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Gardening Ordinance To Be Amended

Public concern over hours and types of equipment to be addressed

Sierra Madre's Gardening Equipment Ordinance, passed earlier this year, is back for amendment. The law, which originally banned all power lawn equipment, will be changed in an effort to address concerns expressed by citizens.

The primary change is the definition of what equipment will be restricted. Initially, when residents brought the matter to the council, the issue was the noise generated by gas powered leaf blowers. The ordinance passed in February, however, restricted all power gardening equipment. The new ordinance will only cover leaf blowers and not lawn mowers.

In addition, the hours that the ban will be in effect will be changed. Currently, use of power equipment is restricted until after 9 am on weekdays and Saturdays, and noon on Sundays and Holidays. With the amendment, the hours will change as follows:

Monday - Saturday
8:00 am - 7:00 pm

Sundays & Holidays
10:00 am - Sundown.

The city will also reduce the number of holidays from 10 to 6. Once the amendment is adopted, the following holidays will be included:

New Years Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

According to City Manager Elaine Aguilar, there will be very little enforcement of the existing law.

Grand Lady - Grand Marshal

Midge Morash - Sierra Madre Fourth of July Parade Marshal



Midge Morash was named 2009 Fourth of July Parade Grand Marshal this week, according to Matt Bosse, Fourth of July Committee chairman. The entire committee participated in the selection.

This 86-year Sierra Madrean, known as "Mother Nature" in environmental groups, will lead the famous Parade down Sierra Madre Boulevard.

Midge is on the board of Sierra Madre Environmental Action Council, (SMEAC) a

group she helped found in 1972. She has designed three of their brochures with information provided by Eaton Canyon Nature Center and helped develop information for the kiosk at Bailey Canyon. She devised a trail guide for Live Oak Nature Trail and Canyon View Nature Trail in Bailey Canyon, again with assistance from Eaton Canyon Nature Center.

Midge described the first recycling center located at the mouth of the road to the Rose Float barn

where SMEAC sponsored collection of glass, paper and aluminum cans until the City instituted City-wide recycling.

Midge, with SMEAC, began Nature Awareness field trips once a year for all third graders in town, recruiting and training docents. Additionally, SMEAC continues to sponsor spring and fall Bailey Canyon Cleanup Day. Bailey Canyon's area starts at the top of Grove Street and expands north for the lower and upper hiking areas.

SMEAC also sponsored an ecology fair early-on as part of Earth Day, and, as usual, Midge was one of the leaders.

When the Morash children were small, she volunteered in all the usual school functions and was a leader for Brownie and Girl Scout troops for years. She also trained docents for the Nature Awareness program and was outdoor docent at Lummus Home near Los Angeles. For several years, along with

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School District To Discuss Fate Of Sierra Madre Upper Campus

On Thursday, June 18, 2009, PUSD Superintendent Edwin Diaz is inviting the citizens of Sierra Madre to attend a public meeting on Thursday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Sierra Madre Middle School, 160 N. Canon, to discuss the Sierra Madre Middle School facility. The intent of the meeting is to provide clarification on the issues that have recently been raised around the future of that campus.

The Middle School, commonly referred to as the Upper Campus, was scheduled to receive \$38 million dollars in Measure TT funds for renovation. However, at the recent joint meeting of the PUSD and the Sierra Madre City Council, alternatives to repairing the school were discussed, both with the council and with parents.

According to sources at PUSD, the district has three choices:

1. Commit the \$38,000 for renovation of the school or
2. Build a brand new school at a cost of approximately \$25,000 or
3. Demolish the existing school and combine the students at the Lower Campus on Highland for a cost of roughly \$12,000.

Parents are most concerned that the district will elect the cheaper solution at great expense to the students and the community.

Steve Brinkman, facilities manager for the District will also be present at the meeting.

Senior Center Renovation Plans Delayed?

Senior Commission Learns That Grant Fund Interest Is Short

At a special meeting of the Sierra Madre Senior Commission last Tuesday, a report from consultant Onyx was presented regarding the cost breakdown of the renovation project for the existing senior center. The purpose was to evaluate the priorities for the project and discuss funding.

Director of Finance, Karen Schnaider, and Director of Public Works Bruce Inman were also present.

As the discussion progressed into the finances required, the commission made a shocking discovery.

When Commission Chair Nancy Walsh asked Schnaider how much interest had been earned on the \$227,000 of grant funds, the answer sent shock waves throughout the room.

Schnaider informed the group that approximately \$7,566 had been allocated to transfer to the Senior Account, a sum far less than the commission had previously been told. That amount was based upon the allocation/distribution of interest that had been approved by the City Council

in April. Schnaider said the rate was "right around 1.25%".

Schnaider went on to explain that as the audits revealed the misallocation of interest funds into the general fund for FY 2007, the council had to develop a policy for the distribution of those funds.

At the April 14, 2009 council meeting a distribution/allocation policy was adopted as Resolution 09-023. That policy called for the "proportionate allocation of \$600,000 in interest money to a number of accounts." She noted that some accounts had a negative balance and had to be made whole.

According to Walsh and other members of the commission, they had been told that the interest due was substantially greater. One figure that was thrown out was that the interest payment should have been about \$17-\$18,000 per year.

The handling of the interest reminded the commission of another incident in 2006 when the City somehow "used" \$95,000 in earmarked funds. That money was quickly returned after news reports made public the discrepancy.

The commission asked the staff to report back with additional information regarding the distribution policy.

They also chose to adjourn the meeting and revisit the matter at the July meeting.

A Real Love Story: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Piorkowski

Who said dreams don't come true? It wasn't Martha Sotelo, a long time resident of Sierra Madre and Richard Piorkowski formerly of Syracuse, New York.

Martha and Richard first met when they were teenagers and dated during their high school years. They were, or so they thought, typical teens, vowing their love for each other and talking of getting married in the future. And they were right. The path to marital bliss was just not as direct as they originally thought.

Instead of marrying in their teens, they went their separate ways. Richard joined the Navy where he served in the Submarine Force.

As life would have it, Martha and Richard both married twice and were both divorced twice.

It appeared that their childhood dreams were just that. But two years ago Martha searched for Richard using the internet. She found his son who told Richard of Martha's search for him. So, after 48 years they were finally reunited.

Soon, Richard moved to the west coast and the couple were married in Sierra Madre on May 23, 2009 at Martha's sisters garden in Sierra Madre.



The fairy tale had finally come true.

Richard designed the couple's wedding rings and had them made by Luluchowdesign.com whose jewelry Martha found at a local Sierra Madre boutique, Angel's Everywear.

The couple now resides in Monrovia.

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James Bartlett to Speak at Altadena Library June 28 on "Beyond the Space Shuttle"

James Bartlett, an aerospace engineer with the Rocketdyne team responsible for Space Shuttle launches, will give a public lecture on Sunday, June 28, 2:30 p.m. at the Altadena Library. His subject is "Beyond the Space Shuttle."

The talk will first offer an overview of the current U.S. space flight system (the Space Shuttle), and then introduce the Constellation Project along with some competing space flight architectures.

James Bartlett graduated with a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Oklahoma in 1996. He has worked for Rocketdyne on the Space Shuttle Main Engine program since 1998.

This lecture is free of charge, and all are welcome. There will be light refreshments beginning at 2:00 p.m.

The Altadena Public Library is located at 600 E. Mariposa Street in Altadena, two stop signs west of Lake Avenue at the corner of Mariposa and Santa Rosa Avenue ("Christmas Tree Lane").

Exit the 210 freeway at Lake Avenue in Pasadena and go approximately 2.5 miles north to Mariposa Street in Altadena. Turn left on Mariposa, go to the second stop sign, turn left on Santa Rosa, and turn into the parking lot at the first driveway on your right. Go to the Community Room.

This talk is sponsored by the Mount Wilson Observatory Association (MWOA), a group of volunteers assisting the Observatory in public outreach. For more information about the talk, contact Bob Eklund, MWOA Programs Chairman, at beklund@sprynet.com or (310) 216-5947. For more information on MWOA, including how to become a member, see the web site www.mwoa.org.

Get Ready to Bike! Smart Cycling Tips and Techniques and Ride One Day Workshop at Descanso Gardens

Bicycling should be a cruising not a contact sport – and that can be a challenge in Los Angeles.

A member of the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition and with more than 20 years experience in cycling and a car-free lifestyle in L.A., Ron Durgin will lead a discussion on Sunday, June 14 covering cycling theory, rights and responsibilities followed by basic maintenance and outfitting.

Afterward, the group will head out on a guided ride, so bring bike, helmet and water. Children 6 to 15 are welcomed but must attend with an adult.

Taking place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sycamore Science Center, the one-day workshop is \$40, \$35 members. Children ages 6-15 are \$20, \$18 members. For reservations and more information, call (818) 949-7980.

A Private Peek - OPEN STUDIO TOUR

In celebration of its artistic heritage the Sierra Madre Community Arts Commission offers its third annual Open Studio Tour on Sunday, June 7 from noon to 5 p.m. The tour will start at Creative Arts Group (CAG), located at 108 N. Baldwin, Sierra Madre. Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$15 at Creative Arts Group or at the Community Services Department, and will be available at CAG for \$20 on tour day. This self guided tour of 19 studios features more than 30 artists, and provides a closer look into the creative process and the spaces from which these artists draw inspiration.

Arts Commissioner, Cathy Imhoff, states: "Our artists are truly a hidden treasure of Sierra Madre. Each has put their personal touch on a wooden birdhouse that tour guests can bid on in a silent auction during the tour. Proceeds from ticket sales and birdhouses will benefit our village through the Sierra Madre Arts Commission whose mission it is to promote and preserve the arts for those in our community." For more information call the Community Services Department at 626-355-5278 or Creative Arts Group at 626-355-8350. You can also e-mail us at city@cityofsierramadre.com.

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Mayor MacGillivray to Address Chamber re: State of the City

Sierra Madre Mayor Maryann MacGillivray is the guest speaker scheduled for next week's Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Mixer, the subject being the "state of the City." The mixer is to be held at the Hart Park House in Memorial Park, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., from 7:30am to 9am on Thursday, June 11th.

Breakfast burritos and fruit salad will be provided by Chamber member Corfu Restaurant, with coffee to be donated by Bean Town Coffee House. In an effort to reduce damage to the environment, Waste Less Living has been hired to provide utensils, plates and cups for the event. Waste Less Living will also provide water for the event, eliminating plastic water bottles.

Cost to attend the breakfast is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members.

The Friends of the Altadena Library District and the Moveable Theatre Company announce a collaborative venture: A Zane Grey Playwriting Contest.

Local playwrights will have the opportunity to dramatize the life of the long-time Altadena resident, famed author Zane Grey. The submitted plays must be original, unpublished works, no longer than 60 minutes in length.

Deadline for submission is December 31, 2009. The winning play will be performed as a staged reading by the Moveable Theatre Company at the former home of Zane Grey in Altadena in the spring of 2010. The winning playwright will receive a \$100 cash prize, a video of their play being performed as a staged reading and will be able to participate in a question and answer session with the audience and actors, following the performance.

For a complete list of contest rules and a Memo of Understanding that must be signed and returned in order to be enrolled in the contest, potential entrants may write to: The Moveable Theatre Company, 343 W. Central Avenue, Unit O, Monrovia, CA 91016; or email: info@moveabletheatrecompany.org

Skate Boarders Invited to Compete in 2nd Annual SAFYMCA Skate Spectacular at Monrovia Skate Park, June 20

MONROVIA, CA, June 5, 2009 – Local skate boarders are invited to show off their best tricks in competition at the second annual Santa Anita Family YMCA Skate Spectacular event at Monrovia Skate Park, Saturday, June 20 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. The Monrovia Skate Park is located at 843 E. Olive Ave. in Monrovia.

The Skate Spectacular will feature Vertical Speed, High Ollie, and 50/50 Grinder challenge competitions from 12:20 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Prize Packs will be awarded to the fastest time in the Vertical Speed competition, single highest Ollie, and longest Grind. There will also be a skate competition for multiple age divisions and open division from 3:25 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Prize packages will be awarded to the top scores of each division.

Pre-registration is required, anytime up until competition day at the SAFYMCA, or from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the event. Registration is \$25 for SAFYMCA members, \$35 for non-member participants. Registration fee includes entry in one challenge competition and participation in skate competition, as well as lunch, T-shirt, and goodie bag. Additional challenge entries are \$5 each. Financial assistance is available.

All skate park rules will be applicable. Competitors will be required to wear elbow, knee, and helmet safety equipment.


Lending their sponsorship support to the Skate Spectacular event are Stix Ride Shop, Monrovia, and Wendy's Restaurant, Monrovia.

In between the challenge and open skate competitions, from 2:45 p.m. to 3:25 p.m., the band Zentonic will perform in concert.

For more information, call the SAFYMCA at (626) 359-9244, or visit the website at www.safymca.org. The SAFYMCA is located at 501 S. Mountain Ave. in Monrovia.

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REMEMBRANCE

Eugene "Beans" Colbert

Oct. 31, 1926 – May 27, 2009

"Beans" Colbert passed away peacefully on May 27 at Fernview Convalescent Hospital, where he received wonderful care for the past five months.

Born in Memphis, TN, Eugene lived in Sierra Madre from the age of 2 with his mother, Sylvia, father John, and six siblings: John, Robert, Jane, Sylvia, Sheilah, and Donald.

A WWII Navy veteran, Eugene was a former Post Commander at the VFW, where he spent many hours after work socializing and dancing, and where he met his wife of 53 years, Marcella. Together they raised five children: Dixon, Darienne, Devin, Vance, and Melody.

Eugene was a "people person" whose easygoing and fun-loving style put everyone at ease -- he was the life of the party wherever he went.

A carpenter by trade, there are many structures around Sierra Madre that stand as a testament to Eugene's skills and his dedication to the town; including the bar at the Buccaneer, and the Living Memorial Wall project he helped to create with his good friend, John Grijalva.

Per his wishes, Eugene was cremated and his ashes were scattered at sea. No memorial is planned.

Arcadia

Arcadia Community Leaders Announce Campaign Committee To Support Measure A in June 9th special election!

Several dozen of Arcadia's most prominent citizens and elected officials have joined forces to ask voters to support Measure A on June 9th. Long-time civic leader Vince Foley has agreed to serve as the Chair of Concerned Citizens for Measure A.

The group, which includes Mayor John Wuo and School Board President Joann Steinmeier, covers a broad cross-section of the city's leadership, says Foley: "We have several former mayors, the presidents of every homeowners' association, current and former members of several Boards of Commissioners, as well as current and past presidents of community groups like the Arcadia Chinese Association and Arcadia Education Foundation. We also have the strong support of the Arcadia Firefighters Association and the Arcadia Police Officers Association."

Measure A renews and updates the telecommunications portion of the city's 40-year-old Utility Users Tax (UUT) with no change in rates. It is the only issue on the June 9th special election ballot.

Technical changes in Federal law require voters in Arcadia and other cities to renew their UUT's. Over a hundred cities and counties have already done so, including Los Angeles, Pasadena, San Gabriel and other nearby cities. Concerned Citizens for Measure A is campaigning on the slogan: "Keep Arcadia safe with no new taxes!"

Arcadia has much lower UUT rates than most other cities. Nevertheless, without Measure A's update, the City risks losing a million dollars a year -- money that helps pay for public safety services like fire, police and paramedics. Other services will be threatened, too, including the library, parks and street maintenance. There could also be unfortunate side effects, like higher fire insurance rates for homeowners and businesses.

"It has been easy to recruit community leaders for this committee," says Foley, "because everyone understands that cuts in these services would severely threaten Arcadia's quality of life. There's so much uncertainty right now about the economy and the state budget. But Measure A lets us take direct action to help protect our neighborhoods. It doesn't cost us a penny more in taxes and no Sacramento politician can touch it. That's why there is such strong support for a YES vote on June 9th."

Arcadia residents who want more information on Measure A can find it at: www.arcadiafirefighters.org. Voters who need absentee ballots or information on polling places, can find it at: www.ci.arcadia.ca.us.

Next Tuesday I urge Arcadians to join me in voting YES on Measure A.

Many people have asked me why we're voting for a third time in less than two months. The reason is that a special election saves Arcadia taxpayers at least \$50,000. That's the difference between the city's cost for running an election and what the County would charge us to combine with one of the earlier elections.

Saving \$50,000 is critical, because vital public services are facing serious cuts in Arcadia. That money could save one of our fire fighters or police officers.

Even more important is passing Measure A on Tuesday. Measure A will renew and update Arcadia's 40-year-old Utility Users Tax without raising rates. It will preserve a million dollars a year that supports public safety and other critical services.

In other words, Measure A will help keep Arcadia safe with no new taxes. That's why it is strongly supported by so many community leaders. On Tuesday, please vote YES on A to protect Arcadia's quality of life.

John Wuo, Mayor of Arcadia



Around Monrovia

by Pat Ostrye

What's new in Monrovia? Budget, Budget, and Budget

According to City Manager Scott Ochoa, there's only one subject on the City Council agenda at the present time: Budget, with a capital "B". Along that line the League of California Cities organized the cities, including Monrovia, to meet in Sacramento this past week to see what could be done to get the State Legislature and the Governor to pull in the reins and just leave the cities alone. There's a matter of an additional \$1.2 million at stake for Monrovia.

From Information Officer for the city, Dick Singer, I've learned that there will be no Old Town fireworks on the 4th of July this year, due to the cost and because of the construction at the south end of town. However, there will be a July 4th Concert in the Park at Recreation Park from 4:30 to 8 p.m., with two bands playing during that time.

Singer also went on to say that the Library opening was really big, with 3,000 people passing through and 2,000 books checked out at that time. Next up will be the construction of the Veterans Memorial which will appear by the flag poles; the large fountain will go in near the corner of Myrtle Ave., with construction starting in July, and the new playground to be located near the corner of Primrose and Lime, also being under construction in July - a whole new Linary Park by August.

