

Proposed Plans Announced For Skilled Nursing Facility

By Dean Lee

Within a few weeks, the city of Sierra Madre should know if an adult day care provider, Healthcare of Today, will buy the Skilled Nursing Center property. This announcement was made at Tuesday's council meeting by Loren Tino Rowyn, a consultant for the company. If the plans are successful the property would again be used as a health facility for senior citizens.

Mayor Kurt Zimmerman said he had asked Rowyn to address the council because of the importance of the project to Sierra Madre. The council was prohibited from discussing the issue as it was not part of their agenda and because Rowyn spoke during public comment said Zimmerman.

According to Rowyn, after an earlier conversation with councilmember Don Watts, that they also plan to incorporate a 24-hour Urgent Care Facility into the project. Rowyn said Watts suggested an urgent care component after being asked what he thought was the one thing the city could benefit from.

"Just to show you how I operate, all I did was make two phone calls," Rowyn said, "and within six hours before the close of that day I did call the manager of the city's office, Elaine, and told her we would definitely give the community an urgent care." Elaine Aguilar is the Sierra Madre City Manager. He continued, "Now I would assume that would be a good thing, but the funny thing was, within 24 hours I did receive calls from people thinking it suspicious that I could deliver something so quickly." Rowyn said the bottom line was that the developer wants to make money and that includes a project with something the community can use, "Urgent care is something we can make a part of this development, and I think it is something we can work", said Rowyn.

Mayor Pro Tem Maryann MacGillivray asked about other services they plan to extend to the community. "We did talk about opportunities for some of the elders in the community to participate in -- some of the programs you may be setting up such as yoga exercises that you will extend those opportunities to the community."

"The facility now, if it is an elder care facility, can be broken down into three or four different categories, the first would be having elder care as daycare...", Rowyn responded. Other ideas included basic physical therapy that would be open to the community. "As far as taking the facility as a whole, we are not going to encapsulate it, and say it is for only one type of person or one type of situation," he said, "and some of the things I can promise is that once we do open our doors, we will give Sierra Madre the opportunity of employment first before we try to bring people outside of the community."

The only foreseeable dilemma with the project



The fate of the Skilled Nursing Facility has been the center of controversy since its closing. Photo by Dean Lee

according to the consultant, could be putting in a pharmacy, but he assured the council that it would not compete with Best Buy Drugs on Baldwin Ave. "The first thing I did was, I went downtown, which was simple to find since there is only one pharmacy in town, and I spoke with the owner/manager. When asked if our plans presented a problem the answer was no after Rowyn explained who he was and what he intended to do including keeping the pharmacy "in house." At press time, the owner of Best Buy Drugs could not be reached for comment

In the beginning of his presentation, Rowyn encouraged those with questions to "Google" his name. In doing so, it turns out he has an interesting background as the host of a television show. Rowyn writes, "The New Remodeling Show has a very revolutionary premise; whereby I (the host) will help show (teach and condition) the TV viewer how to find the right contractor (at the right price) for their project with the intent of them (the consumer) having a happy outcome to their remodel project whereby there will be a positive spin on the business exchange of money for services rendered."

He also said he would act as the public relations person for the project. Anyone with question can call him at 323-554-0019.

Longtime Sierra Madre Resident Karl Teigler Passes Away

Karl Edward Teigler, longtime Sierra Madre resident and volunteer, passed away Easter morning shortly after midnight. Karl had been suffering and in pain due to cancer, according to his wife Ruth. Karl had just celebrated his 94th birthday on Thursday, April 9th. He and Ruth would have celebrated their 67th anniversary in June. "He was twenty-seven before I could catch him," said Ruth. They were married in Rochester, N.Y. on June 27, 1942.

Karl was born on April 9, 1915, to Fredrick and Marie (nee Kumph) Teigler, Buffalo, N.Y. After graduating high school, he attended college. He worked for Picker Electric Co., selling, installing, and maintaining X-ray equipment. During the second World War, he worked with high-energy X-ray equipment in support of the Manhattan Project. After the war, and until he retired, Karl worked for the General Electric Co., residing in Tyler, Texas and then moving to Sierra Madrein 1963. After many years in Sierra Madre, Karl and Ruth, moved to Kokomo to be closer to their daughter.

In Sierra Madre, he was very active in the community. He served the city as assistant treasurer. He served on the National Committee on Aging. Karl worked on the Senior Master Plan and on the Youth Master Plan for the City of Sierra Madre.

He received awards from the County of Los Angeles on Older American's Recognition Day, May 11, 1994. He also received awards from the City of Sierra Madre for his work on the Senior and Youth Master Plans. Karl was raised a Lutheran. After he married Ruth, he joined the Episcopal Church. He was active in church affairs. He taught Sunday School and was involved in establishing a new Episcopal Church in Tyler, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his son, Timothy, his parents, his sister and brothers.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, now of Kokomo; his daughter, Dian Teigler, Carson City, Nev.; his daughter, Katherine, and her husband, Dr. James Scheffler, Kokomo; and his daughter-in-law, Louise Teigler, Carson City, Nev. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at St. Andrew Episcopal Church. The family will receive



Karl Edward and Ruth Teigler

friends after the memorial service at St. Andrew. A committal service and burial of Karl's remains will be at 10 a.m. May 9 in Sierra Madre. The family will welcome memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, to St. Andrew Church or to the American Cancer Society. Shirley & Stout Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Messages of condolence may be left online at www.shirleyandstout.com.

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Entrance to the sale is free with Gardens’ admission: \$8 adults, \$6 senior/students, \$3 children 5-12, free for children 4 and younger. For more information, call (818) 949-4200 or visit www.descansogardens.org.

Calendar Listings: Mt. Sac Plant Sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 24, 25 and 26, Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Dr., La Canada. Search among a wide range of outdoor and indoor plants that may include palms, clivia, ficus, impatiens, ivy, parrot’s beak, perennials and assorted garden treasures.

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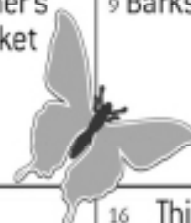


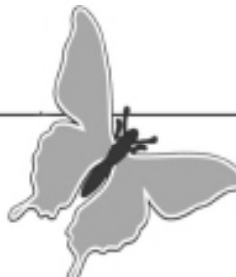
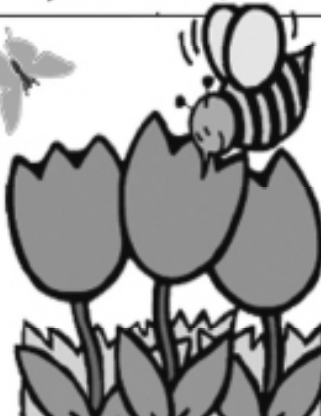
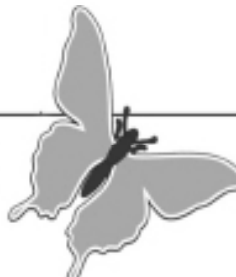

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		8 Farmer's Market	9 Barks & Books at Sierra Madre Library Children are invited to read to gentle and friendly dog visitors			
EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 12th	 City Council Meeting Council Chambers, 6:30 pm	14 City Council Meeting Council Chambers, 6:30 pm	15 Farmer's Market	16 Third Thursday Book Club	17 Farmer's Market	18 Legendary Bingo at the Rec Center Doors Open 6:30
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BARGAIN BOOK TABLE SALE AT
SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library will have a Bargain Book Table Sale inside the Library, Monday, April 20 through Saturday, April 25, during the Library's public open hours. This month's features will include: Art, Biographies, Fiction, Mysteries, Children's and Specialty books, all in good condition.

All books will be sold at the bargain price of \$1.00 each. These every-other-month book sales provide funding for Library resources and programs.

The Sierra Madre Public Library, located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre, is open Monday through Wednesday from Noon to 9 p.m., Thursday and Friday from Noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (626) 355-7186. www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us

COLOSSAL RUMMAGE SALE

The semi-annual rummage sale, sponsored by the United Methodist Women, of the Sierra Madre United Methodist Church will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2009 from 8:30am to 3:00 pm. The location of the church is 695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre 91024 (626) 355-0629

Profits from this sale will be used to support the many ministries, local and nationwide, that the United Methodist Women sponsor. Sale items include adult clothing/shoes, craft stuff, children's clothing, toys, shoes, bathroom accessories, household items, books and much much more.

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Remembrances

Wanda Lorraine Sanders

Wanda Lorraine Sanders - a vivacious, kind person who enjoyed life, music and travel, passed away on Monday April 13, 2009 after a lengthy battle with cancer. The beloved neice of Mountain Views News publisher Susan Henderson, Wanda was born on April 22, 1960. She died just 9 days before her 49th birthday.

Wanda traveled with her parents to many places around the world including Europe and the Hawaiian and Carribean Islands. She loved fashion and was a part time model for several agencies.

In her battle with cancer, Wanda was a true warrior who never complained and held hope until the end. Wanda leaves many cherished



memories to her parents Artie and Grace Sanders; Aunts: Genola Glasper, H. Susan Henderson (Hattie), Doris Austin (Caesar), and Vanessa Taylor (Earl). Uncles: William Washington, William Henderson, Tyrone Henderson and a host of cousins and friends who treasure the memories and times they shared.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to: The American Cancer Society 6500 Sugar Loaf Parkway, Suite 260, Duluth, Georgia 30097. (770-814-0123.



Yes! Youngsters and parents, as well as teachers at Clifton and Sante Fe Middle Schools are happily celebrating their good fortune and extensive hard work, as they finish out the year with the prestigious award of being two of California's Distinguished Schools, according to Charlotte Schamadan's column in The Star. Nothing could be finer!

While on the subject of Monrovia Schools, I have been curious about the goings-on at the Madison and Colorado corner of the High School. The way to find out, of course, is to contact someone at the MUSD office. Which I did and long-time friend Kris Mariconda, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, tells me that what I see at that corner is very exciting news on the High School campus - the ground is being prepared on the west side of the front lawn for the placement of interim portable classrooms while the central campus construction is going on for the new science building and all of the underground infrastructure.

Kris even enclosed pictures and very detailed information on the updates and construction impacts on school schedules for the next couple of months. First of all, during this modernization, some students will be moved to the front of the campus and additional portables will be located to the northern most tennis court for use during locker room modernization. Particularly important during all of this is safety for everyone! To accommodate trenching for new gas lines to the 200 building, no students, staff or parents

are allowed within the construction areas. Looks as if that corner will definitely have an exciting new look come September and the start of the new school year!

Charlotte Schamadan tells us in her Quota Tid-Bitz, that there will be "New wrinkles in Monrovia Days this year. Instead of the one-day celebration, (I recall when it was a 3-day weekend for years) they will begin on Sunday, May 10th, with the Mother's Day Old Homes Tour.

This year the Tour will encompass one full block of homes known as the Wild Rose Tract. The Monrovia Day Parade will be on Thursday night (that used to be the Kiddie Parade) and Sturday, May 16th will be Monrovia Day, along with the grand "opening for business" of the new library." I mentioned last week that it looked impossible to move all of those books back to the new library by May 16th. Well, I was really mistaken. I had occasion to see Monica Greening, Library Division Manager, on April 8th at the spectacular Quota Annual Fund Raiser at the Doubletree Hotel, just four days after the dedication ceremony for the library, and those empty shelves I mentioned are already filling up. All of the books that had been moved to the Youth Center during the interim, are already back in place! Charlotte Schamadan and Pat Myers, also at the Quota affair, are particularly beaming, after their hard work to get the bond issue passed two years ago. It did take a "village" to make the dream a reality and the "village" is beaming from East to West! Postrye@netzero.com

Habitat for Humanity Director Speaks at Rotary

Sonja Yates, Director of the San Gabriel Valley Habitat chapter of For Humanity spoke Tuesday to the Sierra Madre Rotary. She detailed the organization's efforts to complete four Monrovia homes under construction at 1214 Sherman Avenue, a fifth in the planning stages on the same street, their Glendale home projects, and the need for volunteers and funding to provide a "hand up, not a hand out." Yates described the stringent evaluation process for selecting families, their required 500 hours of sweat equity investment in their home, and the other requirements that lead to a family's home ownership.

