

A REASONABLE DISCUSSION ON SIERRA MADRE’S WATER SITUATION

EDITOR’S NOTE: At Tuesday’s City Council meeting a decision may change the city’s water department forever. In the midst of a severe drought, Sierra Madreans are challenged with the task of how to keep its water company operating while waiting for badly needed rain. Purchased water still runs yellow through our pipes and it is expensive. (This writer returned from out of town only to find that the water in the faucet initially came out a root beer color for a good thirty seconds.)

In speaking with residents around town, the majority of those spoken to aren’t happy about a rate increase, but will not oppose it. They are willing to support it in order to maintain our own water company.

There are others who are determined to try to gather enough signatures opposing the rate increase to stop it. Only time will tell, as the opposition ballots will not be counted until Tuesday.

In the meantime, the questions continue to pour into the Mountain Views News. One local resident, Eric Olson, wrote a letter to the entire city council and the city manager, and provided a copy to this paper. They are questions that I’ve heard asked over and over again. Read them and the city’s responses below. (The city manager’s responses are in italics. She informed the MVNews that the answers include input from the Public Works Director, Bruce Inman.)

OLSON: 1. No one wants their water bill to go up. On the other hand, everyone knows that the covenants we gave in connection with our water bonds are hopelessly in default and it is no surprise that our municipal credit rating stinks. We need to get our credit back.

OLSON: 2. No one is very happy that we had to bring water in at what appeared to be an extravagant cost. To add insult to injury, the imported water discolored the local water in some areas .

3a. Are there capital expenditures that could be made that would make it possible to stretch our own Sierra Madre sources further?

Yes, there are capital projects that will help us stretch-out our Sierra Madre sources - for example, there is a \$22 million dollar project involving the County, the Raymond Basin Management Board, the City of Arcadia and the City of Sierra Madre to improve the capture of water out of the Santa Anita Canyon. Sierra Madre’s cost share is approximately \$900,000; this project has been budgeted and is included in the current rate study.

b. In addition to being old and precariously close to breaking, are our pipes leaking? Is there some way to detect leaks in the pipes?

Some of our water mains leak intermittently , and when they do -- we repair the leaks. Yes, there is a system that will detect leaks, before the leaks make it to the surface. Staff is evaluating the equipment, and if it looks like it will work for Sierra Madre and be cost effective, the equipment will be included in the next City budget. It is important to note that any “additions” to the water department budget, are ultimately paid for by the rate payers.

c. Would it be possible to capture more local water and put it into our water table?

Yes, this is the primary goal of the project described in response to your question number 2a. That project is one of twelve (12) projects identified in the East Raymond Basin Water Resources Plan. The cost of the twelve projects is more than \$40 million.

d. I understand some cities by smart metering are detecting water loss and saving customers money. Would that work here?

Yes, this would work in Sierra Madre.

The City has obtained bids for the "smart metering," and the quotes were in the \$1.5 million range. These costs were not included in the current rate study . If this project was included in the rate study, the rates would have been higher than currently proposed. Depending upon the outcome of the current rate increase process, the water fund’s future financial condition, and other water infrastructure projects, it may be possible to re-evaluate this project in the future.

e. What other things could we do?

There have been staff reports prepared over the years that presented options; such as drilling new wells outside or inside the Raymond Basin. However, each well would cost more than \$2 million, not including the cost of the land.

3. If we cannot increase our supplies do we need to take further draconian steps?

The City has already taken action to ensure the supply of water , by importing water via the Grandview connection . (The Grandview connection is further described below.)

a. Do we need to impose new building moratoriums?

Based upon current conditions, the City is currently in a Phase I and Phase II level of water conservation. A building moratorium is not a component of Phase I or Phase II conservation. Should the City go to Phase III or Phase IV, then no new potable water services can be provided and no temporary or permanent meters can be installed. Phase III and Phase IV also call for a greater amount of water conservation by current customers . For example, Phase IV, includes an across-the-board , 45.5% reduction in water use.

Additionally, implementing a building moratorium is a multi-step process, governed by state law. A moratorium can only be adopted by the City Council, if specific legislative findings are made, such as, "that there is a current and immediate threat to the public health, safety, or welfare, and that the approval of additional sub-divisions, use permits, variances, building permits, or any other applicable entitlement for use which is required in order to comply with a zoning ordinance would result in that threat to public health, safety, or welfare." A moratorium also cannot be for an indefinite period of time. For example, an initial 45 day moratorium, followed by the requirement that the City Council describe the measures

taken to alleviate the condition which lead to the adoption of the initial moratorium . Then the moratorium can be extended for a time period of 10 months and 15 days , followed by an additional year (for a total of 2 years maximum.)

b. Do we need to severely restrict outside watering?

Sierra Madre’s water conservation ordinance allows individuals to determine how they will meet their water conservation targets. Ultimately it is an individual household decision on how to meet their conservation targets , and there is currently, no "law" that prohibits outside watering.

However, in light of the current state-wide drought situation, the City encourages any reduction that can be made to outside watering, because studies show that most water use is for watering outside the home. If someone is considering updating their landscaping, please consider changing over to low-water plants for water conservation.

4. I have heard informally that our rates are materially higher than elsewhere nearby.

a. Is this true?

Please see the chart inserted below; four agencies have higher rates, while eight agencies currently have lower rates. However, it is important to note that some of the lower agencies are either currently undergoing a rate study, or they will be undergoing a rate study in the next few years, or they are in the second or third year of a multi-year rate increase .*

a. Have we looked into the possibility of partnering with some other local entity?

Yes, Sierra Madre regularly partners with the San Gabriel Valley Water District. For example, the District has provided more than \$1.5 million in grants, and \$1.5 million in a “zero interest loan”, and the District paid the full cost of approximately \$2 million for the interconnection with the Metropolitan Water District (the connection is referred to as the “Grandview connection .”) The Grandview connection is currently supplying Sierra Madre’s water needs.

b. Have we considered selling our system to a water company that could make the necessary capital improvements as well as lower our rates?

While the possibility of selling the city’s water department has come up during discussions pertaining to the water rate increases, generally a municipality does what it can to retain the utility. Experience shows that when a municipal water system is sold, the rates generally do not decrease, particularly in a situation where the water system has deferred maintenance issues. In most instances, the revenue to repair the system ultimately comes directly or indirectly from the customers. Another factor to consider , is if the municipal utility is sold to a private company , the private company’s shareholders may anticipate a rate of return on their investment. Additionally, a private company is not required to go through a Proposition 218 process to increase rates.

*The chart could not be reproduced in time for publication.

Thank you Mr. Olson for sharing your questions and answers with the Mountain Views News

ARRESTS MADE IN SIERRA MADRE CREDIT CARD SCAM

After learning about the massive data theft from Target customers late last year, it is probably welcome news for some Sierra Madre residents to learn that arrests have been made in the three year old EVG credit card scam.

In December, 2010, it was discovered that thieves had placed ‘skimmers’ on gas pumps at what was then known as the EVG gas station on S. Baldwin Avenue in Sierra Madre. (That station has since changed owners at least twice since the scandal broke.) As a result, there were 600 incidents of fraudulent credit card use and approximately \$175, 000 in actual monetary losses. Of the victims, 78% of them are Sierra Madre residents.

The case was handed over to federal authorities immediately because of the size and scope of the crimes.

In December 2013, the United States Secret Service (USSS) arrested two men in connection with the identity theft crimes. Among the crimes they are accused of being involved with is our local EVG scam.

According to a press release from the City of Sierra Madre, “On

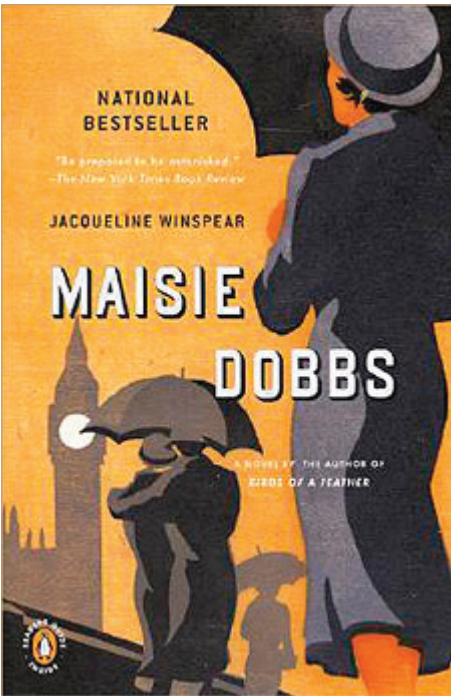
September 6, 2013 after nearly 20 months of investigative work, the USSS filed a nine count indictment in Federal Court against Artak Moskovyan and his brother Arakel Moskovyan. The indictment charged Conspiracy to Commit Access Device Fraud, Possession of Counterfeit and Unauthorized Access Devices, Unlawful Possession of Device Making Equipment and six additional related charges. The indictment indicated that on January 6, 2011, Artak Moskovyan was found in possession of 548 counterfeit credit/debit cards and computer equipment that was used to fraudulently utilize stolen credit card account information and PIN numbers. Arakel Moskovyan was charged with aiding and abetting his brother in the operation.

Although a number of the stolen accounts mentioned in the indictment were traced back to the EVG service station, several others were obtained from other retail businesses throughout the Southern California Region.

The trial is scheduled to begin March 11, 2014. “

MAISIE DOBBS - SIERRA MADRE’S ONE BOOK ONE CITY CHOICE

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



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

2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I and Winspear’s talk caps a month of programs with a World War I theme.

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

- Children’s Airplane Flying Contest
- Display of artifacts from World War I
- Display of World War I award-winning poetry by Christopher “Kit”

- Adde
- Teen Docents will feature virtual tours of Sierra Madre in the World War I period
- Live music from the era
- Events throughout the month

Tuesday, 2/4, 7:00 p.m., Library
Travel in Time and Space. Immerse yourself in Maisie’s world with an armchair tour of World War I life. Catherine Adde will take us to Cambridge, London, the English countryside and the battlefields of France where the story takes place.

Monday, 2/10, 7:00 p.m., Sierra Madre Playhouse
Wings, an epic World War I silent action drama that features spectacular aerial sequences of vintage dog fighting and a romantic angle featuring its top-billed star Clara Bow.

Wednesday 2/12, 7:00 p.m., Library
Featured Book Discussion - Everyone is welcome to attend a special discussion of Winspear’s book, Maisie Dobbs.

Thursday, 2/20 11:00 a.m., Library
Third Thursday Book discussion Maisie Dobbs

Thursday, 2/20, 7:00 p.m., Essick House: The Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society presents author and historian Michele Zack who will speak on life in Sierra Madre during the years up to, including, and following WWI. Emphasis will be on the role of Sierra Madre’s women in shaping early 20th century community life and involvement in the War effort.

Wednesdays, February, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Library basement
Teen Book Club will read Leviathan by Scott Westerfeld, a steam-punk novel with a World War I setting.

Friday 2/21, 7:00 p.m., Alverno Villa
Friends of the Library Wine Tasting. A signed copy of Maisie Dobbs will be featured as a silent auction item.

Saturday, February 22, 2:00 p.m., The Gooden School multi-purpose room
Appearance and book signing by author Jacqueline Winspear.
One Book One City is supported by the Sierra Madre Community Foundation, the Sierra Madre Civic Club and the Sierra Madre Rotary Club.

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Fri:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s

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 28, 2014
6:30 pm



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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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Sierra Madre, CA. - The City of Sierra Madre Community Services Department and the Senior Community Commission is seeking your assistance to find the 2014 Older 'Sierra Madre' American of the Year.

Nominated individuals must live in Sierra Madre, demonstrate outstanding community service and be age 60 or older. Nomination forms can be obtained from the Hart Park House Senior Center, Community Recreation Center, City Hall, Sierra Madre Public Library or by contacting the Senior Services Desk at (626) 355-7394.

Nominations are due by Tuesday, February 18, 2014 and can be dropped off at the Hart Park House Senior Center or mailed to City of Sierra Madre, c/o Older American Nomination, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. The Senior Community Commission will discuss nominees and announce the honoree at their regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 6, 2014 in the Sierra Madre City Council Chambers. The honoree will also be recognized at a reception held in their honor on Friday, May 9, 2014.

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

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WHY I AM RUNNING FOR SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL

By Noah Green

Paid Political Announcement

As some of you may know, I am running for City Council this year. Of course, the question people keep asking me is "Why are you running?" My answer is simple: "Because we need people on City Council that will deal with the big issues." Here is what I mean by that:

1. More Water

The recent drought has forced us to buy water from the outside. The cost is prohibitive and cannot be sustained over the long term. Of course, we are not alone in confronting this issue as water shortages are a problem throughout California and indeed much of the world. Water recycling, desalination, conservation, and increased capture of rain are alternatives to increased importation that should all be considered and implemented if possible. Temporary costs for creating the infrastructure necessary for these measures will be

offset over time by reduced costs in water importation and the increased value associated with the town's long-term viability. For more information on this subject, go to <http://www.cadroughtprep.net/watshort.htm>.

2. Independence

Another major reason that Sierra Madre is an independent entity rather than just a subdivision of a larger municipality is that we have our own police and fire departments. These agencies provide us with quick and comprehensive responses to local emergencies while remaining under the control of our locally elected government. Without them, we would be patrolled and protected by distant forces not accountable to the local voters who would take longer to get here.

Of course, maintaining local forces is not cheap. City revenues increase by only 1% a year while inflation and mandatory cost increases imposed by outside forces involuntarily grow the City's expenses by 5% per year. These economic realities will inevitably force us to make difficult choices about which non-essential government services need to be sacrificed. For a detailed explanation of the City's budget, go to <https://sierramadre.opengov.com>.