Moving slightly northeast, last Saturday there was a concert of choral music sponsored by the Maryknoll Sisters, held at Maryknoll on Norumbega and Greystone in Monrovia. The concert was performed by the St Thomas Chamber Choir from Anaheim, directed by Regina Kim, accompanied on the organ by

Priscila Kim and an instrumental group of five. It was very peaceful and enjoyable in Maryknoll's beautiful setting of sloping lawns and colorful gardens, on a gorgeous "almost Summer" day, plus, when anyone attends whatever at Maryknoll, the Sisters always have refreshments to close the event. They did, with a wonderful assortment of goodies and cool drinks.

Maryknoll was once a very busy TB Sanitarium with cottages for patients from all over the world. In 1930 five Maryknoll Sisters arrived in Monrovia and, with a \$10,000 donation from DR. Daishiro Kuroiwa, purchased the sanitarium. 25 years later Patrick Frawley, whose wife and daughter had been patients there, pledged \$500,000 toward construction of a modern hospital, which was dedicated in 1959. In the late 1960s it was sold but had to be taken back in 1972. It is now a retirement Center for the Maryknoll Sisters, until they need skilled-nursing, at which time they return to Maryknoll, N.Y. The Sisters living there now have been missionaries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Pacific Isles. Many volunteer their time in the local parish and very often in the community.

Trivia: Evidently, many residents have found themselves cavorting with two big black bears, roaming the streets of Monrovia. Two friends of mine, each living in the northern section of the city, have reported having those two bears visiting them lately, right up to their doors. I lived forty years on the corner of Alta Vista and Cloverleaf, just where you go up to Gold Hill, but we had no bears, just deer and raccoons. postrye@netzero.com

Duarte

Parked Rail Cars on Gold Line Right-of-Way Graffiti Magnets for Cities Including Duarte

DUARTE, CA - With fewer goods moving across the country due to the economic slowdown, Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) has parked thousands of its unused rail cars along miles of railroad tracks. That has created a nuisance problem for cities including Duarte as the parked rail cars have become magnets for graffiti and vagrants.

Locally, BNSF has parked dozens of unused rail cars along a three mile stretch of Gold Line Right-of-Way track from Monrovia to Irwindale.

Under an agreement with Southern California Regional Rail Authority/Metrolink, which is responsible for right-of-way maintenance, BNSF has the right to use and park the cars there. According to SCRRA, once the cars are placed on the right-of-way they are likely not to be moved again until they are incorporated back into the active rolling stock of the nation-wide system.

"We're starting to get a lot of phone calls of complaint from residents. Unfortunately, it's a problem that we have not been able to readily solve since the City of Duarte has no jurisdiction over the rails or the rail cars, and has no authority to remove the graffiti. But the city is in discussion with BNSF to find a solution," said Deputy City Manager, Karen Herrera.



Mayor John Fasana, who also serves on the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board, addressed the problem at the MTA's May 28th board meeting. He passed out pictures of the graffiti covered railcars being stored on tracks in Duarte to illustrate the severity of the problem. Fasana requested that MTA Chief Executive Officer, Arthur T. Leahy report back to the board at its June 25th meeting on how many railcars are currently being stored on Metro controlled right-of-way and their locations; the number and locations of railcars being stored on non-Metro controlled right-of-way; and the measures that can be taken to immediately remove the graffiti.

In the meantime, residents can lodge complaints directly to BNSF by calling (909) 386-4140.

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Pasadena Firefighters Will Ask Passersby To "Fill The Boot"



Pasadena firefighters will be busy filling their boots today for a good, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dressed in the full turnout gear worn when they fight fires, the men and women will be stationed at the intersections of Colorado Boulevard and Delacey Avenue, South Lake Avenue and San Pasqual Street, and Foothill and Rosemead boulevards, where they will greet motorists, shoppers and other passersby while seeking donations for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Cash and checks will be accepted.

Proceeds from the "Fill the Boot" event will help MDA provide services to area families, including expert medical care at clinics, summer camp for youngsters, purchases and repairs of wheelchairs and leg braces, scientific research and more.

The International Association of Firefighters is the largest sponsor of MDA and the strongest campaigner for research efforts. MDA has been partnering with firefighters throughout the U.S. since 1954, raising funding and awareness for those affected by 43 neuromuscular diseases.

Pet of the Week



Petunia, an adorable, and very tiny, four year old, chihuahua can be shy when you first meet her but is sure to blossom in a loving home. She knows the 'sit' command and is very well behaved, especially when treats are involved! She is even cuter in person so come down and visit her today!

The regular dog adoption fee is \$120, which includes medical care prior to adoption, spaying or neutering, vaccinations, and a follow-up visit with a participating vet.

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Crime Rates Down Overall FBI Says

Burglaries up in Pasadena

By Dean Lee

A preliminary annual crime report released Monday shows Pasadena falls into a nation wide trend with violent crime down compared with 2007.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation this was the second year all four of the violent crime offense categories declined nationwide. Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter was down 4.4 percent as well as aggravated assault which also dropped 3.2 percent. Forcible rape was down 2.2 percent and robbery was down 1.1 percent according to the FBI. The Northeastern region of the country was the only area violent crime actually went up.

The report categorizes offenses reported to Law Enforcement in Cities with a population over 100,000.

Last year Pasadena police reported 621 violent crimes as compared to



744 for the previous year. Of that only three offenses were reported as murders. In 2007 there were 11 murders the report reads. Other violent crimes stats for the city included, 21 forcible rapes down from 33, a total of 260 robberies as compared with 303 in 2007, also, aggravated assault was down to 337 from 397.

The highest numbers of crimes by far are reported as property thefts, Pasadena had 4,182 of them last year down from 4,304 the year before. Second highest is nonviolent theft with 2,957 of them occurring in

the city only down slightly from 2,993 the year before.

Pasadena Police Public Information Officer Janet Pope-Givens said Cmdr. Mike Korpall was in charge of overseeing the statistics. He was not available for comment to this paper at press time although other local media outlets account his statement to the press as simply a combination of prevention, intervention and enforcement, for the low crime rates.

Although not all crime was down in Pasadena with 33 more burglaries this year than last. A total of 858 burglaries occurred in 2008 which was also

not unlike the rest of the country.

According to the report, nationwide, burglaries were the only property crime to show an increase, up by 1.3 percent. Motor vehicle thefts were down an astonishing 13.1 percent nationwide which was also in line with Pasadena. There were 367 vehicle thefts in Pasadena compared to 486 the year before.

Arson offenses are tracked separately from other property crimes according to the report. Pasadena had 18 compared with 23 last year.

The FBI's website says the reason for the preliminary report is, "To get—as quickly as possible—some of the basic data we collected on crime in 2008 into the hands of law enforcement, community leaders, criminologists, and others in a position to begin analyzing the problems, allocating resources, and implementing prevention strategies."

The full report "Crime in the United States" is expected in fall they said.

PCC Takes Steps to Avoid Budget Catastrophe

By Dean Lee

The Pasadena City College Board of Trustees listened Wednesday night, not only to a possible 10 percent total budget cut, but also to angry faculty and students worried that cuts could amount to a 12 percent reduction in classes and programs.

Many of the students acknowledged that the college was only responding to the state's decisions but still demanded that their questions be answered including, how many "core classes" were going to be cut. It was also rumored that the schools tuition could go up as high as \$60 a unit. Currently the tuition is \$20 a unit.

Members of the Latino club M.E.Ch.A., Many who stood chanting outside the packed meeting, said this would impact low income students.

"We understand that the board is not responsible for these budget cuts," one member said. "It is irresponsible spending by the state and federal government. They have not been spending wisely this money and the stimulus packages have not been coming to education."

Board member Geoff Baum thanked everyone

for their passion even though at times the meeting got rowdy.

Board member Connie Rey-Castro said, "We have been anticipating this day for at least six months, and we have been trying to prepare for it."

She continued, "And let me just say that I know Roger Marheine, from the Faculty Association, got up and spoke. I know he's an English teacher but he really stole my speech, because I'm a political science instructor at East Los Angeles College."

Rey-Castro said the cuts were the board's primary



focus.

Marheine had said a petition was circulated around the campus against the cuts. He said at the time they had about 1,000 signatures but expected thousands more in the next few days. He then asked everyone in support to stand as he read the petition.

"We the students,



staff and teachers, and members of the community demand that the Pasadena City College board of trustees expand its program offerings, maintain all faculty and staff positions including those of student workers, classified employees, full and part time, teachers."

His speech ended with many chanting, "No more cuts."

"Its inspiring to see the passion, commitment and love you have for this institution," Baum said.

"I'm going to be able to go up to Sacramento next week to talk to legislators about the community college system and the future, I'm going to take with me all of your faces and your words, as I talk with legislators about the real pain that's being inflicted on real individuals, real students, real faculty."

Interim Vice President of Administrative Services, Mark Zacovic, gave a detailed account of what could happen if the schools budget went from the current \$125 million this year to \$17 million next year. He cautioned that if nothing was done the school would go bankrupt. He said salaries alone account for \$10 million a month.

He said they looked at the things they "absolutely" had to have.

"Absolutely" is an interesting word when your involved in budget cutting because these are different things to different people," Zacovic said. "Some folks think, we have to go on that field trip, or we have to have paper for the photocopier machine and I need those special dry erase pens for the whiteboard in my classroom."

Volunteer Opportunities for 2009 POPS Summer Concert Season

Make a difference by contributing your time, energy and talent as well as experience the magic of the POPS this summer! Volunteers are goodwill ambassadors helping us provide our patrons with an excellent concert experience by serving as ushers, ticket takers and friendly guest greeters for our eight-concert series at Descanso Gardens in La Canada Flintridge. In return for your time and efforts, volunteers will be provided with an additional free ticket for

your spouse or friend and extra perks including free event parking, meals and post concert receptions. If you would like to experience the arts this summer with no cost to you but your time and smile, there is no better way than to volunteer with the POPS!

Interested parties please email an introduction and your contact information to Volunteer1@PasadenaSymphony-Pops.org or call us at 626-793-7172 ext. 26

International Year Of Astronomy Event Comes To Pasadena

The public is invited to celebrate the International Year of Astronomy 2009 at the Pasadena Convention Center on June 6. The event includes a variety of fun, family oriented, hands-on activities and exhibit booths, such as a telescope for observing the sun and a 100-foot scale model of our solar system. Special indoor presentations will be made using a portable planetarium and a digital data immersion environment from the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York. The event is presented by organizations attending the subsequent summer meeting of the American Astronomical Society.

A stargazing party will follow that evening. Saturn, in particular, will be well positioned for viewing. Small telescopes will be provided by the Old Town Sidewalk Astronomers.

The event is organized by representatives of the International Year of Astronomy 2009, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, Calif., and the Rochester Institute of Technology/ NASA AstroZone team. Exhibitors include the popular Astronomy Cast podcast and the Galaxy Zoo citizen-science.

More information about the event is online at <http://astronomy2009.us/newscenter/>. More information about IYA2009 is at www.astronomy2009.org. Additional information on the U.S. plans and programs for IYA is at www.astronomy2009.us.

The U.S. IYA2009 program is supported by the National Science Foundation and NASA, and by private donations. The American Astronomical Society is the U.S. liaison to the IYA2009 program via the International Astronomical Union. Key U.S. partners include the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, the National Optical Astronomy Observatory, the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, the Chandra X-Ray Observatory, and the National Radio Astronomy Observatory. The California Institute of Technology in Pasadena manages JPL for NASA.

PCC Jazz Bands Perform June 14

The Pasadena City College Studio Jazz Ensemble will be performing on June 14 at 2 p.m. in Sexson Auditorium. The event is open to the PCC community and local jazz-goers.

Under the direction of PCC instructor Andrea Baker Wilkerson, the performance will feature the Studio Jazz Ensemble and the Lancer Jazz Big Band.

The price is \$5 for general admission; \$3 for students, staff, and seniors; and free for children 12 and under.

For more information, contact Wilkerson at (626) 585-7216 or visit www.pccjazz.com.



Environmentally Speaking, Did You Know?

Bees: The 800 Pound Gorillas Of The Pollinating World

By Pat Birdsall

I didn't intend to do a series on pollinators, but that's how it's worked out. For me, it's become a fascinating and educational journey that I'm happy to have taken. It began with bats, progressed to hummingbirds and finally

this week: Bees...

Pollinators comprise a diversity of wild creatures, from birds and bats to butterflies, moths, beetles, flies and even the odd land mammal or reptile. But, there is no question that bees are the most important in most ecosystems. Unlike social honeybees, imported to North America in the 1600s, the majority of the continent's native bees are solitary, nesting in burrows on the ground or small holes in wood rather than building hives. Worldwide, there are some 20,000 bee species, 4,000 of them found in North America.

Bees and other pollinators are essential to human survival. Without them, we would lose most of our plants, and ultimately, everything else. To produce seeds and reproduce, three-quarters of the world's flowering plant species rely on animal pollinators. (The others use the less precise methods of wind or water to transfer pollen between male and female flower parts.) Animal-dependent plants include more than two-thirds of the world's crop species, whose fruit and seeds provide more than 30 percent of the foods and beverages we consume.

Scientists estimate that in the United States alone, native bees perform up to \$3 billion worth of pollination services annually!

The decline in pollinator groups is a topic that has been touched on in a previous column, but is one that requires extensive and specific coverage. That deserves to be addressed separately and at length. For now, I would like to impart a few suggestions for planting for pollinators, providing them not only with the best source of food, but to prevent the spread of invasive species.

* Select as many plants as native to our region as possible. Check out (www.pollinator.org) You just need a zip code.

* Select plants that provide a lot of nectar and pollen. Many ornamentals have been specifically bred to produce little or none of these essential foods.

* Be a messy gardener: Leave some patches of unmulched soil and brush piles that bees, birds and other animals can use to construct nests.

* During hot, dry periods, provide water in shallow birdbaths or pools where pollinators can easily alight.

* Do not use pesticides, and encourage your neighbors to reduce their reliance on these chemicals.

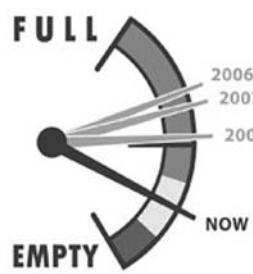
For more tips, check out these sites: www.nwf.org and www.xerces.org

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Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, May 24th, to Saturday May 30th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 235 calls for service.

Sunday, May 24th:

1:30 am – Arrest, possession of marijuana, 200 block West Highland Ave. A motorist was stopped for a traffic violation. During the investigation, the driver admitted to being in possession of marijuana. The driver was arrested, issued a citation for the traffic violation and was released on a written promise to appear for the possession of marijuana.

Monday, May 25th:

1:16 pm – Vandalism, 00 block Rancho Road. The passenger door of a red 2005 Honda Civic was damaged between 2:00 am and 8:30 am on Monday, 5/25/2009. The Honda was parked in the driveway. The cost of repair was unavailable at the time of the report.

8:01 pm – Arrest, DUI, 00 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. A motorist was stopped for a traffic violation. During the investigation the driver was determined to be under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

Tuesday, May 26th:

4:13 pm – Arrest, felony traffic warrant, 1000 block West Orange Grove Ave, Arcadia. A

suspicious truck was reported in the area of South Sunnyside Ave and Manzanita Ave. The truck and its occupant were found parked in the 1100 block of W. Orange Grove Avenue, Arcadia. A records check revealed the man had an outstanding felony traffic warrant. The man was arrested and booked at Sierra Madre Police Department and subsequently released to the custody of the LA County Sheriff's Office.

Wednesday, May 27th:

5:59 pm – Identity theft, 600 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. Victim responded to this department to report an identity theft that happened between 4/1/2009 and 4/7/2009.

Thursday, May 28th:

10:32 am – Grand theft, 800 block Skyland Drive. A wallet was reported stolen from a shopping cart at Albertson's Grocery Store, Pasadena. The crime occurred Wednesday, 5/27/2009, between 3:40 pm and 4:00 pm. The initial loss was estimated at \$95.00, but an additional loss was incurred when her debit card from the wallet was used for \$769.00. The matter is to be forwarded to the Pasadena Police Department.

6:15 pm – Petty theft, 31 North Baldwin Ave. An IPOD Touch was reported stolen from an unattended backpack in front of a restaurant. The crime occurred on Thursday, 5/28/2009, between 1:00 pm and 3:30 pm. The IPOD Touch was valued at \$225.00.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, May 24, through Saturday, May 30, the Police Department responded to 948 calls for service of which 136 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, May 24:

Shortly after 10:30 a.m., units responded to the 900 block of West Huntington regarding an injury traffic collision. While a female driver was exiting a driveway, she failed to yield to oncoming traffic and struck a vehicle. She sustained minor injuries and was transported to AMH for medical treatment.

Between 8:00 p.m. on May 22 and 1:15 p.m. on May 24, an auto burglary occurred in the 900 block of Volante. Unknown suspect(s) smashed a car window and stole a radar detector and power adapter for a total loss of \$120.

Monday, May 25:

3. Around 3:15 p.m., units were dispatched to 10 West Live Oak in reference to a hit-and-run traffic accident. Witnesses advised that a female Asian driver was traveling at

a high rate of speed and struck a tree. After the collision, the driver fled the scene on foot and was subsequently located. When she saw the officers, she began yelling and advanced towards them in an aggressive manner. She also did not comply with officers' commands and struggled during the arrest. The 21-year-old woman was charged with obstructing/resisting, hit-and-run accident, and unlicensed driver.

4. At 10:00 a.m., a 43-year-old male Caucasian was arrested at County Park for assault with a deadly weapon and 2 outstanding misdemeanor warrants. During an altercation, the arrestee struck a male victim on the head with a graphite cane. The victim sustained a three-inch laceration to his forehead.

Tuesday, May 26:

5. At about 11:45 a.m. a home was burglarized in the 00 block of west Norman Avenue. Entry was made by removing a screen and sliding the bedroom window open. The alarm was activated and the burglar fled. Loss is to be determined.