The need for volunteers is always great, and includes more than just construction volunteers. Office volunteers, donations of usable building supplies to use for current projects or sell at their Azusa and Pasadena RE-stores, and even the simple projects of providing lunch for the construction workers are needed every week.

A Sierra Madre group is teaming up with St. Rita volunteers to aid Habitat's Monrovia project. Saturday, April, 18 and



25, they will provide lunches for the thirty people working on the Monrovia site. If you'd like to join in this effort, please contact the Sierra Madre chair, Chris Bertrand at 626-355-1621.

If your organization would like to hear a Habitat For Humanity presentation, donate to, or work on their home builds, contact them at 626-387-6899.

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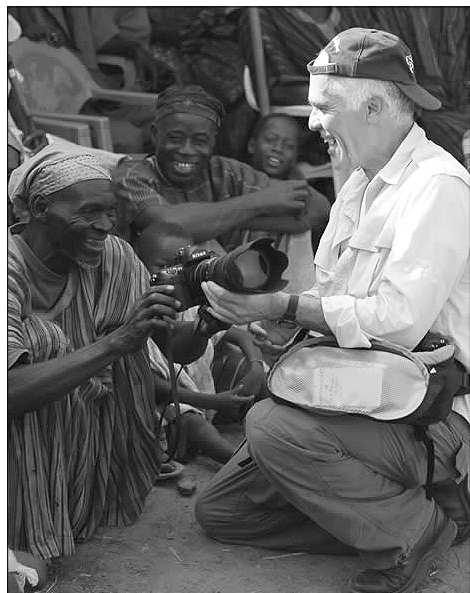
Gil Garcetti To Speak

Coffee Talks Speaker Series presents GIL GARCETTI: Water is Key. More than one billion people are affected by water scarcity. Learn more about this global issue & discover how you can help Award-winning photographer Gil Garcetti, former Los Angeles District Attorney, has created a compelling visual document - Water Is Key: A Better Future for Africa - that illustrates the immediate need for safe water and the dramatic results that can be achieved by involved citizens. Mr. Garcetti intends Water is Key as a call to action. Learn more about his work and the water crisis currently impacting over a billion people worldwide.

Followed by ACTION FORUM, with guest speakers Michael Winter - Join the Life Straw Challenge The goal of the organization is for 1,000 students and adults to collect, sort and package CRV containers for recycling to kick-off the Life Straw Challenge to raise five million dollars to purchase 1,000,000 Life straws for distribution around-the-world to people who do not have sources of clean drinking water.

Greg Apodaca - Community Without Walls Greg is founder and director of Community Without Walls, a non-profit organization that seeks to "envision and enable a model community in the greater Pasadena area. In the long term, the process will significantly enhance the leveraging of community resources to address pervasive and long-standing issues such as the need for a culture of increased civic engagement, environmental sustainability, lifelong education, improved human relations, economic opportunity and social justice.

Harui Hanataka - 2009 Tap Project City



Garcetti wearing a different hat.

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Celebrate Earth Day All Week

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The Hill Avenue Branch Library will celebrate Earth Day on Wednesday, April 22 at

3:30 p.m. Learn how to reuse everyday items and be "green."

Hill Avenue Branch Library is located at 55 S. Hill Ave., Pasadena.

For more information, call (626) 744-7264.

NASA Celebrates Earth Day

NASA centers across the nation, including the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., invite the public to see and hear about the agency's efforts and contributions to understanding and protecting Earth.

Begun in 1970, Earth Day is an annual celebration of the environment and a time to assess work still needed to protect the natural resources of our planet. The agency maintains the largest contingent of dedicated Earth scientists and engineers in leading and assisting other agencies in preserving the planet's environment.

For a comprehensive listing of NASA Earth Day activities, visit: <http://www.nasa.gov/earthday>.

The Web site also features an online poll inviting the public to vote for the most important contribution NASA has made to exploring Earth and improving the way we live on our home planet. The "greatest hits" poll closes April 21. A new interactive feature will debut on Earth Day, April 22, that allows visitors to view a collection of astronaut photographs of Earth as seen from the current location of the International Space Station.

Dryden Flight Research Center, Edwards, Calif.

Tues. April 21 (10 a.m. - 2 p.m. PDT) View up close a model of the unmanned Ikhana aircraft. Ikhana was instrumental in assisting emergency response efforts during recent California wildfires. The public also will see high-altitude life-support demonstrations and can attend several educational activities and presentations.

Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

Sat. April 25 and Sunday, April 26 (9 a.m. - 5 p.m. PDT) - JPL will join a celebration of our ocean planet at the ninth annual Earth Day event at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, Calif. The event will include exhibits and handouts highlighting NASA's Earth science research.

Handbill Ordinance Put on Hold

Residents again threaten to sue.

By Dean Lee

After a number of residents expressed concern Monday night that a recently passed ordinance severely limiting the distribution of handbills on residential property was again unconstitutional the city council put the matter off asking the city attorney to tweak the language possibly exempting multi-family dwellings from the ban.

The issue would be reheard April 27 City Attorney Michele Bagneris said.

Resident Marvin Schachter reminded the council that they had lost a lawsuit in 1998 after passing a similar law calling for an outright ban on all handbills, leaflets, fliers and other written material where owners have posted a "No Soliciting" sign.

"I cannot conceive of a reason why this council, people who I respect, would vote for an ordinance so obviously in violation, not only of the letter of the Constitution but of the spirit of the Constitution of the United States," Schachter said. "I urge the council to reject this first reading and withdraw this effort; I don't want to sue the city again."

He then reminded them that they currently have a budget problem saying they should not waste hundreds of thousands of dollars on a lawsuit as they had done before.

At issue Schachter said is the given ability for the managers or owners of apartments to prohibit the distribution of literature.

He then gave a number of examples.

"A candidate that wants to run for the city council who cannot afford the heavy cost of mailing or



Handbills litter the sidewalk on Hill Ave.

the cost of advertising could be prohibited from distributing literature in that building," he said. "if the tenants of a rental building wanted to organize, or if a tenant's organizer wanted to organize renters to defend their rights, the owner of that building could prohibit the distribution of literature in that building."

He said at least 55 percent of all housing units in Pasadena are rental, most of them in multifamily building.

Schachter also said littering should not be used as an excuse for violating a person's fundamental Constitutional right something other speakers agreed with including Michelle White of Affordable Housing Services. White is also the president of the local chapter of the ACLU.

"As a landlord I could preclude each one of my tenants from receiving information," she said. "All I have to do is put up 'No Handbills.'"

She also said the law would interfere with fair housing counselors who go around investigating housing claims.

"Typically if they do not leave information so that they can be called back," she said about the counselors. She added that this would also hinder complaints such as housing discrimination.

"This would interfere with that ability of the fair housing groups that you're funding," she said. "It would also interfere with the ability of Social Services and economic justice agencies, such as mine, that go around and try to organize its communities."

Resident Nancy Nelson said the law also violates people's right to work.

"The right to work includes the right to have business cards and fliers and brochures and tri-folds and to hand them out," she said. "This is a fundamental pursuit of life liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

The new ordinance would repeal the unenforceable existing handbill law. City staff said in October of 1999 U.S. District Judge William Keller issued a permanent injunction prohibiting the city from enforcing the existing law which regulated handbills

Photo D. Lee MVNews

distribution by way of a refusal registry, "do not deliver" list.

Schachter said Keller ruled just minutes after hearing all the testimony.

Staff also said the law would reduce wind blown litter as well as cutting down on burglaries where an unoccupied home could be more vulnerable because handbills sit unclaimed.

As written, according to the staff report, the new ordinance would, prohibit the distribution of handbills on residential property unless the handbills are properly secured so that they will not be blown about; Prohibit the distribution of handbills on residential property if there is placed in a conspicuous location near the entrance a legible sign of at least 16 square inches bearing the words "No Handbills" or a similar notice, subject to certain exceptions; Permit the handing of any handbill to a person who is willing to accept the handbill; and Establish a rebuttable presumption that the person whose message is on the unlawfully-distributed handbill has violated the ordinance.

Ruling Bars Officers Names from Being Released

The Los Angeles Civil Court ruled Thursday against the city of Pasadena's position that the release of officers' names in critical incidents should be left to the discretion of the department according to a statement issued by Pasadena Police Chief Bernard Melekian.

"I am disappointed with the Court's decision in the matter," Melekian said. "I believe that we have, in the spirit of transparency, made every effort to be open about the Barnes' and all other cases we investigate in releasing information as long as it did not jeopardize the safety or well being of the officers and their families."

Pursuant to the court's orders the names of the officers will not be released. In the meantime the department will consult with the city Attorney to see what the next steps are pending the hearing date the statement also reads.

PCC Presents Diversity Lecture Series

The Pasadena City College Diversity Initiative, which seeks to provide all members of the college community with the opportunity to develop a critical awareness and appreciation for diversity, has invited two notable speakers to campus as part of their spring lecture series.

Dr. Grace Floutsis, interim executive director of Clinica Monseñor Oscar A. Romero, will be speaking on campus on April 28 at noon in Building C, Room 333. She will be discussing Clinica Monseñor Oscar A. Romero's mission to provide affordable, quality healthcare, health education, and advocacy to the underserved and underserved communities of greater Los Angeles.

Scott Brooks, assistant professor of sociology at UC Riverside, will be speaking on May 4 at 3 p.m. in Harbeson Hall. His presentation, which is entitled "Black Men Can't Shoot," will address the myth of the "natural black athlete" and how such gaffes are harmful because they obscure hard-fought accomplishments.

"By introducing innovative lecturers and new ideas to the PCC community, we may all begin to understand the complexity faced by members of our community," said Lauren Arenson, PCC associate professor of social sciences.

The lecture series is free for all members of the PCC community.

For more information, contact Arenson at (626) 585-7736.

Ginkgo Tree Blooming; Causing Complaints



After: Ginkgos Still There

By Dean Lee

Although numerous completes have come in to this newspaper, the city, and other newspapers in Pasadena, photographs along Colorado Blvd, taken before and after a number of Ficus trees were cut down, clearly, show that no new Ginkgo trees have been planted to replace them as alleged.

The city had placed a moratorium on planting new trees after councilmember Sid Tyler asked that they look at replanting shade canopy and drought tolerant trees instead of the planed, Ginkgo's and palms.

Monday Tyler asked when the soonest trees could be planted to which staff replied, three to four months. He then asked them to confirm that it

would not before next fall.

Staff said the optimum time to plant would be September due to irrigation.

It was also said that if bids for the work came back under \$75,000 they would not have to come back to city council although that process is still far off. City Manager Michael Beck also said they did want to go out to bid until the council lifted the tree planting ban.

Councilmember Victor Gordo had asked the council to reconsider its position on waiting saying that Ginkgo trees do in fact meet the United Nations Urban Accords. This came after outcry during public comment that the city was not following its own green action plan.

He also said after researching the Ginkgo he



Before: Showing Two Ginkgos

found them fascinating. "It is, I'm told, the oldest living tree specimen in the world."

He then asked if they were going to outlaw all slow growing trees, using the Oak tree as an example. Gordo also said that the Ginkgo is known to live 3,000 years.

He also asked that they plant immediately the 36 Ginkgos planed along Colorado Blvd that now many this week, have claimed had already happened.

The city's Assistant Public Information Officer Linda Centell said Thursday that no new Ginkgos had been planted as reported. She said the 52 existing trees along Colorado Blvd between Lake Ave and Los Robles Ave had been lying dormant and were now being noticed because

they are blooming.

After over two hours the council ended the discussion Monday night with no action and a motion by Gordo still pending. The council could not agree to exempt Old Pasadena, South Lake Avenue and the Playhouse Business Districts and allow tree planting to move forward according to approved tree planting plans for each of the three business districts.