3. Better Business

One of the things that makes Sierra Madre a town unto itself instead of neighborhood of Pasadena or Arcadia is that we have a "Main Street." Our local businesses create a hub for local activity and a sense of tight-knit community. These businesses also give us the convenience of shopping locally. In other words, we can buy the things we need or go out to dinner without "going down the hill."

While I am not in favor of building new commercial properties, I would like to see the empty stores filled up. New businesses that add to our community and convenience should be encouraged as much as possible. To read more about the benefits of a local business community, go to <http://www.ilsr.org/why-support-locally-owned-businesses/>.

These issues and opinions form the core of my values and reasons for running. If you share these values with me, I hope that I can earn your vote on April 8.

Paid for by the Committee To Elect Noah Green, Sierra Madre, Ca.

WALKING SIERRA MADRE.....THE SOCIAL SIDE

By Deanne Davis

"I have decided to stick with love, hate is too great a burden to bear."
"Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step." Martin Luther King

Today is a day of remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King. A man whose light was extinguished far too soon, but whose legacy will live forever.

Got out for the walk a little after 6 a.m. and saw one of those sunrises that leaves you speechless. A brilliant red streaked sky with touches of yellow. The Colby fire in Glendora is over 70% contained now so we were relieved to know that red sky was not flame induced. Walking up Canon Drive we saw four deer in the front yard of our friend, Fay Angus's, house, delicately nibbling her grass, enjoying the morning, raising their heads to examine us and dismissing us as paltry humans.

We moved to Sierra Madre in 1967 as newlyweds, John and I, with a dowry of two Revere saucepans, a gold Danish Modern couch and a couple of end tables, a bedroom set, and his three delightful children who were twelve, seven and four. We rented the house right in back of Fay's and she and her husband, John, befriended us immediately. She taught me how to make chicken and rice: A couple of cups of rice, "buy good rice!" she said, a bunch of chicken parts, a couple of cans of cream of chicken soup, refilling the cans with milk, cook it at about 325 for an hour or so and it's the best thing you ever ate! Even children like it. I can't count how many cups of tea I've drunk in Fay's kitchen and how many times she's dried my tears and told me God loved me and had a plan for all our lives.

I think Fay's first book was, "Between Your Status And Your Quo," published in 1975. I always knew she was funny and this just proved it. Here are a few of her chapter headings: Let Me Die With My Eyebrows On, Mother Closes At Nine, Sanctified Teapots. The back cover tells us: "The author precisely and humorously deflates Christian pretensions...Fay Angus affords Christians an opportunity for honest, gently administered reflection and a little comic relief at the same time."

Since that book, Fay has written many others, has been the speaker at countless events, is my youngest daughter's godmother, and blessed her minutes after she was born, has encouraged me in my own writing career, and has been a wonderful friend through the years. Fay will be appearing, along with several other authors, at the Sierra Madre Woman's Club on Saturday, February 1st from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The program entitled, "Lattes & Literature" will feature opportunities to meet the authors, find out why they wrote the books they wrote, and maybe discuss your own writing aspirations. I won't reveal any more of Fay Angus's story, suffice to say it's not your average life. The stories of her early years are flat out jaw-dropping! I'll be there, for sure. RSVP: 355-8977 by Wednesday, January 29th. It's just \$20 and proceeds will support SMWC's 30+ charities.

Have you noticed the Chinese magnolia trees blooming all over town? What a sight! Pink ones, purple, white. I've always thought they were tulip trees, but Google has straightened me out. Well, magnolias, tulips, they're a delight to see. Daffodils and Dutch Iris are starting to make their presence known and I'd like to know why all my oranges have split open on the tree. Taste great, but not their usual gorgeous selves. It feels a lot like Spring, but it's hard to enjoy when we need rain, want rain, are praying for rain.

Governor Jerry Brown has noticed that we seem to be having a drought and suggested we all start conserving our water 20%. I'm happy to report that we have been below our water limit the last two months so I guess showering in cold water, covering the pool, and never letting the water run during those little hygienic rituals is paying off. And the flushing thing, too.

"When the well is dry, we know the worth of water." Benjamin Franklin

One last thing, my Walking Sierra Madre friends, 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.

I'm thrilled to report that you guys are buying it and, I hope, enjoying it! Thank you!



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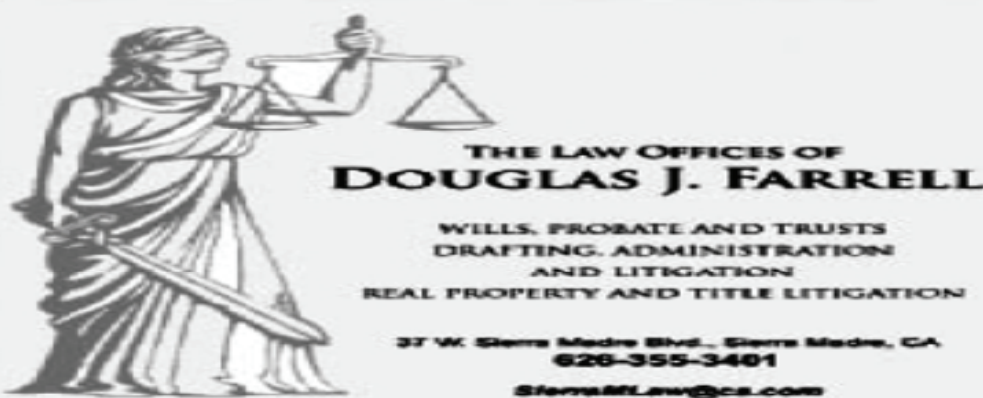
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City to Consider Narrowing Colorado Boulevard

Proposed plans are in the works that could slim Colorado Boulevard in Old Pasadena, adding new street parking along in the Playhouse District and place several small removable parks along the infamous thoroughfare, officials announced this week.

Although the plans call for removing two lanes, one in each direction, along the boulevard, made famous by the Rose Parade, city officials said they would do nothing to obstruct the event.

“We don’t do anything that would interfere with the parade,” Council member Terry Tornek told KABC news. “In fact, these ‘parklets,’ that we talk about would be designed specifically so they can be dismantled and stored.”

The plan proposed by the Playhouse District Association would convert six parking spots into parklets, with patios, planters, benches, grass and trees. According to the association’s website “other parking stalls [could] become shaded café spaces for outdoor dining.”

The area would also shift to reverse angled parking, where the vehicle backs in, increasing available spots up to 10 per block. City planners said the idea of removes one lane of traffic in each direction between Hudson and Los Robles Avenues could reduce traffic speeds and would redirect crosstown traffic along the Union and Green streets.

Department of Transportation Director Fred Dock said a similar plans looks at replacing vehicle lanes though Old Pasadena and replacing them with dedicated bike lanes. A number of parking spaces would also be redesigned from car to bike parking he said. Any plans to change Colorado Boulevard must first get approval from the city council Dock said.

Pet of the Week



Atticus is an eight-year-old red Labrador Retriever mix. He’s a staff and volunteer favorite and charms everyone he meets. He’s very friendly and loves attention.

Atticus’ adoption fee is \$125, which includes his neuter surgery, a microchip, the first set of vaccinations, as well as a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. He also qualifies for our “Seniors for Seniors” program in which his adoption fee is waived for adopters 60 years old and older. New adopters will receive complimentary health and wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information on how to care for your pet. Ask an adoptions counselor for more information during your visit.

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A346736, 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.



Chick-fil-A Plans Go Back for Review

Although not political in nature, the city council again rejected plans to put a new Chick-fil-A restaurant in Pasadena citing a minor conditional use permit to expand the current vacant Burger King location on east Colorado to add a second drive thru lane—the Georgia chicken sandwich eatery is known for its conservative views.

“My concern is that Chick-fil-A as cooperation is notorious for being anti-gay, their CEO helped fund the movement against the repeal of DOMA [Defense of Marriage Act],” said a resident during public comment, “And here they want to plant their flag and ride in our parade next year. Pasadena is greater than that... I

don’t think Chick-fil-A belongs in Pasadena.”

Councilmember Terry Tornek, who asked for the review said his worry was that by letting the restaurant expand the drive-thru 50 percent, that would become the norm and permanent. Tornek made a motion to send the issue back to the board of zoning appeals saying it had nothing to do with the company’s beliefs.

“We made drive-thrus a nonconforming use for a reason,” Tornek said. “We deemed them not to be what we aspire to in Pasadena and Colorado Blvd.”

If approved, the expansion would increase the exiting Burger King at 1700 East

Colorado from 3,100 square feet to 4,600 square feet. Chick-fil-A representatives said they choose the location because it is next to Pasadena City College. Chick-fil-A also plans a float in next year’s Rose Parade to coincide with the opening of the first restaurant in Pasadena

The city has rejected six other properties Chick-fil-A had sought including the last

Mentally Ill Dumping Bill Passes Committee

Assemblymember Chris Holden introduced again a measure that prevents last-minute dumping of seriously mentally ill inmates on county streets that passed its first committee test last week. This measure, which was narrowly defeated, last year, passed with unanimous bipartisan support out of the Assembly Committee on Public Safety Tuesday.

AB 1065 provides county probation departments with more time to identify, and plan for more intensive treatment and supervision of released offenders who were formerly classified as a mentally disordered offender (MDO). Under this bill, probation departments have 30 working days to thoroughly and properly put in place an appropriate supervision and treatment plan for these offenders. Previously counties only received 5 days or less to prepare.

“Given more time to plan, the county probation department and county department of mental health can work out an effective treatment and supervision plan to ensure these offenders are off the streets and getting the help they need,” said Assemblymember Holden. “This is an unaddressed issue of criminal justice realignment that is need of some cleanup in order to maintain both patient care and safety in our communities.”

AB 1065 now moves to Assembly Appropriations for financial consideration.

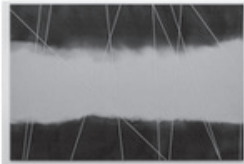
Police Curb-side Coffee and Chat

This year, the Community Services Section - Neighborhood Outreach Unit will be on the move once again in a concerted effort to meet and greet community members throughout the City of Pasadena. The Mobile Command Post Curb-side Coffee & Chat allows Pasadena Police Officers, Park Safety Specialist, Safe Schools Officers and support staff to meet the people we serve, make new friends and rekindle relationships.

The Mobile Command Post is being utilized as a highly visible and recognizable platform from which to host informal curbside coffee & chats with residents in neighborhoods throughout Pasadena. These informal meetings allow for neighbors and their children to step out of their homes and to be greeted at the curbside by uniformed officers operating the Mobile Command Post.

If you would like the Mobile Command Post Curb-side Coffee & Chat to visit your neighborhood, please call: Officer Ralph Ordonez at 626-744-7651 or email: ralphordonez@cityofpasadena.net

Museum Presents Exhibition on Chinese and Mexican Immigration to America



Pictured (left to right) Andrea Bowers, Installation view of

No Olvidado (Not Forgotten), no. 16

2010 Graphite on paper Courtesy of Susanne Vielmetter Los Angeles Projects, Photo credit: Robert Wedemeyer. Hung Liu, In the Garden 1, 2005 Oil on canvas Courtesy of Walter Maciel Gallery, Los Angeles, CA. Tony de los Reyes Border Theory (indeterminate zone/black), 2013 Dye and oil on linen Courtesy of Angles Gallery.

USC Pacific Asia Museum presents the new exhibition The Other Side: Chinese and Mexican Immigration to America in the Changing Exhibition Galleries from February 7 through July 20.

Through a collection from five contemporary artists of visual narratives about the Chinese and Mexican immigrant experiences, the exhibition explores the recurring issues of immigration, border relations and labor practices that have persisted throughout U.S. history and remain timely.

The selection of works employs a mash-up of different styles and references, spanning historic periods, geographic locations, cultural influences and gender perspectives, bound together by the common threads of memory, history, identity and humanity.

The artists featured are Andrea Bowers, Margarita Cabrera, Tony de los Reyes, Zhi Lin and Hung Liu.

Andrea Bowers’ No Olvidado (Not Forgotten), a fence monument comprised of 50” x 120” graphite on paper drawings, acts as a memorial honoring those who have died crossing the Mexico - U.S. border. Margarita Cabrera’s construction of desert plant

sculptures from discarded Border Patrol uniforms further navigates the socio-economic layers of migrant workers and the gender association concerning sewing and mass production. In his Border Theory series, Tony de los Reyes approaches the U.S. - Mexico border as a site of abstraction and explores the layered structures and formations of political, cultural, economic and aesthetic identity.

In his continuing exploration of the harsh reality and racism faced by Chinese immigrant railroad workers, Zhi Lin’s new large-scale abstract paintings record the physical and emotional hardships of their journey. Hung Liu’s portraits of Polly Bemis and China Mary draw attention to the female experience in late 1880s. Her Jiu Jin Shan (Old Gold Mountain) installation made of more than 100,000 fortune cookies over a railroad track pays tribute to the Chinese migrant workers who lost their lives building the railroad.

This exhibition was conceived by Nancy Tom and is guest-cured by Chip Tom with support provided by Columbia College Chicago and the Los Angeles County Arts Commission.

Meetings to be Held on General Plan Policies

The public is invited to a community meeting in February to review draft policies as part of the General Plan update that will help guide the City’s future.

The meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, February 1, 2014 at Pasadena City College’s Creveling Lounge (Building CC), 1570 East Colorado Boulevard. Parking is \$2 and is available in lots 3 and 4 along South Hill Avenue.

The General Plan, a blueprint that guides the City’s future, includes both a land use map and a list of policies. The policies answer important questions like, “What should new buildings look like?” and “How can we protect neighborhoods?” and “How can we improve the City’s

economy?”

The draft policies cover topics such as growth, transportation, design, historic preservation, environmental sustainability, arts and culture, economic vitality, parking, and education. The policies also give direction to future planning efforts for districts in the City such as the Central District, East Colorado, East Pasadena, North Lake, Fair Oaks and Orange Grove, Lincoln Avenue, Washington and Allen, West Gateway, and the Northwest.

