investigation or help mitigate an ongoing problem, you may do so by calling the Sheriff's Satellite Station Crime Tip Hotline at (626) 357-7938, ext. 462. Messages checked daily but for immediate assistance please call Temple Station and request to remain anonymous.

Tips can also be e-mailed duartecrimetips@lasd.org

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PASADENA UNIFIED 2014-2015 OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS JANUARY 9

Applications for New Magnet Programs, Dual Language Immersion, International Baccalaureate, Themed High School Academies and Other Signature Programs Accepted Only at www.openenrollment.info

Pasadena, CA – As Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) students begin the second semester of the 2013-2014 school year this week, it is also time for families to think about next school year. PUSD's Open Enrollment application period for the 2014-2015 academic year begins January 9 and continues through February 6, 2014. Open Enrollment is the district's school of choice program that offers students the opportunity to attend schools with themed or specialized programs or a campus outside of their neighborhood school's attendance boundaries. All students living within PUSD boundaries that will be entering kindergarten-11th grade in the 2014-2015 school year are eligible to participate in Open Enrollment. Families who live outside of district boundaries are also able to submit an application of interest on openenrollment.info.

"The schools of PUSD are dedicated to preparing students to be critical thinkers, creative problem solvers and strong communicators while reflecting the wealth of cultural, science and technological resources that make the Greater Pasadena area a desirable and distinctive choice for residents and businesses," said PUSD Superintendent Jon R. Gundry, "Our schools offer themed learning for every age group to provide our students with a solid academic foundation, along with skills to be 21st century global citizens."

Signature programs for the 2014-2015 school year that are available through Open Enrollment include:

DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAMS

- Two K-5 Spanish Dual Language Immersion programs at San Rafael Elementary and Jackson Elementary Schools

- A K-5 Dual Language Immersion Program in Mandarin Chinese at Field Elementary School
- Dual Language Immersion Middle School Programs in sixth grade with Spanish at Blair School and Mandarin Chinese at Sierra Madre Middle School (New for 2014-2015)

MAGNET PROGRAMS

- A Spanish Dual Language Immersion and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Magnet at Jackson Elementary School (New for 2014-2015)
- A STEM Magnet Program at Washington Accelerated Elementary School (New for 2014-2015)
- The Washington STEAM Magnet Academy at Washington Middle School
- An Arts Magnet Program at Eliot Middle School (New for 2014-2015)

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) PROGRAMS

- The IB Primary Years Programme (Grades K-5) at Willard Elementary School
- The IB Middle Years Programme (Grades 6-10) and the IB Diploma Programme (Grades 11-12) at Blair School.

COLLEGE AND CAREER PATHWAYS

- Ten themed high school academies that partner with local institutions and businesses to provide mentoring and workplace learning opportunities:
- Academy of Creative Industries Pathway at Marshall Fundamental School (New for 2014-2015)
- App Academy: Mobile, Web and Game Development at Pasadena High School
- Arts, Entertainment and Media Pathway at John Muir High School
- Building and Design Pathway at Rose City High School (New for 2014-2015)
- Business and Entrepreneurship Pathway at John Muir High School
- Creative Arts, Media and Design Pathway at Pasadena High School
- Culinary Arts and Hospitality Acad-

- emy at Blair High School
- Engineering and Environmental Science Pathway at John Muir High School
- Health Careers Academy at Blair High School
- Law and Public Service Pathway at Pasadena High School

PERMIT ONLY SCHOOLS

- Don Benito Fundamental School
 - Norma Coombs Alternative School
 - Marshall Fundamental School
- To participate in PUSD's Open Enrollment, families need to complete the 2014-2015 application online at www.openenrollment.info. Applicants may indicate up to five school choices in order of preference. Open Enrollment closes on February 6. School placement is by random lottery and placement is not based on when an application is submitted. Families participating in Open Enrollment will be notified about their school placement by March 1, 2014.

Assistance and computers for Internet access to complete the online application are available on the following dates and locations:

PUSD Education Center, Room 240
351 South Hudson Avenue, Pasadena
Thursday, Jan. 9 (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
Tuesday, Jan. 14 (4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)
Thursday, Feb. 6 (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
PUSD School Sites during School Hours
Thursday, Jan. 23
Thursday, Jan. 30
Thursday, Feb. 6

Families can learn more about PUSD and its schools by viewing the PUSD School Guide at gopUSD.com/schoolguide or attending the PUSD First Choice Festival at the PUSD Education Center on Tuesday, January 14. For more information about the Open Enrollment process, timelines and answers to frequently asked questions, please visit www.openenrollment.info or call 626-396-3600, ext. 88340.

CAPITAL FELLOWS PROGRAM

Sacramento – If you have a passion for public service, the Capital Fellows program may be just the ticket. The Capital Fellows programs offer a chance to prepare for a career in public service while working under a seasoned mentor. Fellows work for 10-11 months as full-time, paid staff members in the California State Assembly, State Senate, Executive Branch or California Judiciary.




Addison Peterson, a recent graduate of Cal State University Los Angeles, has been named an Assembly fellow in the office of Assemblymember Holden. Peterson was very involved in student government and served as board chair for the Cal State LA student union. He also lobbied on behalf of the California State Student Association and says his dream has been to be involved in legislative government.

The Capital Fellows Program has been rated one of the top internships in the country, and includes a very competitive selection process. Many alumni of the program have gone on to prominent positions in courts, state and national government, as well as many elected offices.

Recent college graduates, graduate students and mid-career appli-

cants with a desire for public service are welcome to apply.

The online application deadline is February 10, 2014. For further details: www.csus.edu/calst/programs or call the office of Assemblymember Holden at 626.351.1917.

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FOSTER YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM APPROVED

To improve the transition of foster youth to economic self-sufficiency, a motion by Supervisors Michael D. Anto-

novich and Gloria Molina was approved to establish an internship program in all county departments.

The Career Development Internship Program provides 12 to 24 months of structured, on-the-job training and permanent employment for those young women and men who complete

the program.

"Internships are a vital tool in the development of career opportunities for young people -- especially transition-age youth who require the training and guidance necessary to grow and succeed in the job market, and in life," said Supervisor Antonovich.

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 626-396-3600.

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THE REEL DEAL: THE SECRET LIFE OF WALTER MITTY

by Ben Show




When I saw the first preview for this movie, I really wanted to see the whole movie. The plot seemed very interesting and the visuals were amazing. What intrigued me most of all were the two leads, Ben Stiller and Kristen Wiig, who usually do comedic films. This change of tone in their careers was one of the main reasons I wanted to see the film: could Stiller and Wiig pull off more serious roles?


Walter Mitty (Ben Stiller) was just an average guy who had not really accomplished anything and worked in the photo developing department at LIFE magazine. The famous photographer Sean

O'Connell (Sean Penn) sends in 25 pictures, including image that was meant to be used for the cover of the last issue of LIFE magazine, and Walter is in put in charge of them. However, when he discovers that the cover picture is missing, he must leave the office and go on a journey that will transform him into the man he is in his daydreams.

This is one of the best movies of the year. The story makes you laugh, cry, and leaves you satisfied. Stiller and Wiig were absolutely amazing in what I believe are the roles of their careers. And, to top it all off, the cinematography adds an atmosphere of grandeur that makes the world feel immensely vast. This is the movie to see this holiday season.



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OLD SCHOOL PRICES FOR A NEW YEAR

Beckham Grill

I am fully aware that times are tough and when you are going to spend your hard earned dough, you want to feel that you got your monies worth. I thought about changing the name of the article to my money says, what do you think? I digress.

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
thechefknows@yahoo.com

Beckham Grill has been around since 1977, originally named after owner Bob Beckham, it was known as Bechkam Place. There are new owners but the management remains the same. The restaurant by today's standards is "Old School," its not a dark restaurant but shows in a cozy and faintly lit. The Bar, or "The Crown Room," as it is familiarly known, is illuminated by the burst of a fireplace. There's an old Car decorating the outside, and a 1960s English style Telephone Booth starts you on a journey. Often I come to Beckham to sit in the bar by the fireplace, a soothing respite. Beckham Grill has an item which seems simple enough in the description, but I don't know of any other restaurant in Pasadena that serves it... Smoked Norwegian Salmon with Capers (\$11.95). Seriously, I could order a double and have that alone for dinner, it's that good. That may not be your cup of tea, so, maybe you are here for meat? Roasted Prime Ribs of Beef is the specialty, always has been and I suspect always will be. Prices are (\$24.50 to \$33.95) for the Crown Cut, on my visit I ordered the End Cut at (\$26.95). All the aforementioned items come with Yorkshire pudding, creamed Corn and creamed spinach.

The menu is skillfully represented with fish, meat, duck, steak and salad. My dinner companion Mike Bingley from Charter Cable had the Grilled Salmon for (\$21.95), he gave it two thumbs up. No room for dessert on this visit, but next time for sure.