Environmentally Speaking, Did You Know?

Senator Gaylord Nelson and Earth Day

By Pat Birdsall

On April 22, 1970, the first Earth Day was held; something its founder, Senator Gaylord Nelson, had been working toward for seven years. Nelson announced in September of 1969 that in the spring of 1970 there would be a nationwide grassroots demonstration on behalf of the environment and invited everyone to participate. The wire services carried the story from coast to coast. The response was electric. Twenty million people demonstrated their support. Since that date—some important environmental highlights:

*1970, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was created by President Richard Nixon with a mission to protect the environment and public health. In the same year Congress amends the Clean Air Act to set national air quality, auto emission, and anti-pollution standards.

*1972- EPA bans DDT, a cancer-causing pesticide, and requires extensive review of all pesticides. In 1996, the bald eagle was removed from the endangered species list, reflecting its recovery since this ban.

*1972-Congress passes the Clean Water Act, limiting raw sewage and other pollutants flowing into rivers, lakes and streams.

In 1972, only 36% of the nation's assessed stream miles were safe for uses such as fishing and swimming: today, about 60% are safe for such uses.

*1974- Congress passes the Safe Drinking Water Act, allowing EPA to regulate quality of public drinking water.

*1990-EPA's Toxic Release Inventory tells the public which pollutants are being released from specific facilities in their communities.

The number of chemicals listed nearly doubled, from 328 in 1990 to 644 in 1999.

* 1993-EPA reports secondhand smoke contaminates indoor air, posing serious health risks to non-smokers.

Today, more than 80% of Americans protect their children from secondhand smoke exposure at home.

*1996- Public drinking water suppliers are required to inform customers about chemicals and microbes in their water, and funding is made available to upgrade water treatment plants.

Today, the vast majority of American households has safe drinking water, and receives annual reports on the quality of their drinking water.

Unfortunately, space prohibits listing the vast amount of accomplishments and improvements to our environment. Please take the time to check them for yourselves at: www.epa.gov/earthday/ history

Gaylord Nelson was awarded the highest honor given to civilians in the United States—The Presidential Medal of Freedom. It was presented by President Bill Clinton, on September 29, 1995.

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Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, April 5th, to Saturday April 11th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 228 calls for service.

Monday, April 6th:

5:55 AM – Arrest, Grand Theft Auto, 100 block Esperanza Ave. A Los Angeles Times newspaper deliveryman reported his pickup truck was stolen when he left his keys inside his truck as he got out to deliver a newspaper. LA Sheriff's deputies later arrested two suspects in El Monte on Tuesday after a witness saw the men driving the stolen truck. The truck was recovered. One man was on parole. Sierra Madre officers took custody of the men and booked them for auto theft.

7:06 AM – Auto Burglary, 400 block N. Baldwin Ave. A suspect entered a locked car parked in a carport by smashing the window and rummaging the vehicle. Nothing was taken.

Tuesday, April 7th:

11:55 AM – Suspended/Revoked Driver's License, 3800 block Greenhill Rd, Pasadena. An officer stopped a motorist for an equipment violation and learned that his driver's license was suspended/revoked. The driver was cited and released on a written promise to appear.

1:51 PM – Suspended/Revoked Driver's License, Mariposa Ave. and Hermosa Ave. An officer stopped a motorist for a traffic violation and learned that the motorist's driver's license was suspended/revoked. The driver was cited and released on a written promise to appear.

Wednesday, April 8th:

3:49 AM – Petty Theft, 200 block S. Mountain Trail Ave. The victim reported the theft of his in-dash stereo/CD player and other items from his unlocked car. The victim discovered the theft as he was walking out to his car and saw a dark colored sedan leave the area with its headlight turned off. The victim tried to follow the sedan

but lost sight of it. The loss was valued at \$180.00.

1:51 PM – Arrest, Bench Warrant & Suspended/Revoked Driver's License, 400 block N. Mountain Trail Ave. An officer stopped a motorist because he had a \$30,000.00 bench warrant for his arrest. The motorist's driver's license was suspended/revoked. The driver was arrested for the warrant 7:07 PM - Suspended/Revoked Driver's License, 400 block W. Sierra Madre Blvd. An officer stopped a motorist for a traffic violation and learned that the motorist's license was suspended/revoked. The driver was cited and released on a written promise to appear.

Thursday, April 9th:

4:19 PM – Arrest, Vandalism, 100 block W. Highland Ave. Four male juveniles were detained in connection with a report of vandalizing a portable toilet. Further investigation revealed two of the four juveniles were responsible for the vandalism and were arrested. The juveniles were transported to Sierra Madre Police Department and later released to their parents.

11:31 PM – Arrest, Grand Theft, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. A patrol officer saw two men stealing a City park bench from the front of the recreation center in Sierra Vista Park. The men had just loaded the bench on the bed of their pickup truck. The men, who were brothers, were from Glendale. Both men were arrested for grand theft and booked. The recovered bench was valued at \$650.00.

Friday, April 10th:

9:30 PM – Grand Theft Auto, 300 block Toyon Rd. The victim's locked 2009 Ford F350 white pickup truck with a diesel engine, was taken from the street in front of the residence. The suspects used a credit card from the victim's wallet to buy food and other items at gas stations and Wal-Mart in Baldwin Park and Glendora. The victim had left the wallet inside the center console.

A Weekly Spotlight on Sierra Madre Volunteers

Jay Whitcraft - Supernova Volunteer

Jay Whitcraft could be called “the man for all seasons.” His giving in some form fills every day of his life and shines upon the world much like a very bright star.

The 26-year resident came to live in Sierra Madre with his three-decades-long partner, Joy Phillips, after taking a bus tour, led by Phyllis Chapman, covering Sierra Madre historical sights. They decided to move here, and have been enthusiastic residents since.

“On the bus tour I saw the Richardson House and Lizzie's Trail Inn, and I decided I wanted to work there.” He is now curator of Lizzie's and an active board member of the Sierra Madre Historical and Preservation Society.

Eight years ago he became a trustee at the Sierra Madre Library and began teaching computers there with Maury Whittaker. In four years they have taught over 800 students. Jay's dream as chairman of the Board of Trustees is to have a coffee cart in the library garden where people will discuss ideas gleaned from the books they've read. He calls it “a lifelong learning quest.” He also works the used book sales every two months.

Over nine years ago Jay was one of the community leaders to investigate starting a community foundation, and they formed Sierra Madre Community Foundation under the umbrella of the California Community Foundation. Jay was the second chairman, following Eph Konigsberg's first term.

He and Joy have a donor-directed fund within the California Community Foundation and via that vehicle have donated money toward the planting of trees in honor of Jim Heasley and Charlie Corp, have given to the Fire Fund and Katrina, and they bought a bench for the library garden. They spearheaded refurbishment of the cannon in Memorial Park, have given to the Mt. Wilson Trail Fund and toward the Historical Society Centennial book. Jay has run silent movie



fundraisers for the public with proceeds going toward the book publication.

“Based on my experience with the cannon refurbishment, it is not possible to complete such endeavors without volunteers. It tells me how important volunteers are in the City of Sierra Madre.”

Jay and Joy work at the L.A. Arboretum herb garden every week, and he teaches sailing in Marina del Rey at the California Yacht Club. He is a member of the U.S. Lighthouse Society, and has volunteered his time helping various City and State candidates toward their quests for office. He's a member of the Coordinating Council, whose members represent all Sierra Madre groups to coordinate the timing of all Sierra Madre events.

Jay was born and raised in Wynnewood, Pa., and graduated with a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and came to California 40 years ago to work for IBM.

Jay concluded simply, “My life revolves around Joy and volunteerism.”

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, April 5, through Saturday, April 11, the Police Department responded to 955 calls for service of which 143 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, April 5:

Shortly before 9:00 a.m., units responded to Santa Anita Inn, 130 West Huntington, regarding a female suspect cursing and yelling at hotel guests. A 61-year-old African-American was contacted and a record check revealed that she had a \$30,000 outstanding misdemeanor warrant, so she was taken into custody. During the booking process, the suspect kicked a police employee while a search of her person was conducted. The suspect was also charged with assault on a custodial officer.

Officers were dispatched to a local hospital around 4:12 p.m. in reference to an assault with a deadly weapon incident that occurred in Arcadia. The victim advised that he was walking to First Avenue Middle School to play basketball when several male suspects approached and beat him with hard objects, possibly baseball bats. He was struck in the head, back, and hands. The suspects then fled the scene, and a friend took the victim to the hospital. The 17-year-old victim sustained a laceration to the back of his head, swelling and redness to his head and back, broken fingers, and possibly a broken or fractured arm.

Monday, April 6:

Around 11:52 a.m., a commercial burglary was reported at Tokyo Japanese Lifestyle located at Westfield Mall. Investigation revealed that an unknown male suspect entered the store via the back door by unknown means and stole money and a cash register. The theft was captured by security cameras.

Units responded to the 00 block of West Palm regarding a sexual battery incident that occurred on April 5, between noon and 12:30 p.m. The victim advised that the residential complex handyman came to her unit to check on a microwave. The male Hispanic, 40-50 years of age, grabbed the victim and hugged her for several minutes. When she was able to break free, he then began to massage her shoulders and pulled her back towards him so he could thrust himself against her.

Tuesday, April 7:

At 1:00 a.m., officers were dispatched to the Peacock parking structure located at Westfield Mall in reference to a battery and vandalism incident. The male victims advised that they were walking to their car when they saw about 10 male Asians. Once they entered their vehicle, the suspects surrounded the car and began hitting and kicking the vehicle, causing dents and scratches. One suspect opened the passenger door and punched one of the victims in the face.

A bank robbery occurred at Bank of the West, 1155 West Huntington, around 2:18 p.m. A male African-American suspect, approximately 35 years of age, 5'11", presented a demand note to a bank teller. The note also indicated that he had a bomb and would detonate the bomb if the teller should activate the alarm. Fearing for everyone's safety, the teller handed money to the suspect. An area check was conducted, but the suspect was not found.

Wednesday, April 8:

Shortly before 1:00 a.m., a traffic collision occurred at Baldwin and the 210 Freeway. A 29-year-old female Asian driver lost control of her vehicle and crashed into a City sign and two trees. Officers detected a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage from her person, so a field sobriety test was conducted. It was determined that she was operating the vehicle while under the influence and was taken into custody.

Between 10:00 p.m. on April 7 and 1:00 p.m. on April 8, an auto burglary occurred in the 00 block of Duarte. Unknown suspect(s) smashed a car window and removed a GPS system.

Thursday, April 9:

A victim came to the station around 2:59 p.m. in reference to an identity theft report. Unknown suspect(s) used the victim's personal information to open a Kohl's credit card account and made over \$300 in purchases.

Around 9:22 p.m., a driver was seen skidding into the intersection at Baldwin and Gate 8, while facing a solid red light. A traffic stop was initiated and a 24-year-old male Hispanic driver was contacted. Officers detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person, and a field sobriety test revealed that he was operating the vehicle while intoxicated. An open bottle and an unopened bottle of beer were found in his truck, and a record check also indicated that he was in violation of driving restrictions set on his license. He was only allowed to drive to and from work, and to and from DUI program activities. The driver became aggressive and belligerent towards officers, and when he was finally subdued and placed in the patrol unit, he leaned back and kicked violently at the rear passenger door. The man was charged with DUI and resisting/obstructing.

Friday, April 10:

A residential burglary occurred between 5:30 p.m. on April 9 and 7:15 a.m. on April 10. Unknown suspect(s) entered the home that is under construction and stole a stove and construction tools for a total loss of about \$2,500.

Between 3:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., a grand theft from vehicle occurred at El Monte and Duarte. Unknown suspect(s) entered the car via an unlocked door and removed an iPod, GPS system, Bluetooth, two designer handbags, and four pairs of sunglasses. The total reported loss was around \$2,500.

