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It's Time To Pony Up!



These members of the Sierra Madre Pony League - 14 Yr.-Old All Stars play on Sierra Madre's Dapper Field which is badly in need of repairs. Standing, L to R: Brett Homer, Johnnie Jimenez, Ben Byer, Joe Kaufman, Robert Hansen, Damon Kohnke, Liam Eustace, and Andrew Martinez. Kneeling, L to R: Paul Anderson, Brendan Finnegan, Christian Cruz-Stiver, David Foley II, and Zach Trevino. Learn more about the effort underway to renovate the field. Page 6

Local Resident and City of Hope Physician Jeffrey Wong, M.D., Receives Honor

The American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO) is pleased to announce that it has selected 12 of its members to become a Fellow of the American Society for Radiation Oncology, a prestigious cancer organization with more than 10,000 members who specialize in treating patients with radiation therapy. Jeffrey Wong, M.D., chair and professor of City of Hope's Department of Radiation Oncology, will receive his FASTRO designation November 3, 2009, at a special ceremony during the Society's 51th Annual Meeting scheduled for November 1-5, 2009, at McCormick Place West in Chicago.



"The ASTRO Fellows program was created as a way to recognize the best and the brightest in the field of radiation oncology," said Timothy Williams, ASTRO president and a radiation oncologist at Boca Raton Community Hospital in Boca Raton, Fla. "Dr. Jeffrey Wong is an example of someone who has gone above and beyond in his efforts to help the specialty, the Society and the patients we all work so hard to cure."

Wong is a leading expert in the use of targeted radiation therapy using radiolabeled antibodies for colorectal cancer, breast cancer, and lung cancer. He is also recognized for his efforts in targeted therapy using image-guided intensity modulated radiation therapy, applying this method in bone marrow transplant procedures to potentially minimize total body irradiation and lessen side effects. He performed one of the first total marrow irradiation procedures in the treatment of myeloma using TomoTherapy, a system that delivers targeted beams of radiation to affected areas minimizing radiation exposure to the surrounding healthy tissue and organs. Wong has authored over 100 studies in peer-reviewed journals including the Journal of Clinical Oncology, the International Journal of Radiation Oncology, Biology, and Physics and Cancer Research, and delivered numerous abstracts and presentations. He is listed in the national health care guide for consumers "America's Top Doctors

for Cancer." He is board-certified and a member of the American Society for Therapeutic Radiology Oncology and the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

ASTRO is the largest radiation oncology society in the world, with more than 10,000 members who specialize in treating patients with radiation therapies. As the leading organization in radiation oncology, biology and physics, the Society is dedicated to improving patient care through education, clinical practice, advancement of science and advocacy. For more information on radiation therapy, visit www.rtons.org. To learn more about ASTRO, visit www.astro.org.

City of Hope is a leading research and treatment center for cancer, diabetes and other life-threatening diseases. Designated as a Comprehensive Cancer Center, the highest honor bestowed by the National Cancer Institute, and a founding member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, City of Hope's research and treatment protocols advance care throughout the nation. City of Hope is located in Duarte, Calif., just northeast of Los Angeles, and is ranked as one of "America's Best Hospitals" in cancer and urology by U.S. News & World Report. Founded in 1913, City of Hope is a pioneer in the fields of bone marrow transplantation and genetics. For more information, visit www.cityofhope.org.

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ANOTHER ONE CARTER/STONEHOUSE LAWSUIT

Allegations That The City Has Attempted To Prevent Development of the Properties Are Levied Against City and Council By Susan Henderson

The number of lawsuits filed against the City of Sierra Madre by the developers of One Carter and Stonehouse has just increased. On July 23, 2009, CS One Carter LLC and CS Stonehouse LLC filed a civil suit in Los Angeles County Superior Court against the city and council. It is the first lawsuit filed by the new owners, however, it is the eighth lawsuit filed in less than five years by developers of the projects.

In the petition filed by Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP on behalf of CS One Carter LLC and CS Stonehouse LLC, the city and council are accused of engaging in behavior designed at thwarting the development of the project. This lawsuit was filed just five days before the council approved extensions of CS One Carter's Vested Tentative Tract Map.

According to the filings which were served on City Clerk Nancy Shollenberger, the developers are asking the court to compel the City to perform a review of the environmental impacts of the recently passed Readoption and Ratification of Ordinance 1256, an amendment to Chapter 17.52 H-Hillside

Management Zone (HMZ) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code.

The complaint alleges that on May 21, 2009, the Sierra Madre Planning Commission reconsidered the 2006 Hillside Management Zone Ordinance "without further consideration of the adequacy of the EIR" and recommended that the council readopt the 2006 Ordinance. In June, the council readopted the Ordinance.

It is alleged that the city is not in compliance with CEQA because it did not recirculate the EIR prior to readopting the HMZ.

Adoption of the original HMZ ordinance is one of the issues involved in lawsuits originally filed by Dorn-Platz against the city. Both lawsuits allege that the city, by passing the HMZ, changed the zoning for both properties after the tract map for One Carter had vested. In the instance of the Stonehouse project, the application was deemed incomplete at the time the HMZ was passed and denied by the city in 2007.

CS One Carter LLC and CS Stonehouse LLC became the owners of the projects after foreclosing on

One Carter LLC and Stonehouse Homes LLC which were controlled by Dorn Platz.

The new lawsuit also takes issue with the fact the city has not updated the 2003 housing element, which was due in 2006 and 2008. In their pleadings attorneys suggest that Sierra Madre is attempting to down zone "a large portion of the city" and is attempting to "deflect residential development to older parts of the City including non-residential neighborhoods".

The Plaintiffs are asking the court to compel the city to vacate the certification of the EIR and the adoption of the 2009 Ordinance; issue a restraining order against the city from taking any further actions until the city complies with all CEQA requirements.

At press time, no answer to the lawsuit had been filed by the city.

Ironically, public hearings have been scheduled by the city regarding the council's consideration of settlement agreements for the older One Carter and Stonehouse lawsuits.

The hearings are scheduled for August 6th and August 11th. (See notice on page 10)

Police Officers Association Grievances Rejected

Actions of the Chief, Department Upheld

At a special meeting of the Sierra Madre City Council, representatives of the Sierra Madre Police Officers Association presented three grievances against the department and/or Chief Diaz for actions they perceived to be in conflict with the Memorandum of Understanding between the POA and the city.

At the hearing, the POA voiced its dissatisfaction with three current practices of the department:

Outside testing: which according to Chief Diaz, has not been done in ten years, and was done in an effort to recruit new officers for the position of Sergeant.

Refusing to grant requests for shift changes: Last year, Chief Diaz implemented a number of changes in the hours (shifts) officers report for duty in an effort to make the department run more efficiently and more cost effectively. The changes drastically reduced overtime for the rank and file.

The request that officers use audio tape recorders whenever possible, for encounters that are not dangerous or life threatening:

All grievances are initially filed with the Supervisor/Chief. If the issues cannot be resolved, the matter moves on to the city manager and then to the council.

After hearing the complaints of the POA and the reasoning offered by Chief Diaz, the council decided to uphold the Chief's decisions in all three matters.

Residents Encouraged To Come To Police Open House

In an effort to help the community better understand how the department operates, the SMPD will hold an Open House in conjunction with the National Night Out. Diaz hopes that the event will help the community feel, "a sense of pride", when they see some of the work that has been done to the facility by individual officers on their own time.

Fire Safe Council Meeting

The regularly scheduled monthly Fire Safe Council will be August 3 at 7 p.m. in the City Council chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Street Closures

Due to street maintenance in the City of Arcadia, **Orange Grove Avenue** will be closed going eastbound from Baldwin Avenue to Santa Anita Avenue on **Monday, August 3 and Tuesday, August 4**. There will also be sealing done on the **Arcadia portion of Sierra Madre Boulevard to Santa Anita Avenue on the westbound lane** so expect some delay if you plan on using the boulevard as an alternate route.

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COME JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS!
Safe Neighborhoods Through Community Involvement



2009 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
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Tuesday, August 4th
5:00PM - 9:00PM
Memorial Park
(West Sierra Madre Blvd & Hermosa)



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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

Kiwanis Club of Sierra Madre

Meets Tuesday 12:00 noon at Masonic Temple
 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.
 Sierra Madre

Lunch catered by Lozano's is \$11 - program only is free and begins at 12:45pm

Upcoming Events

- **This Week: Appraising Valuables**
- August 9 – Concert in the Park with the "Aluminum Marshmallows"
- September 19 – Annual Pancake Breakfast

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AARP 55 Alive / Mature Driving Class

August 25th & 26th - 9 am to 1 pm both days

This class is designed to help mature drivers recognize their physical limitations and learn how to best compensate for them. Most insurance companies honor the class certificate by discounting insurance rates. Participants are asked to register in advance - 10 students are required - drivers over 70 must take DMV written test.

Fee: \$12 AARP Members, \$14 Non-Member
To register, please call (626) 355-7394

The City of Sierra Madre's Summer Fun in the Park

The City of Sierra Madre is offering the Summer Fun in the Park program every Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 am to 10:30 am at the Memorial Park Bandshell, 222 West Sierra Madre Blvd. The program is absolutely free and is for children ages 3 to 10 years. Tuesday activities start July 7 and run through August 25 and emphasize a variety of learning opportunities. Every Thursday starting July 9 through August 27 children are able to get out and get active with a fitness based program offered by Competitive Athlete Training Zone (CATZ). For Thursdays remember to bring sneakers, shorts, a t-shirt, and a water bottle. If you have questions about the program or would like specific program information please call the Community and Personnel Services Department at (626) 355-5278.

Sierra Madre Honors Nomination Deadline Extended

The nomination deadline for Sierra Madre Honors has been extended. If you were not able to get your nomination in last night, we have extended the deadline to next Monday, August 3, 2009



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August 2009



The Twelfth Night
 Shakespeare in the Park
 Memorial Park - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, August 4th

Summer Fun In the Park - Memorial Park, 9:30 am
 National Night Out - Memorial Park, 5-9:00 pm



FREE Concerts in the Park
 Memorial Park
 Aluminum Marshmallow at 6:00 pm



FREE Concerts in the Park
 Memorial Park
 The Late Bloomers at 6:00 pm



FREE Concerts in the Park
 Memorial Park
 JOEL PENNER Sextet
 Jazz Ensemble at 6:00 pm



FREE Concerts in the Park
 Memorial Park
 Fairytales and Fantasy V
 Southern California Lyric Theatre at 7:30 pm

11 Summer Fun In
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18 Summer Fun In
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20 Summer Fun In
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27 Summer Fun In
 The Park -
 Memorial Park
 9:30 am



Sierra Madre Library Book Sale
 Friday: 3-7:00 pm
 Saturday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm



Sierra Madre Community Events For You and Your Family

SIERRA MADRE CONCERT IN THE PARK - NEXT WEEK: ALUMINUM MARSHMALLOW



Marshmallow will be blowin' minds and rockin' the foothills this Sunday, Aug 9, at Memorial (Cannon) Park. The psychedelic sounds start at 6PM and will include the Age of Aquarius Horns. The concert is generously co-sponsored by the Sierra Madre Kiwanis and The Friends of the Library. Bring a lawn chair and arrive early. The Kiwanis will be serving up ice cream floats, sundaes and other goodies. Band leader, Tom Behrens, says, "If you miss this one, I don't ever wanna hear about it!"



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Downtown Sierra Madre - Shop -Dine-Relax

Aug. 7th
 Timmie Down
 Acoustic Rock

Aug. 14th
 Steve and Steve
 Acoustic Rock

Aug. 21st
 Sugar Penny
 Eclectic

Aug. 28th
 The Mellow Dz
 Acoustic Rock/Pop

"THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST" OPENS AT SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE ON AUGUST 14

"The Importance of Being Earnest" is the most popular of the comedies written by Oscar Wilde (1854-1900). Set in 1895 in London and in Shropshire, England, it involves the doings of two best friends, Jack and Algy (Algernon). Jack lives in the country, protective of his young ward, the "excessively pretty" heiress Cecily Cardew. But he likes to get away to London and the attractions of the city, so he has invented a rascally brother in London named Ernest to whom he must occasionally attend, necessitating his periodic departure from the country. The biggest draw in London for Jack is Algy's cousin, the beautiful Gwendolen Fairfax.

Algy, meanwhile, goes to Shropshire posing as Ernest in an attempt to woo Cecily. As Shakespeare said, "Oh, what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive."

It also turns out that both women are attracted to men with the name of Ernest, so naturally both fellows make arrangements to have themselves re-christened.

In the course of things, the deceptions of Jack and Algy will be found out. Can their lady loves possibly forgive them?

It ultimately turns out that Jack and Algy share more in common than they could possibly have imagined, and that they have destinies that neither could have suspected.

"The Importance of Being Earnest" has been celebrated on several counts: for its satirical dissection of Victorian mores, hypocrisy, and class snobbery; for its crisp, witty banter that snaps and crackles, influencing the best of 20th Century film comedies to come. But Wilde believed that more than anything else, a comedy should be funny, and this play delivers.

Patricia Wylie (Dooley) directs. Her work is familiar to Sierra Madre playgoers. Her previous credits include "Sylvia," "Cash on Delivery," "Charley's Aunt," and "The Front Page."

The cast of "The Importance of Being Earnest" includes (in alphabetical order) Phil Apoian, T.G. Cody, Jessica Culaciat, Osa Danam, Bret Hamilton, Richard Large, Koni McCurdy, Jason Perlman and Betsy Reisz.

Production stage manager: Michael Dessin. Set design: Victoria Proffitt. Lighting design: Kim Smith. Costume design: Jeri Deiotte. Sound design: Barry Schwam. Properties: Anne Marie Atwan and Ruth Thompson.

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Sierra Madre**Chamber's Friday Night Live Proves Popular, Winners Every Week**

The Friday Night Live concerts bring music lovers and shoppers to Kersting Court, helping boost sales for local merchants..

Tom Brascia was a double winner and Tobie McManmon got the big prize at the first drawings from Friday Night Live, announced at the Farmer's Market last week. There were fifteen entries, and three prizes, so contestants had pretty good odds. This week, there were twenty-two entries, as the number of people that qualified for the drawing increased by fifty percent from the first week. In addition, a new drawing was added.

