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Building Sierra Madre's Emergency Radio Station

By Dean Lee

On Tuesday, the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club hosted a public meeting to educate the community on the proposed Emergency Radio Station in the city.

Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council member Gary Hood explained the need and cost of constructing a travelers' information "radio" station (TIS) to be used in the event of emergencies while experts, Kiwanian Hank Landsberg of Henry Engineering and Pasadena City College radio instructor Jeff Rudisill sat listening among the 25 or so attendees.

Hood's presentation was part of the local club's regular meeting. Members of the club have agreed to help raise money for the station.

After the presentation, Landsberg and Rudisill discussed in additional detail what would be needed to make the TIS a reality.

Landsberg said the initial building includes, "the transmitter, audio gear, microphones and message repeater." He also said they hope to have Verizon provide the "studio-transmitter link" which he referred to as a "dry loop." He explained the radio antenna (transmitter) would be placed in the city's maintenance yard although other needed equipment (a studio) could be elsewhere such as city hall.

According to Landsberg, a fully operational station could be up by the end of the year provided the funds are raised. Rudisill, also a Sierra Madre resident said he was eager to help in any way. The two discussed the range up the canyons of the proposed 5 watts which Landsberg said was more than sufficient.

The projected cost of the project is \$51,000. Sierra Madre's city council agreed to allocate approximately \$14,000 of the funds needed. The council also agreed on using a company Information Station Specialists, to build the station.

Landsberg said the process of building a station was fairly cut and dry, "You have to find an open frequency, beyond that you need a construction permit." Finding the open frequency had already been

done he said.

A call to Information Station Specialists Thursday shed additional light on what it would take to build and operate the station.

Founder and CEO Bill Baker said operating expenses would be minimal. "It's just like any appliance you have at home, you have your electricity, and maybe a phone line," he said estimating a few hundred dollars annually.

Baker said the station would use a "whip antenna" no taller than an average light pole in a parking lot. "Most people will never know it's there," he said describing it as a large CB antenna.

Baker said the TIS FCC license, which only governments can hold, is limited to a maximum power of 10 watts. Baker also clarified the difference between an emergency station and one for commercial use.

"There is almost no correlation between the commercial boys, like KFI," he said putting to rest any ideas residents have that this could be used for political talk radio. "Everything is different with these systems except that they are on the AM band together."

He said the station would operate more like ham radio. He added that the TIS guidelines are under part 90 of the FCC rules, which state, "It is not permissible to identify the commercial name of any business whose service may be available within or outside the coverage area of a Travelers' Information Station."

In addition to emergency applications, the station can only be used for voice information pertaining to traffic and road conditions, traffic hazard and travel advisories, directions, availability of lodging, rest stops and service stations, and descriptions of local points of interest.

It was also discussed how, in the event of an emergency, the station would be used in conjunction with the city's refurbished air horn. Hood said they expect to test the horn everyday at 7 p.m. He said the horn could alert people to tune in to the emergency radio station.



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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT A BIG HIT -

Residents learn about crime prevention, public safety resources, and have fun at the same time!

Sierra Madre's participation in the National Night Out proved to be even more successful than in previous years. Residents converged on Memorial Park to participate an interactive effort to promote safe neighborhoods through community involvement.

Organizations such as Sierra Madre Search and Rescue (complete with rattlesnake), Sierra Madre Police, Fire and Paramedics, and the SM Fire Safe Council, had booths and/or displays available for residents to gather information.

In addition, Target Stores and In and Out Burgers, who co-sponsored the event, helped make certain the evening was full of good food, great fun and educational activities.

Left - SMPD Chief Marilyn Diaz answers the questions of a local youth at the event.

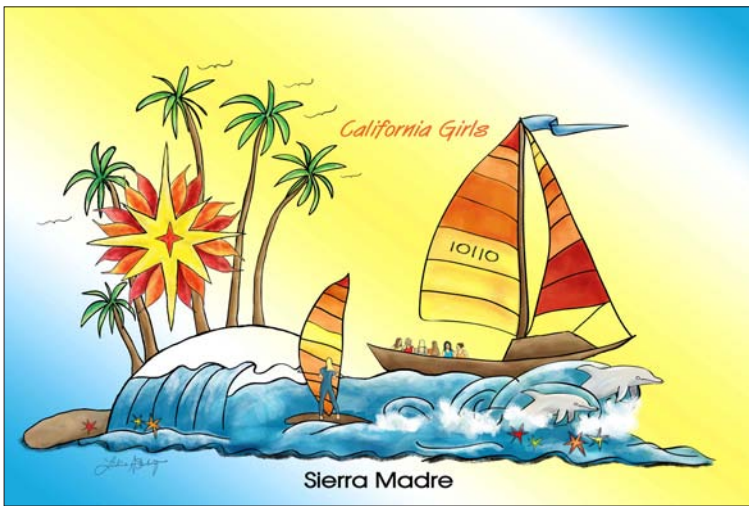
"California Girls" Construction Underway

Sierra Madre Rose Float Association Needs Your Help

"Since 1917, the Sierra Madre community has been privileged to participate in the annual Tournament of Roses Parade. This year's entry, "California Girls," recognizes the beauty, fun and excitement of the California ocean experience as the float sails down Colorado Blvd on New Year's Day.

"California Girls features a sailboat, 2 windsurfers, and a large sun. The float will be approx. 26 ft. tall, 42 ft. long and 16 ft. wide. The sailboat will ride upon an ocean of over 10,000 irises, roses and carnations. The bow spray will feature white roses and white phalaenopsis orchids. Sailing in the boat there will be 7 "California Girls". The sailboat will heel side to side with the mast matching the movement. 4 dolphins, covered in silver leaf, will frolic alongside the boat. The windsurfers will also be "California Girls". The

cresting waves at the rear will feature white Spider Mums and white Dendrobium Orchids. The large sun behind the sailboat will have a corona that has two counter rotating sets of rays. At the rear of the float will be 5 tall stately palm trees, topped with dendrobium and oncidium orchids.



Sierra Madre's 2010 Rose Parade Entry - "California Girls"

Skating around the float will be 12-16 professional roller skaters, again "California Girls". The float will sail down Colorado Blvd. to the music of the Beach Boys, singing "California Girls". The planning, construction, decoration and fund raising for each Sierra Madre float requires the hard work of dedicated community volunteers and supporters. Construction and decoration planning/preparation is now underway. We work Sundays, 10AM to 5PM and Thursday nights, 6PM-10PM. WE NEED HELP NOW!!! For more information, please call the Barn at 626-355-7005 or drop by to learn about the volunteer opportunities."

FOCUS On Volunteerism

Meals-on-Wheels Is Lifesaver to Residents

Imagine not being able to cook a real meal because of a disability or because you have trouble getting around your kitchen.

Imagine knowing that you'll have a full meal delivered daily during the week, a hot main dish, bread, salad and dessert. The food is packed in foil and placed in an airtight ice chest. Intervale Senior Services (YWCA, San Gabriel Valley) out of Covina is contracted to provide the food. The meal costs \$2.00 daily, suggested fee. Also, they also offer frozen meals for the weekend.

No one goes hungry.

It all happens in Sierra Madre.

Twenty homebound or senior residents are served meals every noon at their homes by 24 volunteers, who drive to the homes and deliver personally to each recipient.

The amazing work is offered five days a week by residents from Sierra Madre and Pasadena and Arcadia. There are also substitute drivers standing ready to help.

These volunteers take a little over an hour out of their lives daily, load the individual meals into their autos, peruse the addresses, and take the specially wrapped meals to the doors of the recipients. That's often not where the service stops. Some drivers take out the garbage, put the milk in the refrigerator, or open cans or jars, or just sit and talk to the lonely Sierra Madreans who use the service.

On the humorous side of this job, one male driver was shocked when the women recipient called out, "I'm in the shower come right in, I'll be right out." She appeared, wrapped in a towel to receive her meal. This is a great



MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS: Left to right - Back row: Pam Holaday, Rudy Van Cleef, Mary Beth Finnerty, Maria Metzger, Danna Edwards, Ingrid Hillmer, Sandra Dickey, Todd Sample, Jerry Carlton, Alan Leahy Front row: Barbara Cline, Kathleen Coyne, Nancy Fox, Darlene Traxler, Sharon Murphy, Shirley Leahy

volunteer job.

Driver Rudy Van Cleef, a retired engineer at Parsons, has extra time to devote to "my fellow man." As an active member of St. Rita Church, he feels it's his duty to help out Meals on Wheels, as well as being a driver for veterans who seek treatment at the Long Beach Veterans' Hospital.

Driver Sharon Murphy, chair of the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library Art Fair and property manager of Civic Club, said of the recipients, "They get a nice meal and they need help. Some just

want to talk so I stay as long as I can at each home."

Barbara Cline and Maria Metzger, both who have been Meals-on-Wheels drivers since 1992, joined the effort for much the same reason: they go where help is needed.

The same year that Barbara retired from JPL she signed up to drive. She's a very active volunteer in many parts of Sierra Madre's life. She's on the Retirement Board at JPL, on the Board of the Cemetery Association. Barbara volunteers at Methodist Hospital

in Arcadia in the chaplain's office, belongs to a Bible Study Group and is a member of Sierra Madre Woman's Club. She's a busy, active volunteer. Barbara's husband, Lee, is a former City Councilman.

Maria Metzger said, simply, "(Meals-on-Wheels) driving doesn't take that long. I'm glad to do it."

Maria, who came to the U.S. from Switzerland, has a bookkeeping service. She and her husband, George, have a daughter living in San Diego.

Darlene Traxler (continued on page 3)

SM City Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 11, 2009 6:30 pm

Public Agenda includes discussion of Settlement Plan for 1 Carter and Stonehouse Projects & Litigation
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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

SIERRA MADRE COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS



Summer Fun in the Park

Come and enjoy the learning extravaganza and the GET OUT, GET ACTIVE program targeted for children ages 3-10 years but people of all ages are welcome to enjoy. The Community & Personnel Services Department will offer fun and interactive programs Tuesday and Thursday mornings all summer long 9:30-10:30 am at the Bandshell in Memorial Park, 222 West Sierra Madre Blvd. For more information regarding this or any of our programs please contact the Community & Personnel Services Department at 626-355-5278.

Activities take place through August 27th:

Police Safety Day, L.A. County Arboretum paper making, Eaton Canyon nature presentation, recycling fun, folk dancing, Southern California Lyric Theater, and more!

CATZ (Competitive Athletics Training Zone) will be providing a fitness program for youths every Thursday from 9:30-10:30am. The program includes sports and games and encourages kids to get out and get active in the morning during the summer. The Pasadena-based company places a high value on being healthy and active has tailored youth fitness programs to meet these goals. Don't forget to bring your sneakers, shorts, t-shirts and water bottle and get ready to GET ACTIVE!

Youth Activity Center (YAC) For teens 11-17 years old 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Membership \$31.00 per year Summer Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 12:00 - 7:00 pm

The YAC offers many activities and programs for youths to enjoy. Play a game of ping pong, billiards, or foosball with your friends. Broaden your horizons by learning from our weekly guest speakers. Come be a part of the YAC! Sign up for the YAC at the Community Recreation Center. For more information please contact us at 626-355-5278 x720.

Summer Field Trips

Friday, August 14 Bowling \$10.00
 Friday, August 28 Six Flags Magic Mtn. \$31.00

Tuesday Night is Family Night at the Sierra Madre Pool!

Due to the generous donation from the **Sierra Madre Community Foundation** Tuesday Family Nights are FREE Admission! All Summer long on Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 pm families are encouraged to come down to the pool for a splash. Bring your hibachi grill for a bbq on the pool deck along with your rafts, inner tubes and toys. (Please no personal flotation devices). **Special Splashin' Movie Nights** brought you your by the Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighters Associations. Tuesdays, August 18, 7:00 - 9:00 pm for the showing of Bolt.

Chivas USA Soccer Excursion

August 22, 2009
 Chivas USA v. Toronto FC Cost: \$20 per person
 Bus Departs Community Recreation Center, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. at 5:30pm sharp. Bus Returns at approximately 10 pm For more information, please call the City of Sierra Madre Community & Personnel Services Department at 626-355-5278.

Hollywood Bowl

Friday, August 21, 6:30 pm
 Performance by Diana Krall Park & Ride* Buses leave Arcadia County Park, 405 South Santa Anita Ave. Arcadia \$34.00 / person *Please note that the Park & Ride is not operated by the City of Sierra Madre; it is operated in conjunction with the Hollywood Bowl. For more information, please call 626-355-5278.

August 2009

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

<p>Tuesday, August 4th Summer Fun In the Park - Memorial Park, 9:30 am National Night Out - Memorial Park, 5-9:00 pm</p>		<p>6 Summer Fun In The Park - Memorial Park 9:30 am</p>	<p>7 Sierra Madre Library Book Sale Friday: 3-7:00 pm Saturday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm</p>
<p>9 FREE Concerts in the Park Memorial Park Aluminum Marshmallow at 6:00 pm</p>		<p>11 Summer Fun In The Park - Memorial Park 9:30 am</p>	<p>13 Summer Fun In The Park - Memorial Park 9:30 am</p>
<p>16 FREE Concerts in the Park Memorial Park The Late Bloomers at 6:00 pm</p>		<p>18 Summer Fun In The Park - Memorial Park 9:30 am</p>	<p>20 Summer Fun In The Park - Memorial Park 9:30 am</p>
<p>23 FREE Concerts in the Park Memorial Park JOEL PENNER Sextet Jazz Ensemble at 6:00 pm</p>		<p>25 Summer Fun In The Park - Memorial Park 9:30 am</p>	<p>27 Summer Fun In The Park - Memorial Park 9:30 am</p>
<p>30 FREE Concerts in the Park Memorial Park Fairytales and Fantasy V Southern California Lyric Theatre at 7:30 pm</p>		<h2>Sierra Madre Community Events For You and Your Family</h2>	

Day One

Youth Host Summit for Peers

What: Day One Youth Summit
When: Wednesday August 12, 2009
Where: Pasadena City College - Community Education Center
Time: 9am-4pm
Cost: FREE

Pasadena, CA, August 12, 2008 --**Day One Youth Advocates** will host a Youth Summit for their peers on **Wednesday August 12, 2009** from 9:00am to 4pm at the Pasadena City College - Community Education Center. In partnership with Pasadena City College, the City of Pasadena and the ACLU, the Youth Advocates have focus this year's summit on YOUTH RIGHTS!