Saturday, April 11:

Units responded to South Baldwin and Woodruff around 6:45 a.m. in reference to a non-injury vehicle collision. A 52-year-old intoxicated male Hispanic driver rear-ended a tractor trailer. A record check revealed that the driver was operating the vehicle with a suspended license, and a cup of beer and an open bottle of whiskey were found in the car. The man was arrested at the scene without incident.

Four businesses were vandalized between 6:00 p.m. on April 10 and 3:30 p.m. on April 11. Unknown suspect(s) smashed glass doors and windows at Jade Orient Express, 200 block of East Live Oak; Mays Department Store, 100 block of East Live Oak; B-S Thrift Store, 00 block of East Live Oak; and Carmines Pizza, 300 block of East Live Oak.



Fire Safe Council “Announcements and Observations”

Hank Landsberg will be the guest speaker for the April 6, 2009 Fire Safe Council meeting, 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. The topic will be emergency AM radio communication systems. Fire Marshal Rich Snyder will announce the start date for the city brush clearance notification.

There will be an up date on the FREE curbside “Chipper Day” program made available to all residents living in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone north of

Grandview though a grant from the US Forest Service and the State Fire Safe Council. For information or a registration packet call 355-0741 or e-mail the Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council at smfiresafecouncil@hotmail.com

The program provides a savings of up to 20% on the costs of chipping and removing the chips from your property. This program will continue until June or when we have exhausted our grant funding, whichever comes first. Do not miss out on this opportunity to protect your home from catastrophic loss to wildfire.

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Girls all from various middle schools, including several in the San Gabriel Valley, recently participated in an event in Calabasas sit on purebred Arabian horses. they competed with to win 1st, 2nd and 3rd in various saddle seat exercises. Most of the middle school students were competing against high schoolers.

According to several participants, this was their first large competition which included walking and trotting the length of the arena as well as performing a horsemanship pattern. The riders had to do a lot of training even though the horses were veterans of the show ring.

Pictured left to right, Alexandra Bernstein of Sacred Hart Academy won 1st and 2nd for novice execution. Shelby Cobb, from Arcadia High School, won third for saddle seat equitation and Annie Hausler of Maranatha High School won both 1st for saddle seat equitation, Jr. varsity and 2nd for Jr. varsity saddle seat equitation horsemanship.



Running Away From Exercise

Spring Break has passed and so has my desire to run. The first few days of Spring Break are always the best. You can sleep in, watch TV all day (if you're not stuck with chores), and basically mope around the house. All that is really great, but it does get old. By Tuesday, my best friend and I were bored out of our minds. So, while flipping through a magazine, we decided to go running once a day for 30 minutes. We were so excited.

The next day we went all out. Slouchy sweatshirts, long socks, biker shorts, Nike running shoes, and headbands---we went the whole nine yards. Prepared with water bottles and iPods, we headed out to Griffith Park with high expectations. Are parents waved to us with doubtful looks on their faces, but we were determined to get make our break from school worthwhile while getting in shape at the same time. There was no way we were leaving without doing our 30 minutes of running. Besides, we had everything we needed for a good run, and we looked fabulous. However, we did lack something

quite important and necessary: stamina.

We ran for a grand total of 7 minutes and 32 seconds. Those must have been the longest 7 minutes of my life. Who knew that running with a water bottle in your hand was so difficult? And since when was it so hard to keep earphones in your ears? We found that running wasn't all it was cracked up to be. People on TV make it look easy, glamorous even. But when you're trying to break a sweat and keep your hair cute, things get complicated.

I haven't had the urge to run, or even jog for that matter, since then. We spent the rest of Spring Break finding other ways to put in exercise. Dancing in the mirror with a buddy for 30 minutes is a great way to have fun while shedding a few calories. Swimming at the YMCA is loads more fun than, to me, than trudging uphill. While my desire to run has passed, my desire to find more ways to have fun exercising has escalated, and hopefully yours will, too.

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11:45am – 12:15pm Key Note Speakers
12:15pm – 1:00pm Panel Discussion and Q/A

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **Natalie Orta** is SBA Chief of Economic Development Division at the *Los Angeles District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration* where she has been employed for the last 13 years. Actively involved in outreach efforts targeting the small business population in Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, Natalie has organized and participated in business seminars sponsored by numerous civic and private organizations.



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Facing Facts

by Howard W. Ways

Okay, I'll admit it. I'm one of those who, as described by columnist Gregory J. Wellborn, will "shamelessly" use recent acts of gun violence to argue for "stricter gun control laws and assault weapons bans". Since Mr. Wellborn frames his argument in terms of "facts", "evidence" and "statistics", I'll attempt to do the same.

Mr. Wellborn asserts that "As the number of gun permits increased, the number of violent crimes decreased". Yes, crime rates dropped in states with permissive concealed weapons laws. According to a 1999 study based on FBI statistics, between 1992 and 1998 violent crime rates in those states dropped by an average of 15%. But during the same period, violent crime dropped by 25% in the nation as a whole - and by 30% in states with stricter permit laws on the books.

Mr. Wellborn points out that countries, such as Germany, with gun control laws much stricter than ours are not immune from multiple-victim shootings. That's true - but it might help to look at the bigger picture. According to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, between 1998 and 2000 the U.S. ranked #8 per capita in a survey of 32 nations on murder by firearms, between Costa Rica and Uruguay, with .028 per 1,000 people (South Africa fared the worst at #1). Germany came in at #21, with .005 per 1,000. (The United Kingdom was best at #32, with .001 per 1,000).

In discussing guns and children, Mr. Wellborn states, "The statistics show that the death rate from guns is considerably smaller than the death rates from drowning, bicycles or fires." According to the Centers for Disease Control, in 2005 firearms were the second-leading

cause of death among those in the U.S. between the ages of 1 and 19, after motor vehicle accidents. In that year, 1,972 children and teenagers were murdered with guns, 822 committed suicide with guns, and 173 died in unintentional shootings (as Mr. Wellborn says, "accidents will happen").

There's the argument that only "law-abiding" citizens would be issued permits to carry guns. According to a 2002 study from the Violence Policy Center, between 1996 and 2000 concealed handgun license holders in Texas had an arrest rate for weapon-related offenses 81% higher than that of the general Texas population age 21 and older - including arrests for assault or aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, unlawfully carrying a weapon, deadly conduct/discharge of firearm, etc.

In August 2008, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution quoted a spokesman from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation as stating, "A blind person can get a permit in Georgia, since all you have to do is pass a background check. And that person can be arrested the very next week for a felony, convicted of that felony the next month and still have that permit for the next five years."

Finally, I'll submit that anyone who demands the right to stockpile assault weapons, fears that liberals are out to seize all guns, and feels the need to pack heat for protection when venturing out to the local mall - these people shouldn't be allowed on the street without adult supervision, let alone issued a permit to carry a concealed weapon. I may not have statistics to back this up, but I'll stand by it, just the same.

Looting Social Security



By Hail Hamilton

It would be a real loss to all Americans—now and in the future—if Social Security, the retirement and disability program conceived as part of the New Deal during the Great Depression, should come to its demise during the current one.

Conservatives have raised the prospect of possible US default on its debts. They suggest instead that the government may "default" on its retirees -- who expect (and are owed) a certain level of monthly support -- in order to pay its other debtors.

Liberals, on the other hand, say that such a scheme is already in the works and that Obama is playing right along:

President Obama recently held a "fiscal responsibility summit" to examine the long-term costs of entitlements, including Social Security. That forum set the trap for a "bipartisan compromise" that may become difficult for Obama to resist, given the burgeoning deficit. If he ignores the forum, he will be denounced as an old-fashioned free-spending liberal.

Proponents of looting Social Security are urging both parties to hold hands and take the leap together, authorizing big benefits cuts in a circuitous way that allows

them to dodge the public's blame.

Opponents argue that Social Security is actually running a huge surplus \$2 trillion and that the only "crisis" is that the government has raided this surplus to pay for general funds and is now threatening to renege on this.

Government money is government money, right. WRONG! If the government hadn't "raided" Social Security to pay for all that spending, it would've had to borrow it, putting increased debt on all those same people. The problem is not that we have a Social Security crisis -- it's that we have a general government spending and borrowing crisis.

Everyone thinks Social Security is just another major expense of the government like defense, and so asking everyone to take a cut is not so unreasonable.

But asking seniors, who have paid into Social Security for decades expecting full benefits when they retire, to take a cut is just plain unacceptable. It is just as unacceptable to pass the increased cost of Social Security on to future generations, who can't stick up for themselves.

No, the solution is neither cutting benefits nor raising employee contributions.

Rather, the Obama Administration should take the bold step of finally putting a permanent lock on the Social Security fund and prevent it from being used as a source of money for other government spending. Social Security should be reserved for retirement and disability. PERIOD!



Stuart Tolchin On..LIFE IT IS TIME TO GET TO KNOW OURSELVES

Hooray, it's back! That's right. My favorite program, IN TREATMENT, is back for another season. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the program (which, according to the dismal ratings is just about everybody) it is

5 separate one-half hour programs that are separate therapy sessions presented on Sunday and Monday nights on HBO. Four of the sessions involve Gabriel Byrne as a therapist, and the final session each week involves him as a patient seeing his own therapist, played by Diane Wiest. Last season presented the typical problems of a therapist who falls in love with one patient who sleeps with another of his patients, who then kills himself. Accompanying this happy set of events, the therapist's entire life falls apart as his marriage breaks up, and his children blame him for the break-up. This season carries over the plot lines, although all the patients are new, and the therapist is being sued for twenty million dollars by the father of the deceased patient.

The summary of the program makes it all sound like a silly fictional melodrama, which it would be, except for the fact that the story line so resembles the actual lives of so many of my friends and relatives. Most of my old high school friends went on to be therapists and lawyers and, almost invariably, all of their - and my - first marriages broke up. The children of these marriages have had their own difficulties, which included drug addiction, jail, and other unforeseen horrors. Two of my closest friends learned in the midst of their adult lives that they had been adopted. I need not go on, as I am sure that most of you have experienced similar, if not more

complicated, problems.

The question is WHY IS LIFE SO HARD and why are the problems so UNEXPECTED? I think a lot of the surprise at the difficulties of life comes from the fact that so many of us have chosen to live our lives behind masks of normality. Maybe this acting arises out of a belief that if our friends don't know about it, then it just isn't true. The great gift of the 'In Treatment' series, although it is completely fictional, is to let us in behind the masks. The patients in their sessions really do not want to be seen, and often have been partially successful in lying to themselves. The therapist himself is revealed too often to be clueless as to his own motivation.

Nevertheless, something like a hidden truth seems to emerge from each one of the patients and gradually we, as viewers, are able to feel some affection for these individuals who are generally unable to understand or forgive themselves. I have written before how anguished I am about the fact that so many of us require psychotropic medication to tolerate our lives and ourselves. I believe that this epidemic of medication partially explains why this country's population remained so passive during the blatant lies of the Bush Administration.

Even today our entire population seems to be waiting for our Superman new President to fix everything and make it all right. I think we all need to be IN TREATMENT so that we have the courage to face our own lives and do what must be done - whatever that is. We won't be able to do it if we continue to hide from ourselves. I am glad that the series has returned. Watching it has given me HOPE that, along with Barak Obama, it may be possible to face ourselves and be active enough to save our economic lives and our planet. I hope the show is not cancelled!

America the Beautiful?



Rich Johnson

Let's open this brief discussion with two quotes by that great American statesman, Winston Churchill (In case you forgot, in 1963 President Kennedy and an act of Congress made it possible for Mr. Churchill to be proclaimed an "honorary citizen of the United States.") So there. Mr. Churchill said:

"It has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except all the others that have been tried."

"You can always count on Americans to do the right thing - after they've tried everything else."

To be honest, I never felt prouder about our country then I did watching how our government worked together briefly during the period immediately following the tragedy of 9/11. Do you remember how for a very short time, after the attacks, everyone in the country seemed to come together in one accord? We were all on the same page in that we agreed who the enemy was and that something needed to be done.