Brascia won a \$25 gift certificate to Restaurant Lozano, donated by SanGabrielValleyMenus.com. His other winning ticket brought him four passes to the upcoming Oak Tree meet, donated by Santa Anita Park. And McManmon took home two tickets to the Sierra Madre Playhouse and a \$30 gift certificate to Barney's Only Place in Town. This week's winner of the Restaurant Lozano Gift Certificate was James Carlson, Doris Miller of Pasadena won the four pack of tickets to Oak Tree, and two tickets to the Playhouse, plus a \$35 gift certificate to Charcuterie was picked up by Dawn Islas of Sierra Madre.

Beginning with this week's drawing, a fourth prize was added. Vendors from the Market are pooling their resources to provide a "Gift Bag"

that includes fresh produce, kettle corn and shave ice. Chris Bertrand was the winner of the first Farmer's Market gift bag.

Kersting Court has come alive for two weeks now and will continue through August 28th, with the sounds of live entertainment. In an attempt to encourage shoppers downtown, the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce has booked musical acts to perform in the downtown area from 6:30 to 9pm for the last few weeks of July and all of August. The streets and stores of Sierra Madre were busier than usual, as folks enjoyed the sound of Mercy and the Beets playing pop and rock favorites. This week's entertainment will be the Gem City Jazz Cats, performing jazz and swing music.

In addition to live music, downtown merchants will stay open late, there will be shopping promotions taking place, and some stores will participate in a sidewalk sale. Shoppers that spend \$35 in a participating Chamber retail store, or \$75 in a participating Chamber restaurant during the event hours will receive a Sierra Madre tote bag filled with goodies valued at nearly \$50, and be entered in the drawings.

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Arcadia**Arcadia Police Department offers online reporting of non-emergency crimes**

The Arcadia Police Department now offers online police reporting for crimes of a non-emergency nature that occurred within the City of Arcadia, have no suspect information, and fall within the following categories:

Annoying phone calls
Auto burglary
Identity theft
Lost property
Theft
Vandalism
Vehicle tampering

The reporting party completes the information online and is furnished with a sequence number.

Once submitted, the report is reviewed by the Police Department and if additional information is required the reporting party will be contacted for an update. When the report is approved it is filed with the Arcadia Police Department just like a report directly to a Police Officer. An unofficial copy of submitted reports can be obtained through the system for insurance or similar needs. The form is complete with explanations and is an easy-to-follow fill-in format.

The new system even ncludes an online crime report status lookup.

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After discovering Henry's New Farmers' Market in Monrovia, I began to take notice of all of the restaurants and food places in Monrovia, each of them well patronized, even in this recession. Just about then, came in the mail, Clipper Magazine, San Gabriel, Monrovia, Arcadia edition, addressed to Valued Reader with my address. Since I am a "Valued Reader", guess I'll take a look. My Word!! What bargains!

On the cover, Monrovia's Grand Opening of Philly's Best, Authentic Cheesesteak & Hoagie Shop at 939 W. Huntington Dr. in Monrovia. The only time I had a cheesesteak sandwich was in Philadelphia many years ago. Of course, Everything mentioned in this Clipper Magazine has coupons to "clip". I can see that one could go crazy lining up all of these great eating places on the calendar.

On the back cover is Old Town Pizza, 338 S. Myrtle Av., pushing pizza, salads, pasta, sandwiches, wings. Here's one I haven't heard of, Chicken O King Express, 445 W. Foothill Blvd, eat-in, take-out, catering. Remember, coupons everywhere on all of these. Then there's a Nano Café, breakfast and lunch, 441 West Duarte Rd., Monrovia. There's one of those around the corner from me, on Michillinda. Really something I have never seen advertized before, Monrovia Bakery, 500 S. Myrtle. They have to have been around for at least 50 years. The two Mueller gals still own and run it. It is a real landmark. Everyone's daughters worked there while in college or high school. One

Duarte

Duarte Hit for \$3 Million in State Budget Finale City Urges Residents to Call Legislators

The State budget has now passed and the news is devastating for Cities as State Legislators and the Governor prepare to take an unprecedented \$2.05 billion in redevelopment funds, suspend Prop 1A and "borrow" an additional \$1.9 billion from City general funds.

The City of Duarte budget alone will be hit for approximately \$3 million per year between Redevelopment and Prop 1A dollars. A take of this magnitude will affect Duarte's ability to meet debt service, contractual obligations and the Agency's ability to participate in any future development projects.

The State Assembly rejected the proposed taking of Gas Tax funds from cities, but is expected to defer gas tax payments until January 2010.

At the June 23 Council meeting, the Duarte City Council unanimously approved Resolution 09-22 both opposing the seizure of local gas tax and tax increment funds in addition to authorizing the City Attorney to cooperate with other agencies in litigation against the State designed to contest the constitutionality of this move. The Community Redevelopment Association is expected to file its lawsuit immediately.

The illegal seizure of local redevelopment funds will force cities, like Duarte, to stop redevelopment projects in their community, which would have a devastating effect on new construction jobs as well as stop critical public

of mine did and still appreciates the opportunity they gave her in those "olden" days. For miles around people come for their "fancy" celebration cakes, and offices for their morning coffee cakes and rolls.

Another new one, Enrique's Mexican Cuisine, Grand Reopening, Old Town Monrovia, 150 E. Colorado. They're mentioning, also beer, wine and Spanish sangria. So much on Myrtle in Old Town - Mediterranean Spinners Pita Wraps at 520 S. Myrtle Ave. While on the subject of Mediterranean, there's the Garden Grill, 335 W. Foothill, authentic Greek, Lebanese and Armenian cuisine, with entertainment Friday and Saturday nights.

Can't forget Domenico's, with full bar, beer and wine, around since 1960, at 236 W. Huntington Dr., featuring deli sandwiches, lasagna, pasta, pizza and entertainment Friday nights.

Besides these "clipping" specials, I don't want to miss the old standbys, Mimi's, Black Angus, Chili's, Acapulco's, Applebee's and Los Gueros, with two restaurants in Monrovia, 423 S. Myrtle and 313 W. Huntington and lots of specials. Speaking of such, in my column on July 18th, I mentioned a fund raiser at Los Gueros, at 423 S. Myrtle sponsored by the Order of Alhambra, to be held on Aug. 15th at 7 pm. I have a correction which I did send with the column but seems to have slipped through the cracks. Checks (\$25 per person) should be made out to Aben Zoar Caravan and sent to John Gili, 1001 E. Orange, Monrovia 91016. Enuff for this week! Postrye@netzero.com

projects. A specific project that would be directly affected would be the proposed 20-acre Transit Oriented Development project that is being proposed adjacent to the coming Gold Line station.

Duarte City Council members are gravely concerned about this State proposal and its impact on City services. The City needs residents help to communicate this to our local state elected officials. It is easy to get your thoughts heard in our ever expanding electronic age and let State officials know that Duarte taxpayers are extremely concerned about the State's fiscal problems and how the legislature continues to try and take money away from cities and redevelopment agencies. Residents are urged to contact both Assembly member Anthony Portantino, (626) 577-9944, assemblymember.portantino@assembly.ca.gov, and State Senator Gloria Romero (323) 881-0100, senator.romero@sen.ca.gov and express your concerns.

The following talking points are current scenarios:

- California would lose out on the creation of tens of thousands of jobs and billions in economic activity at the worst possible time;
- A Redevelopment take is unconstitutional and unlawful and was recently upheld in the case of CRA v. Genest.

For more information, call the City of Duarte at (626) 357-7931.

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Monrovia**Two Employee Groups Take Pay Cuts; Third Opting for Furloughs**

Two of Monrovia's three municipal employee associations have agreed to a variety of pay and benefit cuts to help balance the City's 2009-2011 budgets.

Both the Monrovia Municipal Employees Association (MMEA) and the Monrovia Firefighters Association (MFA) have agreed to the cuts. So have the City's managers and mid-managers.

The third employee association, the Monrovia Police Officers Association (MPOA), has said it favors a work furlough program offered by the City in lieu of pay and benefit reductions. The furlough plan would mean Police Department employees would each take 11 ½ days off without pay over the next year. All shifts would still be fully staffed.

Negotiations with the MPOA are being scheduled, according to City Manager Scott

Ochoa, and an agreement could be reached by the next City Council meeting on July 21.

The cost-cutting was necessitated, Ochoa explained, by national economic conditions that have sent sales taxes plummeting, cutting City revenue and leaving a \$2.6 million gap in the \$60.7 million 2009-2010 budget, with a growing deficit projected the following year and beyond.

In late June, the Council adopted its two-year fiscal plan, with balanced budgets in both 2009-2010 and 2010-2011. It was done by factoring in the savings from the pay cuts or possible work furloughs, cutting programs, not filling vacant positions, offering early retirement payouts and laying off employees – all in addition to earlier budget cuts and employee attrition.

In all, the City staff is being reduced by 22 positions on top of the 10 positions eliminated over the past two years in other budget cutbacks.

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PCC Police to Offer Mobile Livescan



Pasadena City College Police and Safety Services will be providing mobile Livescan services to companies with 15 or more employees requiring the service. Livescan is the process of obtaining fingerprints electronically and submitting the fingerprints to the Department of Justice. "We decided to expand our Livescan services to include a mobile component in order to stay competitive," said Peter Michael, chief of PCC Police and Safety Services. "This effectively eliminates the downtime a paid employee would be away from the workplace. This additional service is part of our overall plan to expand services. We have recently added notary services and will in the future include DMV registration, passport photos and ID kits, and child ID kits."

The on-campus Livescan facility is located in the modular unit east of the Hutto-Patterson Gymnasium.

Police and Safety Services also recently welcomed David Aoki onto the squad. Aoki holds a bachelor's degree in Environmental Health and Occupational Safety and is a Registered Environmental Health Specialist with the California Department of Health Services. "I will provide assistance to the college community to promote environmental and safety awareness to the campus," Aoki said.

"He is a great asset to our team," Michael said. "He brings with him many years of experience with the Los Angeles Unified School District and raises the level of professionalism to the environmental and safety issues we have on campus."

For more information, contact Police and Safety Services at (626) 585-7484.

Pet of The Week



Thelma, a sweet, adorable, three month old kitten is looking for a loving home. She is just one of the lovable cats and kittens available for adoption. Thelma is already spayed and would love to go home with you today!

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Please call 626-792-7151 and ask about A252584 or come to the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA, 361 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena CA, 91105. Our adoption hours are 11-3 Sunday, 9-4 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 9-3 Saturday.

Directions and photos of all pets updated hourly may be found at www.pasadenahumane.org



Michael Cacciotti

Photos D. Lee/MVNews

Car Show Shines Bright

In its third year, Michael Cacciotti (pictured top left), South Pasadena Councilmember and AQMD board member said, the city's Clean Air Car Show has grown about 20 percent each year which was evident Sunday by the closing of Mission Street for the expo.

"You know it just grows a little each year," Cacciotti said sitting behind the wheel of an experimental all electric Mini Cooper. "There were people here early in the morning. There're all over the place, there are movies

going on, talks going on, exhibitor, seminars, people moving all around."

South Pasadena was given two of the cars, dubbed the Mini E, to test Cacciotti said. The cars go about 100 miles on a full charge he explained giving out no exhaust he explained.

Among those also showcasing all electric cars was Tesla Motors and the Roadster (pictured top right), a sports car that goes 0 to 60 in about four seconds, was a crowd favorite.



Tesla Roadster



One of many alternative fuel vehicles

Handbill Ordinance Scrapped



By Dean Lee

The city council had two options Monday night over what to do with the problem of unsolicited fliers in the city, one was to introduce new restrictions on distribution of unwanted written material, the other to repeal a similar existing handbill ordinance on the books deemed unenforceable by the court.

The council unanimously chose the latter although not without debate.

"I oppose this on the grounds that this is a waste of city resources," said Councilmember Margaret McAustin. "This is just un-American, and not something the city should be engaged in at this time."

City Attorney Michele Bagneris explained the ordinance was not a ban but a "do not solicit list."

"It's similar to what the phone companies have won with, you put your name on a list where someone isn't supposed to call you if you are on the refusal list," she said. "It was the

same concept with respect to handbills."

She added that although other cities have similar laws, Pasadena's was challenged and lost. A number of council members, including Chris Holden, said the ordinance should be removed. Bagneris said it had never been enforced since its adoption in the late 1990s.

The ACLU sued the city in 1998 on behalf of a number of residents including Marvin Schachter, then chair of the Senior Advocacy Council and Ralph McKnight, then President of the Democratic Club of Pasadena Foothills. Schachter vowed last month to sue again if the city does adopt a similar ordinance.

Councilmember Victor Gordo defended, at first, keeping the ordinance on the books saying, "I do think it's an ordinance that we should leave on the table. There are constitutional rights at issue here but I think we're looking at the constitutional right issue from the wrong lens."

He explained saying that residents have the right not to alert everyone that they are not

home by having fliers pile up, possibly leading to break-ins.

"It is a breach of privacy to have

people know that you are not home," he said adding, "One right that I would like to see us protect is the right to privacy."

Bagneris said the city's rewritten ordinance would be defensible in court.

Holden questioned that part of the staff report that said distributing unsolicited handbills to residential property creates a serious police problem and a threat to public safety.

"When I see 'serious police problem' I'm thinking, drive by, gang violence," he said. "Something that obviously is going to put life safety at risk."

Councilmember Steve Madison called the ordinance, "a solution looking for a problem." He also said that the idea of unwanted fliers led to burglaries was an urban legend. Newly elected councilmember Terry Tornek said he agreed with Gordo that there was a problem but also said the ordinance as written was unwieldy.

Harsh Restrictions Placed on 'Nuisance' Liquor Store

By Dean Lee

A number of residents living near Supper Liquor at 125 E. Orange Grove Blvd looked to be the winners Monday Night as the city council added conditions on top of denying the stores owner's appeal upholding the Code Enforcement Commission's findings that liquor store was a nuisance to the neighborhood.

All of the Code Enforcement's restrictions were upheld including that the store cannot stock single containers of alcohol in sizes less than 12 oz. The store must also package alcohol in clear plastic bags and all alcoholic beverage containers must be identified with a sticker with the name and address of the business.



The store must also maintain a security guard and no signs advertising types of alcohol can be visible from anywhere off the site.

Police testified to the council

that complaints of drug sales and prostitution had been ongoing since 2007. At one point police said drugs sales were made even to undercover officers. A land use consultant, Nathan

Freeman, defended the store owners going so far as using their immigration status.

"You're a new immigrant, you're trying to make a living and quite frankly they really didn't know what they were signing," Freeman said about the conditions.

He also opposed the police report saying it does not say the store's staff observed drug dealing. Freeman also said the city could not regulate the sale of Alcohol nor could they impose restriction that the owners had to maintain an area 500 feet around the store from trash and litter.