A final draft, taking into consideration the comments of the Commissions and community, will be prepared in the summer of 2014.

For more information visit www.cityofpasadena.net/generalplan, call (626) 744-6710

Residents Displaced after Apartment Fire

An apartment fire Monday morning snarled traffic for hours near Huntington Hospital as fire crews battled the blaze that fully engulfed three units, damaging two others and displacing four families.

The fire, at 617 S. Pasadena Ave, was first reported at 11 a.m. and took 20 minutes to knock down. First reports from witnesses said there was a loud bang before the fire started. Investigators later determined the fire to be electrical in nature.

Pasadena Fire spokeswoman, Lisa Derderian said one person was treated on-scene but was not transported to the hospital. One female requested assistance with housing from Red Cross she said.

According to Derderian, a dog was successfully resuscitated,

using animal oxygen mask, one cat succumbed to the fire and two additional cats survived. Damages to the structure were estimated to be \$1.5 million and another \$300,000 in contents.

All of the pets were housed and assisted by Pasadena Humane Society she said.

In related news,

Officials released the name of a 95 year old man killed in a house fire Jan. 17 at 121 Carlton Ave. Abel McDaniel was found dead in the one story duplex fire reported at 11:37 p.m. Two persons from a second unit were displaced. Fire investigators also determined that the cause of the fire to be electrical. The fire caused over \$600,000 in damages Derderian said.



Fire crews knockdown a blaze at 617 S. Pasadena Ave. Photo courtesy of Pasadena Fire

NASA Receives Mars 2020 Rover Instrument Proposals

“NASA robotic missions are pioneering a path for human exploration of Mars in the 2030s”

NASA has received 58 proposals for science and exploration technology instruments to fly aboard the agency’s next Mars rover in 2020, twice the usual number submitted for instrument competitions in the recent past, and an indicator of the extraordinary interest in exploration of the Red Planet.

The agency is beginning a thorough review to determine the best combination of science and exploration technology investigations for the mission and anticipates making final selections in the next five months.

NASA opened competition for Mars 2020 research proposals in September and closed it January 15. Several NASA facilities, academia, industry, research laboratories and other government agencies submitted proposals. Seventeen proposals came from international partners.

The instruments developed from the selected proposals will be placed on a rover similar to Curiosity, which has been exploring Mars since 2012.

Using a proven landing system and rover chassis design to deliver these new experiments to Mars will ensure mission costs and risks are minimized as much as possible while still delivering a highly capable rover.

The rover also may help

designers of a human expedition understand the hazards posed by Martian dust and demonstrate how to collect carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, which could be a valuable resource for producing oxygen and rocket fuel.

“NASA robotic missions are pioneering a path for human exploration of Mars in the 2030s,” said William Gerstenmaier, NASA’s associate administrator for human exploration and operations in Washington. “The Mars 2020 rover mission presents new opportunities to learn how future human explorers could use natural resources available on the surface of the Red Planet. An ability to live off the land could reduce costs and engineering challenges posed by Mars exploration.”

The 2020 mission will build on the achievements of Curiosity and other Mars missions, and offer opportunities to deploy new capabilities developed through investments by NASA’s Space Technology Program, Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate, and contributions from international partners.

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For more information about NASA’s Mars programs, visit: <http://www.nasa.gov/mars>.

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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BOB AND PATSY HARBICHT NAMED ARCADIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CITIZENS OF YEAR

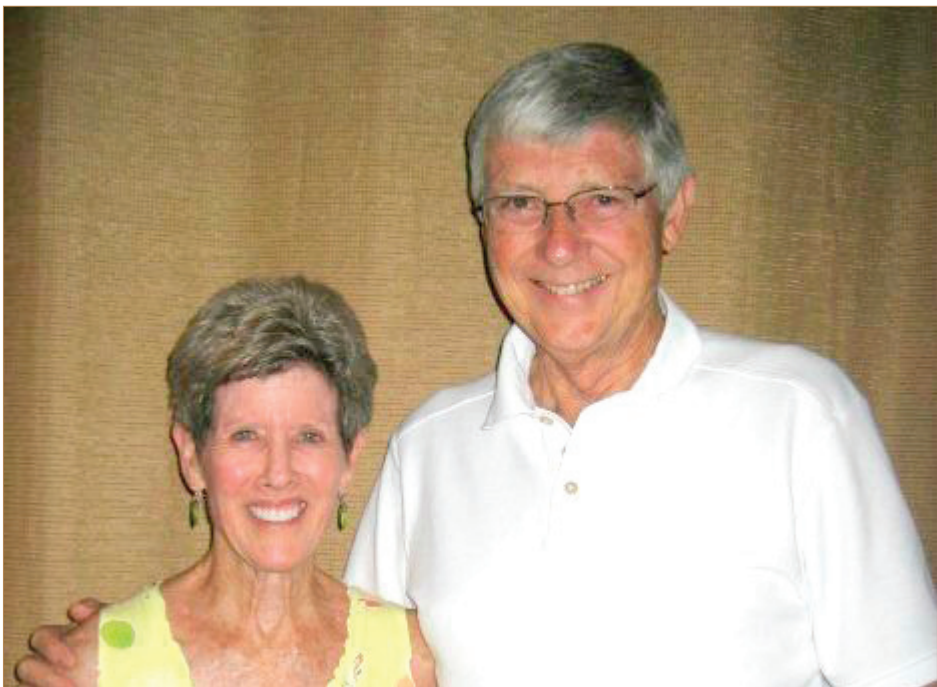
The Arcadia Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that Bob and Patsy Harbicht have been named Citizens of the Year for 2014-15.

Individually and together the couple has devoted a lifetime of volunteer service to the community of Arcadia through scouting, schools, church and myriad organizations.

The Harbichts will succeed Jim and Shelly Romo at the 2014 Citizen of the Year / Installation Dinner to be held on March 27 at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel on Huntington Drive. The annual dinner event, featuring the induction of the new Chamber officers, including President-elect Denise Weaver of Weaver & Associates Insurance, a tribute to outgoing Chamber President Arlynn Robinson, and presentations by Chamber and City leaders and political dignitaries, is considered one of Arcadia's premier events. In addition, Rose Hills Memorial Park & Mortuary will receive the Corporate Community Contributor Award. For information and tickets, call the Chamber office at 626-447-2159.

Other recent Citizens of the Year include Alice Wang, Sho Tay, Vince Foley, current City Councilmen Gary Kovacic and Mickey and Lee Segal, and Gail Jensen.

Early on a Monday morning last September, Bob Harbicht was spotted putting table cloths on dozens of tables at the Arboretum being set up for that evening's Taste of Arcadia, which he calls "Arcadia's signature event." It was emblematic of his attitude even



while leading the City as Mayor four times and on a record-setting 20 years on the City Council, which ends in April. "We're pretty good at being Indians as well as chiefs," he says.

Bob has also been Chairman of the Lucky Baldwin District of the Boy Scouts of America, and received the Boy Scouts Silver Beaver Award. His other volunteer leadership roles have included President of the Arcadia Rotary Club and Arcadia High School Drill Team Booster Club, as well as serving on the Board of Directors for the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce, Arcadia Red Cross, Arcadia Welfare & Thrift, and the Arcadia Tournament of Roses Association. And that's in addition to his years as AYSO soccer coach and referee.

When they aren't traveling and bicycling the world and caring for their children and grandchildren, the Harbichts have a hard time keeping up with each other as Patsy also has a full slate of volunteer responsibilities. In addition to serving on the PTA from Highland Oaks Elementary, Foothills Middle School and Arcadia High School and as a leader in the Girl Scouts, she has also been President of: Visiting Nurses Association of Methodist Hospital; Children's Home Society of Arcadia; Arcadia Partners in Rotary; and Monrovia Guild of Children's Hospital. Her decades of volunteering have also included participation in the Assistance League of Arcadia and more than 30 years at the Los Angeles County Arboretum.

Similarly, they have supported the Methodist Hospital Foundation's annual Gala and Mardi Gras fundraisers for the past three years.

Rose Hills executive Bruce Lazenby takes an active role in local organizations by being a member of the Arcadia Community Coordinating Council and serving on the Board of Directors for the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce.

The company also provides programs of its own for the betterment of the broader community, including Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day, where veterans of all ages can find needed goods and services, and the Dia de los Muertos outreach to Hispanic communities throughout San Gabriel Valley.

ROSE HILLS NAMED RECIPIENT OF CORPORATE COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR AWARD

The Arcadia Chamber of Commerce also announced that Rose Hills Memorial Park & Mortuary will be the second annual recipient of the Corporate Community Contributor award to be presented along with the annual Citizen of the Year Award at the Chamber's Board of Directors and Officers Installation Dinner March 27 at Doubletree by Hilton Hotel on Huntington Drive.

Each year the award recognizes the contributions to the community by a Chamber business member. The contributions may be financial and/or pro-active generous support in other ways.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, January 12th, through Saturday, January 18th, the Police Department responded to 940 calls for service of which 124 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, January 12:
1. At approximately 00:49 a.m., an officer was dispatched to 76 Gas Station, 102 East Huntington Drive, regarding a possible strong arm robbery. While sitting in the driver seat of his taxi cab, the victim was approached by an unknown male subject who asked him for some change. After the victim refused, the subject struck him in the face with a piece of wood and fled the location on foot.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male in his twenties, 6' tall, 175 lbs., thin build, wearing a light blue short-sleeved jacket with a white shirt underneath, dark colored pants, and a black beanie.

2. At about 9:05 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Huntington Drive and Santa Clara Avenue for lane swerving. The officer discovered the driver was under the influence of marijuana. The 18-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, January 13:
3. Shortly after 00:30 a.m., officers were dispatched to Motel 6, 225 Colorado Place, in reference to suspicious activity. Officers located two juvenile females hiding behind a storage box to the rear of the property. The subjects refused to identify themselves and were taken into custody for curfew violation. A records check revealed the 17-year-old Hispanic female was reported missing by Fresno Police Department and the 15-year-old White female was reported missing by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. Both subjects were arrested and later transported to a group home for housing.

Tuesday, January 14:
4. Sometime after 11:50 p.m., unknown suspect(s) stole a wallet from a vehicle that was parked at 24 Hours Fitness, 125 North First Avenue. The victim accidentally left the doors unlocked and no witnesses were located.

Wednesday, January 15:
5. At approximately 3:23 p.m., an officer was dispatched to Ralphs, 16 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding an assault with a deadly weapon report. An unknown Hispanic male

hit a construction worker on the head with a metal pipe and fled the location on foot. Officers searched for the suspect, but he was not located. The victim was treated by Arcadia Fire and transported to Arcadia Methodist Hospital for further treatment.

The suspect is described as 16 to 18-years-old, 5'7" tall, clean shaven, with short black hair and a thin build.

Thursday, January 16:
6. Just after 12:50 p.m., an officer responded to Bank of America, 180 North Santa Anita Avenue, regarding a commercial burglary report. The suspect, a 22-year-old White female, entered the location and attempted to cash a fraudulent check. She was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

7. At approximately 9:08 p.m., an officer working burglary suppression patrol conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for no license plates in the area of Hugo Reid Drive and Baldwin Avenue. An investigation revealed the driver was never issued a license and he had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. A search of his person and vehicle revealed he was in possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia, burglary tools, and known stolen property. The 17-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Friday, January 17:
8. Just after midnight, an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a bicyclist for riding with no lights on Huntington Drive at Second Avenue. The officer discovered the 33-year-old Hispanic male was in possession of cocaine and forged documents. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Saturday, January 18:
9. Around 4:45 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a rear-end traffic collision at the intersection of Colorado Street and Colorado Place. An investigation revealed the suspect, a 43-year-old Hispanic male, was driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage and possibly drugs with his 15-year-old nephew inside the vehicle. The juvenile was released to a family member while the other driver was transported to Arcadia Methodist Hospital for a complaint of back and chest pain. The suspect was arrested, transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking, and his case was forwarded to the Department of Child and Family Services for review.

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DUARTE MAYOR LIZ REILLY TO LAUNCH TWO MONTHLY OUTREACH PROGRAMS AT LIBRARY

Duarte Mayor Liz Reilly has a long history of involvement in Duarte schools as a volunteer and in her longtime job as an instructional aide at Valley View Elementary School. Thus, it's no surprise that the recently appointed mayor has decided to expand her educational outreach to the community's children, parents and residents in general by hosting two new monthly programs at the Duarte Library.

On Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 4:30 p.m., the mayor will launch "Literacy and Learning with Mayor Liz" at the Duarte Library. For the first 15 minutes of the hour-long program, the mayor will read to the children, followed by a 15 minute craft project provided and taught by the Library staff. The last half hour will be devoted to taking questions from the parents in attendance.

Mayor Reilly will also host a "Coffee and Conversation with the Mayor" program on the fourth Saturday of each month beginning February 22. The program will be held in the Community Room of the Duarte Library from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., with coffee and cookies provided by the City. This casual conversation with the mayor provides residents with an opportunity to ask questions and speak to the mayor one-on-one in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere.

The Duarte Library is located at 1301 Buena Vista St.

For additional details about the Mayor's outreach programs at the Duarte Library, call Duarte City Hall at (626) 357-7931, ext. 221.

LOVE YOUR DUARTE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK? HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO ADOPT IT

DUARTE, CA - Among the many attributes that make Duarte a comfortable and livable city are the number of parks, sports fields and walking trails for residents to enjoy. Many of Duarte's one dozen parks, including the "pocket" parks that dot neighborhoods throughout the City, feature picnic and barbecue areas and playground equipment. Others also include tennis, volleyball, and/or basketball courts.