Shortly before 9:00 a.m. a resident observed

A Weekly Spotlight on Sierra Madre Volunteers

Midge Morash 4th of July Grand Marshal

MIDGE MORASH (cont. from page 1)

her volunteer work, she was lab technician at the hospital when it was located in town.

Before his death in 1988, her husband Tal and she directed YMCA camps in the San Bernardino Mountains. She continues to assist folks, now volunteering with her daughter, Anne, at Casa Colina Hospital for Rehabilitation near Pomona for an outdoor adventure program.

Midge's focus has forever been on nature. "I have a passion for nature and teaching others about nature. Kids have to learn respect for nature and the knowledge of the environment, and to live respectfully."

She said, "It's a great honor to be chosen Parade Grand Marshal and I'm surprised to be chosen. It's nice to know people notice and appreciate what you do."

Forty-eight years ago Midge and Tal Morash "rolled into town" from Altadena and decided to raise their four children here. Tal died in 1988 and their three children (Anne, Kim and Paul) and three grandsons live in California. One son is deceased.

On February 13, 2009, Midge fell and broke her pelvis, and recently moved to The Oaks in Pasadena, a retirement center. Perhaps now she'll have more time to continue her interest in art, music and in clay sculpture.

She was chosen Sierra Madre Older American of the Year in 2000.



Midge Morash, originally from Northern California, moved to Sierra Madre 47 years ago. She and her husband Tal, raised four children, John, Kim, Anne and Paul and three grandchildren.

In addition to her volunteer work with SMEAC and Bailey Canyon, she is also an accomplished artist. Her home in Sierra Madre, as well as her new residence in Pasadena is filled with sculptures. "I like faces", she said with pride. Much of her work reflects that interest, such as the bust of a gentleman shown here.



SURVIVING A WILDFIRE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT



A Word From Sierra Madre Fire Marshal Rich Snyder

Year after year, Sierra Madre is faced with the potential for disaster. As we get closer to brush fire season with its high temperatures and low humidity the once green vegetation that surrounds our City starts to turn brown as the moisture is pulled from it by the Santa Ana winds that blow in off the deserts. The thick, volatile chaparral that blankets our hillsides are like bombs waiting for their fuses to be lit. We have all heard the term "firestorm" used to describe the incredible temperatures and tremendous winds that are generated in a raging chaparral fire. Hardly any house can withstand direct exposure to such a storm. Wildland fires usually pass by fast and furiously. Typically, they're controllable only when the wind dies out or they run out of fuel. If you reduce the amount of combustible brush around your house, you have taken the first step to preventing disaster.

The success over the 2008 Santa Anita fire was no accident. The Fire Department put up a good fight; however, we could not have done it with out the help of the homeowners who gave us a "fighting chance" by maintaining proper brush clearance around their homes. Each year, The Sierra Madre Fire Prevention Bureau works with the residents in the foothills to help provide that "fighting chance" that is desperately needed to prevent a disastrous fire. This is done through an aggressive brush maintenance program and by educating the residents on what to do before, during and after a brush fire.

Here is a list of the brush clearance requirements that you can use to protect your home:

- ☐ Maintain the first 30 feet around any structure free of native brush and hazardous vegetation.
- ☐ Aggressively thin and trim the vegetation 30 to 100 feet around any structure.
- ☐ Remove dead branches from trees and keep all braches 6 feet off the ground.
- ☐ Clear vegetation 10 feet from roadways.
- ☐ Remove tree limbs that are within 10 feet of a chimney outlet.
- ☐ Maintain 5 feet of vertical clearance between your roof and overhanging vegetation.
- ☐ Keep all roof surfaces clear of dead leaves and twigs.
- ☐ Post your street number on your house so it is visible from the street.

Contact the Sierra Madre FireSafe Council at 355-0741 for information on how to get financial assistance with hazardous brush removal.

In Sierra Madre, we have a conscientious community of educated, resourceful and dedicated citizens concerned about fire prevention. The need for fire prevention needs to be known. You can help us combat urban wildfire in your neighborhood, but you must start around your own home.

Working together, we can accomplish a common goal; abatement of hazardous vegetation.

If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please contact the Sierra Madre Fire Prevention Bureau at 355-3611 extension 3.

stole property, and fled undetected.

Friday, May 29:

11. At about 9:45 a.m. a custodian saw a 50 to 60-year-old male suspect walking on the Holly Avenue School campus exposing his genitals. Police responded, however, they were unable to locate the suspect.

12. Around 5:00 p.m. in the area of Colorado Blvd and Michillinda Avenue a 25-year-old male suspect was arrested for tagging on City property. The man is a self-acclaimed "slap tag" artist who designs and makes his own stickers to mark his territory.

Saturday, May 30:

13. Shortly after 2:00 p.m., while investigating a disturbance at the Motel 6 on Colorado Place, officers arrested a 36-year-old drifter for a warrant and possession of equipment used to make counterfeit currency.

During evening hours a juvenile male suspect was arrested at Sport Chalet for theft. Officers responded and released the juvenile on a citation.



Polytechnic Students Raise \$14,000 for Descanso Gardens' Harvest Garden

The Girls Service League supports the almost 50-year-old program that serves developmentally disabled schoolchildren

Descanso Gardens is pleased to announce that it has received a \$14,000 gift raised by the Girls Service League from Polytechnic School in Pasadena. The gift will be used to support Descanso's Harvest Garden program, a program that has served developmentally disabled schoolchildren for almost 50 years.

"What you have done is incredible, I can't tell you how wonderful this gift is," said Hannah Wiggins, coordinator of Descanso Gardens' Harvest Garden program as she welcomed members of the Girls Service League from Pasadena's Polytechnic School on Thursday, May 21. "I know that the students who come to Harvest Garden would want to thank each of you personally."

Members of the student service group came to the La Canada botanical gardens to present a check for \$14,000 to Wiggins to use in the Harvest Gardens

which serves more than 100 developmentally disabled students on a weekly basis.

At the beginning of the school year, the Girls Service League -- one of the oldest service organizations at Poly -- choose a charity to be its recipient of a yearlong service and fundraising project. This year, the group chose Descanso's Harvest Garden because, according to co-president Jenny Lamb, "it's a community program that has such an impact. They do such important work."

"It feels so awesome to be able to do this," continued Lamb, a graduating senior. "There were times we felt overwhelmed with the number of fundraisers we were coordinating, but in the end, it was all worth it."

"I'm just so amazed that we could do this," admits co-president Ranti Odujinrin. "We just kept moving forward and

didn't realize that we had accumulated such a big contribution. We're so glad we can help Harvest Garden and its students."

Started in 1960, the Harvest Garden invites developmentally disabled schoolchildren ages 8 -18 to care for garden plots; tending the plants and learning about nutrition and cooking in an outdoor classroom and kitchen, students gain valuable life skills. Public and private schools participate in the program.

Through the school year, the Girls Service League supported the Harvest Garden through annual dances, silent auctions, dance recitals and an end-of-year barbecue.

"I think everyone has the ability to give back to the community," sums up Lamb, "and we are happy to be a part of the process."

Alverno Valedictorian and Salutatorian to Attend UC Berkeley, LMU

Lameese El Desouky has been named Alverno High School Valedictorian for the Class of 2009. Lameese has chosen to attend the University of California, Berkeley, where she will double major in biology and studio art with the plan to become a pediatrician. The Salutatorian is Alexandra Peters, who will continue her education at Loyola Marymount University, and major in business administration and psychology. When asked how it feels to be the Salutatorian of her class, Alex replied, "It is an honor." The Valedictorian and Salutatorian are recognized for the highest and second highest grade point averages in specified course work.

Lameese set her sights on earning the Valedictorian medal at Alverno when she was still an 8th grader at New Horizon School in Pasadena. "The hard thing was sticking with it," she says. "Sometimes I wanted to let up but I really had to stay focused." Lameese is an active library volunteer, tutor at her middle school, and an artist who has received full scholarships to take classes at Art Center. She has served as a Justice on Alverno's Supreme Court for three years. The best piece of advice she's ever received: "You don't know how much you can do until you try."

Alexandra is an AP Scholar, as well as a yearbook editor. As well as an impressive academic schedule, she volunteers at Glendale Adventist Hospital, at Brothers' Helpers in downtown Los Angeles, and helps at the after school program at MEND (Meet Each Need with Dignity) in the San Fernando Valley. She is currently Lt. Governor of Alverno's Senior State.

Both of these young women have been active in Alverno's leadership program, and are Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholar-

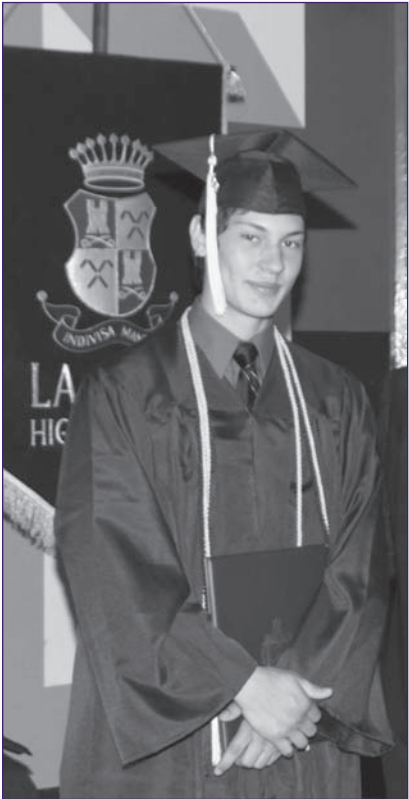


Lameese El Desouky and Alexandra Peters

ship Nominees.

Alverno is an independent Catholic, college-prep high school for girls in Sierra Madre. One hundred percent of the 71 graduates will attend college next year. We are proud to say that 10% of the graduating class was accepted to UCLA, which had more than 55,000 applicants. Offers of admission were extended to our seniors from the University of California at Berkeley, UCLA (which will be blessed with an impressive number of our seniors), Davis, Santa Cruz, Merced, Santa Barbara, Irvine, Riverside, and San Diego. A number of the California State University campuses will be home for many seniors for the next four years; these include Sonoma State, San Francisco State, San Jose State, Monterey Bay, Los Angeles, Long Beach, Pomona, Northridge, Fullerton, and San Diego State. The independent schools that will be enriched by Alverno girls include the University of San Francisco, Santa Clara University, Loyola Marymount University, University of Southern California, University of San Diego, Azusa Pacific University, University of the Pacific, and Chapman University. Out of state public and private school acceptances include those from Regis University, Fordham University, Lafayette University, the University of Oregon, Marquette University, Seattle University, and St. John's University.

La Salle's Jordan Wingate Receives Appointment to the US Naval Academy



During La Salle High Schools' Senior Presentation on May 21, Jordan Wingate received a formal appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis fulfilling a life-long quest to attend the Naval Academy. "Since I was nine I wanted to be in the Navy and receive an education at Annapolis. This is a dream come true," said the La Salle senior.

Jordan is incredibly active at La Salle. A member of the California Scholastic Federation and the National Honor Society, he has been a four year member of the Advanced Band, and plays tenor sax in La Salle's award winning Jazz Ensemble.

Jordan was selected to play in the PUSD All-Star Band and marched in the Tournament of Roses parade in 2007. He has performed in numerous plays and is a two year varsity letterman in football, and track as well as a member of the water polo and swimming teams. Jordan has accomplished all this while achieving a cumulative 4.06 GPA.

"I really enjoyed my visit to Annapolis," he says. "It's like La Salle, where the classes are small and the teachers are very accessible - a real educational community." The trip to Maryland helped him decide between full academic scholarships

offered from three tech schools.

Military ties run deep in the Wingate family with two uncles in the military; one a Korean War veteran, and the other a current US Army paratrooper. Jordan is also related to a Civil War General.

Jordan is only one of 1200 seniors accepted to the USNA out of 11,200 applicants and nearly 4500 appointments. Jordan intends to study aeronautical engineering and hopes to apply to the Navy fighter or helicopter flight schools.

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Looking Up

With Bob Eklund

Planet-Hunting Method Succeeds At Last!



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A long-proposed tool for hunting planets has netted its first catch: a Jupiter-like planet orbiting

one of the smallest stars known.

The technique, called astrometry, was first attempted 50 years ago to search for exoplanets—planets outside our solar system. It involves measuring the precise motions of a star compared to background stars as an unseen planet tugs the star back and forth. But the method requires very precise measurements over long periods of time, and until now, has failed to turn up any exoplanets.

A team of two astronomers from JPL has, for the past 12 years, been mounting an astrometry instrument to a telescope at the Palomar Observatory. After careful, intermittent observations of 30 stars, the team has identified a new exoplanet around one of them—the first planet ever to be discovered using the astrometry method.

“This method is optimal for finding solar-system configurations like ours that might harbor other Earths,” said astronomer Steven Pravdo of JPL, lead author of a study about the results to be published in the *Astrophysical Journal*. “We found a Jupiter-like planet at around the same relative place as our Jupiter, only around a much smaller star. It’s possible this star also has inner rocky planets. And since more than seven out of 10 stars are small like this one, this could mean planets are more common than we thought.”

The finding confirms that astrometry could be a powerful planet-hunting technique for both ground- and space-based telescopes. A similar technique would be used by “SIM Lite,” a NASA concept for a space-based planet search mission that is currently being studied.

The newfound exoplanet, called VB 10b, is about 20 light-years away in the constellation Aquila. It has a mass six times that of Jupiter, and its own internal heat would give it an Earth-like temperature.

The planet’s star, called VB 10, is tiny. It is what’s known as an M-dwarf star and is only one-twelfth the mass of our Sun, just barely big enough to fuse atoms at its core and shine with starlight. For years, VB 10 was

the smallest star known, and now it has a new title: the smallest star known to host a planet.

Because the star is so small, its planetary system would be a miniature, scaled-down version of our own. The newly discovered planet is about as far from its star as Mercury is from the Sun. Any rocky Earth-size planets that might happen to be in the neighborhood would lie even closer in.

Two to six times a year, for the past 12 years, Pravdo and co-author Stuart Shaklan have bolted their Stellar Planet Survey instrument onto Palomar’s five-meter Hale telescope to search for planets. The instrument, which has a 16-megapixel charge-coupled device, or CCD, can detect very minute changes in the positions of stars. The VB 10b planet, for instance, causes its star to wobble a small fraction of a degree.



Detecting this wobble is equivalent to measuring the width of a human hair from about three kilometers away.

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James Bartlett to Speak at Altadena Library June 28 on “Beyond the Space Shuttle”

James Bartlett, an aerospace engineer with the Rocketdyne team responsible for Space Shuttle launches, will give a public lecture on Sunday, June 28, 2:30 p.m. at the Altadena Library. His subject is “Beyond the Space Shuttle.”

The talk will first offer an overview of the current U.S. space flight system (the Space Shuttle), and then introduce the Constellation Project along with some competing space flight architectures. James Bartlett graduated with a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Oklahoma in 1996. He has worked for Rocketdyne on the Space Shuttle Main Engine program since 1998.

This lecture is free of charge, and all are welcome. The Altadena Public Library is located at 600 E. Mariposa Street in Altadena. The event will be held in the Community Room and is sponsored by the Mount Wilson Observatory Association (MWOA).

For more information about the talk, contact Bob Eklund, MWOA Programs Chairman, at beklund@sprynet.com or (310) 216-5947. For more information on MWOA, including how to become a member, see the web site www.mwoa.org.

On Line

with P.J. Carpenter

The Switch is Now: DTV is here to stay!

For better or worse, DTV (Digital Television) will be the commercial broadcast standard beginning on June 12, 2009 here in the US. Other industrialized nations began the switch to the new standard starting in 2006 and it is projected that by 2015 China will have completed the switch and that also by that date the rest of the television broadcasting world will have completed the switch to DTV. Most of us have seen the many PSA’s (Public Service Announcements) from the FCC and local cable providers informing the public of the impending switch and what it will mean for analog television viewers. On June 12, 2009 all Full-Power Television Broadcasters will cease transmitting analog TV signals in the US. Those viewers who receive only free over-the-air TV reception will be required to purchase a Digital Converter Box in order to continue to receive and view free over-the-air TV.

This mass conversion to DTV was caused by several different factors the main, publicly disseminated reason being the more effective support for emergency services by freeing up the airwaves for more efficient police, fire and rescue communications and other public safety services. One possible result of the switch will be more efficient

division and use of public airwaves for commercial services such as the expansion of wireless networks and the availability of new services never before possible under the old system. One definite result of the switch will be a mini-meltdown on the part of unprepared consumers who couldn’t believe

that “They” would ever turn the TV off. The original date for the switch was February 17, 2009 and had the FCC stuck with that original date there would have been a far larger backlash than the one that will occur June 13, 2009. FCC Analysts guesstimate that approximately 3 million households will be left behind when the switch takes place. That number could have literally been doubled had the switch occurred

as originally planned. Public education has probably done all that it can to get everyone on board but for a project this large that goal is just about bordering on the impossible. Unforeseeable situations and unplanned-for special situations almost guarantee that some forgotten crucial element won’t function as well as it did before the switch, begging the question was all of this worth it in the first place.

For better or worse, the switch is here to stay.