The council, unimpressed, ruled to further restrict alcohol sales from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. The store is open from 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Meeting Revisits Plans for Mexican Fan Palms on Colorado

The community is invited to help revisit the current tree selection for Colorado Boulevard between Catalina Avenue and the east city boundary at Sycamore Avenue in Pasadena.

A discussion during a public meeting Wednesday, August 12, at 5:30 p.m. at Jackie Robinson Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave., will help decide whether to phase out the Mexican fan palms eventually or keep replenishing them as they decay or die. The meeting



will be hosted by the city's Urban Forestry Advisory Committee.

The Mexican fan palm – a tall, thin tree that quickly identifies this length of Colorado Boulevard – is currently the species of choice, though the historic icon is not as high ranking as other trees when measured by criteria recently approved by Pasadena City Council.

As directed by council, certain tree species are being reviewed for appropriateness on a street-by-street basis,

using criteria such as water needs, potential canopy, and compatibility with sidewalks and underground pipes.

Hundreds of the palms, many of them more than 100 feet tall, tower over car sales lots, Pasadena City College, residences and retail stores. Although they are non-native, the way their rows add to the skyline is characteristically Southern Californian.

For more information call (626) 744-4321.

NASA Launches Web Updates on Near-Earth Objects



NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory is introducing a new Web site that will provide a centralized resource for information on near-Earth objects – those asteroids and comets that can approach Earth. The "Asteroid Watch" site also contains links for the interested public to sign up for NASA's new asteroid widget and Twitter account.

"Most people have a fascination with near-Earth objects," said Don Yeomans, manager of NASA's Near-Earth Object Program Office at JPL. "And I have to agree with them. I have studied them for over three decades and I find them to be scientifically fascinating, and a few are potentially hazardous to Earth. The goal of our Web site is to provide the public with the most up-to-date and accurate information on these intriguing objects."

The new Asteroid Watch site is online at <http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/asteroidwatch>.

It provides information on NASA's missions to study comets, asteroids and near-Earth objects, and also provides the basic facts and the very latest in science and research on these objects. News about near-Earth object discoveries and Earth flybys will be available and made accessible on the site via a downloadable widget and RSS feed. And for those who want to learn about their space rocks on the go, a Twitter feed is offered. "Asteroid Watch" also contains a link to JPL's more technical Near-Earth Objects Web site, where many scientists and researchers studying near-Earth objects go for information.

"This innovative new Web application gives the public an unprecedented look at what's going on in near-Earth space," said Lindley Johnson, program executive for the Near Earth Objects Observation program at NASA Headquarters in Washington.

NASA supports surveys that detect and track asteroids and comets passing close to Earth. The Near-Earth Object Observation Program, commonly called "Spaceguard," also plots the orbits of these objects to determine if any could be potentially hazardous to our planet.

JPL is a division of the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

PCC Drum Line Is No. 1

After an undefeated season, the Pasadena City College Marching Percussion Ensemble finished 1st at the American Drum Line Championships earlier this year. The 26-member drum line was directed by Tad Carpenter, director of percussion and assistant band director at PCC.

"I arranged most of the music myself and the theme of the show was 'Phobias,'" Carpenter said. "We explored different phobias like clowns, the fear of woods and metals, intimacy and commitment, numbers like 13 and 666, and the fear of stage fright and performing."

The ensemble demonstrated through music and drill design how phobias can lead to insanity.



Fire Safe Council “Announcements and Observations”

In the Western United States, Wildfire Interface Zones (such as the area north of Grandview in Sierra Madre) have increased 61% in area over the last three decades. Approximately 10,000 homes have been destroyed by fire between 2000 and 2006. This month's journal of the SAF “The Forestry Source” summarizes a study from the June, 2009 Proceedings of The National Academy of Sciences saying researchers suggest more fuels treatment in Wildfire Interface Zones are needed. The research is focused on Federal agencies' fuels treatment on lands adjacent to urban settings with the message for foothill residents being we have to do our own fuel treatments on our property.

The Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council grant for the year 2008-2009 will end August 31.

We still have some money left in this grant to help you with your efforts to create your Defensible Space of 30' and 100' (or to your property line) around your home. Do not let this opportunity pass you by. Over 50 homes in Sierra Madre's Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone have taken advantage of this grant. We have another grant for next year but must finish this one first or we cannot qualify for another grant.

SMFSC meeting--August 3, 2009. 7 p.m. Come to the next Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council training session for Red Flag Patrol Volunteers.

We need qualified people to work in pairs; you can choose your partner so bring a friend to the training.

The meeting is in the City Council chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, July 19th, to Saturday July 25th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 279 calls for service.

Sunday, July 19th:

8:40 PM – Vandalism, 700 block Alta Vista Drive. The front and rear passenger side tires of a 2009 black Toyota 4WD were punctured. The crime occurred between 7:00 am on Thursday, 7/9/2009 and 7:00 am on Friday, 7/10/2009. The loss was estimated at \$306.00.

Monday, July 20th:

5:42 PM - Theft from Vehicle, 300 block Ramona Ave. A NEXTAR GPS navigation system was stolen from the center console of an unlocked 1998, Toyota Camry. The crime occurred between 3:45 pm, on Friday July 17, 2009, and 6:30 pm, on Monday July 20, 2009. The loss was estimated at approximately \$80.00.

9:03 PM – Arrest, Possession of Marijuana, Santa Anita Canyon Road. Several cars were reported locked behind the Chantry Gate. Officers arrived

and an investigation revealed the male passenger of a vehicle is in possession of marijuana and smoking paraphernalia. He was arrested and released on a citation.

Tuesday, July 21st:

12:50 AM – Arrest, Possession of Marijuana, 00 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. A motorist was stopped for a parking violation. During the investigation the officer could smell a strong odor of marijuana in the vehicle. The driver was warned for the parking violation, but the passenger was arrested for possession of marijuana and transported to the police station. The passenger was booked as he had no identification and later released on a written promise to appear.

Thursday, July 23rd:

8:28 PM - Identity Theft, 200 block West Montecito Ave. The victim's identity was used in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Ohio by others to obtain credit. The crimes occurred between 2007 and 2009. The last occurrence was in Pennsylvania to purchase groceries for \$468.00.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, July 19 through Saturday, July 25, the Police Department responded to 949 calls for service of which 140 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, July 19:

Units responded to American Apparel located at Westfield Mall around 1:44 p.m. in reference to a theft. An employee saw a female juvenile conceal merchandise into her purse and was detained. Additional stolen property from Victoria's Secret, H&M, Vans, and Cali Fashion were also recovered. A private person's arrest was made, and a 15-year-old Caucasian was taken into custody for commercial burglary.

Around 9:00 p.m. officers were flagged down by a motorist at Fairview and Baldwin regarding a road rage vandalism incident. The victim advised that a male Asian driver, in his 20's, narrowly missed hitting her car. He gave her a dirty look and she reciprocated with a finger gesture. He stopped his silver Mercedes, exited, and kicked her car door, denting it.

Monday, July 20:

Shortly after 2:00 p.m., units were dispatched to the 1300 block of Michillinda in reference to a drowning accident. A 10-year-old girl was swimming with other children but was later discovered in the deep end of the swimming pool. She was retrieved from the pool and CPR was performed. The girl was transported to AMH and then to Huntington Memorial for more advanced treatment due to her serious condition. Unfortunately, the girl later died at the hospital.

Officers responded to Colorado and Vaquero shortly after 3:30 p.m. on the report of a reckless driver. The suspect vehicle was located at Colorado and Oakhurst and the vehicle was swerving back and forth between lanes of traffic. A traffic stop was initiated and officers detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage on the driver's breath and person. A field sobriety test was conducted and it was determined that the 39-year-old male Hispanic driver was operating the vehicle while under the influence. The man was arrested at the scene and a consent search of his vehicle revealed several empty beer cans on the floorboard, an open can of beer, and also several cans of unopened beer.

Tuesday, July 21:

Around 4:16 p.m., while conducting a location check, officers saw three male subjects sitting on the sidewalk in the 600 block of East Live Oak. Consensual contacts were made and record checks revealed that a 37-year-old Hispanic had an outstanding felony warrant and a \$50,000 outstanding misdemeanor warrant. The man was arrested at the scene without incident.

A 20-year-old female African-American was arrested for battery and disorderly conduct/drunken in public at Motel 6, 255 Colorado Place, around 10:52 p.m. During an argument with her boyfriend, she bit and slapped him.

Wednesday, July 22:

Between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 500 block of East Las Flores. Unknown suspect(s) pried open a rear slider to enter the house. Once inside, the suspect(s) ransacked rooms and stole an expensive watch, designer wallet, and miscellaneous property.

Thursday, July 23:

Units were called to the Urban Street store located at Westfield Mall around 10:55 a.m. in reference to a robbery and commercial burglary that just occurred. The owner opened the store and found a bald male Caucasian, 20 to 30 years of age, 5'10", 230 pounds, inside. The suspect tried to leave the store with a bag full of sunglasses and a bank money bag, but the owner wrapped his arms around the suspect's neck. The owner was struck in face several times, and the suspect fled without any property. Investigation revealed that the suspect gained access into the store through an attic area.

Between 8:15 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 400 block of East Camino Real. Unknown suspect(s) pried open a rear door, ransacked rooms, and stole a large amount of jewelry and a handgun.

Friday, July 24:

A grand theft occurred at Westfield Mall between 9:00 p.m. on July 19 and 9:00 p.m. on July 24. Unknown suspect(s) gained entry into the mall's storage area by unknown means and stole three 18-gallon plastic containers filled with jewelry.

Saturday, July 25:

Shortly before 1:00 a.m., an intoxicated 22-year-old male Hispanic driver struck a parked vehicle at Sunset and Huntington. He was taken into custody for DUI without incident.

Units were dispatched to the 700 block of West Huntington around 12:23 a.m. in reference to an altercation between father and son. Investigation revealed that during the argument, an intoxicated 15-year-old male Hispanic choked his father. The juvenile was belligerent and disobeyed all commands by officers. He kicked, spat, and head-butted officers, and he also banged his own head against a window and ground. Officers had to cradle his head to prevent him from inflicting further injury onto himself. The juvenile was transported to AMH for treatment and was later cleared for booking. He was charged with battery on peace officers, battery, obstructing/resisting, and disorderly conduct/drunken in public. The juvenile was subsequently transported to Eastlake Juvenile Detention Center.

A Weekly Spotlight on Sierra Madre Volunteers

Sierra Madre Is Star-Struck By Clem and Nina Bartolai

There have been two stars shining in Sierra Madre for decades.

Clem and Nina Bartolai's enthusiasm washes over everything they do, whether it's their employment or their volunteer activities. Here are a few of their contributions:

CLEM: He was born in Highland Park, Ill., and moved to Alhambra, attending high school there. He received a degree at Pasadena City College in engineering and technology with a major in sign showcard and silk screen art. Clem used that talent to paint signs and do silk screening in surrounding towns as well as on a volunteer basis for quite a few local organizations.

When the Red Car station was still located in Kersting Court, Clem was in Sierra Madre during the Christmas season, saw the memorable “Christmas card” look with icicles on the roof that was also trimmed in twinkling lights. At that moment Clem knew he wanted to live in Sierra Madre. He started dating Sierra Madre girls and found Nina (whom he had also met while attending PCC). They have been married for 49 years.

During those early days in the '60s as President of Lions Club, Clem helped organize the first Fourth of July Parade in Sierra Madre, and then in the '70s he served on the Parks and Recreation Commission as well as Planning Commission. He had three terms on the City Council and was Mayor three times, once for each term, in the '80s and '90s.

Clem was one of those who helped develop the Sierra Madre Community Foundation and filled a term on the Board of Directors. He has been on the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library Board of Directors for a number of years and continues to serve as Chairman of the Board Development, also. He has been a member of Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club since 1985.

Clem worked for JPL, as a Technical Illustrator while continuing studies in Business Administration at California State University, Los Angeles, and then completed a 34-year career as an executive in the office furniture manufacturing industry.

NINA: Nina, a native Californian, came with her parents to Sierra Madre when she was 3 years

old. She went through local schools and graduated from Pasadena City College/Huntington Memorial Hospital with a nursing degree. Nina worked in the nursing profession in various office positions for 40 years until her retirement in 2000.

Nina took 10 years off, during the Bartolai children's young lives, as Brownie and Girl Scout leader as well as assorted grade school activities while the two Bartolai girls were growing up. Then she continued with her nursing career.

Nina was an integral part of the Rose Float Association and is in the local Historical Society. She continues to be a docent for the Wistaria Festival

(with her granddaughter, now 13, ever since Madison was 8). Nina has worked on the Friends of the Library Board and is a member of the College Women's Group in Pasadena.

She worked at Leonora Moss for five years after her retirement from nursing, and now works most Saturdays at Arnold's Hardware. This local girl just stays local which is the way Sierra Madre likes it.

The Bartolais have two daughters. Renee and Jim Smith live in

Pasadena, and Lisa and David Brandley and their two daughters live in Monrovia. Madison is 13 and Taylor is 4.

Clem's love of cycling became a real passion (after Nina) in the '70s and he has been competing, joyfully, ever since. Nina soon joined him on their tandem and you can see them cruising the streets and highways around Sierra Madre. Renee began trekking around the mountains and beaches with her dad and now they do weekly trips around Southern California. Clem has competed in the different gradations of cycling and was inducted into the California Triple Crown Hall of Fame of Cycling in 2007. He and Renee are a part of the “Double Century Club” (200-mile rides in one day). The Bartolais have enjoyed their excursions in France, Portugal, Spain, and, of course, all over the U.S.

Nina said of Sierra Madre, “Giving back to the community is very important to us. Sierra Madre is filled with people who give so many volunteer hours.”

Of course, the Bartolais are part of that bright and wonderful group. The stars shine on.



RICH Johnson

In my noble effort to diffuse all the angst, fear and stress from the current economic climate, I would like to offer up some more (hopefully) funny and amusing bits of trivia and fluff. If these wacky

definitions bring a smile to your face I am a rich man. I need to thank the folks at www.crosswalk.com and www.goofball.com for contributing greatly to this column. And no, goofball is not my website (despite how much it sounds like something I would sponsor.)
Abdicate: to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
Arbitrator: A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonald's.
Avoidable: What a bullfighter tries to do.
Balderdash: a rapidly receding hairline.
Baloney: Where some hemlines fall.
Bernadette: The act of torching a mortgage.
Burglarize: What a crook sees with.
Circumvent: the opening in the front of boxer shorts.
Coffee: a person who is coughed upon.
Control: A short, ugly inmate.
Counterfeiters: Workers who put together kitchen cabinets.
Eclipse: what an English barber does for a living.
Esplanade: to attempt an explanation while drunk.
Eyedropper: a clumsy ophthalmologist.
Flabbergasted: appalled over how much weight you have gained.
Flatulence: the emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.
Gargoyle: an olive-flavored mouthwash.
Heroes: what a guy in a boat does.