Duarte residents value their parks and the recreational amenities they provide so much that some have informally "adopted" their neighborhood parks by helping to keep them clean by picking up trash carelessly discarded by others. Recently one group of residents even organized a "clean-up day" at their neighborhood pocket park, which got the City's Parks and Recreation heads thinking that perhaps others might also be so inclined. The result is the newly established official City of Duarte "Adopt-A-Park Program".

With limited staffing and resources the City is supporting and encouraging residents to join in helping to make their parks even more attractive and welcoming.

Adopting groups and organizations will work without direct City of Duarte supervision but will work through the Parks and Recreation Department and maintenance supervisor under a formal one-year agreement. Adopt-A-Park activities may include general clean up in and around the park monthly, sifting sand play areas for hazards and trash, cleaning playground equipment areas, removal of dead plant matter, leaves and fallen twigs and small branches, and planting trees, flowers or shrubs with the approval and guidance of the Field Services division. Adopted parks will be assigned on a first-come, first served basis, although adoption by one organization does not preclude adoption of another area of the same park by another organization.

To learn more about the Adopt-A-Park Program, call City of Duarte Maintenance Supervisor, Jeff Risley (626) 357-7931, ext. 249.

Monrovia Police Blotter

Highlighted Activity for the Weekdays of January 20-22, 2014

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 349 service events, resulting in 77 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemap-ping.com/map/ca/monrovia> for crime mapping. For Police Department news and information, visit our website and follow us on Twitter for police notifications.

Commercial Burglary – Suspect Arrested
January 20 at 2:04 p.m., loss prevention personnel from a business in the 500 block of West Huntington called police to advise they had a male suspect in custody for theft. Officers arrived and discovered the subject had no identification and would not provide his name. He was arrested for the theft and for establishing his identity. At the police department he provided a name and was eventually identified and found to be on parole.

Petty Theft / Warrant – Suspect Arrested
January 20 at 8:13 p.m., loss prevention from a business in the 1600 block of South Mountain called police to report a subject had taken merchandise and left the store without paying for it. The same subject was seen in the parking lot looking into vehicles. Officers responded and detained the subject. The male subject attempted to discard an item as the officers were detaining him. The object was found to be a Garmin GPS device. As the officers were detaining the suspect, a customer of the business approached the officers and said someone had entered his unlocked vehicle and took his Garmin GPS. The victim saw the Garmin device the suspect had discarded and said it belonged to him. The suspect admitted he had stolen the GPS and it was returned to the victim. The suspect was also found to have an outstanding warrant for his arrest. He was arrested and taken into custody.

Elder Abuse / Criminal Threats / Barricaded Suspect – Suspect Arrested
On January 21 at 1:13 a.m., a 71-year-old female called police for help because her mentally ill, 51-year-old son had physically abused her the day before, causing injuries, and he was currently yelling, incoherently, and banging on the walls of their home. She was afraid he was going to hurt her or himself. When officers arrived, the male subject barricaded himself inside his bedroom, blocking the door. Officers could see him through his bedroom window, pacing back and forth, holding a large ice pick, and he had a knife holstered to his belt. The subject yelled at officers and told them to enter the bedroom so he could kill them with the ice pick. He also said he had a gun in the bedroom and was going to shoot the officers. The subject has a prior history of physical violence, physical violence toward officers, and weapons violations, so

the regional Foothills Special Enforcement Team was requested to assist in apprehending him. The Foothill Special Enforcement Team responded to the location. The suspect tried to exit a bedroom window to accost officers outside and was quickly taken into custody by Special Enforcement Team officers. No one was injured in the incident and the suspect was arrested.

Vehicle Burglary
January 21 at 6:50 a.m., a vehicle burglary was reported in the 700 block of East Huntington Drive. The victim parked and went into a business at the location. When she returned to her vehicle, she found the passenger window shattered and her purse and cell phone were missing. The items were visible from outside of the locked vehicle. The investigation is continuing.

Theft of Batteries From Cable Relay Boxes
January 21, in the afternoon, two cable service providers called police to report their cable relay boxes had been broken into and the batteries had been taken. The thefts occurred in the 300 block of East Walnut and the 100 block of E. Greystone. The investigation is continuing. The Monrovia Police Department is seeking the public's help and requesting that anyone who sees any suspicious persons or activity near this type of cable relay box in your neighborhoods please call police and report it right away.

Resisting and Delaying a Peace Officer / Warrants – Suspects Arrested
January 21 at 4:50 p.m., police received a call reporting a subject with an outstanding warrant for his arrest was in the area of Fifth and Huntington. The caller provided a vehicle description and the location of the suspect. Officers responded and located the vehicle. The suspect was seen at a nearby business and fled on foot when he saw the officers. An officer went in foot pursuit of the suspect, who fled across Huntington drive through four lanes of traffic. As officers attempted to detain him, the suspect resisted, but was eventually taken into custody without further incident. The suspect's girlfriend was located in the same parking lot and was also found to have an outstanding no-bail warrant for her arrest. Both suspects were arrested and taken into custody.

Vandalism / Graffiti in Progress – Suspect Arrested & Graffiti Bounty Rewarded
On January 22 at 2:48 a.m., a caller reported a female subject spray painting something on a wall. Police responded and located the suspect and the spray paint can. The suspect had sprayed graffiti on the wall. The suspect was positively identified. She was arrested and taken into custody. The caller was given the \$100 Graffiti Bounty cash reward for reporting the graffiti, which led to the arrest of the suspect.



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CARING FOR OTHERS: SERVICE-LEARNING AT THE GOODEN SCHOOL



Sierra Madre, CA -- Service-Learning, a teaching and learning strategy at The Gooden School, involves hands-on student involvement with vital causes throughout the year at every grade level. Many such opportunities were highlighted on Service-Learning Theme Day on Tuesday, January 14. Student involvement in meaningful local and global causes was demonstrated at four interactive stations on the campus.

"Caring for others is not only part of the fabric of student life at Gooden, it is woven into the curriculum as Service-Learning, and is fully embraced by each student," said Patty Patano, Head of School at Gooden, an independent Episcopal school, kindergarten through 8th grade in Sierra Madre. "It's rewarding to see how young students develop into compassionate and generous individuals, in part through personal service-learning experiences that stay with them."

Service-Learning projects featured in the event included:

Homelessness: "How many of you had dinner last night? How many of you slept in a bed last night?" asked Donna Byrns, Director of Friends in Deed, which provides a food pantry and runs the Pasadena Bad Weather Shelter. All hands went up, as she then explained there were many in the Pasadena area who don't have food to eat or a place to sleep. "We're excited about the warm scarves you're making for homeless individuals right in this area. Your tag will let them know you care," said Byrns as she accepted 120 fleece scarves and personalized gift tags made by students for homeless individuals the Pasadena Bad Weather Shelter, where homeless individuals in the Pasadena area can find a warm, dry place to sleep on the coldest days. Messages by students included:

"This is for you. Stay warm." ~ Lars, 5th grade, with a drawing of the sun and sky.
 "Stay warm and be loved!" ~ Julia, 3rd grade.
 "Stay warm. We care about you." ~ Oliver, 5th grade, who surrounded his message with colorful hearts.
 "Everything that is bad turns good. Have hope." ~ Atta, 7th grade.

"We are extremely grateful to the Pasadena Playhouse, which provided the funds to purchase enough warm fleece fabric to make 120 scarves for those seeking warmth on the coldest nights," said Marianne Ryan, Director of Admissions at Gooden. The funds were raised by a special performance of "Aladdin" at the Pasadena Playhouse in December, with a percentage of the ticket sales benefitting Gooden.

Haitian Arts and Culture: Students learned about Haitian culture, art and music, and pack donated recorders for Gooden's sister school, St. Jean Baptiste, in Jeanjan, Haiti. While listening to lively Haitian music students created artwork inspired by Haitian art. "The music made me want to dance," said Lucky, a 6th grader as he depicted a bird surrounded by fanciful swirls of color. "In Haiti, it's bad luck if your hat falls off," wrote Theo, 4th grade. Break time featured a traditional Haitian snack of red beans and rice, with lemonade (Riz et Pois, Limonade).

Water Conservation: James Carlson from the City of Sierra Madre engaged the students with a Powerpoint presentation on water conservation conveying how to use water wisely, and why every drop counts. When presented with the fact that the East Coast has too much rainwater, resulting in flooding, while our area is experiencing a drought, one young student asked, "Why isn't there a pipeline to bring the surplus water to the West?" Carlson replied, "That would be one big pipeline!" Students jotted down many ways to save water indoors and out including taking shorter showers, checking for leaks, and sweeping driveways instead of hosing them down. As Carlson concluded, "If we do our part, we can each save 1,850 to 2,250 gallons of water per month." Student response? "Wow."

Endangered Animals: Students watched a video on endangered animals, discussed what they can do to help save them, then created and decorated masks representing their favorite animals. Tigers and pandas were popular. Students noted ways they can help endangered animals. "Don't hunt. Don't throw trash in the ocean. Don't litter," wrote Kaitlin, a third-grader. Another student piped up, "Help spread the word!" The focus on saving animals came from the Pasadena Humane Society, the Service-Learning focus for kindergarteners at Gooden.

Only a selection of Service-Learning projects were featured at today's event. Another community project was highlighted in mid-December, when fifth-grade students from Gooden brought holiday cheer to the elderly at Monte Vista Grove senior community in Pasadena, with handmade wreaths, and holiday music, and personal greetings.


"Beyond the lovely Christmas music, it's about bringing cheer by shaking hands with each senior, looking into their eyes, sharing a few words, and being genuine in our love," said their teacher Jeni Cregan, as the students happily did just that wearing Santa hats, and big smiles. Throughout the year, the fifth graders will return to Monte Vista Grove for a variety of Service-Learning experiences bridging the gap between young and old, resulting in smiles all around.

Founded in 1975, The Gooden School is an independent Episcopal School, K-8, where academics and the arts come together. Reflecting Gooden's high academic standards, and reputation for the arts and service-learning, graduates are accepted by many of the finest high schools in the area including Campbell Hall, Flintridge Prep, La Salle, Loyola, Mayfield, St. Francis and Westridge. For more information about The Gooden School, visit www.goodenschool.org.

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ROSEMEAD, CA. – January 14, 2014 - Don Bosco Technical Institute (Bosco Tech) will host a mathematics competition for seventh and eighth grade students from both public and private schools on Saturday, February 1. The 42nd annual event will offer prizes for highest individual and school team scores. During the competition, a workshop will be provided for middle school teachers, examining problems used on the test, to facilitate classroom discussion of the concepts. The workshop will be led by instructional expert and textbook author Michael Hattar, a longtime Bosco Tech math teacher and professor at Rio Hondo Community College and Mount San Antonio College. "The competition is a fun opportunity for middle-school students to test their computational and critical thinking skills," said James Shafiyoon, Bosco Tech math teacher and competition coordinator. "As a STEM-based high school, Bosco Tech offers advanced instruction in mathematics, science and engineering. The competition will promote and encourage the development of math skills among younger students." Check in begins at 7:30 a.m. and the one-hour test starts at 9 a.m. Free fun activities will be offered, and food will be available for purchase. An award ceremony will be held immediately following the competition. The cost is \$3 per student. Participants can pre-register by emailing Mr. Shafiyoon at jshafiyoon@boscotech.edu before January 24. Sample tests with solutions are available on the school's website, www.boscotech.edu/mathcontest. Bosco Tech is an all-male Catholic high school, sponsored by the Salesians of Don Bosco, that combines a rigorous college-preparatory and technology-focused education. The innovative science, engineering, technology and math (STEM) curriculum allows students to exceed university admission requirements while completing extensive integrated coursework in one of several applied science and engineering fields.

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THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show JACK RYAN SHADOW RECRUIT



After seeing the first trailer for this movie, I did knot think it would be a stand out film. Jack Ryan seemed like a run-of-the-mill action movie and, when I saw it, that is exactly what it turned out to be.

After being injured in a helicopter attack in Afghanistan, Jack Ryan (Chris Pine) meets and falls for Dr. Cathy Muller (Keira Knightley), the woman in charge of his recovery. Soon after this, he is secretly recruited to be an analyst for the CIA and discovers a Russian plan to cause the crash of the US economy.

This is the epitome of cliché action movies: undercover agent falls for a woman but finds out the world it going to end and must save both it and his lover. The first hour of the movie is so dull that there is no incentive to be interested when the action picks up. If you were thinking of seeing this movie, just stay home and watch The Bourne series.

I HAVE A CRUSH ON YOU

Most of you know Musician Dave Mathews, songs such as Satellite and Two Step. But Dave is also a winemaker and a good one at that. Dave Mathews has not only lent his name to Dreaming Tree Wines, Cabernet, Chardonnay, white and the reviewed 2011 Blend “Crush”. He also is on record of being the co-winemaker of this increasingly popular North Coast Winery. I first came across this wine at my friend Ken Fuller’s BBQ in Altadena. The 2011 growing season was a little tough with an above average rainfall and a smaller crop of grapes.

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
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The grapes used for the “Crush” Merlot, Zinfandel, Petite Sirah produced a moderate alcohol content of 13.5%. This reviewer tries to be consistent in his reviews by always pairing the wine with the appropriate food, this time I had a brussell sprout salad and honey glazed spare ribs (pictured), might not be a textbook pairing, but I could still taste the hint of berries that really jumped out with the pork rib. I have a crush on The Crush and you will too.



Dills Score 89

Wine Notes Crush goes through 16 months of oak aging, and indeed you have learned that having five varieties of grapes make the “Crush” a blend. Matthews’s claims his wine philosophy is “If it tastes good to you, then it’s good wine, sure we have heard that before, but I agree. Retail is \$15, average supermarket price is \$11. Try opening the wine twenty minutes before drinking. Available at Vons and other fine wine shops Next week we find a few romantic restaurants for you to take your sweetheart to.