Preserving History Sustainably

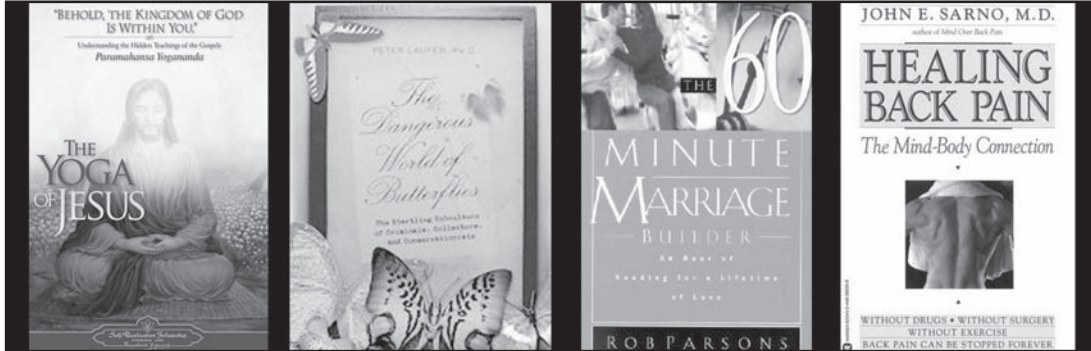
Monrovia, CA – Nardi Associates, a local architectural practice, is celebrating its newly acquired location with an Open House event in fully rejuvenated historic building integral to the historic fabric along legendary Route 66 on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at 5:30 pm at 805 S. Shamrock Ave, Monrovia, CA. Originally constructed circa 1917 as an automobile filling and service station, the building had fallen in to disrepair over the years. It is now the home of Nardi Associates, an architecture and urban design practice dedicated to implementing the principles of modern architecture, urbanism, and sustainability.

The renovation of the building, on a highly visible prominent site transitioning between residential and commercial districts, supports the renewal and preservation of the historic and distinct neighborhood adjacent to downtown Monrovia. By renovating the building for their offices, Nardi Associates highlights the importance of preserving historically significant

structures and a commitment to the community of Monrovia while manifesting a future-oriented perspective of Monrovia-based businesses with a distinctly modern interior. “Preservation and progress are not contradictory,” said Norberto F. Nardi, AIA, Principal of the firm. “We see growth built on the past. We want our community to look both at where it has been and where it is going. We believe in a dynamic dialog between memories and creative new endeavors.”

Putting that belief in action, the Open House will also promote the launching of a weekend workshop series on sustainability co-sponsored by the City of Monrovia and the Monrovia Chamber of Commerce. Led by experts in their fields and intended for regional public officials and businesses, the series will present the varied dimensions of sustainability and will prepare these professionals to complete in an age of a globalized environmentally conscious economy at a local level.

Jeff's Pics The Book Reports



The Yoga of Jesus: Understanding the Hidden Teachings of the Gospels by Paramahansa Yogananda

In this wonderful book Yogananda reveals the hidden yoga of the Gospels and confirms that Jesus, like the ancient sages and masters of the East, not only knew yoga but taught this universal science of God realization to his closest disciples. Compiled from the Author’s highly praised two-volume work, The Second Coming of Christ: The Resurrection of the Christ Within You, this insightful and compact book transcends the centuries of dogma and misunderstanding that have obscured the original teachings of Jesus, showing that he taught a unifying path by which seekers of all faiths can enter the kingdom of God. Yogananda was one of the most influential spiritual teachers of the 20th century. One of his extremely beautiful spiritual centers is called The Self Realization Fellowship and is located in Pacific Palisades.

The Dangerous World of Butterflies: The Startling Subculture of Criminals, Collectors, and Conservationists by Peter Laufer

Organized crime, black-market smuggling, and environmental disasters aren’t things you normally associate with tiny, delicate butterflies, but award winning journalist Peter Laufer exposes the dark side of the butterfly business and shows us that it is a dangerous world. His research on the subculture of butterflies took him around the globe from butterfly breeding businesses in Nicaragua across borders to Los Angeles and New York City. Along the way, he found out how far people are willing to go to smuggle unique, hard to find butterflies and how much people are willing to pay for them. The subculture of butterflies includes criminals, collectors, conservationists, and more. This a well written, and interesting work.

The Sixty Minute Marriage Builder: An Hour of Reading for a Lifetime of Love by Rob Parsons

In this fast paced world it is sometimes hard to

work on one’s relationship. This book has distilled some important issues into quick bits of advice and humor. Helping with such issues as: warming up your relationship, learning to talk things through, being one together in parenting, dealing with conflict and money issues, plus much more. Parsons is an internationally known speaker on marriage and parenting issues. He is also the author of The Sixty Minute Father and The Sixty Minute Mother.

Healing Back Pain: The Mind-Body Connection by John E. Sarno M.D.

A masterpiece in the field, this book promises elimination of back pain without drugs or surgery. It could have been called Understanding TMS Pain. According to the author TMS (Tension Myositis Syndrome) is the major cause of pain in the back, neck, shoulders, limbs and buttocks and it is caused not by structural abnormalities or real injury but by the mind’s attempt to repress or deny some emotions. He’s not saying that your pain is all in your head, but that the conflict going on in your mind results in a physical disorder that may affect muscles, tendons, nerves and ligaments. And of course always consult a physician for chronic or acute back pain. This book has helped many people overcome back pain.

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The traditions of the community newspaper and the concerns of our readers are this newspaper's top priorities. We support a prosperous community of well-informed citizens. We hold in high regard the values of the exceptional quality of life in our community, including the magnificence of our natural resources. Integrity will be our guide.



I was struck by a statement in Gregory Wellborn's column last week; "bad guys are bad guys because of their own moral deficiencies, not because of what we have done to them or said about them." The column, though, dealt with the role of diplomacy in our country's foreign policy - which I don't think will ever be able to turn inherently bad people into good ones. What it can do is try to prevent such people from causing harm to ourselves, our allies, and their own people - and from being able to recruit followers to their cause. Too many times over the past sixty years, these "bad guys" have been able to assume power and threaten others precisely because of what our government has said and done, and because of our failure to appreciate the role of diplomacy, even with "bad guys", in advancing our interests.

Wellborn cites the example of Iran. The problem is that President Ahmadinejad is able to exploit the fact that Iranians remember well what we have said and done. They remember the CIA-backed coup in 1953 that ousted democratically-elected Prime Minister Mossadegh. They remember Shah Pahlavi and the torture chambers of his secret police SAVAK, whom we put in power and kept there for 25 years. They remember how we helped Saddam Hussein acquire weapons-of-mass-destruction during their war with Iraq. They remember what we said during

As I See It

By Howard Hays

the presidency of Muhammad Khatami, who worked towards democracy, the rule of law, and opening up to the West despite opposition from conservative clerics. Just a few months after Iranians massed in candlelight vigils in solidarity with us after 9/11, we declared his country part of the "axis of evil", and threatened military action following our conquest of Iraq. No doubt Iranians remembered this as they went to the polls in 2005 to elect "bad guy" Ahmadinejad.

North Korea was also cited as an example. I don't think anyone envisioned diplomacy as a means of turning Kim Jong-il into a "good guy". Shortly after Bill Clinton took office, North Korea threatened to cancel their Non-Proliferation Treaty commitments, remove fuel rods from their reactors to be processed into plutonium, and evict the weapons inspectors there under provisions of the Treaty. In addition to preparing plans to send an additional 50,000 troops and hundreds of combat aircraft and ships to the region, Clinton also launched a diplomatic initiative which eventually included personal visits by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and former President Jimmy Carter. At the time Clinton left office, the fuel rods remained locked up, the inspectors remained on site, and an Agreed Framework signed in 1994 put the brakes on North Korea's nuclear program for the next eight years.

George W. Bush took a different approach. He refused to negotiate with "bad guys", and agreed with his Defense

Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to isolate the North Korean regime and wait for its eventual collapse. As a result, by the end of 2002 the inspectors were gone, some 8,000 fuel rods previously held under lock and key were now being processed into bomb-grade plutonium, and the threat the world faced from North Korea became a nuclear one.

One might consider how the situation in the Middle East might be different today had Bush not chosen to break off the almost continuous diplomatic involvement of the U.S. in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, going back to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's "shuttle diplomacy" and continuing through Camp David, Madrid, Oslo, Wye River, etc. It's doubtful our continued involvement would have brought complete resolution of the conflict, or entirely prevented the destruction and bloodshed suffered in Ramallah, Bethlehem, Nablus and Gaza, halted the rocket fire into southern Israel or prevented Gazans from turning in desperation to Hamas for a change in leadership. I would think, though, that the outcome would have been better had Bush rejected the advice of his then-National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, given in the midst of the Second Intifada, to simply rely on Ariel Sharon and Yasser Arafat to work things out on their own.

Perhaps Wellborn is right that "diplomacy has never changed any adversary's basic beliefs, interests, or intentions." Franklin Roosevelt probably considered that as

he sat down with Stalin during the fight against Nazism, as did Nixon when he met with Mao and Brezhnev, and Reagan with Gorbachev. It's troubling, though, to think what the world might be like had those meetings not taken place.

Back to Iran; an interesting historical footnote is that the term "blowback" reportedly first appeared in CIA documents detailing the plot against Mossadegh. Loosely translated, the term suggests that there are consequences in not only how we characterize the rest of the world as either "good guys" or "bad guys", but, as a result of what we say and do, how the rest of the world characterizes us. The implications of this were put in the simplest terms by Shia leader Ali al-Sistani as we began our invasion of Iraq when he warned, "We will welcome the Americans as liberators, but will fight them as occupiers."

I don't believe President Obama is being naively idealistic in being willing to meet with the "bad guys". In fact, he was addressing these very people in his Inaugural Address when he said, "... know that you are on the wrong side of history; but that we will extend a hand if you are willing to unclench your fist." Also, I think he's following the advice of another young president in an Inaugural Address given 48 years earlier, "Let us never negotiate out of fear, but let us never fear to negotiate." There's never any guarantee of success when engaging in diplomacy with an adversary. As shown by recent history, though, the alternative can be far worse.

The Lessons of June



By Gregory Wellborn

As the rush of the calendar has suddenly brought us to June, I was reminded of the momentous historical impact that the early days of this month have had in modern times. This particular week in June of 2009 marks the first time that an American president addresses the Muslim world in one of its own timeless and fabled Cities, and, as a consequence, it once again offers an opportunity for the course of history to be dramatically changed.

President Obama is in Cairo to address the Muslim world and offer what he will call a "new beginning between the United States and Muslims around the world; one based upon mutual interest and mutual respect; and one based upon the truth that America and Islam are not exclusive, and need not be in competition." While there is much to admire in that sentiment, it is not by any stretch of the imagination new. The approach echoes the Bush administration's assertions that Muslims, Christians and Jews - in fact all humanity - share an innate desire for freedom and the Bush administration's call for Arab nations to liberalize their totalitarian choke holds on their populations.

Republicans and Democrats can all unite behind these values. But standing as they are - simply well known and universally morally sound prescriptives - they will probably not have much greater affect in changing the course of Middle East history than they have had when articulated by President Bush, or when inculcated in a peace deal offered to Yasser Arafat by President Clinton. In each case then, the words fell on deaf ears.

Perhaps this offer will be received differently. As I listen to President Obama's reverent descriptions of the beauty and uniqueness which is our 200+ year-old American experiment, I sometimes find it difficult to understand why the whole world isn't as moved as I am. President Obama's speech contains the unequivocally true and nonetheless awe inspiring observation that "the United States has been one of the greatest sources of progress that the world has ever known... We were founded upon an ideal that all are created equal, and we have shed blood and struggled for centuries to give meaning to those words." The president also reminded his listeners that his personal story isn't that unique. No doubt the fact that an African-American with the name Barack Hussein Obama became President will appear incredulous to many in his Cairo audience, but that too is part and parcel of America's greatness. "The promise of the dream of opportunity exists for all who come to our shores." To stand in the midst of a very critical foreign audience, which has no experience with authentically democratic government, and to be able to show them we mean them no animus and wish them similar privilege is an amazing opportunity.

Sadly, I am concerned the president's words will not accomplish anything significant. That conclusion is not born of critical nature or cynicism, but of history. You see there have been other Junes in history when words of inspiration and universal appeal failed to free a single soul. 20 years ago on June 4, 1989, millions of Chinese peacefully seized control of Beijing and impassionedly advocated for democracy. Gathering in Tiananmen Square, they assembled freely and called out for the right to choose their leaders and to hold

Theories of how the world works are great, but eventually every theory must reconcile itself to the truth, to reality. Nowhere is there a more explicit confrontation between theory and reality than in President Obama's faith in diplomacy.

them accountable. As we all know from the history of that time and place, their words - eloquent as they may have been - had no power to change the reality in their country. Those who held power and wielded it ruthlessly ordered the army to massacre the protestors that day. The Chinese version of the universal dream didn't necessarily die that day, but it suffered a serious setback. Whether from a sense of real-politik or sober assessment of the limitations of time and distance, the United States spoke in a chorus of support, but we did not lift a hand to help the Chinese that June day.

Another June day, earlier still, witnessed a different story unfolding. On June 6, 1941, the United States put action to words and sent tens of thousands of our youngsters on to the beaches of Normandy to free a continent almost completely lost to slavery and occupation. Thousands shed blood and died - not for friends, not for neighbors, not even for acquaintances. They died for a principal, because of the acknowledgement that unless our words are backed up by action, there are many in the world who will laugh and mock the innate longing for freedom as they deny it to their own citizens and subjects.

To his credit, President Obama at least raises the hope that he has learned the lesson of June, that he means to give weight and action to his assertion that "we will relentlessly confront violent extremists who pose a grave threat to our security", and that the freedom to live as you choose is not just an American idea, but a human right, which he will support everywhere.

We are once again watching history unfold in June. If President Obama intends to support and defend the universal ideals of freedom and democracy, the world will be a better place. If he has simply offered sound bites and retreats to empty threats and diplomatic posturing, the world will have been put at greater risk than any man has a right to cause.

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Stuart Tolchin On..LIFE

WHAT TO DO ABOUT TO DO LISTS



What is your method of trying to get stuff done? The older I get the more difficult it seems to do what I think I must

do. I have always had great problems with procrastination; but usually I managed to get it all done before catastrophes occurred. My typical MO is to leave so many things undone that in order to avoid one task I will actually do another. Before the arrival of my blessed wife paying bills was a nightmare. I would put it off as long as possible and when finally facing the termination of telephone or utility services my kids and I would end up spending a Saturday going to the utility company, the telephone company, and the bank. As time was running short I could never trust myself to properly write out the checks and send them to the creditors fearful that I would address the envelopes incorrectly, or put the phone bill in the utility envelope or vice versa, or fail to put the proper postage on the envelope. You may think that all such worry was nonsense, but previous experience had shown me that if it was possible to make a mistake I would make that mistake. Also it was a cheap way to spend a Saturday afternoon and I think I was teaching a valuable lesson even though I can't quite remember what it was. Oh yeah; do what you have to do to get things done.

This description seems almost like a fantasy today. Really, it was not so long ago- about twenty years or so- and my two kids and I lived in the very same spot in the canyon where my wife of fifteen years and I live now; but today, everything is different. The 600 square foot cabin in which my kids and I and assorted other semi-permanent guests lived

exists no more. The 2,000 square foot house that now occupies the property contains only my wife and myself and rarely houses overnight guests. I no longer pay bills as my wife has wordlessly and thankfully taken over all of these functions that I formerly performed always accompanied by great stress. The interior of the house is a completely different environment containing all manner of technological improvements like computers, and super-huge televisions with replay and taping capabilities and, of course, efficient and comfortable air-conditioning. Yep, I forgot, in our flat-roofed airconditionless house summers were a nightmare requiring action to find more comfortable surroundings. Now, I realize that our house is so comfortable, so full of entertainments and other comforts provided by my wife that I rarely feel the compulsion to leave or to do anything.

Maybe that's the difference. Life has become so comfortable that I resent having to do anything. All I need do now is say I need to do something and I immediately recognize that I probably don't want to do it. I do make To Do Lists and find their accumulation laughable in that nothing seems to get done. I just do not experience the same fears that formerly compelled me to act; it's like going to the bathroom. One goes to the bathroom when one feels the need to go. If the need is not felt then one does not go. HELP! I think I now understand. Please, do not let my wife read this article or I will undoubtedly be required to pay the bills and do the laundry and all that other stuff that I didn't like doing and was not much good at in the first place. Okay, now what other tasks can I avoid? After all, I have to do what I have to do or not do.

An Argument In Favor Of Gay Marriage



By Hail Hamilton

Regardless of last week's California Supreme Court decision to uphold Proposition 8, I still believe that gay marriage should be culturally acceptable to

those currently opposed to it because it will help create and communicate a more pro-marriage, pro-monogamy society. That's a good point, but I think it reinforces a problem we have in the gay marriage debate - that is, the distinction between the *religious conception* of marriage and the *legal construction* of marriage.

That distinction — the sometimes invisible line between civil and religious law — is the problem; especially when the two are commingled. There is certainly some correlation between legal and moral, but immoral is not *equivalent* to illegal, nor is moral necessarily equivalent to legal. Clearly, there's no direct, inherent connection between legality and morality, and leaving aside outright anarchism, there ought not to be.

This notion that the civil law ought to be distinguishable from moral law might be a bit disconcerting to those who consider their moral values inextricably linked with their political values, but it need not be. John Locke — perhaps the philosopher most responsible for the 'natural law' philosophy of our founding documents — argued that there were three kinds of laws:

1. The divine law.
2. The civil law.
3. The law of opinion.

Of Divine Law, Locke wrote, "men judge whether their actions are sins or duties"; of Civil Law, "whether they be criminal or innocent"; of the Law of Opinion, "whether they be virtues or vices."

If we assume that homosexuality and gay marriage are contrary to God's Law, then we have a classic conflict of Divine Law, Civil Law and the Law of Opinion. Extending "marriage" to homosexual couples is against divine law, but failure to do so violates our civil law of equal rights, and public opinion is mixed.

If we want to follow Locke's distinction between God's Law (Divine), Man's Law (Civil) and peer

pressure (Public Opinion), we need to distinguish between the partnership sanctified by a Church ("Religious Marriage") and the interpersonal contract recognized by the State ("Civil Marriage"). We might call them "Holy Union" and "Civil Union", but they are not the same things.

Religious Marriage, according to the various institutions that conduct it, carries with it certain specific moral duties and meanings. Civil Unions, defined by law and enacted by State institutions, carry very different meanings and obligations. Nowhere in the Bible can I find any reference to religious marriage requiring "sharing of community property", "status as next-of-kin for hospital visits and medical decisions", or "judicial protections and evidentiary immunity of spouses".