Wacky Definitions

Left Bank: what the robber did when his bag was full of loot.
Lymph: to walk with a lip.
Misty: How golfers create divots.
Negligent: describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightie.
Oyster: a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddish expressions.
Paradox: two physicians.
Parasites: what you see from the top of the Eiffel Tower.
Pharmacist: a helper on the farm! .
Pokemon: A Jamaican proctologist.
Polarize: what penguins see with.
Primate: removing your spouse from in front of the TV.
Relief: what trees do in the spring.
Rubberneck: what you do to relax your wife.
Seamstress: describes 250 pounds in a size six.
Selfish: what the owner of a seafood store does.
Subdued: like, a guy, like, who works, like, on one of those, like, submarines, man.
Sudafed: bringing litigation against a government.
Testicle: a humorous question on an exam.
Willy-nilly: The British definition of impotence
Haven't tried Corfu's Mediterranean Restaurant yet because you are a meat and potatoes guy or gal? I have a great suggestion for you. On Tuesday and Wednesday Corfu is offering up a buffet lunch from 12:00 noon to 2:30 pm. For \$9.99 you can pick and choose from a variety of scrumptious items. I suggest trying the Moussaka (a yummy Greek version of lasagna), and Hummus (a addicting dip that you, well, dip pita bread into.) There's a lot more to choose from and some tasty pastries to end your meal. Believe me, once you have discovered Mediterranean food you will become a fan. Corfu is at 48 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, on the south side about a half block west of Baldwin Avenue. 355-5993 is the phone number.

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It's time to ... PONY UP

When I took over as President of the Sierra Madre Pony League earlier this year, it was with the understanding that the league was struggling and needed to be pretty much rebuilt from the ground up. Creating an establishing a board of directors, fund raising & field maintenance comities an even a web site are all currently in the works but there is a more serious and immediate need for which I am now appealing to every citizen of Sierra Madre.

After some forty years of continuous service to the young people in Sierra Madre, Hal Dapper Memorial Field is currently in need of some major repairs. The trees surrounding the field that were planted in 1968 have outgrown their location and their roots have broken the concrete around the field creating a safety hazard, the fencing around the field needs to be repaired and in some areas replaced, the original sprinkler system no longer works properly and the field itself is barely playable.

Unfortunately these larger issues are not problems that can be resolved by volunteers alone or that can wait for better times to be addressed. The City has been great in offering any help they can that doesn't involve actual cash, because as well all know, the City doesn't have any money to spare. The Tree Advisory Commission has been understanding in terms of accepting that the existing trees need to be removed, provided we plant replacement trees and install awnings to create shade but the cost of removing the trees and buying the awnings has to come from the league. As far as leveling and re-grading the field, installing a new sprinkler system and replanting grass, these too require cash, bringing the total of what needs to be done now to around \$35,000, without addressing the fencing issues.

Sierra Madre Pony League is a small, two year program for 13 and 14 year olds that doesn't generate anywhere near the attention or revenue as do larger programs such as Little League or Girls Softball, but that doesn't mean Pony baseball is any less important to this community. In fact, in some ways it may be more important. These two years are a bridge between child and young adult, a transitional time when physical and emotional changes are taking place within these kids where the right kind of influence can make a big difference in the direction they ultimately take in life. I know this because I've had numerous ex-players of mine (now in their 30's & 40's) tell me that the structure and discipline Pony baseball provided during those two years kept them out of trouble until they were old enough avoid trouble on their own.

A number of people have told me there is no way I'll be able to raise \$35,000 in these times, especially considering I'm going to tell you the last thing I want to do is take money away from other worthy causes around town, like the Rose Float, Library, Search & Rescue, Police & Fire etc. I realize this is not the best time to ask for more money but when does necessity ever knock when it's convenient? I know there a lot of guys in town who played Pony League at one time and parents whose sons (and daughters) enjoyed and benefited from playing Pony baseball. Well the league needs



Sierra Madre 14 Yr.-Old All Stars - Standing, L to R: Brett Homer, Johnnie Jimenez, Ben Byer, Joe Kaufman, Robert Hansen, Damon Kohnke, Liam Eustace, and Andrew Martinez. Kneeling, L to R: Paul Anderson, Brendan Finnegan, Christian Cruz-Stiver, David Foley II, and Zach Trevino.

your support again, as do the kids who are playing now and in years to come. If you're an ex-player in your twenties or thirties and can give \$40 without it hurting too much, give \$80 and get your buddies to do the same. If you're a retired ex-Pony parent and \$ 25 is a stretch, make the check out for \$30 and if your son is now a successful architect living in Seattle, call him and tell him to send a check for \$100. I know there are a lot of people in Sierra Madre who may not have anything to do with youth sports but who value that small town quality that no one can seem to adequately define. Well this is what it's all about folks and here is your chance to participate in keeping that spirit intact. There are also some heavy hitters in town who could take a big bite out of this problem without too much trouble. A couple of you guys stepping up to the plate could make all the difference to these kids.

Now in situations like this, we all have a tendency to put things off until we forget so what I'm asking is that if you feel the need to help, do it right now. As soon as you finish reading this article, get out your check book, find an envelope and a stamp. There won't be any reminders or thermometers at Kersting Court or cans at local cash registers. I don't have the resources at this point to accomplish even that. Everything that comes in will come from this one article so if you want to show it to a friend or scan it and send out e-mails, that would be a way of helping as well.

Finally, those of you in town who know me personally know that I wouldn't ask for help like this if the need wasn't critical. Once we get over this hump, the league revenue and income from future annual fundraising events will be enough to maintain the field and the Pony League for years to come.

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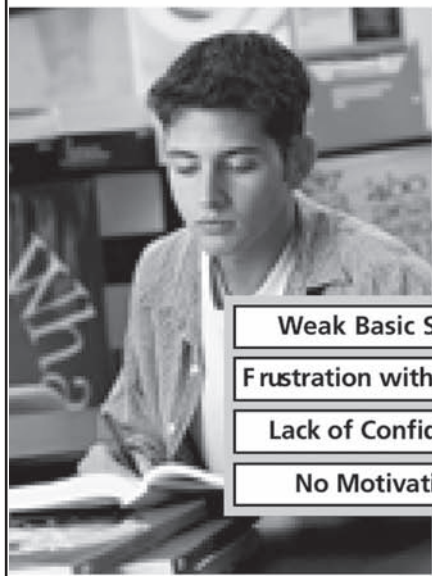
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HOWARD Hays As I See It

In 1992 I walked my precinct for presidential candidate Bill Clinton and U.S. Senate candidate Dianne Feinstein. My neighborhood was largely Hispanic, and in one household I was invited in to discuss the contests. I was asked what I knew of Feinstein's opponent. Tailoring my remarks to the audience, I explained that the Republican in the race was one of those who blamed most everything - crime, the economy, unemployment, failing schools - on Mexican immigrants. My host nodded in recognition, saying that as one whose family had roots in Mexico he found such scapegoating to be divisive and unacceptable. "Besides," he added, "it's those damn Salvadorans who're causing all the problems". I'm a bit defensive on that subject; a favorite family member is the beautiful bride a cousin brought back from El Salvador following a stint in the Peace Corps. Since moving to Southern California, I've developed an appreciation for the contributions the Salvadorans, Costa Ricans, Nicaraguans, Guatemalans, Panamanians and Hondurans (almost forgot Belizeans) have made to the fabric of our region - almost 400,000 with roots in Central America residing in L.A. County. In a nation of immigrants where we all have stories to tell, I've wondered about the stories of those from that handful of countries which, for most of the last century, comprised the most troubled

region in our hemisphere. I wonder how they feel about a chain of trendy clothing stores being named "Banana Republic". The term "banana republic" originated in a short story by O. Henry, used to describe a fictional country inspired by a trip he'd taken to Honduras in the late 1890's. Prior to that, the main allure of Honduras to outsiders was its silver, which drew Spanish conquistadors centuries before. After the turn of the last century, it was bananas - and the Cuyamel Fruit Co., later merging with United Fruit Co., and Standard Fruit Co. (now known as Dole Foods) basically controlling the land, the wealth, the economies and the governments of Honduras and its Central American neighbors for the next fifty years. Major urban areas became virtual "company towns". Companies used the leaders and militaries of host countries to crush populist opposition movements, and to stage cross-border incursions against neighboring governments threatening to exercise more domestic control over their affairs. In this they often had the support of the U.S. military - seeking to protect not only the companies' interests, but also our own interest in the Panama Canal Zone. In the second half of the century, armed intervention continued not so much on behalf of the banana barons but rather as proxy battles in the Cold War. Democratically elected leaders, such as those in Guatemala who said they drew inspiration from FDR's New Deal, were overthrown in CIA-backed coups. Wealthy oligarchies and corrupt dictatorships that protected U.S. corporate interests



HAIL Hamilton Some Random Thoughts about the Current State of Affairs

I don't know where Dick Cheney gets his information but if George Bush had found any evidence WMDs of any kind in Iraq, why didn't he announce it to the country? It would have greatly bolstered his case for invading and silenced his critics. Also, why did he change the mission so many times? First, invading Iraq was to overthrow Saddam Hussein because he had or was getting his hands on WMDs, and this was done after UN inspectors were unable to find any. Second, it was fight Al Qaeda and prevent them from getting hold of Iraq as they did in Afghanistan. Third, it was to create a western style democracy where none had ever existed before.

Trouble was there is no evidence whatsoever that Al Qaeda was there before our troops arrived and Bush declared "mission accomplished". As the memos trickle out it is clear Bush had decided to attack Iraq only days after 9/11. All this leads me to conclude that Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld, Rice, Powell, and Tenet lied to Congress and lied to the American people. I appreciate other's opinions but so far they aren't supported by the facts, and these facts are supported by Bush administration "insiders" who have since gone public. Anybody that knows a twit about interrogation knows that torture produces very unreliable intelligence. The person being tortured will say anything to stop the pain. Check the FBI manual on interrogation techniques, a manual that is a model used by police departments all across the nation. Check the Army manual of intelligence interrogation. Nowhere does either document approve of torture. "Water boarding" is torture according US Attorney General, Eric Holder, and has been banned since WW II by US treaty, federal law, and the Geneva Convention. About spending our way out of the current "recession", I think popular opinion is dead

wrong about American history. To say we didn't spend our way out of the Great Depression is simply not true. The New Deal lowered unemployment from 25% to about 10% by the beginning of the Second World War. After Pearl Harbor, we increased our spending by 100 fold to pay for armaments built by US industry and the millions of Americans workers. By war's end our GNP was four times larger than our best year before the war. Indeed, the biggest fear after the war was that the United States would return to the Great Depression. This is why government spending continues to this day. The "Military-Industrial Complex" is as much a step-child of a fear of renewed bad times as it is of the Cold War and the Arms Race that began with the atomic bomb and modern rocketry. It is also why America needs endless enemies to justify itself as the world's largest arms maker. More important, by priming the pump-- which government spending is designed to do--you create what economists call the "multiplier effect". This is to say that for every dollar spent on government sponsored jobs, 100 dollars is spent in the private sector because for each government sponsored job 10 more private sector jobs are created. It all comes down to simple supply and demand. Right now there's too much supply and not enough demand because so many people are out of work and not buying things. I think both political parties are to blame for our current economic crisis. Democrats and Republicans alike long ago bought into "Reaganomics" hook, line and sinker. For three decades Politicians have been using smoke and mirrors to convince the American public about the benefits of deregulation. The fact is most of the regulations thrown out during the deregulation frenzy between 1985 and 2005 were originally put in place during the New Deal to prevent another Great Depression. Apparently, for thirty years, nobody in power, Democrat or Republican, has ever thought of consulting an American history book.



GREG Wellborn Union Badlands

With the economic downturn and the last national election only just in are rear view mirrors, there's still a lot being written about the sins of Wall Street and corporate fat cats who have purportedly abused their customers and their employees. Interestingly the abuses of union fat cats directed against the rank and file have received nary a peep from the national press. It's time we focus a little light on these dark corners of arrogance, abuse and corruption.

Most people don't understand the dynamics at work in the ubiquitous pension plan, but it's a necessary requirement to truly comprehend how union leaders have exceeded in many instances the worst sins ever imagined from corporate chieftains. Let's start with a little pension economics 101. Unlike a 401(k), a pension plan is not a retirement plan governed by the contribution that's made. In a 401(k), workers contribute what they want - sometimes matched, sometime not, by a corporate contribution. The employees get to direct the investment choices in the plan, and at the end of their employment, whatever their 401(k) has grown to is the amount they get for their retirement. In a pension plan, on the other hand, the contribution is not the defining element. Rather, the plan sponsor - usually the employer - defines a benefit they agree they will pay to every worker who participates upon that worker's retirement. For example, an employer might say that they are willing to pay 80% of the employee's last year's salary as a lifetime benefit. The employee counts on the fact that when he retires, there will be enough assets in the pension plan to generate sufficient income to make the promised payments for the rest of his or her life. It's a pretty simple concept.

also served as a bulwark against left-leaning reform movements. Instability in Honduras peaked in the 1980's when, after the Sandinistas took power in Nicaragua in 1979 and won a popular election in 1983, the U.S.-backed Contras, funded by arms sales to Iran and drug sales through Panama, used Honduras as a staging area for its attacks on the Nicaraguan government. In return for U.S. aid, Honduran officials acquiesced as its military joined in the notorious Battalion 316, whose members were taught the techniques of abduction, suppression, torture and the "disappearing" of civilians by Pinochet's henchmen from Argentina and the CIA. All this history, though, is so-last-century; Central America is now a region of stable democracies and peaceful transitions of power - that is until last month. On June 28, Honduran President Manuel Zelaya was abducted by the military and flown into exile - forbidden to re-enter the country. No doubt actions he'd already taken were perceived as threatening to the ruling elite, such as raising the minimum wage by 60%, increasing teachers' salaries and improving access to education. The justification offered, that Zelaya was attempting an illegal revision of the Constitution in order to run for re-election, didn't make sense. The measure he proposed was a non-binding opinion poll to gauge public sentiment on whether to have a referendum on reforming the Constitution. The referendum would appear on the same November ballot where voters would choose Zelaya's successor, who'd take office in January. Ironically, Honduran Congressman Roberto Micheletti, installed by the military to replace Zelaya, in 1985

was involved in an unsuccessful effort to revise the Constitution in order to - you guessed it - allow the then-president to run for re-election. A distressingly familiar litany of events followed: journalists and opposition figures detained, a media blackout, military and police firing at peaceful protesters (tens of thousands in a country of 7.5 million, with at least two killed). The Organization of American States and the U.N. General Assembly promptly called for the "immediate and unconditional return" of President Zelaya. Our own government seemed to kind of hope that maybe things would sort of work themselves out. It might be our history; many still in Washington remain nostalgic for the days when the legitimacy of a government was assessed not by its popular support but by the extent it allowed human and natural resources to be exploited by our corporate interests. There are personal connections; Honduran coup leader Gen. Romeo Vasquez is a product of our own School of the Americas, joining an alumni comprised of leaders of military coups and right-wing death squads. Campaign advisors for Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in last year's presidential campaign are now lobbying on behalf of the "new" Honduran government. It's comforting to cling to the past, but now in the 21st century it's time to be able to state clearly and unequivocally that the overthrow of any democratically elected government by a military coup is unacceptable. It's time to stop regarding any nation, especially those in Central America, as a "banana republic".