If it's a drink by the fireplace or a game of darts with some special friends, you may want to consider Five for Five happy hour drinks and cocktails for \$5, a real value, though I ordered the Shrimp Cocktail at \$14.95, one of the better one's this side of Pasadena. Full Bar and Valet Parking Beckham Grill 77 W. Walnut Pasadena. (626) 796-3399

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INGREDIENTS

- Coarse salt
- Ground pepper
- 6 tablespoon(s) butter
- 1 pound(s) white mushrooms, trimmed and sliced 1 inch thick
- 1/2 cup(s) all-purpose flour
- 3 cup(s) milk
- 1 can(s) (14 1/2-ounce) reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 3/4 cup(s) dry white wine
- 3 cup(s) grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon(s) dried thyme leaves
- 1 pound(s) linguine, broken in half
- 1 rotisserie chicken, skin removed, meat shredded (about 4 cups)
- 1 package(s) (10-ounce) frozen peas, thawed and drained

DIRECTIONS

1.Preheat oven to 400. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil (for pasta). In a large saucepan, melt 2 tablespoons butter over high heat. Add mushrooms, and season with salt and pepper. Cook, tossing frequently, until tender and browned, 8 to 10 minutes. Transfer to a bowl, and set aside.

2.Make sauce: In same saucepan, melt remaining 4 tablespoons butter over medium heat. Add flour; cook, whisking, about 1 minute. Whisking constantly, gradually add milk, broth, and wine. Bring to a boil; reduce to a simmer, and add 2 cups Parmesan and thyme. Season with salt and pepper.

3.Cook pasta 2 minutes less than package instructions for al dente; drain and return to pot. Add sauce, chicken, peas, and mushrooms. Toss well to combine. Divide between two shallow 2-quart baking dishes; sprinkle with remaining Parmesan. Freeze (see below) or bake until browned, about 30 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

4.To freeze: After placing pasta mixture in baking dishes and sprinkling with Parmesan (step 3), cool to room temperature. Cover tightly with aluminum foil, and freeze up to 3 months.

To bake from frozen: Bake, covered with foil, at 400 degrees, until center is warm, about 2 hours. Uncover, and bake until top is browned, about 20 minutes more. Serve.

To bake from thawed: Thaw overnight in refrigerator. Bake, covered with foil, at 400 degrees, until center is warm, about 30 minutes. Uncover, and bake until top is browned, about 20 minutes.



SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

Review By Sean Kayden

SONGS TO KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR

Young The Giant – Crystallized – After three years, Southern California natives Young The Giant are returning with their sophomore effort, "Mind Over Matter." The album will be released on January 21st via Fueled By Ramen. One of the first singles is "Crystallized." It packs delicate vocals, fervent melodies and huge hooks. The love song is the ideal summer night jam that just happens to be coming out in the winter. No matter what season it is, "Crystallized," is sure to comfort anyone feeling lovesick.

Bad Suns – Cardiac Arrest – Another SoCal band making the list are Bad Suns. The group is preparing to release their first EP, "Transpose" later this month. "Cardiac Arrest" is pure fun from this new pop-rock bursting onto the scene. Frontman Christo Bowman sings with conviction and fervor. While "Cardiac Arrest" isn't reinventing any genre, the song is incredibly catchy and infectiously addicting to keep on repeat. With bands like Capital Cities and Youngblood Hawke increasingly becoming popular, Bad Suns and their similar sound should be able to find much success with their 4-song EP. "Cardiac Arrest" is simply fun pop rock and sometimes simple and straightforward isn't half bad. "Transpose EP" will be released on January 21st through Vagrant Records.

New Desert Blues – Zachary – New Desert Blues is another newcomer hailing from the county of Whiteley located in Hampshire. The indie band evokes an American folk resonance. New Desert Blues actually dubbed themselves "noir Americana." Whatever you want to call it, it's great stuff. "Zachary" is a subtle, alternative-rock-country track that is invigorating from a band from England. While most bands hailing from there these days sound exactly the same, New Desert Blues seemed to be more influenced with the western civilization. Their guitars soar, the harmonies are ethereal and the vocals shine throughout. Despite only releasing a 4-track EP entitled "Devil's Rope" on January 21st through Whiteley Records, the band's potential will have everyone anticipating their full-length record.

The War on Drugs – Red Eyes – The most seasoned group on the list, The War On Drugs should have a huge year. Their fourth record, "Lost In the Dream" features "Red Eyes" a rolling rock gem that ignites the likes of Springsteen and company. This is good old fashion rock without the gimmicky electronics and tweaked vocals that's all the rage these days. It's raw and serious. "Red Eyes" is just shy of five minutes, but it could have been longer and I wouldn't have mind. It's dreamy rock with the signature sound from The War On Drugs that I can stand behind. The band is one of the more original bands out there playing today. If "Red Eyes" is any indication of how the entire record may sound, we just might have an early contender for album of the year. "Lost In The Dream" hits shelves March 18th via Secretly Canadian.

MOZART CLARINET CONCERTO (WITH SOLOIST DAVID NICHOLSON) AND SCHUMANN SYMPHONY FEATURED IN PASADENA COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA'S JANUARY CONCERT

Mozart's Overture to the Marriage of Figaro Overture Rounds Out Program

The Pasadena Community Orchestra presents a free concert that features soloist David Nicholson performing Mozart's Clarinet Concerto in A Major, Schumann's expansive Symphony #2, and Mozart's Overture to the Marriage of Figaro.

Enjoy one of the most beloved clarinet concertos in the repertoire and the overture to a delightful opera, together with Schumann's expansive symphony, in a free concert presented by Pasadena Community Orchestra. Clarinetist David Nicholson has performed with the Los Angeles Philharmonic on its last two international tours, as well as with many Southern California orchestras. Mozart wrote the clarinet concerto as a kind of love poem to the instrument, and it displays the clarinet at its finest. Nicholson is a perfect match for the virtuoso versatility and lovely melodic lines of this concerto. Schumann's Symphony #2, written at the height of Romanticism, is a richly expressive work, pervaded by a sense of epic striving that gives way to a spirit of triumph and jubilation. Mozart's effervescent Overture to the Marriage of Figaro superbly establishes the mood and captures the essence of one of the most delightful and listenable operas in the repertoire. A reception follows the concert, at which audience members will have the opportunity to meet the soloist and the other musicians.



WHERE: In the sanctuary of First Church of the Nazarene, 3700 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena (just west of Michillinda Avenue). Ample free parking, wheelchair accessible.

WHEN: Friday, January 31, 2014, 8 p.m.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Please contact PCO at 626.445.6708, via e-mail at publicity@pcomusic.org, or at www.pcomusic.org.

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MONROVIA (continued from page 6)

I received responses to this letter from Mayor Mary Ann Lutz - who invited me to meet with herself and Interim City Manager Fran Delach - and from every council member except Alexander Blackburn.

(For a synopsis of the comments and meeting results, please go to: www.monroviainow.com)

In conclusion, all Monrovians - from the richest to the poorest - have been paying regularly for roughly 14 years for a service they are not getting. They've been paying either directly, as property owners, or indirectly as renters. Yes, there are the legal issues, but Monrovia was one of the leaders in redevelopment, which included lots of property issues, including lawsuits, and these issues were handled much more expeditiously than this Hillside debacle.

So, I believe the City Council should ...

- Insist that its staff provide a progress report at every city council meeting on progress getting the Cloverleaf trail open.

- Work to establish an opening date for the Highland Place trail. I understand it is closed because of the forest fire damage, but at some point the trail should be open-able. This ought to be on the City Council agenda every few months or so to review.

- Post information about the Hillside trails on the city website, just as it does for Canyon Park: <http://goo.gl/kiO5Li>

- Brad Haugaard

THE JOY OF YOGA CHOOSING THE RIGHT CLASS



Ok, you're ready to start. Or ready to get back to class. Which one is right for you? At Yoga Madre, we have many classes to choose from: Gentle, Beginning, Mixed Level, Vinyasa Flow and Restorative.

Gentle: This class is designed to help those who may have limited mobility and need movement without undue pressure on the joints. The pace is careful and slower. It's perfect for someone recovering from an injury (but doctor released for activity). Also appropriate for expectant mothers or for those brand new to yoga. Many of the yogis attending Gentle are not new to yoga, so you may receive the benefits of their experience and the teacher may introduce varying practices for the class including pranayama techniques and energetic practices.

Beginning: This class is right for a brand new yoga student who has no significant trouble spots in the body. The pace of the class is slower, with much of the alignment of the poses explained in greater detail. Poses in this class may be challenging. Expectant mothers can also take this class. Many attendees of the Beginning level classes have been doing yoga for a while and appreciate the pace, challenge of poses, and relaxation techniques involved.

Mixed Level or Vinyasa Flow: More advanced yoga poses and pranayama are introduced to build on our foundation laid at the Beginning level. This class is right for the practitioner who has been practicing a while and is ready to expand their practice. At a minimum, one should have attended a few Beginning classes before attending Mixed Level or Vinyasa Flow. Seasoned practitioners who attend while expecting or recovering from injury have a knowledge of their body and know how to adjust their practice.

Restorative: This class is for everyone, beginner to advanced. Many props are used and poses are held in a deeper, supportive way. This class is a compliment to a more active or fast-paced practice during week. The challenge in this class, is the challenge to slow down. Many yogis love this class as it restores the body and gets them ready for the week ahead. A wonderful bookend to any weekend.

Now you know, so choose the best class for the unique YOU.

Namaste, Keely Totten
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6 BENEFITS OF ORGANIC FOOD



Dr. Tina is a traditional naturopath and nutritionist at Vibrant Living Wellness Center

It is becoming increasingly more apparent that nutrition is a cornerstone of health. There are studies coming out every day that show how good nutrition can reduce the risk of developing many diseases. That also means that those same diseases are preventable through healthy eating. One big way to increase your family's nutrition is to eat organic foods whenever possible. Here are eight reasons why you should try eating organic foods.

