



Mayor MacGillivray Mayor Pro Tem Watts Council Skips Over Mosca For Second Straight Year

By Susan Henderson



City Councilman Joe Mosca applauds for Mary Ann MacGillivray after her election as the city's newest Mayor. D.Lee/MVNews

Three members of Sierra Madre's city council, Mary Ann MacGillivray, Kurt Zimmerman and Don Watts, once again broke tradition and failed to rotate the position of Mayor, or even Mayor Pro Tem to Councilman Joe Mosca. The reasons given ranged from Zimmerman's suggestion that Mosca was not prepared to Don Watts announcement that he had flipped his lucky 1941 nickel and Joe, whom Watts says chose 'tails', lost.

The council ignored the pleading of many leading citizens of Sierra Madre who asked that tradition be followed and that Joe be allowed to serve his term as mayor. Instead, the council listened to those speakers who denounced Joe with charges that he broke his campaign promise to protect the city from overdevelopment.

"I have never failed to keep my commitment to protect Sierra Madre from overdevelopment", said Mosca in a recent telephone interview.

To make matters even more contentious, when then Mayor Kirt Zimmerman called for a motion on the matter, he allowed two

motions to be made and seconded at the same time. The first motion was made by Zimmerman with a second by Watts that MacGillivray become Mayor and the second was a substitute motion by Buchanan and seconded by Mosca, that Mosca become Mayor. Zimmerman entertained discussion from the audience and council before calling for a vote on the first motion, which passed 3-2. Just prior to the actual vote, Buchanan asked, although he stated that he already knew what the outcome of a vote on his substitute motion would be, that his motion be voted on. At that point City Attorney Sandra Levin was called on for procedural instructions. After a bit of bickering back and forth, the original motion was voted on and the substitute motion was ignored. Immediately following, Don Watts was voted in unanimously as Mayor Pro Tem.

Zimmerman, Watts and Mosca were all first elected to office in 2006. All three are up for re-election, should they choose to run, in April 2010. MacGillivray, who has served as a councilperson and Mayor more than a decade ago, was elected to this council in 2008.

Fourth of July Parade Grand Marshal Sought

The Fourth of July Committee is looking for candidates for Sierra Madre's 2009 Parade Marshal. The Parade will be held on Saturday, July 4, according to Matt Bosse, Fourth of July Committee Chairman. Parade Marshal candidates should be typical of Sierra Madre's volunteer spirit in any of the local nonprofit organizations.

Nominations must be in by Monday, May 25th and should be sent to the Fourth of July Committee, P.O. Box 1073, Sierra Madre, CA 91025 or via e-mail to matthewbosse@hotmail.com

The Parade begins at 10 a.m. at Sunnyside and Sierra Madre Blvd., following complimentary breakfast at the Woman's Clubhouse at that same address. The Parade ends at about 11:30 a.m. with activities beginning then in Memorial Park.

This year the Beer Garden will be manned by the Fourth of July Committee, the Sierra Madre Athletic Association, and the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce. The Garden will be open the evening of July 3rd and all day July 4th. Nonprofit food booths will be available in Memorial Park, also, according to Chairman Bosse.

CONGRATULATIONS KEN ANHALT!



Sierra Madrean Ken Anhalt is congratulated by U. S. Congressman David Dreier at the Older American Of The Year Reception on Friday

Photo By B. Coburn

"Living Today For A Better Tomorrow", the theme of the National Older Americans Month is certainly befitting of the life of Sierra Madre's honoree, Ken Anhalt. The Sierra Madre Senior Commission, along with a long list of benefactors and guests, recognized Anhalt for his many years of service to the Sierra Madre Community.

The reception was held at the Hart Park House. Anhalt, and his wife of 61 years, Shirley, were honored before a packed house of family and friends. In addition to Congressman Dreier, State

Assemblyman Anthony Adams, Rabbi Alan Lachtman of Temple Beth David, Rev. Richard Anderson on behalf of the Sierra Madre Kiwanis, Senior Commissioner Ann Bixel and newly elected Mayor Mary Ann Mcgillivray bestowed a variety of accolades and certificates upon Anhalt.

Ken Anhalt, Sierra Madre's 2009 Older American Of The Year was overwhelmed by the large number of people that came out to honor him. "I don't know what to say", uttered Anhalt.

Staff/MVNews

Stamping Out Hunger in America - National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive Set for May 9

On the second Saturday in May — May 9, 2009 — letter carriers in more than 10,000 cities and towns across America will deliver much more than mail when they walk and drive along their postal routes. They also will collect the goodness and compassion of their postal customers participating in the 17th annual NALC Stamp Out Hunger National Food Drive – the largest one-day food drive in the nation and probably the world. On May 9, customers are being encouraged to leave donations of non-perishable food by their mailbox for collection by their letter carrier.

In 2008, the drive collected 73.1 million pounds of food for the needy from postal customers; almost 160,000 pounds in the San Francisco Bay Area. That brought the total for the first 16 years to 909 million pounds. Letter carriers will collect non-perishable food donations left by mailboxes and in post offices and deliver them to local community food banks.

All In A Day's Work



Police Chief Marilyn Diaz chats with Norah Graham, owner of Sierra Juice in Kersting Court, as part of her "Walk the Beat with the Chief" program designed to improve communication with local business owners and residents. Photo By Bill Coburn

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SOLD OUT!

by Senara

Saturday, May 9
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Sierra Madre Woman's Clubhouse
 550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre

Tickets: \$20 Adults ~ \$8.00 under 18
 Available at the Sierra Madre Public Library
 and Woman's Club

For info call: 626-355-7186

Garden Club Program to Feature "Small Garden, Large Harvest" by Phyllis Chapman

Sierra Madre Garden Club invites you to attend their dinner meeting on Monday, May 11th at 6pm in the Hart Park House at Memorial Park. A program will be presented by Dr. Theresa Smith and John Johnson about their development of a garden in Monrovia into one that produces giant-size, flavorful crops of food in a limited space.

They will provide how-to steps for their amazing results of plants that reach maturity sooner, yielding bumper crops that are delicious - and all with the priority of conserving water. Also, the great plus of enjoying lower grocery bills in this time of economic downturn.

Although they are now Monrovia residents, they are still very involved in Sierra Madre. Johnson has a graphic arts and computer business here, and Dr. Smith is a licensed chiropractor with a practice in Sierra Madre. She also suggests the value to a person of the physical activity

involved in gardening. Both are hard working community volunteers. (Click here for a spotlight on Johnson's volunteer efforts).

Presently, home gardens are receiving greater attention due to health, the environment and economics. The National Gardening Association says 43 million households plan to grow their own produce in 2009, up from 36 million last year, a 19% increase. Both the Obamas in the White House and California First Lady Maria Shriver have planted gardens to teach children and visitors the value of growing food. Not since the Victory Gardens of World War II has there been greater interest and excitement about home gardening.

Reservations are needed for the dinner at this meeting, \$9 each, and can be made by calling 355-0606. To attend just the program, no charge or reservation needed, arrive by 6:45pm.

SIERRA MADRE'S FARMERS MARKET!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Travelers & Collectors Season Finale Friday, May 8th Council Chambers: 7:30 pm	Mother's Day Tea With Louisa May Alcott Saturday, May 9th 11:30 am - 1:30 pm Sierra Madre Women's Club 550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd \$20 for Adults \$8 Children under 17
			Senior Commission Meeting 3:00 pm, Council Chambers	May 16 & 17 Sierra Madre Art Fair Memorial Park, 9:30 am		
				Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm Council Chambers	Mt. Wilson Trail Race	
May 2009						

Casting Call! Multiple Roles Available in Contemporary New Musical

Looking for college age through 20's (but will talk to mature high school students) singer/actors to play numerous parts in an original, contemporary musical. Three performances in October with possibly more to be scheduled. Six female roles, 9 male roles. Short rehearsal schedule, flexible audition times to work with your schedule. E-mail: freshwater@prodigy.net

National Day of Prayer

Sierra Madre Annual Observance

Join your neighbors on Thursday May 7 from Noon-12:30 at the Veterans Memorial Flagpole in Memorial Park (near the cannon) on May 7 to participate in a 30 minute, low key event to pray for our local, state, and federal officials, sing a few patriotic songs, and know you have made a difference. This is not a "program" but a chance to openly lift up our elected officials in prayer.

Sierra Madre Art Fair Guarantees to Savor All Your Senses!

"Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life." Pablo Picasso

You are cordially invited to join us May 16 and 17 as we behold artistic beauty through sight, embrace masterful music through sound, and savor flavorful treats via taste.

The 47th Annual Sierra Madre Art Fair takes place in Sierra Madre's picturesque Memorial Park Saturday, May 16, from 9:30 to 6:00pm, and Sunday, May 17, from 9:30 to 5:00pm. Oil Paintings, Photography, Ceramics, Watercolors, Mixed Media, Glass, Woodcarvings, Pottery, Jewelry, Gourd Art and Lighting will all be on display and available to be purchased, treasured and passed on to generations.

Among the many participating artists, we highlight Carolyn Gravatte, a popular local artist who captures local Sierra Madre village scenes and landscapes in oil on canvas. Catch a glimpse of her work at www.carolyngravatte.com. And Robin White-Patterson, a new addition to our Fair, started in photography and is now an abstract painter who uses light, color and composition applying it to paint and canvas. A special hands on project for kids, the "Under the Sea Seed and Bead Mosaic" will be sponsored by Sierra Madre's Creative Arts Group.

A delightful musical backdrop to this weekend will include musicians Jane Fuller, String Planet, Cow Bop, The Tom Corbett Band, Vin Fizz Flyer, the Joel Penner Trio, and Ann Luke.

Alvero Street Mexican Food will offer up tacos, taquitos, tamales, and nachos. The Chinese & Korean BBQ will delight us with chicken, beef, short ribs on a stick and fish balls. Flavored ice, ice cream, churros and pretzels will be available from Hawaiian Shaved Ice. Kettle Corn and Slushies, and all sorts of drinks will also be available. Sweet breads such as banana, pumpkin and zucchini will be available on Saturday, and our famous cupcakes on Sunday.

Come join us as we wash away the dust of everyday life from our souls. Sierra Madre Memorial Park is located at 222 West Sierra Madre Blvd., 1 long block west of Baldwin Avenue.

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Sierra Madre Kiwanis Invite You To Join Us on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 Night or Day - Your Choice!

Noon Meeting: Hear All About Sierra Madre Water Tunnels - Masonic Temple - Sierra Madre Lunch Non-Members \$11

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REMEMBRANCE

Michael Peter Ostrye



Michael Peter Ostrye passed from this life on April 22, 2009 in San Diego, CA, where he lived for 30 years. Born in Monrovia on February 26, 1946, Mike attended La Salle High School and Pasadena City College. He was a natural storyteller, a gifted flute player, Middle Ages history buff and skilled carpenter-a Renaissance man, indeed. He authored science fiction novels, short stories and poetry books. Mike's rock band, Patch of Blue, defined his musicianship in the sixties as it opened for The Doors at the Whiskey a Go-Go and headlined regularly at Gazzari's. His family and friends will miss Mike's amazing stories, his creative soul, his love of rock and heavy metal, of Ireland, Shrewsbury, and all things medieval. We thank him for his whimsy and we're sure he'll travel light and tell great stories in his next universe.

Mike is survived by mother, Pat; brothers, Joseph and wife Louise; Martin and wife Gail; sisters, Colette, Madonna, Maureen, Annie Macdonald and husband Bruce, nieces, Elise, Sarah, Erin, and Soleil; nephews, James and Ian;

former wife and close friend Nell, fellow life traveler, Ken McNerney; and Mike's wide family of friends. Mike was preceded in his passing by his father Peter, his much-loved nephew Azja, and his infant twin, Mary Cecilia. Memorial donations can be made to San Diego Hospice Foundation at 4311 Third Ave. San Die go 92103.

Pasadena

Compassion Creates Change!

May 7th Celebration Banquet & Art Auction - 6:00 p.m. First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena

Photo and Story By Deanne Davis

It's not too late to get a ticket for the annual PazNaz Compassionate Ministries Art Auction and Celebration; where beautiful Gilmore Hall will be the setting for art in many different media. Numerous local artists and community businesses have contributed to this year's auction, creating an exciting opportunity for you to bring home something beautiful AND effect some positive change in our community. The proceeds from this annual event underwrite a large portion of the Helping Hands community food bank and clothing assistance operation where necessary items and spiritual support are provided to more than 500 households each month; and to Church in the Park which provides a hot breakfast and a spiritual message each week to Pasadena's homeless community (600 monthly) at Central Park near Old Town Pasadena.