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1 tablespoon coriander
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2 tablespoons fish sauce
2 tablespoons yellow curry powder
1/2 can coconut milk
2 tablespoons brown sugar
Dipping Sauce, recipe follows
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1/3 cup brown sugar
2 large garlic cloves or 4 small, minced
2 teaspoons Thai red chili sauce or Sriracha
1 tablespoon fish sauce

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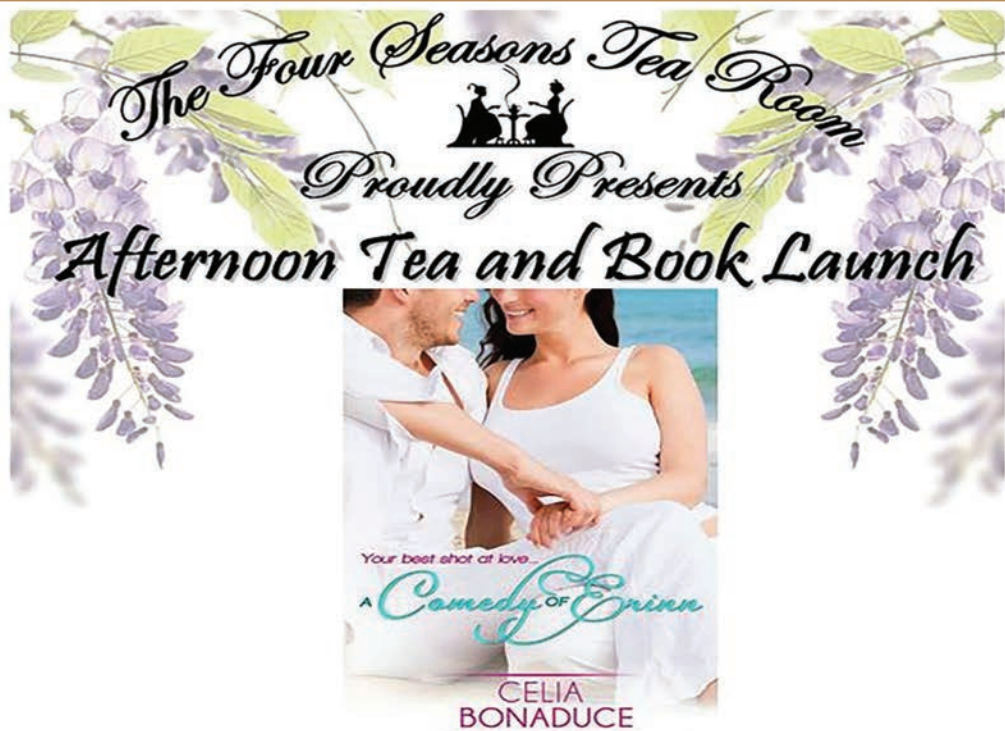
Heat a grill to medium.

Using a mortar and pestle, crush garlic cloves, peppercorns, coriander, lemongrass, and Thai chiles into a chunky paste. Using a large spoon, transfer the paste to a large mixing bowl. Add the chicken and the remaining ingredients and mix well. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or up to overnight.

Put the chicken on the grill, skin side down, and brush with the marinade. Grill for about 15 minutes then flip the chicken over and brush with the marinade. Grill the second side for about 15 minutes. Discard the marinade. When the chicken is cooked and tender transfer it to a serving platter and serve with warm dipping sauce.

Dipping Sauce:

Put all ingredients in a saucepan and put on the grill. Stir and bring to a boil. Move the pan to a cooler part of the grill and let the sauce simmer for 10 to 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. The sauce will reduce and become thick. Serve warm with chicken.



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SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

Review By Sean Kayden

YOUNG THE GIANT

Young The Giant's second album “Mind Over Matter” has the band evolving from their previous melodic instrumental layered resonance. With the sophomore release coming out three years after their self-titled album, Young The Giant went with a louder, more rock driven record. They throw in a little electronics into the mix as well. Sometimes it can be a distraction to Sameer Gadhia's beautiful vocals, but perhaps this approach was necessary to differentiate from their first album. The first half of the record is both high energy and explosive. When the band decides to slow down the tempo, it doesn't do them any favors. While the track, “Firelight” is reminiscent of something off their first album, it feels mistakenly out of place here. However, despite any mishaps, most of the record is thoroughly enjoyable. “Mind Over Matter” is an admirable effort, but the transformation from album one to two wasn't as compelling as I would have liked it to be.

Opening track, “Anagram” wanders into danceable terrain. With a catchy beat and chorus, the band starts off things on the right foot. “It's About Time,” the band's first single is a gritty rock tune. They try new things with this one, but ultimately it's rather uninspiring. It's simply too generic to be a standout track. I can see why it's radio friendly because it sounds like too many other bands put together. Luckily, we're saved by the alluring “Crystallized.” Easily the best song here, it's both an empowering and a game-changing track for a band known for pleasant, easy going songs. The band's previous laidback tunes really didn't distinguish them from the indie rock bunch. The title track, “Mind Over Matter,” is another similar gem. It packs an emotional strike and Gadhia's vocals are fully on display. The following track, “Daydreamer” doesn't disappoint. It's undeniably memorable and just simply pulls you in every time. Replay value at full force with this stunning track. By track seven, the record slows down and figuratively takes one out of the party into their own dark lonely room. I'm all for the emotional whimpers, but not when you're clearly having such a good time through the first five or six tracks.

Things pick up momentum with “In My Home,” “Eros,” and “Teachers.” “Waves” is so promising until it comes into the final ninety seconds or so. Too many layers added to the song and it's literally just stripped away from all the greatness it had going for it. Young The Giant is a band I can't figure out. They have some really superb tracks, but when they fail it's nearly disastrous. I like the effort with “Mind Over Matter” in an overall sense. The band has some of the most infectious choruses in any album I've heard in quite some time. This sophomore endeavor definitely improves upon their eponymous first album. Despite some mishaps along the way, “Mind Over Matter” is a solid entry in the ever so crowded indie rock arena. But like most solid entries in this spectrum, it'll be forgotten by summer time.

Grade: 7.3 out of 10

Key Tracks: “Crystallized,” “Mind Over Matter,” “Daydreamer,” “Teachers”

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For those already established in their yoga practice, there may come a time when working one-on-one with a teacher is the next indicated step. You could want to reach a particular goal, physical, spiritual or personal. A personalized practice may be in order. That's what private time with a teacher is for. Often through private sessions, a student can deepen their practice must faster than just through group classes. Your need could be a simple as wanting privacy, free of intimidation or as complex as a very challenging physical condition. In any case, establishing a one-on-one relationship with a teacher can prove to be an invaluable, inspirational experience.

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First, cucumbers are over 90% water and contain almost all of the vitamins the body requires. The skin of the cucumber contains a lot of vitamins but because cucumbers are heavily sprayed with pesticides and waxed, I would recommend washing thoroughly or peeling. The best bet for a healthier salad is to buy organic and leave the skin on.

Cucumbers are low in calories making them a great snack food. They are not only full of water but they also contain electrolytes, especially potassium. Try putting a few slices in a cool glass of water on a hot summer day for a refreshing drink.

Cucumber peels are a great source of dietary fiber. Fiber from cucumber skins helps reduce constipation, and helps to eliminate toxic compounds from the gut.

Cucumbers contain a high amount of vitamin K. Most of the vitamin K is found in the peel or near the peel so peeling reduces this greatly. Vitamin-K has been found to possibly have a role in bone mass building activity. It has also been used in the treatment of Alzheimer's disease by limiting neuronal damage in the brain.

If you find yourself having too many alcoholic beverages, try eating cucumbers before bed to avoid a hangover or headache. Cucumbers contain sugar, B vitamins and electrolytes to replenish many essential nutrients. All of these things can play a role in reducing the intensity of a hangover.

If you are looking for an easy way to improve your health, add some cucumbers. They are great in salads, they are great as a salad all by themselves (thinly sliced, then sprinkle with rice vinegar, sesame seeds and some sea salt), they are refreshing in water and they are great alone as snacks.

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by Chris Leclerc

DIRT-DIAMOND DIGGING DOGS

Worth Their Weight in Gold

My beloved mutt, Molly was wandering in the backyard recently, sniffing about and nosing in on certain points of focus, as she often does. Eventually she found a particular spot that interested her enough to dig a really deep hole in the dirt. She then stuck her entire face down into the hole with her front legs bent low and her tail held high, wagging intensely. After about a minute of pressing her pointy nose down into the soft soil, she finally emerged and turned to me with a messy, muddy mustache and a look of disappointment on her face.

I always get a kick out of watching Molly's curious antics as she meanders between the trees and bushes in our back yard, digging what appear to be random holes in various locations throughout the property, and I wonder exactly what it is that she thinks she might find in that subterranean playground of hers.

When I mentioned Molly's peculiar behavior to my husband, he said, "Maybe she's looking for truffles." That gave me a good chuckle, as I am sure there are none in our yard, and besides, until recently I thought only pigs were trained to find truffles, but I admit that's what it looked like Molly might have been up to. Actually, I'm sure Molly just smells the many moles that burrow and nest underground in our yard, and that's why she is so intent on digging in the dirt like a mud monkey.

Ironically, just a few days after Molly's backyard mud-mauling adventure, I happened to come across an article about dogs that really do hunt truffles, entitled Diamonds in the Dirt, in an issue of Sunset Magazine. Apparently truffles have become real big business in the culinary industry and it is no trifle task finding the rarest, most desirable specimens, some of which can fetch thousands of dollars per pound in the European and American auction markets.

It seems that locating truffles underground these days would be a nearly impossible task without the amazing skills of a trained truffle-tracking dog, making a well-trained canine truffle-sniffer no trifle commodity. Or, as the Truffle Hunting Dogs website so aptly puts it, "Truffle dogs are worth their weight in gold"!

It fascinates me that a dog is able to sniff out a truffle nestled deeply beneath the surface dirt. I have never seen, held or smelled a truffle myself, so I've always assumed they were similar to mushrooms; some a bit tastier than others but for the most part rather flavorless and therefore equally scentless. Well, boy oh boy was I ever wrong.

As it turns out, most truffles have an intensely potent flavor, some quite spicy and exotic tasting, so in light of that fact it makes more sense to me that a dog could run randomly run through a forest and pick up the distinctive scent of a hidden treasure-truffle wafting up to the surface from below.

You see, the canine's olfactory senses are exponentially keener than that of the human. The average dog has 220 million olfactory receptors in it's nose while the average person has only 5 million, allowing the canine to detect even the slightest scents that would go absolutely unnoticed by we humble human beings.

So, what kind of dog makes the best truffle hunter? And, how do you go about training a dog to sniff out those valuable nuggets buried beneath the earth's surface? Well, apparently a variety of canine breeds have proven to succeed in truffle-hunting, and from what I understand the training techniques are somewhat similar to those used in preparing canines for police or search and rescue work.

One truffle enthusiast who was featured in the Sunset Magazine article hunts regularly with his curly-coated canine, Tom, a 35-pound Lagotto Romano, and as a team they have succeeded in finding some pretty amazing Piedmont White truffles in northern Oregon. The Lagotto Romano is an Italian bred poodle-spaniel that dates back the 16th century and in recent years has become one of the most successful breeds in seeking out hidden truffle treasures.

In France, where Perigord Black are the truffles of choice, the desired pup of pursuit is more likely to be a prick-eared terrier type of no discernable breed. Having read that, I began to think that perhaps my amazing and curious Miss Molly may have a little of that bloodline mixed in with her doggie DNA!

Being the ultimate equal opportunity dog-lover that I am, I imagine just about any canine with a healthy snout and a willingness to learn & obey could be trained to hunt truffles, much in the way they are willing to be trained to do anything in order to please their master. Who knows? Maybe someday Molly will go to school for truffle-hunting and make us a fat fortune finding ugly, very tasty and very expensive "dirt diamonds" in the forest! OK, so I won't hold my breath, and hopefully neither will she. After all, we

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Speckle, a chi mix, came to the shelter in April 2013. She is a bit older than most of the dogs we see - probably 5 or 6 years old. She was timid and a bit unsure of the shelter experience in the beginning, but we have seen her blossom and become very friendly with all the people she has gotten to know. Speckle has been with a variety of different dogs as kennel mates, and although she has adjusted to them, she didn't seem to find a true soul mate until she met little Arrow.

Arrow, a very petite 2 year old chi mix, came to the shelter in August 2013 with an injured pelvis and spent several weeks in our clinic while she recovered. In November, she was introduced to Speckle as her kennel mate.

It could not have been a better match! These two girls have developed a real bond with each other. Speckle is happier than we have seen her at any time since she has been with us. She takes a very nurturing role with Arrow, perhaps sensing her recent injury and need for compassion. In return, Arrow adores Speckle. They watch out for each other and seek each other out on walks. When you approach their kennel, they both do a little "happy dance" tapping their toes in excitement, letting you know they are eager to go out together.

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To meet Reggie 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 Reggie, please reference his animal ID number: A4666477. 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 Reggie or the adoption process, please contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at Samantha@hope4animals.org. To learn more about United Hope for Animals' partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter through its Shelter Support Program, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.

BUSINESS TODAY

The latest on Business News, Trends and Techniques

By La Quetta M. Shamblee,MBA



KNOWLEDGE + ACTION = POWER

“Knowledge is power” is a familiar saying that is only partially true. The fact is there are millions of people who have attained knowledge in certain disciplines, some to the point of being regarded as experts. For those whose goal it was to simply attain a certain level of knowledge, mission accomplished. For the others who have ideas about using the knowledge toward some greater personal or business purpose, it’s important to take action if there is any real interest in making progress.