A For Teens by Teens (4tbt) event, the 2009 Youth Summit will feature powerful guest speakers, 12+ youth focused workshops, a DJ, as well as a collection of youth who are using their gifts and talents to create positive change in their communities. This year's event will also provide youth aged 13 to 18 an opportunity to engage in important dialogue on key issues affecting teens. Some of this year's workshops include Healthy Relationships, Fight the Fury (Anger Management), Leadership101, Immigration, Alpha Male (male roles), Gender and Sexuality, and Embrace the Face (self esteem).

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To register, visit <http://activenet.active.com/cityofpasadena> or call Day One (626)229-9750. Breakfast and Lunch provided Free

Celebrating 15 years of service, **Youth Month** seeks to provide safe and healthy activities for our community and its youth. A wide range of activities for all ages are offered during **Youth Month** including pool parties, , movie days, bowling, family luau, beach cleanup and fun, visits to museums, trips to Magic Mountain, Raging Waters as well tours to local private and public colleges. For more information, please call Day One at (626)229-9750 or for a copy of a Youth Month calendar; please visit Day One or any local library or community center.

Day One is a 20-year old nonprofit community based organization whose mission is to provide an organizational structure by which Pasadena and Altadena will reduce the problems associated with alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use. Day One convenes, develops, coordinates, and provides prevention services.

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

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



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Downtown Sierra Madre - Shop -Dine-Relax

Aug. 14th Steve and Steve Acoustic Rock
 Aug. 21st Sugar Penny Eclectic
 Aug. 28th The Mellow Dz Acoustic Rock/Pop



Friday Night Live Continues, New Winners Announced!

Another great week of Friday Night Live last week, with 24 shoppers receiving free tote bags full of goodies for spending \$35/retail or \$75/restaurant at participating businesses. The 13-piece Gem City Jazz Cats was very well received. Winners of the drawings were Rod and Joan Spears of Sierra Madre (\$25 Gift Cert to Restaurant Lozano, donated by SanGabrielValleyMenus.com) and Joan Allen of Sierra Madre, who won a 4-pack of tickets to Oak Tree, donated by Santa Anita Park. Winner of a box/bag of produce and other goodies from the

Farmer's Market was Sierra Madrean named Cheryl McPhillip. Amy Sheller from No. Hollywood won 2 Playhouse tickets and dinner for 2 at Corfu. The scheduled appearance of Timmie Down this week is going to be a repeat performance by Mercy and the Beets, who wowed the crowd on July 24th. Mercy is Mercy Powell of Mercy and the Merkettes, and Timmie Down will be on guitar. Come and enjoy the live music and take advantage of the shopping specials that our downtown merchants are offering...You could be a winner next week.

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Altadena

On Friday, July 31, 2009 the Altadena Foothills Conservancy signed an agreement to purchase 20 acres of prime habitat at the mouth of Rubio Canyon. This key parcel will secure trail access and ensure that the creek and surrounding habitat right up to the Forest boundary is preserved for all time. This is an urgent deal and the owner has required that they must complete the purchase by the end of September.

Their goal is to raise \$50,000 to complete this sale and provide for a small land stewardship fund. They have raised almost \$6,000 from board members and friends and are soliciting the public's support for this project.

If the purchase is completed earlier, by August 25th, they be able to buy the land for 20% less. In their public appeal the AFC sends a more personal message, "If land conservation in the foothills is important to you - and I believe it is - we urgently need your help right now. I hope you will make as generous a contribution as you can.

In addition to funding this purchase quickly, we need to raise even more to be ready to move the next time a conservation-minded landowner comes to us with an urgent deal. Having money in the bank enables us to act quickly. Even



Rubio Canyon Entrance

outright donations of land cost money, for escrow and other services, insurance, surveys, and a modest endowment to pay for cleanup and upkeep."

If you are interested in helping the AFC, go to <http://www.altadenafoothills.org/support.html> or you can mail a check to: Altadena Foothills Conservancy, P.O. Box 3, Altadena, CA 91003-0003.

Nancy Steele, is the President of the AFC. Board members include Lori Paul, Vice President, Mary Barrie, Treasurer. Michelle Markman, Secretary, John Howel I, Lawren Markle, Robert Staehle, Marc Stirdivant and Tim Wendler

FOCUS - Meals On Wheels (*cont. from pg. 1*) has been Meals-on-Wheels coordinator for four years and was a driver for four years before assuming that position.

"I have learned to love the people and the volunteers who drive for the program," Darlene said.

Sometimes if drivers forget their assigned days, Darlene also delivers.

It is rumored that Dorothy Hobiak actually engineered Sierra Madre's first Meals-on-Wheels program 30 years ago.

Roots for the world-wide program go back to England during World War II when bombed out residents were unable to cook for themselves. The Woman's Volunteer Service for Civil Defense took on their neighbors' needs, also helping feel service people.

At the request of the Health and Welfare Council in the United States, the first home-delivery program began in 1954 to homebound seniors and others who couldn't get out easily.

Sister Alice Marie Quinn was the responsible "angel" who started the program in Los Angeles in the 1950s. Twenty years later several towns formed a chapter and the duties spread quickly.

Sierra Madre drivers include Lonnie Beck, Samantha Lopez, Annie Oelschlager, Nancy Clark, Pam Holaday, Colleen McKernan, Sharon Murphy, Sally Olsen, Eva and Jim Poet, Anthe Wosczyrna, Barbara and Lee Cline, Sandra Dickey, Danna Edwards, Raymond Avesian, Shirley and Alan Leahy, Todd Sample, Rudy Van Cleef, Maria Metzger, Gary and Gloria Griffith and Darlene Crook.

Substitute drivers include Jerry Carlton, Kathleen Coyne, Karma Bell, Marlene Enmark, Nancy Fox, Ann Bixel, Ingrid Hillmer, Shirley McGillicuddy, Sue Quinn, Bonnie Colcher and Carolyn Firth.

Anyone interested in volunteering to deliver should call Darlene Traxler at 355-0256. Those who wish more information should call Susan Garcia at (626) 858-8382.

Duarte

Shopping Cart Ordinance in Duarte

The City of Duarte has adopted a new ordinance to deal with the problem of stray shopping carts. Beginning Aug. 28, businesses and individuals will be responsible for the removal and misuse of shopping carts and laundry carts. The ordinance will prevent the unauthorized use, accumulation, and storage of abandoned shopping carts and laundry carts on public or private property by restricting the removal of carts from parking lots and requiring identification on carts.

The new ordinance imposes fees and fines for businesses, as well as fines for individuals in violation of the ordinance. City staff will work with the local business community to help educate them on the requirements of the new ordinance," said Public Safety Director, Brian Villalobos.


Businesses will be required to submit a \$60 fee along with a written cart retrieval program to the Public Safety Director prior to the establishment's

original or annual renewal business license application. They will need to demonstrate how they plan to retrieve abandoned carts and how they plan to prevent shopping carts from being taken off of their premises, among other requirements. Businesses will be fined \$60 per cart for abandoned carts retrieved by the City. An additional \$60 fine will be imposed for each occurrence in excess of three occurrences within a six-month period.


Persons found in possession of shopping carts or laundry carts outside the premises of the owner or caught removing a shopping cart from the business's parking lot will be issued a written warning the first time and issued a citation if they are caught in violation of the ordinance again. The fine for the first offense will be \$100, and an additional \$50 for each additional offense.

For more information, or to report abandoned shopping carts, call Duarte Public Safety at (626) 357-7938.

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Around Monrovia
by Pat Ostrye

Her Honor, The Mayor!

It goes without saying that a visit from the Mayor of one's town is a moment to remember. The members of the New Horizon Senior Club are more fortunate than the average citizen because the Mayor of Monrovia, Mary Ann Lutz, makes a special effort to visit the club every fourth Tuesday of the month, to bring all of us up to date on the "inside" doings of all things government. Her Honor is the third Mayor from the female side of the aisle, after 123 years of addressing the one holding this position in Monrovia, "Hiz Honor"! The senior club averages 60 members each week, so it's a lively, interesting and most enjoyable interchange of questions, answers and ideas each time Mayor Lutz makes her appearance.

This past week the top priority was how Monrovia is being affected by the State's final budget cutbacks. To put it simply - Terribly! First of all, the state planned to grab the HOTA funds which includes gas tax money amounting to \$1.2M for 2 years, and Monrovia's Redevelopment income which amounts to \$1M/yr, plus Monrovia's reserve of \$1M. After much screaming and hollering, as I understand it, each category was whittled down and the final downfall for Monrovia will still be \$1.2M. This does not include what's happening with the School District.

As you saw in last week's issue of this paper, due to all of this, employees are hit with

pay cuts, furloughs and early retirements, reducing the city staff by 22 positions on top of the 10 eliminated during the past two years because of other budget cuts. It isn't easy to be Mayor or any other elective position at any time, but during this recession and destructive state budget, it is a highly formidable undertaking! At a time like this, most of us would say 'who needs it?'

However, as the Mayor informed us, there are some good things happening in Monrovia: On Colorado and Myrtle in Old Town, T. Phillips, a London-English pub is moving in, offering food, of course, and sporting 100 different beers. That corner was formerly the old Social Security Bldg. and has been vacant off and on for many years. Noone seems to know why the Macaroni Grill suddenly closed.

Kohls is almost ready, in the old Mervin space, should be open the end of September. Living Spaces Furniture is going in where the former Expo was on Huntington. The Circuit City and Spires spaces are still undecided but several projects are being banded about.

The Gold Line plans to be completed in 2013, to Azusa. All the way to Montclair will take longer. Besides all of the acquired information, as I already stated, having the Mayor as our guest was very enjoyable and a privilege. Postrye@netzero.com

Arcadia

Methodist Hospital is 14th highest-rated out of 76 Los Angeles County hospitals.

Huntington Hospital in Pasadena Ranks No. 2

In a new Consumer Reports ranking of hospitals based on a federal government recent Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey of more than 1 million patients nationwide and more than 300 Methodist patients, the Arcadia-based hospital achieved an overall score of 69 out of 100 and had average patient costs (APC) of \$4,089.

Huntington Hospital in Pasadena ranks #2 in L.A. County (81, \$4,083) behind Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital in Whittier (83, \$3,774).

For the purposes of comparison to high-profile hospitals, Cedars-Senai Medical Center (#11) near Beverly Hills in Los Angeles ranks one point higher with a 70 but average patient costs are nearly 60% higher at \$6,524. St. John's Health Center in Santa Monica (#17) ranks only one point lower with a 68 yet has an APC nearly 45% higher than Methodist at \$5,883. Likewise, UCLA Medical Center (#18) with a score of 68 has an APC about 20% higher at \$4,835.

The 300 or more patients surveyed about their recent stay at Methodist Hospital rated it in eight categories, including doctor communication (95% said doctors always or usually communicate well); nurse



communication (92%); pain control (91% said pain always/usually controlled); room cleanliness (89% said rooms and bathrooms always/usually clean); and quietness (82% said area around their room always/usually quiet).

Three areas that scored below 80% were attentiveness of hospital staff (79% said they always/usually received help as soon as they needed); discharge instructions (74% said they were given info about what to expect after leaving); and communications about medications (66% said staff always/usually explained about new medications).

Other high-profile hospitals: Motion Picture and Television Hospital in Woodland Hills ranks #3 and USC University Hospital is 5th). The highest-ranking Kaiser Foundation Hospital - in Baldwin Park - is rated 19th.

Near the bottom are Greater El Monte Community Hospital (70th), San Gabriel Valley Medical Center in San Gabriel (71st), Alhambra Hospital Medical Center (72nd), and Whittier Hospital Medical Center (73rd). Complete ratings of all hospitals nationwide is available for a subscription fee at ConsumerReports.org/health.

Pasadena

DRAFT DESIGN GUIDELINES ARE READY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

The public is encouraged to weigh in now on draft design guidelines for new neighborhood commercial and multifamily residential projects in Pasadena before the guidelines are submitted for final approval at a Design Commission meeting later this month.

The final draft of the design guidelines is on the city website.

The subject of a series of community meetings this year, the guidelines set new standards for how Pasadena neighborhood commercial centers and multifamily complexes of three or more units should look.

During the Monday, Aug. 24 meeting, the commission will review and discuss the final draft and take additional comments from the public before passing it along to the city council for consideration in late September

or early October. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. at Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St.

Once final guidelines are adopted, the city will host discussions and public meetings on how they will be applied. Complete details, including a map of affected areas, project schedule, documents for review and space to submit comments, are available at www.cityofpasadena.net/guidelines.

Comments can be provided online, during the public meetings, by calling (626) 744-7806, by emailing kevinjohnson@cityofpasadena.net, by faxing to (626) 396-7259, or by postal mail or delivery to 175 N. Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101-1704.



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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.

Pet of The Week



Minnie, a sweet and calm, two year old, terrier mix has adorable black and white spots and cute, triangle shaped ears. She is very friendly with people and loves going out for walks. She may prefer to be the only dog in the home. Minnie has already been spayed and would love to be adopted today!

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Please call 626-792-7151 and ask for A254868 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

Ice Skating Rink Left Out in the Cold

By Dean Lee

Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard said Friday that legendary Los Angeles Kings hockey player Luc Robitaille probably did not get what he wanted when Monday night, after a passionate plea in favor of a new Pasadena ice rink, the council put off making any permanent decision towards a new facility for at least two weeks.