STUART Tolchin On...LIFE MUST WE BE AFRAID OF FEAR?

Initially, my intent in this article was to offer concern for individual health satirically as part

of some sort of overall statement of disapproval. I had planned to describe the way that overly-ambitious monitoring of our heart rate, blood sugar, cholesterol levels; et al causes us to feel separate from everything else and is therefore unhealthy. I had planned to refer to the writings of the great architect Frank Lloyd Wright and to discuss his adherence to the concept of Taliesin. This idea is at the base of every structure that bears Frank Wright's imprint and was defined by him as the realization that people are most content and happy when they live in harmony with nature rather than imposing their will upon it. At the Frank Lloyd Wright Taliesin West Estate in Phoenix Arizona, the manifestation of Taliesin was explained to me as requiring that structures be built on slopes of hills rather than at the top. I believed, and still believe, that there is altogether too much building going on at the top of the hills. All together too much attention is being given to individual supremacy and too little notice is taken of the need to simply get along with one another.

As usual I had planned to try and cram in too much information. I was going to transition to the need for the elimination of war, the need for gun control, and population control and the reduction of the huge disparity between the economic classes of the world. I was going to mention that there really is no need for people to use drugs and alcohol

to remove themselves from the experience of their own feelings or to remove themselves from reality by viewing death-defying, basically horrifying entertainments. Then all it once it hit me. The reason behind all that stuff I don't like is that people are AFRAID and as FDR implied afraid of their own fears. Really we are afraid of death, afraid of strangers, afraid of wars, afraid of starvation and it all makes sense. There does come a time when we all will die but being afraid of being afraid does not help. Maybe some of the new biotechnological advances can be used help us to understand and accept what it is to be human. I just received in the mail from The Great Courses of America an advertisement for a course on the Science of Self available for \$129.50. The course is advertised as A Scientific Approach to Understand Life based on the study of genes. Who knows? Maybe, we'll be able to understand that being afraid is just another name for human awareness and that it really is not necessary to kill other people or to try and dominate them or defeat them in a futile attempt to make this feeling go away.

And, right on Sierra Madre Blvd. I saw a sign promising a method to eliminate those fears that are blocking our ability to experience a full and exciting life. Yes right on Sierra Madre Blvd! Maybe we are ready for a paradigm shift and maybe humanity, through the use of scientific understanding, will be able to abort its own self-destruction. I have decided to not stand in the way of such a change; so you now have my permission to live healthily, greenly, and eternally. Go ahead-don't be afraid!

of these union organizations - taking the SEIU as an example, the benefits accorded the union officials are substantially better than those negotiated for the actual union members. In the SEIU, union officers get a 3% cost of living increase, the members get none. The officers qualify for an early pension at 50, but members can't retire early with a pension.

As a conservative, I don't easily relegate people into prejudiced categories like "management" (good) and "labor" (bad). I believe that power corrupts and that absolute power corrupts absolutely. Accordingly, I am as suspicious of the fat cat corporate manager as I am of the labor union fat cat. Unless there are some checks and balances in the system, people with power will tend to abuse those below them without power. Our free market system is the best system designed to build in those checks and balances. In a free market, if management of any organization abuses its workers or customers, then those workers or customers will gradually - or quickly - migrate elsewhere, and the offending organization will fail or be forced to take corrective action. All this works beautifully within a system of maximum personal freedom.

Unfortunately, when the government interferes and restricts the movement of workers or customers, or prevents competition from punishing offending organizations, you find that more people suffer at the hands of incompetence and/ or corruption. The reason that more labor union pension plans are severely underfunded than corporate pension plans is because the government has in one way or another restricted worker's freedom to join or not join a union.

In those instances where getting a job means you have to join the union, it's not surprising to find that union management doesn't treat its own rank and file very well. It's only human nature. If a union boss doesn't have to pay attention to his members' concerns or doesn't have to fight for their membership because it's mandated by law, the union boss tends to take members for granted. Why would we be surprised to learn that those same

union bosses have allowed the pension plans to become severely under-funded? What recourse do the members actually have?

In a corporate pension plan, employees aren't forced to work for that company and aren't forced to stay in the plan. They aren't forced to make contributions they would rather not make as they are in unions. As we consider whether to change our laws so as to shift the balance of power away from corporate "management" toward union "labor", we might consider that government actions forcing anyone to work for anyone is a sure fire recipe for disaster.

As a conservative, I'm all for a level playing field, and I'm absolutely ambivalent toward unions and union membership. If workers want to form or join a union, that's O.K. by me. If workers want to quit a union and work without representation because they trust their bosses, that's O.K. with me. If workers don't want to make contributions to a union's political action committee, that's O.K. with me. And if workers want to cast their vote for or against the union in private using a secret ballot system, that's exactly what they should be allowed to do.

Conservatives don't see the world through the prejudiced lens of management vs. labor. We don't attribute virtue to one side at the expense of attributing ill intent to the other. We are objective in our assessments of right vs. wrong and steadfast in support of maintaining a level playing field for everyone without government favor showered upon one party at the expense of another. In the weeks, months and years to come, there will be plenty of opportunities for these principles to be implemented and defended, ironically enough in steadfast opposition to the counter productive policies of the Obama administration which came to power promising support for the common man.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. SIAM PARAGON 2. SUPER BEE INSURANCE SERVICES,** 5265 HOLLYWOOD BLVD., L.A., CA 90027. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MANAT THAWIMUEANLAN.** This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MANAT THAWIMUEANLAN.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/20/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **07/01/2009**.
NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 09-1101339
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **URBAN SPAWORKS,** 331 CONCORD ST. #1, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **TAYOR FANNEY #11 CONCORD ST. #1, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, CYNTHIA PARKS, 978 S. MUIRFIELD RD., L.A., CA 90019.** This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: CYNTHIA PARKS/OWNER.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/21/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **07/21/2009**.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 09-1093240
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **YOUR PHOTO BY THE SEA** 270 SAN MARCOS ST. APT. A, SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **LUANNE LYNCH, 270 SAN MARCOS ST. APT. A, SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776.** This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LUANNE LYNCH.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/20/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **07/20/2009**.
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FILE NO. 2009-1093825
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **GALLARDO'S NOTARY SERVICES, 415 E. COMPTON BLVD., COMPTON, CA 90221.** The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 04-25-08, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2008-0732859. The business was conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 07/20/2009. 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: CYNTHIA C. GALLARDO/CO-PARTNER.**
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ORDINANCE NO. 1296

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING CHAPTER 17.36 (“C COMMERCIAL ZONE”) IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPEALING CHAPTER 17.37 AND SECTION 17.60.030(B) OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE

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

Section 1. Chapter 17.36 of Title 17 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code is hereby amended in its entirety to read as set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

Section 2. Chapter 17.37 of Title 17 is hereby repealed.

Section 3. Section 17.60.030 subdivision (B) is hereby repealed and the provisions thereafter shall be re-lettered.

Section 4. *CEQA.* A Negative Declaration has been prepared pursuant to Section 15070 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the Sierra Madre CEQA Guidelines and is hereby adopted.

Section 5. *Effect of Ordinance on Pending Applications.* Applications which have been submitted to the Development Services Director but have not been approved or denied prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, shall be reviewed under the provisions of this Ordinance as effective on the date a determination on the application is made.

Section 6. *Severability; Continuation of Provisions.* 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. To the extent the provisions of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code as amended by this Ordinance are substantially the same as the provisions of that Code as they read immediately prior to the adoption of this Ordinance, then those provisions shall be construed as continuations of the earlier provisions and not as new enactments.

Section 7. *Effective Date.* This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its passage and adoption pursuant to California Government Code section 36937.

Section 8. *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 28th day of July, 2009.

AYES: MacGillivray, Watts, Buchanan, Mosca, Zimmerman **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** None **ABSTAIN:** None

EXHIBIT A - AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 17.36
“Chapter 17.36 C COMMERCIAL ZONE

Sections:

17.36.010 Criteria for commercial zoning.

17.36.020 Permitted uses and uses permitted by conditional use permit.

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17.36.010 Criteria for commercial zoning.

The following criteria are established to assist citizens, staff, planning commission and city council in the administration and application of the downtown commercial zone.

A. General or Other Adopted Plans. Compliance with the General Plan or other plans or programs adopted by the city shall be demonstrated. B. Location. Downtown business areas shall be concentrated in the existing downtown portion of Sierra Madre. C. Need. A demonstrated public need shall be established within the general area. D. Design. The design or redesign of any structure shall comply with the standards established herein or in any adopted plan or program of the city. E. Utilities, Streets, Sidewalks, Etc. The existing utilities systems (water, sewer, drainage, electrical, gas, lighting and communication facilities) and street and sidewalks are adequate, or new facilities will be constructed to serve the downtown adequately. F. Economic Development. Commercial businesses and uses located in the commercial (C) zone must demonstrate that revenue will be generated to the city and/or redevelopment agency.

17.36.020 Permitted uses and uses permitted by conditional use permit.

The following uses shall be permitted in the Commercial zone where the symbol “P” appears, and shall be permitted upon approval of a conditional use permit where the “CUP” symbol appears, pursuant to Section 17.60. All such uses shall be within an enclosed building unless specifically stated otherwise. All other uses are prohibited, provided, however, that the director of development services may determine that any use not listed is similar to a listed use and to be treated in a similar manner. In the event that there is ambiguity as to the appropriate classification of a particular use, the planning commission shall consider the matter and shall recommend to the city council the appropriate clarification of such ambiguity, pursuant to Section 17.12.030. A list of all approved similar use determinations shall be kept on file in the development services department.

Retail Sales – Permitted Uses: Antique Stores, Apparel shops and accessories, Appliance stores (household), Art Galleries, Art Supply stores, Bakery shops, Bicycle shops, Bookstores, Confectionary or candy stores; candy making only when incidental to retail sales from premises, Convenience stores (no liquor sales), Delicatessens, Electronic stores (home and office, including repairs), Florist shops, Flower sales, outdoor, Furniture stores (no on-site manufacturing), Gift, novelty, card and souvenir shops, Hobby stores, Ice cream stores, Jewelry stores, Meat markets, Music stores, Newsstand, Notions or sundries store, Pet supply store, excluding sale of pets other than tropical fish or goldfish, Pottery sales, Secondhand sales, Shoe stores, Sporting good stores, Stamp and coin stores, Stationary stores, including mail services, Toy stores.

Retail Sales – Conditional Use Permit required: Alcoholic beverage sales, whether for consumption on or offsite and whether alone or in conjunction with other uses, Department stores (a store having separate sections for a wide variety of goods), Glass shops (including edging, beveling, silvering and staining.)

Office Uses – Permitted Uses: Office uses of the business, administrative, service, consulting or professional type.

Service establishments – Permitted Uses: Barber and beauty shops, Clothing and costume rental establishments, Day/Health spas (may include massage treatment provided it is solely accessory to this use), Locksmith shops, Mail order houses, internet sales, ecommerce, Nail Salon, Pet grooming, Pharmacy, drug stores, Photography studios, Photocopying/ duplicating services, Picture framing stores, Shoeshine stands (in association with shoe stores and must be located within enclosed building, Shoe repair shops, Tailor shops, Travel agencies, Grocery stores, Gun shops, Home Improvement and construction products store, Pet sales (excludes dangerous animals and fish, venomous reptiles and the like), Supermarkets, Tobacco shops.

Service establishments – Conditional Use Permit required: Bars and cocktail lounges, Catering services, Dry cleaning, press or laundry, Health clubs or centers, exercise gymnasiums, fitness studios, Lodging – hotels, motels, Machinery equipment and rental services, Medical office, clinics, outpatient, Medical laboratories, research, Print shops, Restaurants, Restaurants and cafes having on-sale license for beer, wine, or other alcoholic liquors in conjunction therewith, Transfer, moving and storage of furniture, household and business records goods, Veterinary clinics, small animal including incidental boarding.

Financial Institutions – Permitted Uses: Banks, Savings and loan associations, Finance companies.

Educational facilities – Conditional Use Permit required: Barber and beauty colleges, Business schools, Dancing, art, music, and similar training schools, Professional/vocational schools.

Outdoor displays and sales uses - Conditional Use Permit required: Plant nurseries and related package sales or storage, located within private property.

Recreational and entertainment facilities - Conditional Use Permit required: Circuses, carnivals, fairs, Billiard parlors, Bowling alleys, Parks, playgrounds, and other commercial recreation facilities open to the public which are privately owned and operated, Private clubs, fraternities, sororities and lodges, Theaters (excluding open air).

Automobile and transportation-related establishments - Conditional Use Permit required: Car wash, automated and manual, Painting, detailing service, Parking (surface lot, structure), Rental or storage facilities, Repair and/or body shops (shall be within enclosed building only), Service stations (fueling stations), Utility trailer and truck rental.

Residential uses – Conditional Use Permit required: Residential use other than on the ground level which are consistent with the standards of Chapter 17.28 of this code and any alterations to those standards as may be approved pursuant to a permit issued under this chapter, and except as otherwise provided for parcels subject to Chapter 17.35.

Adult Businesses – Permitted uses: Consistent with the standards contained in Section 17.36.025.

Uses set forth in Section 17.60.030(A) – Conditional Use Permit required.