Compassion creates change for our community and the world. Yes, it does! And if you haven't heard about the changes being accomplished by Compassionate Ministries at PazNaz and Selena Holston, Pastor of Compassionate Ministries, just keep reading! Selena joined the staff of First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena in August of 2008 and has continued and expanded the work that Compassionate Ministries has devoted to providing support and assistance to the poor and marginalized in the Pasadena area for more than two decades. The philosophy of Compassionate Ministries is based on a holistic approach that combines compassion with principles of human development. Simply stated, we each have something to give and contribute and through sharing our resources, we use our individual strengths and gifts to develop and empower those who need our help and, at the same time, work toward social justice.

Compassionate Ministries is currently working alongside several organizations that are committed to addressing homelessness, teen pregnancy, leadership and spiritual



Selena Holston, Pastor of Compassionate Ministries, First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena

development of inner-city youth, healthcare for the underserved, education for marginalized children and youth and housing for those in need of help in that area.

Selena Holston, Pastor of Compassionate Ministries at PazNaz grew up in a family devoted to the principles of Christian Community Development. She has served with Voice of Hope Ministries, Dallas Leadership Foundation and Imani Bridges. Through each of these non-profit organizations, she worked in strategic methods of community development for at-risk communities. She is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Organizational Leadership at Azusa Pacific University. This young woman is a vital part of the PazNaz staff. She believes wholeheartedly that compassion can create change and she is inviting the community to help that change come to fruition.

For more information on the May 7th Art Auction & Celebration, contact Selena Holston at sholston@paznaz.org mailto:sholston@paznaz.org or 626-351-2417.

much needed boost to the city tax coffers, sales tax revenues particularly from auto sales, historically the City's largest sales tax contributor, continue to dwindle.

"Over the last two years, the city has lost over \$1 million in tax revenues, from a decline in sales taxes and property taxes," said Assistant City Manager Kristen Petersen. (cont. pg. 9)

Duarte

Duarte City Council Ponders Cuts and Reductions To Counter Projected \$1.7 Million Budget Deficit

Duarte City Council and staff are preparing to make some of the toughest budget decisions in more than a decade when they convene for their budget workshop on May 4 and work to whittle down a projected \$1.7 million budget deficit for fiscal year 2009-2010.

While the May 7 opening of a Best Buy offers a bright spot expected to provide a

Sierra Madre

New Leadership At Sierra Madre Chamber Expanded Services To Support Local Businesses



Newly elected Chamber President Matt Krantz

customers their way. We thought this was one way that we could help expand awareness of what Sierra Madre businesses are up to. This is actually just the beginning, we will also be adding things such as sample press releases to help businesses that may not be familiar with how to issue press releases and media contact information. And we have begun plans to hold a "Marketing" seminar with guest speakers in the industry to help educate those who want to do a better job of marketing themselves." *The Chamber's web address is www.SierraMadreChamber.com.*



Around Monrovia

by Pat Ostrye

A BIT OF REFLECTION & MORE

Today I pensively dedicate all of my thoughts to the memory of my oldest son, Michael Peter who was taken very peacefully to his Eternal Reward Wednesday, April 22, after a four-year bout with esophageal cancer. The obituary in today's paper tells the story of some of his life. I will say that he was much too young to die at age 63, as have been so many from the baby boomer era. From the age of ten he was magnificent flute player, was ridiculously passionate about Ireland and any thing or person from the Middle Ages. He managed to make several trips to London, Ireland and Paris. He particularly enjoyed his trips to Shrewsbury, England, site of the old Benedictine Monastery where the Cadfile series was made.

He was never alone during those agonizing years of chemo, surgery and radiation. His six siblings arranged round-the-clock vigils through it all, right to the end, along with faithful support from his many friends. Mike, I wish you joy among the angels with their "heavenly" music and perhaps you may join them with your flute. Finally, rest in peace. We miss you. Much love, Mom

Meanwhile, I had a press release from Amy Gray, staff member in the Monrovia Volunteer office:

The Volunteer Center of the San Gabriel Valley wants to take this opportunity during May's "Older American Month", to spotlight a Driver and a Recipient from the Meals On

Wheels program. Pat Ostrye started Meals on Wheels in January of 1975 in Monrovia and the program has continued non-stop ever since, servicing residents of Monrovia, Temple City, San Gabriel and Rosemead with meals five days a week.

The dedicated drivers are volunteers, providing not only selfless service but bringing a bright moment to the recipients who look forward to seeing a friendly face each day. Each volunteer is an indispensable part of the program.

A little bit about a typical driver: Dorothy Gabler, age 82, has been a driver for 11 1/2 years, says that delivering meals to individuals who cannot prepare their own meals gives her a good feeling. Dorothy advises other drivers to be patient and personalize their routes to what suits them best. She really enjoys driving for MOW and will continue as long as she's able.

Now, a typical recipient: 94 year-old Harry "Jack" Birk, who has been receiving MOW since 2003 and says receiving these meals has impacted his life very nicely and he likes the food, especially chicken stew. Harry is a graduate engineer from USC and has season tickets to all of their games, sitting right on the 50-yard line, also a regular at LeRoy's in Monrovia for breakfast."

If anyone is interested in being a driver or knows someone who needs Meals On Wheels, contact the Volunteer Center, 626-256-8187. postrye@netzero.com

La Canada

Mother's Day Brunches and Concerts at Descanso Garden on May 9 and 10

Honor the special women in your life by indulging in a scrumptious buffet brunch by Patina chefs served in Descanso's Rose Pavilion surrounded by rose and azalea blooms.

Seating are at 9 and 10:30 a.m., noon and 1:30 p.m. Sample menu includes: fruit, pastries, French toast, Tuscan chicken salad, spinach salads, greens and pear salad, ham, sausage, bacon and chocolate bread pudding.

In addition, everyone can enjoy a musical performance at 1 p.m. in a natural setting at the Under the Oaks stage. On Saturday, May 9, the Angels of Venice entertain with harp, flute and cello; on Sunday, May 10, Zhiming Han presents the lyrical sounds of the Chinese butterfly harp.

Concerts are free with admission.

Cost for the brunch: \$45, \$38 members and \$15 for children ages 4-10. Free for children 3 and younger. Reservations with a credit card are required. Call Patina at (818) 790-3663. For cancellations, please call at least 48 hours in advance or a 50 percent fee will apply.

And finally, children are invited to create a free Mother's Day craft on Sunday, May 10 only from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Arcadia

Five faiths to unite for Arcadia National Day of Prayer service May 7

Members of five major San Gabriel Valley faith traditions will join in an evening service celebrating the National Day of Prayer on Thursday evening, May 7. The 7 p.m. service at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 614 West Foothill Boulevard in Arcadia is open to the public.

The event is being presented by the Arcadia Interfaith Action Group, a consortium of leaders from some twenty faith organizations in the area.

This year's service, themed "United in Hope - Prayers for our Nation," will be the only San Gabriel Valley interfaith observance at which Baha'is, Buddhists, Christians, Jews and Muslims join in celebrating the shared beliefs and values that unite them as Americans. During the evening, each faith will share a small part of its practices to help attendees

realize that there are more similarities than differences among them.

The National Day of Prayer was established in 1952, when the US Congress designated the first Thursday in May as a time for all Americans, regardless of their faiths, to come together and pray in their own ways.

All monies contributed to the evening's offering will go to local assistance agencies in the area, including Foothill Unity Center, which distributed more than three million pounds of food to over 3,100 unduplicated very low-income families last year. In late 2008, the State of California Community Services Department designated the Center as the Community Action Agency for the Foothill Area.

For further information on Arcadia's National Day of Prayer, call (626) 447-8053.

4th "History Lives Here" Marker Unveiled at Arcadia's Woman's Club

An appreciative crowd of dignitaries, representatives of elected officials, Historical Society and Woman's Club members attended the April 29 dedication of this fourth of five historical markers planned for locations of note around Arcadia.

Arcadia Woman's Club has maintained nearly a century of presence in the community, with 78 years in the same building. The marker includes archival photos and delineates some history of both the organization as well as the building, which was also used as a USO social venue during World War II.

The next historical marker dedication will be on July 16 at 5 p.m. at the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce.

An archival photo from a 1922 club event (left).

Courtesy Arcadia Women's Club



Women's Club members unveil the marker at the corner of 1st and Diamond in Arcadia. Photo by Chris Bertrand/MVNews



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Pasadena Fire Department Celebrates Fire Service Day

Meet the dedicated men and women of the Pasadena Fire Department during Fire Service Day on Saturday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

At Fire Station 33, 515 N. Lake Ave., firefighters will demonstrate life-saving and fire-suppression techniques including vehicle burns and extinguishments, rescuing someone from a vehicle using the Jaws of Life and aerial ladder operations. Fire engines and other equipment will be on display, and there will be hot dogs and other refreshments as well as entertainment.

All other fire stations will be open to the public as well.

For more information call (626) 744-4675.

Walk with the Mayor

Take a walk around the Rose Bowl Loop Wednesday with Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard and Erica Clark, co-founder of the Pasadena: City of Learning initiative. Meet at Gate A 7:30 a.m. at the stadium. For more info call (626) 831-2980.

“City Beat” Topics Include, Public Trees, Cell Towers

The latest edition of “City Beat,” airing on 55 KPAS and the Internet, include topics on, the city’s decision not to use an ‘Opportunity Sites Map’ encouraged for new cell tower placement, planting trees in the city and a new handbill ordinance that has some residents claiming violations of the first amendment.

Moderator Barry Gordon is joined by Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard and Mountain Views News reporter Dean Lee.

“City Beat” replays Mondays through Fridays see the city’s website, www.cityofpasadena.net, for scheduling

Streaming video of all 55 KPAS programming can be accessed in real time by also going to the website and clicking on City News.

Pet of the Week



Jazz, a gorgeous, year old cat has amazing eyes! One eye is blue and the other is lovely shade of amber. Jazz is looking for a quiet, loving home with a warm lap to snuggle in. Come visit with this little sweetheart today!

The regular cat adoption fee is \$70 which includes the spay or neuter surgery, microchip, vaccinations, and a free follow-up health check at a participating vet.

Please call 626-792-7151 and ask about A248986 or come to the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA, 361 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena CA, 91105. Our adoption hours are 11-3 Sunday, 9-4 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 9-3 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets updated hourly may be found at www.phsspca.org

ARTS Bus, Parking, Other Fees to Go Up



“Two Hour Free Parking,” signs (pictured above) in back of “Shoppers Lane” along south Lake Ave. A Dial-A-Ride bus (pictured right) sits in the city lot. Fares are set to go up June 1.

By Dean Lee

The city council looked Monday night at raising a whole range of city fees, including public transportation and South Lake parking, although not before council members questioned rising some fees and asking that others be further reviewed.

After a short presentation by city staff, Councilmember Sid Tyler quickly opposed a proposal to remove two hours free parking in public lots behind Lake Ave along “Shoppers Lane.”

Staff said removing the free parking was to avoid confusion and simplify the signage although it also included rising the daily rate \$1. It would go from \$5 to \$6 they said.

Tyler said the move was unfair after it became clear that other public parking areas such as Old Pasadena

and Paseo Colorado would retain a free allotted time for shoppers.

“What I’m wondering is, if this is going to come as a surprise to the merchants,” he said. “Clearly it will come as a surprise to the patrons.”

City Manager Michael Beck explained that confusion was associated with having two hours free parking in addition to the charge.

“We had a number of discussions with the [South Lake Parking] commission,” Beck said. “As it relates to, could we split the lot and make it more obvious as to which is two hour free and which is a paid component... It was the recommendation of the commission that we simply move to start charging.”

In addition to parking, Tyler also asked they look into a \$75 fee change for



after hour ambulance services within the Fire Department. Staff agreed to bring back all proposed Fire Department fees at their next meeting.