1. Study after study consistently show organic food is higher in nutrients than traditional foods. Organic produce is higher in vitamin C, antioxidants, and the minerals such as calcium, magnesium, and iron.
2. You may reduce your cancer risk by eating organic. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) considers 60% of herbicides, 90% of fungicides, and 30 percent of insecticides as potentially being cancer causing. It is reasonable to think that the rapidly increasing rates of cancer are at least partly linked to the use of these carcinogenic pesticides.
3. Organic food grown on small organic farms help promote small business. Most small organic farms are independent family farmers making livelihood for their family. Small organic farming is a domestic version of fair trade.
4. Have you ever noticed that organic vegetables and fruits seem to spoil much faster than conventional produce from the supermarkets? The reason is that many foods are irradiated. Radiation kills bacteria thus extending the life of food. What it also does is alters the life force or nutrition of the food.
5. Organic foods are better for the environment. Conventional farming methods erode soil and use dangerous pesticides. Of course we are told that the pesticides used today are harmless but isn't that what was said about DDT? DDT is still being found in all of the worldwide waterways. By buying organic foods, you are creating a positive impact on the environment, the animals, and all of us.
6. The taste of organic fruits and vegetables in my opinion is superior to any conventional produce, which makes it the most important reason to eat organic. Many fine restaurants feel the same way and that is why they use organic produce in their menus. Many conventional fruits and veggies look beautiful but have virtually no taste. Many organic farmers give credit for their outstanding produce to the soil. Strong mineral rich soil leads to well-nourished plants, which in turns gives us food with a high nutrient content and great flavor. I find the taste of fresh organic produce irresistible!
7. Try adding some organic produce to your diet and find out just how beneficial and enjoyable healthy eating can be.

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JUST FOR BEST FRIENDS



by Chris Leclerc

NO MORE WOOF

Too weird for words, or too precious to pass up?

Technology is terrific! No really, I think it is just great, and typically I am willing to go along with just about any new idea coming down the pike that might make life easier to navigate. However, I do think that some of today's technological advances have the potential to, slowly but surely, steal our ability to think for ourselves the way we used to have to do. What ever happened to simply using one's head to work out a problem rather than asking an exponential number of strangers who happen to be on-line, for the answer? And, how much has our relatively new-found, newly-formed dependence on the super-highway of data exchange that we call the internet taken from our natural ability to think and solve problems independently?

I agree that some of life's challenges have been made more surmountable in recent decades, now that we have access to instant answers to questions that used to take a lot more time and energy to answer. But, is it really necessary to reinvent every cog in the wheel of human thought? I think there is a fine line between what most now consider to be a remarkable resource for information, and what could soon become an addictive means for getting from point A to point B with limited or no effort on our own part. And, who's to say that the answers we gain from our good friends at Google or on Wikipedia are worth their weight in gigabytes? Let's face it, a wise web-user will still employ his or her own common sense when asking the net to resolve a problem or answer a question that really matters in life.

My recent thoughts and concerns about the potentially problematic results of our dependence on high-technology was prompted by an ad I saw (on the internet, of course) for a newly developed, or, to be more accurate I should say, a newly developing device called "No More Woof". The device is designed to read the mind of a dog and interpret the dog's thoughts into human language, so the human can know and respond to what the dog is thinking. Really? I mean, come on...really? First of all, from what I understand, No More Woof is nothing more than an oversized tightly-fitted headset with EEG censored appendages that curve around and press down on the dog's forehead, where they supposedly pick up on the dog's thought patterns.

Theoretically, the data gathered by the sensors is then transferred to the interpretative voice device located elsewhere on the headset, which then sends out an audible verbal message to the human through a tiny speaker. For example, if the animal is having stressful thoughts of abandonment, the verbal response might be, "Where are you going, how long will you be gone?" and if the dog is

feeling curious or concerned, perhaps because of a change in the human's typical daily activity or behavior, the message might be, "What's going on, are you (we) OK?"

Although the inventor/manufacture, a Swedish group known as The Nordic Society for Invention and Discovery is careful to iterate that the product is still in the developmental stage; "a work in progress", as they like to call it, they do clearly claim that the EEG micro-sensors are able to pick up on what the animal is thinking and that the messages given in human language are accurate interpretations of those thoughts.

I don't know about you, but when I first heard word of this new canine mind-reading device, my thought was, "Even if this thing does work the way they say it does, I already know my dogs are going to be curious about where I am going and when I'll return each time they see me pick up my keys and head for the front door." This is made clear by the look on their faces or by a sudden change in their body language. But, then again it might be kind of neat to know if my dogs are stressing out about something I am not yet aware of, such as an impending storm or an earthquake soon to occur.

Some thoughts my dogs have are made all-too obvious by their behavior and facial expressions, but some are not so clear. In fact, it would sure be great to know if my pets are experiencing pain, because most animals have a pretty high threshold for it and they do a great job of hiding it from their humans. If I could have known earlier that my previous dog Lady was hurting months before I let her "go to sleep", I might have made that very difficult decision much earlier, for her sake.

Anyway, the idea of inventing and marketing a device that can read a dog's mind and interpret it into human language is intriguing, but at the same time kind of creepy, if you ask me. Say, just say this thing takes off and every dog owner goes out and purchases one for their pet. Will it change the way they interact with the animals that they already know and love so much?

And, what about the dog's perspective on wearing a device that tells all its inner thoughts and secrets? Will the constant human voice response to every thought they have drive them crazy? It might even drive the human crazy to hear some strange voice calling out the dog's thoughts every time they turn around. Maybe, just maybe the dog would like to keep some of its thoughts private. Ever think of that?

Only time will tell if the No More Woof device becomes a hit and yet another "must-have" household pet appliance to add to the growing list of high-tech gadgetry littering our every day lives. Meanwhile, I suppose we'll just have to guess what our dogs are thinking when they look up at us with those precious, pouting pup's eyes, tilt their head sideways and place a paw on top of our foot. After all, who doesn't already know that means they love us?

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PET OF THE WEEK

**CAPTAIN: ANIMAL ID
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Meet Captain, a debonair pup whose good looks are sure to steal anyone's attention! Captain (A4664280) is an awesome one year old tan neutered male Norfolk Terrier mix puppy who was found in West Covina on December 29th and brought to the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center. Weighing fifteen pounds, this sociable boy walks okay on a leash and is most likely housebroken, but he would benefit from additional training. Cuddly and attentive, Captain quickly became a volunteer favorite. This eager to please puppy gets along well with other dogs and we are sure he will love children. Captain is a fabulous indoor companion for anyone in any living situation. To watch a video of Captain please visit: www.youtube.com/watch?v=yTHTy9WN0KI



To meet Captain in person, please see him at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378 or 626-962-3577). He is currently available now. For any inquiries about Captain, please reference his animal ID number: A4664280. The shelter is open seven days a week, 12 pm-7 pm Monday-Thursday and 10am-5pm Friday-Sunday. This is a high-intake shelter with a great need for adoptions. For more information about Captain or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at Samantha@hope4animals.org. To learn more about United Hope for Animals' partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter through its Shelter Support Program, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.

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HOW TO CHOOSE A CONTINUING-CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Dear Savvy Senior:
Can you give me some tips on picking a good full-service retirement community that offers all levels of housing, from independent apartment-style to nursing home care? My wife and I are both approaching 80 and are looking to downsize from our current home, but we want our next move to be our last. One More Move

Dear One:
If you want your next move to be your final one, a full-service retirement community – better known as a continuing-care retirement community (or CCRC) – is a good option to consider, but they aren't cheap, so you need to be prudent when choosing.

CCRCs are different from other types of senior housing because they provide all levels of housing, services and care in one convenient location.

While they vary greatly in appearance and services, most CCRCs offer apartments or sometimes single family homes for active seniors who need little if any help with their daily needs. In addition, they also offer on-site assisted living for people who require aid to bathe, dress or perform other basic tasks, and nursing home care for residents who need full-time skilled-nursing care.

CCRCs also provide a bevy of resort-style amenities and services that include community dining halls, exercise facilities, housekeeping, and transportation as well as many social and recreational activities.

But be aware that all these services come at a hefty price. Most communities have entry fees that range from \$20,000 to \$500,000 or more, plus ongoing monthly service fees that can vary from around \$1,000 to over \$5,000 depending on the facility, services and the long-term care contract option you choose.

With nearly 1,900 CCRCs in operation throughout the U.S., finding a facility that fits your lifestyle, needs and budget can take some legwork. Here are some steps you can take to help you proceed.

Make a list: Start by calling the Area Agency on Aging (call 800-677-1116 for contact information) in the area you want to live for a list of CCRCs. You can also search online at leadingage.org/findmember.aspx or carl.org/aging that has a national listing of accredited CCRCs.

Call the facilities: Once you've located a few, call them to find out if they have any vacancies, what they charge and if they provide the types of services you want or need.

Take a tour: Many CCRCs encourage potential residents to stay overnight and have a few meals in their dining hall. During your tour, notice the upkeep and cleanliness of the facility, and talk to the current residents to see how they like living there. Also, check out the assisted living and nursing facilities, and find out how decisions are made to move residents from one level of care to another.