Bogaard also expressed concern that two weeks might not be enough time to explore other options. Monday's meeting looked, at first, to have full support of a new rink although as time went on during the three hour discussion a number of council members, including Terry Tornek and Chris Holden, started to show opposition.

At one point Tornek called the whole thing laughable. He suggested turning the project down which was in agreement with a number of open space advocates who made clear they do not want building along the California Edison corridor.

"I think the site is bad, the soil is bad, the location is bad, it preempts open space," he said. "It drops an industrial building in the middle of a residential neighborhood, so I think it's a poor choice from every point of view, the accesses is awful."

Holden's tone was not as strong but he did suggest the idea of partnering with other cities and possibly putting



New Ice Skating Rink Location off Foothill Blvd

the rink somewhere else such as La Canada. He said it might make sense to spilt the \$20 million cost up among three or more cities using the Bob Hope Air Port in Burbank as an example.

His comments came after Councilwoman Jacque Robinson had asked everyone to state the city they reside before speaking during public comment. Most of the approximant 20 speakers were from out of town.

Robinson said that spending money on an ice rink could be talking away money from future unknown projects. Councilman Steve Haderlein said putting off approving a bid was the first step towards Pasadena not having an ice skating rink.

The council voted to keep open talks over a long-term ground lease with

Polar Ice Ventures to build a rink, part of which would secure a partnership agreement between Polar Ice Ventures and the Los Angeles Kings.

According to staff, the council will "pursue funding resources that may be available through the county of Los Angeles (stimulus and regional park and recreation) and private fund raising efforts, and investigate the potential for a regional collaborative effort for an ice rink facility with local communities."

Before the meeting Robitaille took part in a walk from Paseo Colorado to city hall led by the Pasadena Skating Foundation. The foundation had pledged to help raise money for a new rink. About 70 supporters took part according to reports.

Market's Liquor License Appeal Put Off

By Dean Lee



Although a makeshift sign outside Eddie's Market, near Caltech, reads that beer and wine is coming soon, the city's Board of Zoning Appeal said otherwise late last year denying reestablishment of the store's liquor license after not selling alcoholic beverages for over 12 months.

The city council Monday night put off, at the request of the owner, possibly overturning that decision.

At issue is the stores nonconforming status over selling alcohol and whether the new owner showed intent to continue after remodeling the store. According to city staff the Zoning Administrator found that the owners had "not provided sufficient fact to show his intent to continue the nonconforming sales of alcohol," saying, "no building, electrical or plumbing permit was obtained since September 2007." Equipment for the sale of alcohol was also removed the Board of Zoning Appeal found.

According to a timeline

Police Say, 'Night Out A Success'

National Night Out (NNO) was held Tuesday, August 5, 2009. The event was celebrated citywide at over twenty different block parties and gatherings. The Pasadena Police Department in collaboration with the Villa Parke Community Center and our annual sponsor Target, organized the kick-off event at Villa Parke. Over 600 citizens participated in what can be described as a very successful "stepping out for a night against crime" community get-together.

The NNO event at Villa Parke was organized by Police Specialist Arlene Ramos of Community Services. Her efforts included applying for and obtaining a NNO Target grant of \$2500. Ramos also developed a NNO committee consisting of; Kenny James - Director of Villa Parke Community Center, Bill Davis - Villa Parke Community Center, Vannia De la Cuba - Field Rep. for Vice Mayor Victor Gordo, Lola Osborne - North West Programs, Nancy

provided by city staff, the previous owner, Bella Vita was evicted Sept 20 2007, closing the market and surrendering the stores liquor license. Staff said the new owner declined to obtain the license from Bella Vita which held it for a little over a year.

The store, at the time, had come under fire from local residents after being caught selling alcohol to minors during a citywide police sting with the help of the local youth organization Day One. The nonprofit is known for mobilizing efforts for

alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention. Neighbors have also voiced concern over the store's proximity to newly remodeled Grant Park.

The Market has had a long history of selling Caltech students sandwiches during lunch. City staff had said the owners are permitted to operate the store as a food market because there was not a lengthy lapse in time over doing so although that use is also nonconforming they said.

The issue is scheduled to be reheard Sept 21.



Kids pass the time at the Armory Center for the Arts crafts table at Villa Park during National Night Out.

Gutierrez - Neighborhood Connections, Noel Herrera - Park Safety Specialist PPD and Christine Mason and Thomas Duenas - Target Store Managers.

The event began at 5:30 with Mayor Bill Bogaard, Commander Michael Korpel and Assembly Member Anthony Portantino (District 44) making opening comments. Councilpersons Chris Holden and Jacque

Robinson were present.

In addition to food and music, 200 soccer balls were distributed to youth. Twenty other locations hosted by private citizens and organizations welcomed the PD with open arms. Food and socializing with residents and kids was extraordinary at these sites. The citizens were most pleased with the PPD response to their community gatherings.

Missing 3-Year-Old Quickly Found

The Pasadena Police Department reported Tuesday receiving a call that a 3-year-old girl was missing from an apartment in the 1100 block of Sunset Street. It was reported that the little girl disappeared sometime between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. after a relative, with whom she was staying, fell asleep.

The little girl, whose name was not given, was ultimately found safe at 1:30 p.m. after a long two hour ordeal. No other details were given.

Police say they dispatched dozens of personnel to comb the area, knocking on doors and searching the surrounding parks. In addition, a helicopter overhead provided air surveillance and reverse 911 calls attempted to alert residents in the area.

Police Chief Bernard Melekain remarked, "The important lesson here is how important it is for all of us to be hyper-vigilant with our little ones. They can get away from us so quickly."

Holden to Host Block Party

Pasadena City Councilman Chris Holden will host a District 3 summer block party Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Jackson Street between Los Robles and El Molino.

The festivities will include live music, food, children's activities and information booths sponsored by the city of Pasadena, community-based organizations, Pasadena Humane Society, Pasadena Senior Center, Social Security Administration and Armory Center for the Arts.

Holden brings District 3 residents together annually in a relaxed setting to share



information and offer direction on addressing neighborhood issues. All Pasadena residents are welcome to attend. For more information call (626) 744-4738.

PCC to Participate at Green Community College Summit

Dr. Paulette J. Perfumo, Pasadena City College president, was recently appointed to the Green California Community College Summit Advisory Board. The board is comprised of leaders who are guiding the greening of California's community colleges and the development of curriculum that will prepare students for "green collar" jobs.

The summit will focus on attaining savings from building and running green campuses, the development of a green curriculum, using green programs for teaching and apprenticeships, utilizing campuses as models of sustainable practices



for their community, and helping students seize green employment opportunities. The summit will be held at the Pasadena Convention Center, Oct. 5-7.

For more information, visit green-technology.org.

Pasadena Pops Present Tales From Shakespeare to Puccini's La Boheme

Rachael Worby and the Pasadena POPS explore the lives and loves of Romeo and Juliet along with legendary great love stories as seen through the eyes of composers Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, Rota, Gounod and an impression with a twist - Bernstein's West Side Story.

Pasadena POPS bring romance with a symphony concert devoted to the great stories of love. This

is a unique opportunity to experience the love story beyond the spoken word with five musical impressions of Romeo and Juliet - by Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, Rota, Gounod and an impression with a twist - Bernstein's West Side Story.

Angel Blue and Robert MacNeil portray Mimi and Rudolph in excerpts of Puccini's La Boheme. A special highlight of the evening will include MacNeil's performance of the all-inspiring love aria from Turandot - Nessun Dorma, Prince Calif's triumph of true love. The concert will also feature a special guest appearance by prolific television actress Wendie Malick, adding a touch of the dramatic with her take on authors of great love stories of our time.



Community Emergency Response Team

*Training class starting
Wednesday, September 16, 2009*

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Following a major disaster, police, fire and medical professionals may not be able to fully meet the demand. People will have to rely on each other to meet the immediate life saving and life sustaining needs, particularly in isolated neighborhoods that may be cut off from the main roads for a period of time.

The County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) program was developed to provide basic training in safety and life saving skills for the general public.

The course curriculum covers the following modules:

September 16, 2009	September 23, 2009	September 30, 2009	October 7, 2009
1. Disaster Preparedness	2. Disaster Fire Suppression	3. Disaster Medical Operations I	4. Disaster Medical Operations 2
	October 14, 2009	October 21, 2009	October 28, 2009
	5. Light Search & Rescue	6. Disaster Psychology, Organization & Terrorism	7. Disaster Simulation and Exercise

The training course will be presented as a series of *seven (7) Wednesday classes from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Scheduled class dates are:

Wednesday, September 16, 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2009
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

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Class size is limited, so enroll today to reserve your seat.

*Students must complete all twenty hours of the course to receive a certificate of completion.

Note: All students must be at least eighteen years of age.

Visit http://fire.lacounty.gov/ProgramsEvents/Cert_schedule.asp to view the complete schedule of classes.

Sierra Madre Police Department Neighborhood Watch - Crime Alert

On August 4, 2009, at 12:15 PM, a Grand Theft of gardening tools occurred in the 300 block of North Sunnyside Ave. Case # 09-0627.

The suspect vehicle was a green or blue green Ford or GMC Tahoe type vehicle, possible car seat in the back seat. Witnesses saw the vehicle leaving a residence in the 300 block of North Sunnyside Ave. The victim was a gardener who had parked his truck containing gardening equipment at the location.

Unknown suspect(s) used bolt type cutters to cut a heavy cable lock and remove a lawnmower from the bed of a gardening truck. The vehicle drove northbound on

Sunnyside Ave., turned west on Alegria Ave, and went south on Michillinda Ave.

Loss:

Honda Lawnmower, gray 21" rotary, valued at \$1100.00.

Suspect description:

Driver: Female Hispanic, heavy set, black shoulder length hair, NFD.

Passenger: Male Hispanic, NFD

If you see this vehicle, please contact the Sierra Madre Police Department. 626-355-1414.

Fire Safe Council

“Announcements and Observations”

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.



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RICH Johnson Going Loco or Local?

Saw the latest Harry Potter movie. I must say I thought it was a great movie. As the characters have aged the story has become more adult oriented. Brilliant writing by J. K. Rowling.

I hope she earns some real money from this endeavor. What? Oh, apparently her meager assets amounted to \$798 million dollars at the end of 2008. Not bad. It won't be long before she parallels my writing success. Anyway, my daughter and I helped Ms. Rowling build her little nest egg by seeing the film at the Krikorian Theatres in Monrovia. While walking to the theater I couldn't help but notice a new company snatching up most of the storefronts in our neighboring town. The companies name is "For Lease." Ha-ha, real funny Rich. Okay, it's not funny at all. But it does bring up a point. Whether Sierra Madre, Monrovia, or Timbuktu, if we want out community to survive, let alone thrive, we need to support our local businesses. Jeff at Sierra Madre Books had a sign sitting on his counter that embraced the following facts:

- For every \$100 you spend at one of our local businesses \$68 will stay in the community. Spend it at a big national chain? \$43 stays here.

Spending locally:

- helps create local jobs.
- means you don't have to drive as far to make a purchase. That is what we refer to as "going green."

- instead of buying online means sales taxes you pay are reinvested here.

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, July 26th, to Saturday, August 1st, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 274 calls for service.

Sunday, July 26th:

6:14 PM – Vandalism, 501 East Sierra Madre Blvd., Pioneer Cemetery. Part of a grave headstone was removed at the cemetery. The crime occurred between 8:00 am on Saturday, July 18, 2009 and 9:00am on Friday, July 24, 2009. The damage was estimated at \$10.00.

9:49 PM – Theft from vehicle, 00 block South Lima Street. A wallet, driver's license and several credit cards were stolen from the center console of an unlocked pick-up truck. The crime occurred between 8:00 pm on Saturday, July 18, 2009, and 12:00pm, on Sunday, July 19, 2009. No estimated dollar loss was available.

Monday, July 27th:

4:13 AM – Arrest, Suspended Driver's License, 1700 block of North Santa Anita Avenue. A motorist was stopped for having a current registration tab on a license plate that actually had expired registration. A records check revealed the driver was driving on a suspended/revoked license for DUI. The driver admitted to buying a current, 2010 registration tab for his car to avoid paying fees to DMV. The vehicle was impounded for 30 days and the driver was issued a written promise to appear for the violations.

8:13 AM – Residential Burglary, 00 block Suffolk Ave. The rear sliding glass door was found open when the resident arrived home this morning, Monday, July 27, 2009. A Toshiba laptop, two gold rings, a pair of gold earrings and an IPOD were missing. The crime occurred between 5:00 pm, Friday, July 24, 2009 and 8:00 am, Monday, July 27, 2009. The loss was estimated at \$970.00.

Tuesday, July 28th:

8:39 PM – Arrest, False Personation of Another, Santa Anita Canyon Road, Chantry Gate. A motorist was stopped at the gate. A DMV records check revealed

- means you're enabling the businesses to give back and donate to community causes (at twice the rate of national chains.)

- means you're embracing what makes us unique. And believe me, no "For Lease" signs would make us look unique.

- means you are perpetuating the American dream.

I don't think it's a stretch to say most of us dream about being our own boss. These local entrepreneurs have ventured out and risked all. By supporting them you help clear a path that someday you may want to travel down. Think about it.

My daughter, Olivia just got back from a day at Comic-Con in San Diego (a comic book convention.) She traveled down there with, her friend Kaylene. Wow, has society changed since I was a teen! What I wouldn't have given for a cute gal to be interested in comic books when I was a teen. You think it was just a coincidence that the first comic book convention and the first Earth Day were both inaugurated in 1970? I think not.