Although the council was irked by many of the fees, raising the rates for the ARTS buses was not one of them. All of the fares will go up July 1, including rising the base fare to 75 cents and 50 cents for students. The current 25 cent cost for seniors would also go up 10 cents to 35 cents. Students would have the highest rate increase by doubling the now 25 cents.

A new 10 cent senior and disabled Inter-Agency Transfer free will also go in effect staff said explaining that the fare structure would be more consistent with Federal regulations.

The regulations state seniors and persons with disabilities be half that of the regular fare.

It was also proposed that the Dial-A-Ride fare go up from 50 cents to 75 cents to offset operating costs.

Public Heath fees will also go up including two new fees; one is a \$230 charge for Rabies vaccine in the event of a dog bite and the other a \$15 walk-in pregnancy test fee.

The city will also implement a \$63 an hour filming and events coordination fee. The money will go to recoup cost for staff helping organizing their actives including multi-department coordination, outside agency assistance, permitting and fee collection issues.

Councilmember Margaret McAustin also asked that review, at a later date, new Planning and Development Department fees including a \$2,000 fee dealing with historic property and the Mills Act.

‘Opportunity Sites Map’ for Cell Towers Nixed

By Dean Lee

Even before the city council Monday night discussed the hotly contested issue of cell phone tower placement on public right-a-ways, City Manager Michael Beck told them that there was no great advantage to including an ‘opportunity sites map’ going so far as suggesting they remove it from the plan.

In doing so he said would eliminate a fair amount of criticism.

“That [opportunity sites map] was developed in an effort to encourage co location of facilities on public properties outside the neighborhoods,” Beck said. “In doing so there has been a fair amount of confusion associated with that particular map and the sense that somehow entitles the cell carriers.”

Mayor Bill Bogaard also suggested that, well after midnight, by removing the opportunities map public comment would noticeably be reduced although many did still take the opportunity to speak. Many suggested they needed more oversight even with the opportunity map gone.

Director of Planning and Development Richard Bruckner explained what the map was used for.

“Here we go again...” he said lighthearted. “The opportunities

map was simply an inventory of public properties which was intended to provide an incentive move these facilities out of the public right-a-way.”

Before unanimously approving, with Councilmember Chris Holden absent, the wireless regulations ordinance, Councilmember Steve Madison also asked to exclude libraries and mandate a 100 foot setback from any residential property.

The ordinance would also not allow wireless facilities in “pocket parks” along with open space as is now prohibited. There would also be a minimum distance of 1000 feet between any ground-mounted cell monopolies.

Residents that oppose a particular project will now have 30 days of public comment to appeal any proposal instead of the prior 10 days.

City staff also said that cell carriers would have to justify “gaps” in coverage if the council so chose to do so. An outside consultant could be brought in at the carrier’s expense

although staff cautioned that State and Federal law can mandate where and where not they can locate equipment.



Plan To Meet Disabilities Act



From curb ramps to the Rose Bowl recreation area, city of Pasadena has plans to update features to public places so people with disabilities can use them safely and conveniently.

A draft of a comprehensive transition plan is now available for public review. It provides coordination of updates to 13 individual existing plans for parks, parking structures, public libraries, community centers, fire stations and municipal buildings in the civic center. Additional facilities include Pasadena television studios, El Centro de Accion Social and the Public Works building at City Yards.

The comprehensive plan brings 13 individual plans under one roof for

easier access and to help assess recommended priorities, corrective actions, and cost estimates, in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act. The law requires local governments to give people with disabilities an equal opportunity to benefit from all of their programs, services and activities.

The draft plan is available for review at Central Library, 285 E. Walnut St.; City Clerk’s Office, 100 N. Garfield Ave., S228; and on the website at www.cityofpasadena.net/ADATransitionPlan.

The public is encouraged to make comments on the plan at the Accessibility and Disability Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 1 to 3 p.m., at City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave., Room S038 (basement); or direct comments by May 20 to Cathy Chang, Project Manager, 100 N. Garfield Ave., Room N306, P.O. Box 7115, Pasadena, CA 91109; or cathychang@cityofpasadena.net.

For more information call (626) 744-4762. *From the city’s office of Public Affairs.*

24 Arrested in Prostitution Sting

Members of the Pasadena Police Special Investigations Unit (SIU) Wednesday conducted a prostitution Sting along East Colorado Boulevard said Lieutenant Tom Pederson in a prepared statement.

Using undercover decoy officers who posed as prostitutes and customers, the operation resulted in the arrest of 18 males adults and six female adults. The arrests included 20 misdemeanor charges for prostitution and four felony arrests for pandering and narcotics the statement reads.

It goes on to say, Part of SIU’s mission is to use these innovative techniques to address complaints from area residents and business owners concerned about the negative impact prostitution brings into their neighborhoods. These types of sting operations are conducted on a random basis throughout the city and help address these complaints.

The maximum penalty for the misdemeanor offense is six months in jail, a \$500 fine, and the arrestee’s vehicle impounded. All arrestees must also attend mandatory AIDS awareness classes and are tested for the presence of HIV. Pasadena Police Department’s Chief of Police, Bernard Melekian says these types of operations sends a clear message that, “You will most likely be caught, arrested and convicted of these crimes,” if you choose to come into Pasadena and commit an act of prostitution.

PCC is offering two Associated Students Scholarships

The Associated Students of Pasadena City College is offering two scholarship opportunities.

The Hardship Award recognizes a student that has overcome any social hardships during his or her pursuit of education, while the Make-A-Difference Award recognizes a student that has significantly contributed to his or her community, school, student club, or any other non-profit affiliations.

All applicants must be a transfer or continuing education student at PCC, have a cumulative PCC grade point average of 3.00 or above, completed 24 units or more at PCC by the end of spring semester 2009, and is currently enrolled in six or more units. All scholarship applications must be dropped off in Devin Leung’s mailbox in the Office of Student Affairs (Building T, Room 110) by May 15.

Winners will be notified by June 7 and will receive invitations to the Associated Students banquet in mid-June.

For more information, contact Leung, Associated Students vice president for business affairs, at (626) 585-7982 or (323) 947-9450.



Environmentally Speaking, Did You Know?

Midge Morash Forging A New Trail

By Pat Birdsall

Last week this column was essentially a thank you note to the wonderful people and organizations that helped make the Spring Cleanup at Bailey Canyon Park a resounding success. I mentioned that it was especially nice to see Midge Morash. Boy was it ever! I think most people in Sierra Madre, at least, know Midge. For those of you who don't, let me introduce you...

Midge Morash is truly one of the "treasures" of Sierra Madre. Midge worked to develop the first trails at Bailey Canyon Park, and she put together the popular Nature Awareness Program, geared to familiarize third-grade school children with the local flora and fauna. The program is still going strong after 36 years! In addition, Midge put together maps and booklets for visitors to the park. She is one of the founders of the Sierra Madre Environmental Action Council (SMEAC), which was established in 1971, and continues to make a difference today.

For her years of volunteerism, Midge was recognized in 2000, as Sierra Madre's Older American of the Year, and in 2004, was presented a commendation by the Sierra Madre City Council for her dedication to the wilderness.

Recently, life has placed Midge on another trail. As many of you know, Midge had been contemplating a move to a retirement community, when an accident in her home made the decision for her. Midge broke her pelvis and was in the hospital and a rehab facility for quite some time. She is getting stronger by the day, and thanks to help from her daughters, is happily ensconced at a beautiful facility in Pasadena called The Oaks. There is one thing missing from Midge's new beginning. **YOU!** She really would like to hear from everyone, and to have visitors. As she says, she is only five miles away... Her address is:

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Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, April 19th, to Saturday April 25th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 288 calls for service.

Sunday, April 12, 2009:

1:17 AM – Attempt Auto Theft, 100 block E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Officers responded to an attempted auto theft investigation. Unknown suspect(s) forced entry into the victim's locked car which was parked in the street. Suspect(s) punched out the ignition but were unsuccessful in starting the car and left the location.

Monday, April 13th:

8:55 AM - Critical Missing Person, 1200 block Arno Drive. Officers responded to a call of a suspicious car left parked in the driveway of a home preventing the homeowner from leaving. After failed attempts to locate the driver, this incident turned into a critical adult missing person situation. SMPD established a Command Post. Sierra Madre Search and Rescue, along with Pasadena PD helicopter and the use of a LASD bloodhound dog assisted with the search.

At about 1:35 p.m. a 23 year old man was found in one of the cabins near Chantry Flats approximately 5 miles away. The man was transported to a local hospital for treatment.

4:26 PM – Arrest, Possession of Marijuana, 200 block W. Carter Ave. Officers responded to a report of suspicious people walking out of a residence backyard. Officers detained three people and found one person to be in possession of marijuana. The person was arrested for the offense and later released on a written promise to appear.

Tuesday, April 14th:

9:29 AM – Auto Burglary, 00 block W. Alegria Ave. The victim reported an auto burglary, which occurred on Monday, April 13th, between 4:00 p.m. and 5:10 p.m. The victim parked and locked his pickup truck in the street. The victim returned to his truck and found his truck with a smashed window and his laptop computer missing. The total loss was valued at approximately \$1,700.00

Wednesday, April 15th:

8:07 AM – Vandalism, Restrooms at Sierra Vista Park, 600 block E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Officers responded to a vandalism investigation and found graffiti in both the men and women's restroom. The graffiti occurred between Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. and this morning at 7:00 a.m. with the use of a marker.

8:29 PM – Auto Burglary, Parking lot at Sierra Vista Park, 600 block E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Officers responded to an auto burglary investigation. The victim parked and locked her van at 7:00 p.m.

The victim returned to her van at 8:20 p.m. and found a window on her van had been smashed and her backpack was taken from the interior. The backpack was valued at approximately \$20.00.

Saturday, April 18th:

1:41 PM – Vandalism, Parking lot of Sierra Vista Park, 600 block E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Officers responded to a report of a vandalism that occurred on Friday, April 13th, at about 9:30 p.m. A witness saw two males jump on the hood of a vehicle damaging the hood. This case is under investigation. No dollar value was given at this time for the damages.

SIERRA MADRE ISSUES POWERED GARDENING EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES

In an effort to reduce the impact of noise, emission, and dust pollution on residents and the environment, the Sierra Madre City Council has issued a quality-of-life ordinance which places certain restrictions on the operation of powered gardening equipment within the city.

Complaints from residents citing the negative effects of noxious fumes, air-borne debris, and the excessive noise generated by the unlimited use of these devices—especially on the very young, infirm and elderly—prompted the City Council to address the issue.

The result was the Council's passage of Ordinance No. 1287 on February 24, 2009,

which limits the use of electrical and gas-driven devices, such as leaf blowers and hedge trimmers, to the hours of 9:00 a.m. to sundown, Monday through Saturday, and from noon to sundown on Sundays and holidays. These restrictions apply only to residential areas; the city's commercial zone is exempted from the ordinance.

The ordinance goes into effect on April 23rd, but warnings will be issued for first violations, to help ensure that residents become fully apprised of the new guidelines. Copies of Ordinance 1287 are available for review at City Hall and the Sierra Madre Public Library. For more information, please call 626-355-7135

A Weekly Spotlight on Sierra Madre Volunteers

Colleen McKernan

Hats Off to Colleen McKernan

Colleen McKernan wears many hats in Sierra Madre as another accomplished volunteer.

How can she be such an active volunteer and still run the business, Foothill HomeCare Partners, with Adrienne Bolger, her partner? Well, she just does. The business is located at 78 West Sierra Madre Blvd.

Colleen is a member of several groups associated with her business such as Elder Abuse Task Force, working with law enforcement, hospitals and through community outreach programs. She is a member of the Alzheimer's Task Force and helps with Sierra Madre's Meals-on-Wheels.

She said, "It's our job to keep seniors safe, comfortable and living in their homes."

Colleen is also co-chair of membership for Civic Club, is on the Committee of Sierra Madre SMTV3 Community Television, and is on the Sierra Madre Community Foundation Board. She is on the coordinating committee for the Fourth Annual Wine and Cheese Walk.

She has a history of volunteerism, also. Colleen has been Little League president after having been on the board for eight years, was president of St. Rita's Parent-Teacher Organization, has been on committees for Relay for Life, the Wistaria Festival and Centennial Committee.