To check-up on a facility, call the state long-term care ombudsman (see ltombudsman.org) who can tell you if the assisted living and nursing facilities within the CCRC have had any complaints or other problems. Also, use the Medicare nursing home compare tool (medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare), which provides a ranking system.

Investigate fees: During your visit, get a rundown on the different kinds of contracts that are available and their costs. Also, find out what types of services are included and what costs extra. What yearly price increases can you expect? How much of your entry fee is refundable to you if you move or die? And what happens if you outlive your financial resources?

Research the community's financial health: Find out who owns or sponsors the facility, and get a copy of their most recently audited financial statement and review it, along with the copy of the contract with your lawyer or financial advisor. Also get their occupancy rate. Unless it's a newer community filling up, occupancy below 85 percent can be a red flag that the facility is having financial or management problems.

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
“GREEN MANSIONS!”

Adults tend to idealize childhood things, only later to realize that they are not as impressive as they originally seemed. Your cavernous kindergarten classroom feels smaller, now that your own youngster has started school. Similarly, old pictures of people from your childhood can prompt exclamations like, “Wow, I thought Miss Humphrey was ancient at 37, but she looks pretty hot, now that I’m 45!” An amusement park you visited as a kid was full of excitement and adventure. But 20 years later, it seems a little corny. My glamorized childhood memory was the (minor) motion picture “Green Mansions.”

Growing up, my family never had TV in the usual sense. We had a TV set, but we were too cheap to get cable. So, I grew up watching a lot of videos of old movies. At school, I had no clue about the shows my classmates liked. However, I didn't lust after the toys they saw advertised either. (My parents must've saved a lot of money this way!) While some films became as familiar as bedtime stories (“The Road” movies and “The Honeymooners”), others recorded from TV by my grandparents were only watched once or twice. This was either due to the bad quality of the recording or the bad quality of the movie in general. “Green Mansions” was one of those movies.

Produced in 1959, “Green Mansions” starred Anthony Perkins and Audrey Hepburn. The story is set in Venezuela around the turn of the last century. Perkins is a disgruntled army defector in search of gold in the uncharted jungle. He eventually happens upon a tribe of South American natives (played by actors of different races, many sporting what looked like a bad tan).

The chief, Sessue Hayakawa, looks just as Japanese as he did in “Bridge on the River Kwai.” But with a loin cloth, feathered arm bands, and a lot of imagination, he fits right in. After Perkins impresses Hayakawa with magical fire (a cigarette lighter) Hayakawa takes a liking to him, much to the dismay of his younger son, Henry Silva. This Silva tells Perkins that his older brother (the man who would be king) was killed by a mysterious woman in the jungle bordering their camp, and that is why Perkins is forbidden from searching for gold there. Ignoring these warnings, Perkins takes off into the brush at first light.

“Jungle” is a loose term for the “Alice In Wonderland”-meets-“Wizard of Oz” type of set created for this film. Perkins walks along an unusually smooth path through massive, waxy leaves and flowers. He hears the sound of a woman laughing as a fawn darts by. (You’ve heard of jungle fawns, haven’t you?) And suddenly –there’s Audrey Hepburn!

She’s wearing a gossamer dress, clearly constructed



of forest fibers. She introduces herself and they talk about a special flower that only blooms for one day, and then dies. But she assures him there's no reason to be sad about its dying. When the flower dies, another one is getting ready to bloom somewhere else in the jungle.

Hepburn brings Perkins back to meet her “grandfather,” Lee J. Cobb, with white hair and a mustache-and-beard stolen from a mall Santa. Cobb has raised Hepburn since infancy. He sounds like a regular American, but somewhere in the jungle she picked up a British accent. Perkins leaves for the village, but promises to return.

Back at the ranch, Silva is angry at Perkins because, by Perkins coming out of the jungle in one piece, Hayakawa believes him to be an even greater warrior than his late son. Silva warns Perkins not to get too comfortable as Hayakawa's new favorite, because the village will be hosting the right of passage ceremony for all the young men that night.



As I recalled this scene, it took place on a dark beach, thick with palm trees and roaring surf lapping at the villagers' feet. The men wore exotic costumes as they danced around a raging bonfire. To prove their manhood, they had to endure a large wooden board covered with bees being pressed against their chest. The last one standing won.

In reality, the set had barely any sand, dirt, or stones to suggest the outdoors. Harsh lighting didn't help either. The boards had bees, but only half a dozen at most. Three very old-looking women hobbled over to Silva and two other youths. They pressed the boards against the men's chests with all the mighty force you'd expect from a frail old lady. The two other guys quickly screamed and crumpled to the ground, but Silva maintained an icy stare 'till the end. (You get the impression that he bribed or threatened the other two to give up quickly so that he would win.)

Perkins watches all this from a stake to which he was bound. (At some earlier point Silva persuaded Hayakawa that Perkins was no good.) Silva swaggers over to Perkins and informs him that his trial by bees has proven his supremacy as the ultimate warrior; and now he's Hayakawa's favorite again. Perkins better enjoy himself, Silva warns, because he's going to kill him and the evil jungle woman the next morning. (It's so helpful for the victim to have a schedule beforehand.)

Several hours later the party has dissipated, and only one of the old bee ladies is left snoozing near Perkins. He wakes her up and gets her to give him something sharp, with which he frees himself. I forget how he persuaded her to do this, but what do minor details matter? Perkins rushes into the jungle to warn Hepburn and Cobb of Silva's plot.

I imagine the overwhelming suspense of our Hero's fate has you falling off the edge of your seat right now. (Or not!) Stay tuned for Part II.



RICH Johnson
2014 RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER STUFF

2014! Oh My! Fourteen years from the end of the last century.

Remember 1999? What about Y2k? People thought the world was going to come to an end despite what the Mayans said about 2012. Oh, the Mayans were wrong too. Any more predictions about the end of the world I don't know about? Let me know.

I had relatives in Northern Minnesota who were in a major panic mode in 1999. I'll tell you why a bit later but here's a hint to their panic? Can you name an industry that really benefited

from the lead up to Y2k? A industry that fed to the panic of Northern Minnesotans? I'll tell you later on in the column.

How are those New Year's Resolutions going? Break any yet? Have any from prior years that stand out as being successful in the long term? Me neither. I think it's time to change the flavor of New Year's Resolutions. Instead of unobtainable lifestyle changes that we really don't want, let's make positive new resolutions that stretch our lives. I found a couple on the internet. Let's take a look at a few of them, shall we?

Here's one that's doable. Resolve to get your photo taken in, let's say,

the Pig. Get a selfie down at the Chinese Theater in Hollywood. Or hanging with the Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox Statues at Lake Bemidji in Northern Minnesota.

Here's another resolution: Resolve to learn something you never learned as a child. Or maybe learned but haven't done or have forgotten. Like mastering a yo-yo. Maybe some of us always wanted to be a ballerina. Or try some new cuisine. There are a number of Ethiopian Restaurants in LA. Seek one out. Avoid Norwegian food no matter what Wayne the great server at the Peppertree Grill may tell you. He loves

five interesting places. The first place could be getting a photo taken with Sierra Madre's own porcine hero, Neil

lutefisk, a Norwegian delicacy (and I use the word delicacy loosely). It's fish marinated in lye and served with a bland white gravy. If that appeals to you seek professional treatment.

Okay, here is the industry that flourished right up to January 1, 2000 and then instantly died. It was the wood stove business. No, not stoves made of wood. Rather, stoves that could heat the house by burning wood. These people flourished in Northern Minnesota because everyone was sure all the electricity and gas was going to become unavailable at 12:01 am January 1st, 2000.

I'll report more on this next week but I'll get you ready for a tiramisu throwdown taking place at Corfu restaurant on Saturday, January 25 at 6:30. Tiramisu is a wonderful Italian dessert and Corfu's Amy makes the best. Another

baker has thrown down the challenge claiming a better tiramisu. Join them for dinner and automatically become a judge.

Finally, there's Len Mendoza. If you don't know Len Mendoza you haven't been to the Peppertree Grill on Friday and Saturday nights between 5:30 and around 8:00. Len is a wonderful singer/guitarist/soloist: a real joy to listen to. And he bugs me. As you may know I am a singer/guitarist. Not only is Len a better guitar player than I am, he is a better singer. And he has a higher range than I do. And if that's not all, he has memorized every oldie rock song in the world...or so it seems. Go have dinner Friday or Saturday, listen to this really great performer. Then give him a good tip and tell him Rich sent you. Maybe he'll sing off key or forget a chord in my honor. Squeak squeak!

SENIOR HAPPENINGS

By Pat Birdsall

FYI: SCAMS ARE ALWAYS IN SEASON

After tragedy strikes-- Be it tornadoes in Oklahoma, bombings in Boston or a typhoon in the Philippines—expect two immediate reactions: well-intentioned people will want to give donations, and scammers will want to take them. Within hours of any disaster, charity scams go into full swing. Even before super-storm Sandy made landfall, 1000 websites with “Sandy,” “Relief,” or related keywords in them had been registered, many by scammers. They seek your credit card number to collect supposed donations and perhaps, to use later for identity theft.