Every entrepreneur who has built a successful business venture from the ground up, has had to develop an arsenal of specialized knowledge about some aspect of the industry in which their business operates. Some people think that the mere acquisition of knowledge is all that is needed to start and operate a business. If that were the case, there should be a steady stream of new enterprises being established by individuals completing workshops and classes. Gaining knowledge is one thing, having the confidence to do something with it is another. The thing that stands between knowledge and action is fear.

When knowledge and action are combined, the outcome can be seemingly miraculous. All of us have had to go through the process of mastering a body of knowledge before moving on to apply it. From a simple task like learning the rules of the road and how to drive a car as an adolescent, to mastering the operation of a heavy piece of machinery, the process moves from knowledge to action to practice. The repetition of this cycle results in what most would refer to as experience, skill or expertise. The more times the individual completes the cycle, the easier and more effortlessly the task is to execute until it may seem automatic.

Instead of gliding through life with recycled daydreams about their dreams and aspiration, entrepreneurs demonstrate that knowledge combined with action, followed by practice and repeating the process is one of the keys to success.

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RICH Johnson
POST OFFICE HOURS CHANGING AND
OTHER STUFF

Checking my P. O. box here at the Sierra Madre Post Office when I noticed a sign that will change some people’s lives. As of Monday, February 18, the post office will open at 10:00 instead of 9:00am. That is certain to inconvenience folks, particularly those who are trying to conduct business with the post office on the way to work. This is the second recent change with our post office. Not too long ago the letter carriers stopped organizing at this post office and are now coming out of Arcadia. Sierra Madreans concerned about whether our local post office is going to disappear probably have good reason to be concerned. I wouldn’t be surprised if it disappears. Obvious that it is cost cutting measure. The post office has operated in massive deficits for years despite the fact that a first class postage stamp will be 49 cents by the end of this month.

For years the post office has been trying to end Saturday delivery of mail. The government has kept them from curbing Saturday service. What are your feelings on the subject? Would you rather have the offices open an hour later or suspend Saturday deliver? Australia, Canada and Sweden have five day a week mail delivery. Many European countries have Saturday delivery (except Portugal) and the Soviet Union is said to have mail delivery seven days a week...or else (just kidding on the or else). Lets look at the size and scope of the post office. The Post Office (USPS) generated \$65 billion in 2012. 160 billion pieces of mail were processed in that time. 40% of the world’s mail volume is handled by the USPS. 1.3 billion miles are driven each year by letter carriers and truck drivers. There are 212,530 vehicles currently in service. Every month the USPS processes address changes totaling 39.7 million. They spend about \$1.8 billion every two weeks in salaries and benefits. The post office wants you to know they take no tax dollars whatsoever. They also pointed out they deliver ground packages for UPS and FedEx totaling 400 million.

The westernmost post office is in Wales, Alaska. The northernmost post office is in Barrow, Alaska. The easternmost is in Lubec, Maine and the southernmost post office is in Key West, Florida. The smallest post office is in Ochopee, Florida. It’s 61.3 square feet. The largest is in, no surprise, New York City. It’s 393,000 square feet. There is a post office right on the border of Tennessee and Virginia. It has two zip codes and serves customers in Bristol, Tennessee and Bristol, Virginia.

The five most common street names in the U.S. are: Second, Park, Main, Maple, and Oak. The longest “Main” Street in America is in Island Park, Idaho and its 33 miles long. Anything else you want to know?

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**Tips of the Trade:
Real Estate Revealed**
by Luther Tsinoglou

FROM "LESS" TO "YES"

The painful truth: Sellers who do not price their property competitively are the most likely targets of lowball offers. In soft markets, buyers are more prone to make low offers on listings seen to be priced too high. Listings that don't sell usually require price reductions, which in turn often mean ultimately accepting an offer lower than you could have received by pricing aggressively from Day One.

Since selling your home can be such an emotional and subjective experience, it's easy to understand why you'd be reluctant to counter an offer below your asking price. But rather than feel insulted, try to see it as the beginning of a dialogue that could ultimately produce a sale.

If you feel any of the terms or conditions of the offer are unacceptable, ask your agent to present a counter-offer. Sometimes buyers and sellers don't really know beforehand what price they'll accept until they've begun the negotiations. For example, a buyer might agree to a higher price than planned if interest rates suddenly drop.

If you've received a lower than expected offer, but the buyers have proven their qualifications and commitment by securing loan pre-approval, you have grounds for serious consideration. The process of counter-offering can be swiftly settled or carry on ad nauseam. Be prepared to explore all options and act quickly before letting your negotiations fail.

HOMEOWNERS ASKED TO PREPARE EARLIER DUE TO INCREASED FIRE ACTIVITY

Drought conditions lead to early need of Defensible Space around homes

Sacramento – In just the first three weeks of January, CAL FIRE has already responded to a significant increase in wildfires this winter due to the extremely dry conditions. As a result, CAL FIRE officials are reminding residents to ensure they are maintaining 100 feet of Defensible Space; a reminder that comes several months earlier than normal.

"We are experiencing conditions right now that we would usually see in August," said Chief Ken Pimlott, CAL FIRE director. "In Southern California we never really transitioned out of fire season and in Northern California we are already in the process of hiring additional seasonal firefighters to augment our permanent firefighters who have been staffing extra fire equipment this winter. We have increased our personnel and now we need the public to make sure they, too, are prepared for early fire season conditions."

With record low rainfall, the grass and brush across California is tinder dry and ready to burn. Already this year CAL FIRE has responded to nearly 300 wildfires that have charred over 700 acres. In a normal year the department only responds to about 50 fires that all together would char a little over 100 acres.

Many of these fires have been sparked by powered equipment like lawn mowers and weed trimmers. While maintaining Defensible Space is critical right now, residents are asked not to use powered equipment outdoors during the heat of the day when it's dry and windy, and especially on Red Flag Warning Days. Clearance work should be done in the early morning when temperatures are down and humidity is up, to avoid sparking a wildfire. One less spark means one less wildfire.

Here are some tips to creating Defensible Space:

- Maintain 100 feet of Defensible Space around all structures.
- Clear all needles and leaves from roofs, eaves and rain gutters.
- Trim branches six feet from the ground.
- Landscape with fire resistant / drought tolerant plants, that require little water
- Remove branches away from roofs and 10 feet from the chimney.
- Use trimming, mowing and powered equipment before 10 a.m., and not on hot, windy days.
- Keep wood piles and flammable materials at least 30 feet from the home.

The increased fire threat has also led officials to suspend outdoor residential landscape debris burning in many areas. Homeowners should always check with their local CAL FIRE station or fire department before burning outdoors. There are several alternative ways to dispose of trimmed branches and yard clippings including chipping, or taking it to a green waste facility. Residents can check with their local fire safe council for alternative landscape debris disposal programs.

For more information on preparing for wildfires and defensible space visit: www.ReadyForWildfire.org.

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THE WORLD AROUND US

Looking Up

with Bob Eklund



ROSETTA WAKES UP FROM DEEP SPACE HIBERNATION

January 20, 2014: It was a fairy-tale ending to a tense chapter in the story of the Rosetta space mission, as the European Space Agency (ESA) heard from its distant spacecraft for the first time in 31 months.

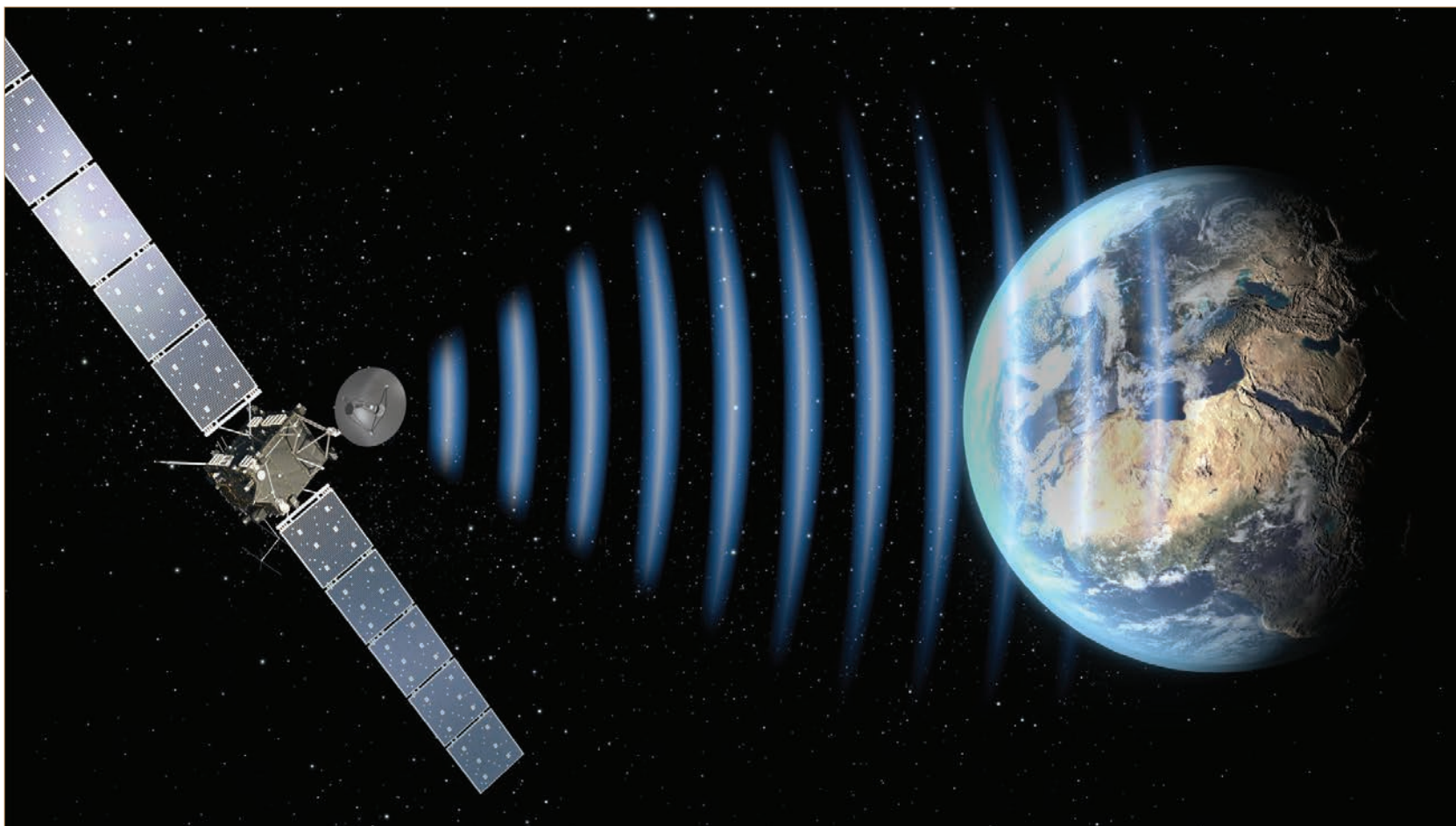
Launched in 2004, Rosetta is chasing down Comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko, where it will become the first space mission to rendezvous with a comet, the first to attempt a landing on a comet's surface, and the first to follow a comet as it swings around the Sun.

Operating on solar energy alone, Rosetta was placed into a deep space slumber in June 2011 as it cruised out to a distance of nearly 800 million km from the warmth of the Sun, beyond the orbit of Jupiter. Now, as Rosetta's orbit has brought it back to within 'only' 673 million km from the Sun, there is enough solar energy to power the spacecraft fully again.

ROSETTA CALLS HOME

Thus on January 20, still about 9 million km from the comet, Rosetta's pre-programmed internal 'alarm clock' woke up the spacecraft. After warming up its key navigation instruments, coming out of a stabilizing spin, and aiming its main radio antenna at Earth, Rosetta sent a signal to let mission operators know it had survived the most distant part of its journey.

The signal was received by both NASA's Goldstone and Canberra ground stations during the first window of opportunity the spacecraft had to communicate with Earth, and the successful wake-up was announced via the @ESA_Rosetta twitter account, which tweeted: "Hello, World!"



Artist impression of Rosetta's signal being received on Earth after 31 months in silent, deep space hibernation. The signal was received at 18:18 GMT/ 19:18 CET by both NASA's Goldstone and Canberra ground stations. Courtesy ESA

Comets are considered the primitive building blocks of the Solar System and likely helped to 'seed' Earth with water, perhaps even the ingredients for life.

"All other comet missions have been flybys, capturing fleeting moments in the life of these icy treasure chests," says Matt Taylor, ESA's Rosetta project scientist. "With Rosetta, we will track the evolution of a comet on a daily basis and for over a year, giving us a unique insight into a comet's behavior."

After rendezvous this August, Rosetta will start with two months of mapping of the comet's surface, and will also measure the comet's gravity, mass and shape, and assess its gaseous, dust-laden atmosphere, or coma. Using these data, scientists will choose a landing site for the mission's 100 kg Philae probe. The landing is currently scheduled for 11 November and will be the first time that a landing on a comet has ever been attempted.

In fact, given the almost negligible gravity of the comet's 4 km-wide nucleus, Philae will have to use ice screws and harpoons to stop it from rebounding back into space after touchdown.

Among its wide range of scientific measurements, Philae will send back a panorama of its surroundings, as well as very high-resolution pictures of the surface. It will also perform an on-the-spot analysis of the composition of the ices and organic material, including drilling down to 23 cm below the surface and feeding samples to Philae's on-board laboratory for analysis.

HOW TO PICK A FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Dear Savvy Senior: Can you give me some tips on how to choose a good financial planner or advisor? My wife and I are five or six years away from retiring and could use some professional help to get us on track. Seeking Advice



Dear Seeking:

With all the different financial advisers and services available today, choosing a trusted professional that can meet your needs can be a bit confusing. Here are some suggestions that can help.