Colleen is married to Kevin Drolet and they have a son, Patrick, who is a sophomore at the University of Arizona. She also has two daughters, one of whom, Theresa, works at Foothill HomeCare with her mother. Another daughter, Rachel, is a Long Beach Police Officer. Colleen has three granddaughters. Kevin's brother, Steven, lives with Colleen and Kevin.

The local volunteer is a niece of Marilyn McKernan and the late Bill McKernan, both Citizens of the Year, both well-known community participants.

Colleen gave a succinct reason for her work within the community: "This town has been so good to me and my family. It's important that we make a difference. We must give back."

Rescue Team Members Attempt Summit Climb of Denali Mountain



By Bruce Lamarche

Three members of the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team are attempting to summit the tallest mountain in North America, Denali. This Alaskan mountain, formerly known as Mt. McKinley, is 20,320 feet above sea level. It is considered a world class climb for serious mountaineers.

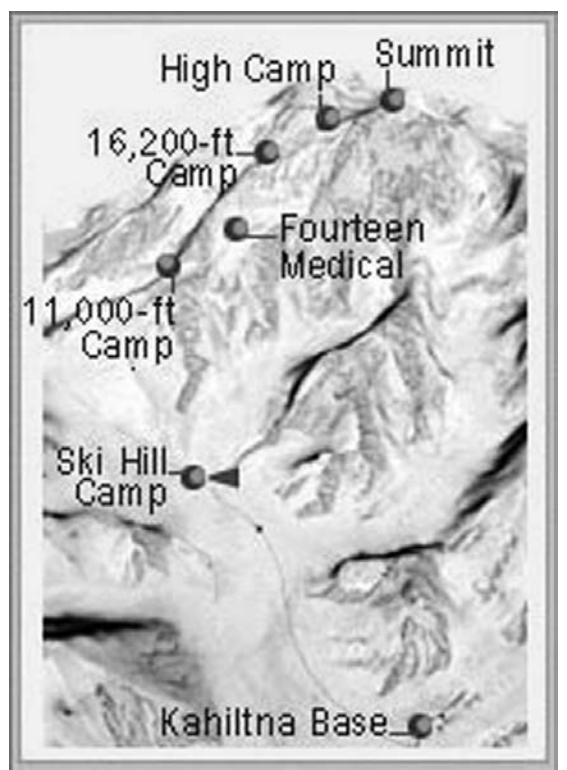
Susan McCreary, Jon Pedder, and Roger Gray are members of Sierra Madre's mountain rescue team. They have trained for one year with three other mountaineers from Tacoma Mountain Rescue in Washington. They have called their group *Team Shake and Bake*. The team faces temperatures as low as five degrees above zero, winds of hurricane force, steep ice slopes, and crevasses in glaciers that must be crossed.

The team departed for Alaska on Friday, April 24th and started the actual climb Monday the 27th. They hope to reach the summit somewhere between May 10th to the 14th. This five day period allows the team to deal with the unpredictable weather.

Storms generated by the mountain itself can be very dangerous. All the gear for this attempt will be carried by the team. Each team member initially carried 90 pounds of survival equipment in backpacks plus dragging a sled with another 40 pounds of food and shelter to a base camp at 7,200 feet. After a day of rest, the group proceeded up the mountain to a series of camps.

Before the climb, Susan McCreary said that her husband and sons were supportive of her participation in this effort but would be very relieved when she returns home safely. Susan indicated that they would consider the trip a success when all returned in good shape. As many groups do not reach the top because of weather or fatigue, it is the attempt and safe return that is most important. Jon Pedder said, "This type of trip helps hone our skills to allow the rescue team to be able to help the lost and injured in virtually any environment." He also said that it was just plain fun.

The progress of this summit climb is being reported via a satellite link that allows brief communication. The Mountain Views News will report the progress with the next issue.



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Angela Arunarsiraku Strives to Make a Difference

Angela Arunarsiraku '09 wants to make her community a better place, and she has been actively working for such progress. As a member of the Los Angeles Youth Council on which she serves as the Director of Chapter Affairs, Angela has worked on behalf of all young people in the area. She has spoken about making a difference with various public officials on city and state levels regarding a number of issues including poverty, juvenile incarceration and educational reforms.

This past March, Angela was chosen by her peers to be part of a select group of community members who engaged in a dialogue with Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa regarding the budget deficits and the need to protect programs that preserve and improve the quality of life in Los Angeles. Her work earned her an invitation to the mayor's State of the City address in mid-April where she was later interviewed by FOX News for her opinions on his address.

On top of her community work, Angela is currently taking four AP classes and serving as the secretary of Student Life at La Salle High School in Pasadena. She is also a talented writer, and her recent composition in honor of African American Heritage Month earned her the First Place prize in the county-wide competition.

Currently, she is collaborating with other youth organizations in her community to create a youth/teen stage for the 4th annual Lummis Day, a cultural festival in Northeast Los Angeles that is expected to attract over 10,000 attendees this year. In addition, she is working with her peers to create a youth coalition in Northeast Los Angeles for the purpose of engaging youths and keeping them off the streets.

Her future plans after La Salle include serving as Youth Commissioner for the City of Los Angeles, while majoring in political science at the University of California, Los Angeles.



La Salle senior, Angela Arunarsiraku receives the American Heritage writing award from Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa

Congrats To La Salle's Advanced Band and Choir



The La Salle Advanced Band won a Silver Award for their performance at the Anaheim Heritage Music Festival this past March. In addition, the Jazz Standard Octet and the Lighthouse Septet also won Silver Awards in the Jazz ensemble category. The Blue Note Quintet received a Gold Award for their performance, also in the Jazz Ensemble category.

At the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Festival, Advanced Band received a Superior rating for sight-reading and an Excellent rating for their performance at Santiago High School in Corona.

At Solo and Ensemble Festival at La

Canada High school, guitarist Lauren Bruer earned a Superior rating, the La Salle Woodwind Trio (Grant McCracken, clarinet; Tessa Pearman, flute; and Maureen Perry, piano) also earned a Superior rating. Percussionist Albert Law earned a Superior, the Alto Saxophone trio (Dayne Privett, John Gerardo Castillo and Peter Kostos) earned an Excellent rating; the Mixed Trio (Nick Sonnenburg, clarinet; George Pearman, alto saxophone; and Alexandre Law, xylophone) earned an Excellent rating; and French Hornist Luke Hilland, accompanied by Albert Law also earned a Superior rating. Each student group performed for a judge who gave com-

ments and suggestions in addition to ratings.

On March 6th and 7th La Salle's six music ensembles competed in the Heritage Music Festival in Anaheim. Adjudicators were music educators from Colleges and Universities around the United States.

The La Salle Concert Choir received a Silver Award and Second Place trophy. The Chamber Choir received a Silver Award and Third Place trophy. "This is the second year the vocal ensembles have competed in the Heritage and we are proud of our outstanding vocalists," said Jude Lucas, Choir Director.

Study in the Classroom, Online, or Both at Alverno Summer Institute

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Nine Arcadia Students Win \$25 - \$150 Each

Winners of First Student Creative Expression Contest Honored

The nine First Prize and Honorable Mention winners of the first annual Student Creative Expression Contest sponsored by the Arcadia Historical Society will be honored during a program at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at the Community Center, 365 Campus Dr. Society members and all others are invited to this free program at which refreshments will be served.

Winners (listed below), chosen by a panel of judges from the Society board of directors, have been invited to speak during the Society's quarterly full membership program and answer questions about their projects, which included multiple styles of artwork, poems, essays, photography, and even a PowerPoint presentation.

Afterwards they will be presented their cash awards totaling a combined \$625 through the courtesy of contest sponsors Sherwood Chillingworth of Oak Tree Racing, Altrusa International of Arcadia, the Friends of the Museum, the Arcadia Historical Society, and other donors.

The contest is themed "History

Lives Here" and is designed to encourage any and all students living or attending public or private schools in Arcadia to learn more about their city's history and express it in a creative form of their own choosing. Those projects are then displayed for others to learn from and appreciate.

All entrants receive a free one-year Family Membership in the Historical Society, a \$25 value that entitles them to receive the quarterly Caminos newsletter, free admission to quarterly Society programs, and other benefits. All of the more than 50 entries are currently on display through May 9 at the Arcadia Historical Museum. Arcadia Historical Society: 626-446-8512 or Carol Libby, e-mail: clibby91007@yahoo.com.

Arcadia Historical Society Creative Expression Student Contest Winners

High School First Place (\$150) "A Moment Which Transcends Time" (artwork) Michelle Zhang, 9th Grade
Honorable Mention (\$75)

"The Legacy Lives On" (poem) Jason Liu, 9th Grade
Honorable Mention (\$75) "Nature of Arcadia" (artwork collage/painting) TianyuLiu (Jane), 10th Grade

Middle School First Place (\$100) "Arcadia's Guardians" (poem) Sophia Tang, 7th Grade
Foothills

Middle School Honorable Mention (\$50) "Arcadia" (artwork) Alice Yang, 8th Grade
First Avenue Middle School Honorable Mention (\$50) "The History of Arcadia" (PowerPoint photos/text) Erik Jensen, 6th Grade
Arcadia Christian School

Elementary School First Place (\$75) "Arcadia Wonderland" (artwork) Sophia Wei, 4th Grade
Longley Way

Elementary School Honorable Mention (\$25) "The Arboretum" (coloring) Ellen Wang, 5th Grade
Baldwin Stocker Elementary School Honorable Mention (\$25) "The Best Solider" (poem) Anna Giu, 5th Grade
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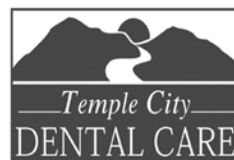


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was glad to see Gregory J. Wellborn accept Attorney General Eric Holder's challenge "to have frank conversations about racial matters that continue to divide us". As the Attorney General said in his February speech to the Justice Department, "in things racial we . . . continue to be, essentially a nation of cowards." Describing Black History Month as "admittedly an artificial device to generate discussion that should come more naturally", he nonetheless sees it as a way to "confront that which we have become expert at avoiding". Holder reminds us that "Black history is extremely important because it is American history."

The Attorney General's comments seemed to follow on a speech then-candidate Barack Obama gave in March of last year, in which he expounded on William Faulkner's observation that "The past isn't dead and buried. In fact, it isn't even past." The future president explained, "Legalized discrimination - where blacks were prevented, often through violence, from owning property, or loans were not granted to African-American business owners, or black homeowners could not access FHA mortgages, or blacks were excluded from unions, or the police force, or fire departments - meant that black families could not amass any meaningful wealth to bequeath to future generations." Bringing us to the present, he said, ". . . the path to a more perfect union means acknowledging that what ails the African-American community does not just exist in the minds of black people; that the legacy of discrimination - and current incidents of discrimination, while less overt than in the past - are real and must be addressed."

In his column, Mr. Wellborn decries the city of New Haven, Connecticut's refusal to certify the results of a written

As I See It

By Howard W. Hays

I and oral examination for candidates seeking promotion to the lieutenant and captain's positions in that city's fire department, results which would have denied all black candidates promotions. The Second Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the city's decision, and the case (Ricci V. DeStefano) is now before the U.S. Supreme Court.

The "imbecilic reasoning", as Mr. Wellborn puts it, behind New Haven's action is that the city didn't want to break the law. Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act bars employment practices which have a "disparate impact" on a racial group when equally effective but less discriminatory alternatives are available.

Amicus briefs filed in the case detailed a troubling history of fire departments throughout the country, where segregated firehouses were the rule at many major cities through the late 1960's, and of New Haven's in particular. In 1973, an organization of black New Haven firefighters sued and won a consent decree charging the Department with "a pattern of willful discrimination" in hiring and promotions. A Connecticut Appellate Court found in 1989 that the Department violated civil service rules in promoting a number of white individuals to positions that were not yet vacant. The Connecticut Supreme Court found more civil service violations in 2004 and ruled that the Department intentionally put white lieutenants in positions that would assure their promotions to captain over black candidates.

The briefs also addressed the issue of the tests themselves. The determining factor in awarding the promotions was not length of experience, performance on the job, evaluations from superiors, command and leadership abilities, etc., but rather a multiple-choice written quiz. As explained by an organizational psychologist testifying in a similar case (Boston NAACP V Beecher), "There is a difference between memorizing (or absorbing through past experience) the firefighter terminology and being a good firefighter. If the Boston Red Sox recruited players on the basis of their

knowledge of baseball history and vocabulary, the team might acquire authorities....who could not bat, pitch, or catch." Not only did the test have little to do with predicting future job performance, it was shown that there are readily available alternatives that do. Following Congress' amending of Title VII in 1972 to expand its reach from private to public employers, for example, a number of "assessment centers" opened up in fire departments across the country, in which real-life skills can be demonstrated and evaluated in real-life situational settings.