Unfortunately, disasters happen; be prepared to check out the charity before sending any information or monies. The Better Business Bureau has a website called Wise Giving Alliance others are...Charity Navigator; Charity Watch and Guide Star. Don't let your emotions get in the way of common sense. Be careful! (More next week)

HELPFUL HINT: Thanks to Pat Miranda for reminding me that Hydrogen Peroxide removes blood from clothing. In rereading that sentence it could go in many directions couldn't it? From a murder mystery ala Hitchcock to reality...okay, okay, I cut my shin and bled like a stuck pig on my white pants. I like the murder mystery scenario better. It's amazing how well and effortlessly the hydrogen peroxide works. Just pour it on the blood spots (it doesn't have to be immediately), and let sit for a bit (it will fizz) and then wash as usual in cold water and detergent. (Sorry Neil, for the swine reference.)

FOR YOUR FUNNY BONE - I had just finished dinner at Frank, a Manhattan restaurant so hip it doesn't even have the name on the door. I was standing outside when a man stopped and asked if I knew where the restaurant “Frank's” was. I pointed to the door. “By the way, it's “Frank” not “Frank's.” He started to walk in and then backed up a few steps, turned to me and said, “Thank.”

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ... January Birthdays

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* 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: To shorten winter, borrow money due in spring.
W. J. Vogel



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: Monday, January 27th 11:00 to 11:45 with Shannon Vandavelde. 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: 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

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.

Free Strength Training Class: Every Friday from 1:00 pm -1:45 pm Conducted by long-time volunteer, Lisa Brandlely. The class utilizes light weights for low-impact resistance training. Weights are provided by the Sierra Madre Senior Center.

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.

Lunch & Learn: Wednesday, January 22nd 12:00 – 1:00pm

A representative from the Center for Health Care Rights will be discussing Medicare benefits, co-payments and deductibles as well as the recent changes in Medicare. Please join us for this informative presentation to learn more about Medicare. If you would like to have lunch during the talk, please make a reservation with the Senior Lunch Café at 626.355.0256 or bring your own.



UPCOMING EXCURSIONS:

Feline Conservation Center (Rosamond, Ca.) Date: Thursday, February 27, 2014
Time: 9:00 am- 4:00 pm Meeting Location: Hart Park House Senior Center
Cost: \$15.00 (does not include lunch)

Home to over 70 of the world's most endangered felines; the Feline Conservation Center is a breeding zoo and research facility. Cat lovers of all ages are fascinated by the cats (and the peacocks) and unlike a zoo, the Conservation Center has no moats so visitors can get as close as 5 feet away from these beautiful (but dangerous) cats. Following the one-hour tour is a visit to the gift shop and lunch at a nearby restaurant. It is recommended to bring \$10-15 for lunch. Last day to register is Wednesday, February 19th. Level of Walking: Light to Moderate

Whale Watching (Long Beach, Ca.) Date: Saturday, March 22, 2014

Time: 10:00 am-3:30 pm Meeting Location: Community Recreation Center
Cost: \$31.00 (does not include lunch)

Don't miss the Community Services Department's annual whale watching excursion. The 2014 excursion will visit the same whale watching Charter Company as 2013, which features a narrated cruise by Aquarium of the Pacific staff and with indoor and outdoor seating. Participants can bring their own lunch to enjoy on the boat, or purchase snack items on board. Children 2 and under are free. Last day to register is Tuesday, March 11th. Level of Walking: Minimal

*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.

Senior Cinema: FREE movies are shown this month, on the 3rd and 5th Wednesdays. ~Shown in Sierra Madre's City Hall Council Chambers

January 15- We are Marshall (2006)

When a plane crash claims the lives of members of the Marshall University football team and some of its fans, the team's new coach and his surviving players try to keep the football program alive. Rated PG Start time: 1:00 pm (run time 131 minutes)

January 29: The Producers (1967)

After putting together another Broadway flop, down-on-his-luck producer Max Bialystock teams up with timid accountant Leo Bloom in a get-rich-quick scheme to put on the world's worst show. Rated PG Start time: 1:00 (run time 88 minutes)

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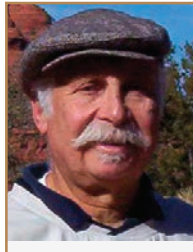
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STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE SMARTY PANTS

Thumbing through the AARP magazine as I watched endless hours of football games this weekend I noted that the 63 year old actor William Hurt was back in School. He has devoted this past fall to classes in Computer Science and Buddhism at Columbia University's School of Continuing Education. When I think of William Hurt I think of someone who always seemed to want to be the smartest person in the room. Perhaps you remember the movie Broadcast News in which Hurt plays an annoyingly successful TV news-reader who isn't quite as intelligent as the people around him but is promoted because of other traits like looking good in a spots coat and having a certain knack for emphasizing the right words.

As I think of that Broadcast News Movie I recall poor Holly Hunter who in the movie is criticized by a disapproving network executive as always needing to be the "smartest person in the room". "I know it's horrible" she says and as she says it viewers get a sense of the loneliness and the desperate need of some who needs to be "the smartest person in the room". This theme always resonates with me as I have always wanted to be the smartest person in the room. Unfortunately, I never quite had the native ability to quite be that person. Whatever it meant to actually be the "smartest", it wasn't me.

It isn't that I didn't try. Being smarter seems to be my most important goal as I keep talking (and writing) probably displaying my ignorance to those who know better; but this continuing attempt is what gives meaning to the rest of my life. The past few days this theme of wanting to be smarter has taken on new meaning. Last night as I watched the Vizio BCS College Football Championship the very first commercial on screen asked. "What makes something smart?" I assume the answer had something to do with buying a television made by Vizio but I never heard the answer. As I heard the question I looked down at this week's recent arriving New Yorker Magazine which I had been reading at just that moment. Frighteningly the article discussed a Chinese Company which was attempting to explore, "in more complex ways than ever before, the genetic basis for human intelligence." The Company's President, Jian Wang, is quoted as saying "Some words are too sensitive to say, but there has to be at least some genetic component behind the differences people show." Certainly, it is now taken for granted that the influence of heredity

on intelligence is complex, involving thousands of genes interacting in such intricate ways that researchers have not yet managed to draw genetic patterns. It's possible that they never will but it's also possible, and probably more likely, that sometime in the near future there will become available medical procedures that will make individuals "smarter". It's even scarier than that! The article quotes a Stanford Law Professor as saying "In twenty to forty years, at least in the developed world, most babies could be conceived through in vitro-fertilization, so that their parents could choose among embryos. That way, the parents or someone else can select the combination of genes that they want to see in their offspring." The Professor reminds us that, "In the United States, parents will make these choices, but in China there is more acceptance of government intervention in personal and family decisions."

Do you understand the implications of this little bit of news? Today we are concerned about the influence of performance enhancing drugs in professional sports, g. drugs. Today the Public is concerned about governmental spying upon private communications such that it becomes privy to what was formerly thought to be confidential. This is nothing. Soon there may be a complete disappearance of what we have always thought of as an individual. Individual deficits will not be our personal problem but will be seen only as design defects perhaps correctable through pharmaceutical or medical intervention. It may become possible to buy intelligence or good looks, or strength, or creativity, or whatever else is out there. Maybe whatever is out once purchased will remain inside of us during the remainder of our own lifetime?

Speaking of "us", what will it mean to be an individual? Will we all soon see ourselves as some sort of genetic soufflé designed by scientists for the benefit of the State? Will we all become machines or weapons to be used by warring nations as they compete for dominance? Will anyone care; or will that kind of concern be scientifically eliminated as disadvantageous for the State's rest?

I know that these kinds of concerns have been repeatedly discussed in Science-Fiction Books and Movies; but I never read such books or go to such movies. Maybe it's better, or certainly less scary, to just focus on who's going to win next week's NFL play-off games. I like the 49ers. (Maybe it was the search for gold that brought us here in the first place?)

Greg also mentioned the median family income having dropped since the Recession. It dropped the first couple years, and then stayed pretty steady. It was \$51,000 in 2012, an 8.3% drop from 2007. For the top 5%, though, they recovered right away and kept going - with incomes now 5.2% higher than in 2007. Incomes for 99% of us grew an average 0.4% between 2009 and 2012. For the top 1%, it grew by 31.4%. That 1% is said to have captured 95% of the income gains from the first three years of the recovery.

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

COLD IS AS COLD FEELS AND I DON'T LIKE FEELING COLD!

I was sitting on the back porch sipping an ice-cold tea with a splash of lemon when I received a text from a relative up north. I was enjoying a pleasant afternoon basking in the winter sun of Florida.

I am not sure what God was thinking of when He created the north with all that bad weather and snow and such, but I know what He was thinking of when He created the South - especially Florida. He was thinking in particular of me and my insatiable love of the sun. Basking in the Florida sun is the great reward of being smart and moving to Florida.

I have some friends who were born in Florida and think they are a little bit better than me. I remind them that they had no choice of being born in Florida but I, on the other hand, moved to Florida on my own volition. I think I have the upper hand on that one.

I may be old but I certainly do delight in the modern technology. It used to be that when you got a call from a relative you had to answer the telephone and talk to the person on the other end for as long as they hung on. Today, thanks to modern gadgetry, when a relative wants to contact me, they usually do it by text. I love it.

Getting a text is a strange thing, or it can be. If I do not respond right away, I can always claim that there is "something wrong with my cell phone and my texting isn't working right today." Then I can get back to that relative whenever it suits me. Or, as the case with some relatives, and you know who I mean, I can ignore it.