Of course it didn't take long for politicians and the general population of all political persuasions to again, resume throwing rocks at each other. It was back to business as usual. But that short period of copasetic time is certainly worth contemplating. It makes me wonder if America could work a lot better if we modified our way of running the affairs of state. But how?

Let me state at the outset that, in my opinion, America works. We prove it every four or eight years

when we have a peaceful, orderly transition of power. Think about it: Throughout most of world history governments transitioned, shall we say, less peacefully.

So, Rich, how might you change things if you had a magic wand? Since you asked I will tender a suggestion or two, to open the discussion.

For example, lets analyze how the House of Representatives functions. Since members are elected and reelected every two years they are constantly running for office. The problem with always running is that both incumbents and candidates seem committed to making themselves look good by trying to make those running against them look bad. So, rather than crossing party lines to make things work, we are forced to have a Hatfield/McCoy environment of anger and vitriol. We call it gridlock. And even Senators, who have six-year terms have to jump in the fray to support their parties candidates.

So, here is my two-fold suggestion: First, increase House of Representative terms from two to four years (Maybe they will tone down the rock throwing for a couple of years.) And second, teeter-totter the presidency. Every 6 or 8 years let the major party, currently out of power have an election and elect their best candidate. Focuses and priorities will shift every 6-8 years as liberal values will jump to the forefront under the democrats and vice versa.

And who knows what might happen.

P.S. My good friend, Jane Fuller, is performing at Corfu Restaurant again on Saturday night, April 25th. Great Mediterranean food and wonderfully romantic music. What could be better?

Your Fair Share



Gregory J. Wellborn

server of urban slang to spot the disgusting sexual innuendos used by CNN, MSNBC and other media outlets who applied the sexually derogatory term, "teabagging" (see urbandictionary.com) to all those who organized, supported or attended one of the tax protest rallies. Moving beyond this low point in American mainstream journalism, let's consider the validity of the complaint voiced by so many who feel we are overtaxed.

President Obama requested, and Congress delivered, a 2009 budget, 2010 budget proposal and long-term projections beyond that which call for deficit spending of \$7 trillion over the next 10 years. The administration promises that this will only be charged against the wealthiest Americans - the top 1% earning more than \$250K per year - but many people in this country suspect that is a lie. They believe that increasing taxes on the wealthy alone won't close the gap and that middle-class tax hikes are inevitable. That's why they are protesting, and so it's relevant for us to ask whether these people are patriots or pinheads.

So what does \$7 trillion really represent? It's always difficult to deal with numbers that large, because they cease to have any meaning to most ordinary Americans. Perhaps the following facts will help. According to the Internal Revenue Service, the top 1% of Americans collectively earned \$3.1 trillion. To balance the budget on their backs we're going to have to tax them more than twice what they earn in an average year. Suppose that we expand this to the top 10%. These Americans collectively earned \$6.7 trillion, so we would have to tax them slightly more than 100% of what they earn in an average year. Neither scenario is likely to occur, because these people will simply stop producing income at these levels if we really try to take that much away from them.

This means the administration will have to move further down the income ladder to finance its spending plans. If it goes down to the top 25% of Americans - those who collectively earned \$9.7 trillion - then at least we will be trying to tax away less than 100% of their average annual income. The problem here is that any family earning over \$64,700 falls into this top 25%. I don't know about you, but this seems like a fairly middle class existence to me.

At first glance, it sure seems as though the tax protesters have the upper hand in this argument. To confirm or deny that preliminary conclusion, let's consider the "fairness" issue. We've all been conditioned to believe that higher income earners should pay a larger share of the total tax obligation in this country. Granting the validity of that assertion for the moment, we still need to define "fair". Consider the following:

The top 1% of Americans produce 22% of the wealth in this country, but they pay 40% of the total tax burden.

The top 10% of Americans produce 47% of the wealth in this country, but they pay 72% of the total tax burden.

And that top 25% of Americans (remember the middle class families earning \$64,700) produce 68% of the wealth in this country, but they have to pay 89% of the total tax burden.

By way of a quick comparison, the bottom 50% of Americans pay only 3% of the total tax burden.

I don't think any reasonable American - Republican or Democrat - can say that these numbers represent a fair allocation of responsibility. You will probably note that in the course of this article I've changed the word "earn" to the word "produce". That's been purposeful because what's often missed in the whole debate is the fact that people who earn money have to produce something first. More often than not, the middle class family earning \$64,700 has had to work very hard to produce a product or deliver a service to their employer or their customers in order to earn that money. This isn't just money they somehow take away from others; this is money they earn from hard work. These are the last people that we should punish, but that's exactly what the new budget and tax mandates will do.

There is no way to escape the fact that taxes on the middle class will have to increase substantially if the Obama administration's spending policies are actually implemented. But that is not the worst of it. What has been left totally unaddressed in this debate are the unfunded liabilities of Social Security and Medicare. The most realistic conservative estimate I've seen indicates that the Social Security liability which has not yet been collected in taxes (that's what unfunded means) is \$100 trillion. That's 6.5 times the size of our entire economy. The Medicare liability which has not yet been collected in taxes is \$52 trillion, a measly 3.5 times the size of our economy.

What the tax protesters know is that 2009 should be the year of spending and tax restraint, not pork barrel spending. What Congress and our President are doing is simply unconscionable and, as John McCain phrased it, represents inter-generational theft. The levels of spending are not sustainable, and the levels of taxation required to pay for it all cannot realistically be collected. There just aren't enough Americans who will work hard enough at the necessary tax levels to produce sufficient tax receipts.

So, in a perfect world where the press was really objective and took just a moment to check its facts before demonstrating its collective ignorance and arrogance, we would hear tax protestors described as patriots, not pinheads, and the degrading sexual innuendo would be left in the junior high locker room where it belonged.

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File No. 09-0538186

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **TVADNETWORKS**, 177 W. ASH AVE. APT. C, BURBANK, CA 91502. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ANDREA SANDOVAL**, 177 W. ASH AVE. APT. C, BURBANK, CA 91502. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ANDREA SANDOVAL**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/14/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0536913

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **XPRESS LEGAL SERVICES**, 9530 LEMON AVE., TEMPLE CITY, CA91780. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **RUBEN ARMAS**, 9530 LEMON AVE., TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RUBEN ARMAS**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/14/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FILE NO. 2009-0545107 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **LOPEZ TRANSPORTATION**, 847 S. HOBART BLVD., L.A., CA 90005. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on AUG. 9, 2006, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 06-1769839. The business was conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 04/15/2009. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) **SIGNED: MANUEL LOPEZ/OWNER**. Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 04/20, 04/27, 05/04, 05/11/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0433050

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **7M STORAGE AND WHOLESALES**, 261 W. POMONA BLVD., MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **SERGIO S. DIAZ, SR.**, 2370 OAKLEAF CANYON RD., WALNUT, CA 91789, HERIBERTO S. DIAZ, 125 W. AVENIDA DE LA MERCED, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: SERGIO S. DIAZ, SR.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/26/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on JAN. 1, 2009.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0413057

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CASSEY COLLECTIONS**, 19745 COLIMA RD. #1-258, ROWLAND HTS., CA 91748. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **DIKI RUSTANDI**, 19745 COLIMA RD. #1-258, ROWLAND HTS., CA 91748. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DIKI RUSTANDI**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/23/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business

name or names listed above on N/A. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 03/28, 04/04, 04/11, 04/18/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0407432

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DON RICARDO'S CATERING**, 14620 ESTELLA ST., BALDWIN PK, CA 91706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **RICARDO RODRIGUEZ**, 14620 ESTRELLA ST., BALDWIN PK, CA 91706. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RICARDO RODRIGUEZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/20/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/1/09.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0406991

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ELITE CLEANING SPECIALISTS**, 1100 WILSHIRE BLVD. #2411, L.A., CA 90017. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **PABLO EDUARDO ALONZO**, ROSA URIBE, 1100 WILSHIRE BLVD. #2411, L.A., CA 90017. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: PABLO EDUARDO ALONZO**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/20/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on MARCH 30, 09.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0429801

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **KOKO'S COMPUTER SALES**, 12827 E. PENN ST., WHITTIER, CA 90602. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **LINDA ALVARADO**, 12207 YORK AVE. #A, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LINDA ALVARADO**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/25/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0434209

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MARISCOS RICARDITO'S**, 3629 W. IMPERIAL HWY, INGLEWOOD, CA 90303. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **RICARDO CORDOVA**, 3721 W. 111th ST., INGLEWOOD, CA 90303. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RICARDO CORDOVA**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/26/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/26/09.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0408591

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NATIONS ESCROW**, 109 W. COLLEGE ST., STE. 200, COVINA, CA 91723. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **WVME, INC.**, 109 W. COLLEGE ST., STE. 200, COVINA, CA 91723. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: RAUL TREVINO/PRES.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/20/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0405824

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NG WIRELESS**, 2031 PACIFIC AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90806. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **NANCY SANCHEZ TORRES**, 2209 LOCUST AVE. #C, LONG

BEACH, CA 90806. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: NANCY S. TORRES**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/20/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0421668

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **RHYTHM OF LIFE RECORDS**, 7315 PELLET ST., DOWNEY, CA 90241. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **CESAR LOPEZ**, ALEJANDRO LOPEZ, 7315 PELLET ST., DOWNEY, CA 90241. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: CESAR LOPEZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/24/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/24/09.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0459830

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HAIR & NAILS BY KATHY**, 1757 LONG BEACH BLVD., LONG BEACH, CA 90813. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CATHY THI NGUYEN, 14791 HUNTER LN., MIDWAY CITY, CA 92655. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CATHY THI NGUYEN**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/31/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/31/09.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0446566

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HIGH CONVERTING MEDIA**, 22608 ANZA AVE., TORRANCE, CA 90505. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ANTHONY FLORES, 175 MOCKINGBIRD LN. #4, S. PASADENA, CA 91030, CAROLYN MAGDALENO, 22608 ANZA AVE., TORRANCE, CA 90505. This Business is conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS. Signed: CAROLYN MAGDALENO**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/27/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0467646

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HRE APPRAISAL GRP.**, 1907 DEER PARK DR. #569, FULLERTON, CA 92831. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HRE APPRAISAL GRP., 1907 DEER APRK DR. #569, FULLERTON, CA 92831. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ANDREW SPENCER/OWNER**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/01/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0442918

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **J&J PRODUCE**, 10720 FRACAR AVE., LYNWOOD, CA 90262. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOEL O. ARANDA, JOSE I. INIGUEZ, FABIOLA ARANDA, ROSA E. INIGUEZ, 10720 FRACAR AVE., LYNWOOD, CA 90262. This Business is conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS. Signed: FABIOLA ARANDA**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/27/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0466579

The following person(s) is (are) doing

business as: **JAY'S CONCRETE PUMPING**, 181 W. CASAD, COVINA, CA 91723. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JASON D. BACH, 181 W. CASAD, COVINA, CA 91723. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JASON D. BACH**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/01/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on FEB. 13, 2004.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0451584

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **JOSSFIELD SERVICES**, 4447 RADIUM DR., L.A., CA 90032. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARIO LINARES, 3110 VAQUERO AVE. APT.1, L.A., CA 90032. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARIO LINARES**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/30/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0453236

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **KANG XIN FASHION HOUSE**, 1635 S. SAN GABRIEL BLVD., SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LIN KANG, 999 E. VALLEY BLVD. #30, ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LIN KANG**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/30/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/23/2009.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0468393

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LA BELLA**, 5280-E. 2nd ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90803. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CHERIE D'SA, 5280-E. 2nd ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90803. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CHERIE D'SA**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/01/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/1/09.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0471114

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MIXIN HAIR STUDIO**, 17620 BELLFLOWER BLVD., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LA KESIA MIXON, P.O. BOX 1099, BELLFLOWER, CA 90707. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LA KESIA MIXON**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/01/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/12/01.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0398763