Where to Look

A good place to start your search is by asking friends or relatives for recommendations. If you don't know anyone who can give you a referral, and you're looking for broad-based financial advice, hire a Certified Financial Planner, or CFP, who are considered the "gold standard" in the industry. To get the CFP credential, they must have a college degree and be educated in a wide range of personal finance subjects, pass a 2-day exam, have at least three years experience, meet continuing-education requirements and abide by a code of ethics.

CFPs are taught to look at the big picture view of your finances, talking you through your goals, as well as advising you on the details of your financial life.

You're also probably better off hiring a CFP that's a fee-only planner, verses one who earns a commission by selling you financial products. Fee-only planners charge only for their services - for example you might pay \$150 to \$300 an hour for a financial tune-up, a flat fee per project or an asset-based fee.

To find a fee-only planner in your area, use the Financial Planning Association (fpanet.org) or the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors (napfa.org), which has online directories. Or try the Garrett Planning Network (garrettplanningnetwork.com), which is a network of fee-only advisers.

If your needs are more specific, some other financial professionals to consider are a Registered Investment Adviser (RIA) who is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission or a state securities regulator to manage investment portfolios; a Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC), who specialize in insurance and estate planning; and a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), who can help with tax planning.

Be leery of many other financial advising titles, designations and certifications that are out there like the Certified Financial Consultant (CFC) or the Wealth Management Specialist (WMS). Many of these require no more than a few courses at a seminar or online, which means they're not worth much. You can read more about nearly every certification or designation at www.finra.org/investors - click on "Tools & Calculators," then on "Understanding Investment Professional Designations."

How to Choose

After you find a few candidates in your area, call them up and schedule an appointment to meet and interview them. Find out about their experience, expertise and the types of services they provide; how they charge and how much; what is their investment philosophy; and how will they handle your ongoing questions or financial needs. Look for someone whose clients are in situations similar to yours and who's available as often as you need them.

It's also wise to do a background check on your potential advisor. You can look up firms and individuals at finra.org or sec.gov, and even check state financial regulation departments (see nasaa.org for state contact information) and Better Business Bureau records at bbb.org. Also, ask to see the advisor's ADV Form, part 2. This is a form that the SEC requires advisors to list their education, services, fees, disciplinary actions and conflicts of interest.

At the end of your meeting, ask yourself: Do I like this person? If you have any reservations, move on. There are plenty of qualified advisors out there who can help you.

For more tips on choosing a financial advisor, visit the CFP Board at letsmakeaplan.org.

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!" PART II

Welcome back to Part II of "Green Mansions!" For those of you who missed my last column (and those of you who wished you had!), here's a recap. We left our hero, Anthony Perkins, rushing back into the jungle to warn Audrey Hepburn, the mysterious "lady of the forest" and her grandfather, Lee J. Cobb, of the impending danger awaiting them at the hands of the local tribe, headed by Henry Silva. (If this summary lacks essential details, it's only because Part I was VERY long. I encourage you to watch the 1959 movie yourself!) Back to the action...

Silva stirred the natives into a blood lust for Hepburn by falsely accusing her of murdering his older brother. Perkins desperately searches for her, but finds Cobb hiding with an illicit barbecued leg o' lamb instead. (Having grown up in the jungle, Hepburn's a real vegetarian tree-hugger. But a man gets a hankering for a juicy steak now and then!)

Cobb also confesses that he is not Hepburn's actual grandfather. In his youth, Cobb took up with some bad company who massacred nearly all the inhabitants of a small village, from which Hepburn is descended. Despite Cobb's objections, Perkins spills the beans to Hepburn, who lashes out at Cobb for lying to her all these years. The young lovers escape over the hill to Hepburn's village, Riolama.

Once there, they find only desolate ruins. By now, Hepburn has softened to Cobb, and the two return to find him. But they are too late. Silva has murdered Cobb in their absence, and now he and his gang are out to get Hepburn. Being the jungle chick that she is, Hepburn escapes by scrambling up a tree. This is just what Silva wanted. "Burn the jungle witch!" he shouts to his cronies as they stack kindling around the base of the tree. The smoke rises and it looks as if Hepburn will be fried to a crisp. (This is especially bad because her chiffon dress is probably flammable.)

Unable to climb to Hepburn's rescue, Perkins pursues Silva to a waterfall where they duke it out on the slippery rocks. Silva boasts that, by taking out the jungle witch, he's now ready to step in as the new chief. In a surge of impassioned fury, Perkins strikes Silva and leaves him floating face down in the wash.

Perkins wanders through the charred jungle, but there is no sign of Hepburn. Overcome with emotion, he falls to his knees and weeps at the sight of a special flower, now withered, that Hepburn showed him days before. In the midst of his tears, Perkins recalls Hepburn telling him to not cry over the flower when it dies, because, somewhere else in the jungle, another one is getting ready to bloom.

The "Green Mansions" theme music reaches a crescendo as Perkins turns to discover Hepburn standing in a light flooded clearing. She smiles as she holds out her hand, beckoning him to join her. It's a happy ending, and I was enjoying the warm fuzzies until my Mom shared her interpretation of the ending.

According to her, Hepburn did meet a toasty end, which is confirmed with her words that "whenever a flower dies, somewhere else another is getting ready to bloom." Then the ending becomes like "Somewhere in Time" with Jane Seymour and Christopher Reeve reuniting in a misty afterlife (you gotta watch that one, too, it's a real tear-jerker).

I have problems with this interpretation. Having Perkins join Hepburn in the bright jungle sunrise implies that either Perkins is dead, too, or that he sees dead people (e.g., "The Sixth Sense"). I like to think that Hepburn miraculously escaped the fire --that's what I thought when I first saw it at seven or eight years of age.

By now I imagine that my scintillating summary of the film has you scouring the Internet for it (Ha!). If you do happen to watch it, I hope the alternate endings I've posed don't cloud your artistic judgment.

Next week, "Plan 9 From Outer Space!" (just kidding --but that's a funny one, too!)



SENIOR HAPPENINGS

By Pat Birdsall

FYI: The Truth About Cataracts and Cataract Surgery- Part I

Myth: Cataract surgery is painful. Fact: It can be uncomfortable but shouldn't hurt. After sedating you, the doctor will numb your eye, make small incision through which the cataract can be broken up with ultra sound and replace the clouded lens with a synthetic one. Myth: I will be able to tell when I need surgery. Fact: Most people with cataracts don't realize how cloudy their vision has become. Before surgery most say cataracts don't interfere with their daily activities. After the procedure, 62% find they're enjoying life more. Myth: Cataracts are unrelated to overall health. Fact: "There are multiple links between systemic diseases and cataracts," says Brian Proctor, D.O., an ophthalmologist at Gottlieb Memorial Hospital in Illinois. Cataracts are known side effects of diabetes and high blood pressure, for instance. The formation of cataracts is also associated with the use of steroid medications. (Part II next week) AARP

HELPFUL HINT: Replace traditional wrappings with one giant roll of Kraft paper. A variety of ribbon and twine changes the look for any occasion. You'll save money and free up space.

FOR YOUR FUNNY BONE - My friend wanted a boat more than anything. His wife kept refusing, but he bought one anyway. "I'll tell you what, he told her. In the spirit of compromise, why don't you name the boat?" Being a good sport, she accepted. When the husband went to the dock for his maiden voyage, this is the name he saw painted on the side: "For Sale."

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: "Never miss an opportunity to make others happy, even if you have to leave them alone in order to do it." ~ Author Unknown



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 Caf : 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 Brandley. 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 Caf  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 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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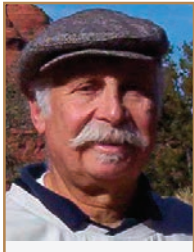
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STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE OH CALIFORNIA

Do the drought, the dirty air, the water restrictions, the unseasonal temperatures, and the likelihood of future climate disasters concern you? Probably not. The newspapers talk of ambitious and expensive plans for the future, while I worry that there will be no future. Governments all over the world seem so dysfunctional that I have no confidence that our civilization will be able to take the required action to meet future emergencies.

Every work-day morning I fight the traffic to get downtown. The freeways are parking lots filled with cars with one occupant as, seemingly, everyone devotes a couple of hours per day to going to and from work. Maybe the cars are more efficient in terms of miles per gallon, but for the most part almost all the cars rely on fossil fuels which pollute the atmosphere.

For my entire adult life I have relied on the morning Sports Section as an infallible method for forgetting real problems and escaping into the minutiae of yesterday's results and today's upcoming games. This old tried and true method no longer works. Reading about the unimaginable gigantic salaries that athletes are paid absolutely makes me sick. Baseball and basketball players receive contracts that pay in excess of twenty-five million dollars per year. Is this possible? The greatest players of my youth, Willie Mays, Sandy Koufax, Don Drysdale, were forced to go on strike in order to obtain salaries at approximately the \$100,000 level. What has happened—are the players so much more talented than they were before? Of course not!

The difference is the obscene manner in which wealth has come to dominate our society. If there is so much money to be made by owning and controlling professional sports teams doesn't it make sense that these teams should become municipally owned so that the huge profits could be used for the public at large? In fact, reasonable caps could be placed on Player's yearly salaries (isn't a few million a year enough for anyone?) with the excess amounts being available for the public good. It makes no sense at all to me that many teams are owned by the relatives of deceased innovators who actually built the teams which are now run by, to my mind, undeserving sons, daughter, and sons-in-law who do little more than squander the wealth.

Leaving aside my concerns for the world today, I decided to treat myself to a round of golf. At first I played alone as a single but, by about the tenth hole, I caught up with the threesome in front of

me and was invited to play along. They all seemed like nice men but, alas, soon the discussion drifted into politics. These men, individual entrepreneurs I guess, were truly horrified by the possibility that the minimum wage was going to be raised. How dare unskilled, uneducated drop-outs expect to make more than they were already being paid? A raise in the minimum wage, they were certain, would drive up wages at higher levels which would force companies to employ fewer people and would therefore damage the economy even more and create more joblessness.

I couldn't take it. I tried to explain that the problems in the country reflected the impossibly unfair discrepancy in earnings. Increasingly those at the top receive a greater proportion of the profits than do their salaried employees. Of course they do, agreed the threesome and they should. Why? Because they are smarter and more talented. They deserve to make more money and the rest of the society rides around on their coattails.

That kind of thinking really makes me sick. If the rich are really so meritorious, I am sure they can find other rewards in life besides money. Furthermore today's rich, like the obscenely wealthy Walton offspring, have inherited their wealth and have done nothing to deserve it other than having the foresight to being produced by a wealthy parent.

Speaking of foresight - the other group loathed by my companions were the illegal aliens. Why did these people not have the foresight to be born in the United States like we wise, clear thinking native-born Americans? Illegal aliens are just here to bask in the free welfare and benefits of Americans. I tried to point out that undocumented workers pay taxes but receive no benefits. The other men did not want to hear about this and someone called me a "liberal" which, I guess, is a bad word. It makes me sad to realize that many "liberals" now call themselves Progressives.

Sometimes it's hard to remember that California has a Democratic Governor, Lieutenant Governor, two U.S. Senators, and is considered to be among the most Progressive States. It is quite possible that the Republican Party has been so asinine in its positions that in the foreseeable future it will not be able to gain National Public Office. I certainly hope so. Nevertheless, the attitudes of Americans and their interests seem so uninformed that it is clear that great changes are necessary if we are to be able to cope with the uncertain future. Maybe then I would feel safer talking to people on the golf course.



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

I'VE NEVER ROBBED A BANK.. YET!

Some people have what they call their "bucket list." I am not too sure what this is all about but it seems to me it is a list of things people would like to do before they "kick the bucket." Me, I do not plan to kick any bucket as long as I am alive. I have other targets for my kicking.

I understand that the general concept is there are things people would like to do before they die and I suppose everyone has their own list. But I have too many things on my "to-do-list" from the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. I affectionately refer to this as the "kick my butt list."

As long as I have been married, and it has been longer than I can remember, you would think I would have come to grips with this dynamic in the marriage relationship. To a certain extent, I have. I do certain things without asking any questions or even complaining, at least out loud. What I say under my breath is between me and myself.

Sometimes we, me and myself, get into significant arguments. The problem is, I never know if me is winning or myself? In one case, there was a tie, but I cannot recall what it was about.

Lately, I have come up with a novel tactic in dealing with this scenario. It came to me quite by accident. You know how it is, you think of something to say, but usually the day after you needed to say it. I have great comebacks to everything I hear except the fact that the comebacks are usually a day late and a phrase too short.

I hate it when I am driving down and think of what I should have said. I have a whole list of what I should have said to certain people but it is too late and there is nothing I can do about it.

Recently I hit the target. (I just hope my identity has not been hacked!)

It was one day last week when my wife looked at me and said in one of "those tones," "Have you taken out the garbage?" She is always surprising me with questions related to things she has asked me to do. My problem is my attention span is about as long as my memory. Personally, I think she takes advantage of me in this area.

I looked at her with one of my infamous dumfified faces. She responded, "You did not take out the garbage, did you? You never do what I ask you to do."

Without thinking, and I mean it quite literally, I quipped, "Well, I've never robbed a bank... yet!"

LEFT TURN /RIGHT TURN

HOWARD Hays As I See It



"Mr. President, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. and all who commit to ending any racial divide, no more playing the race card"
- Sarah Palin

With "The Reel Deal" and "Sean's Shameless Reviews", the last thing Susan needs is another

movie reviewer for the MVN. But this time of year, as the awards season kicks in and I try to catch up on what I've missed (which this year is just about everything), I wanted to share a couple reflections.

I thought "12 Years a Slave" was terrific, with eye-opening depictions of people as property. We know how folks might fly off in a rage and smash a piece of furniture; it's destructive, but it's their property. A plantation wife smashes a piece of china into the head of a girl entertaining dinner guests. It may be momentarily awkward for the guests, but she's her property.