If you are a relative of mine and have not heard from me or had any of your texts answered, the simple answer is, I am not really ignoring you (ha ha ha) my cell phone is not working correctly.

This relative that texted me was complaining about how cold it was up north and even had the courtesy to send me a picture of their backyard just chock-full of some white substance known as snow.

The text read, "I bet you wish you were here to enjoy this?"

I think that relative would have lost that bet for sure. I love those snow scenes on postcards or in text messages like this one, but as to be personally involved with all of the frigid snow, do not bet on me!

Years ago, Cold and I experienced a deep disagreement and we have been separated ever since. As far as I am concerned, the separation is final! I really do not want anything more to do with Cold. We are not even on speaking terms.

Cold, after all, is a relative thing especially when the relatives are up north

in the winter.

Up north, they complain when the temperature falls below 30.

Here in Florida, I complain when the temperature falls below 70.

Whenever the temperature dips below that magical 70, I have to break out one of my sweaters. What an inconvenience for me to have to put on a sweater because it is just a little bit cool on the outside.

Then my relative sent me a picture of her standing in the snow looking like the abominable snowman. She had more clothes on than I actually own or have in my closet. I wonder how she walks around wearing all those clothes? How in the world does she ever sit down wearing all those clothes?

And what about that thing wrapped around her head? We have hats in Florida but not quite like the one she was wearing. It looked like she was wearing some igloo.

At this point in my life, I could not afford, for a variety of reasons, to move back north.

I do not think my relatives up north could put up with me at this point. They offer me a friendly invitation to come and spend some time with them during the winter season. I really could not handle it. As soon as the temperature dropped below 70, I would be complaining, grouching and working on everybody's nerves.

I would be such a nuisance that they would have to get together and buy me a plane ticket back to sunny Florida. My relatives should thank me for not moving up north to "enjoy the snow" with them. See how much I am saving my relatives? Do they appreciate it?

No relationship is quite like that relationship that spans several hundred miles. You know the old saying, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder." So, if you add distance to that absence you have the epitome of a wonderfully fond heart.

Many things separate us from one another. Sometimes that separation is voluntary and sometimes it isn't.

The apostle Paul understood that nothing could separate him from God. "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39).

It does not matter how cold it is outside as long as inside there is a warm relationship with God bordering on fiery expectation.

LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN

HOWARD Hays As I See It



"There's nothing surer; the rich get rich and the poor get poorer."

-Lyricists Gus Kahn and Ray Egan, "Ain't We Got Fun"

Greg Welborn began his column last week with bad news / good news. The bad news is that President Obama is all gloom and doom, warning of "diminished levels of upward mobility". The good news is a "Stanford study" extolling the "American dream" - with an advisory that this "dream" must be "properly understood". It's a dream not of the acquisition of material wealth, but of the "freedom to follow one's conscience".

I looked into it. Turns out the "study" is from the Hoover Institute (at Stanford University), funded by those who've managed to acquire significant material wealth for themselves, but have dubious conscience regarding the well-being of their fellow Americans. The findings aren't due for another six months, but its author, Prof. William Damon, offers a sneak-peek, and (guess what?) those interviewed for the study confirm the professor's own view: students here from abroad think our "freedom" is pretty cool. So - shouldn't that fervor for the "America dream" put to shame all those whining about being unable to find a job?

While looking into it, I came across another study out of Stanford, this one by Prof. Sean Reardon from 2012, which found the gap in test scores between the highest- and lowest-income students growing by 40% since the 1960s. It's now twice as large as the black/white achievement gap. This comes as the college completion rate for rich kids has grown in recent years, while that for kids from low-income families has stayed about the same. Fifty years ago, poor kids lagged 2 1/2 years in academic level behind those from affluent families. Today, it's four years.

The problem, according to the study, isn't the schools; it's that parents struggling to make ends meet, to find access to healthcare, don't have the time and resources to spend on their kids in the crucial early years.

This may not have been as big a deal decades ago, when opportunities in trades and manufacturing could provide a middle-class income without a degree. Today, however, it means a cycle of low wages and limited opportunities for advancement passing from one generation to the next - and a nation where the potential for upward mobility is one of the lowest in the developed world.

Another study by Prof. Reardon of Stanford, partnered with Prof. Kendra Bischoff of Cornell, came out last fall on "income segregation". Forty years ago, 65% of American families lived in middle-class neighborhoods; only about 40% do now. More than a third of families live in either affluent or poor neighborhoods - double the percentage in 1970.

As income inequality has increased, especially over the past ten years, Americans have become more "spatially divided" - with those in the top 10% having become more segregated than families in the bottom 10%.

With this income segregation, there's less of a "shared stake" in schools, parks and other public resources. As that top 10% takes in

half the nation's income, according to the study's authors, "the increasing isolation of the affluent from low- and moderate-income families means that a significant proportion of society's resources are concentrated in a smaller and smaller proportion of neighborhoods."

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POWER TESTS GREG Welborn

It's not much of a secret that New Jersey Governor Chris Christie has his eye on the 2016 Republican presidential nomination, and it's equally public knowledge that he prides himself on his direct, take-no-prisoners, do-it-right-for-the voters approach to governing. Whether you're a Democrat or Republican, there's a lot to like about Christie's almost charismatic New Jersey attitude. The unfolding story of the George Washington Bridge closure will test all of that - the image, the person behind the image, and Christie's suitability for the highest office in the land.

This week, Governor Christie took blame and apologized for the bridge closure and for the actions of at least one of his top aides which apparently led to the closure in the first place. The Governor's Deputy Chief of Staff, Bridget Kelly, has been fired, and there are others in the Governor's cross hairs. But these actions are not enough. At this point, we simply cannot determine whether they are the beginning positive steps of a political leader who truly is in it for the voters, or the actions of a political schlock who's simply trying to cover his backside and distance himself from blame.

The emails mentioned above relate to last September's 4-day closure of several lanes of the George Washington Bridge which connects Ft. Lee, N.J. with New York. It's a major commuter channel, and the lane closures during rush hour backed up traffic for hours. Not only were commuters massively inconvenienced, but school buses were delayed, and in at least one instance that has now come to light a paramedic ambulance was delayed enough that a person in need of aid died for lack of emergency treatment.

The mayor of Ft. Lee had previously refused to endorse Governor Christie in his re-election bid. Emails from Christie's Deputy Chief of Staff to a friend at the Port Authority suggested that it was "time for some traffic problems in Fort Lee". Within a couple of weeks, the Port Authority official apparently ordered that a "traffic study" which required the lane closures. Those are the facts that we know. The rest of the story will determine the governor is suited to hold the power conveyed by public office.

Governor Christie has acted properly in firing his Deputy Chief of Staff. There remain however questions about his culpability and his judgment. For Conservatives and Liberals, alike, the answers to these questions will be a fairly reliable guide as to whether he's ready for prime time - perhaps even whether he's able to continue in office.

On the plus side, the Governor's actions in firing his Deputy Chief of Staff stand in stark contrast to the actions of both President Obama and putative 2016 Democratic presidential candidate, Hilary Clinton. When faced with a clear

dereliction of duty, the Governor has at least moved to assign blame and hold that person accountable. That cannot be said about either President Obama or Secretary of State Clinton. As of this writing, nobody has been held accountable and punished for the Bengazi deaths, the IRS abuse or the Obamacare disaster. As one political strategist joked, Christie can at least point to the fact that when standards aren't met, people are fired, whereas Obama promotes them.

If firing people is the beginning of an earnest effort to remedy the issue and insure that future abuses of power don't occur, Christie will burnish his reputation and likely reclaim the trust of both blues and reds who have voted for him. If, on the other hand, Christie is shown to have been intimately involved in this act of retribution, then he deserves neither the presidency or the governorship.

To some extent, the Governor is portraying himself as a victim. In fairness to him, he didn't use that word to specifically describe himself and he has only used it in reference to those in N.J. and N.Y. who had to drive through or live through the 4-day mess, but victimhood has been alluded to, and that is troubling. Christie stated that he was "betrayed" by senior members of his staff and that he only learned the truth after the newspapers had published the content of the emails. There is no doubt he was betrayed. But how believable is it that he wouldn't have discovered the truth on his own?

Even if we grant that his staff lied to him about their involvement, this was a major news story when it happened. 4-days of coverage in the N.J./N.Y. metro area put it on every newspaper and radio station for hours on end. Are we to believe the Governor didn't know about it? Of course not. The crux here is whether we're to believe that after being told his staff wasn't involved the Governor didn't pursue the matter further.

I personally find that very hard to believe, which puts the burden of proof right back where it belongs. Someone who seeks the presidency should be engaged enough to push for straight answers on major issues. If told his staff wasn't involved, wouldn't a true leader have then demanded that his staff find out who was at fault? Apparently, no such request and no such investigation were launched. If he Governor wishes to retain his current job and/or seek a bigger one, his handling of the situation, if not his involvement, need to be further reviewed.



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WHAT'S ON 98

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That Uncertain Feeling was released on April 20, 1941: A lady visits a psychoanalyst to get rid of her attacks of the hiccups, but may lose her husband instead.