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NACO CASH & CARRY**, 4101 S. CENTRAL AVE., L.A., CA 90011. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EVERARDO CASTANEDA, 15633 MENTZ ST., LA PUENTE, CA 91744. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EVERARDO CASTANEDA**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/19/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0450419

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SO. CAL BUILDING SUPPLIES**, 17501 S. FIGUEROA, GARDENA, CA 90248. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PHILLIP W. RUSSELL, 843 MILLMARK GROVE ST., SAN PEDRO, CA 90731. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: PHILLIP W. RUSSELL**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/30/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0490655

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **B and M CUSTOM MILLWORK**, 1135 N. STANFORD AVE., L.A., CA 90059. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BAUDELIO O. AGUILAR, 3610 W. 107th ST., INGLEWOOD, CA 90303. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: BAUDELIO O. AGUILAR**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/06/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/30/2000.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0498721

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BIG DEALZ OUTLET**, 3637 TWEEDY BLVD., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ZHORZHIK TERSAKYAN, EMIN TERSAKYAN, 10515 VINEDALE ST., SUN VALLEY, CA 91352, SINA SHARIFPOUR, 8120 E. OXLEY CT., ANAHEIM, CA 92808. This Business is conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS. Signed: SINA SHARIFPOUR**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/07/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0506192

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CLARISSA'S BEAUTY SALON**, 833 S. GLENDORA AV., WEST COVINA, CA 91790. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CLARA E. SOSA, 16968 MAIN ST., LA PUENTE, CA 91744. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CLARA ESTHER SOSA**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/08/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on JUNE 16, 1996.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0514950

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CLEVER CRITTERS CHILD CARE**, 9018 PARROT AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90240. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SURAYA NATHIE, 9018 PARROT AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90240. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SURAYA NATHIE**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/09/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

Discovery Channel of the Crab

The Discovery Channel is full of great shows, and I turn to it when I have exhausted my usual programming, such as that critically acclaimed, The Chef Knows.

One show that has increasingly captured my attention is "The Deadliest Catch?" I'm not moving from restaurant reviewer to TV Critic mind you, but there is something about the show that just keeps my interest. I have no idea who the stars are but it appears to me the treacherous weather is one of them.

The entire show is dedicated to life threatening pursuit of catching Crabs off Alaska and the Russian Border, the Baltic Sea to be exact. The ships are equipped with every technical gadget in the business, but like so many things in life, it comes down to instinct and in this case it is the captain's instinct that directs the ship to fortune, failure or even death. Unlike the "Bachelor," here I don't have to wade through 10 episodes for the count or the discard, as nearly every episode they are pulling up Crabs in five minute intervals.

Crew members battle the crippling Eskimo like conditions and sheer walls of mountainous sea to bring up a treasure chest of crabs that is as welcome as gold to the pirates of a distant age. The season is brief so each mistake, each lost moment of time is magnified as the crew must force themselves through fatigue and lack of sleep to race against the ticking clock. Maybe I find a special delight in the show since I love King Crab but it is more, as the show turns my stomach in knots as I watch with childlike fear and anticipation as the crew of the boats challenge the harshest elements of nature. Here is a sample of the shows description.

"Relive the dangers, adventures and disasters of the original mini-series. Meet the salty sea captains and greenhorns who risk their lives on the job to earn part of a 90 million dollar King and Opilio Crab payoff. Set sail and learn all about crab fishing." Yea, that's the whole premise and I can't get enough of it!!! If they are willing to risk their lives for this, I feel obligated to support these courageous soldiers and their imprisoned catch? This week is dedicated to those crews and their delicious prisoners, so let's see where we can catch our own crab and not lose a life

or wallet in the process.

King Crab Legs can be very expensive, so I suggest checking out Albertson's. Typically, they have a great selection at a very reasonable price. If you are a Costco member they have some of the freshest crab and some of the lowest prices anywhere. On sale you can expect to pay about (\$11.95) per pound. How about Crab Cakes? If done right they can be very tasty, but many restaurants do not use the traditional method or lack a quality in their crab cake to capture the heightened glory that this dish can achieve. The traditional method is done with Dungeness lump crab meat. Some places in our region are: Cameron's



Crab Cake Salad

Restaurant, McCormick and Schmick's, and Ruth Chris'.

For this crab lover though, the very best Crab Cake by far is at The Front Runner Restaurant located at the Santa Anita Race Track in Arcadia. There they use real lump crab meat with a light breaded cover. With this dish all those thoughts of slow horses disappear in a Heaven filled plate of Crab Cake. What's your favorite place for Crab Cakes? Send me an email to the mailto: chefknows@yahoo.com

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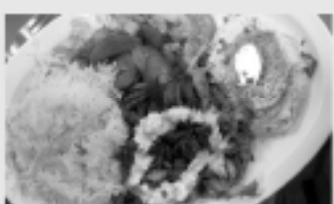
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April: Jazz Appreciation Month

by Pat Birdsall

While in the waiting room of my pet's veterinarian, I overheard an exchange between a man who appeared to be in his eighties and a woman in her early forties. The woman had a handsome Golden Retriever that she called Bix. The man asked her to repeat the name and then proceeded to tell her about the great jazz virtuoso of the twenties, Bix Beiderbecke. The woman said that Mr. Beiderbecke was related to her grandmother somehow, and indeed the dog was named for him. The man went for a stroll down memory lane and, judging from the smile on his face, was enjoying the trip as they discussed the career of the late cornet player. It piqued my interest enough to find out more about the man who is still revered today.

Bix Beiderbecke

Leon Bix Beiderbecke entered this world on March 10, 1903, in Davenport, Iowa. His father operated a successful fuel and lumber company. His mother was a gifted pianist. Bix had a few piano lessons and learned to play at an early age, but he was self-taught on cornet and developed an unorthodox technique by playing along with recordings. His musical ear was so amazing that he didn't learn to read music. He became immersed in jazz, and his family disapproved. In addition, his academic performance in high school was inadequate, so they sent him to school at the Lake Forest Academy in 1921. The opportunity for Bix to play and hear jazz in nearby Chicago caused frequent truancy and eventually his expulsion. He spent several months working for his father in Davenport, but turned to a career in music where he felt at home.

Based in Chicago, Beiderbecke became known through his playing and recordings with the Wolverines in 1924. He then played with Frankie Trumbauer's band in St. Louis. In 1926, Bix joined the Jean Goldkette dance band. Radio broadcasts brought Beiderbecke nationwide acclaim. In 1927, he joined the Paul Whiteman orchestra. His polished sound



and precise rhythms fit beautifully with the symphonic sound of Whiteman's orchestra. Beiderbecke's originality made him one of the first white jazz musicians to be admired by black performers. Louis Armstrong recognized in him a kindred spirit.

From 1929-1931, Beiderbecke's health deteriorated. The excessive consumption of bootleg gin and little nourishment ravaged his young body. In 1931, Bix had a cold that lasted throughout the summer and he was extremely weak. He died in the evening-- August 6, 1931, at the age of 29.

Although his career spanned only a six-year period at the time of his death almost 80 years ago, and he was largely unknown to the general public, his luminous playing has left an indelible mark in the world of jazz.



We may need to shake our piggy banks to put some change in our pockets and purses before heading out to shop in the near future. After Tuesday's passage of the "California Bag Tax" by the State Assembly's Natural Resource Commission, forests and oceans may begin to breathe a sigh of relief now that shoppers will be faced with the prospect of paying 15 cents for every carryout bag used to pack purchases at the checkout counter, plastic or paper. For now, consider the threat of this surcharge as a voluntary reduction measure similar to one enacted by the LA County Board of Supervisors in January of 2008.

AB 2058 would impose the 15 cents tax if future recycling goals (to be determined) are not met by grocery store chains and large drug stores over the next three years. This state law is prompted by the proliferation of plastic bags in our environment. We could probably blanket the entire state with a tarp constructed of plastic from the 14 billion bags used in stores across California to pack our purchased items. Fewer paper bags would translate into more trees left standing in our ecosystem to manufacture oxygen and help filter the air to make it both possible and healthier for all of us to breathe.

Some of us are grateful that the more restrictive AB 2829 didn't pass. That would have added a price tag of 25 cents per plastic bag to shopping outings starting July 1st. Some of us, along with environmentalists, are disappointed that the legislation and actions aren't more restrictive and immediate. Whether for or against, the data reflects our wastefulness as a society and our collective resistance to anything that impedes on our attachment to convenience of our disposable

bags.

If we could trust our Legislature to use these proceeds to fund litter prevention and reduction efforts as proposed, it would be easier to accept a bag tax. But given the history in Sacramento, it is very likely these tax funds will be redistributed elsewhere once the revenue flow is well-established.

The hype about the new state tax is tempered by the fact that nothing of significance is slated to happen for several years. At least our County ordinance has the appearance of more serious intentions, with July 2010 as the stated timeline for imposing a ban on the use of plastic bags if a 30% reduction is not met, with the ultimate goal of a 65% reduction by 2013.

Consumer use of plastic bags is approaching the half century mark. Saran Wrap was introduced by Dow Chemical in 1953. Plastic bags sold on a cardboard roll were on stores shelves by 1957, with the Baggies brand taking top billing. When Union Carbide manufactured the first disposable green garbage bags for home use in 1960, their usage became as American as apple pie. The supermarket industry began to offer us the option of "paper or plastic" in 1977.

The list of contemporary disposable plastics has expanded to include millions of products, include water bottles, diapers and other items used by some segment of the population. But plastic is the type of carryout bag used by the majority of shoppers in the U.S. With the new bag tax lying in wait, I feel motivated than ever to purchase a few reusable shopping bags to do my part on behalf of the forests, oceans and landfills. My only dilemma is deciding whether to pay with paper or plastic.

On Line "Gh0st RATs" and the "Gh0stnet"

with P.J. Carpenter

Here's Something To Think About:

Representatives of the Tibetan Government-in-Exile recently asked the Information Warfare Monitor group to investigate suspected incidents of Cyber-Espionage committed against their organization. The results of that investigation were truly eye-opening and the results shed a considerable amount of light on just how good the 'bad' guys have gotten. Well-organized, Well-funded and Government-Sponsored (allegedly), this latest breach utilized tools and techniques that proved to be hard to defend against, even though they've been known about for years.

Users began thinking something was amiss when their computers started acting strangely. Further investigation showed that their machines had been compromised by a Trojan program called "Gh0st RAT". A Gh0stnet is a collection of machines compromised with the Gh0st RAT Trojan. It is believed that the initial infections came about through e-mail attachments. After the first machines were captured the infection spread within the organization. In a nutshell, this Trojan gave the attackers full control over the compromised machine and allowed them to search for other targets to infect. Machines

that had been taken over were literal fountains of information in the hands of their controllers. Files and programs were mined for contact information, passwords, sensitive documents, distribution lists, etc. This information was in turn used to compromise even more machines.

Researchers suspect that the attack may have been politically motivated because of the choice of the target and the lack of any real collateral or financial damage. The aim appeared to be disruption of the organization of social activities on behalf of the Tibetan Government-in-Exile.

The attackers gained entry into the network and organization through basic social engineering techniques. Social Engineering attacks rely on getting the intended victim to take an action based upon trust. In this case the recipients of the infected emails were persuaded to download e-mail attachments because they appeared to come from a trusted source. Once inside the perimeter the attackers were able to convince even more users to take the bait because it appeared to come from known sources and had relevance to the business routinely conducted by the organization.

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Times have changed, in human and veterinary medicine. In fact the tide seems to be turning in the favor of our four legged friends. Where previously they were used for research to help humans, the treatments once only afforded us are now available to dogs and cats. Newer and safer medications, MRI, CT scans, radiation oncology, total hip replacement, cruciate ligament repair, kidney transplantation, dialysis, open heart surgery, even brain surgery are now helping our furry companions live longer healthier lives.