Yet, with no religious basis at all, we've incorporated those benefits into civil marriage. How can we still argue that civil marriage is equivalent to religious marriage? We have mixed two separate modes of law, in the process introducing religious judgments into civil law. Therein lies the fault: peers enforced the Law of Public Opinion, government enforced the Civil Law, and God enforced his own law.

From my standpoint, the fact that civil and divine marriage shares the same name is irrelevant. They are separate and distinguishable. No religious person is obligated to accept a Civil Union as a Holy Union, nor are the non-religious obligated to accept a strictly Holy Union as a Civil Union.

That said, we're left with a purely civil legal privilege available to one set of people, but not to another set simply because that civil legal privilege arose from a religious ceremony. If those who object to gay marriage on religious grounds would be consistent, then let them also reject the civil privileges of marriage not contained in the Bible.

Supporters of Proposition 8 should be thoroughly ashamed of themselves. So should the California Supreme Court. Until such a time as we can clearly distinguish religious marriage and civil marriage in legal terms, the law of opinion should be ignored so we can do what is morally right by extending the civil *legal* privileges of marriage to everybody.



Susan Henderson

Knee Jerk Reactions

Most of you reading this column understand what a knee jerk reaction is both, literally and figuratively. When your doctor takes that funny looking, hammer-like tool and taps your knee, your leg moves involuntarily without any thought or action on your part. You also react without giving any thought to the consequences. If the doctor forgets to step aside, he or she just might get kicked as well! That is the literal translation.

Colloquially, anything characterized as a knee jerk reaction means about the same thing. It implies that the person or persons are reacting without giving any thought to their actions or the consequences. Likewise, if you don't move out of the way, you may just get kicked. And that my friends, is what some in Sierra Madre are doing right now. There is a big knee jerk reaction to the alleged "surplus" and calls for action without any serious thought of the consequences.

Don't get me wrong, I could certainly do without the increase in the UUT. I probably pay a larger share than most. After all, I operate a business in the city that uses all of the utilities including telephone and cable. I also live in Sierra Madre and pay the UUT on my home utilities, cable, and telephones, including cell. Each month, my combined UUT contribution is quite hefty. So, while the notion of decreasing the amount of taxes being paid might sound good it just doesn't make any sense at this time.

Actually, I don't believe that the call for halting and/or amending the UUT is a knee jerk reaction. I think it is really political grandstanding. The very person that is calling for it is probably running for re-election next April and what a better way to gain popularity with voters than to offer them a tax-cut? What a better way to gain popularity among voters than to cry that 'you've been duped, you've been misled, you've been cheated'? Sound familiar? I think the citizens of this town better look at the situation very carefully before the Pied Piper leads us right into chaos.

First of all, from everything that I have seen (the audit reports) and discussed with not only City Officials but also cpa's, the city does not have an extra million dollars. The general fund balance at the end of the 2007 FY had an extraordinary balance of slightly over a \$1 million dollars. That's true. But what the knee jerkers keep ignoring is that while the General Fund had more money than it should have, other funds were short. Just ask members of the Senior Commission. And, after all the audits were completed, is there any extra

money lying around? Couldn't be, because if so, the interest on the \$227,000 in senior grant funds that the city has been holding would have been paid at the appropriate rate rather than a compromised 1%. Look at it this way. If you mistakenly put your money in your checking account instead of your savings, does that mean you have EXTRA money or does it mean you need to transfer it to where it belongs?

Secondly, was there anyone sitting on the Finance Oversight Committee that was not aware that the audits had been completed? Was there anyone sitting on that committee that did not know of the very serious problems with our finance department before this administration came along? I don't think so, since many closed session meetings of the council deal with the aftermath of those employees. It is egregious to suggest that the committee and the people of Sierra Madre were misled into imposing the tax increase.

Third, the UUT was passed as a compromise with the Police Officer's Association as a way to cover part (not all) of the expense of our police, paramedics and firefighters. Those expenses have not changed and IF there were an EXTRA \$1 million dollars, that would not cover the expense of the increase for very long - maybe two years.

And last, but certainly not least, even IF we did have an EXTRA \$1 million dollars, with the state of our economy and the budget problems in Sacramento, it would be in this city's best interest to not only hold on to it, but also to continue with the UUT to make certain we can maintain our city's services.

Right now, Sierra Madre is ripe for the taking. Think about this....in an article in the Pasadena Star News, an editorial discussed our need to rethink the UUT. If we should scale it back what happens to our police, fire and paramedic services. We would have to contract them out...correct? And just whom do you think would be the most likely to benefit from such? Certainly not the citizens of Sierra Madre. However, the lucky department that landed the contract, whether it be the Sheriff's Department, Pasadena PD (hmmm) or the Arcadia PD, would suddenly get a boost in their revenue. And our services....well, I certainly don't want to trade our response time for fire, police or paramedic services for the response time of any of those entities. No disrespect, but our town is managed much more efficiently by our own police, paramedics and firefighters.

So Sierra Madreans, wise up. Don't be fooled by the grand standing and political games that are being played. We have all of our audits completed. We know where we stand financially. And yes, we do know that we will have to tighten our belts in order to maintain our city, but not at the expense of public safety. Don't fall for the okay doke. Wake up, wise up and pay attention and watch out for that knee jerk...you might just get kicked!



Rich Johnson

Adultery

I apologize, particularly to the six confirmed readers of my column, for my absence from the paper last week. I was caught up in being forced to act (more like pose) as an adult for much of the last few weeks and I am exhausted.

What was I doing? Well, as the president and CEO of my company, I had to prepare and submit a proposal to my major client in order to keep doing business with them. Since revenue from this relationship involves a healthy six figures annually I decided complying with their "Request for Proposal" (RFP) was probably a good idea.

So, in preparing spreadsheets, pricing comparisons, revenue analysis, projections and all the attendant BS that accompanies these kinds of proposals, I found myself forced to act like an adult for a short period. I refer to this temporary aberrant behavior as adultery (What, the word means something else to you?)

Adultery is a hard slug. Does this happen to you? If so, we are not alone in our difficulty juxtaposing between child and adult. One of the eminent sages of our time, Johnny Depp, once admitted, "I'm not sure I'm adult yet." Hey Johnny, in my book, pretending to be a pirate is as childlike as it gets. ☹

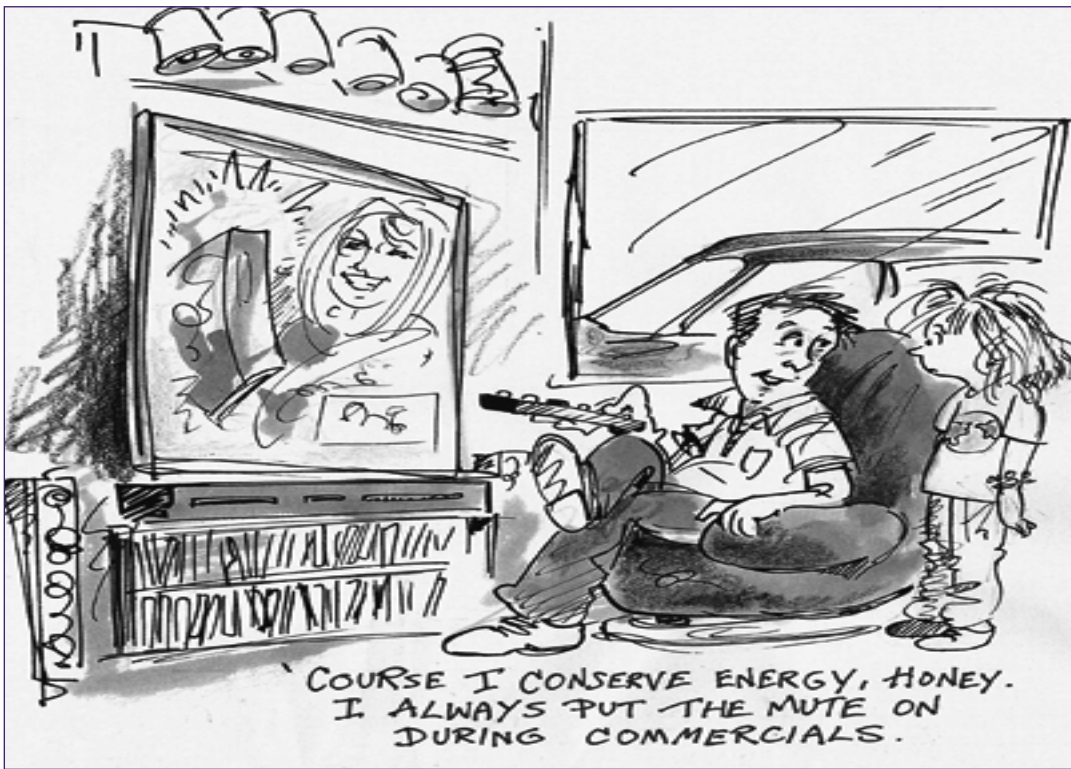
What's more, some pop psychologist named Freud once said, "What a distressing contrast there is between the radiant intelligence of the child and the feeble mentality of the average adult."

Now, I grant you, there is a time and a place where it is appropriate to be an adulterer, umm, I mean act like an adult. But I think those times and places should be severely limited in our everyday lives.

The rest of the time should be spent viewing life through the prism of a child. George Bernard Shaw agrees with me as he once said, "Youth is such a wonderful thing. What a crime it is to waste it on children."

A good example of how this attitude shift works in day-to-day life was my experience participating in the raising of two small children. As an adult the temptation in parenting is to tolerate bad behavior as long as humanly possible. Eventually you will lose your cool and start yelling at the kids in anger. I decided to approach childrearing more as a game. Example: Using the childlike pastime of make believe, I pretended to get really angry at my kids long before I would actually lose control. When my feigned belligerence got my kids attention, I would turnaround, snicker at my wife, turn back, face my kids and let them have it with both barrels. Try it, it's fun.

Start slow. Practice pretending. Go to Fresco's for breakfast, order pancakes and make happy faces using whip cream. And report back to me with any questions or concerns. Nanner-nanner.



FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-077987

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BAKMI PARAHYANEAN**, 989-13 GLENDORA AVE., WEST COVINA, CA 91790. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **LONNY CHANDRA, RONNY GUNAWAN**, 16214 CODWELL ST., LA PUENTE, CA 91744. This Business is conducted by: **HUSBAND AND WIFE**. Signed: **RONNY GUNAWAN**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/22/09**. 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. 09-0774082

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CAR REPAIR CONSULTANTS**, 2029 CENTURY PARK EAST #1360, L.A., CA 90677. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **TRUEMAN TAYLOR**, 3656 VINTON AVE., #1, L.A., CA 90034. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **TRUEMAN TAYLOR**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/26/09**. 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. 09-0793554

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **EQUILIBRIUM PILATES**, 5842 BELLFLOWER BLVD., LAKEWOOD, CA 90713. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **KATIA FERREIRA**, 8221 LANGDON AVE. APT. 209, VAN NUYS, CA 91406. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **KATIA FERREIRA**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/28/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on MARCH/2009.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0791714

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **I. ESSERE SEAMLESS 2. GRATIA WEAR 3. BEANER**, 1026 S. SANTA FE #302, L.A., CA 90021. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **AMERICAN TRAITS CLOTHING, INC.**, 1026S. SANTA FE #302, L.A., CA 90021. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**. Signed: **AURORA MORCFO**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/28/09**. 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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File No. 09-0768173

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GREAT NORTHWEST ENTERPRISE**, 1655 GREENCASTLE AVE., #B, ROWLAND HTS., CA 91748. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **STEVEN HUNG JUNG CHOU**, 1655 GREENCASTLE AVE. #B, ROWLAND HTS., CA 91748. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **STEVEN CHOU**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/22/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1988.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0793928

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SERA COLLECTION RESEARCH SERVICES LLC**, 4735 MYRTLE ST., PICO RIVERA, CA 90660. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **SERA COLLECTION RESEARCH SERVICES LLC**, 4735 MYRTLE ST., PICO RIVERA, CA 90660. This Business is conducted by: **A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**. Signed: **MONICA LOPEZ/OWNER**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/28/09**.

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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0774560

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **TWILIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIOS**, 519 S. WESTMORELAND AVE. #104, L.A., CA 90020. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JOSE M. GONZALEZ**, 519 S. WESTMORELAND AVE. #104, L.A., CA 90020. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **JOSE MANUEL GONZALEZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/26/09**. 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. 09-0773814

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ECLIPSE GLASS & MIRROR GALLERIA**, 9969 BELCHER ST., DOWNEY, CA 90242. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ROMY RAMIREZ**, 9969 BELCHER ST., DOWNEY, CA 90242. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **ROMY RAMIREZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/19/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0792180

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **I VISION & STAFFING 2 VISION EMPLOYMENT AND TAX SERVICE**, 711 S. KERN AVE., L.A., CA 90022. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **LETICIA LOPEZ**, 3214 PORTOLA AVE., L.A., CA 90032. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **LETICIA LOPEZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/28/09**. 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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FILE NO. 2009-0774270 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **MARISCOS EL REY 2 / MARISCOS EL REY 2 MEXICAN FOOD**, 6417 ATLANTIC AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90805. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 4/3/09, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 09-0486499. The business was conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 05/26/2009. 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: **CIRIA HISAMAR GAMBINO ARMENTA/OWNER**. Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0749119

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **2 MATRESSES 555 PEARLBLOSSOM HWY., PALMDALE, CA**. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **YVONNE CHAVEZ**, 8464 S. GATE AVE. APT. D, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **YVONNE CHAVEZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/20/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0739814

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ECLIPSE GLASS & MIRROR GALLERIA**, 9969 BELCHER ST., DOWNEY, CA 90242. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ROMY RAMIREZ**, 9969 BELCHER ST., DOWNEY, CA 90242. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **ROMY RAMIREZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/19/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0732220

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MI INDUSTRIES**, 1826 CLUB DR., POMONA, CA 91768. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MICHAEL ANTHONY FLORES**, 1826 CLUB DR., POMONA, CA 91768. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **MICHAEL ANTHONY FLORES**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/18/09**. 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. 09-0661324

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ME 99 AL**, 10125 ROSEWOOD AVE., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ALFREDO MENDEZ**, 10125 ROSEWOOD AVE., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **ALFREDO MENDEZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/05/09**. 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. 09-0731124

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MOBILE DAVINCI**, 4067 HARDWICK ST. #246, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **PREMIER CAPITAL INVESTMENT, INC.**, 4067 HARDWICK ST., 246, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**. Signed: **KAREN SUYK/R/SECR**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/18/09**. 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. 09-0725544

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. ROGER WPT RUN 2. ACCURATE LOCK & KEY BY ROGER 2. AARP SECURITY SYSTEMS**, 16592 BORDEAUX LANE, HUNTINGTON HARBOR, CA 92649. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ROGER NOOR**, 16592 BORDEAUX LANE, HUNTINGTON HARBOR, CA 92649. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **ROGER NOOR**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/15/09**.

The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/01/08.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0732870

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SANAMLUANG CAFE**, 1648 INDIAN HILL BLVD. #C, POMONA, CA 91767. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MRS. SOMCHIT JOHNPRADIT**, 8818 PASO ROBLES AVE., NORTHRIDGE, CA 91325. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **SOMCHIT JOHNPRADIT**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/18/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on MAY 1, 09.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0733082

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SOSA JANITORIAL SERVICE**, 926 10th ST., SANTA MONICA, CA 90405. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **RUDY SOSA**, 1926 10th ST., SANTA MONICA, CA 90405. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **RUDY SOSA**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/18/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/1/09.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 09-0756816

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **STANLEY REPAIRS**, 915 S. MATEO ST. #308, L.A., CA 90021. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **SOO YOUN KIM**, 6184 CANARY CIR., BUENA PARK, CA 90620. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **SOO YOUN KIM**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/21/09**. 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. 2009-0732897 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **SANAMLUANG CAFE**, 1648 INDIAN HILL BLVD. #C, POMONA, CA 91767. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 9/20/05, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 05-2267579. The business was conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 05/18/2009. 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: **SANAH MANECWARN/OWNER**. Publish: Mountain Views News
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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 1293

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE TO ADD CHAPTER 13.14 TO TITLE 13 OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE DISCHARGE OF FATS, OILS AND GREASE INTO THE PUBLIC SEWER THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Sierra Madre Ordinance No. 1293 enacts Chapter 13.14 to be added to Title 13 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code. Chapter 13.14 regulates the discharge of Fats, Oil and Grease” (“FOG”) to the public sewer and specifies appropriate FOG discharge requirements for food service establishments in order to prevent blockages of the sewer lines resulting from such discharges. Further, Chapter 13.14 complies with federal, state, and local policies regarding sanitary service overflow and to allow the city to meet applicable standards and provisions for the regulations of wastewater or waste containing fats, oil and grease discharges to the sewer facilities. Lastly, Chapter 13.14 will minimize Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) by regulating, prohibiting and controlling discharge of FOG to the sewer system by any Food Service Establishment (FSE) in compliance with the State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2006-0003.

Section 2. Chapter 13.14 establishes a Program Manager to develop and implement rules and regulations to enforce and administer Chapter 13.14 and the City’s FOG control program. The City shall provide each FSE with a copy of all rules and regulations of the City’s FOG control program, with the burden placed on FSEs to comply with such rules and regulations. A limited food preparation establishment is not considered an FSE for purposes of Chapter 13.14.

Section 3. Chapter 1314 prohibits FSEs from doing the following:

- Discharging to the sewer system any FOG which may accumulate and/or cause or contribute to blockages in the sewer system or at the sewer lateral.
- Installing food grinders with any new FSE construction. All existing food grinders shall be removed from FSEs within one hundred eighty days of the effective date of this ordinance.
- Introducing any additives into a FSE’s sewer system for the purpose of emulsifying FOG, unless a specific written authorization from the Program Manager is obtained.
- Cooking oil into the sewer system. All waste cooking oils shall be collected and stored properly in receptacles, such as barrels or drums, for recycling or other acceptable methods of disposal, in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws or regulations.
- Discharging dishwasher wastewaters to any grease control device.
- Discharging wastewater with temperatures in excess of one hundred forty degree Fahrenheit to any to any grease control device.
- Using biological additives for grease remediation or as a supplement to interceptor maintenance, without prior authorization from the Program Manager.
- Discharging wastes from toilets, urinals, washbasins and other fixtures containing fecal materials to sewer lines intended for grease interceptor service.

