

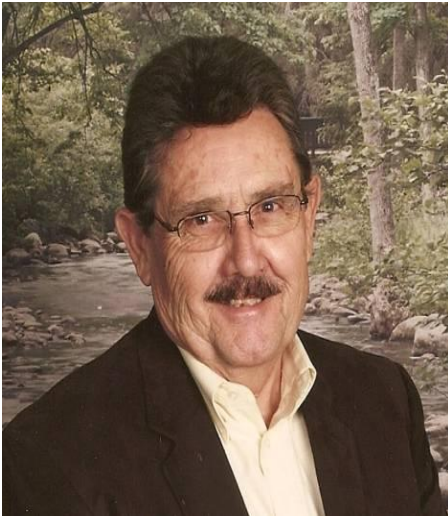
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HAPPY NEW  
YEAR,

What a way to start the new year off, already late to press with the first newsletter of the year. I have to say, my excuse is pretty good. We had one of our Grandsons, Dane, visit for the Holidays, from Pennsylvania. Dane is challenged so I had to fly back to his home in Pottstown, PA and then fly him out here, so he could be with the rest of the family through Christmas and New Years'. Other than the severe colds we both came down with after

sitting next to a hacking/coughing passenger in our seat row, which resulted in a delayed Christmas party with the family, Dane had a great time.

The return trip didn't go any better, we ended up having to go on a one stop flight through Phoenix on the way back. When we got to Phoenix, we found our flight to Philadelphia was cancelled and we had been rebooked on a flight scheduled for the next day, through Charlottesville, South Carolina. All is not bad, I thought, the weather on the east coast was really terrible and as long as we could still get there in a couple of days-no problem. Just in case, I checked and found we could try "Stand-By" on a flight directly to Philadelphia. Surprise, surprise, we made it on that flight. Unfortunately, Danes luggage was sent to South Carolina, so it didn't arrive to his home until a couple of days later. Once we got to Philadelphia, I called Danes big brother and asked him to pick Dane up at the Airport, because I had scheduled a return flight early the next day.

Luckily, I did stay at the airport because, just after the two grandsons left, I found that my flight had been cancelled again.

I immediately went to work trying for "Stand-By" on another flight, which to some extent did work, I was able to fly out of Philadelphia on another Airline which was supposed to put me into Denver in time for my last leg to LA.

Imagine my surprise when I got to Denver and the flight I had intended to get back to LA on was no longer showing as an active flight? I never did figure out what happened to that flight, but a kindly Airline Agent was able to get me on another "Stand-By" flight, earlier than the first. Again "Stand-By" worked and I arrived back in LA at almost the original arrival time. This occurred, even though we sat on the ground being de-iced for an hour, in the middle of a snow storm.

I learned a couple of lessons on this trip, (1) Don't fly during the holidays, and (2) Don't be afraid of flying "Stand-By", I had always thought "Stand-By" meant that if a passenger cancelled at the last minute, you could get the vacated seat. No, I don't think so, every time it happened, I noticed that several people got on the plane and that there were still multiple seats un-occupied as we left the ground.

My guess is the Airline tells ticketed travelers that the seats are booked, and then wait till the last minute to see if they can sell the seats to last minute travelers? Lastly, Dane visits in the Spring, Summer or Fall, from now on!

On to Real Estate, the New Year is starting to look better already, the number of people making offers has dramatically increased. November and December were as quiet as a church mouse. I did have a last minute offer on my listing on Volk. Unfortunately for me, but good news for the Sellers, the new agent, who got the listing after my expiration, received a better offer within days of listing and staging the home. The market is definitely picking up now, so if you are thinking of selling, please give me a call. Interest rates are rising, but still in the low four percentage points, for homes in our price range. Prices are still rising, clearly showing that we reached the bottom before last year. Availability of homes in the neighborhood is low, which helps boost the pricing levels.

What's going on in the neighborhood, well I see many people are joining "Next Door Neighbor" .com and sharing news throughout our neighborhood. Go to;

[carsonparklb.nextdoor.com/join](http://carsonparklb.nextdoor.com/join)

One disturbing communique related to Graffiti vandalism up near the new McBride High School. I personally called our Community Police representative, Claudia Lopez, and she advised holding another

neighborhood meeting to address the problem with the police department and get details of action we residents should take to end this type vandalism. I have contacted our new Neighborhood Watch Administrator, Dan Flynn, to set up a date for our next meeting, but in talking to him, we agreed a better way to address this problem is for neighbors to be more vigilant in calling 911 when they see this type activity progress and notify the Graffiti Hot Line if spotted after the fact. (562) 570-2773.

Dan Flynn did indicate that he was planning to host another Community watch meeting in a couple of months and I will publish the date as soon as arranged.

Also, John Craig, on Lanai St. called to see if I knew anything about a strong police presence in the late evening, 11:30 – 12:00 pm, Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, at the intersection of Mezzanine & Karen? I am still checking on this, but it doesn't appear to have been a serious incident, since police records don't note the action that evening and I never saw anything in the papers about it. If anyone knows any more, please share the knowledge.

The elections for City Office positions approaches, and as you already know, Gerrie Schipske is running for Mayor, leaving our Council District position up for grabs. I personally support Gerrie Schipske for Mayor and appreciate her many accomplishments in our district and I hope we can select

someone who will work as hard as she has, to get City support for our needs in the Fifth.

City wide candidate debates, for the Mayor, will be advertised in the Press Telegram and I would hope to see many of my neighbors attend these debates. Closer to home, the El Dorado Park South Neighborhood Association plans to hold a debate for candidates running for the Fifth District. Rather than duplicate their efforts, I am encouraging all my neighbors, both in the Carson Park homes and the Ranchos to attend the event as scheduled on the next page. It is important to submit questions prior to the event, to insure covering the most important questions.

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# Long Beach Fifth District Candidates Forum

**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2014  
**Time:** 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
**Place:** El Dorado Park West Senior Center, 2800 Studebaker Road

The following local neighborhood associations [Carson Park Community Watch Association, El Dorado Park Estates Neighborhood Association, El Dorado Park South Neighborhood Association, and Plaza Community Watch Association, and Rancho Estates] are hosting this forum for the purpose of giving the candidates an opportunity to express their opinions on various issues concerning the residents of the Fifth Council District.

All four candidates have agreed to participate in this forum. They are:

- **Carl Kemp** – Mr. Kemp worked for the city and port of Long Beach and is presently a business owner.  
[<http://www.carlkemp.com>]
- **Stacy Mungo** – Ms. Mungo works for the county and has been active with neighborhood associations  
[<http://www.stacymungo.com>]
- **Tom Sutfin** – Mr. Sutfin is a high school teacher, a business owner, and a pilot/flight instructor.  
[<http://www.tomsutfin.com>]
- **Joe Luyben** – Mr. Luyben is a successful businessman who is well known through the district.  
[<http://www.joeluyben.com>]

Forum Moderators will be:

- **Marilyn James** from the Plaza Community Watch Association
- **Dan Flynn** from the Carson Park Community Watch Association.

Questions may be submitted prior to this event by emailing Grace Earl at [ge720@aol.com](mailto:ge720@aol.com). Written questions may also be submitted at the time of the event.



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