The issues in this case are related to the troubling history and imperfect present remarked on by Attorney General Holder and President Obama. It's not, as Mr. Wellborn suggests, merely a matter of job applicants needing to study harder, or providing private school "vouchers" to divert even more resources from our public schools.

Mr. Wellborn ignores the historical record when he tries to use Dr. Martin Luther King's dream of an idealized tomorrow as a rationale for failing to confront the realities of today. Although the term "affirmative action" had not yet entered the national lexicon while Dr. King was alive, he did indeed advocate that such action be taken: "Whenever this issue of compensatory or preferential treatment for the Negro is raised, some of our friends recoil in horror. The Negro should be granted equality, they agree, but he should ask for nothing more. On the surface, this appears reasonable, but it is not realistic. For it is obvious that if a man enters the starting line of a race three hundred years after another man, the first would have to perform some incredible feat in order to catch up." ("Why We Can't Wait", 1963).

As Attorney General Holder said, "Black history . . . is American history", and it does no good to ignore, distort, or trivialize that history. In moving forward as a nation, I think it best we all keep in mind what President Bill Clinton reminded us of in his First Inaugural Address: "There is no 'us' and 'them'. There is only us".

The First 100 Days



Gregory J. Wellborn

President Obama's job approval rating stands at 63% as we close out the first 100 days of his administration. That's essentially tied with the percentage rating enjoyed by President Carter, a mere point ahead of President Bush and slightly behind President Reagan's 67%. Two-thirds of the last 6 presidents had job approval ratings in this range at the end of their respective first 100 days. What makes President Obama's numbers suspect is the reason behind them and the reasons why they will inevitably drop.

The follow up questions in most of these polls - the ones which rarely get reported in the sound-bite media world of today - show that President Obama is popular primarily because he is a likeable fellow, is an historic figure, has a captivating rhetorical gift, and because Americans genuinely want their president to succeed and are especially hopeful for his administration's success. Unfortunately, President Obama is much more popular than his initiatives, policy prescriptions and first official legislative actions. Long term success is ultimately built on the substance of policies and legislative accomplishments, and here is where we can see that the present trajectory of his administration is leading toward disaster.

It gives me no measure of satisfaction to write that this administration is likely to crash and burn, because that means much damage will be done to this great country. As Americans come to grips with the reality of the direction his administration is taking on issue after issue, and when they correspondingly let go of their early infatuation with the historicity of his election, we will see his approval ratings fall through the floor. The reality of these 100 days shows that President Obama has moved, almost across the board, in exactly the opposite direction of where he promised he would head and where the people want him to go.

President Obama's specific policies run counter to the deepest and most strongly felt desires of American voters. For example, a recent Rasmussen Poll asked voters if they wanted an economic system geared more toward free enterprise or toward more government involvement in the economy. 77% of Americans want less government involvement in the economy. That's percentage is up 7 points from a similar poll taken a month ago. In a Fox News poll, President Obama received a 62% approval, but it also showed that the vast majority of respondents want a smaller government that offered fewer services. This poll also showed that voters felt Obama had expanded government rather than contracted it, and most of them said they believed big government was more of a danger to the nation than big business. Most significant for President Obama's future ratings and actual support among the voters, 62% said President Obama had allowed government spending to get out of control, and they deeply resented the bailouts that were, and continue to be, offered to businesses.

We must also keep in mind that historically Americans are reluctant to disapprove of a president in the midst of a severe crisis. President Obama, like all presidents, gets a short pass in taking office wherein he can claim to have inherited the mess. But it is only a matter of time until Americans see their present circumstances as a result of the actions the president is taking. At some point, the problem becomes Obama's.

As if the contradiction between President Obama's actions and the wishes of the American people weren't enough, we haven't yet seen the full affect of what these policies will mean to the American economy. The present course of spending and take-overs of auto companies and banks will lead to higher taxes, more inflation, lower economic output and greater unemployment.

Some of these car companies will have to be shut down, and if the government is to own a substantial - and in many cases a controlling - interest, then the shut down, layoffs and withering of that industry will be rightly seen as President Obama's fault. When/if he actually gets a cap-and-trade energy tax passed, Americans will rightly see the resulting 50% hike in utility bills as his fault. When President Obama's policies lift American corporate taxes above the level of the rest of the industrial world, and when corporations sensibly move more of their operations and headquarter overseas to tax-friendly countries, the downturn in the economy and upturn in unemployment will rightly be landed on his doorstep.

President Obama has felt pressure to make his first 100 days monumental and illustrative of the direction he will take in the remainder of his term. Unfortunately, the speed with which he has tackled very difficult and extremely significant issues has prevented enough serious consideration being given to the downstream affects of these actions.

Speed of action and quality of action are often adversaries, and the fastest decisions we make are usually the worst ones we make. While I still wish our new president success in his stewardship of the weighty responsibility entrusted to him, I am reluctantly forced to conclude that his first 100 days in office are more predictive of failure and disillusionment than the polls indicate.

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Stuart Tolchin On..LIFE A PERFECT STRANGER

As a part of my 65th Birthday my spectacular wife created a little booklet containing the answer to four questions as provided by various friends and relatives. The first question was "What three words would you associate with Stuart"? As this is a family newspaper you would probably suspect that the most common responses could not be reproduced within this article. Strangely enough most of the responses are quite printable and one of my favorite answers comes from my friend Gene, whom I have known since the 7th grade. Gene's three word description is "Never Meets A Stranger". I am absolutely flattered by this description and am surprised by Gene's perspicacity. (I like strange words also.)

I think that the way we treat strangers is a manifestation of our attitude towards life. We all know the "Too cool for School" crowd and the "Been There and Done that" Folk who are already world- weary in middle-school and too bored to even say hello. I frequently observe parents disciplining their children for uttering "bad" words or failing to say thank you or some such nonsense. As far as I am concerned there is only one expression that a child (and we are all children) should be discouraged from using and that is any collection of words expressing boredom. No one has permission from me to ever experience boredom. If you are bored this is only some sort of internal mask that you are wearing which serves only to prevent you from participating in the surprising, eternal, unexpected cheerfulness of life. Yes I know it is unacceptable to say this but, surprise surprise, LIFE IS FUN!!

One day, a few years ago, my wife and I walked with our nephews, then aged four and five, along the long trail to the falls in Eaton

Canyon. It was a hot day and there were not many people on the trail but each time we approached some other hikers the boys would eagerly greet them and when a few words of recognition were received the boys were delighted. They experienced that momentary excitement of sharing the pleasure of their long walk with strangers who by their nods and hellos and "you're almost theres" welcomed the boys into the select world of tired day-hikers. Actually I've learned a lot from the boys. One morning as we walked around the canyon Jakey, then about four, pointed out the tomatoes that had fallen to the ground. Jakey said "Uncle Stuart, we should bury these tomatoes but first we have to name them". Incredibly profound and I think about this statement almost constantly. We, each of us, create the experience of our lives. If we acknowledge reverence, awe, amusement, grief, depth, and joy then presto- such is the quality of our life. We need not dwell on any one experience because life is ever-changing but if we shield ourselves from experience because of fear or mistaken self-importance or a simple yielding to chronic impatience and the resultant loss of the pleasures of the moment then I guess life can be pretty boring and unpleasant.

Try this one little experiment. Allow yourself to wait in some long line of people and to be bemused just by the experience of life as it passes by. Imagine the check-out line at Albertsons is a Parisian Café on the Champs-Elysees. Observe the other people and their purchases. Allow yourself to construct stories about these strangers just based upon how they look and their attitudes and what they're buying. See what they are looking at and who they talk to and how they conduct themselves. Be alive to your own imaginings and fantasies. It's great fun and it costs nothing extra and it is a joy available even to senior-citizens like me..



By Hail Hamilton

The views expressed here, although perhaps understandable, are not mine but are solely those of the letter's author.

"I am the Title 1 Coordinator at a large southern California high school, which means it receives federal assistance because at least 40 percent of its students

are from low income families. At my school the figure is 90%.

"Title 1 schools are on the free breakfastandfreelunchprogram. When I say free breakfast, I'm not talking a glass of milk and roll — but a full breakfast and cereal bar with fruits and juices that would make a Marriott proud. The waste of this food is monumental, with trays and trays of it being dumped in the trash uneaten.

"I estimate that well over 50% of these students are obese or at least moderately overweight. About 75% or more DO have cell phones. The school also provides day care centers for the unwed teenage pregnant

girls (some as young as 13) so they can attend class without the inconvenience of having to arrange for babysitters or having family watch their kids.

"I was ordered recently to spend \$700,000 of my school's Title 1 money or risk losing funding for the upcoming year even though there was little need for anything; my budget was already substantial. I ended up buying new computers for the computer learning center, half of which, one month later, have been carved with graffiti by the appreciative students who obviously feel humbled and grateful to have a free education in America.

"Free medical, free education, free food, and free day care and even free mental services. Is it any wonder they feel entitled to not only be in this country but to demand rights, privileges and entitlements? And all these benefits are available with very little proof of need. Needless to say, fraud is rampant.

"To those who want to point out how much these illegal immigrants contribute to our society because they LIKE their gardener and housekeeper and they like to pay less for tomatoes: spend some time in the real world of illegal immigration and see the TRUE costs.

"Higher insurance, medical

facilities closing, higher medical costs, more crime, lower standards of education in our schools, overcrowding, new diseases etc., etc, etc. For me, I'll pay more for tomatoes.

"There are many hardworking Hispanic/American citizens that contribute to our country and many that I consider my true friends. We should encourage and accept those Hispanics who have immigrated the right and legal way.

"It does, however, have everything to do with culture: A third-world culture that does not value education, that accepts children getting pregnant and dropping out of (cont. page 9)