There's even one aspect of health care where we exceed human care, Nutrition. Through specially formulated, consistent diets, we can not only keep pets healthier, but even treat diseases. Arthritis, kidney failure, urinary tract disorders, diabetes, chronic ear infections, even a brain disorder similar to Alzheimer's can be helped with special diets. Yes, there are still animals that you can throw any food at and it will live a long, relatively uncomplicated life. My neighbors had a car like that too... never changed the oil, just kept adding to it. Those pets, and cars are the far exceptions though. Every day, veterinarians see loved pets who through ignorance, finance, or marketing are not getting proper nutrition. Generally speaking, if you feed your pet high quality foods, you'll have fewer medical problems throughout its life.

Supplements don't make up for poor nutrition. Yes, supplements can be very beneficial when they are targeted at a specific need. They can also be worthless and a waste of money when

they are not. As an example, I'm a great fan of Glucosamine and chondroitin for osteoarthritis of certain joints. Many well meaning people put their companions on various forms of these chemicals because they see stiffness, lameness, or difficulty rising. Too many times, in doing so without a diagnosis, they're not only not helping, but prolonging the problem and depriving their pet of appropriate treatment. Take for example stiffness or limping in the rear legs. While there are a myriad of conditions that can cause this, the most common are arthritis of the spine, hips, and stifles [knees]. Spinal arthritis responds to little but antiinflammatory and pain relief. Hip arthritis, in its early stages, generally does well with glucosamine and chondroitin supplementation. Stifle issues are usually secondary to injury of the cruciate ligament, and is a mechanical instability. While we use supplements to help in the recovery process, this condition requires surgical repair. Furthermore, all supplements are not created equal. You generally, though not always, "get what you pay for". The number of milligrams may be the same from bottle to bottle, but the bioavailability, that is the amount the body can actually absorb and utilize can vary from 98% [best product] to as low as 20%.

Supplements may also be harmful. Used in excess, vitamins like A [liver issues] and C [urinary bladder stones] can be harmful.

Any use of specialized diets or supplements should only follow an accurate diagnosis by your veterinarian. Such diagnoses, as with us, often require radiographs and blood tests. Our goal is not just quantity of life, but quality too!

Looking Up

With Bob Eklund

NASA and Microsoft to Make Universe of Data Available to the Public

"HOW THE EARTH GOT ITS WATER" is the title of a public lecture by George W. Preston, Director Emeritus, Carnegie Observatories, on Sunday, April 26, 2:30 p.m. at the Altadena Library.

Water is the most precious compound on the surface of the Earth. How and when it got here are matters of vigorous current debate. Dr. Preston, who has spent more than a quarter-century studying the chemical evolution of stars in our Milky Way galaxy, will describe the issues surrounding our planet's water, and offer a few opinions about its origin.

This lecture is free of charge, and all are welcome. There will be light refreshments beginning at 2:00 p.m. The Altadena Public Library is located at 600 E. Mariposa Street in Altadena, two stop signs west of Lake Avenue at the corner of Mariposa and Santa Rosa Avenue ("Christmas Tree Lane"). The talk is sponsored by the Mount Wilson Observatory Association (MWOA), a group of volunteers assisting the Observatory in public outreach. For more information on MWOA, including how to become a member, see the web site www.mwoa.org.

WATER SEEMS TO BE QUITE ABUNDANT throughout the Universe, but finding it in a liquid state is another matter. Since water becomes ice below 32 degrees F and steam vapor above 212 degrees F, the temperature range for finding it in a liquid state is quite limited, and no planet other than Earth has yet been discovered where such conditions exist.

Ice, however, does exist in great abundance in comets, as well as in the moons of the outer planets—Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and

Pluto.

A comet is a Small Solar System Body that orbits the Sun and, when close enough to the Sun, exhibits a visible coma (atmosphere) or a tail—both primarily from the effects of solar heating upon the comet's nucleus. Comet nuclei are themselves loose collections of ice, dust, and small rocky particles, measuring a few miles or tens of miles across.

As of November 2008, there were a reported 3,572 known comets, but this probably represents only a tiny fraction of the total potential comet population—the reservoir of comet-like bodies in the outer solar system may number one trillion.

Did all of Earth's water come from impacts by comets, some billions of years ago, back in the earliest years of the Solar System? My guess is that most of it, at least, did—but we surely will have a better idea after next week's lecture.

As a lifelong weather-watcher and former lakeside dweller, ice skater, and skier, I feel a certain kinship with water, vaporous cloud, snow, and ice—whether as near at hand as the raindrops on my head and the sea-fog drifting in, or as far away as Halley's Comet and Jupiter's icy moon Europa. I propose a toast to Earth's lovely water in all its forms—to ponds and lakes and oceans, to towering clouds full of rain, to snow-peaks and glaciers and ice-rinks. And may we find such wonders in far-off worlds as well.

"A million icy comets move between these worlds, Ancient beyond measure, back to the first snow;



Europa's great ice-floes groan, crack and shine and wait

Out there for all those billion years. Closer at hand A lovely ice-rink at the Moon's south pole hides still, Perhaps, for skaters yet to come, the snows of yesteryear."

If you'd like to learn more, you can contact Bob at b eklund@mvoobserver.com

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The Senior Spot

By Bruce Lamarche

STRENGTH TRAINING: What Can It Do For You?

Some of us are satisfied that we’ve met our workout goals when – four or five days a week -- we do a bit of stretching, then hop on the exercise bike or treadmill, or go walking.

Is something missing something here? Absolutely, say the experts. We’re missing one of the key components that make our exercise sessions complete. We’re not getting strength training.

The best exercise program includes four different components, according to the National Institute on Aging (NIA): endurance (such as walking or cycling) to strengthen the heart and circulatory system and improve overall fitness; stretching to promote flexibility and keep limber, and to prevent injury during the endurance phase; balance to help maintain stability and prevent falls; and strength training to build muscle tissue and reduce age-related muscle loss.

We’re not talking about training to enter body building contests! We’re just talking about how strength training can improve your daily functioning. Sarcopenia, the technical term for muscle loss, can be noticed as early as the 40s and may result in a loss of muscle strength of approximately one percent per year. If nothing is done to counteract this decline, one potentially may lose as much as 20-30 percent of muscle strength by the 60s and 70s. So it’s small wonder that many seniors complain of difficulty opening jars, lifting items, or even getting up out of chairs. We all know this when we get down on the floor and then do this awkward multistep routine just to get up.

Strength training works muscles against some type of resistance; this makes the muscles contract with greater force. Over time, the result is stronger muscles and in some cases, increased size. Many benefits come from this: improvement in muscle function and

flexibility, increased bone density, reduction in symptoms associated with diabetes, heart disease and other chronic conditions, lowered body fat, and increased self-confidence in looking more fit. Strength training increases muscle strength and balance. It also decreases pain and improves flexibility.

So what does strength training entail? You should work all major muscle groups--the upper arm and back of the arm, shoulders and upper back, chest muscles and middle back, abdominal muscles, thighs, hamstrings and calves.

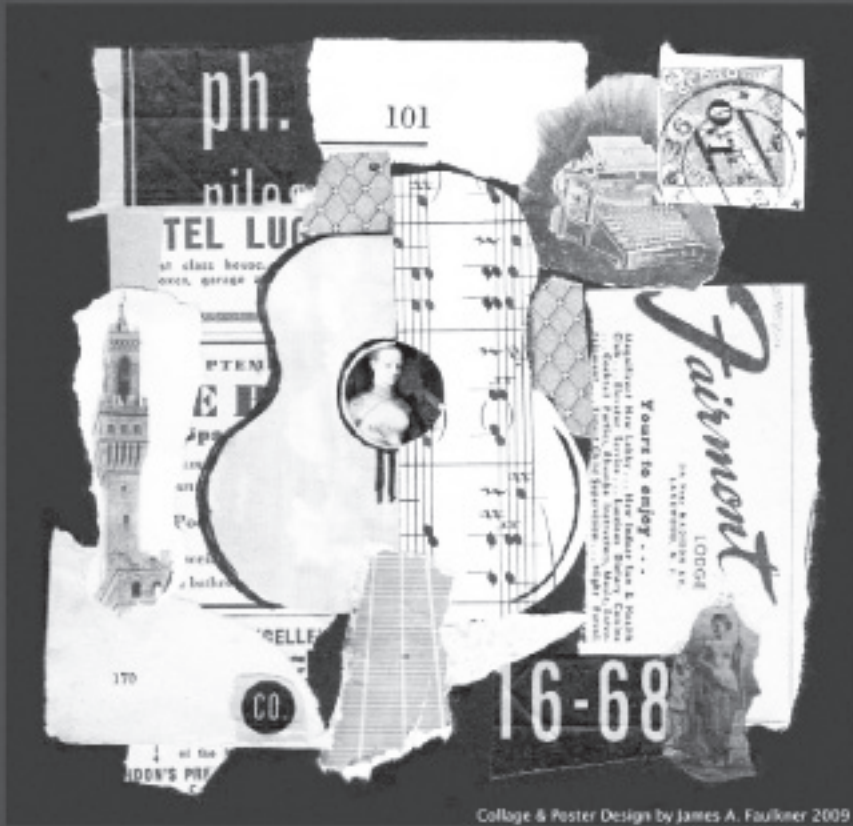
Just as important as doing the exercises is carrying them out properly and safely by stretching before the weight-lifting, starting slow, and repeating them two to three times per week, on nonconsecutive days. It’s especially important to consult your physician before beginning an exercise program if you have previously been inactive. Slight fatigue and soreness is normal after strength training but pain and exhaustion is not.

The equipment you use need not be expensive – you can purchase elastic bands, rubber tubing, or weights. Try using soup cans as weights. You may wish to join a fitness club or YMCA. The local “Y” usually has programs of this type for seniors for minimal cost. Also, check with your city Parks and Recreation Dept. for free programs.

So, get your information, and get it in gear! No excuses. It’s your life, live it.

Got a question? Ask Bruce by phone-(626)335-3412 or e-mail: blamarche@verizon.net

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SENIOR HAPPENINGS...

By Pat Birdsall

FYI: Prevention of Heart Disease in the Mature Population

Heart disease includes conditions affecting the heart such as coronary heart disease, heart attack and congestive heart failure. It is the leading cause of death in both men and women. Cardiologist Stephen Soldo, MD will speak on the common causes, diagnostic tests and current treatment options that are now available to treat this disease on Tuesday, April 21 from 1-2 p.m. at the Duarte Community Center, 1610 Huntington Drive, Duarte. It is better to prevent this disease before it becomes a life-threatening illness. Come and learn what we can do to prevent heart disease as we age. For reservations, please call the Duarte Community Center at 626.357.3513.

~Helpful Hints~

To foil ravenous cutworms, which thrive in late spring when tender seedlings are especially vulnerable, use aluminum cans. Remove both ends of each can, set it over a seedling, and push it into the earth. This will keep the cutworms from severing the seedling stems. I understand that the cardboard tubes from toilet paper rolls will also work. Also, by adding a birdbath to your garden, you will attract avian friends who find cutworms absolutely delicious.

Another Recipe of the Month:



Green Chili Tortilla Soup (for your crock pot)

- Ingredients:
- * 7 cups chicken stock
 - * 2 onions, diced
 - * 4 carrots, diced
 - * 3 ribs celery, diced
 - * 8 oz can medium chopped green chiles
 - * 1 dried Ancho chile
 - * 1 bay leaf
 - * 2 tsp cumin
 - * 1 tsp salt
 - * 1 tsp cracked black pepper
 - * 12 white corn tortillas, torn
 - * ¼ cup fresh chopped cilantro
 - * 1 lime, juiced
 - * ½ cup sour cream
 - * 1 fresh avocado
 - * 2 Roma tomatoes, diced

Directions:

In crock pot combine chicken stock, onion, carrots, celery, green chile, bay leaf, Ancho chile, cumin, salt and pepper and torn tortillas. Cook on high for 2 to 2 ½ hours until tortillas are dissolved. Remove Ancho chile. Add in fresh chopped cilantro and mix. Puree with hand held mixer. Serve in bowls. Squeeze a bit of lime juice over each. Garnish with sour cream, avocado and tomatoes. Serves 6



Happy Birthday!