Anyway, Jay Leno had a comment on the clothes superheroes wore. He couldn't understand why Superman wore his underpants over his leotards. And why did his underpants have a belt? He also wondered why, when Bruce Banner transformed into the Hulk, his shirt completely ripped off his massively enlarged body, but his pants stayed on. Jay figures the Hulk's bad attitude was obviously a result of suffering from a massive wedgie. I can't argue with that logic.

the car's registration was expired, but the tab on the license plate was current. The driver was arrested and transported the station for booking. At the station, it was determined the driver had presented false identification and had actually used another person's personal information. The driver was transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

Thursday, July 30th:

10:54 PM – Commercial Burglary, 141 West Highland Ave., Sierra Madre School, Lower Campus. Police went to the school regarding a fire alarm activation. No fire was found. During the investigation, the janitorial closet and 2 classrooms vandalism had actually been damaged. The suspects deployed a fire extinguisher inside a classroom. Three suspects were seen running from the scene. The crime time frame is pending. No dollar loss was available.

Friday, July 31st

6:35 AM – Auto Burglary, 400 block of Sierra Keys Drive. The locked driver's door of a 2010 Accord was found ajar and the glove box had been rummaged through. The crime occurred between 10:00 pm on Thursday, July 30, 2009 and 6:30 am on Friday, July 31, 2009. No loss was reported.

8:51 AM – Arrest, False Personation of Another, 200 block of West Sierra Madre Blvd. A motorist was stopped for a traffic violation. A records check revealed the driver was unlicensed. During the investigation, the driver admitted to using a relative's personal information and he had an outstanding warrant. The driver was transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

Saturday, August 1st:

2:28 PM – Vandalism, 160 North Canon Ave., Sierra Madre School, Upper Campus. A classroom window was smashed at the campus. The crime occurred between 7:00 pm on Saturday, July 12, 2009 and 2:00 pm on Saturday, August 1, 2009. No dollar loss was available.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, July 26 through Saturday, August 1, the Police Department responded to 977 calls for service of which 152 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, July 26:

Units responded to Westfield Mall around 11:22 a.m. in reference to a commercial burglary that occurred at 9:55 p.m. on July 25. An African-American suspect, 30's, bald, 6'1", 210 pounds, entered the Wireless Champs kiosk, pried open storage cabinets and stole 63 cellular telephones.

Between 9:15 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 900 block of West Huntington. Unknown suspect(s) entered the home through an open sliding glass door and stole four laptop computers and an iPod.

Monday, July 27:

At 1:30 p.m., units were dispatched to Wells Fargo Bank located inside the Albertson store, 298 East Live Oak, regarding a fraud in progress. A 56-year-old Hispanic was taken into custody trying to cash fraudulent money orders totaling \$1,970.

A service manager from a company came to the station around 2:28 p.m. in file a grand theft report. The company leased an industrial ice machine to the racetrack, and the machine was stolen between 11:00 a.m. on July 16 and 10:00 a.m. on July 20.

Tuesday, July 28:

Around 4:58 p.m., officers responded to 24-Hour Fitness, 125 North First, in reference to an employee detained for theft. The loss prevention manager advised that a patron found an employee/suspect wearing his watch. A 19-year-old male Hispanic was confronted, and he admitted to stealing the watch and cash from the "lost property" drawer and cash from membership accounts. A private person's arrest was made, and the suspect was taken into custody for commercial burglary, embezzlement, and grand theft.

A traffic stop was initiated at 7:14 a.m. for excessive speed and a 21-year-old male Hispanic was contacted. Record checks revealed that he was driving on a suspended license and he also had two outstanding warrants totaling \$50,000. He was taken into custody without incident.

Wednesday, July 29:

Shortly after 10:00 a.m., while on routine patrol, officers saw two men at Terra Verde Park, located at Camino Real and Second. Consensual contacts were made and record checks indicated that a 32-year-old African-American had a \$50,000 outstanding felony warrant and 3 outstanding misdemeanor warrants totaling \$40,688. The

man was arrested at the scene without incident.

A 90-year-old victim came to the station around 2:00 p.m. to file a theft report. While looking over her bank accounts, she discovered about \$30,000 missing. Apparently a caretaker had been writing checks to her son and others over an 18 month period. A 65-year-old female Hispanic was arrested for grand theft and elder abuse/theft by caretaker. Further investigation revealed that the suspect may have absconded as much as \$86,000.

Thursday, July 30:

Around 1:47 p.m., a male African-American suspect was seen leaving a home in the 1800 block of South Sixth where a burglar alarm was activated. A 29-year-old suspect was detained during a traffic stop, and he was found in possession of a large amount of U.S. currency and Asian coins. The man was arrested for residential burglary and receiving stolen property.

An auto burglary occurred at 24-Hour Fitness, 125 North First, between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Unknown suspect(s) gained entry into the trunk by unknown means and stole two purses.

Friday, July 31:

Loss prevention personnel from H&M detained a man and woman for theft around 2:40 p.m. The suspects concealed merchandise in a shopping bag and then left the store without making payment. Private persons' arrests were made, and a 20-year-old female Caucasian and a 19-year-old male Hispanic were taken into custody for commercial burglary. Additional stolen items from Cali Fashion were recovered.

Three Honda vehicles were stolen from the Westfield Mall parking lot between 5:50 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.

Saturday, August 1:

Around 2:17 a.m., a traffic stop for a code violation was conducted at Second and Huntington. While the two occupants were looking for their paperwork in the glove compartment, two boxes of shotgun ammunition were seen. Upon closer inspection through the window, officers saw a shotgun in the backseat. The African-American suspects, ages 18 and 20, were arrested for carrying a loaded firearm.

Westfield Mall security personnel detained a male juvenile at the Peacock parking structure around 7:50 p.m. The juvenile was found standing by a Honda vehicle, with its alarm activated. Due to the large number of stolen Honda vehicles from the mall, the juvenile was detained and marijuana was found in his pocket. A private person's arrest was made, and the 15-year-old African-American was taken into custody for possession of marijuana. He was later cited and released to his mother.

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3 Ways to Make College More Affordable

AFFORDING COLLEGE THESE DAYS can seem almost as tough as gaining admission to your dream school. Over the past year, the credit crunch has forced dozens of private student loan lenders to abandon the marketplace and has made it much harder for a growing number of parents to qualify for loans. Making matters worse: With unemployment at a 26-year high, many new grads are having a tough time finding work -- let alone affording their loan payments.

Yet, despite the fact that the credit crunch shows few signs of easing, things are getting a little easier for students and their parents. As part of the College Cost Reduction and Access Act signed into law last September, a new repayment plan will be available to grads on July 1 that will make it easier for them to afford their federal loans by basing monthly payments on their income as opposed to their outstanding federal loan balance. Also starting next month, those who decide to consolidate their variable-rate Stafford and Plus loans will be able to do so at a rate of as low as 2% -- a historic low.

"They're helpful for the many students and their families who have difficulty affording college and [who are] faced with a real dilemma when [it comes to] paying these loans," says Peter Mazareas, vice chairman of the College Savings Foundation, a nonprofit focused on college savings strategies.

To help you better afford your college bill, here are three methods worth investigating: Sign up for an income-based repayment plan

Income-based repayment (IBR) plan

On July 1, income-based repayment (IBR) plans became available to grads repaying federal Stafford loans, Graduate Plus loans (loans given to graduate students) and federal consolidation loans that are doled out through the direct loan and the federal family education loan programs.

The new plan requires borrowers to pay up to 15% of their discretionary income, says Mark Kantrowitz, a college planning expert with FastWeb.com, a free scholarship matching service. With this plan, discretionary income is defined as the amount by which your income exceeds 150% of the poverty line, which for a single person is \$10,380. So, a college graduate making \$30,000 will pay \$2,063.25 a year, or \$171.94 a month. A college graduate with a Stafford loan totaling \$30,000 and a fixed rate of 6.8%, would pay twice that amount, or \$342.48 per month, according to StudentLoanConsolidator.com, which is part of the Student Loan Network, a student loan provider.

Income-contingent payment plan

Another plan, called the income-contingent payment plan,

requires borrowers to pay 20% of their discretionary income, says Kalman Chany, president of New York-based Campus Consultants, which provides financial aid assistance. A borrower making \$30,000 a year would pay \$319.50 per month, or 46% more, on the plan. With this plan, discretionary income is defined as the amount by which your income exceeds 100% of the poverty line.) Besides making payments more affordable, the income-based repayment plan (as well as the income-contingent plan) also offers another perk: After being on the plan for 10 years, public sector employees are forgiven of any remaining debt.

There is a catch, though. In some cases, a borrower could make payments that are less than what they owe in interest -- making it that much harder to ultimately pay off their tab. The federal government will pay for the amount of interest that accrues (that your required monthly payment doesn't cover) on your subsidized Stafford loans during the first three years of repayment, says Kantrowitz. But for unsubsidized loans, the total accrued unpaid interest will get tacked onto your loan balance should you no longer qualify for IBR and end up in standard repayment, he says.

Traditional plan

Borrowers no longer qualify for the IBR plan when their monthly payments start to exceed the amount their regular student loan payments would

be. At that point, borrowers are switched to a traditional payment plan. Consolidate loans at historically low rates.

If you have yet to consolidate your variable rate Stafford and Plus loans (the last time variable rate loans were issued were in 2006), you can take advantage of some historically low rates as of July 1, says Chany.

At that point, when you consolidate, you could lock in fixed rates on Stafford loans of between 2% (for those in the grace period, which is the six months after graduation) and 2.5% (for those later in the repayment process) -- down from 3.61% and 4.21%, respectively, which are the current unconsolidated rates. Those who consolidate parent Plus loans would receive an interest rate of 3.38%, down from 5.01%.

If you're thinking about consolidating, these fixed rates will only be available between July 1, 2009, and June 30, 2010. At that point, rates will reset and likely move higher, says Kantrowitz.

Sign Up Now

Tuition payment plans (also called installment plans), which allow borrowers to evenly split up college tuition costs often over the course of nine to 12 months, have been available for decades, says Mazareas.

These plans don't carry an interest rate or require a credit check. To sign up, families pay an enrollment fee of about \$50 to \$75 per year. Universities usually administer these programs or hire third parties, like Sallie Mae, Facts Management (a Nelnet company), or Tuition Management Systems, a division of KeyBank, to do so.

While payment plans can help fill in the financial aid gap, they are only worthwhile if parents have enough money to make the monthly payments, says Craig Lockwood, a senior vice president at Tuition Management Systems, which administers these plans. If a parent falls short, their child can get dropped from the program or may encounter difficulty signing up for next semester's classes, he says.

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STUART Tolchin On...LIFE THE AGE OLD QUESTION

To age or not to age, that is the question. Well, really it's not much of a question. We, and especially me, keep ageing notwithstanding our desire to ignore the changes. Day by day I get older but do I get wiser? Well one thing I am noticing is that many things that once seemed important just don't carry the same weight anymore. Take racial attitudes for example. There was a time when I thought the overall worth of a person could be evaluated by assessing their individual attitude toward racial differences. If an individual maintained racist attitudes toward non-White people than this individual was on the side of EVIL. EVIL which controls the world for the benefit of only White People; while the rest of the world's people continue to suffer.

Well, age has taught me that that it is not quite that simple. The world is not fair and fine- not to Black People, not to Brown People, not to Yellow People, and, yes, not to White People. Together we all suffer and try to escape the pain by distracting ourselves with nonsense. We are all so invested in our make-believe worlds that more time is spent thinking about our own waist lines than in thinking about the death, disease, starvation, and ecological disasters that surround us.

I like to think that I am concerned about the true state of the world because I still read the newspaper every morning. Actually what I do is reach for the Sports Section and memorize the box scores before I look at anything



HOWARD Hays As I See It

Over the past few months I'd come home from work (yes, I have a day job), check my answering machine and occasionally find a message from

Congressman David Dreier, who'd say he was sorry I missed the opportunity to participate in a telephone town hall meeting to discuss issues of the day - but maybe next time. Now we're in the "August recess" and representatives are conducting town hall meetings with their constituents - but I haven't received an invitation (yet). Nonetheless, I've been preparing a list of questions I might ask if given the opportunity:

Ten years ago you described privatizing Social Security as "one of the ways in which we are going to save it." In view of what's happened on Wall Street over the past year, how do you think that would've worked out?

You've touted your vote for the final version of the "Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights", made when passage was assured. A few weeks earlier, you voted against the House version banning arbitrary interest rate increases, unfair penalties, indecipherable contract language, pushing credit cards on minors, etc. A majority of your Republican colleagues agreed with Democrats that action was needed to stop financial institutions from gouging the very taxpayers who forked

over billions in bailout funds to keep them afloat. Why didn't you join them?

Have you ever purchased a private health insurance policy?

On the House floor last April 2, you remarked that as a result of the cap-and-trade program in the current energy bill, "families will see their taxes on energy go up by as much as \$3,100 a year." John Reilly, an economist at M.I.T. and one of the authors of the study cited as the source for that figure, said he told Republican staffers weeks before that that figure was "wrong in so many ways it's hard to begin." (the true figure being closer to \$79 per family). Do you ever fact-check the talking points?

You've voted ten times to raise your own pay, yet refused to back a \$1,500 bonus for our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. If there were a poll of your constituents, who do you think they'd feel is more deserving of the extra cash?

In an interview with Dennis Miller in April of last year, you stated that nuclear energy was "the cleanest, safest, most cost effective energy source known to man." If nuclear is the way to go, why have you supported billions in tax breaks for major oil companies?

According to Roll Call, you "failed to disclose tens of thousands of dollars in profits" made on stock sales in financial disclosure forms, and subsequently filed amendments for 2004, 2005 and 2006 showing sales bringing between \$85,000 and \$263,000 in income. What stocks do you now hold that might be affected by

else. Unhappily, I realize now that the useless sports data that fill my head together with my other continual preoccupations are simply feeble attempts at avoiding pain. I can't help but notice because when I call an old friend for some round of distracting chit chat I hear instead about fatal disease affecting wives, children, and even my old friends. Help, do I wanna hear about this? Do You? There is no choice. It turns out that as you get older, if you are fortunate enough not to die, others around you-- the people you care about -- start to suffer. It becomes impossible to hide anymore even by paying attention to the nonsense of professional sports. As long as Chick Hearn and Vince Scully continued to broadcast the games as they did in my teens I could still pretend that I was an eternal adolescent worried only about finding the right girl. Now Chick is gone and Vin is retiring and it becomes impossible to care about these games so distant from my own life.