I. Discharging any waste, including FOG and solid materials removed from the grease control device, to the sewer system. Grease removed from grease interceptors shall be waste hauled periodically as part of the operation and maintenance requirements for grease interceptors.

J. Operating of grease interceptors with FOG and solids accumulation exceeding twenty-five percent of the total operating depth of the grease interceptor (“twenty-five percent rule”) is prohibited.

Section 4. Under Chapter 13.14, new construction of FSEs shall be required to install grease interceptors prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy. Existing FSEs undergoing remodeling or any change in operations may be required to install grease interceptors unless a conditional waiver has been obtained by the Project Manager. Existing FSEs are required to install a grease interceptor if the Program Manager makes a determination (by inspection, sampling or other means) that the existing FSE(s) currently is or has the reasonable potential to adversely impact the sewer system by causing or contributing to hot spots, FOG-related blockages or interference sewer system flows, or SSOs. If the Program Manager makes this determination, the FSE(s) shall install a grease interceptor within one hundred eighty days after receipt of official notification from the city unless said FSE obtains a conditional waiver in lieu of a grease interceptor.

Section 5. Chapter 13.14 provides that any existing FSE may obtain a conditional waiver from the Program Manager, in order to avoid compliance with the grease interceptor requirement. The FSE bears the burden of demonstrating, to the Program Manager’s reasonable satisfaction, that the installation of a grease interceptor is not necessary and that acceptable alternatives such as, but not limited to, installation of a grease trap(s) or implementation of BMPs will be sufficient to prevent significant FOG discharges from the applicant FSE.

Section 6. Under Chapter 13.14, an existing FSE may obtain a conditional waiver from the installation of a grease interceptor from the Program Manager, if the FSE demonstrates that it is impossible or impracticable to install, operate or maintain a grease interceptor. The FSE bears the burden of demonstrating, to the Program Manager’s reasonable satisfaction, that the installation of a grease interceptor is not feasible or applicable upon a determination of one or more of the following conditions:

- The FSE can substantively demonstrate that it employs an alternative pretreatment technology that is equivalent or better than a grease interceptor in controlling its FOG discharge;
- The FSE provides evidence through downstream visual monitoring of the sewer system, for at least three months, at its own expense, that no visible accumulation of FOG in its lateral and/or tributary downstream sewer lines is occurring;
- There is no potential for FOG from the FSE to cause or contribute to SSOs;
- The FSE discharges of FOG are negligible and have an insignificant impact to the sewer system;
- The FSE may use or may be required to install grease traps, in lieu of installation of a grease interceptor, and/or may be required to pay a grease cleaning fee, when:
 - There is not adequate space for the installation and/or maintenance of a grease interceptor.
 - There is not adequate slope for gravity flow between kitchen plumbing fixtures and the grease interceptor and/or between the grease interceptor and the private collection lines or the public sewer system.
- No alternative pretreatment can be installed.

Section 7. Chapter 13.14 requires an FSE to agree to either hire a contractor to clean and inspect the sewer main, as may be established in the rules and regulations, or pay an annual grease cleaning fee to the city for the increased cost to clean the sewer system. The grease cleaning fee shall be established by resolution or ordinance of the City Council, and shall be based on the estimated annual increased cost of maintaining the sewer system for inspection and removal of FOG and other viscous or solidifying agents attributable to the FSE resulting from the lack of a grease interceptor or grease control device.

Section 8. Under Chapter 13.14, the conditional waiver shall be valid only so long as the FSE remains in compliance with all requirements Chapter 13.14, including, but not limited to, the requirements to apply for a new or renewed business license and to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs). A conditional waiver may be revoked at any time when any of the terms and conditions for its issuance is not satisfied or if the conditions upon which the conditional waiver is based change so that the justification for the waiver no longer exists. Appeal of any suspension or revocation may be had as provided in Chapter 13.14.

Section 9. Pursuant to Chapter 13.14, the Program Manager’s determination to revoke a conditional waiver shall be based upon, but not limited to, the evaluation of the following conditions:

- Quantity of FOG discharge as measured or as indicated by the size of FSE based on seating capacity, number of meals served, menu, water usage, amount of on-site consumption of prepared food and other conditions that may reasonably be shown to contribute to FOG discharges.
- Adequacy of implementation of BMPs and compliance history.
- Change in sewer size, grade, condition based on visual information, deposits of FOG in the sewer by the FSE, and the history of maintenance and sewage spills in the receiving sewer system.
- Changes in operations that significantly affect FOG discharge.
- Any other condition deemed reasonably related to the generation of FOG discharges by the Program Manager.

Section 10. Chapter 13.14 requires full compliance with the provisions of Chapter 13.14 for the valid issuance of any FSE business license pursuant to Title 5 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code.

Section 11. Chapter 13.14 requires all FSEs to implement BMPs in their operation to minimize the discharge of FOG to the sewer system. The requirements and guidelines for BMPs are to be followed, which may include kitchen practices and employee training that are essential to minimizing FOG discharges, and which may be specified in the rules and regulations. BMPs shall include, at a minimum, installation of drain screens, segregation and collection of waste cooking oil, and proper management, disposal of food waste into the trash or garbage, maintenance of kitchen exhaust filters and kitchen signage. All FSE shall provide employee training within one hundred eighty days of the effective date of this chapter, to all new employees within ten days of their employment, and to all employees twice each calendar year, on BMPs. Training shall be documented and employee signatures retained indicating each employee’s attendance and understanding of the practices reviewed. Training records shall be available for review upon request by the Program Manager or an authorized inspector.

Section 12. Under Chapter 13.14, property owners of commercial properties shall be responsible for the installation and maintenance of the grease interceptor(s) serving multiple FSEs that are located on a single parcel.

Section 13. Chapter 13.14 provides that FSEs found to have contributed to a sewer blockage, SSOs or any sewer system interferences resulting from the discharge of wastewater or waste containing FOG, may be ordered to install and maintain a grease interceptor, and may be subject to a plan or business license conditions to abate the nuisance and prevent any future health hazards created by sewer line failures and blockages, SSOs or any other sewer system interferences. SSOs may cause injury to public health, safety, and welfare of life and threaten life and property and are hereby declared public nuisances. Furthermore, sewer lateral failures and SSOs caused by FSEs alone or collectively, are the responsibility of the private property owner and FSE, and individual(s) as a responsible officer or owner of the FSE(s). If the city must act immediately to contain and dean up a SSO caused by blockage of a private or public sewer lateral or system serving a FSE, or at the request of the property owner or operator of the FSE, or because of the failure of the property owner or FSE to abate the condition causing immediate threat of injury to the health, safety, welfare or property of the public, the city’s costs for such abatement may be entirely borne by the property owner and/or operator of the FSE, and individual(s) as a responsible officer or owner of the FSE(s) and shall constitute a debt to the city and become due and payable upon the city’s demand for reimbursement of such costs.

Section 14. Under Chapter 13.14, grease interceptor sizing and installation shall conform to Uniform Plumbing Code Chapter 10. Grease interceptors shall be constructed in accordance with the design approved by the Program Manager and shall have a minimum of two compartments with fittings designed for grease retention. The grease interceptor shall be installed at a location where it shall be at all times easily accessible for inspection, cleaning, and removal of accumulated grease. Access manholes, with a minimum diameter of twenty-four inches, shall be provided over each grease interceptor chamber and sanitary tee. The access manholes shall extend at least to finished grade and be designed and maintained to prevent water inflow or infiltration. The manholes shall also have readily removable covers to facilitate inspection, grease removal, and wastewater sampling activities.

Section 15. Under Chapter 13.14, FSEs may be required to install grease traps in the waste line leading from drains, sink and other fixtures or equipment where grease may be introduced into the sewer system in quantities that can cause blockage. Sizing and installation of grease traps shall conform to Uniform Plumbing Code Chapter 10, or as required by the Program Manager. Grease traps shall be maintained by removing accumulated grease on a daily basis, or as often as required or necessary to ensure efficient operating conditions. Grease traps shall be maintained free of all food residues and any FOG waste removed during the cleaning and scraping process. Grease traps shall be inspected periodically to check for leaking seams and pipes, and for effective operation of the baffles and flow regulating device. Grease traps and their baffles shall be maintained free of all caked-on FOG and waste. Removable baffles shall be removed and cleaned during the maintenance process. Dishwashers and food waste disposal units shall not be connected to or discharged into any grease trap.

Section 16. Chapter 13.14 requires grease interceptors to be maintained in efficient operating condition by periodic removal of the full content of the interceptor which includes wastewater, accumulated FOG, floating materials, sludge and solids. All existing and newly installed grease interceptors shall be maintained in a manner consistent with a maintenance frequency approved by the Program Manager pursuant to this Section 13.14.150 of Chapter 13.14.

Section 17. Pursuant to Chapter 13.14, all FSEs shall meet the requirements and standards for monitoring and/or sampling necessary to comply with the purposes of Chapter 13.14 before discharging to any public sewer. Requirements for monitoring and/or sampling may be specified and described in the rules and regulations and in Section 13.14.150.

Section 18. Chapter 13.14 requires all FSEs to keep all manifests, receipts and invoices of all cleaning, maintenance, grease removal of/from the grease control device, disposal carrier and disposal site location for no less than two years. The FSE shall, upon request, make the manifests, receipts and invoices, which are described in Section 13.14.160 available to any city representative or inspector. Chapter 13.14 makes unlawful the making of any false statement, representation, record, report, plan or other document that is filed with the city, to destroy any record required to be maintained by this chapter, or to tamper with or knowingly render inoperable any grease control device, monitoring device or method or access point required under Chapter 13.14.

Section 19. Under Chapter 13.14, the Program Manager may inspect or order the inspection and sample the wastewater discharges of any FSE to ascertain whether the FSE is complying with all requirements of this chapter. The FSE shall allow city representatives or inspectors access to the FSE premises, during normal business hours, for purposes of inspecting the FSE’s grease control devices or interceptor, reviewing, and if necessary, copying, of notices, monitoring reports, manifests, receipts, invoices relating to the cleaning, maintenance and inspection of the grease control devices or interceptor subject to the confidentiality provision set forth in Chapter 13.14. All such records shall be kept by the FSE a minimum of two years. The

Program Manager shall have the right to place, or order the placement on the FSE’s property, such devices as are necessary to conduct sampling or metering operations.

Section 20. Pursuant to Chapter 13.14, persons or occupants of premises where wastewater is created or discharged shall allow the Program Manager or other city representative, reasonable access to all parts of the wastewater generating and disposal facilities for the purposes of inspection and sampling during all times the discharger’s facility is open, operating, or any other reasonable time free of any interference, delay or resistance to city representatives attempting to inspect any facility involved directly or indirectly with a discharge of wastewater to the sewer system. In the event of an emergency involving an actual or imminent sanitary sewer overflow, city representatives may access FSEs, or adjoining businesses or properties which share a sewer conveyance system with a FSE, in order to prevent or remediate an actual or imminent SSO.

Section 21. Under Chapter 13.14, in the event a FSE is unable to comply with any of the requirements Chapter 13.14 due to a breakdown of equipment, accidents, or human error or the FSE has reasonable opportunity to know that his/her/its discharge will exceed the discharge provisions of this chapter, the discharger shall immediately notify the city by telephone at the number specified in the rules and regulations. If the material discharged to the sewer has the potential to cause or result in sewer blockages or SSOs, the discharger shall immediately notify the local health department or county, and the city. Such notification shall not relieve the FSE of any expense, loss, damage or other liability which may be incurred as a result of damage or loss to the city or any other damage or loss to person or property.

Section 22. Chapter 13.14 requires all FSEs to notify the city at least sixty days in advance prior to any facility expansion/remodeling, or process modifications that may result in new or substantially increased FOG discharges or a change in the nature of the discharge.

Section 23. Section 13.14.210 of Chapter 13.14 sets out specific enforcement provisions to govern the discharges to the city’s system by FSEs. Inspection for compliance with Chapter 13.14 of FSEs shall be conducted in the time, place, manner and frequency determined at the sole discretion of the Program Manager. Noncompliance with BMPs, twenty-five percent rule for grease interceptors, maintenance frequency requirements for grease interceptors, or any provisions of this chapter may be determined by an inspection of the FSE. Any FSE determined to be in noncompliance with Chapter 13.14 shall pay a noncompliance fee established by City Council resolution. The purpose of the noncompliance fee is to compensate the city for costs of additional inspections and follow-up, sampling, monitoring, laboratory analysis, treatment, disposal, and administrative processing incurred as a result of the noncompliance, and shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any civil or criminal penalties as may be assessed.

Section 24. Pursuant to Chapter 13.14, upon determination that a FSE is not in compliance with Chapter 13.14, or needs to construct and/or acquire and install a grease control device or grease interceptor, the Program Manager may require the FSE to enter into a Compliance Schedule Agreement (CSA). If compliance is not achieved in accordance with the terms and conditions of a CSA during its term, the Program Manager may issue an order suspending or revoking the FSE business license in accordance with Chapter 13.14.

Section 25. Chapter 13.14 provides that a hearing officer may suspend any FSE business license when it is determined that the FSE has done any of the following:

- Has failed to comply with the terms and conditions of a CSA.
- Knowingly provided a false statement, representation, record, report or other document to the city.
- Refused to provide records, reports, plans, or other documents required by the city to determine discharge compliance, or compliance with this chapter, or knowingly destroyed such documents.
- Falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or sample collection method.
- Refuses reasonable access to the FSE premises for the purpose of inspection and monitoring.
- Does not make timely payment of all amounts owed to the city for user charges, business license fees, inspection fees or any fees imposed pursuant to this chapter.
- Causes interference, sewer blockages, or SSOs with the city’s collection, treatment, or disposal system.
- Violates grease interceptor maintenance requirements, any condition or limit imposed on the FSE’s business license or any provision of this chapter or other applicable law.

Section 26. Section 13.14.240 of Chapter 13.14 establishes a procedure whereby the Program Manager, who has reason to believe that grounds exist for business license suspension, can suspend a business license for noncompliance with Chapter 13.14. These procedures require the following:

- The Program Manager must give written notice thereof by certified mail to the FSE setting forth a statement of the facts and grounds deemed to exist, together with the time and place where the charges shall be heard by a hearing officer. The hearing date shall be not less than fifteen calendar days or more than forty-five calendar days after the mailing of such notice.
- At the suspension hearing, the FSE shall have an opportunity to respond to the allegations set forth in the notice by presenting written or oral evidence. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with procedures established by the Director and approved by the City Attorney.
- The hearing officer shall prepare a written report setting forth a brief statement of facts found to be true, a determination of the issues presented, and conclusions.
- The hearing officer shall issue his or her decision and order in writing within thirty calendar days after the conclusion of the hearing. The written decision and order of the hearing officer shall be sent by certified mail to the FSE or its legal representative at the FSE’s business address.
- An order of business license suspension issued by the hearing officer shall be final in all respects on the sixteenth day after it is mailed to the FSE, unless an appeal is filed with the City Clerk pursuant to Chapter 13.14 regarding appeals to the City Council no later than 5:00 p.m. on the fifteenth day following such mailing
- Upon an order of suspension becoming final, the FSE shall immediately cease and desist its discharge and shall have no right to discharge any wastewater containing FOG directly or indirectly to the sewer system for the duration of the suspension. The FSE shall also have no right to conduct business in the city for the duration of the suspension. All costs for physically terminating and reinstating service shall be paid by the FSE.

Section 27. Under Chapter 13.14, any person who discharges any waste which causes or contributes to any sewer blockage, SSOs, obstruction, interference, damage, or any other impairment to the sewer system or to the operation of those facilities shall be liable for all costs required to clean or repair the facilities together with expenses incurred by the city to clean up any resulting sewage spills, and to resume normal operations.

Section 28. Chapter 13.14 provides that any person who discharges waste which causes or contributes to the city violating its discharge requirements established by any regulatory agency, incurring additional expenses or suffering losses or damage to the facilities, shall be liable for any costs or expenses incurred by the city, including regulatory fines, penalties, and assessments made by other agencies or a court.

Section 29. Chapter 13.14 states that discharge of wastewater in any manner in violation of Chapter 13.14 or of any order issued by the Program Manager, hearing officer or City Manager is hereby declared a public nuisance and shall be corrected or abated as directed by the Program Manager or City Manager.

Section 30. Under Chapter 13.14, any person creating a public nuisance is guilty of a misdemeanor. No prosecution of any public nuisance action shall preclude the city from pursuing any other remedy for a violation Chapter 13.14.

Section 31. Chapter 13.14 provides that the city, by order of the Director, may physically terminate sewer service to any property as follows:

- On a term of any order of suspension or revocation of a business license; or
- Upon the failure of a person not holding a valid business license to immediately cease the discharge, whether direct or indirect, to the sewer system after the notice and the completion of any process relating to permit suspension or revocation.

All costs for physical termination shall be paid by the owner or operator of the FSE as well as all costs for reinstating service.

Section 32. Chapter 13.14 provides that the city may, by order of the City Manager, suspend sewer service when the City Manager determines that such suspension is necessary in order to stop an actual or impending discharge which presents or may present an imminent or substantial endangerment to the health and welfare of persons, or to the environment, or may cause SSOs, sewer blockages, interference to the sewer system., or may cause the city to violate any state or federal law or regulation. Any discharger notified of and subject to an emergency suspension order shall immediately cease and desist the discharge of all wastewater containing FOG to the sewer system. Following an emergency suspension order, but no later than five business days following the emergency suspension order, a hearing shall be held before the City Manager to present information in opposition of the suspension order in accordance with hearing rules established by the City Manager and approved by the City Attorney.

