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"A Fatal Tipping Point"

Residents Speak Up About One Carter/Stonehouse Proposed Settlement By Susan Henderson

In the most transparent action of the Sierra Madre City Council to date, the public was given the opportunity to participate in discussions on the proposed Settlement Agreement for the lawsuits involving the One Carter and Stonehouse Developments. A total of eight lawsuits against the city have been filed, one as recently as last month, by the owners of the property. Of the eight lawsuits, two have been resolved in the City's favor, three are on appeal after dismissal in the trial court and three are still before the trial court.

Under normal circumstances, settlement agreement discussions would take place in closed session, but, with the consent of the city attorney, the discussions were held in open session.

MacGillivray Participates

Before the discussions began, City Attorney Sandra Levin explained that the meeting would include the participation of Mayor Mary Ann MacGillivray. MacGillivray owns property within 500 feet of Lot C in the One Carter Development and by law is prohibited from participating in any council business that would have a financial impact on her property. In the past, the Mayor has recused herself from the discussions.

However, Levin told the council that an appraiser retained by MacGillivray determined that the decisions being discussed at the meeting would not have any financial impact on her property.

Further, the new owners of the property have consented to the participation of MacGillivray except for those discussions that pertain to Lot C.

Tackling A Sensitive Issue

The One Carter and Stonehouse developments have been a bone of contention in the community for over ten years. As one resident put it, the projects have been an, "...ongoing disaster. Every promise made has been broken and ordinances and laws are of no use."

The sites hold significant historical and environmental value to the city. The One Carter

project is on property previously owned by Nathaniel Carter, founder of Sierra Madre. The Heflin Estate, while the historic value is quite not as significant, was "one of the finest parks in Southern California," according to Councilman Don Watts.

Keys To Settlement Agreement

The council discussed the merits of a proposed settlement offer which would put a halt to the lawsuits. City Attorney Sandra Levin called the Settlement Agreement a "conceptual plan" that if approved, would "put all litigation on hold until the City determined whether or not to approve development plans." Levin said the documents discussed would provide a

excess of \$38 million dollars.

The new owners, CS (Capital Source) One Carter LLC, have been working with city staff since then in an effort to bring a resolution to the issues involved in the litigation.

While the city attorney and council members noted the improved tone of the talks with the new owners, residents, who were also appreciative, continue to harbored reservations about whether or not their issues would be addressed.

The some of the key issues to be resolved before a Settlement Agreement can be reached revolve around:

STONEHOUSE:

The Debris Basin size and impact. Negotiations have

A Reason For Caring: Historic Macomber Cabin



The Macomber Cabin is the oldest building in Sierra Madre. It was homesteaded in the 1860's and remains on the site of the One Carter Development along with the Carter Barn. Protecting these structures and the land around them is of critical importance to Sierra Madreans. Photo by S. Henderson

framework for the city to consider a settlement plan in the coming months. The city has promised to apply the "applicable" zoning ordinances and disclose the time frames for consideration of the plan.

This is not the first set of settlement talks held regarding One Carter and Stonehouse. Last year, the previous owner, Dorn-Platz, walked away from settlement negotiations. Shortly thereafter, Dorn-Platz lost the property in foreclosure to Capital Source, from whom Dorn Platz had borrowed in

resulted in reducing the original design to approximately 50 feet in height (half the size) with a 20' wide access road for fire and a 'wildlife' passageway through the interior of the site;

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BOTH SIDES OF THE STORY

Thousands Attend Health Care Forum



Dr. Ben Sanders (above) is surrounded by both supporters and opponents of the President's Health Care Reform proposal as he answers questions from the media. Photo by D. Lee

By Dean Lee

What started out as a town hall meeting on health care Tuesday at the Alhambra Civic Center Library ended up instead a political protest, with both sides of the issue showing up by the thousands, so many in fact, that the venue was moved outside which caused a number of problems.

First of which, many said, was that no one they could hear the questions being asked of the panelists. Moderator Dr. Bruce Hensel of NBC rephrased many of the questions angering some who stood yelling although drowned out by the crowd. Almost all the questions were addressed to Congressman Adam Schiff who held the meeting.

Schiff was asked if any of the health care benefits would go to illegal immigrants.

"The bills specifically provides that the federal subsidies payments cannot go to illegal immigrants," he said to a cheering crowd. "When we talk about the cost of health care we have to bear in mind two different costs, what are the cost to the public and what are the national expenditures?"

He said the public cost would be around \$1 trillion which riled up the crowd. He said \$500 billion would be made in savings and the other half would be made taxing the wealthiest American's. At one point he said, "There must be a lot of people here that make over \$200,000 because that is who this would affect."

Another person asked, "What makes this plan different?" Schiff said it gives people the choice to have the same (continued on page 4)

Sierra Madre Police Chief Marilyn Diaz To Discuss Department's Goals and Community Outreach

When: Tuesday, August 18, 2009 12 Noon

Where: Sierra Madre Kiwanis Meeting
Masonic Temple - 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Two Thousand Families with Children Need Your Help



Volunteers Maria Damario, Karen Burems, Austin Jenkins, and Christi Andersen sort school supplies for this year's event.

"Funds urgently needed as Foothill Unity Center readies for largest Back-To-School turnout ever! The Center is expecting up to 2,000 children, more than ever before, at its Annual Back-To-School event at Santa Anita Park on August 20th". Pat Ostrye will give you all the details in her column, "Around Monrovia" on page 3.