Ernst Lubitsch was a famed director of the golden age of movies. He made this one right after the Jimmy Stewart classic 'The Shop Around the Corner.' You know that you are in for a treat from a great director, so pop a large bowl of popcorn, drizzle on lots of warm melted butter, and settle down for a romantic dramatic comedy with Merle Oberon, Melvyn Douglas, Burgess Meredith and Eve Arden.

The Bakers have an ideal marriage. He is a high-powered insurance salesman, they live on Park Avenue in New York City, and she has everything a wife could want . . . and more. As the movie opens, we learn that Jill Baker gets sudden attacks of the hiccups. One of Jill's girlfriends suggests that she visit a psychoanalyst that could surely cure her hiccups. Jill is skeptical, but goes to the doctor, who informs her that she has problems with her husband. Jill thought she was very happy in her marriage, but after the doctor told her otherwise, she started seeing all of the flaws in her hubby, and believes that he is the cause of her hiccups. One day on a visit to her analyst, he is delayed, and Jill meets another patient, a totally whacked out pianist (Burgess Meredith), and somehow they become attracted to each other. Jill's husband gets suspicious of the two, and it looks like their marriage is heading for the rocks. One afternoon when Jill's husband returns home early in the afternoon to talk to his young wife, and discovers that the pianist is already there having a fun afternoon with Jill. Jill faints dead away, and her husband and her pianist friend are together, mano-a-mano, and Jill's husband starts a classic 'Lubitsch' style sales job to win his wife back. The biggest sales pitch he's ever made. He starts divorce proceedings, and 'gives' his wife to the pianist. Of course, Jill gets regrets, and soon they are both playing the ends against the middle. Things go back and forth, each trying to speed up the divorce, and then slow down the proceedings, right up to the happy ending.

This movie was released in April of 1941, eight months before Pearl Harbor, and the U.S. was divided over whether to help Europe fight the German Nazi's or not. When Jill's husband confronts Burgess Meredith about his affair with Jill, Burgess Meredith repeats over and over again, "I will not fight," thinking that Jill's husband will fight him over her. Jill's husband replies, "So you are an isolationist," referring to the segment of the U.S. that believes that the country should isolate itself from the war in Europe and not get involved. And later her husband does a sarcastic 'heil' salute, making reference to the Nazi's as dictatorial. Movie goes of 1941 would have understood this immediately and either agreed or disagreed with one side or the other. Of course, once the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor in December of the same year, U.S. sentiment was united in favor of war, and the mightiest war machine in the history of the world was born.

by Jimbo Berkey

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Saturday	Calendar Girl
Sunday	Wake Up and Dream

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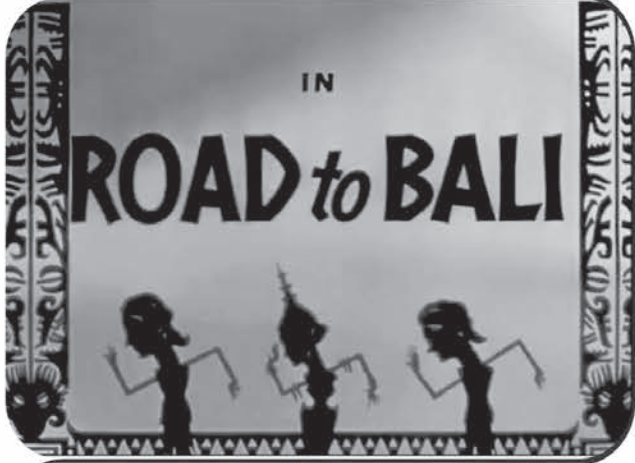
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7 to 8 pm	Bonanza, Mr. & Mrs. North, Sherlock Holmes
9 to 10 pm	Scared to Death
Tuesday 1.14.14	Movies
7 to 8 am	Children's Programing
9 to 10 am	Painting, Cooking and much much more
11 to 12 pm	Earthworm Tractors
1 to 2 pm	Reaching for the Moon and Morals for Women
3 to 4 pm	A Farwell to Arms
5 to 6 pm	Earthworm Tractors
7 to 8 pm	Bonanza, Mr. & Mrs. North, Sherlock Holmes
9 to 10 pm	The Evil Mind
Wednesday 1.15.14	Movies
7 to 8 am	Children's Programing
9 to 10 am	Painting, Cooking and much much more
11 to 12 pm	Young and Beautiful
1 to 2 pm	Forced Landing and The Phantom Express
3 to 4 pm	No Hands onthe Clock
5 to 6 pm	Young and Beautiful
7 to 8 pm	Bonanza, Mr. & Mrs. North, Sherlock Holmes
9 to 10 pm	The Devil Bat
Thursday 1.16.14	Movies
7 to 8 am	Children's Programing
9 to 10 am	Painting, Cooking and much much more
11 to 12 pm	The Villain Still Pursued Her
1 to 2 pm	Manhattan Tower and Marked for Murder
3 to 4 pm	Corsair
5 to 6 pm	The Villain Still Pursued Her
7 to 8 pm	Bonanza, Mr. & Mrs. North, Sherlock Holmes
9 to 10 pm	The Terror
Friday 1.14.14	Movies
7 to 8 am	Children's Programing
9 to 10 am	Painting, Cooking and much much more
11 to 12 pm	The Gang is all Here
1 to 2 pm	Unholy Love
3 to 4 pm	Emperor Jones
5 to 6 pm	The Gang is all Here
7 to 8 pm	Bonanza, Mr. & Mrs. North, Sherlock Holmes
9 to 10 pm	Horror Hotel
Saturday 1.4.14	Movies
7 to 8 am	Children's Programing
9 to 10 am	Honor of the Range and The Lucky Texan
11 to 12 pm	Take Me Back to Oklahoma and Hell Fire Austin
1 to 2 pm	Buck Jones Border Law & Cowboy form Sundown
3 to 4 pm	Shado Ranch & Range Warfare
5 to 6 pm	Take Me Back to Oklahoma and Hell Fire Austin
7 to 8 pm	Calendar Girl
9 to 10 pm	Road Show
Sunday 1.5.14	Movies
7 to 8 am	Children's Programing
9 to 11 am	Michelle Ray Music
11 to 12 pm	Jance Eyre and Abraham Lincoln
1 to 2 pm	The Laugh Maker and June Moon
3 to 4 pm	Shuttle Doc
5 to 6 pm	Jance Eyre and Abraham Lincoln
7 to 8 pm	Band Wagon and Gang War
9 to 10 pm	Wake Up and Dream



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1750 E. OCEAN BLVD. #1613, LONG BEACH, CA 90802. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: BRIAN DEAN BIGGERS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/18/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: December 21, 28, 2013 January 04, 11, 2014

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-256967
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BROTHERS BARBER SHOP BELLFLOWER, 10209 ROSECRANS AVE., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VICTOR DAVID MUNOZ, 10209 ROSECRANS AVE., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706, STEVEN EDWARD MUNOZ, 10209 ROSECRANS AVE., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: VICTOR DAVID MUNOZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/16/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: December 21, 28, 2013 January 04, 11, 2014

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-258619
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BROTHER'S TOBACCO, 8310 S. BROADWAY ST., L.A., CA 90003. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DAVID SANCHEZ JR., 8310 S. BROADWAY ST., L.A., CA 90003. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DAVID SANCHEZ JR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/18/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: December 21, 28, 2013 January 04, 11, 2014

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-255751
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CALIBER LEGAL, 2013 W. BEVERLY BLVD. #A, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CALIBER LEGAL, PC, 2013 W. BEVERLY BLVD. #A, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: YUE ZHANG. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/13/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: December 21, 28, 2013 January 04, 11, 2014

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-256556
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CALIFORNIA WEIGHT LOSS-POMONA, 449 N. GARREY AVE., POMONA, CA 91767. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARK MAHFOUZ, 23655 CANYON VISTA CT, DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARK MAHFOUZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/16/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: December 21, 28, 2013 January 04, 11, 2014

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-255336
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DOLLEE'S FASHION BOUTIQUE, 1312 S. CALIFORNIA AVE., COMPTON, CA 90221. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DONNA M. BUSTOS, 1312 S. CALIFORNIA AVE., COMPTON, CA 90221. This Business is conducted by: CO-PARTNERS. Signed: DONNA M. BUSTOS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/13/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: December 21, 28, 2013 January 04, 11, 2014

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-259101

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DYNAMIC GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, 455 W. 6th ST., SAN PEDRO, CA 90731. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE GUERRERO, 455 W. 6th ST., SAN PEDRO, CA 90731. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSE GUERRERO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/19/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: December 21, 28, 2013 January 04, 11, 2014

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-256854
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ELITE MANUFACTURING SOLUTIONS, 3011 ARLOTTE AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90808. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NORMAN FRANCIS WENZLER, 3011 ARLOTTE AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90808. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: NORMAN FRANCIS WENZLER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/16/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: December 21, 28, 2013 January 04, 11, 2014

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-256737
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FLAMZZ, 150 E. COLORADO BLVD., MONROVIA, CA 91016. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LOTERIA CANTINA & GRILL MEXICAN CUISINE, LLC, 150 E. COLORADO BLVD., MONROVIA, CA 91016. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: JOSE MOCTEZUMA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/16/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: December 21, 28, 2013 January 04, 11, 2014