As usual I have inserted many disconnected ideas about life into this 600 word article. In my defense all I can say is that all this talk about Race, fairness, Sports, and competition with friends are the thoughts that have occupied me for most of my life. While I have been so engrossed with these thoughts, my life has occurred without me watching it very closely. Like the rest of us I have tried to avoid pain by thinking about other things—far away things. Now I'm a little older and distraction is harder. I am now more awake and may have forgotten yesterday's Dodger score but am more aware of how I treat my wife, my children, my dog, and the new people I meet during the day. I feel more of the pain as I realize that life does not go on forever and that the remaining challenge is to enjoy the events of the day and be aware and try and live life as a person worthy of my own notice and respect. By the way what did Tiger Woods shoot on the final eighteen last Sunday?

legislation currently before Congress, or that might come up in the next session?

Last year, in the context of President Bush's "war on terror", you voted against measures that would ban the use of private contractors in interrogating detainees and require videotaping interrogations. Do you feel those votes enhanced our nation's security?

In 2008, you refused invitations to debate your Democratic opponent. In a district you then won with barely 53% of the vote (and which went for Barack Obama over John McCain), do you intend to again avoid facing your opponent and answering to your constituents in 2010?

Two months ago, when House debate ended earlier than you wanted, you complained to Appropriations Chair David Obey (D-Wis.) , "I wonder if there isn't more freedom on the streets of Tehran right now than we are seeing here". When you served as Rules Committee Chairman, the Republican agenda was pushed through closed-door and midnight hearings, with nearly half of all bills considered under closed rules preventing any debate at all. To what sort of regime would you compare that?

For the last eight years, you were one of the most consistent and outspoken supporters of President Bush's economic policies. While others warned against such unprecedented actions as granting massive tax cuts in a time of war, you maintained your sunny optimism that things would turn out just fine. Are there any of those budget votes you'd want to take back if given the chance?

You opposed President Obama's economic stimulus package, which provided tax relief for lower and middle-

income Americans and funding to put people back to work, but a few months earlier supported Bush's \$700 billion TARP bailout of the multi-national financial firms that got us into this mess. The Obama stimulus and the Bush bailout are clearly targeted at two very different groups of people. Are your votes an indication as to which group you feel would put taxpayer funds to better use?

On that TARP bailout, there were subsequent measures to impose reporting requirements on firms receiving funds so we'd know how the money's being spent, and to make sure taxpayers aren't footing the bill for executive bonuses at firms receiving billions in bailout money (HR 384 and HR 1586, respectively, both of which passed by wide margins). You opposed both measures. Whose interests were you trying to serve by your opposition?

The charge has been made in the context of the current healthcare debate that those in opposition to reform are merely acting at the behest of their corporate donors, rather than for their constituents and their country. In view of the nearly \$900,000 you've taken in from the health and insurance industries since 1990, can you cite any votes you've made in the past or intend to make in the future that would refute this allegation?

It would be nice to have these questions posed and responded to in an in-person, public forum. Barring that, should Congressman Dreier choose to do so, I'd be happy to provide my column space for a response. It's my column, though, so I get the last word. Let's get it on.

The Importance of Career Technical Education

By Senator Bob Huff



There are few challenges bigger than preparing young people for long-term success in their careers. The latest numbers show California

with an 11.6% unemployment rate—well above the national rate of 9.7% - thus proving this task to be extremely difficult. In the face of this terrifying truth, however, shines a glimmer of hope: the Career Technical Education Center (CTEC) at the Fairplex in Pomona, which has undertaken the vitally important mission of providing career and technical education for high school students and young adults.

The CTEC goes beyond other workforce and regional occupation programs in meeting the training needs of our youth. Through providing hands on, high quality career training and technical education, CTEC is actively preparing its students for long-term, real world success. As the founding Director of Education for CTEC, Dan Harden has worked toward his vision of filling the gaping vocational education gap. Students in training at CTEC are molded to be the leading skilled employees of the future for the construction, landscape design and hospitality fields, among many others industries that keep California's economy strong.

Beyond the instruction provided at CTEC's unique "classroom without walls," CTEC works to connect students to promising growth industries that offer pathways to success and have the flexibility to change with the needs of the job market—especially pertinent in today's volatile market.

Built-in to CTEC's mission statement is a commitment "to make a positive contribution to community life." CTEC has continually demonstrated its true commitment to this mission by partnering with the surrounding communities to effectively educate their youth and constructively utilizing previously stagnant Fairplex facilities.

During my tenure in the legislature, I have been a consistent advocate for Career Technical Education and career development. In the past I have sponsored legislation to establish a California Career Technical Education Coordinating Council which sought to identify state and federal career education programs in K-12 schools and recommend to the Legislature and the Governor ways to coordinate those programs.

My personal mission for this field is set to continue. As a member of the Senate Select Committee on Career Technical Education; Workforce Development and the New Economy, I do not underestimate the valuable real-world training provided by CTEC, and their commitment to training students to not only succeed but excel in their chosen fields.

The California workforce is the foundation for countless policy objectives—from economic growth to health care to developing our infrastructure. All of this and more will require effective delivery of skills and knowledge. I look to the future with an outlook of hope, secure in knowing that programs like CTEC are presently demonstrating successful models of workforce programs to address California's employment and economic needs.

Senator Bob Huff serves as the Senate Republican Caucus Chair and represents portions of Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino counties.

SCAG Decision Should Not be Based on Scare Tactics and Misinformation

Op-Ed By Bill Coburn

An item on an upcoming Sierra Madre City Council meeting agenda has caught my attention, and I suspect possibly the attention of many of the readers of this newspaper. The Council is being asked to consider whether or not Sierra Madre should continue its membership in the Southern California Association of Governments, (SCAG).

According to SCAG's website, "Over the past four decades, the Southern California Association of Governments has evolved as the largest of nearly 700 councils of government in the United States, functioning as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for six counties: Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura and Imperial. The region encompasses a population exceeding 18 million persons in an area of more than 38,000 square miles. As the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Association of Governments is mandated by the federal government to research and draw up plans for transportation, growth management, hazardous waste management, and air quality. Additional mandates exist at the state level."

So, assuming they've stated who they are accurately (and I have no reason to believe they would misstate this information in such a highly public forum), that means that as a member, Sierra Madre is able to have some say in the "research and drawing up of plans for transportation, growth management, hazardous waste management and air quality" for the Los Angeles metropolitan region. Conversely, I would assume that if we are not members, that means that these decisions will be made without any input from Sierra Madre, and the residents of Sierra Madre will have dictated to them what SCAG has determined will be done based on its federal mandate.

Also from the SCAG website: "The fundamental question of why SCAG was created is best answered in the words of Ventura County Supervisor John Montgomery back in 1966, who said, 'Regional planning is not a matter of if, but rather when and who. Regional planning must come via cooperation and mutual assistance. Regional planning will (either) be accomplished through local governments working together or by big brother mandates from state and national governments.'" Our neighbors, small and large are all members: Bradbury, Arcadia, Duarte, Monrovia, Pasadena, Azusa, El Monte, La Canada/Flintridge, Rosemead, San Marino, South Pasadena, all have joined the nearly 150 city members of SCAG. The only area city that is not a member of SCAG is Temple City.

So for a nominal membership dues fee, Sierra Madre can participate in planning its future, or it can choose to save that money, and have SCAG dictate to it what it has decided Sierra Madre is going to do (or not do). Seems kind of like a no-brainer, right? Why should we surrender our opportunity to provide input into the future of this region?

But it's not that simple, because of SCAG's role in implementing the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) program. According to the SCAG website: "The Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) is mandated by State Housing Law as part of the periodic process of updating local housing elements of the General Plan. The RHNA quantifies the need for housing within each jurisdiction during specified planning periods. The current planning period is January 1, 2006 to June 30, 2014. Communities use the RHNA in land use planning, prioritizing local resource allocation, and in deciding how to address

identified existing and future housing needs resulting from population, employment and household growth. The RHNA does not necessarily encourage or promote growth, but rather allows communities to anticipate growth, so that collectively the region and subregion can grow in ways that enhance quality of life, improve access to jobs, promotes transportation mobility, and addresses social equity, fair share housing needs."

More on RHNA from the SCAG website: "Every city and county in California must adopt a comprehensive "general plan" to govern its land use and planning decisions. All planning and development actions must be consistent with the general plan. The general plan housing element must be periodically updated using the latest RHNA allocation plan. A housing element must first include an assessment of the locality's existing and future housing needs. This assessment must include the community's "fair share" regional housing needs allocation (RHNA) for all income groups (very low, low, moderate and above moderate) as determined by the regional Council of Governments (COG).

The purpose of the Housing Element of the General Plan is to ensure that every jurisdiction establishes policies, procedures and incentives in its land use planning and redevelopment activities that will result in the maintenance and expansion of the housing supply to adequately house households currently living and expected to live in that jurisdiction. When a local government fails to adopt an updated housing element, or adopts an element that does not comply with the law, the general plan is invalid and a local government may not proceed to make land use decisions or approve development until it has adopted a valid housing element."

For this reason, the City recently conducted a Housing Element Workshop, to get input from the residents. Some folks seem to have the mistaken impression that RHNA requires growth, when it is in fact, just a tool to be used in planning for potential growth. Whether it is because they have a mistaken impression that growth is required, or they just don't want to allow for the possibility of growth, or for whatever reason, a movement has sprung up that is trying to have us pull out of SCAG, so that, in theory, we will not as a City be required to plan housing per the RHNA program. But here's the thing: RHNA is an assessment process performed periodically as part of the Housing Element and General Plan updates at the local level. The enforcement of the RHNA obligation lies with the Department of Housing and Community Development. Pulling out of SCAG does nothing to eliminate the requirement to conform to RHNA as part of the Housing Element update, it just eliminates the chance to influence the allocation of numeric goals at the local level. Since SCAG does far more than just housing (transportation, growth management, hazardous waste management, and air quality) by pulling out of SCAG, we've eliminated our ability to be part of the discussion on all these issues. The discussions about these major issues, any of which could have major impacts on Sierra Madre, will still go on, they'll just go on without input from Sierra Madre. Some of the folks that don't want to see Sierra Madre remain as a member of SCAG are doing their very best to scare people into thinking that their friends and neighbors are in danger of losing their homes to the city through Eminent Domain, so that the City can conform to its RHNA numbers. Unfortunately, the facts don't support

this position. But apparently, the truth is just an inconvenience, because the same wrong information is repeated over and over again.

The following post appeared on a local website, after the recent Housing Element workshop, and had this to say in an article titled "Homes Listed as Possible Eminent Domain Seizure Targets For the Purpose of Building Multi-Family Low Income Housing in Sierra Madre." "Below you will find a list of those homes identified as candidates for Eminent Domain seizure should the statute be revived. Once these homes are seized by the government they would then be razed and the property used for the construction of multi-unit low income housing. The notion behind this singular act of government violence against a selected few citizens here in Sierra Madre is to jam high-density housing into what is already a very built out town.

Okay, let's look at that. Both the headline and the first sentence of the post contain statements that are just completely inaccurate. There were no (that's right NO) homes listed as possible Eminent Domain seizure targets. There were properties that the City identified as candidates to be zoned for higher density. That means the property owners could, should they so choose, build, or sell to someone who would build, more units on the property than it is currently zoned to allow to have built on it. In essence, they've possibly increased the property value for the owners, by increasing the options the owners have as to what they can do with the property. They have not targeted it for Eminent Domain, or even possible Eminent Domain.

But just to make sure, I contacted Danny Castro, Development Services Director for the City of Sierra Madre, with a series of questions I had about the workshop, and about some of the information that was now appearing on the internet. A couple of the questions dealt with this issue directly:

Coburn: Of the properties listed as potential multi-family sites, was there anywhere or any time that these sites were listed as "possible Eminent Domain seizure targets for the purpose of building multi-family low-income housing units in Sierra Madre?"

Castro: No, because they are not and have not been considered as seizure targets.

Coburn: At any time, was there any discussion that "these homes (would be) seized by the government (and) would then be razed and the property used for the construction of multi-unit low income housing?"

Castro: No. In another post, the same author, who has called for Sierra Madre to pull out of SCAG, stated "So what does this mean for us in Sierra Madre? Well, as we saw in the consultant prepared "Sierra Madre 2008-2014 Housing Element" report issued by our City planners on March 31, we too have a SCAG mandated RHNA number. And it is apparently quite a burden on this town. *To the point where certain factions within City Hall actually felt they needed to identify properties as candidates for possible Eminent Domain seizure in order to meet SCAG's arbitrary demands for high density housing*" (author's note: emphasis mine). Again, nobody identified any properties as candidates for Eminent Domain. And SCAG has made no arbitrary demands for high density housing. What they did was set targets. The City then attempted to meet those targets. It wasn't that "certain factions within City Hall felt they needed to identify properties as candidates..." it was that the City is required BY STATE LAW to do

so. AB2348 requires that a Housing Element Update provide an inventory and identification of adequate sites (vacant or underutilized residentially zoned land) to meet Sierra Madre's RHNA requirements. The way they did it was to identify properties as appropriate to be zoned at a higher density. SCAG doesn't care whether you use high or low density housing. They don't even require you to build the housing. They just ask that you determine how your City will meet the RHNA targets. The property owners can do absolutely nothing if they so choose. Again, I asked Mr. Castro about this:

Coburn: Slides 20-28 discuss possible sites for multi-family housing. What would be the process to make them available for multi-family housing? Strictly re-zoning?

Castro: The eight sites that were identified as potentially suitable sites are currently zoned for multi-family housing (R-3, Multiple-Family Residential, Medium/High Density), which allows a density of up to about 13 units/acre. The process, as required under state law, would be to amend the current zoning to allow for an increase (to) at least 20 units/acre, on enough of those sites to meet the state imposed housing numbers. The Planning Commission and City Council would have to review and approve the zoning change after conducting public hearings.