April Birthdays: 4/5 Blanca Martinez, 4/6 Ken Anhalt, 4/15 Julia Gottesman and 4/28 Dorothy White

For Your Funny Bone

A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment. The next week the man realized that he would need his wife to wake him at 5:00 am for an early morning business flight to Chicago. Not wanting to be the first to break the silence, he finally wrote on a piece of paper, "Please wake me at 5:00 am." The next morning the man woke up, only to discover it was 9:00 am, and that he had missed his flight. Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't woken him when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed...it said... "It is 5:00 am; wake up."

For Sale by Owner: Complete set of Encyclopedia Americana
45 volumes, excellent condition- \$500.00 or best offer.
Reason for sale- No longer needed. Got married last weekend. Wife knows everything.

Finally Beiderbecke came out with a silver cornet. He put it to his lips and blew a phrase. The sound came out like a girl saying 'yes'.
~Eddie Condon on Bix Beiderbecke~

Activities: Unless listed differently, all activities are at the Hart Memorial Park (Senior Center) 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre
Lunch Program: Monday- Friday at the Intervale Café -12:00 Noon-Call (626) 355-0256 to make your daily reservation. Suggested donation \$2.00 for seniors (60+) and \$3.75 for visitors.
Monday: Free strength Training Class with volunteer Lisa Brandley 1:00-1:45
Tuesday: Bingo- 1:30PM- 3:30 PM .25c per card
Yoga- 5:30 PM- 7:00PM Instructor Andrea Walsh- \$6.50 for seniors (50 and over.)

The Santa Anita Bowling Green Club will be having beginning lawn bowling lessons each Saturday morning starting at 10 AM. Anyone interested come by the park before 10 AM. For information call Gene at 626-351-5327. FREE!

Monthly Excursions

For reservations and further information call Susan Clifton at (626) 355-7394 or stop by and see her at the Hart Memorial Park House- 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM
May 18th- Nethercutt Collection & Museum in Sylmar-8:45 am to 2:30 pm \$18.00 per person (includes lunch) 5 floors of treasures that range from classic and vintage automobiles to antique furniture. For more information about the museum, please visit their website at www.nethercuttcollection.org
To register, please call the Senior Desk at 626.355.7394.
Free Blood Pressure Clinic- Second Tuesday of each month 11:00 AM- Noon No appointment necessary
Financial Consulting- 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Hart Memorial Park House from 10:00AM- Noon. Please call (626) 355-7394 for an

appointment.
NEW!!! Senior Stretch and Balance- A free class designed by volunteer instructor Teryl Willis, for seniors to refresh the joints, soothe the spine, and improve balance. Come and join in some simple and gentle exercises, a little light yoga, and a bit of easy tai chi.
When and Where: Wednesday, March 4th at 11:00 AM at the Hart Memorial Park House/Senior Center. Call 626-355-7394 for more information.
Ken Anhalt Chosen Sierra Madre's Older American of the Year! Please join the Senior Community Commission in thanking Ken for his many years of volunteer service to his community. A reception in his honor will be held on Friday, May 1, 2009 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm at the Senior Center in Hart Memorial Park. Refreshments will be served. RSVP to the Senior Desk at 626.355.7394.

Meals-on-Wheels:

Meals are delivered to homebound seniors by volunteer drivers through the YWCA Intervale Lunch Program M-F (with frozen meals for the weekend.) \$2.00 suggested donation per day. Call Susan Garcia at (626) 858-8382 for more information.



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One Of A Kind:

Featuring unique homes & gardens and the people who create them

By Chris Bertrand

With Some Polish and a Little Love This Pasadena Diamond Could Shine Again!



Chris Bertrand

ck in 1907, Thomas and Nina Stocks, Ohio natives, built their Arts and Crafts style dream home in northwest Pasadena. Mr. Stocks helped establish Pasadena's National Bank of Commerce in addition to his clothing business. Thomas Stocks gained notoriety in 1911 as the neighborhood hero, saving an adjoining Los Robles neighbor's home from fire.

The property remained in the Stock family for 102 years, passed on to relatives over the decades. Alas, the final Stock family member has moved away from the family homestead. The listing

agent can literally claim it's on the market for the first time in a century!

Though the actual architect is unknown, well-respected contractor, Christian Hansen, who also built homes for the renowned Greene brothers. He constructed the main home in a transitional style blending Craftsman and Colonial Revival styles, with a "rubble" stone (which we now call Arroyo stone) foundation and perimeter wall, arched dormers, gables and a distinctive stone porch. That original two story home is one of three residential structures totaling 4549 square feet of living space on the 0.55 acre land parcel.

If you compare black and white photos right after completion to today's images 102 years later, beautiful overarching trees have formed a shaded canopy over this neighborhood since the main home was built. You'll find children at play. You'll find many homes lovingly restored. Some, like this one, await that inspired buyer who wants to restore and update a unique home with real character, some land around it... and even some rental income if they desire.

In 1915 a two bedroom home, apparently intended as a rental property was constructed on the southwest corner of the large parcel, facing Elizabeth Street. Today, it still affords that possibility, with little impact on the lifestyle and privacy of the main home.

In 1925, a large building we might today call a pool house or guest house was constructed. The called it merely "the hall." Others called the nearly 1000+ square foot structure "the ballroom" referring to the Stocks' love of dancing and dance parties. It includes a full bath, kitchenette hookup and certainly room to create a full kitchen, a music or sitting room and finally the huge ballroom. My mind races with possible uses in today's lifestyles... A magnificent home office, a guest house, a pool house... even a workout space for "Dancing with the Stars!"

In the last ten years of Thomas Stocks' life, he became blind, and it's said he constructed high, above grade rims around both the swimming pool and the koi pond (both currently drained) to prevent his accidental immersion.

Much of the wood used in the homes is redwood, providing it with an amazingly good "bill of health" from the termite man. Especially for a 102 year old main home!

Though Pasadena's Cultural Heritage Commission notified the owners in 1985 that it might qualify for local landmark status and listing on the National Register of Historic Places, it



appears no action was taken in this regard. In addition, the home is apparently not currently in the Mills Act, a tax reduction status which encourages the maintenance of historic homes. This status could be a plus or a minus, depending on what the future owner has in mind for the parcel.

The Stocks property, at the corner of N. Los Robles and Elizabeth in Pasadena, is offered at \$1,100,000. It stands ready for a buyer with a passion for character homes and a little imagination, to repolish this diamond to its original shine.

For more information on 1621 and 1633 N. Los Robles and 399 Elizabeth in Pasadena, contact Jan Thornton or Shereen Kelly of Coldwell Banker at 626-893-3303 or JanRThornton@aol.com



Ceanothus

Native to California, ceanothus, also known locally as Californian lilac or wild lilac, offers a great selection of hardy and versatile varieties that can be used in many different capacities in your landscape.

As with most (shrub) plants, you don't really notice them when they are out of bloom. Once in bloom however, which is typically in springtime, ceanothus are a sight to be seen. Colors range anywhere from pale powder blue to deep violet blue. Their growth habit and performance is as varied as its colors. Some are upright and bushy, others tree-like. A great number of them are used as ground covers and most tolerate both sun and/or shade. They grow well in the most unfriendly environments and require little water or maintenance. Here are some I can recommend and are readily available in your local nurseries; "Yankee Point" (my favorite) one of the best ground-covering kinds. Has dense, arching branches which spread upto 10' wide (to 3' high). Has a dark green, shiny leaf with a China-blue flower. Fast grower. Looks elegant when planted next to white. "Diamond Heights" very good looking. Low grower with marbled yellow variegation. 6-12" high

with a 3' - 5' spread. Prefers filtered light. Slow grower. Used more for interesting foliage than for flower. Paired with very dark-green foliated plants "Diamond Heights" can look stunning. "Concha" typically reaches 6' - 7' high with 6' - 8' spread. Stunning dark blue flowers with short, narrow leaves. It is well liked for it's versatility. Much harder than "Julia Phelps" and "Dark Star". Heavy bloomer, will tolerate heavy soil and heavy shearing. The shape and size of the leaves and flowers vary

greatly on these plants. Not every variety will impress you. As with all things in life it really comes down to the eye of the beholder. The ones mentioned above are my personal favorites, but there are many others to choose from. The best time to shop for ceanothus is in the spring when the flowers are in full bloom nurseries go out of their way to offer many different varieties. But if you don't want to wait until springtime you can definitely find some varieties at your local nursery.

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CENTURY 21 VILLAGES NATHALIE MARLES TOP PRODUCER FOR MARCH

Andy Bencosme, Managing Broker of CENTURY 21 Village Inc. in Sierra Madre recently congratulated Nathalie Marles for her sales production in March. The announcement was made at the weekly sales and marketing meeting.

Marles finished the period with just under 2 million dollars in sales. "2008 was a very successful year for Nathalie and it looks to be another one this year" remarked Bencosme "I love having someone with Nathalie's expertise in our office because it allows us to service clients in more ways than just the traditional residential brokerage." Bencosme was referring to Marles being a certified as a Home Retention Consultant, assisting homeowners with loan modifications. "One of the greatest aspects of this certification is being able to help homeowners stay in their homes" said Marles.

Nathalie Marles grew up in south Pasadena and lived in the San Gabriel Valley over thirty years. She has been with CENTURY 21 Village since 2002 as a full time agent. Due to the current market she began to specialize in "short sales" and selling bank-owned homes for many direct lenders and asset management companies. "This keeps me on my toes with the current market values and has really sharpened my skills in performing market analysis for my clients" remarked Marles.

Nathalie Marles can be reached at CENTURY 21 Village 38 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in SM or at 626 355-1451

ARCADIA 13TH ANNUAL EXPO, Tuesday, April 21

All REALTORS in the entire San Gabriel Valley are invited to attend the free 13TH Annual REALTORS Tech, Business and Green Expo on Tuesday, April 21 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the world famous Santa Anita Race Track. (Enter at Gate 3 - Main Gate)

Sponsored by the AAR Tech and Affiliate Committee, the Expo offers many exciting exhibitors who will present tools of the trade for real estate professionals in addition to free educational breakout sessions for the latest industry news and trends. This year's "Green" component will surely be of interest to today's real estate professional. Door prizes, grand prizes, food and fun are all free in addition to free admission and parking. Each attendee will receive a coupon for \$3 redeemable for a light luncheon, drinks or snacks.

The Grand Prize highlight will capitalize on this year's theme "Win, Place or Show Me the Green" and is "The Green REALTOR On The Go" package. The package includes a mini-computer, 180 degree virtual tour camera and mini printer. Main prize for the "Winner's Circle" event is a Nintendo Wii and cash prizes. These winners need not be present to win. Winners for the door prizes need to be present to win.

Rick Auerbach, Los Angeles County Assessor, will be the keynote speaker. "A REALTOR'S Legal Update" with Senior Legal Counsel, Stella Ling, California Association of REALTORS, and Aaron Yu on REO's begin the day just after the opening at 9 a.m. The afternoon breakout session from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. is on "Steps to a Greener Transaction" with an outstanding panel of "green" speakers such as Bob Hart who is the Chairman of the C.A.R. Green Task Force, Jeff Bricmont with Modern Earth Finance, John Shipman of Energy Efficiency Management and Paul Yeh, Southern California Edison with Energy Efficiency and Rebates will complete the panel. What a powerful group of speakers.

Immediately following the Expo from 3 - 5 p.m. at the racetrack, stay to enjoy a networking opportunity with a free Texas Hold'em. Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners.

Bring lots of your real estate business cards and photo I.D. for admission and to be eligible for all the prizes. This is the premiere expo event for REALTORS (not open to members of the public) within the entire San Gabriel Valley area.

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