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-259630
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FRED B., 2316 W. IMPERIAL HWY. #B, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PERCELL D. JASPER, 2316 W. IMPERIAL HWY. #B, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: PERCELL D. JASPER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/19/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: December 21, 28, 2013 January 04, 11, 2014

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-259574
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GENOMA PROPERTIES, 468 N. CAMDEN DR., #200, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GENESIS S. GOMEZ, 1808½ HAUSER BLVD., L.A., CA 90019. This Business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE. Signed: MARCIO M. GOMEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/19/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: December 21, 28, 2013 January 04, 11, 2014

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-258582
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GRICE BENCH GALLERY, 915 S. MATEO ST., STE 210, L.A., CA 90021. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JPY ART INC., 915 S. MATEO ST., STE 210, L.A., CA 90021. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: PERRY NGUYEN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/18/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: December 21, 28, 2013 January 04, 11, 2014

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-258749
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GRIFFIN'S SPORTING SUPPLY, 5836 PEARCE AVE., LAKEWOOD, CA 90712. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TIM GRIFFIN, 5836 PEARCE AVE., LAKEWOOD, CA 90712. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TIM GRIFFIN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/18/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: December 21, 28, 2013 January 04, 11, 2014

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-256073
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HOLLY LARRY, 663 UNIVERSITY DR., CARSON, CA 90746. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LAWRENCE TOWNSEND, 663 UNIVERSITY DR., CARSON, CA 90746. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LAWRENCE TOWNSEND. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/13/2013. 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 the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: December 21, 28, 2013 January 04, 11, 2014

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-239100
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: INDUSTRIAL SALES AND SERVICES; INDUSTRIAL SALES & CONSULTING SERVICES, 325 PROSPECT AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90814. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TRACY GREEN, 325 PROSPECT AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90814. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TRACY GREEN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/19/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/12/2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: December 14, 28, 2013 January 04, 2014

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-259644
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: J'S JEWELRY OF GARDENA, 18601 S. MARIPOSA AVE., GARDENA, CA 90248. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PERKIE JOSEL NORWOOD JACKSON, 18601 S. MARIPOSA AVE., GARDENA, CA 90248. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: PERKIE JOSEL NORWOOD JACKSON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/17/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: December 21, 28, 2013 January 04, 11, 2014

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-259644
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JDA SOFTWARE, 7553 NOREN ST., DOWNEY, CA 90240-3108. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NICOLE ANN AYALA, 1065 W. GAGE AVE., L.A., CA 90044. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: NICOLE ANN AYALA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/19/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: December 21, 28, 2013 January 04, 11, 2014

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-244236
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: K & K IMPORTS, 4281 BANDINI BLVD., VERNON, CA 90058. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) J & D INTERNATIONAL GROUP INC., 4281 BANDINI BLVD., VERNON, CA 90058. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: YANYANG LI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/16/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: December 21, 28, 2013 January 04, 11, 2014

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-258489
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: KIM & CHRIS DELI, 3100 E. IMPERIAL HWY. #1312, LYNWOOD, CA 90262. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KIM & CHRIS DELI, INC., 3100 E. IMPERIAL HWY. #1312, LYNWOOD, CA 90262. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: IRMA CUEVAS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/16/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/15/2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: December 21, 28, 2013 January 04, 11, 2014

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-258438
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: KCL & CO., 17521 VERNIA DR., ROWLAND HTS., CA 91748. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ENGER CHIU, 17521 VERNIA DR., ROWLAND HTS., CA 91748. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ENGER CHIU. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/18/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: December 21, 28, 2013 January 04, 11, 2014

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-256745
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: KREATIVE AUDIO & TINT, 4715 N. PECK RD., EL MONTE, CA 91732. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JAIME ROBLES CORTEZ, 3242 DEL MAR AVE., ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JAIME ROBLES CORTEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/16/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: December 21, 28, 2013 January 04, 11, 2014

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-258540
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LIQUID LEAF VAPES; WWW. LIQUIDLEAFVAPES.COM; LIQUID LEAF; LIQUID LEAF VAPORIZERS, 305 N. SECOND AVE., STE 185, L.A., CA 91706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALEXANDERS CYRUS, LLC., 305 N. SECOND AVE. STE 185, L.A., CA 91706. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: MARTINEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/18/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: December 21, 28, 2013 January 04, 11, 2014

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-259462
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LITTLE LMO SERVICE, 10243 HELENDALE AVE., TULJINGA, CA 91042. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GEORGEN HAROOTYONYAN, 10243 HELENDALE AVE., TULJINGA, CA 91042. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: GEORGEN HAROOTYONYAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/19/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: December 21, 28, 2013 January 04, 11, 2014

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-255883
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LOVEREPORTCARDS.COM, 490 PINE AVE. #P301, LONG BEACH, CA 90802. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ANTHONY CLARK, 490 PINE AVE. #P301, LONG BEACH, CA 90802. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ANTHONY CLARK. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/13/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/13/2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: December 21, 28, 2013 January 04, 11, 2014

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-258466
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: M & P APPAREL GROUP, 7818 SEVILLE AVE., HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PANAYIOTIS C. FLOURIS, 6920 RAMONA AVE., ALTA LOMA, CA 91701. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: PANAYIOTIS C. FLOURIS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/18/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: December 21, 28, 2013 January 04, 11, 2014

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2013-255866
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MACKS LIQUOR, 13248 E. VALLEY BLVD., LA PUENTE, CA 91746. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BASIM AYYOUB, 2808 N. BUENA VISTA ST., BURBANK, CA 91504, BASSAM LOUIS, 2916 HAWKS POINTE DR., FULLERTON, CA 92833. This Business is conducted by: CO-PARTNERS. Signed: BASIM AYYOUB. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/13/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: December 21, 28, 2013 January 04, 11, 2014

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File No. 2013-258627
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MARISCOS EL BIGOTON, 5959 MAYWOOD AVE. #811, HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUAN F. SANCHEZ, 6080 SOUTHSIDE DR., COMMERCE, CA 90040. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: JUAN F. SANCHEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/18/2013. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: December 21, 28, 2013 January 04, 11, 2014

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE - AUCTION

Notice of Public Sale of Unclaimed Personal Property left by a former commercial tenant to be sold by Public Auction at 11800 Valley, El Monte, CA. 91732 on January 23, 2014 at 2:00 pm.

The said property consists of office furniture, tables, decorations, pictures, fish tank, file and storage cabinets, office chairs, waiting room chairs, office supplies, printers, copiers, phones, paper records, examination tables, podiatry medical tools and equipment, x-ray machine, display cabinets, medical supplies cabinets, exam chairs, medical tool cabinets, foot braces, foot boots, wheelchairs, crutches, ladders, carts, misc. boxes.

The former tenant has the right to reclaim all said items prior to sale pursuant to law.

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Purchases must be paid in full with cash at the time of the sale unless otherwise prearranged with the auctioneer.

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BASIC BUSINESS MARKETING TOOL KIT

Success happens when preparation meets opportunity. Developing a marketing kit is one of the things that every entrepreneur needs to complete. It will be used to support the successful launch and promotion of a business and should include the following items:

Logos & Taglines

McDonald's golden arches and the Nike swish are two of the most familiar corporate logos around the world. Each one is simple, with very little detail, which makes it easy to recognize no matter its size. A logo should be designed so that it is still easily recognizable when it is reduced to a size small enough to fit onto a business card. A tagline, also referred to as a slogan, should be succinct and memorable like the Nike "Just Do It" tagline that launched a marketing campaign that is remembered to this day. Many companies have several designs of their logo, including some layouts that include the company name or tagline.

Internet Presence

Every entrepreneur needs to determine which combination of digital media will best meet the needs of the company. Websites are no longer the only centerpiece of an online presence now that an increasing number of social media services can be customized with features to display and sell products, support customer dialogue and include links that allow visitors to choose the social media tool of their liking.

Business Cards

Traditional business cards are still in demand as they remain one of the most inexpensive, tangible business tools that can be distributed to potential customers. Like the logo, the design should be simple and the style and size of the font should be easy to read. Too much information will make it look crowded and difficult to read. The main purpose of a business card is to provide contact information and where to find your company online or on social media.

Brochures, Flyers or Postcards

Businesses that cater to those in the Baby Boomers generation and older will still find it necessary to include printed marketing materials in the tool kit. These collateral materials should convey professionalism and be designed to convey the image and message that will encourage people to visit your website, join you on Facebook*, Twitter*, Pinterest* or other digital media. Younger people are inclined to use smart phones, tablets and computers to view information from businesses attempting to bring them in as customers.

Once completed, each tool in the marketing kit can be used to build the company's brand.



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2. Select "Install App" and choose your Facebook page from a drop down menu.
3. Look for the new app on your Facebook page, open it and configure it (you will be asked to provide your Constant Contact account information).
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About MJ: MJ and her brother David own HUTdogs. They



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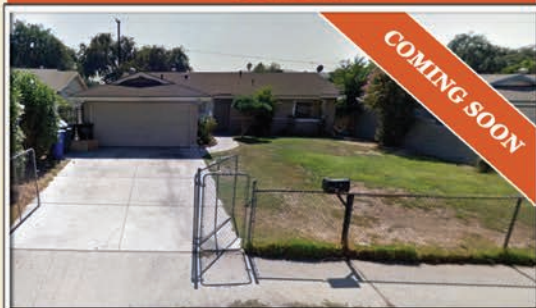
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