Coburn: I've heard that the City charter does not allow for the City to employ Eminent Domain. Is that correct?

Castro: The use of Eminent Domain is not a factor in the Housing Element Update. Under state law, the City's update must provide for the "opportunity" for the development of assigned numbers of affordable and market rate housing units through use of it(s) zoning powers. The City is not required to and is not currently considering any proposals to acquire properties nor is it in any way requiring that these properties be developed with affordable housing. The property owner retains the right to determine if and when to develop their property.

Those last two sentences by Mr. Castro seem to me to be pretty significant. An earlier post from the same website:

"The dirty secret is this. In order to build the low income housing Sacramento and their toadies in SCAG are demanding, you're going to need somewhere to build it. And since this town is already built out to the limit, you're not going to find anywhere to do this deed without first tearing down already existing single family homes. And the only way to do that would be to seize houses through Eminent Domain and evict the families already living there. After all, isn't that what "redevelopment" is all about? Tearing down things that already exist and redeveloping the vacated properties?"

Again, SCAG isn't demanding the building of low income housing, only that we zone so that the option of building low income housing exists. By stating that the only way to do that would be to seize houses through Eminent Domain, the author has conveniently ignored the fact that the property owner has the option of doing the building themselves, or selling to someone who might, without the City seizing the property (they also have the right to do nothing). As to the author's suggestion about seizing houses through Eminent Domain and evicting families living there, I asked some questions point blank of Mr. Castro:

Coburn: Was there any discussion at the workshop of the City using Eminent Domain on any of those sites?

Castro: None.

Coburn: Is the City considering the use

of Eminent Domain on any of the sites listed as possible sites for multi-family housing?

Castro: No.

Coburn: ...does the Redevelopment Agency have the same limitation regarding Eminent Domain?

Castro: The Redevelopment Agency does not have the authority to acquire property by Eminent Domain.

I'm not going to tell anyone how they should feel about Sierra Madre's participation in SCAG. But I do think that those who are questioning it and trying to determine their opinions should be able to make an informed decision that is not stoked by scare tactics and misinformation.

My personal feeling is that we should remain a part of it. As I stated earlier, if there's an organization that is making decisions that affect our City, and we have an opportunity to have representation in the organization so that our voice is a part of the decision making process, I think we want to be part of it, rather than bowing out, remaining silent during the decision making, and then just having to accept what is decided by others about our City. I also don't think the organization is evil incarnate, as some seem to think. But if I did, I think I'd want to follow the advice of 4th century BC Chinese general & military strategist Sun-tzu, who said "Keep your friends close, your enemies closer." Either way, we'd stay in SCAG.

Bill Coburn is publisher of the SierraMadreNews.Net website, and a 15-year resident of Sierra Madre. He is also Executive Director of the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce, however the opinions stated in this article are Mr. Coburn's alone, and should not be construed in any way as representative of the views of the Chamber of Commerce, which has not taken a position on this issue.

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The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **HI HO MARKET**, 10846 DOWNEY AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90241. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on OCT. 26, 2006, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 06-238412. The business was conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/03/09. 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: **MICHAEL DIRON/OWNER**.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20091198717

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

While meeting with clients in Pasadena, I came across your newspaper and Hail Hamilton's opinion piece of August 1st. Mr. Hamilton made several statements which are not true and others which can be contested. First, he stated Al-Qaeda was not in Iraq prior to the 2003 invasion. This is simply not the case. Ansar Al-Islam, an offshoot and financial beneficiary of Al-Qaeda was operating in northern Iraq prior to the invasion. The New Yorker, New York Times and Christian Science Monitor all reported on this.

Next, Mr. Hamilton stated President Bush declared "Mission Accomplished" after Saddam Hussein's government fell. In reality, the "Mission Accomplished" banner displayed on the USS Abraham Lincoln was posted by the Navy without White House approval.

Next, Mr. Hamilton contends that Waterboarding is torture and that the technique is not effective. I disagree. Waterboarding is not torture as there is no permanent damage to the recipient and the recipient is told exactly what is going to happen, namely he will feel like he is drowning. Further, our military uses the technique on our own troops in order to prepare them for possible POW status. Thus, it appears Mr. Hamilton is suggesting that we torture our own troops. As for its efficacy, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed was subjected to the technique and immediately revealed information on multiple terrorist plots in the making, saving potentially thousands of innocent lives. Even Democrats concede this point.

Finally, Mr. Hamilton contends our current economic problems are due to

"Reagonomics", arguing that government spending will pull us out of our recession. In reality, had recent presidents and congresses adhered to Reagan's principles of providing incentives for businesses to invest, we might not be in the predicament we currently find ourselves in. For instance, accelerating depreciation on capital equipment encourages businesses to invest in capital equipment by allowing the business to depreciate the equipment over five years, as opposed to the standard thirty year period. A business is much more likely to buy a five million dollar piece of equipment if it can depreciate one million dollars the first year, as opposed to only \$167,000. The purchase creates jobs for both the buyer and seller of the equipment and their respective suppliers. When the process is repeated thousands of times the results are an improving economy, which is exactly what happened in the early 1980s. As for the government creating jobs, Western Europe is a classic example of how the public sector cannot create jobs like the private sector can. Western European governments have tried to spur their economies for decades by creating public sector jobs. The result has been double digit unemployment on a consistent basis, while we experience such levels only during the worst of times. Government's role should be to encourage economic growth through investment incentives and tax relief, not gimmicky spending sprees.

Mark Kremer, Fullerton, CA



TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

Kids & Dining Out...A Sensitive Subject

Next week I visit a new Bistro In Pasadena that I really enjoyed, with back to school fast approaching I thought I would dedicate one for the kids.

Not to be one to avoid the controversy of a sensitive subject, I figured I couldn't get a more appropriate moment then the Sarah Palin vs. David Letterman feud to give me some cover. The sacred cow I address this week, dining with your kids. We have all experienced it, wild, unrestrained youth, galloping as mustangs on the prairie, whizzing by our table while you attempt to enjoy a civilized dining experience. No, this isn't some grumpy old man here, I am hip, or so my science club tells me. I just wanted to empathize with my fellow diners on this touchy subject. I have been at restaurants with very close friends, and have asked them to corral their kids. A fellow dad recently asked me if I had a problem. I said no (I really meant, yes) but your four year old son just toppled over the server holding three Caesar Salads. There is a pain which a man knows in hunger that made that especially troubling. Maybe we should have parenting classes proctored by Miss Manners before we let their kids out into the world? My editor won't give me enough space to solve this issue completely, makes for a convenient excuse though, if any of my suggestion should go astray. Go Earl: Make sure you go when your kids are in a good mood; avoid naptime, my suggestion is between 5 PM and 6:30 pm, right before most restaurants get busy and your wait for food

will be longer. I follow my own advice and avoid my naptime as well. Light Snack: Often smart parents will bring a small bag of apples or carrots to tide over the young ones before the meal comes out. Crayon: Aside from many of my critic's belief, I have given them up, but many kid friendly restaurants offer crayons and paper. If you are not going to one of those it is a creative way of keeping their attention. Cranky Dad: The mother shouldspank him before they leave the house; seriously, let's face it, we all have those days where the world seems to focus its every attention on ruining our day. Do what I do, take a deep breath and know that after you pay off the braces, college, her marriage, the honeymoon and law school, you can retire debt free to Bermuda, where only a fallen coconut will disturb utopia. A few common sense things can make those rough days less rough and allow you to sit and discuss the million great things that your child is discovering in the world. Payattention to your kids, I often see parents oblivious totheir surroundings because they are busy getting liquored up. Menu: Let your kids decide what they want to eat. Stroll: The best thing you can do is to take a walk, yep, go outside if you get the feeling junior is cranky. Last but not least.. The Mess: Please remember to leave the busboy a few extra dollars. Too often I have seen many a table's look like Pearl Harbor.

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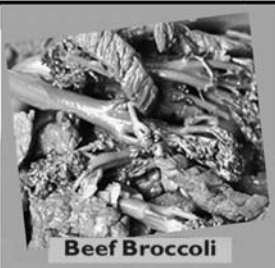
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Tiny Diamonds on Santa Rosa Island Give Evidence of Cosmic Impact

Nano-sized diamonds found just a few meters below the surface of Santa Rosa Island off the coast of Santa Barbara provide strong evidence of a cosmic impact event in North America approximately 12,900 years ago, according to a new study by scientists. Their hypothesis holds that fragments of a comet struck across North America at that time.

The research, published last week in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS), was led by James Kennett, professor emeritus at UC Santa Barbara, and Douglas J. Kennett, first author, of the University of Oregon. The two are a father-son team. They were joined by 15 other researchers.

“The pygmy mammoth, the tiny island version of the North American mammoth, died off at this time,” said James Kennett. “Since it coincides with this event, we suggest it is related.” He explained that this site, with its layer containing hexagonal diamonds, is also associated with other types of diamonds and with dramatic environmental changes and wildfires. They are part of a sedimentary layer known as the Younger Dryas Boundary.

“There was a major event 12,900 years ago,” said James Kennett. “It is hard to explain this assemblage of materials without a cosmic impact event and associated extensive wildfires. This hypothesis fits with the abrupt climatic cooling as recorded in ocean-drilled sediments beneath the Santa Barbara Channel. The cooling resulted when dust from the high-pressure, high-temperature, multiple impacts was lofted into the atmosphere, causing a dramatic drop in solar radiation.”

The tiny diamonds were buried below four meters of sediment and they correspond with the disappearance of the Clovis culture—the first well-established and -distributed North American peoples. An estimated 35 types of mammals and 19 types of birds also became extinct in North America about this time.

“The type of diamond we have found—lonsdaleite—

is a shock-synthesized mineral defined by its hexagonal crystalline structure,” said Douglas Kennett, James Kennett’s son, who is an associate professor of anthropology at the University of Oregon. “It forms under very high temperatures and pressures consistent with a cosmic impact. These diamonds have only been found thus far in meteorites and impact craters on earth, and appear to be the strongest indicator yet of a significant cosmic impact.”

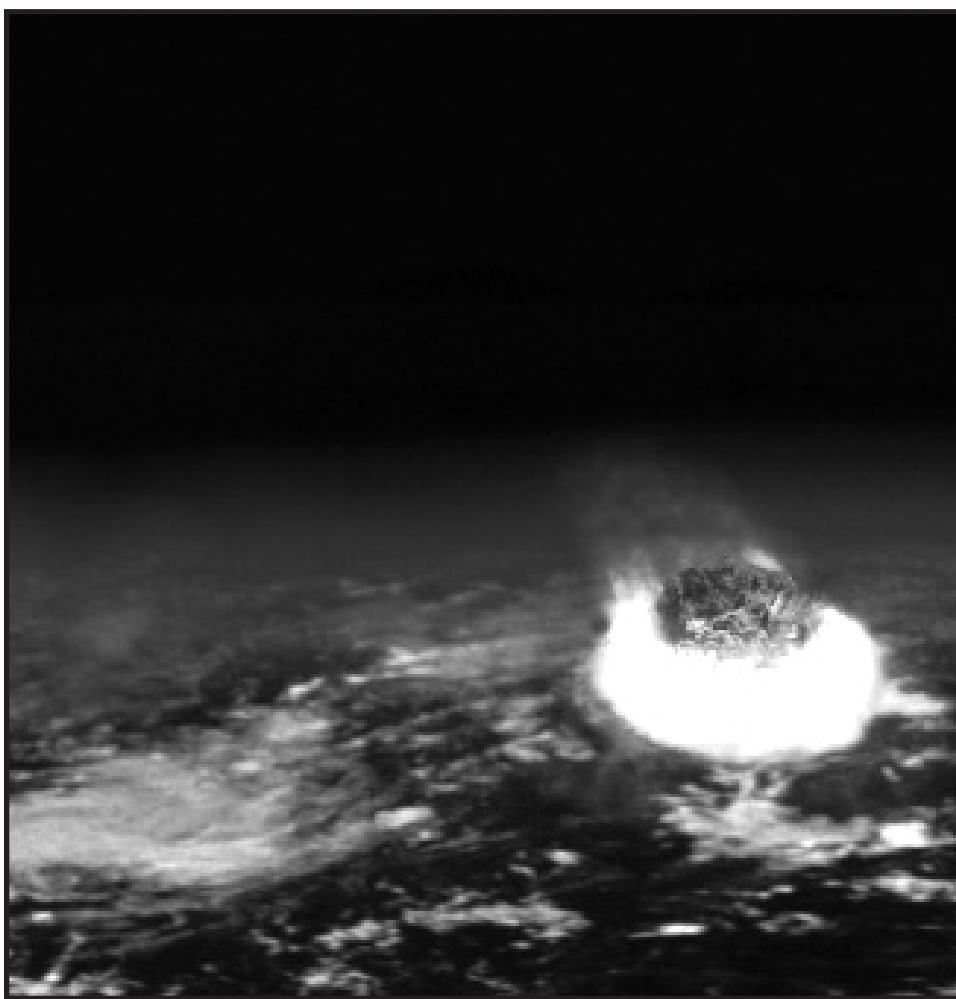
The diamonds were found in association with soot, which forms in extremely hot fires, and they suggest associated regional wildfires, based on nearby environmental records. Such soot and diamonds are rare in the geological record. They were found in sediments dating to massive asteroid impacts that occurred 65 million years ago in a layer widely known as the K-T Boundary—an impact event widely believed to have caused the extinction of dinosaurs and many other types of organisms.

James Kennett, former director of the Marine Science Institute at UCSB, is considered by some of his peers to be the “father” of marine geology and paleoceanography. He notes that the sedimentary layers beneath the Santa Barbara Channel provide a unique window on the history of the world’s climate and ocean changes. The area is considered to be one of the best locations in the world for this type of geological research.