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **AZTECA'S MINI MARKET**, 4703 S. COMPTON AVE., L.A., CA 90011. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **AURELIANO LEON**, 4703 S. COMPTON AVE., L.A., CA 90011. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed:** **AURELIANO LEON**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/15/09**. 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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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **L. CREATIVE DETAILER INCORPORATED 2. CREATIVE DETAILER**, 5125 SHARYNE LN., TORRANCE, CA 90502. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **DAVID C. AUSTIN**, 5125 SHARYNE LN., TORRANCE, CA 90505. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed:** **DAVID C. AUSTIN**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/10/09**. 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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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CURL UP AND DYE #2**, 14910 CLARK AVE., HACIENDA HTS., CA 91745. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **TERESA MACIAS**, 14910 NOVAK ST., HACIENDA HTS., CA 91745. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed:** **TERESA MACIAS**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/13/09**. 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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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. EMOTIONS SUR CALIFAS CAR CLUB 2. ALANIS HANDYMAN SERVICE**, 13122 OF HTLE AVE., WEST GARDEN, CA 91302. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **VICTOR R. ALANIS**, 13122 THISTLE AVE., NORWALK, CA 90650. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed:** **VICTOR R. ALANIS**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/13/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/13/09.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HSM ELECTRIC AND CONSTRUCTION**, 816 W. CENTURY BL., L.A., CA 90044. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **SANTIA FE CHAPTER MORENO**, 816 W. CENTURY BL., L.A., CA 90044. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed:** **SERGIO MORENO**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/15/09**. 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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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NATALIE'S SHOP**, 11739 FRIESEDIRE DR., WHITTIER, CA 90604. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ERICA WACHS**, 11739 FRIESEDIRE DR., WHITTIER, CA 90604. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed:** **ERICA WACHS**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/15/09**. 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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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **POSITIVE THOUGHT BRAND**, 3210 DELMAR AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90807. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **BYRON DAVENPORT**, 3210 DELMAR AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90807. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed:** **BYRON DAVENPORT**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/15/09**. 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. This business name referred to above was filed on AUG. 9, 2006, in the county of Los Angeles, California, under File No. 1769839. The business was conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County 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**.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0496655
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) **BAUDELO E. AGUILAR**, 3610 W. 107th ST., INGLEWOOD, CA 90303. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed:** **BAUDELO E. 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 DEAL OUTLET**, 3637 TWEDDY BLVD., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ZHORHICH TERSAKYAN**, EMIN TERSAKYAN, 1051 VINEDALE ST., SUN VALLEY, CA 91352. SINA SHARIFPOUR, 8120 E. OXLEY CT., ANAHEIM, CA 92805. 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. GLENDOVA AV., WEST COVINA, CA 91790. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **CLARA E. SOSA**, 16968 MAIN ST., LA PUENTE, CA 91747. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed:** **CLARISSA 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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0491956
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CONCRETE DON'T HOUSE FRANCHISE**, 970 VILLAGE OAKS DR. #207, COVINA, CA 91724. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MICHAEL L. FAST**, 542 WEST RD., LA HABRA HTS., CA 90631. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed:** **MICHAEL L. FAST**. 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 N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0483318
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **INKBLOOM**, 1428 S. GLADYS AVE., SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MARY J. SALCEDO**, 1428 S. GLADYS AVE., SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed:** **MARY J. SALCEDO**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/03/09**. 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. 09-0493534
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MACH 4 ENTERPRISES**, 1716 ROCKBLUFF DR., ROLLING HILLS, CA 90274. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ALBERT LON CHANEY III**, 4716 ROCKBLUFF DR., ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, CA 90274. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed:** **ALBERT LON CHANEY III**. 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 N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0506639
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. MAKEUP MAKEUP MAKEUP**, 818 MAPLE ST., BURBANK, CA 91505. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MELANY I. MORALES**, 8929 EDDA VILLA DR., ROSEMEAD, CA 91764. ADRIANA K. DURON, 818 MAPLE ST., BURBANK, CA 91505. This Business is conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS**. **Signed:** **MELANY MORALES**. 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 N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0493837
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MARIT VEGGIE PLACE**, 1102 LOWER AZUSA RD., EL MONTE, CA 91731. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **CHIEN HUANG**, DAVID HUANG, 21203 CHOCKTAW DR., DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed:** **CHIEN HUANG**. 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 N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0506192
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **META-FORM ARCH**, 881 W. HUNTINGTON DR. UNIT F, ARCADIA, CA 91007. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **QUAN-HONG LI**, 881 W. HUNTINGTON DR. F, ARCADIA, CA 91007. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed:** **QUAN-HONG LI**. 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 2/1/08.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0516337
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **RANGAR CONSTRUCTION**, 19800 NEWBRIDGE CIR., WALNUT, CA 91789. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **GARY LOPEZ**, 19800 NEWBRIDGE CIR

itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 09-0627421
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PATSY NAIL SPA**, 4718 SLAUSON AVE., L.A., CA 90031. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KENNY L.E. 4135 GRIFFIN AVE., L.A., CA 90031. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed: KENNY L.E.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/29/09**. 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. 09-0612016
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **RENDON WOODWORKING**, 4434 135th ST., HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUAN DIEGO RENDON. 4434 135th ST., HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed: JUAN DIEGO RENDON**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/27/09**. 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. 09-0628599
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **R. L. PRO-MEDIA**, 2668 S. REDONDO BLVD., L.A., CA 90016. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DARION HARRIS, 2668 S. REDONDO BLVD., L.A., CA 90016. MICHAEL WATSON II, 15820 WASHINGTON, ST., RIVERSIDE, CA 92508. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP**. **Signed: DARION HARRIS**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/29/09**. 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. 09-0611374
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SWIFT DIRECT MARKETING**, 2105 E. 6th ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90814. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) REED WASSER, 2105 E. 6th ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90814. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed: REED WASSER**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/27/09**. 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. 09-0628321
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **THE KATALYST GROUP**, 8916 DALTON AVE., L.A., CA 90047. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KATHY PINESSETTI, 8916 DALTON AVE., L.A., CA 90047. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed: KATHY PINESSETTI**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/29/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/09.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 09-0600634
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **THE PARLOR CLASSIC POMADE**, 11402 MONDON AVE., NORWALK, CA 90650. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SCOTT SERRATA, 11402 MONDON AVE., NORWALK, CA 90650. PEDRO ZIERMENO, 15060 GOLDENWEST ST., WESTMINSTER, CA 92683. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP**. **Signed: SCOTT SERRATA**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/24/09**. 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. 09-0603950
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. TRANSPACIFIC 2. PARISFABULOUS**, 1191 HUNTINGTON DR. #166, DUARTE, CA 91010. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BRYAN LIN, 1004 WEST COVINA PKWY #201, WEST COVINA, CA 91790. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed: BRYAN LIN**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/24/09**. 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. 09-0619050
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **VISION REAL ESTATE SERVICES**, 540 S. ALDENVILLE AVE., COVINA, CA 91723. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ANTONIO O'REILLY, 540 S. ALDENVILLE AVE., COVINA, CA 91723. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed: ANTONIO O'REILLY**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/28/09**. 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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City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

To: Property Owners within a 300-foot radius
From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: **PARCEL MAP 09-01**
Applicant: Thomas & Ellen Hoffman and Dennis & Patricia Juett

Project Location:
131 East Orange Grove Avenue, in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider a request for a lot split for the property at **131 East Orange Grove Avenue**. *The applicant is proposing to split the existing 53,522-square-foot parcel into two (2) parcels measuring 31,486 square feet and 22,036 square feet.*

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 2009
(Hearing begins at 6:30 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council Chambers
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA

All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The project qualifies for Class 15 Categorical Exemption (Minor Land Division), pursuant to Section 15315 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

APPEAL: If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the City Council in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Development Services Department at (626) 355-7135.

By Order of the City Council

Danny Castro,
Director of Development Services

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Student Loan Debt Relief

(NAPS)—There's good news for college graduates who are struggling to pay off student loans. If you have federal student loans, no matter when you took them out, there's a program that will begin this July that could provide relief.

Income-Based Repayment (IBR) is an important new payment option for federal student loans. IBR can make loan repayment more affordable by capping monthly payments based on your income and family size. Any debt left after 25 years of payments will be forgiven. This program covers almost all federal loans made to undergraduate and graduate students, whether your lender is a private company, such as Sallie Mae or Citibank, or the federal government.

IBR is designed to help people with high debt burdens (more debt than they can afford to pay off in 10 years). For most eligible borrowers, IBR payments will be capped at less than 10 percent of income. For borrowers with very low incomes, IBR payments could be as low as \$0 per month.

If you work in public service, another new program could forgive your remaining debt after just 10 years of IBR payments. Public Service Loan Forgiveness is available for full-time government and nonprofit workers with federal student loans in the Direct Loan program. Whatever your job, if you work for a federal, state or local government—including public schools—or for a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, you may qualify.

For more information about how to qualify for IBR and Public Service Loan Forgiveness, check out www.IBRinfo.org. Created by the nonprofit Project on Student Debt, the site includes consumer-friendly information and tools including a calculator to estimate your IBR payment amount, answers to frequently asked questions and other important information about what you can do to make the most of these borrower benefits.

New debt-relief programs may make college more affordable for more Americans.

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Also contributing to the looming budget deficit are projected declines in building permit fees, inspection fees, delays in State grant funds, contract increases, and ever escalating utility costs.

“While the City has done well at setting aside reserves, each year that we have to operate on a deficit takes its toll on the fund balance and it is still unclear how long this recession will last. Right now, we are looking at everything we can do to conserve and enhance revenues. One thing we do know for sure is that there will be cuts and reductions in the 2009-2010 fiscal year budget. Our goal is to continue to provide the best service while being fiscally responsible,” said Petersen.

How best to counter the expected budget deficit was the major topic of discussion

when council members and staff held a recent Strategic Planning Retreat at nearby Packard Hall at Westminster Gardens Retirement Community. Three main goals for the budget process were identified by the group; explore creative staffing options, explore funding opportunities and reinvent programs instead of eliminating. These three goals will help to guide staff as they work through the process of prioritizing programs, recommending cuts, and exploring creative staffing options that will help narrow the budget gap. Staff has been directed by the City Manager, Darrell George to recommend at least \$1 million dollars worth of cuts and revenue enhancements for City Council consideration at the May 4 budget workshop.

“Whenever possible we’re looking at

re-inventing programs through grant funding and partnerships, rather than eliminating them. We’re also working to better align staff to assess current trends and opportunities such as going after ‘green’ projects money. Nonetheless we are not naïve enough to believe that the solution will not have to include cuts. We are in the midst of a severe economic recession and drastic times will require a combination of creative thinking and significant fiscal measures.” said Petersen.

The City Council budget workshop will be held on Monday, May 4 at 4 p.m. at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Dr. The workshop is open to the public. For more information, call Duarte City Hall (626) 357-7931.

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school by 15 and that refuses to assimilate, and an American culture that has become so weak and worried about “politically correct” that we don’t have the will to do anything about it.

“CHEAP LABOR?” Isn’t that what the whole immigration issue is about?

- Businesses doesn’t want to pay a decent wage
- Consumers don’t want expensive produce
- Government will tell you Americans don’t want the jobs

“But the bottom line is cheap labor. The phrase “cheap labor” is a myth, a farce, and a lie. There is no such thing as “cheap labor.”

“Take, for example, an illegal alien with a wife and five U.S.-

born children. He takes a job for \$5.00 or \$6.00/hour. At that wage, with six dependents, he pays no income tax, yet at the end of the year, if he files an Income Tax Return, he gets an “earned income credit” of up to \$3,200 free.

- He qualifies for Section 8 housing and subsidized rent

- He qualifies for food stamps

- He qualifies for free (no deductible, no co-pay) health care

- His children get free breakfasts and lunches at school

- He requires bilingual teachers and books

- He qualifies for relief from high energy bills

- If they are or become, aged, blind or disabled, they qualify for SSI. Once qualified for SSI they can qualify for Medicare.

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By Peter Dills

Hola Mis Amigos

Happy Cinco de Mayo!!! So where can you go where it is safe to drink the water, you don't have to wear a surgical mask and the mariachis are the sirens that signal a margarita? Stay tuned for the restaurants, but what is the history of this day?

Why do we celebrate the 5th of May, my gringo challenged readers? On that day the Mexican army was up against a force of twice its size, instead of a likely defeat it smashed the French and their sympathizes at Puebla, Mexico. The French came to Mexico like the IRS to collect debts from the Mexican government. The Mexican army valiantly resisted and defeated Napoleon III's army, and prompted their first defeat in half a century. Good for them but what does it mean to us, we are neighborly and all, but? Napoleon's clever idea was to conquer the Mexican forces then go on to assist the Confederate army in the south and lend needed support. This defeat assured a northern victory and kept our nation together.

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I had a couple of lessons in “community” this past week... lessons that made abundantly clear how important community is to our lives and the human spirit in general...lessons that opened my eyes to just how unimportant community has become to some and how protecting self-interests now frequently take priority over community.

I just got back from a week long trip to a very special place in the desert, Saline Valley Warm Springs. Located about one valley north and two valleys west of Death Valley, and now within the extended Death Valley National Park boundaries, Saline Valley has a long history of being a very special, albeit remote and transient, community. For decades it has

by the gold fish pond, to the luxurious shower and bathtub, to the library of generously donated books and magazines, to the rustic art work that adorns every part of the grounds, and finally to the meticulous maintenance of the facilities by the live-in caretaker, Lizard Lee, and the those who visit and love the hideaway.

The sense of community permeates the retreat. Many have been coming to Saline Valley since the 70's or even earlier. Regulars have nick names they have been given over the years...those named Bob are differentiated by names such as “Buffalo Bob”, “Itchy Bob”, “Just Bob”. There is “Fun Fun”, “Lizard Lee”, “Boots”, “Saw Jim” (who plays the saw), “Stephen with a ph” and “Rufus and Mu-

munity could be kept alive.