17.36.025 Adult Businesses.

The following standards apply to adult businesses in the C zone:

A. An “adult business” is defined as any business which is, at any time or times, conducted exclusively for the patronage of adults from the premises of which minors are specifically excluded by law or the owner or person in possession of the premises. This definition shall exclude any use pre-empted by state law or licensed by the state. B. “Sexually oriented” shall mean any use, display, sale, product, book, treatment, manipulation, projection, machine or other device, the principal, advertised, and emphasized purpose, use or manifestation of which is gratification, education, entertainment, observation, reading, or other stimulus, excitation, or study of explicit human heterosexual, homosexual, or other

sexual activity or simulation or depiction thereof. C. “Sexually oriented adult business” shall not be permitted on any recorded lot within six hundred feet of a church nor within six hundred feet of a public or private school for the academic education of children nor within three hundred feet of residentially zoned property. D. In the event any prohibition set forth in subsection (C) of this section is held by any court of jurisdiction to be invalid

or inapplicable, then such use or uses shall ipso facto, immediately, and automatically be classified as a conditional use requiring a conditional use permit pursuant to the provisions of the zoning code of this city and an Environmental Impact Report pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

17.36.030 New construction; Additions, and Building Alterations.

A. Any new construction, addition of floor area to an existing building, or enlargement of an existing building in the Commercial zone shall require approval of a conditional use permit, pursuant to the provisions under Section 17.60. B. Exterior façade alterations and interior alterations to an existing building which does not involve the expansion of floor area or an increase or intensification of activity, as determined by the development services director, do not require a conditional use permit under 17.60. However, the appropriate building permits, if required, must be obtained.

17.36.035 Drive-through business prohibited.

Henceforth, the city shall not allow new drive-through business establishments, that is, business establishments which provide service to customers in a motor vehicle.

17.36.040 Downtown design criteria.

The following design criteria shall be applied to all development within the C zone. Downtown Design Standards:

A. Architectural Style and Character. All future construction, exterior remodeling, development and redevelopment shall be of such architectural design as to enhance the site and surrounding environment and be consistent with the desired overall community values stated in the General Plan. Approval of each design as to its compliance or compatibility with these standards must be obtained from the development services director prior to the granting of any building permit. B. Materials. The following building materials or those determined by the development services director to be similar to them shall be utilized in all construction in the commercial zone: 1. Roof materials intended to be viewed, including but not limited to clay tile or slate; 2. Brick, tile, textured concrete, tinted concrete or exposed aggregate patios and walkways; 3. Decorative masonry materials such as bricks, stone or slump stone; 4. Heavy rough textured wood beams, headers, trim and siding; 5. Textured stucco.

C. Colors. Earth tone or natural colors shall be utilized throughout with the use of bright, nonpastel colors for the purpose of accent; however, such accent colors shall not be used to such a degree as to become the dominant color of any structure.

D. Landscaping. All site landscaping shall be so designed with both form and function in mind and not just as a decorative element. Desirable aspects of landscape design that are: 1. Plant material selection for seasonal color; 2. Low maintenance plant materials; 3. Use of ground cover plant materials rather than nonplant substitutes; 4. Use of native trees when appropriate. E. Signs. All signs shall be designed as an integral part of the overall architectural design theme of the building through the use of similar materials and colors, as well as proportionate size and location. F. General. The following apply to all development in the C zone: 1. Architectural treatment shall be applied to all building elevations; 2. Review of a proposed design shall be related to the surrounding existing development with greater emphasis placed upon compatibility with adjacent development related to: a. Bulk or mass height, b. Colors, c. Building materials, d. Roof lines, e. Access, f. Views, g. Landscaping.

17.36.050 Standards of development--Generally.

The development standards set forth in the following sections of this chapter shall apply to all construction within the C zone.

17.36.060 Size area.

Every lot created after the effective date of this chapter shall have a minimum lot area of three thousand seven hundred fifty (3,750) square feet.

17.36.070 Yards and building setbacks.

A. Front Yard. There shall be a front yard having a minimum depth of five feet extending across the full width of the lot. B. Side Yard. Side yards adjacent to a street or alley shall be not less than ten feet in width. C. Rear Yard. There shall be a rear yard of not less than fifteen feet in width; however, a maximum of ten feet of said rear yard may be used for off-street parking.

D. Yards Adjacent to Residential Zones. If either the side or rear yards are adjacent to any residential zone or use, a minimum of ten feet of the required yards shall be landscaped with specimen plants and trees (minimum fifteen gallon stock) to create a solid plant screen as represented on a landscaping plan approved by the development services director.

17.36.080 Building and site coverage.

Coverage of any parcel by roofed structures shall not exceed eighty percent, exclusive of all existing or required streets, sidewalks and alleys.

17.36.090 Height and story limit.

No building structure shall exceed a height of thirty feet and no building structure shall exceed two stories in the C zone.

17.36.100 Off-street parking.

All off-street parking shall be provided in accordance with Chapter 17.68 of this code.

17.36.110 Landscaping.

The provisions of Chapter 17.68 shall apply in addition to the following: A. All open areas with the exception of vehicular accessways and parking areas, pedestrian walkways, approved outdoor seating and sales areas, and paved or covered recreational facilities shall be landscaped and irrigated. Such landscaping and irrigation system shall be permanently maintained. Existing trees to be removed shall be replaced with a substitute specimen trees (minimum thirty-inch box container size) elsewhere on the site. B. All planted areas shall be surrounded by a curb of concrete or comparable material at least six inches above the higher of the final grade or the pavement of the parking lot, except when such planted areas lie adjacent to a paved sidewalk, masonry wall or a building. C. Landscaping shall consist of trees, shrubs and ground covers with careful consideration given to eventual size, form, susceptibility to disease and pests, durability, water consumption and adaptability to soil and climate conditions. D. A landscape plan drawn at a scale of not less than one inch to thirty feet shall be submitted and shall include: 1. Square footage of each landscaped area; 2. Total square footage of all landscaped areas; 3. Percentage of the site devoted to landscaping; 4. Type of plant materials, i.e., the botanical and common names; 5. Location of all plant materials; 6. Container size and number of all plant materials; 7. Type, size and location of a permanent irrigation system.

17.36.120 Plant Screens; Walls.

A. A plant screen shall be erected in place of a wall, provided it is: 1. Sufficient to visually screen the parking area; 2. Comprised of specimen stock; 3. Within a planter area of at least four feet in depth; 4. Provided with a permanent irrigation system; 5. Compliant with all other provisions of this section for landscaping, including being an integral part of an approved landscaping plan. B. A decorative masonry wall of at least thirty inches high may be substituted for a plant screen provided it is constructed and maintained along the perimeter of all off-street parking areas except at points of ingress and egress. Such wall shall be constructed of masonry units not greater than six inches in height. C. A landscaped area of at least thirty inches in height may be substituted for a wall or plant screen if the planning commission approves its design, location, scale and landscape treatment pursuant to a permit issued under this chapter. D. A decorative concrete, masonry or block wall of at least six feet in height shall be constructed and maintained on the boundary of any use which abuts or which lays across a public alley from a residential zone, except in front setbacks, in which such walls shall be forty-two inches or less **17.36.130 Refuse storage.**

All outdoor trash, garbage and refuse storage areas shall be screened on all sides from public view by a permanent wall at least five and one-half feet high in conformance with the architectural design of the related buildings, including a solid gate of durable opaque material approved by the development services director. All bins and containers shall be stored within the enclosure with lids closed at all times when not being loaded.

17.36.140 Outdoor storage prohibited.

All storage of wares, merchandise, crates, bottles or similar items shall be within a completely enclosed building.

17.36.150 Loading facilities.

All loading or unloading areas containing a loading dock or similar facility shall be located at such a depth within a completely enclosed building as to reasonably contain and restrict noise. Further, no loading or unloading area shall be visible from a public street, or located within a front yard or side yard adjacent to a public street.

17.36.160 Lighting.

All lighting of the building, landscaping, parking lot or similar facilities shall be shielded and directed away from adjoining properties.

17.36.170 Mechanical equipment.

All ground mechanical equipment shall be completely screened behind a permanent structure and all roof top mechanical equipment shall be completely screened from view from street level.

17.36.180 Underground utilities.

All utilities connections for new construction shall be underground, but utility connections to structures which lawfully preexisted the adoption of this chapter may be maintained.

17.36.190 Development or construction site standards.

The following standards apply to development or construction in the Commercial zone: A. Construction sites shall be maintained free and clear of attractive nuisances and debris and/or fenced or screened as determined by the building inspector; B. Sites shall be maintained during construction as not to become an attractive or public nuisance due to storage of material, parking or activities of construction workers; C. Any portable toilets shall be set back ten feet from all property lines; D. Rubbish and refuse service with the city’s franchised hauler shall be required at the time a building permit is issued. Service may be weekly pickup service if accessible by a public street or as otherwise authorized by the director of development services; E. Contractors shall submit to the city a complete list of subcontractors for all services and trades and each contractor or subcontractor shall obtain a city business license prior to any work or request for inspection. Work commenced prior to issuance of necessary permits and business licenses shall be subject to double permit fees pursuant to Chapter 15.04 of this code; F. Use of the public right-of-way for storage, work, staging, or off-loading requires a permit pursuant to Chapter 12.12 of this code; G. Any paved public right-of-way affected by construction shall be cleaned each evening by the contractor. Cleanup shall include, but not be limited to, streets, roadways, gutters, sidewalks and parkways; H. Violations of this section may result in the issuance of a stop work order by the building inspector in the manner specified in Chapter 15.05 of this code.” in height.

Sierra Madre Permitted uses and uses permitted by conditional use permit. (Section 17.36.020) TABLE

A	Retail Sales	
	Alcoholic beverage sales, whether for consumption on or offsite and whether alone or in conjunction with other uses	CUP
	Antique Stores	P
	Apparel shops and accessories	P
	Appliance stores (household)	P
	Art Galleries	P
	Art Supply stores	P
	Bakery shops	P
	Bicycle shops	P
	Bookstores	P
	Confectionary or candy stores; candy making only when incidental to retail sales from premises	P
	Convenience stores (no liquor sales)	P
	Delicatessens	P
	Department stores (a store having separate sections for a wide variety of goods)	CUP
	Electronic stores (home and office, including repairs)	P
	Florist shops	P
	Flower sales, outdoor	P
	Furniture stores (no on-site manufacturing)	P
	Gift, novelty, card and souvenir shops	P
	Glass shops (including edging, beveling, silvering and staining	CUP
	Grocery stores	CUP
	Gun shops	CUP
	Hobby stores	P
	Home Improvement and construction products store	CUP
	Ice cream stores	P
	Jewelry stores	P
	Meat markets	P
	Music stores	P
	Newsstand	P
	Notions or sundries store	P
	Pet sales (excludes dangerous animals and fish, venomous reptiles and the like)	CUP
	Pet supply store, excluding sale of pets other than tropical fish or goldfish	P
	Pottery sales	P
	Secondhand sales	P
	Shoe stores	P
	Sporting good stores	P
	Stamp and coin stores	P
	Stationary stores, including mail services	P
	Supermarkets	CUP
	Tobacco shops	CUP
	Toy stores	P
B	Office uses	
	Office uses of the business, administrative, service, consulting or professional type	P
C	Service establishments	
	Barber and beauty shops	P
	Bars and cocktail lounges	CUP
	Catering services	CUP
	Clothing and costume rental establishments	P
	Day/Health spas (may include massage treatment provided it is solely accessory to this use)	P
	Dry cleaning, press or laundry	CUP
	Health clubs or centers, exercise gymnasiums, fitness studios	CUP
	Lodging – hotels, motels	CUP
	Locksmith shops	P
	Machinery equipment and rental services	CUP
	Mail order houses, internet sales, ecommerce	P
	Medical office, clinics, outpatient	CUP
	Medical laboratories, research	CUP
	Nail Salon	P
	Print shops	CUP
	Pet grooming	P
	Pharmacy, drug stores	P
	Photography studios	P
	Photocopying/duplicating services	P
	Picture framing stores	P
	Restaurants	CUP
	Restaurants and cafes having on-sale license for beer, wine, or other alcoholic liquors in conjunction therewith	CUP
	Shoeshine stands (in association with shoe stores and must be located within enclosed building	P
	Shoe repair shops	P
	Tailor shops	P
	Transfer, moving and storage of furniture, household and business records goods	CUP
	Travel agencies	P
	Veterinary clinics, small animal including incidental boarding	CUP
D	Financial Institutions	
	Banks	P
	Savings and loan associations	P
	Finance companies	P
E	Educational facilities	
	Barber and beauty colleges	CUP
	Business schools	CUP
	Dancing, art, music, and similar training schools	CUP
	Professional/vocational schools	CUP
F	Outdoor displays and sales uses	
	Plant nurseries and related package sales or storage, located within private property	CUP
G	Recreational and entertainment facilities	
	Circuses, carnivals, fairs	CUP
	Billiard parlors	CUP
	Bowling alleys	CUP
	Parks, playgrounds, and other commercial recreation facilities open to the public which are privately owned and operated	CUP
	Private clubs, fraternities, sororities and lodges	CUP
	Theaters (excluding open air)	CUP
H	Automobile and transportation-related establishments	
	Car wash, automated and manual	CUP
	Painting, detailing service	CUP
	Parking (surface lot, structure)	CUP
	Rental or storage facilities	CUP
	Repair and/or body shops (shall be within enclosed building only)	CUP
	Service stations (fueling stations)	CUP
	Utility trailer and truck rental	CUP
I	Residential uses	
	Residential uses other than on the ground level which are consistent with the standards of Chapter 17.28 of this code and any alterations to those standards as may be approved pursuant to a permit issued under this chapter, and except as otherwise provided for parcels subject to Chapter 17.35.	CUP
J.	Adult Businesses	P
	Consistent with the standards contained in Section 17.36.025.	
K.	Uses set forth in Section 17.60.030(A)	CUP

ORDINANCE NO. 1297

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 9 (“PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE”) BY ADDING CHAPTER 9.52 REGULATING LOUD PARTIES, GATHERINGS AND EVENTS

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

Section 1. Title 9 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code is hereby amended to add Chapter 9.52 to read as follows:

“CHAPTER 9.52 RESPONSE COSTS FOR LOUD PARTIES, GATHERINGS AND EVENTS

Sections:

9.52.010 Purpose. 9.52.020 Definitions. 9.52.030 Issuance of Warning for Initial Response. 9.52.040 Assessment of Police Services Fee and Administration Fee for Multiple Responses; Responsible Party. 9.52.050 Billing and Collection. 9.52.060 Debt to City. 9.52.070 Appeals. 9.52.080 Effect of Chapter.