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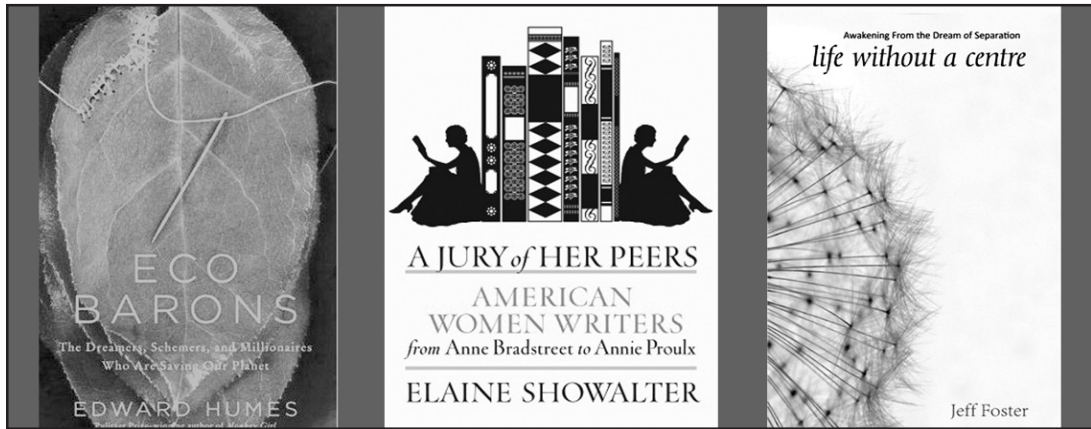
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The Book Report

Books for your consideration



Eco Barons: The Dreamers, Schemers, and Millionaires Who Are Saving Our Planet by Edward Humes (2009)

The Pulitzer Prize winning author profiles the multi-millionaires and high-profile people who are trying to take the planet green. While many people remain paralyzed by the scope of Earth’s environmental woes, eco barons, a new generation of Rockefellers and Carnegies, are having spectacular success saving forests and wildlands, pulling endangered species back from the brink, and pioneering the clean and green technologies needed if life and civilization are to endure. Eco Barons tells of the former fashion magnate and founder of Esprit who has saved more rainforests than any other person and of the college professor who patented the “car that can save the world,” the plug-in hybrid. There are the impoverished owl wranglers who founded the nation’s most effective environmental group and forced a reluctant President George W. Bush to admit that humans cause global warming. And there is the former pool cleaner to Hollywood stars who became the guiding force behind a worldwide effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This book offers encouraging interesting, and an inspirational look of nearly a dozen would be planet savers.

A Jury of Her Peers: American Women Writers from Anne Bradstreet to Annie Proulx by Elaine Showalter (2009)

A Jury of Her Peers is an unprecedented literary landmark: the first comprehensive history of American women writers from 1650 to 2000. In a narrative of immense scope and fascination we are introduced to more than 250 female writers. These include not only famous and expected names (Harriet Beecher Stowe, Willa Cather, Dorothy Parker, Flannery O’Connor, Gwendolyn Brooks, Grace Paley, Toni Morrison, and Jodi Picoult among them), but also many who were once successful and acclaimed yet now are little known, from the early American

best-selling novelist Catherine Sedgwick to the Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Susan Glaspell. Showalter shows how these writers, both the enduring stars and the ones left behind by the canon were connected to one another and to their times. She believes it is high time to fully integrate the contributions of women into our American literary heritage, and she undertakes the task with brilliance and flair, making the case for the unfairly overlooked and putting the overrated firmly in their place. It is a great work that will greatly enrich our understanding of American literary history and culture.

Life Without a Centre: Awakening from the Dream of Separation by Jeff Foster

We try to escape from the play of life and the suffering that being “a person in the world” entails. Our efforts to find spiritual enlightenment have the opposite effect and reinforce an underlying feeling of lack, of separation. In Life Without a Centre, Jeff Foster suggests that there is only ever the present appearance of life, with no individual at its core who could ever escape even if they wanted to. The entire spiritual search is nothing more than a game we play with ourselves, the cosmic entertainment. Jeff cuts through the confusion and frustration surrounding the search for escape through spiritual enlightenment, by pointing to the utterly obvious: This moment, and everything that arises in it, is already the liberation that is sought. Life, just as it is, is already what we’ve been searching for our entire lives. Jeff Foster graduated in astrophysics from Cambridge University. Soon after graduation, life events propelled him onto an intense two-year spiritual search, culminating in the realisation that there was never anything to find in the first place. He currently writes and talks on what some people have called “non-duality”, but which he just refers to as “the utterly, utterly obvious”.

On Line

By PJ Carpenter

Real Technology and Real Problems



In Superman III, Richard Pryor played the role of a slightly warped computer programmer with a certain prowess at using computers to develop financial programming schemes. His morally-compromised employer plotted to use this ability to develop a computer system whose ultimate function would be the control of financial markets world-wide. Fast-forward to 1987 and the very real stock market crash now known as “Black Monday” can be traced to the stock trading computers and software in use at the time all beginning to dump assets in unison in response to a unusual set of input data. By the time the closing bell rang the Dow had lost almost 23 percent of its value in just one trading day. Fast-forward to today and the massively powerful computer software and hardware used to run the our modern stock markets are far more advanced than any machines imagined in either of the two previously mentioned scenarios. On the modern financial battlefield cutting-edge computer systems running complex mathematical formulae trawl through mountains of data looking for patterns indicative of movement in areas of interest so that one system can gain a millisecond jump on other similar systems in placing buy or sell orders. Other machines engage in semi-secret data-gathering and still other systems poll each other for pricing information about various commodities and financial derivatives and complete the transactions in fractions of a second. The profit on these deals is often only cents or fractions of a cent per trade but multiply those razor-thin gains against the thousands of transactions completed daily and these small numbers add up to big numbers in little to no time. No small amount of time, effort and often pure genius goes into the development of the computer systems that control the financial fates of world markets but the real question remains as to what have we might be missing when we look at

the big picture. Often the technology we see may be masking a flawed system of conducting business. After the most recent stock market troubles there was no shortage of factors that could be assigned blame for the various meltdowns but even as the dust still settles it has become quite evident that many of the processes and methodologies in use made it very difficult for those who had the most to be concerned about to get a clear view as to what was really happening before their very eyes.

In the very best of circumstances our use of advanced technology advances our knowledge of ourselves and our world beyond what was thought possible just a few short years ago. In the worst cases, it enables us to do bad things or stupid things faster and on a larger scale than ever before possible. With the exception of movie plots, people rarely set out to do evil using advanced technology and more often than not where real harm has been done, it has often been the result of unintended consequences or unattended operation. Those charged with monitoring the system were either not doing so or paying attention to the wrong things. With any system sufficiently advanced most external analysis quickly devolves into guesstimation and post-mortem commentary because there may be simply too many variables to account for in the equation.

Technology remains first and foremost a tool, to be used with a definite purpose in mind and in the pursuit of a definite goal. In the best cases this tool can make existing systems more efficient but there is always the chance that the pursuit of efficiency can cause us to miss the fact that sometimes the underlying processes of a system may be in need of drastic repair and reform before the application of layers of complex technology that would in effect enable us to make bad business models bigger and big mistakes faster.

INNER TREASURES HIDDEN IN PLAIN VIEW

by Christopher Nyerger

Sometimes we get so caught up in the problems of now and tomorrow that we simply disable ourselves to live in the moment and enjoy the miracle of life. The summer has been so hot, and I’ve been so focussed on solving my own and other people’s problems, of growing older, of seeing friends die, of the consequences of financial mismanagement. I’d barely realized I’d fallen down the rabbit hole of not seeing the incredible that is before me.

After a late night meeting, I drove home, nearly mid-night, through the Arroyo Seco and along the Rose Bowl. The coolness of the night was refreshing, invigorating. I breathed deep and found myself looking anew at the enchanting hillside landscape that has always been hidden in plain view. I realized I’d been looking but not seeing. A lone coyote runs along the rode. Further along, a skunk hides from view by swiftly descending a storm drain. A melodic bird sings. The landscape is alive and bright, and I marvel at the late-night runners still engaged in their exercises.

Though my body aches with the scars of aging, I found that my mind was fresh, young, awakening again after a long sleep. I felt 17 again (or was it 14?) when I felt that I was immortal, eternal, a part of all things. I breathed deeply, and found great

joy in the Eternal Now that was before me, the Eternal Now which always is. I experienced this same Eternal Now when running and motorcycling through the Arroyo Seco years ago, and when I would stand in the rain and feel its miracle.

I had been feeling anxious, worried, concerned, and though nothing had changed, I now felt free, hopeful, curious. I wanted to share, and I began to sing and think of poetry. But I quickly realized there is nothing that needs to be done. To experience the moment is sufficient, to go fully into the beauty of the Arroyo Seco, and to feel the past, and present, and future, all ripe with possibilities and discoveries, all in this moment.

I could now see the lights of the city and the peaks of the Angeles Forest with its occasional twinkling lights. I come by here every day, but somehow this was a new land, a magical land, the land of my mind. I began to wonder about the lot of man, working endlessly at jobs that are not enjoyed, to pursue more and better things, never defining real goals except maybe “retirement” which is not a real goal. I felt sad, and a gust of wind sobered me up, telling me to be concerned about my own choices, to refine my own daily actions and not to dwell on whatever it is that other

people do or do not. The wind freed me of yet another pointless anchor—the thinking about what “other people” do or don’t do.

Be here now. Wasn’t that the title of an old hippie book? Be here now. Easy to say, hard to do. But it has become the main dictum in my inner religion, and though I have no church, the Arroyo Seco is the closest I’ve found. It is my homeland, my place of work and dreams, my place of endless adventures and ongoing discoveries. It is my Walden Pond, my Field of Dreams, my Golden Pond. It is simultaneously nothing and everything. It is a vehicle through which I continually find myself, still that same Self, still in that same body (for now), still eager to learn and to grow.

I finally got home and stood outside looking at the stars, feeling the cool evening wind. It felt good to be “up” and to know the fight is not over. I could feel the meaning of Bodhi-Dharma’s insightful words: “Fall down seven times, get up eight! Life starts from NOW.”

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My article in April about hyperthermia (Heat exhaustion and heat stroke) was supposed to be a warning about the upcoming summer heat. However, I feel that many might have not related to it with the pleasant weather we were having. Well . . . “the heat’s on now!” Read this well; it may save your life or of someone you care about.

Here’s a digest of some information taken from a colleague, J.R. Betts, who is an EMT with El Paso County Search and Rescue. As an EMT, myself, I can say that the following comments are right on.

“Heat stroke is a form of hyperthermia (note the word “hyper” meaning high temperature), an abnormally elevated body temperature with accompanying physical and neurological symptoms. Unlike heat cramps and heat exhaustion, two forms of hyperthermia that are less severe, heat stroke is a true medical emergency that can be fatal if not properly and promptly treated.

The body normally generates heat as a result of metabolism, and is usually able to dissipate the heat by either radiation of heat through the skin or by evaporation of sweat. However, in extreme heat, high humidity, or vigorous exertion under the sun, the body may not be able to dissipate the heat and the body temperature rises, sometimes up to 106°F or higher! Another cause of heat stroke is dehydration. A dehydrated person may not be able to sweat fast enough to dissipate heat, which causes the body temperature to rise.

Those most susceptible to heat strokes include: Infants, the elderly (often with associated heart diseases, lung diseases, kidney diseases, or who are taking medications that make them vulnerable to heat strokes), athletes, and outdoor workers physically exerting themselves under the sun. Symptoms of heat stroke can sometimes mimic those of heart attack or other conditions. Sometimes a person experiences symptoms of heat exhaustion before progressing to heat strokes.

Symptoms of heat exhaustion include: Nausea, Vomiting, Fatigue, Weakness, Headache, Muscle cramps and aches, and Dizziness. Note that some individuals can develop symptoms of heat stroke suddenly and rapidly without warning.

Different people may have different symptoms and signs of heat stroke. But common symptoms and signs of heat stroke include: high body temperature, the absence of sweat-

ing, with hot red or flushed dry skin, rapid pulse, difficulty breathing, strange behavior, hallucinations, confusion, agitation, disorientation, seizure, or coma.

How do you treat a heat stroke victim? Victims of heat stroke must receive immediate treatment to avoid permanent organ damage. First and foremost, cool the victim.

Get the victim to a shady area, remove clothing, apply cool or tepid water to the skin (for example you may spray the victim with cool water from a garden hose), fan the victim to promote sweating and evaporation, and place

ice packs under armpits and groin area.

Monitor body temperature with a thermometer and continue cooling efforts until the body temperature drops to 101-102°F. Always notify emergency services (911) immediately. If their arrival is delayed, they can give you further instructions for treatment of the victim.

How can heat stroke be prevented? The most important measures to prevent heat strokes are to avoid becoming dehydrated and to avoid vigorous physical activities in hot and humid weather.

If you have to perform physical activities in hot weather, drink plenty of fluids (such as water and sports drinks), but avoid alcohol, caffeine, and tea which may lead to dehydration. Your body will need replenishment of electrolytes (such as sodium) as well

as fluids if you sweat excessively or perform vigorous activity in the sunlight for prolonged periods. Take frequent breaks to hydrate yourself. Wear hats and light-colored, lightweight, loose clothes.”

While this discourse may seem to be appropriate to youthful types who are doing all things athletic, it is even more appropriate to seniors as they take a walk in the heat or walk around the Fairgrounds during the day. Any activity which puts us in a hot environment needs to be managed to avoid this problem. Choose to be smart.

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See the “Senior Spot” column weekly!



Why is it so difficult for us to admit we have a need? What can we learn from Jesus’ serving Peter about being willing to receive care? “You Wash Me? No Way!” is Rev. Karen Berns’ encouraging message. Read John 13:1-17.

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SENIOR HAPPENINGS

FYI: Save on Summer (or year-round) fun

The United States Parks Service offers a discounted park pass to persons over 62 years of age.

For a one-time fee of \$10, seniors can have discounted access to Federal recreation sites and may receive additional discounts on campsites, boat launches, guided tours and more.