One night while we were there a family arrived. I am not sure if they were new-comers, or if they were regulars... it seemed as though no one knew their names, but that did not matter...they must have immediately felt accepted into the community as they wasted no time joining in. On their second evening there, the young father started a fire in the community fire pit and hung a big dutch oven over the flames and engaged passer-bys in conversation. He explained that he and his family had just gotten into camp and that they had forgotten to pack food, so he had decided to make stone soup. He had the pot filled with water and place a meticulously cleaned rock in the boiling water. He was saying how delicious it would be “if only they had” something else to put in their pot. Catching on to what he was doing, the passer-by volunteered that he had some garlic back at his camp site and ran off to get it. Once the garlic was simmering the now two conspirators stood and told several others passing by about their pending supper and how delicious it would be “if only they had” some potatoes or anything else to put in the pot. Again, realizing what was going on, they too ran back to their campsites to round up anything that would be a good addition to the soup. I ran to get a can of green beans, some onions, some potatoes, and basil. By the time that everyone had contributed, we had the most delicious, hearty pot of soup imaginable and nearly every visitor sitting around a glowing campfire enjoying it. We all ate until we were stupefied and when we were finished someone said “If only we had some desert.” Every one around the fire started volunteering ingre-

The Mountain Clymer

by Kim Clymer-Kelley

Community



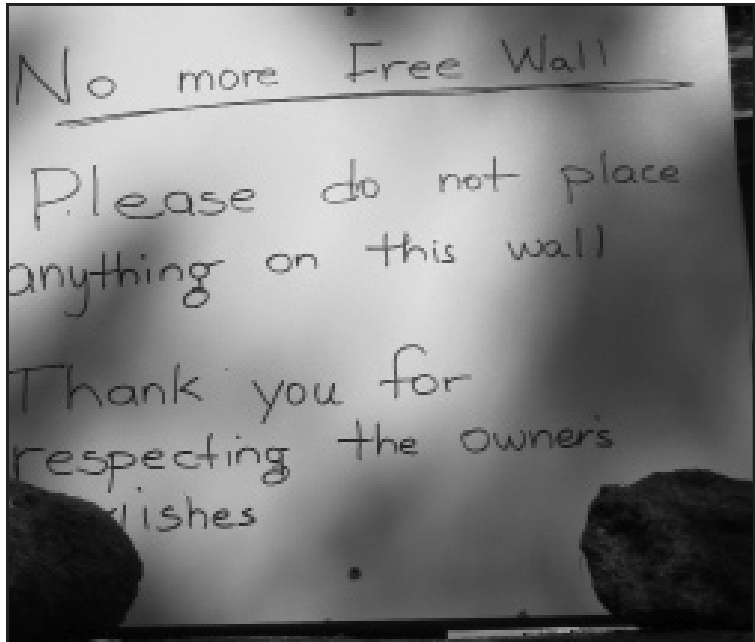
dients for a dutch oven cobbler and before you knew, it we had a huge pot of the best cobbler ever baking in the fire. While we waited for it to cook, those with musical instruments returned to their sites to get them and they played guitars, drums and shakers and we all listened or sang along to the music they made. It was a magical evening spent in the close company of the community...most of whom were total strangers to one another or who at most had only shared a casual hot tub conversation with over the few days prior to that evening.

Community like this is rapidly becoming a thing of the past. As the backbones and mainstays of such communities die off or move away, the force that kept them going evaporates. People these days do not have the time, or the energy, or even the interest to develop community. Sierra Madre has always been a little different in that regard. Since the first time I stepped foot into our little village, I could feel that there was a strong sense of community here. As I spent more time here, I began to notice all of the little manifestations of that community. First and foremost, there is the family that has formed at Bean Town. Even though the community is divided on some issues and members are closer to some than to others, everyone pitches in to help other members of the community if they are in need. A similar family is present in the community of the canyon and among those who frequent Mary's Market.

The canyon has always been a magnet for those who enjoy the comfort of community...the feeling is exceptionally strong there. One of the shining pillars of that community...one that I have always used as an illustration of what the canyon is all about... has been the “Free Wall” or the “Giving Wall” as I have also heard it referred to. At the corner of Woodland and Sturtevant there is a stone wall where everyone in the canyon (and sometimes from other parts of town) places items that they no longer need for others to take for free. This lovely tradition has been going on for decades, I have been told. I have given to and received from the wall many lovely things over the years. It was always such a treat when a new box of goodies appeared on the wall. Last week, when I returned from my week with the Saline Valley community, I was shocked and heart-broken when, after a long journey, I was greeted at the canyon entrance by a sign that read “No more Free Wall. Please do not place anything on this wall. Thank you for respecting the owner's wishes.” Of course, as a fellow member of the canyon community, I will respect the wishes of the owner, but I am deeply disappointed that his self-interests were put before those of the community. I am equally disappointed in the community members that caused it to get to this point. Over the last year, I have noticed a great increase in abuse of the privilege we were all given by the owner of

this wall. Unwanted items were left on the wall for long periods of time and it was left up to others to dispose of them. Recently sofas and mattresses were left there only to be rained on and ruined and the burden of their removal was placed the owner of the property. Those searching through boxes and bags on the wall, have been leaving their contents strewn all over the wall and ground, again, leaving the duty of cleaning up the unsightly mess to someone else. It is no wonder the property owner grew tired of shouldering the responsibility of others' negligence and irresponsibility. Those who forced the issue to its current point should be ashamed of themselves.

Community works only when the balance of giving and taking is maintained. When self-interests take priority and when members of a community disrespect or disregard other members, community breaks down. The death of the “Free Wall” is a sign of things to come if we do not take steps to mend the rifts in our community...to reweave the fabric that makes us a strong, kind, caring and giving community. What we have here in the canyon and in Sierra Madre in general is too precious to lose. It is time that we start appreciating what we have and working together to keep it rather than tatter it further. This applies to more than just the “Free Wall”, though maybe that would be a good place to start.



attracted a rather eclectic and off beat crowd who has loved and cared for their cherished oasis. It is heaven...it is not for everyone, but for those who have taken refuge there over the decades, there is no place better. The love that has gone into creating the retreat is so apparent...from the beautifully crafted stone pools, to the decks

fus”, to name a few. People come and go and all are accepted into the community. Everyone does their part to help others in the community and to make sure that what needs to be done is done. As the years have gone by and some have gotten to old to make the trek, get-togethers were organized outside of the valley so that the sense of com-

Looking Up

With Bob Eklund

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

Keeping up to date with cutting-edge astronomy and space science breakthroughs has just become easier, thanks to the Portal to the Universe, the latest Cornerstone project of the International Year of Astronomy 2009 (IYA2009). As a high-tech website embracing Web 2.0 technologies, it aims to become a one-stop-shop for astronomy news.

The Portal to the Universe provides a global portal for online astronomy content, serving as an index and aggregator.

The site features news, blogs, video podcasts, audio podcasts, images, videos, and more. Web 2.0 collaborative tools, such as the ranking of different services according to popularity, help the user to sift constructively through the wealth of information available and will promote interactions within the astronomy multimedia community. A range of “widgets” (small applications) have also been developed to tap into all sorts of existing “live data”, such as near-live pictures of the Sun, live positions of spacecraft, or live observations from telescopes.

Project Manager Lars Lindberg Christensen says: “It is clear that even in such a well-defined field as astronomy, there is much more ‘information confusion’ than you might think. There is a real need in

the community for this kind of site, where astronomy content is gathered in one place and is easily accessible. The International Year of Astronomy 2009 seeks to bring the Universe down to Earth, and this Portal is an excellent way of achieving this. This website will provide a single entry point to stars and galaxies.”

The vision for the Portal is to enable real-time access to content by aggregating (pulling) from providers of dynamic content like blogs, images, news, etc., and distributing (pushing) to users, as well as indexing and archiving, collecting and maintaining a central repository of useful information.

Modern technology such as RSS feeds and standardized “metadata”, making it possible to tie all the suppliers of astronomy information together with a single, semi-automatically updating portal. The result is a technologically advanced site that brings together strands of astronomy content from across the worldwide web.

Christensen says, “Today's release is just the beginning. The project will develop with, and around, the community's needs.” New planned features include adding educational materials, as well as the addresses for all astronomy stakeholders such as amateur clubs, planetariums and observatories.

The International Year of Astronomy 2009 was established as a joint project of the United Nations and the International Astronomical Union. The vision of the IYA2009 is to help the citizens of the world rediscover their place in the Universe through the day and night-time skies, appreciate the impact of astronomy and basic sciences on our daily lives, and understand better how scientific knowledge can contribute to a more equitable and peaceful society.

IYA2009 aims to stimulate worldwide interest, especially among young people, in astronomy and science under the central theme, “The Universe, Yours to Discover”. IYA2009 events and activities will promote a greater appreciation of the inspirational aspects of astronomy that constitute an invaluable shared resource for all countries.

The Portal to the Universe website: <http://www.portaltotheuniverse.org/>

The IYA2009 website: <http://www.astronomy2009.org/>

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



Looking into the Universe from Mount Wilson drawing by Virginia Hoge



Photo by Aaron Dominguez

Pervasive media pronouncements of economic gloom and doom are fueling collective conversations about how bad things are for everyone. The “failing economy” is touted as the end-all-be-all excuse for people unaware of the silver linings in the midst of this seemingly dark period. Learning, then choosing the see the glass half-full is the dividing line between those who fill their days with fear and dread, as opposed to those who have learned the value of filling those days with thoughts and activities to make things get better.

Turning adversity into personal advantage is a hallmark of individuals who refuse to be bound by the seeming reality of the moment. Just one month after the unexpected death of her husband in 1963, against the advice of her attorney and others close to her, Mary Kay went on to launch her company as planned. By her second year in business, sales had reached the \$1 million dollar mark. When she died in 2001, her cosmetics empire had been included on Fortune Magazine's list of 500 largest companies for a decade.

It is rumored that Thomas Edison may have conducted as many as 10,000 experiments to invent a battery that would store power and thousands of experiments to invent a light bulb with a filament that would stay lit. Edison's response when questioned about his string of “failures” on a certain project, “I have not failed 700 times. I have not failed once. I have succeeded in proving that those 700 ways will not work.” Candles and kerosene lamps might still be our options for illumination were it not for the ability to look at failure from this perspective.

By the time he retired in 1989, NBA legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar had become the highest scoring basketball player in history by failing to make almost half (44.1%) of the baskets he attempted,

This and That Survival Tips in a Busy World

By La Quetta M. Shamblee

The Upside of Failure



along with the most blocked shots, most All-Star games, most seasons played, and the list goes on. His willingness to fail framed the success and legacy that he established.

Autographies and biographies of countless successful people in all walks of life are filled with stories of hard times and seemingly hopeless situations. From Abraham Lincoln's repeated failures to win an elected office, to taking his place in history as one of the most effective and remembered U.S. Presidents. The story of Chris Gardner, a formerly homeless, single-father turned successful stockbroker portrayed by Will Smith in the Oscar-nominated movie, “Pursuit of Happiness” is a contemporary example of the intertwined nature of failure and success as a process.

Some popular products, like Post-It Notes® created after the development of a new adhesive that wouldn't bond permanently, result from someone capitalizing on a failure or finding a way to surmount an obstacle. “Jo” JK Rowlands went from the welfare roles in Britian as a single mother to worldwide recognition as a multimillionaire after penning the successful Harry Potter series. At the end of 2008, she had an estimated personal fortune of almost \$800 million.

Mary Kay Ash's belief that, “People fail forward to success,” is aptly followed by parting advice from Winston Churchill, “Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm.”

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The Senior By Bruce Lamarche

Swine Flu . . . Seniors Prepare



The news has been reporting the scary outbreak of swine flu in Mexico and other areas. This type of flu has been dangerous for the very young and seniors.

The CDC has estimated that each year in the United States, on average more than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu-related complications. Of these, 36,000 people die from flu-related causes. Many of us say that we are really very healthy and have seldom been ill. As we age, though, we become more vulnerable by virtue of the aging process. We can work to protect ourselves by taking important steps.

Prevent it! Cover your mouth and nose if you cough or sneeze. Wash your hands often. Don't use bare hands to cover the sneeze or cough. This can put serious germs on your hands to transmit to others or surfaces that others touch. Carry the liquid hand sanitizer when out in public and use it often. As you go through your day in public, avoid contact with your nose, eyes, or mouth. These are the entry points for the germs. Try not to touch your face. Stay away from crowds and definitely stay away from sick people.

Eat right. Raw garlic, yogurt, green tea, and fresh fruit and veggies will all work together to produce a healthy body chemistry that will make for a strong immune system.

Get the flu shot from your doctor or local clinic. Even though Swine Flu is a different bread of virus, getting the shot can make it milder if you get the bug.