Section 33. Chapter 13.14 provides that all users of the sewer system and facilities are subject to enforcement actions administratively or judicially brought by the city, U.S. EPA, California Regional Water Quality Control Board, or city attorney. In the event the city is subject to the payment of fines or penalties pursuant to the legal authority and actions of other regulatory or enforcement agencies based on a violation of law or regulation or its permits, and said violation can be established by the city, as caused by the discharge of any user of the sewer system which is in violation of any provision of this chapter, the city shall be entitled to recover from the user all costs and expenses, including, but not limited to, the full amount of said fines or penalties to which it has been subjected.

Section 34. Chapter 13.14 provides that pursuant to the authority of California Government Code Sections 54739-54740, any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be liable civilly for a sum not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars per violation for each day in which such violation occurs. Pursuant to the authority of the Civil Water Act, 33 U.S.C. Section 1251 et seq., any person who violates any provision of this chapter, prohibition, or effluent limit shall be liable civilly for a sum not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars per violation for each day in which such violation occurs.

Section 35. Chapter 13.14 provides that pursuant to the authority of California Government Code Sections 54740.5 and 54740.6, the city may issue an administrative complaint to any person who violates any provision of this chapter, prohibition, or effluent limit subject to the procedures and civil penalties set forth in Section 13.14.300(D).

Section 36. Under Chapter 13.14, any person who violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor, which upon conviction is punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. Each violation and each day in which a violation occurs may constitute a new and separate violation of this chapter and shall be subject to the penalties contained herein.

Section 37. Chapter 13.14 provides that any FSE affected by any administrative decision, action or determination made by the Program Manager or notice of violation issued by any city inspector may file with the Director a written request for a hearing on the decision, action or determination subject to the procedures set forth in Section 13.14.320.

Section 38. Under Chapter 13.14, any FSE adversely affected by a decision, action, or determination made by any hearing officer or the City Manager, except as an appeal may be specifically restricted in this chapter, may, prior to the date that the hearing officer’s order becomes final, file a written appeal with the City Clerk for hearing in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 13.14.330.

Section 39. Except as otherwise provided, all fees, charges and penalties required to be paid pursuant to Chapter 13.14, whether established in Chapter 13.14 or by other ordinance or resolution, are due and payable upon receipt of notice thereof. All such amounts are delinquent if unpaid forty-five days after date of invoice. Any charge that becomes delinquent shall have added to it a penalty in accordance with Section 13.14.340.

Section 40. Chapter 13.14 provides that pursuant to Section 1094.6 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, the city hereby enacts this part to limit to ninety days following final decisions in adjudicatory administrative hearings the time within which an action can be brought to review such decisions by means of administrative mandamus. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the time limits set forth in California Government Code Section 54740, or any successor provisions thereto, shall apply to any challenges to any civil penalty imposed pursuant to Section 13.14.300.

Section 41. Except as provided in Section 13.14.300, judicial review of any decision of the city or its officer or agent may be made pursuant to Section 1094.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure only if the petition for writ of mandate is filed not later than the ninetieth day following the date on which the decision becomes final. If there is no provision for reconsideration in the procedures governing the proceedings or if the date is not otherwise specified, the decision is final on the date it is made. If there is provision for reconsideration, the decision is final upon the expiration of the period during which such reconsideration can be sought; provided that if reconsideration is sought pursuant to such provision the decision is final for the purposes of this section on the date that reconsideration is rejected.

Section 42. Ordinance No. 1293 provides for a severability in the event that any provision of Chapter 13.14 is declared invalid.

Section 43. Ordinance No. 1293 provides that Chapter 13.14 shall take effect thirty days after its adoption pursuant to California Government Code Section 36937.

Section 44. Ordinance No. 1293 provides that Chapter 13.14 has been determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines §§15307 (actions by regulatory agencies for the protection of natural resources), and 15308 (actions by regulatory agencies for the protection of the environment).

Section 45. Ordinance No. 1293 directs the City Clerk to certify the passage and adoption of Chapter 13.14, and to cause the same to be published according to law.

I, NANCY SHOLLENBERGER, CITY CLERK of the City of Sierra Madre, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 1293 was introduced at the regular meeting of the City Council on May 26, 2009,

NANCY SHOLLENBERGER, CITY CLERK

A certified copy of the full text of Sierra Madre Municipal Code Chapter 13.14 is posted in the office of the City Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE TO AMEND CHAPTER 13.12 OF TITLE 13 OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO SANITARY SEWERS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 13.12 of Title 13 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**“CHAPTER 13.12
SANITARY SEWERS
ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

13.12.010. Short title.
This chapter shall be known as the “Sanitary Sewer Ordinance” and may be cited as such.

13.12.020. Definitions.
Unless specifically defined below, words or phrases used in this chapter shall be interpreted so as to give them the meaning they have in common usage and to give this chapter its most reasonable application.
“Director” means the Director of Public Works of the city of Sierra Madre.
“Domestic sewage” means the water borne wastes associated with human habitations and may be contaminated with human excreta, ofal or feculent matter.
“House connection sewer” means that part of the horizontal piping beginning twenty-four (24) inches from the exterior wall of the building or structure and extending to its connection with the main-line sewer, through which is discharged sewage.
“Main-line sewer” means any public sewer in a dedicated right-of-way in which changes in alignment and grade occur only at manholes, or where angle points or curves between manholes have been approved by the county. Such sewers are generally eight inches or more in diameter.
“Public sewer” means the main-line sewer, constructed in a street, highway, alley, place or other public right-of-way dedicated to public use. Public sewer does not include house connection sewer.
“Sewage” means any waterborne wastes transported by the public sewer except storm water, groundwater, roof or yard drainage and includes domestic sewage.

13.12.030. Connection to the public sewer.
All plumbing affecting the sanitary condition of any existing building or other structure located within the boundaries of any lot shall be connected with and drained into a public sewer when existing sewage disposal facilities are inadequate, overflowing, or a menace to public health as determined by the Director.

13.12.040. Connection prohibited through adjoining property; exceptions.
A. No connection from any building or other structure shall hereafter be made to any public sewer if such connection or any portion thereof, is in, under or upon any lot other than the lot on which building or structure is located.
B. If a lot or parcel of land requiring a sewer connection is so situated that access to the public sewer is not possible except across some other lot or parcel of land, a sewer connection may be placed in a recorded easement which includes the right to lay and maintain such connection and is appurtenant to the lot or parcel of land to be served by such sewer connection.

13.12.050. Plumbing fixtures to be connected to public sewer.
On every lot for which a house connection sewer permit is obtained, as required by this chapter, every plumbing fixture requiring drainage shall be connected to the public sewer, and the Director shall be given opportunity to ascertain that all such fixtures are connected.

13.12.060. Sewer service for large parcels.
Where a lot or parcel of land is of sufficient size that the zoning ordinance does not prohibit its division into smaller parcels, each of such possible parcels upon which one or more buildings containing plumbing facilities are located, shall be considered as a separate parcel of land. Separate connections shall be made to the main-line sewer from each of such parcels. If the main-line sewer does not extend to a point from which such parcels of land can be served, the property owner shall construct a main-line sewer so that such parcels may adequately be served.

ARTICLE II. DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION.

13.12.070. Permit Required.
A. No person other than the person specifically excepted by subsection C of this section shall construct or cause to be constructed, alter or cause to be altered any public sewer, main-line sewer, house connection sewer or other similar appurtenance in the city without first obtaining a sewer construction permit from the Director.
B. A sewer construction permit shall expire one year from the date of issuance, except when the plans were approved in accordance with an agreement either with another governmental agency, or with the city in accordance with title 16.
C. No sewer construction permit shall be required permits of contractors constructing public sewers and appurtenances under contracts awarded by the city and entered into under proceedings had or taken pursuant to any of the special procedure statutes of this state providing for the construction of sewers and the assessing of the expense thereof against the lands benefited thereby, or under contracts between the contractor and city.

13.12.080. Application--Form and contents.
A. Any person requiring a sewer construction permit shall make written application to the Director.
B. The Director shall provide printed application forms for the permits required by this chapter, indicating thereon the information to be furnished by the applicant. The Director may require, in addition to the information furnished by the printed form, any additional information from the applicant which will enable the Director to determine that the proposed work or use complies with the provisions of this chapter.
C. No permit shall be issued until the sewer connection charges have been paid as set forth in chapter 13.08.

13.12.090. Plan approval prerequisite to issuance.
A. No sewer construction permit shall be issued until the Director has checked and approved the plans in accordance with section 13.12.100 and the other applicable provisions of this chapter.
B. Any plans submitted for approval under the provisions of this chapter shall be prepared by or under the direction of and shall be signed by a registered civil engineer of the state of California.

13.12.100. Sewer plans.
A. Before a sewer construction permit required by section 13.12.070 may be issued, plans for the proposed construction shall be submitted to and approved by the Director, unless the Director determines that plans are not necessary.
B. After the payment of a plan check fee which shall be set by resolution, the Director shall check the submitted plans for compliance with the requirements of this chapter and other applicable laws and ordinances of the county, state, or other governmental jurisdiction.
C. If plan corrections and other requirements necessary for plan approval have not been completed within one year after the checked plans are returned by the of Director, it shall constitute abandonment of the work and the Director shall so notify the person who has submitted the plans.
D. Approval of a sewer plan shall expire two years from the date of the approval, unless construction of the facilities has commenced
E. Resubmission of abandoned and expired plans shall be subject to new plan check fees.

13.12.110. Main-line sewer.
A. The size of main-line sewer pipe shall be determined by standards of design and the coefficients listed below, but in no case shall it be less than eight inches inside diameter.

For residential zones:	0.004
For commercial zones:	0.015

B. The coefficient to be used for any zoned area not listed will be determined by the Director based upon the intended development and use.
C. The Director shall determine which of the coefficients or combination of coefficients shall be used for design, as determined by the established or proposed zoning in the study area. Any modifications to these coefficients due to topography, development or hazard areas shall be subject to the approval of the Director.

13.12.120. Minimum velocity.
A main-line sewer shall be designed to provide a minimum velocity of two feet per second for pipes flowing one-half full, except that the Director may approve a gradient that will develop a lower velocity if he or she finds that a gradient that will develop a velocity of two feet per second is unobtainable.

13.12.130. Bench marks and elevations.
A system of bench marks on the U.S.G.S. datum and adequate to construct the work shall be shown on the profile. The elevation of the sewer at the point where the system is to be discharged shall be shown as determined in the field from the above shown datum.

13.12.140. Soil conditions.
Soil conditions of public sewers, particularly in areas known to have high groundwater tables, rock, or filled ground, shall be prospected, and the results shown on the profile, if required by the Director.

13.12.150. Grades.
The slope of a public sewer shall be shown on the plans in feet of fall per 100 feet of horizontal distance, expressed as a percentage. Slopes used expressed in percentages shall be divisible, without remainder, by four in the hundredth column. For example, 0.36 percent complies with this section.

13.12.160. Main-line sewers--Alignment and location in street.
Where design considerations permit, main-line sewers shall have a straight alignment, and shall be located five feet from and on the northerly and easterly sides of the centerlines of streets or alleys, except on major or secondary highways where separate sewers shall be located in the roadway six feet from each curbline.

13.12.170. Main-line sewers--Depth.
A. The minimum depth for main-line sewers shall be seven and one-half feet.
B. Where groundwater is present, the depth for residential main-line sewers may be sufficient to provide for a house lateral with a minimum depth of at least five feet below the curb grade or centerline of street or alley grade at the property line.
C. Exceptions to the above minimum may be made only on approval of the Director.

13.12.180. Manhole structures.
Manhole structures shall be placed in the main-line sewer at all changes of alignment and gradient; the maximum distance between structures shall be not more than 350 feet. All structures shall be designed according to the standard drawings for structures on file in the office of the Director. Exceptions to the above requirements may be made only on approval of the Director.

13.12.190. Substructures.
All substructures which will be encountered in the construction or which will be installed as part of the improvement shall be shown and designated on the plan. Large substructures which require special treatment in the design of the public sewer shall also be shown in the profile. The engineer who has prepared the plans shall submit to the Director a statement that he has determined from each utility or other company having substructures in the affected area that the location and size of such structures, as shown on the submitted plans, are the same as shown upon such company’s records.

13.12.200. Pipe materials--Approval required.
A. All pipe other than vitrified clay or cast iron shall first have been approved for use by the Director and shall be equivalent to vitrified clay or cast iron pipe in strength, effectiveness, durability and safety in accordance with the use intended.
B. Before approving any pipe, the Director may require satisfactory proof that such pipe is suitable for use, including actual tests performed by an independent and approved testing laboratory at no expense to the city.

13.12.210. Vitrified clay pipe--Installation specifications.
A. Vitrified clay pipe for main-line sewers shall be constructed of the class designated as extra-strength pipe.
B. Sewer pipe installed under a conduit or other structure, or at depths greater than 20 feet or in other locations where the Director determines that additional protection is required, shall be reinforced with a concrete cradle, or encased in concrete, or reinforced by other approved means which will protect the pipe to the same extent.
C. Sewer pipe installed in streets or public easements with the top of the pipe less than four feet below the surface, as determined during construction or indicated on the plans, shall be encased in concrete, or other approved means to protect the pipe.

13.12.220. Requirements for existing house connection sewers.
If an existing house connection sewer is added to, or altered because of a change of use, such sewer shall be made to conform to the requirements of this chapter which apply to new construction.

13.12.230. Maintenance of house connection sewer.
All house sewer connections, soil pipes and appurtenances thereto between the main-line sewer and the building or structure being served, now existing or hereafter constructed, shall be maintained by the owner of the property served in a safe and sanitary condition, and all devices or safeguards which are required by this code for the operation thereof shall be maintained in good working order by the owner of the property served.

13.10.240. New house connection sewer.
New house connection sewers shall conform to the requirements of this chapter unless otherwise covered by the chapter 15.20 of this code.

13.12.250. House connection sewers--Specifications generally.
A. For each lot, a six-inch internal diameter house connection sewer shall be provided in the street, straight in alignment and grade between the main-line sewer and the property line, with minimum depths as required by section 13.12.170, and at right angles to the mainline sewer whenever possible.
B. Exception: House connection sewers constructed in the street under the provisions of chapter 15.20, or house connection sewers provided in the street for lots restricted to single-family residential use under the provisions of the title 17 of this code may have an internal diameter of four inches.

13.12.260. House connection sewer--Depth.
A. The depth of house connection sewer at the property line shall be sufficient to provide service to the lowest or farthest point to be served on the lot at a minimum grade of two percent, with the top of the pipe not less than one foot below the ground surface at any point.
B. The minimum depth for house connection sewer at the property line shall be six feet below the curb grade or the centerline of street or alley grade, except as set forth in section 13.12.170 for locations where groundwater is present.

13.12.270. Materials and construction--Conformity with standard specifications.
All material used in any work required by this chapter shall be new, first-class material and shall conform to, and the manner of construction shall meet all the requirements prescribed by this chapter and any standards and specifications

on file with the Director. All such work shall be approved by the Director before a certificate of final inspection will be issued.

13.12.280. Inspection; notice.
A. All work required by this chapter shall be subject to inspection by and shall meet the approval of the Director.
B. The permittee shall notify the Director at least 24 hours prior to the time any inspection is to be made.
C. At the time of the inspection the permittee shall have all work uncovered and convenient, and shall give the Director every facility to make a thorough inspection.
D. Within ten days after the Director notifies the permittee that any work is defective, either in its construction or material, the permittee shall reconstruct or remove such work and make it conform to the provisions of this chapter.
E. When it appears to the satisfaction of the Director that all work done under a permit issued under this chapter has been constructed according to, and meets the requirements of, all the applicable provisions of this chapter, and that all fees and deposits have been paid, the Director, if requested, shall cause to be issued to the permittee constructing such work a certificate of final inspection. Such certificate shall recite that such work as is covered by the permit has been constructed according to this chapter and that such work is in an approved condition. Prior to the issuance of the certificate of final inspection, the permittee shall convey such easements as are required to provide present and future sewer service to abutting areas and adequate access for inspection and maintenance as determined by the Director. The easement document shall be in a form acceptable to the Director.

13.12.290. Maintenance inspection.
The Director may inspect as often as he or she deems necessary, every main-line sewer and house connection sewer or similar appurtenances on public or private property to ascertain whether such facilities are maintained and operated in accordance with the provisions of this code. All persons shall permit the Director to have access to all such facilities at all reasonable times. No object, whether a permanent structure, or a temporary structure, or any object which is difficult of removal, shall be placed in such a position as to interfere with the ready and easy access to any such facility. Any such obstruction, upon request of the Director shall be immediately removed by the violator at no expense to the city and shall not be replaced.

ARTICLE III. USE REGULATIONS.

13.12.300. Discharge of objectionable materials prohibited.

A. Except as otherwise provided by this section, no person shall place, deposit or discharge, directly or indirectly, into any public sewer of this city or into any house sewer connection therewith in the city, or on or upon any street, alley or public place or on or upon any private property or any other place in the city in such manner that it will be permitted to run into any such public sewer or house sewer, any of the following substances:

1. Any oil, petroleum, naphtha, liquid asphaltum, petroleum product, fatty matter, rags, sand, soil, or stone dust;
2. Dead animals, fish, fruit or vegetable matter in any form except garbage deposited into the public sewer system by means of garbage grinders as provided in this chapter;
3. Any refuse or industrial liquid waste other than domestic sewage that will not readily disintegrate in the sewage treatment plant or that will cause or tend to cause obstructions in the public sewer system or the sewage treatment plant or interfere or tend to interfere with the efficient and successful operation of the system of the plant, or cause a potential hazard or objectionable odor;
4. Any chemicals or waste destructive to masonry;
5. Grease except in quantities commonly contained in domestic sewage;
6. Any effluent of a temperature exceeding one hundred forty degrees Fahrenheit;
7. Any radioactive waste except where special permit has been granted by the Director and in type and amounts as specified from time to time by the Director. Permission to discharge radioactive waste shall be terminated immediately at the discretion of the Director if in his opinion the discharge constitutes or may constitute a public health hazard;
8. Any industrial waste including but not limited to mineral salts, molds, or wastes resulting from their manufacture and other products which will tend to sterilize activated sludge, trickling filter slimes, or slime growth on artificial or natural slow sand filters.