9.52.010

Purpose.

The City Council finds and determines that:

A. Police officers are often required to respond to complaints regarding loud or disruptive parties, gatherings or events in order to disperse participants.
B. These loud or disruptive parties, gatherings and events may become violent resulting in assaults, batteries and the perpetration of crimes on the property, threatening the peace, health, safety and general welfare of the public.
C. The necessity of sending police officers to break up loud or disruptive parties, gatherings and events drains police resources from other areas requiring police protection, and unfairly imposes the cost of certain citizens’ inappropriate or unlawful behavior on the entire community
D. The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide for the recovery of costs incurred by the City as a direct result of multiple responses by police to loud or disruptive parties, gatherings or events which have been determined to be a threat to the public peace, health, safety and welfare.

9.52.020

Definitions.

Unless the context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended, the words set forth below shall have the following meanings when used in this chapter:
A. “Loud or disruptive” means conduct that includes, but is not limited to excessive noise, traffic, obstruction of public streets, and/or the presence of unruly crowds that have occupied public streets, public drunkenness or unlawful public consumption of alcohol or alcoholic beverages, assaults, batteries, fights, domestic violence or other disturbances of the peace, vandalism, littering, or any other conduct which constitutes a threat to the public health, safety or quiet enjoyment of property or the general welfare.
B. “Party, gathering or event” means any assemblage of three (3) or more persons upon public or private property for a social occasion or social activity.
C. “Person responsible for the loud or disruptive party, gathering or event” includes all of the following:
1. The owner(s) of the property where the loud party or gathering takes place. 2.The tenant(s) of the property where the loud party or gathering takes place. 3.The organizer(s) of the loud party or gathering.

If any “person responsible for the loud or disruptive party, gathering or event” is a minor, the parent or legal guardian(s) shall be a person responsible for the loud or disruptive party, gathering or event for purposes of this chapter.

D. “Police services fee” means the actual costs incurred by the City for the following items:

1. The salaries and benefits paid to or on behalf of the responding police officers for the time actually spent in responding to or remaining at the scene of a second or subsequent response to a loud or disruptive party, gathering or event at a particular location within a twelve-hour period as established by City Council resolution.
2. Actual cost of equipment, transportation, booking and other facilities or services required in the discretion of the police supervisor on duty to be utilized as a result of any second or subsequent response by police to a loud or disruptive party, gathering or event at a particular location within a twelve-hour period.
3. Injuries to City police arising from a second or subsequent response to a loud or disruptive party, gathering or event at a particular location within a twelve-hour period.
4. Damage to public property arising from a second or subsequent response by police to a loud or disruptive party, gathering or event at a particular location within a twelve-hour period.
E. “Administration fee” means the overhead costs incurred by the City at a rate of 15% of “Police Service Fees” as described above.

9.52.030

Issuance of Warning.

Police initially responding to a loud or disruptive party, gathering or event on private or public property shall issue a written warning to the person(s) responsible for the loud or disruptive party, gathering or event. Such warning shall contain the substance of the following statement: “If police are required to respond again to this location due to a loud or disruptive party, gathering or event within the next twelve hours, then the person(s) responsible for such party, gathering or event shall be assessed a police services fee and administration fee in accordance with Sierra Madre Municipal Code Chapter 9.52.”

9.52.040

Assessment of Police Services Fee and Administration Fee for Multiple Responses; Responsible Party.

A. If City police are required to respond to a loud or disruptive party, gathering or event at a particular location for a second or subsequent time within a twelve-hour period after a warning has been issued pursuant to Section 9.52.030, then for each such response a police services fee shall be assessed against the person(s) responsible for the loud party or gathering.
B.Each person responsible for the loud or disruptive party, gathering or event shall be jointly and severally liable for the police services fee and administration fee; provided, however, that if any such person is a minor, then the parents or legal guardian(s) of such minor shall be jointly and severally liable in the minor’s place.

9.52.050.

Billing and Collection.

A.The Police Chief shall notify the Finance Department of any sums that may be charged to any person under this chapter, including, but not limited to the name(s) of the person(s) responsible for the loud or disruptive party, gathering or event, the date, location and the type and cost of police services rendered subject to this chapter. The Finance Department shall bill the person(s) responsible for police services fees and administration fee incurred under this chapter.
B.If the person responsible for the loud or disruptive party, gathering or event is a minor, then the parents or legal guardian(s) of that minor shall be jointly and severally liable to the city for the police services fee and administration fee.

C.A police services fee and administration fee shall be paid in full within fifteen days of the billing date unless a written appeal is filed in accordance with Section 9.60.070.
D.Should the person responsible for the loud or disruptive party, gathering or event fail or refuse to timely pay the police services fee and administration fee, the City may institute a civil action to collect arrearages as well as the cost of collection.

9.52.060

Debt to City.

The amount of any police services fee and administration fee charged pursuant to this chapter shall be deemed a civil debt owing to the City by the person responsible for the loud or disruptive party, gathering or event.

9.52.070

Appeals.

Any person assessed a police services fee and administration fee pursuant to this chapter may request an appeal in accordance with the administrative hearing procedures set forth in Sections 1.18.140 and 1.18.150 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code.

9.52.080. Effect of Chapter.

A.Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to preclude any police agency from taking any action, including making arrests and issuing citations, necessary to abate any violation of law occurring at a loud or disruptive party, gathering or event.
B.Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as a waiver by the City to seek reimbursement for actual costs through other legal remedies or procedures.”
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 not a “project” for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines and the City’s local CEQA Guidelines.

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 28th day of July, 2009.

Ayes: Mayor MacGillivray, Mayor Pro Tem Watts, Council Members Buchanan, Mosca, Zimmerman
Noes: None Absent: None Abstain: None

City of Sierra Madre

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING - COURTESY NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AFFECTING THE PROPOSED “STONEHOUSE” PROJECT AND THE APPROVED “1 CARTER” PROJECT

Applicant: CS One Carter LLC
Project Location: 1935 Stonehouse Road in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles;
1 Carter Avenue in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice that the City Council will be considering a Settlement Agreement staying or resolving pending litigation concerning the approved 29 lot residential subdivision commonly known as the “1 Carter Avenue” and the proposed 35 lot residential project at 1935 Stonehouse Road commonly known as the “Stonehouse” project. It should be noted that this Settlement Agreement is not an approval of any Hillside Development Permits or any variances for future project or development application. If approved, however, the Settlement Agreement would affect the applicable law, timing and consideration of future development applications concerning these properties.

The proposal will be considered at the August 11, 2009 City Council meeting at City Hall. All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto. In addition, the City will be conducting a neighborhood meeting on August 6, 2009 where City staff will be seeking input and answering questions.

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

City of Sierra Madre
Neighborhood Meeting
Thursday, **August 6, 2009**
(meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.)

PLACE OF MEETING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council Chambers
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, **August 11, 2009**
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TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

Phillipe The Original

Hey, all I am on vacation but here is a great article from months past... Opps here is a correction on last weeks article, of course the California Cheese Company is on Foothill in Monrovia.. On with the article.

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 volume, volume, volume. I have a saying that fits Phillippe'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. Phillippe 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 Phillippe'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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Drives Events Similar to El Niño, La Niña

Establishing a key link between the solar cycle and global climate, new research led by the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) shows that maximum solar activity and its aftermath have impacts on Earth that resemble La Niña and El Niño events in the tropical Pacific Ocean. The research may pave the way toward better predictions of temperature and precipitation patterns at certain times during the Sun's cycle, which lasts approximately 11 years.

The total energy reaching Earth from the Sun varies by only 0.1 percent across the solar cycle. Scientists have sought for decades to link these ups and downs to natural weather and climate variations and distinguish their subtle effects from the larger pattern of human-caused global warming.

Building on previous work, NCAR researchers used computer models of global climate and more than a century of ocean temperature data to answer longstanding questions about the connection between solar activity and global climate. Changes in greenhouse gases were also included in the model, but the main focus of the study is to examine the role of solar variability in climate change.

The research, published this month in the Journal of Climate, was funded by the National Science Foundation, NCAR's sponsor, and by the Department of Energy.

"We have fleshed out the effects of a new mechanism to understand what happens in the tropical Pacific when there is a maximum of solar activity," says NCAR scientist Gerald Meehl, the lead author. "When the Sun's output peaks, it has far-ranging and often subtle impacts on tropical precipitation and on weather systems around much of the world."

The new paper, along with an earlier one by Meehl

and colleagues, shows that as the Sun reaches maximum activity, it heats cloud-free parts of the Pacific Ocean enough to increase evaporation, intensify tropical rainfall and the trade winds, and cool the eastern tropical Pacific. The result of this chain of events is similar to a La Niña event, although the ocean cooling of about 1 to 2 degrees Fahrenheit is focused further east and is only about half as strong as for a typical La Niña.

Over the following year or two, the La Niña-like pattern triggered by the solar maximum tends to evolve into an El Niño-like pattern, as slow-moving currents replace the cool water over the eastern tropical Pacific with warmer-than-usual water. Again, the ocean response is only about half as strong as with El Niño.

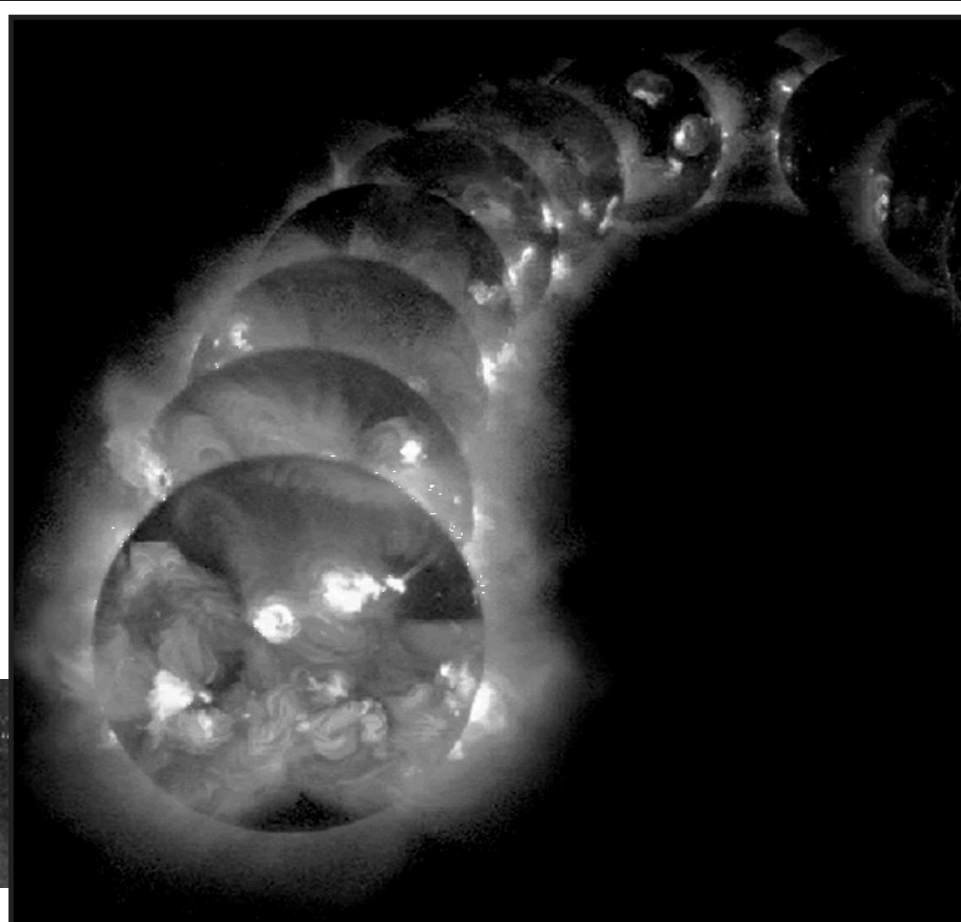
True La Niña and El Niño events are associated with changes in the temperatures of surface waters of the eastern Pacific Ocean. They can affect weather patterns worldwide.

The new paper does not analyze the weather impacts of the solar-driven events. But Meehl and his co-author, Julie Arblaster of both NCAR and the Australian Bureau of Meteorology, found that the solar-driven La Niña tends to cause relatively warm and dry conditions across parts of western North America. More research will be needed to determine the additional impacts of these events on weather across the world.

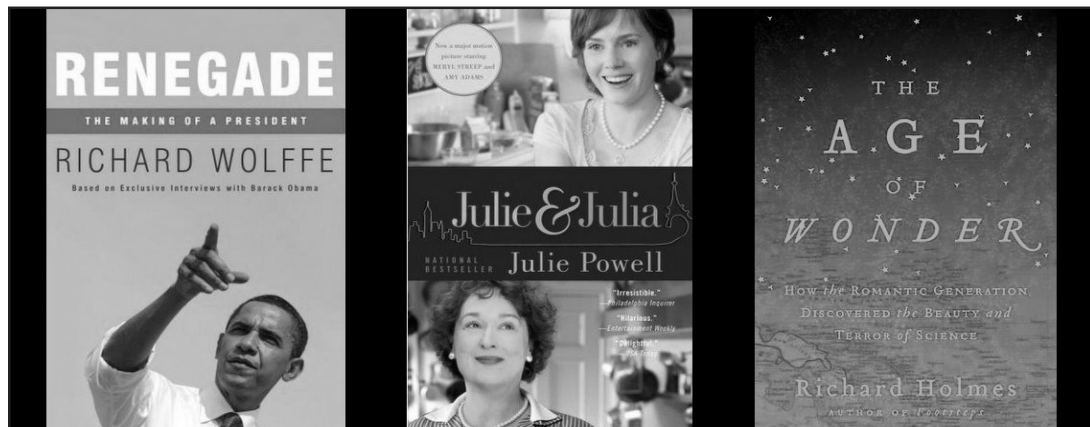
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The Book Report
Books for your consideration**Renegade: The Making of a President by Richard Wolffe (2009)**

Before the White House and Air Force One, before the TV ads and the enormous rallies, there was the real Barack Obama: a man wrestling with the momentous decision to run for the presidency, feeling torn about leaving behind a young family, and figuring out how to win the biggest prize in politics. This book is the previously untold and epic story of how a political newcomer with no money and an alien name grew into the world's most powerful leader. But it is also a uniquely intimate portrait of the person behind the iconic posters and the Secret Service code name Renegade. Drawing on a dozen interviews with the candidate and president, as well as 21 months covering his campaign as it traveled from coast to coast, Richard Wolffe answers the simple yet enduring question about Barack Obama: Who is he? Based on Wolffe's unprecedented access to Obama, Renegade reveals the making of a president, both on the campaign trail and before he ran for high office. It explains how the politician who emerged in an extraordinary election learned the personal and political skills to succeed during his youth and early career. Obama developed the strategies he would need to survive the onslaught of the Clintons and John McCain, and build a multimillion-dollar machine to win a historic contest. Richard Wolffe shares with us his front row seat at Obama's announcement to run for president on a frigid day in Springfield, and his victory speech in Chicago. We fly on the candidate's plane and ride in his bus on an odyssey across a country in crisis. Renegade provides not only an account of Obama's triumphs, but also examines his many personal and political trials. We see Obama wrestling with race and politics, as well as his former pastor Reverend Jeremiah Wright. We see him struggling with life as a presidential candidate, a campaign that falters for most of its first year, and his reaction to a surprise defeat in the New Hampshire primary. And we see him relying on his personal experience, as well as meticulous polling, to pass the presidential test in foreign and economic affairs. Renegade is an essential guide to understanding President Barack Obama and his trusted inner circle of aides and friends. Richard Wolffe is an award-winning journalist and political analyst for MSNBC television.