Bodies hang from the limb of a tree in the yard. Around and behind the tree, older slaves go about their work, young ones run around playing. No one dare even acknowledge the hanging bodies, lest they suffer the same fate. Property has no recourse.

I also caught Lee Daniel's "The Butler", which used the life of a White House attendant to frame the civil rights struggle of the last half of the last century. My misgivings began upon seeing Robin Williams as Dwight Eisenhower (though just the thought of Jane Fonda as Nancy Reagan is a hoot). Everything seemed too glossy and too clean.

After watching a movie, I habitually log onto the IMDB to see what others thought of it. Viewers gave "The Butler" outstanding reviews, and I read their comments. They were not so much on the quality of the film, but of what was learned from it: they were like, "Gee, I had no ideal!" Yes, there was indeed racism in this country, there was hatred and brutality. Reviewers thanked the film for having exposed them to this lesson on how Americans had treated one another, and expressed retroactive shame.

From my perspective, I already knew a bit of the history, and I've seen footage that's incomparable in its chilling depiction of it.

Years ago I worked in a film library, and I remember opening up rusted metal cans of tightly-wound rolls of grainy black-and-white 16mm news film. The cameras and microphones had been there to cover the crowd around Little Rock's Central High School in September, 1957.

The girls in pony-tails, skirts and sweaters, clutching school books, recited the talking points: "They got their own school! I don't see why they gotta be comin' to our school!" The guys, duck-tails and tee shirts, had a school-sanctioned, and encouraged, opportunity to cut class and hang out - yuckin' it up on the school steps, waving the Confederate flag and shouting racial obscenities.

The image of the parents was searing; I doubt the most talented filmmaking could capture such emotional and physical

deformation of a human being. These could well have been loving mothers and fathers, homemakers, workers, churchgoers - but here their bodies were trembling, eyes blazing, faces contorted, spittle-spewing voices cracking with obscene screams of hatred and rage.

Viewing the footage fifty years after it was shot, I felt a visceral fear for the safety of the targeted children. They appeared for only a few moments - seemingly the only ones not drawn to the cameras and microphones. But they did appear to have direction. Groomed and dressed for first-day-of-school, it seemed to be, "look straight ahead, stay quiet and focused, don't engage or acknowledge the sidelines". Interviewed later, they said their only objective was to go to school.

Almost as bad as not knowing history is not applying it, of relegating it to the past. Martin Luther King spoke of desegregation. Today, public schools are more segregated than they were forty years ago. Black workers today earn an average \$22,000 a year less than their white counterparts. He spoke of a "living wage". At the time of the 1963 March on Washington, he said "anything less than \$2.00 an hour" would fail to "give all Americans a decent standard of living". In today's dollars, that \$2.00 would be \$15.27. The current federal minimum wage is less than half that.

He spoke of fair voting. Last year, 33 states enacted voter suppression laws, and the Supreme Court overturned key parts of the Voting Rights Act. He warned against "right to work" laws, explaining their "purpose is to destroy labor unions and the freedom of collective bargaining by which unions have improved wages and working conditions of everyone". Today, workers in "right to work" states, whether union members or not, earn \$1,500 less per year than counterparts in other states, with less likelihood of having benefits like healthcare and pensions.

Speaking in 1968 in support of striking sanitation workers in Memphis, Dr. King alluded to Moses as he said God had "allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land."

Some see this speech as some eerie premonition of his murder the very next day after he gave it. I see it more as recognition that the struggle for equality, peace and justice would be ongoing beyond his lifetime.

In Buddhism, "enlightenment" is seen not as a moment when a light bulb goes off, but as something pursued through countless lifetimes. History is not a done deal, but "karma" that continues to be a part of us.

Our Founding Fathers saw the purpose of the Constitution as to "form a more perfect Union" - not to achieve perfection, but implying a responsibility for each ensuing generation to make it more perfect still; to every day be conscience of and strive towards those goals of equality, peace, and justice.

And not just on MLK Day.

GREG Welborn HAS THE DEATH SPIRAL BEGUN?



New statistics released by the administration and new polls -not released by the administration - suggest that the Obamacare death spiral has begun. For those not familiar with the phrase, it's a term used to describe the process whereby too few of the right people sign up for Obamacare, prompting premiums to rise, which in turns motivates still more people to not enroll, or to withdraw, thus exacerbating the problem. The loop continues, spinning downward to an ugly crash - hence the phrase "death spiral".

Seeking the right people somehow sounds elitist, but it's not in the insurance context. Insurance only works if enough people who don't need it sign up to offset those signing up who will need it. Think about those poor people who suffered hurricane Sandy's wrath. Most of them had property insurance and will receive reimbursement for their losses. But they can only be reimbursed if there are enough of us who haven't had our homes launched airborne to 10,000 feet at 200 miles per hour. Our premiums provide the capital pool which allows Sandy's victims to be compensated.

Thank God for the right people - We, who pay premiums but who don't need reimbursements now, are the right people. Tomorrow, the right people may be those in New Jersey who pay premiums so that we Californian's can be compensated for a fire. The right people is a different crowd each time. It has to be.

But what if it's not? The whole insurance thing works because none of us knows when we will need insurance and when we won't. If we knew, we'd only buy insurance when we needed it, and we'd stop buying insurance when we didn't. There wouldn't be enough people in the premium pool to sustain claims. The insurance companies would fail and nobody would get reimbursements. Insurance works when enough of the right people are motivated to buy insurance. That motivation is a function of costs and a sense that we need coverage "just in case."

Obamacare's fatal flaw is that it structure violates both these premises. While it is a complicated piece of legislation - some ungodly number of pages that had to be passed so we could see what was in them - but as people figure it out, the program will fail. The polls and statistics I referenced above seem to indicate Americans are smarter than the administration hoped, and they're figuring it out quickly.

40 million new people were supposed to enroll in Obamacare, according to President Obama, and the program was supposed to get more popular as people learned more about it. A new poll just released today, shows that 59% of voters

oppose the program. That's a new record and is up from 55% just six months ago. Surprisingly, the increase comes from both independents (going from 53% to 64%) and Democrats (going from 22% to 30%) in opposition.

This explains why we may be in the beginning turns of the death spiral. President Obama's 40 million new people were supposed to be those who didn't have health insurance. 40 million new insurance purchasers would be a good thing if they included enough of the right people. The right people are those who won't have to make catastrophic claims against their policies (typically the young who have fewer medical needs) in order to pay premiums to support those who do have large claims (typically the elderly who have substantial medical needs).

The statistics released by the administration show that far fewer people than expected are signing up for coverage, of those signing up only 11% are people who didn't have insurance previously, and among the 11% there are very few of the right - young, healthy - people. Most of the people buying coverage through Obamacare are those who lost their private coverage thanks to the stupidity of Obamacare rules.

Why aren't the young, healthy people signing up? Well, the law states that you can't be denied coverage. So there's no need to buy health insurance when you're healthy. Why pay premiums when you don't need insurance if you know you can simply join the gravy train when you do? The right people have figured out you don't need to, so they aren't buying.

If the death spiral has not already begun, it is warming up. If the numbers mean that premiums have to be raised in order to make these policies viable, then you'll see fewer people still sign up, and then existing buyers will start to drop out. All of this was predicted. Conservatives warned of the fatal flaws in the legislation, but Democrats and The President ignored them. The death spiral will kill the program, but it may also bring down a presidency and the Democratic Party. It will have been a wasted 8 years.

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King Arthur Was A Gentleman was released December 28, 1942: Arthur Askey plays Arther King, who enlists in England's Army, and soon fancies himself as King Arthur of legend.

Directed by Marcel Varnel and written by Marriott Edgar and Val Guest. The Actors: Arthur Askey (Arthur King), Max Bacon (Maxie), Al Burnett (Slim), Evelyn Dall (Susan Ashley), Vera Frances (Vera), Peter Graves (Lance Elliott), Brefni O'Rorke (Colonel Duncannon), Anne Shelton (Gwen Duncannon), Ronald Shiner (Sergeant), Jack Train (Jack), Victor Feldman (young boy drumming), Clifford Buckton, Clifford Cobbe, Freddie Crump, Ernie Feldman, Elizabeth Plateau, Cameron Hall, Bryan Herbert, Vincent Holman, Margot Hunter, Virginia Keiley, Sonia Somers, Veronica Turleigh, John Wynn.

When you are in the mood for a WWII movie, and you need a good tickle at the same time, King Arthur Was A Gentleman is the motion picture from Britain that fills the bill. Arther Askey blends his unique brand of verbal humor with a few good songs, add a bit of fantasy from King Arther and the Round Table, and you have a hearty, happy military adventure that will put a smile on your face and have you ready to enlist!

As our adventure begins, we find a couple of pretty young girls in the army, finished with their training, will be attached to a military unit for the duration of the war. They have one final leave to go home and see their loved ones. One of the girls is the daughter of a high-ranking military officer, and the other has a boyfriend that is a map maker, a bit of a strange, nerd fellow. Because he is such a nit-wit, his attempts to enlist have failed. When the girls and he get into trouble, the officer-father of Gwen gets them out of the trouble if they promise to keep it quiet that he let them off, but Arthur insists that the price for his silence is that he be admitted to the Army within 24 hours.

So we have nit-wit Arthur in the Army, soon making a mockery of the training with his inept abilities. Did I mention that Arther is a fan of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table? King Arthur is his hero, and he reads the stories till he has them about memorized. Just as he has become such a nuisance that he would be washed out of the service, some of his buddies dig up an old sword and decide to play a trick on Arthur by telling him that it must be Ex-Calibur, the famous sword of legend. But something strange and magical happens when the believing Arther takes the sword in his hands. His face gets a far away look, and his nit-wit personality goes away, and he becomes a competent soldier.

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by Jimbo Berkey

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Saturday	King Arthur Was A Gentleman
Sunday	Half Sho t At Sunrise

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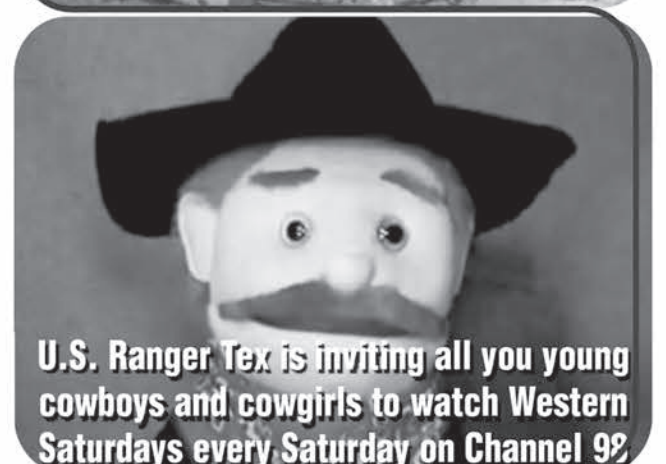


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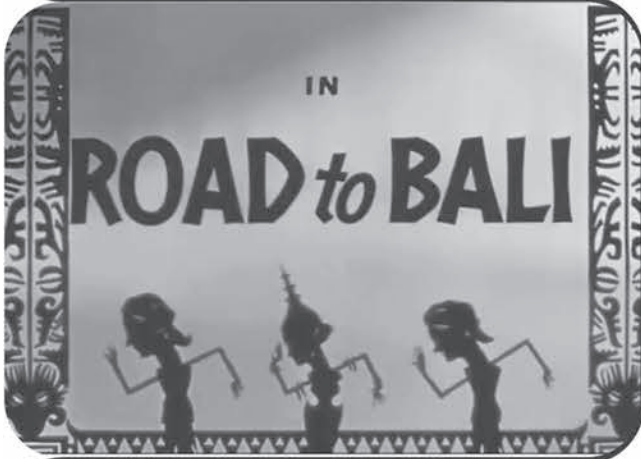
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9 to 10 pm	The Ape Man
Tuesday 1.28.14	Movies
7 to 8 am	Children's Programing
9 to 10 am	Painting, Cooking and much much more
11 to 12 pm	Street Scene
1 to 2 pm	Bird of Paradise
3 to 4 pm	Sherlock Holmes Fatal Hour
5 to 6 pm	Street Scene
7 to 8 pm	Bonanza, Mr. & Mrs. North, Sherlock Holmes
9 to 10 pm	Spooks Run Wild
Wednesday 1.29.14	Movies
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1 to 2 pm	The Silver Horde
3 to 4 pm	The Ghost Train
5 to 6 pm	Charley's Aunt
7 to 8 pm	Bonanza, Mr. & Mrs. North, Sherlock Holmes
9 to 10 pm	The Man With Two Lives
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3 to 4 pm	Case of the Frightened Lady
5 to 6 pm	Broadway Limited
7 to 8 pm	Bonanza, Mr. & Mrs. North, Sherlock Holmes
9 to 10 pm	Ghosts on the Loose
Friday 1.31.14	Movies
7 to 8 am	Children's Programing
9 to 10 am	Painting, Cooking and much much more
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1 to 2 pm	Laddle
3 to 4 pm	Tom Brown's School Days
5 to 6 pm	Where's the Fire
7 to 8 pm	Bonanza, Mr. & Mrs. North, Sherlock Holmes
9 to 10 pm	White Zombie
Saturday 2.1.14	Movies
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1 to 2 pm	Law of the Timber & The Trail Beyond
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7 to 8 pm	Dark Star & Nevada City
9 to 10 pm	King Arthur Was A Gentleman
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The 3-bedroom units range in size from 1485 , 1562 , and two at 1620 sq. ft.

The free standing home (left) has 4 bedrooms/3baths and is 2,103 sq. ft.

The units are just a block and a half from Kersting Court.

Three of the four units facing Sierra Madre Bl., have elevators for senior citizens thinking of down-sizing.



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