B. Before any person may discharge alkalis, acids or other corrosive or harmful wastes into the public sewer, he or she shall reduce the biochemical oxygen demand and control the pH to the extent which the Director finds adequate taking all circumstances into consideration.

C. Except as provided in subsection D of this section, no person shall make or maintain any connection with any part of the public sewer for the purpose of discharging sewage or waste which contains any of the objectionable substances mentioned in this section.

D. Whenever any person desires to make or maintain any connection with any part of the public sewer for the purpose of discharging sewage or waste which contains any of the objectionable substances, the person shall apply to the Director for a permit for those purposes. The permit shall be issued only when the Director is satisfied that an adequate intercepting appliance has been provided to prevent the objectionable substance or substances from entering the public sewer. The permit shall be issued only upon payment to the Director of a fee as set by the city council and shall expire one year after the date of its issuance.

1. The permit shall be revocable whenever it appears to the Director that the holder thereof has violated any provision of this chapter or when the intercepting appliance does not prevent the objectionable substance or substances from entering the public sewer. The permit shall be revoked by registered mail to the permittee at the address set forth in the permit. The permit shall be deemed revoked as of the fifth day after receipt of the notice.

2. No holder of any permit issued pursuant to this subsection shall fail to maintain the appliance in a satisfactory working condition.

3. Permits issued under this subsection shall be nontransferable.

13.12.310. Rain and surface water prohibited.
No person shall connect or cause or permit to be connected any roof drain, yard drain or other conduit used for carrying off rain or surface water, with any public sewer or house sewer leading thereto. No person shall cause or permit any indirect connection to the public sewer or house sewer leading thereto by means of which rain or surface waters are permitted to enter the public sewer.

13.12.320. Garbage.
A. Except as provided in chapter 13.14 of this code, garbage resulting from the preparation of any food or drink prepared and served or proposed to be served on the premises may be ground and discharged into the public sewer upon approval of the Director as to the fitness of content determined by an analysis made with United States sieves and based on wet drained weights in accordance with the following:

1. Not less than forty percent shall pass a No. 8 sieve;
2. Not less than sixty-five percent shall pass a No. 3 sieve;
3. Not less than one hundred percent shall pass a one-fourth-inch screen.

B. The method of discharge permitted under this section shall be by flushing with water directly into a trapped outlet into the house plumbing leading to the public sewer. The Director may limit the permissible quantity of garbage to be disposed of through garbage grinders.

13.12.330. Opening manholes.
No person shall open or enter any manhole in any public sewer to dispose of garbage or other deleterious substances or storm or surface waters or for any other like purpose.

13.12.340. Damaging system prohibited.
No person shall remove or damage any portion of any public sewer, or any house connection sewer in a public easement, or use or take any water from any sewer or flushing apparatus for any use whatever.

13.12.350. Backflow prevention.
If an existing plumbing outlet or fixture has been installed or located or if a plumbing outlet or fixture is to be installed or located at an elevation which, in the opinion of the Director, may cause the fixture to overflow by reason of backflow from a main-line sewer, an approved type of backwater trap or sewer valve shall be installed between the outlet and the public sewer in such manner as to prevent sewage from flowing back or backing up into the outlet or plumbing fixture. The trap or valve shall be installed in the basement or in a box or manhole of concrete or cast iron or other material approved by the Director and shall be readily accessible at all times. The trap or valve shall be placed only in the drain serving the outlet or fixture that may be subject to overflow and no sewage from outlet or fixtures not subject to overflow shall pass through the trap or valve. If the property owner fails to install and maintain a backwater trap or valve in good working condition when required to do so by the Director, the Director may order and require the plumbing fixture to be disconnected and removed and the plumbing outlet be plugged or capped.

ARTICLE IV. ENFORCEMENT.

13.12.360. Authority to discontinue service.
The Director may refuse or terminate service for noncompliance with this chapter, chapter 13.14, or any other city code or regulations relating to the public sewer.

13.12.370. Investigation powers.
Each duly authorized city employee and representative shall carry evidence establishing his or her position as such, and upon exhibiting the proper credentials and identification, shall be permitted to enter in and upon any and all buildings, industrial facilities and properties for the purpose of inspection, observation, assessment, sampling, testing or otherwise performing such duties as may be necessary in the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations of the city. If such entry is refused, the city shall have recourse to every remedy provided by law to secure entry.

13.12.380. Appeals.
A. Decisions of the Director may be appealed to the City Manager.
B. Within thirty days of the filing date of a written appeal, the City Manager shall conduct a hearing on the appeal. The City Manager shall give the appellant at least five days’ mailed notice of the date, time, and location of the hearing at the address(es) specified on the appeal. The failure of any appellant to receive a properly addressed notice of hearing shall not invalidate any action or proceeding by the city pursuant to this chapter.
C. Appeal hearings are informal, and formal rules of evidence and discovery do not apply. Subject to the reasonable discretion of the City Manager to ensure an efficient and effective hearing, the appellant and the city may present testimony, witnesses, and evidence pertaining to the alleged nuisance or the ground(s) of appeal, as well as to cross-examine any witnesses testifying at the hearing.
D. The failure of the appellant to appear at the hearing without such cause as the City Manager may deem sufficient to justify a continuance shall constitute a default and render the decision of the Director final.
E. The decision of the City Manager is final and binding. A decision shall be accompanied by the following: “This is a final administrative decision of the City; judicial review of this decision is subject to the time limits set forth in California Code of Civil Procedure Sections 1094.6 et seq.”

13.12.390 Violation--Notification--Abatement required.
A violation of this chapter is declared a public nuisance which may be abated in the manner set forth in Chapter 8.16.

13.12.400. Occupancy of buildings or operation of facility in violation of this chapter.
Continued occupancy of any building in violation of the provisions of this or any other chapter, rule or regulation relating to the public sewer is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. The city may cause proceedings to be brought for the abatement of the occupancy during the period of such violation.

13.12.410. Penalties.
A. Criminal Penalties. Any violation of this chapter shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable pursuant to chapter 1.12.
B. Cumulative Remedies. The remedies provided in this chapter are in addition to other remedies and penalties available under other applicable law.”

Section 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases of this Ordinance or the rules adopted hereby. The City Council of the City of Sierra Madre hereby declares that it would have adopted each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases hereof be declared invalid or unenforceable.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its passage and adoption pursuant to California Government Code section 36937.

Section 4. CEQA. This Ordinance has been determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines §§15307 (actions by regulatory agencies for the protection of natural resources), and 15308 (actions by regulatory agencies for the protection of the environment).

Section 5. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published according to law.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Mayor MaryAnn MacGillivray
ATTEST:

Nancy Shollenberger, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sandra J. Levin, City Attorney

I, NANCY SHOLLENBERGER, CITY CLERK of the City of Sierra Madre, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. _____ was introduced at the regular meeting of the City Council on _____, 2009, and was thereafter adopted and passed at the regular meeting of the City Council held on _____, 2009, by the following votes:
AYES: _____ NOES: _____
ABSENT: _____ ABSTAIN: _____
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WED	13	The Michael McDaniel Joint
THURSDAY	14	The Fuzzy Logic Bopset 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM
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THURSDAY	21	The Jon Mayer Trio
FRIDAY	22	Errol Le Blanc 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM
SATURDAY	23	Sean McCue & Michelle Beauchesne Guitar & Cello Duet 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM Late night Rock n Roll with THE HUPCAPS 10:00 PM - 10:00 PM
SUNDAY	24	Jazz Lunch with the Mercy Powell Quartet 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Opera to Broadway with Danny Guererro 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
TUESDAY	26	Drink and Think Quiz nite with Quizmaster Midge 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM
WED	27	The Jennifer Leitham Trio 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM
THURSDAY	28	Jazz Guitarist Bennett Brandies & trio
FRIDAY	29	Swing Dancing with Flat Top Tom & the Jump Cats
SATURDAY	30	BLUES with The Superstitions
SUNDAY	31	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Opera to Broadway with Danny Guererro



TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

Philippe The Original

It's almost 100 years old, but she still has a swagger.

If you want to witness and experience the American melting pot, you need only enter through her doors. Maybe they are getting lazy in their old age but the restaurant is only open 363 days a year. I swear, I used to go there when it was open 364 days. It has seen the age of opulence and the era of strife. Through the good times and lean, it has hosted a who's who of politicians, businessmen and Hollywood's royalty. It seems that even the rich and famous can't resist a delectable delight at an irresistible price. Typically, I would get into the economics of these affordable appetite pleasers but without having to interview a single soul I know the answer. It's is volume, volume, volume. I have a saying that fits Philippe's, "Feed the masses and eat with the Classes"

Phillippe is in the Chinatown area and certainly fits the saying. Family owned and operated for nearly 70 years. Philippe offers some very good food at reasonable prices. Reasonable you say? Yes, sandwiches for

(\$5.50), lemonade for (.75) cents, and a draft beer in the (\$4) range. They may have been too busy to update the prices for the last 20 years, I didn't say a word. On most days when entering Philippe's you will confront with multiple lines that you wait in to place your order. It's all self service here, place your order and find a comfortable seat. Sandwiches are the caviar of this blue collar establishment; French Dip, Lamb Dip, Beef Dip, Turkey Dip and Pork Dip. Most sandwiches do take a dive here. At your table you will find the Holy Grail of all mustards. It introduces a hot spicy simmer, with a perfect bite. One tip: when making your order double up on the drinks. Get your self two cokes or lemonades; it will save you the hassle of waiting in line again.

The menu covers the three dining experiences, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. Looking at the wine list, I think that you will be pleased in that area as well. There is a daily house made soup, and on the day I visited I had the straight chili in a 6oz portion for (\$2), yes (\$2), I think I am getting excited. Straight chili shouldn't be confused with the Chili with beans that they have in West Hollywood.

How to get there: train, Plane or automobile. I live in Pasadena so we took the Gold line. For (\$2.50) round trip we departed from The Sierra Madre villa Station and ended up at the Alameda Station, walked through Alvera St. and you are soon holding a part of history in your hands! Don't forget the .20 cent Gerkin pickle with your meal.

Here is a test to your culinary knowledge: Where does the name French Dip come from? A: Philippe Mathieu invented the French Dip Sandwich in 1908

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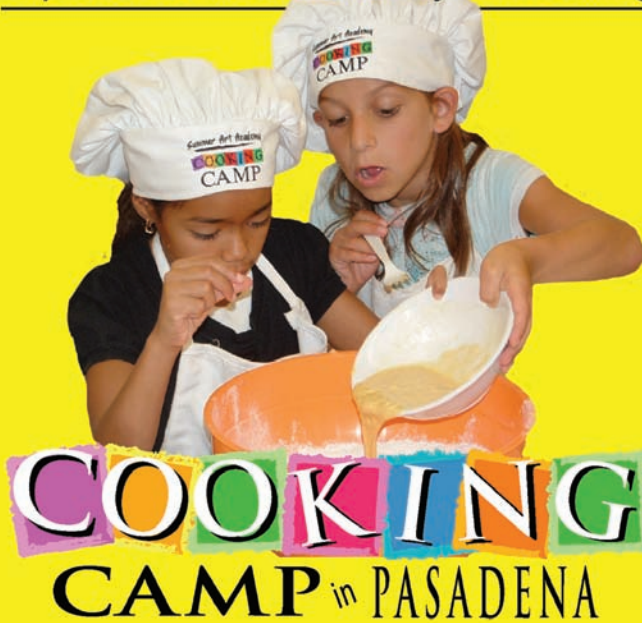
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The Senior Spot

By Bruce Lamarche

On Aging and Dependence

Last week, I had the privilege of praising the "Last Winner" of the Mt. Wilson Trail Race, Mr. Lono Tyson. At 82 years old, he showed what a senior is capable of. All of us have different potentials and should be proud of "doing our best".

This week, I want to turn the tables around. I would love to hear from some of my readers. The question is regarding the care of seniors within the family. Realistically, we must accept that aging involves complications, some of which can be limiting. While we all pride ourselves on our capabilities and independence, the later years, like our very early years, may involve the need for increased care by others.

The question is, "What preparations are in place to make the transition easier between parents and children, if this becomes necessary?" Open communication between the senior and children seems like an obvious solution, but how many of us have spoken to family about this important issue? What are your thoughts and how do your others in the family feel about it? What are their feelings about senior care if it is needed? Can you accept their feelings?

No one wants to be a burden, especially within the family. We have spent most of our lives being providers. We are proud of our self-sufficiency. Yet, what happens if our memory

starts failing us? Can we be honest and get past denial to admit that we need help? What about physical limitations? At some time we may become dependent or at least needing assistance. Are we willing to confront obvious problems? When should children step in and override our wishes?

As children of elderly parents we have a desire to help. As parents, we may find it difficult accept that help and don't want to be a burden. How do we define our roles within the family unit? Are we willing to adapt and change our roles? Where does independence stop and the need for care begin and when do children have the duty to override that independence?

I would love to receive e-mails from you with your thoughts. Whether or not you respond these questions, I think them worthy of pondering. After this pondering, will you communicate with your family? Choose well.

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 Mortgage Services (Glendora) helps seniors make an informed decision about obtaining a reverse mortgage. www.LASeniorMortgage.com

SENIOR HAPPENINGS...

By Pat Birdsall

FYI: (worth repeating) June is Adopt-a-cat Month

The country's animal shelters are overflowing with eligible cat and kittens awaiting homes. Need incentive to adopt? According to the Berlin Longevity Institute, cats can add as much as 10 years to their owners' lives! Many of history's greatest visionaries were inspired by cats. Said Albert Schweitzer, "There are two means of refuge from the miseries of life: music and cats." Please consider opening your home and your heart to a feline companion... You will not be sorry.

Recipe of the Week: Onion Scones



Ingredients:

- * 1 onion, chopped
- * 2 cloves garlic, minced
- * 1/3 cup butter
- * 2 cups flour
- * 2 Tbs sugar
- * 1 Tbs baking powder
- * ¼ tsp pepper
- * ½ tsp salt
- * 1/3 cup half and half
- * 1 egg, beaten
- * butter

Directions:

- 1) Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. In small microwave-safe bowl, combine onion, garlic and butter. Microwave on high for 2 minutes, and then stir. Microwave for another 1-2 minutes or until onion is tender. Remove from microwave and let cool for 10 minutes.
- 2) Combine flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and pepper in large bowl and stir to mix. Add sautéed onions with the butter remaining in the bowl, milk and egg. Stir until just combined. Gently press the dough together with your hands to form a ball.
- 3) On ungreased cookie sheet, press dough into an 8" circle. Cut the circle into 8 wedges, like you were cutting a pie. Separate the wedges slightly. Bake at 400 degrees for 12-15 minutes until lightly browned. Brush with more butter and serve immediately.

* The name of this recipe was misprinted last week.



Happy Birthday! - John Shier, June 11

For Your Funny Bone

Jones came into the office an hour late for the third time in one week and found his boss waiting for him. "What's the story this time, Jones?" he asked sarcastically. "Let's hear a good excuse for a change."

Jones sighed, "Everything went wrong this morning, Boss. My wife decided to drive me to the station and she got ready in ten minutes. Then the drawbridge got stuck. Rather than let you down, I swam across the river—look, my suit's still damp—ran down to the airport, got a ride on Mr. Thompson's helicopter, landed on top of Radio City Music Hall, and was carried here piggyback by one of the Rockettes."

"You'll have to do better than that, Jones" said the boss, obviously disappointed. "No woman can get ready in ten minutes."

Quote: *The path to the truth is found in the spaces between the lies.*

~Rain Bojangles~

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.) Call 355-5278 for more information

3rd Tuesday of each month-Free financial consulting: 10-12 noon. Call 355-7394 for

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Wednesday: Wii Wednesday Virtual Reality games (bowling, tennis, boxing, etc.)

2nd Wednesday of the month: FREE Legal Consultations 10-11:30 am. Appointments necessary. Call 355-7394.

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

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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:

Dodger Game- July 1 at 12:10 pm (tickets are limited & seats are in the shade)

Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach- July 10 at 4:30 pm

Hollywood Bowl- August 21- An evening of Jazz with Diana Krall

Free Blood Pressure Clinic- Second Tuesday of each month 11:00 AM- Noon No appointment necessary

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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The Sierra Madre Cardinals at the beginning of their season, before becoming the Farm Division Champions. (Ages 9 and under)

In March, the Sierra Madre Little League began their season full of excitement and enthusiasm. By the end of the season, the Cardinals (inset) had won their Farm Division. The Diamondbacks (Minor) and Dodgers (Major) were also division champions. Closing ceremonies were held on May 30, 2009, congratulating all the players for completing another successful season. According to SMLL Board Member Chris Cimino, more than 250 boys and girls participated this year. Congratulations are also due for the many adult volunteers who make this program possible!

Photos by D. Lee/MVNews

La Salle Juniors and Seniors Play Powder Puff Football for Charity

Pasadena, CA - La Salle's Senior and Junior girls played powder puff football in a charity event to benefit diabetes research on Lancer Field on Thursday, May 14. The event had class cheerleaders, BBQ dinners and refreshments, and a halftime show featuring the "Mr. La Salle" pageant. The juniors and seniors battled to a 6 to 6 tie. However, many sophomores on the sidelines and in the stands vowed not to settle for a tie, but to go on to victory next year. Although admission was free, donations and profits from the event exceeded \$1000 for diabetes research.



Senior quarterback, Mary Snodgrass gains yardage before fans. Juniors Beth Blackstock, left, and Ashleigh Foss stop senior running back, Samantha Cuerington.

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