To obtain a USPS Senior pass, go to <http://usgs.gov> and search for “senior pass” to find out where the passes are sold in your area.

Happy camping!

Helpful Hints

STAYING COOL

As the weather gets warmer, please remember to drink plenty of water, where loose clothing and visit us at the Hart Park House / Senior Center. The center is air conditioned and open Monday - Friday from 9:30 am to 2 pm (longer depending on activities - see page 3). Come for lunch, use the computer, just relax & read, play Bingo or cards, learn about Wii bowling, work on a puzzle and more. For additional activity information or hours of operation, please contact the senior desk at 355-7394.

Recipe of the Month: Crab, Grapefruit, and Avocado Salad



Ingredients:

1/2 cup, plain plain or fat-free yogurt

1 teaspoon, tomato paste

1 tablespoon, mayonnaise (light mayonnaise ok)

1 tablespoon, fresh lemon juice

1 teaspoon, chopped fresh tarragon—or 1/2 tsp crumbled dry

1/2 teaspoon, salt

1/4 teaspoon, cayenne pepper

6 cups, bitesize pieces of romaine lettuce

1 pound, lump crabmeat

2 cups, ripe cherry tomatoes, halved

2 pink grapefruits, peeled and sectioned

3/4 cup, diced ripe Hass avocado

Directions:

In a large bowl combine the yogurt, tomato paste, mayonnaise, lemon juice, tarragon, salt, and cayenne. Add the lettuce, crabmeat, and tomatoes, and toss to combine. (Serves 4)

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:

“How old would you be if you didn’t know how old your are?!”

-Kobi Yamada

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Pasadena Highlands Sponsors Bingo Prize

Pasadena Highlands, an independent and assisted living community, is proud to provide a special gift basket on the first Tuesday of each month. Bingo takes place every Tuesday at 1:30 pm in the Hart Park House / Senior Center in Memorial Park. The game begins at 1:30 pm but those wishing to play must arrive 10 minutes before to secure your Bingo cards.

Join us on the first Tuesday of each month for your chance to win this special prize and learn more about the Pasadena Highlands.

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

Lunch Program: Monday- Friday at the Intervale Café -12:00 Noon-Call (626) 355-0256 to make your daily reservation. Suggested donation \$2.00 for seniors (60+) and \$3.75 for visitors.

Monday: Free strength Training Class with volunteer Lisa Brandley 1:00-1:45

Tuesday: Bingo- 1:30PM- 3:30 PM .25c per card

Yoga- 5:30 PM- 7:00PM Instructor Andrea Walsh- \$6.50 for seniors (50 and over.) Call 355-5278 for more information

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

an appointment.

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

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

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

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

Friday: Ping-Pong 1:30 PM

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

Senior Opportunities and Excursions



Monthly Excursions:

August 21st - Hurray for Hollywood Bowl - \$34.00

Enjoy an evening of jazz performed by Diana Krall Ticket price includes transportation on the Park & Ride bus from County Park located in Arcadia (next to the golf course) This is a Community excursion & tickets are limited. To register, please call the senior desk at (626) 355-7394

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

Senior Stretch and Balance- A free class designed by volunteer instructor Teryl Willis, for seniors to refresh the joints, soothe the spine, and improve balance. Come and join in some simple and gentle exercises, a little light yoga, and a bit of easy tai chi. On Wednesdays at 11:00 am.

Free Lawn Bowling Lessons: The Santa Anita Bowling Green Club will have beginning lawn bowling lessons each Saturday morning starting at 10:00 AM. Located just north of the golf course at 405 S. Santa Anita Ave.< free parking> For information call Gene at 626.351-5327.

Meals-on-Wheels:

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



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One Of A Kind: Featuring unique homes & gardens and the people who create them

By Chris Bertrand

City of Hope's Gardens: Healing The Soul As Well As The Body



There are times when everyone needs a place to recover, rejuvenate, meditate or just plain escape. City of Hope, a cancer treatment and research center, plus a graduate school in Biological Sciences has always made sure there are many places for patients, their families, staff, doctors and the public to do just that.

Sprinkled throughout the expansive, 114 acre campus in Duarte, numerous gardens with a wide variety of themes provide much needed opportunities to sit, amble through, stop to smell the roses, or just to exhale. In a place where the patient's "admission ticket" is the life-changing diagnosis of cancer, the road is often long, requiring the mindset of a marathon runner and frequent repair and re-balancing of the emotions and the spirit. I know. I faced it myself in 1996.

Nearing a century of offering holistic treatment, City of Hope was created in 1912 by garment workers in memory of a fellow worker who succumbed to "the consumption" or tuberculosis. The group gathered \$1500 to purchase the initial 10 acres of land here, in honor of that victim, who died without treatment. The facility opened the next year with a nurse and two patients. The following year, Dr. Clara Stone became the first physician on staff.

Decades later, when treatment discoveries reduced the threat of TB, City of Hope expanded and refocused on cancer care and specialized research. Now an NCI-designated comprehensive cancer treatment center, COH also attempts to fast track new or refined cancer treatments to patients, by eliminating the "middle man" especially for rare cancers. Today, City of Hope offers a 179 bed cancer treatment hospital plus extensive outpatient treatment facilities, with hopes for additional tower of patient rooms in the future.

Early on, the broad brush of patient care at City of Hope was applied to treating the whole being, the soul as well as the body. The "Golter Gate" adjacent to the rose garden, provides a beautiful depiction of the overarching theme of care here, with a quote from Samuel H. Golter, the center's executive director from 1926-1953. It reads, "There is no profit in curing the body if in the process we destroy the soul."

The Ruth and Allen Ziegler International Garden of Meditation exhibits 1655 rose plants of 77 varieties in this 1.25 acre retreat, where a plaque suggests, "Nothing heals the spirit like the scent of a rose." In a beautiful ritual, the best most perfect rose bud from this garden is chosen each day, to be displayed just inside the main entrance, where it's become a symbol of hope for many.

Recently, the owner of the Bordiers Nursery, husband of former patient Cynthia Ann Strohsahl, undertook the two year renovation and replanting of this garden in honor of his late wife. The new plantings have taken well and are maintained through donor support of approximately, \$50,000 a year, including twice weekly attention from three caretakers.

About 82,000 people visit the various gardens at City of Hope every year. Special visitors to the rose garden include those attending the COH "Celebration of Life" anniversaries where bone marrow transplant patients and donors who helped save their lives have a chance to meet, reunite and enjoy life.

The Japanese Garden, dedicated in 1991, honors the late Kaoru Murakami, the 1981 president of Lions Club International. It was designed in the very traditional manner by the now-retired, Cal Poly professor, Takeo Uesugi. He used mostly local materials, except for the blue-tiled viewing structure, which

was built by an artisan from Japan, with wood shipped here for this purpose.

Utilizing traditional Japanese garden themes and traditions, ground was broken for the garden at a full moon with a special tea ceremony, and nearly every item in this garden is heavy with symbolism. Each element is meant to transmit a quiet message of its own. A bridge was constructed in the garden to represent a significant transition in the pedestrian's life; a waterfall symbolizes the tumult of life, and an island shaped like a turtle symbolizes longevity, etc.

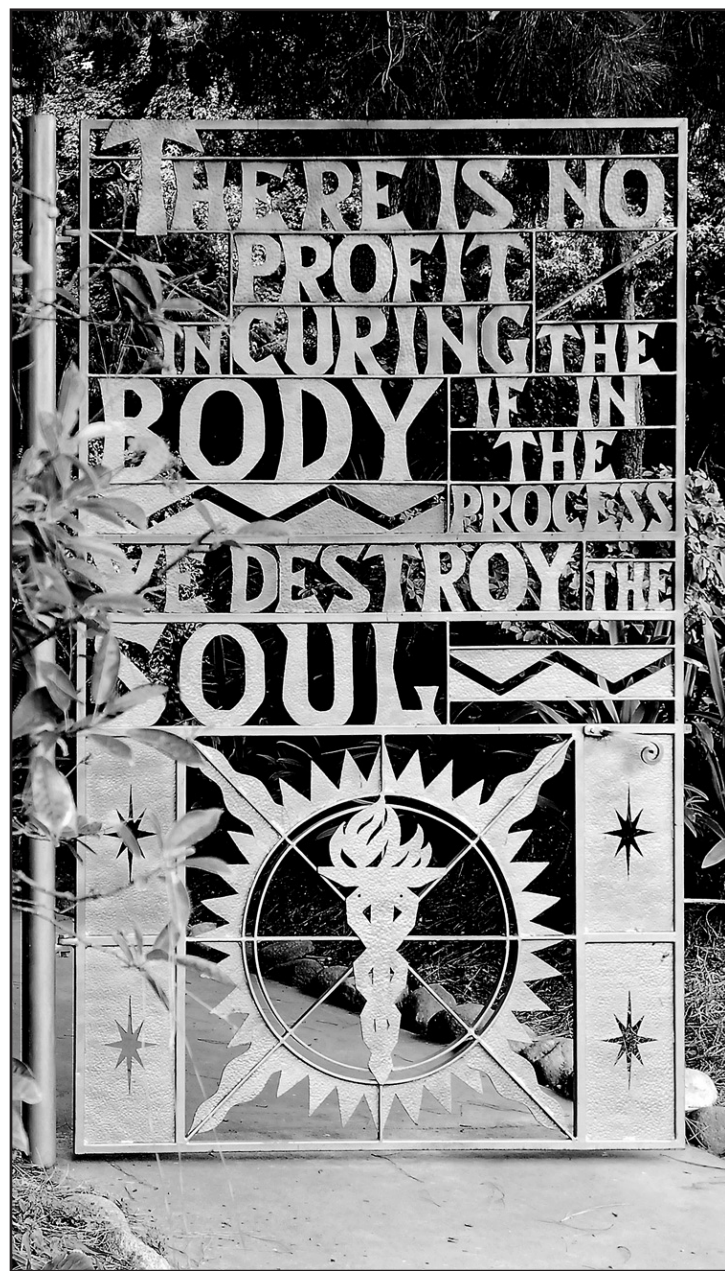
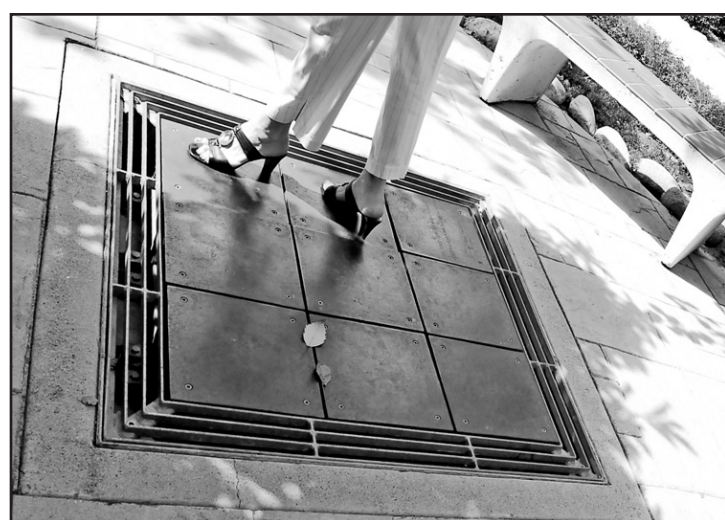
Surrounded by a busy construction site, live bamboo screens the buildings and the outside commotion making it hard to believe that a few feet away, steel girders are being hoisted into place to build a multi-story building.

In the Patient and Family Resource Center, a cell phone-free mini garden allows people to spend a quiet moment away from the fray of medical decisions and ringing phones.

In a relatively small pocket garden, a very lifelike sculpture of Bernie Marcus, co-founder and CEO of Home Depot from 1979-1997 is seated on a bench. Passersby have ample room to sit alongside him for a bite of lunch, or to take in the highly saturated color of the massive hot pink bougainvillea.

Just to his right, a sculpted orange apron from Home Depot proclaims "Hi, I'm Bernie. I help in all departments." Marcus was instrumental in the development and involvement of the home improvement industry partners at City of Hope. Some thirty other industry partners also regularly donate to City of Hope's programs.

You don't have to be a patient or caregiver to enjoy the gardens (or the Biller Patient and Family Resource Center) here in Duarte. For more information, visit www.CityOfHope.org or call 626-256-HOPE. The campus is located at 1500 East Duarte Road in Duarte.



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Andy Bencosme, managing broker of CENTURY 21 Village Inc, was recently notified by CENTURY 21 Corporate in Parsippany N.J. that two of his agents were selected to receive Pacesetter Awards, which is awarded to those agents on track to receive the prestigious CENTURION Award at the end of the year.

Those agents are Emily Duggan and Nazee Rix.



Emily Duggan, a long time resident of Sierra Madre and an agent for over 20 years at CENTURY 21 Village, she offers her clients the talents of a smart and savvy realtor who knows the foothill areas thoroughly. For both buyers and sellers, Emily also puts her experience and contacts to work. Contractors, handymen, painters, decorators and landscapers, Emily has all their names and numbers.



Nazee Rix, a Bradbury resident and mother of two has been a consistent top sales producer and has led the office in sales for the last four years. Bencosme credits her success to having the utmost dedication to her clients and willing to work real estate around the clock if need be.

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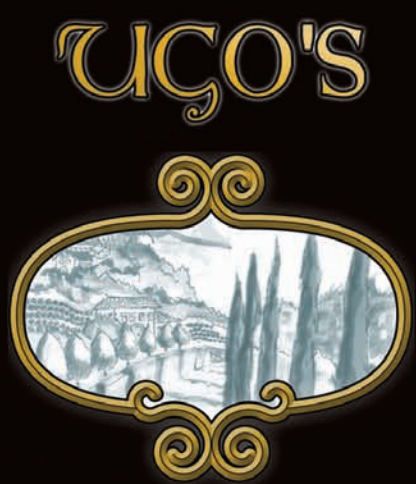
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