Julie and Julia: My Year of Cooking Dangerously by Julie Powell (2009)

Julie & Julia, the bestselling memoir that's

"irresistible....A kind of Bridget Jones meets The French Chef" say the Philadelphia Inquirer. Julie Powell, nearing thirty and trapped in a dead-end secretarial job, resolves to reclaim her life by cooking in the span of a single year, every one of the 524 recipes in Julia Child's legendary Mastering the Art of French Cooking. Her unexpected reward: not just a newfound respect for calves' livers and aspic, but a new life lived with gusto. The book is now a major motion picture, written and directed by Nora Ephron and stars Amy Adams as Julie and Meryl Streep as Julia.

The Age of Wonder: How the Romantic Generation Discovered the Beauty and Terror of Science by Richard Holmes (2009)

A riveting history of the men and women whose discoveries and inventions at the end of the eighteenth century gave birth to the Romantic Age of Science. When young Joseph Banks stepped onto a Tahitian beach in 1769, he hoped to discover Paradise. Inspired by the scientific ferment sweeping through Britain, the botanist had sailed with Captain Cook on his first Endeavour voyage in search of new worlds. Other voyages of discovery, astronomical, chemical, poetical, philosophical, swiftly follow in Richard Holmes's original evocation of what truly emerges as an Age of Wonder. The Age of Wonder investigates the earliest ideas of deep time and space, and the explorers of "dynamic science," of an infinite, mysterious Nature waiting to be discovered. Three lives dominate the book: William Herschel and his sister Caroline, whose dedication to the study of the stars forever changed the public conception of the solar system, the Milky Way, and the meaning of the universe; and Humphry Davy, who, with only a grammar school education stunned the scientific community with his near-suicidal gas experiments that led to the invention of the miners' lamp and established British chemistry as the leading professional science in Europe. This age of exploration extended to great writers and poets as well as scientists, all creators relishing in moments of high exhilaration, boundary-pushing and discovery. Holmes shows how great ideas and experiments—both successes and failures—were born of singular and often lonely dedication, and how religious faith and scientific truth collide. He has written a book breathtaking in its originality, its storytelling energy, and its intellectual significance.



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On Line

By PJ Carpenter

How to Un-Ring a Bell -
That Is the Question

The bell in this case is the hypothetical state of privacy that existed prior to the widespread use of the Internet as a given in everyday life and the ready availability of copious amounts of data about nearly everything and everyone under the sun. The ringing in this case is the current state of digital affairs characterized by the dizzying pace of technological progress and the very personal ways in which this progress touches upon nearly every facet of our lives. It seems that every age group or interest group capable of defining itself can find representation in some form or another on the Internet. Somebody ...somewhere...cares about the same things that you care about and wants to connect with you. That's not necessarily a bad thing since we humans are by our very natures social creatures. We live and express ourselves, our natures and our ideas most fully through interaction with others. The modern version of this interaction takes on a more decidedly digital nature to the degree that we share information about ourselves and our activities on and through digital media, specifically media shared in a public forum. In addition to this voluntary flow of information that we release about ourselves and our lives there exist adjacent flows of data about us that are often controlled by other people and entities. In some cases this data is far more detailed and descriptive than we might have imagined. Viewed and interpreted through the correct filters, a fairly detailed image of the observed subject begins to come into view. How this digital representation of ourselves is treated, what rights this digital self has (if any), and what recourse we have for any abuses our digital selves may have been subjected to has been and will continue to be weighed and debated for such time as it takes for the law to recognize that what happens to our digital selves often has very real repercussions for the physical person that exist in the here and now.

A few powerful factors have come to shape the way we experience life online. Most prominent among these is the reality of a truly interconnected digital planet. Where we can now get from nearly any physical Point A to nearly any physical Point B on the face of the Earth in a 12 - 24 hour time frame, we can now establish contact across that very same distance in the digital world in a matter of seconds. The ever-increasing speed, complexity and redundancy of these networks ensure a state of near-total connectivity. All of this hi-tech connectivity must be managed and coordinated and this job falls to the various Internet Service Providers that provide the access. These ISP's are

in turn regulated by higher levels of bureaucracy that dictate policy concerning the data that flows through their collective infrastructures and the data stored on their servers. Another of these factors is economic in nature and consists of the implementation of advanced consumer marketing models that provide an online platform for a widely disparate range of goods and services that would be impossible to replicate in a single physical marketplace. This digital marketplace also provides merchants and other business interests the opportunity to collect data about consumers of their services and their habits to a degree not possible until very recently. This data in its raw form is quite valuable and has birthed new areas of study concerning ways in which to extrapolate advance knowledge of consumer trends and predicting future behavior based upon past activity. This ability is worth nothing less than pure gold to whoever possesses it and can successfully transform the mountains of collected data into guaranteed sales. Data permanency, which assures that a lasting record of every transaction exists for future retrieval, aids in the analysis process and is cheaper than ever thanks to dramatic advances in storage technology. The 'permanent record' that some of us were threatened with as schoolchildren is now a reality.

Coupled with the relatively recent explosion of social networking technologies that provide users with a place to express themselves in a ways that used to be reserved for the most intimate of settings and even then only with a few trusted friends, we now have in place a data collection apparatus of unprecedented size and scope that encompasses us all in some form or another. What we don't have in place is a consistent and trusted way to control who has access to all of this data, especially when it pertains to us as individuals. In this highly digitized world there simply are no real mechanisms in place that protect the individuals right to privacy for his or her digital person. Any real reform in the area of user data privacy simply must take into account the fact that there are often very real consequences for what happens to our digital selves and as such these digital persons need to be accorded legal protections similar to those given to other non-human entities such as corporations.

The simple fact of the matter is that the direction of progress is always forward and that a bell can't be un-rung.

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The Senior Spot By Bruce Lamarche IN PRAISE OF A "REAL" DOCTOR

Need a doctor? Nope, not me. I don't need to pay a doctor all that money for 4 minutes and 30 seconds of his time. I've got the internet and besides, I'm a Medic and have studied anatomy. Yeah, I've got this handled . . . well almost. So, here's my story.

The other night I woke with a knife-like pain in my upper right quadrant of my abdomen. So at 3 AM I go on to the internet at a favorite doctor site and it helps point out that my appendix may be rupturing. After reviewing my symptoms again with another website, I became even more concerned. I spend the rest of the night worrying about losing work time recovering from surgery and the cost. Finally, my wife says to either go to emergency, or suck it up and wait for Dr. Brown in Sierra Madre to open at 9AM. So I wait.

I get over to Dr. Brown's office, right there on Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre, and he spends an amazing 90 minutes with me patiently going over all details of my history and giving me a thorough exam. Early on he agrees and says that the symptoms could very well be appendicitis. I keep my despair to myself as he continues. Finally, he asks me about my day yesterday and if I did something unusual. Nope, says I with confidence. Well . . . actually, I did help move two washing machines but my younger helper did most of the lifting. He looks at me with a knowing grin. Perhaps, I pulled a muscle in my gut he suggests. After some more poking around, he says, "Yup, I think you strained those muscles right here" as he probes to make his point. A short grunt later I agree.

Then it hits me. Being the self-sufficient, money saver that I was, I attempted to avoid wasting money on a short doctor visit by solving the

problem myself. Dumb! All my past doctor visits have been done in record time (usually less than 5 minutes) and that after a 50 minute wait reading old magazines. What I ended up with was a long session with a very caring doctor who looked at all aspects of my life and physical condition to evaluate my complaint. This experience was a first for me. And . . . Doctor Brown saw me precisely at my appointment time.

The session ended with a check of my eating habits and a recommendation to take certain vitamins. He even encouraged me to contact him with any follow-up questions I might have. Huh? This must be a dream, but no, it's real.

Doc Brown has an amazing background of experience and is actually interested in preventing problems, unlike many other doctors. He strikes me as the old fashioned type of doctor who used to come to the house with his black bag, yet he's totally modern in his knowledge of medicine. I wish more doctors could be like him. He actually cares and has the knowledge to back it up, and he wasn't even expensive!

Doctor Warren Brown's practice is called Proactive Care Partners and is located at 529 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre. He can be reached at (626) 355-8595. Check him out at www.proactivecarepartners.com. He's a great doc!

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Happy camping!

Helpful Hints

5 Ways Your Old Toothbrush Can Help Around the House

1. Dip an old toothbrush in soapy water and use the stiff bristles to help you clean grimed on gunk off of your rangetop.
2. Remove clothing stains by using a toothbrush to work stain-remover deep into the fabric.
3. Clean gel, hairspray or other products off of hairbrushes and combs by scrubbing the bristles or tines with a toothbrush.
4. Mix one part water and one part vinegar and scrub the inside of your coffee maker with a toothbrush to get rid of old, crusted-on grinds.
5. Scrub hard-to-clean grout with a toothbrush. The size and shape of a toothbrush makes it better-suited to grout scrubbing than larger brushes or sponges.

Recipe of the Month:

Couscous Salad with Turkey

Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup orange juice
- 1 1/3 cups couscous
- 1/3 cup raisins
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 6 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 cup shredded or julienned carrots
- 1/3 cup chopped walnuts, toasted
- 1 (1 1/2-pound) piece cooked turkey breast, cut crosswise into thin strips
- 3 cups torn fresh baby spinach

Directions:

1. In a medium saucepan, bring 1 1/2 cups of lightly salted water to a boil. Stir in 1/2 cup of the orange juice, the couscous, and the raisins. Cover the pan, then remove it from the heat and let it stand for 5 minutes, until the liquid is absorbed. Fluff the couscous with a fork and transfer the mixture to a large bowl to cool.
2. In a small bowl, whisk together the remaining 1/4 cup of orange juice, 1/4 teaspoon of salt, and the pepper. Slowly whisk in the oil until it's well blended.
3. Add the carrots, nuts, turkey, spinach, and remaining 1/4 teaspoon of salt to the couscous. Pour in the dressing and toss to mix. Makes 4 servings.

For Your Funny Bone

A young woman who had just gotten engaged went to her father to ask for his advice.

"Daddy," she said, "how much does it cost to get married?" "I couldn't tell you," he replied. "I'm still paying for it."

August Birthdays



Juanita Fernandez, Joseph Kiss, Patricia Miranda, and Karlene Englert

Quote:

Life is a wave, which in no two consecutive moments of its existence is composed of the same particles.
-John Tyndall

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Unless listed differently, all activities are at the Hart Memorial Park (Senior Center) 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre

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

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

Friday: Ping-Pong 1:30 PM

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WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING

Charles the Gardener-It's time to acknowledge a job well done.

Charles is the "old-time" gardener everyone would like to have tending their garden. He is a treasure of the past, knowing when to plant which bulbs where, the importance of cutting off the dead pods on the crape myrtle before the next bloom, and what's ailing any plant just by looking at it.

Today the term "gardener" is often misunderstood and undervalued and I hesitate somewhat in describing him as a gardener, because he is SO MUCH MORE!

Unfortunately, Charles and I don't see each other more than 3 or 4 times a year, but I'm always informed of his comings and goings by the growers we both purchase our plants from. On

be planted amongst the informal spirea, yarrow and iceberg roses?" And the ranunculus, well," he said, with such certainty in his voice that I wouldn't have dared to question his decision, "they always look their best planted en mass in a circular bed of candytuft." His hands all the while painting out the location of each plant variety - Charles talks about his plants with the same affection some people talk about their grandchildren!

After 30 years of gardening experience this Irishman from Donegal is in the enviable position of choosing his own clients - although he has never said this directly to me - I know it to be true. He reserves 3 days of his week to maintain

several very big homes in an exclusive part of town and the other 3 days for landscaping and planting for his other clients and referrals. Charles says he never tires of his work because everyday, there is something new to appreciate and, in his line of work, no two days are ever alike. "Seeing the new buds appear on a favorite shrub or tree," he says, "and knowing when you come back again in a few days time it will be in full bloom, that is a feeling that never gets old."

He readily admits that over the years some of his plantings have given him a little more grief than others in getting established, "but you need patience," he said in his strong Irish brogue. "Patience is the one thing nature teaches you when working with plant life - and saying a few Hail Mary's, of course, doesn't hurt either!"

Charles experienced long ago the spiritual bond that connects man and nature and this is what I meant when I said Charles is not "just" a gardener. He brings so much more to his work, and reaps the many rewards, too! As I left him that afternoon, I reminded myself to take heed of his good-natured advice. Herman Hesse, the German author and poet said, "Patience is the hardest thing in life to learn, but the most important." I wanted to feel the same joy and wonder that Charles displayed on seeing the first delphiniums appear in the cool of February and our colorful neighboring ranunculus which remind us of the approaching spring in March.

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the occasions we do bump into each other, however, only minutes into our greeting our conversation automatically turns to the first blooming plants in view and he will always mention the next tree or shrub he is looking forward to seeing in bloom in the next upcoming season. The last time I saw Charles was in mid March. He had just loaded his truck with an impressive number of delphiniums and ranunculus for a client and was, in his words, "looking forward to planting these beauties" that very afternoon. The planting area was already prepared, he informed me. "The delphiniums", he said, "would

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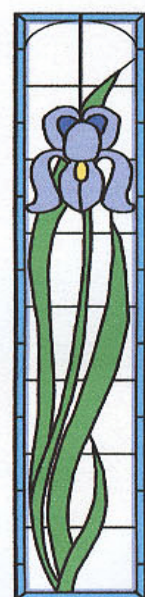
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