Drink lots of fluids. Water flushes out your system. This helps you wash out bad things from your system. Your urine should be almost clear in appearance. If it's dark in color, you are dehydrated.

Get lots of fresh air. This is especially true in colder weather. Your heating system dries you out and makes you more vulnerable to viruses. Whenever possible, open the windows and change the air inside your home.

If you do come down with the flu and you are uncertain of your ability to bounce back, see your doctor. There are antiviral drugs. These are not a substitute for the flu shot. They are prescription drugs that make the symptoms milder and make the recovery process go faster. It's important to get these prescribed as soon as symptoms show, usually within two days.

Got a question? Ask Bruce by phone-(626)335-3412 or e-mail: blamarche@verizon.net This article is provided by Bruce Lamarche, a member of Society of Certified Senior Advisors®, www.csa.us. Bruce's company, R & B Reverse

Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater

As Retold by Dorothy White (Warning: Some violence)

Peter and his wife Petronella, had developed a nice little business selling pies in a small, pumpkin-shaped shop. Peter had started it by growing pumpkins and had later branched out (forgive the pun), into fruit trees. Using the produce, Petronella baked pies to sell in the shop. Times were hard, however, and sales dropped off. They could barely manage on their dwindling income.

One day while Petronella was carrying a blueberry pie from the kitchen to the shop, she saw a man aiming a gun at Peter. What to do? She had no weapon, but always quick-witted, and drawing on her youthful experience as a pitcher on the girls' championship softball team, she threw that pie with all her might at the gunman. Startled at the surprise attack, the criminal dropped his gun and proceeded to wipe blueberries from his face and clothing. When the police arrived and asked the gunman if he had anything to say, his comment was, "Look what she did to my nice clean shirt!"

Petronella's feat made the national news and she was soon besieged with offers from movie makers. Slapstick had made a comeback and accurate pie throwers were scarce. Petronella accepted an offer and appeared in several comedies and even did some blueberry commercials.

With the added income from Petronella's new career, the couple no longer needed to worry about their declining pie business but kept the shop only as a hobby, much to the satisfaction of their remaining customers. Besides, wielding a rolling pin kept Petronella's arm in shape.



KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND PROVIDE FREE EYE AND HEARING EXAMS



Pasadena Lions, carrying out the challenge of Helen Keller to be "Knights of the Blind, took to the streets of Pasadena Sunday to provide free eye and hearing examinations at the St. Andrews Catholic Church Health Fair.

Staffed by local eye and hearing specialists Lions rolled a specially equipped Health Screening Unit, provided by the Lions Eye Foundation of Southern California, that offers glaucoma, vision and hearing testing.

"It was a very successful day", said club President Steve Monez, as 85 visitors to the health fair were examined free of charge. Lions' participation in this event would not have been possible without the generous donation of time by local eye doctors and hearing specialists on board. "We were also proud to have our high school aged Leos serving alongside us from the Health Academy at Blair High School."

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SENIOR HAPPENINGS...

By Pat Birdsall

FYI: Price of first-class stamp to rise

On May 11, a first-class stamp will go up 2 cents to 44 cents. Other rates are set to rise as well. The post office adjusts rates each May, but any increases must be at or below the rate of inflation under a 2006 law. There have been more price hikes-six including this one- this decade than any other. **You might want to stock up on Forever stamps now.**

~Helpful Hints~

Pre-sliced mushrooms can be expensive. Buy whole mushrooms and slice them yourself. By placing each mushroom into an egg slicer, you will get uniformly cut pieces. Bon appetite!

Recipes of the Week: For Cinco de Mayo*



Beer Marguerita Recipe

Ingredients:

- * 6 ounces tequila (preferably white or blanco)
- * 12 ounces beer (Corona suggested)
- * 6 ounces frozen limeade concentrate
- * Ice cubes to suit
- * Lime flavored salt

Directions: Cover the rim of the glasses with salt. Pour all ingredients into a blender and blend well.

Queso Blanco Dip (White Cheese Dip)

Ingredients:

- 1 cup cheese (Monterey Jack, Asadero or Chihuahua), finely shredded
- 4 ounces green chiles
- ¼ cup half-and-half
- 2 Tbs finely chopped onion
- 2 tsp ground cumin
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 serrano or jalapeno pepper, finely chopped (optional)

Directions: Put all ingredients in a double-boiler and cook over medium or medium low heat until melted and well blended, stirring occasionally.

Serve with fresh tostadas or hot flour tortillas.

Queso Blanco Dip (White Cheese Dip)

Ingredients:

- * 10 (6-inch) flour tortillas
- 16 ounces cream cheese, softened
- * 9 ounces Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
- * 2 cups homemade or bottled salsa
- * 5 to 6 scallions, chopped
- 1 (16 ounce) can black olives, drained and chopped
- * 1 ripe avocado, peeled, pitted and thinly sliced

Directions: Spread each tortilla with a layer of cream cheese. Sprinkle with Monterey Jack cheese, salsa, scallions and olives. Top with some avocado slices. Roll up as tightly as possible and place seam side down in a 13 x 9-inch dish. Cover with plastic wrap; refrigerate for 8 to 24 hours. To serve, slice into 1-inch rounds.

*Cinco de Mayo is a celebration of Mexico's unlikely defeat of French forces at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862.



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May Birthdays: 5/6 Juanita Loera, 5/17 JoAnn Serrato-Chi, and 5/20 Barbara Soulanille

For Your Funny Bone

Some of us took our friend, an older woman, out to lunch to celebrate her birthday. When the waitress came to take our order, one of the women told her, "This is a special occasion. Elsie is 92 today." The waitress made seven instant enemies and one friend by asking, "Which one is Elsie?"

The knit cap my friend sent me from England was a bit small. But it was lovely, so I wore it to church that Sunday. Afterward, I e-mailed her to say how nice it looked on me. She shot me back a note saying how glad she was. "Especially," she wrote, "since it's a tea cozy."

Quote: *Life is a great big canvas, and you should throw all the paint on it you can.*

~ Danny Kaye ~

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!

Call 355-5278 for more information.

Wednesday: 1st & 3rd Wednesday-Community Lunch & Learn Program

Thursday: Game Day- 1:00PM- 3:30PM- Poker, UNO, Scrabble, Cribbage, Chess, Checkers, Backgammon, Pinochle... you name it.

Yoga- 5:00 PM- 6:30 PM \$6.50 for seniors (50 and over) Call 355-5278 for more information

Friday: Ping-Pong 1:30 PM

Saturday: Senior Club for those 55 and older- Brown bag lunch at 11:30AM Meeting at Noon- Bingo at 12:30 PM- only .25c per card

Senior Opportunities and Excursions

Monthly Excursions: Thursday, May 28-

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, call 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.

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. On Wednesdays at 11:00 am.

Free Lawn Bowling Lessons: The Santa Anita Bowling Green Club will have beginning lawn bowling lessons each Saturday morning starting at 10:00 AM. Located just north of the golf course at 405 S. Santa Anita Ave.<

free parking>
For information call Gene at 626.351-5327.

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

Top Down Gardening: Leading By Example at the White House

It's spring and it seems the whole country is planting a "victory over the economy" garden this year! Last week, tomato plants were flying out of Home Depot at a brisk rate, where seeds are also offered at 2 for 1. Garden companies such as www.Gardeners.com are jumping on the bandwagon with hopes for a million gardeners committed to growing at least ten pounds of their own food this year.

The National Gardening Association indicated that about 43 million households here plan to grow their own fruits, vegetables, berries and herbs this year, a 19 per cent increase over 2008. Saving money on food bills was listed as a big reason.

Even the White House is bringing back the home vegetable garden, for the first time since Eleanor Roosevelt's Victory Garden during World War II. By inspiring citizens to cultivate home plots, Americans were producing 40 per cent of their produce by the end of the war.

The Obamas are leading by example, hewing out an 1100 square foot plot from the South lawn of the White House's 18 acres. By growing those 55 different tasty veggies where E Street passersby can see, they're making a political and philosophical statement about healthy eating, growing and eating local.

Fifth graders from Washington's Bancroft School helped with the preparation of the soil, then returned April 9 to plant. The two dozen students will be back to help tend, harvest and cook some of the garden's bounty. Many are already experienced vegetable gardeners, since the school has cultivated a garden since 2001.

The White House garden includes tomatoes, blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, fennel, spinach, onions, peas, chard, lettuce, and shallot crops. Cilantro, tomatillos and hot peppers will help feed their love for Mexican food. An absence of beets is a nod to President Obama's taste preferences. You can view more about the White House garden, including a map of the new garden, at www.WhiteHouse.gov/blog/09/03/20/Spring-Gardening.

"My hope," said Mrs. Obama, "is that through children, they will begin to educate their families and that will, in turn, begin to educate our communities. A real delicious heirloom tomato is one of the sweetest things that you'll ever eat," she said. "And my children know the difference, and that's how I've been able to get them to try different things."

"I wanted to be able to bring what I learned to a broader base of people. And what better way to do it than to plant a vegetable garden in the South

Lawn of the White House?"

After the First Puppy issue was resolved, this new venture has engendered many questions and updates from young schoolchildren all the way up to heads of state. When visiting Europe recently, her first inquiry was about the White House garden. "Every single person from Prince Charles on down was excited because we are planting a garden," she said. "In many countries, they believe in the importance of planting a garden and raising your own food."

"For urban dwellers who have no backyards, the country's one million community gardens can also play an important role," Mrs. Obama said. Here at home, many are building community and growing gardens together in just such a community garden.

Recently I visited a Sunday afternoon barbecue at the Sierra Madre Community Garden, where families met to share their progress on this year's plantings. Friendly emails fly back and forth weekly with updates, gardening suggestions, plant purchases, watering status and communiqués. Located behind city hall and the tennis courts, the plots are rented out quarterly at \$15 per half plot and \$25 for a full plot. Interested gardeners may contact the Community & Personnel Services department at 626-355-5278 to be added to the waiting list.

The Altadena Community Garden, 3330 N. Lincoln Avenue, is located on the site of the former Mt. Lowe Military Academy. This diverse group of dedicated gardeners has attended to 63 plots, including 4 handicapable plots at Loma Alta Park since 1974. They're proud to open their gates to school children, field trips, and events like the upcoming Garden Picnic on June 28 from 1-6. The fee is \$8 at the door. More information is available at www.AltadenaCommunityGarden.org.

Together, we gardeners can join the White House in making that symbolic statement about eating healthy, fresh food, just picked from the back yard or community garden. We can save some money on those expensive vegetables, and we can surely enjoy their superior taste. I'm sure Mrs. Obama would agree, "There's nothing like a fresh tomato (or pepper or even a beet!) off the vine!"

If you know of an interesting home, garden or person who helps create them, please send me the details! C.Bertrand@MtnViewsNews.com



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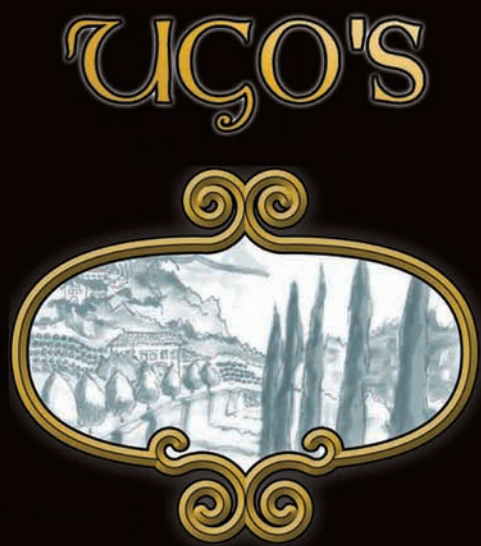
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Win cash in the Golf Ball Drop by purchasing 1 golf ball @ \$10 each or 3 golf balls @ \$25. Winner need not be present. A dinner only option is also available for \$50. Golf check in begins at 10:30 a.m. at Brookside. The social, dinner and awards presentation will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center, 700 N. Sunnyside Avenue in Sierra Madre, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center, operated by the Passionist religious order, is funded solely by donations and active fundraising efforts. Each year, the Retreat Center quietly offers thousands from many faiths the unique opportunity for day, a weekend or longer retreats to reflect and refresh both the body and soul on its 80 pristine acres, tucked away above the charming community of Sierra Madre.

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