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Fri: Sunny Hi 90s Lows 70s

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's Speaker:
 Sierra Madre Police Chief Marilyn Diaz

- September 19 – Annual Pancake Breakfast



Community Emergency Response Team

Training class starting
 Wednesday, September 16, 2009

C.E.R.T. TRAINING IS COMING TO SIERRA MADRE—ENROLL NOW!

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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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C.E.R.T. training is free of charge

To enroll, contact:
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 City of Sierra Madre
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jcarlson@cityofsierramadre.com

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.

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August 2009



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

Tuesday, August 4th
 Summer Fun In the Park - Memorial Park, 9:30 am
 National Night Out - Memorial Park, 5-9:00 pm

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

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

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

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

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

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Sierra Madre Community Events For You and Your Family

Musical Lecture on Frank Sinatra

Larry Maurer of Timeless Melodies for Education will present the second part of the Frank Sinatra series at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia. The musical presentation will take place on Tuesday, September 1st at 1:30pm and the cost is \$2.00 (non-refundable). Take a trip down memory lane with audio and video documenting Frank Sinatra's rise from a saloon singer to world-wide fame. The lecture will also present some of the great songs of the 20's that set the stage for Frank's rise and the other singers that inspired Sinatra to become one of the most famous singers. There is limited space available for this lecture so register as soon as possible, deadline to sign up is August 26 or until seating capacity is filled. This event is for 50 years young and older!

Arcadia Concerts in the Park

Become a part of the Arcadia tradition, gather your family and friends and enjoy the sights and sounds of this year's concert series. Whether you attend one or all seven, we are sure you will have a great time! As always, admission and parking are free. Concerts take place on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8pm on beautiful City Hall West Lawn located at 240 West Huntington Drive.

August 20—Rubber Soul - Tribute to the Beatles

In the beginning of 1960, who would have thought that four young lads from Liverpool, England would have such an impact on the music world? John, Paul, George and Ringo became the most popular rock-n-roll group of all time. Rubber Soul celebrates them and their music. Hearing and seeing Rubber Soul becomes an entertaining experience you'll love.

Perfect Soil for the Perfect Plants

Saturday, September 12, 9am-12noon, At The Arboretum: 301 North Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA 91007, Palm Room.

John Lyons, instructor, \$22 members/\$25 non-members. Reservations: Please call 626.821.4623 or email jill.berry@arboretum.org.

This comprehensive class on how to create great soil for your garden will enable you to grow just about anything!! Topics to be covered include composting, vermiculture, The Soil Food Web, compost/worm teas and leaf mold, cover crops, dig vs. no dig, correct use of mulches and the use of native soil.

A gardener by trade, John Lyons designs, installs and maintains edible landscapes, California Native gardens, orchards and wild hedgerows. Originally from Ireland, he has had gardens in Galway, London, Zurich, New York and Los Angeles.

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BARGAIN BOOK TABLE SALE AT SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library will have a Bargain Book Table Sale inside the Library, Monday, August 24 through Saturday, August 29, during the Library's public open hours. This month we're featuring Fiction, Biographies, Children's, and Specialty Books. All books are in good condition and will be sold at the bargain price of \$1.00 each. These every-other-month book sales provide funding for Library resources and programs. The Sierra Madre Public Library, located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre, is open Monday through Wednesday from Noon to 9 p.m., Thursday and Friday from Noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For information on all our Library activities and services, please call (626) 355-7186, or visit our website at www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us.

AARP 55 Alive / Mature Driving Class

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

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

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KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS: LIVING WITH WILDLIFE

The Sierra Madre Police Department is hosting a "Living with Wildlife" presentation for the public on Friday, August 21st. The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Sierra Madre City Hall Council Chambers, 232 W. Madre Blvd. There is no cost to attend.

The presentation is being offered in response to Sierra Madre hillside residents' calls to police over safety concerns about wildlife, particularly bears, increasingly encroaching in residential neighborhoods.

The event will feature wildlife experts from local and state agencies, who will be available for questions. Sgt. Donna Cayson is organizing the presentation and can be reached at (626) 355-1414.

PASADENA MASTER CHORALE TO HOLD AUDITIONS

Jeffrey Bernstein, Artistic Director and Conductor of the **Pasadena Master Chorale** announced today that auditions for new members will be held on Monday, September 21, 2009. Membership is by audition only and members form a pool of approximately 120 singers from which choirs for specific concerts are drawn. The first program for which new members will be eligible is the Christmas concert to be performed on December 11 and 13.

"This is an excellent opportunity for Pasadena area singers who have recent or past experience singing in choirs," says Bernstein. "We're looking for members with passion, talent, dedication and skill, from any walk of life, who want to be part

of an extraordinary new community based choral organization." The **Pasadena Master Chorale** was formed early in 2009 and is the culmination of a rich choral music history that includes the Occidental Chorale and the Foothill Master Chorale.

The Chorale's 2009/10 season will include four scheduled concert programs and two appearances with the Pasadena Symphony Orchestra. Interested singers can obtain audition information or arrange to attend an open rehearsal by visiting www.pasadenamasterchorale.org. Part of a nationwide resurgence in choral singing, The **Pasadena Master Chorale** is quickly becoming one of Southern California's premier cultural organizations.



As I write this, it is August 10th and I have just received, along with every news media in the valley, the following press release: "Funds urgently needed as Foothill Unity Center readies for largest Back-To-School turnout ever! The Center is expecting up to 2,000 children, more than ever before, at its Annual Back-To-School event at Santa Anita Park on August 20th. The huge increase has the organization scrambling for funds to provide every child with the uniforms, supplies and other items needed to start the school year off right.

Pre-registered K-12 grade students from qualified low-income families in Altadena, Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Duarte, Irwindale, Monrovia, Pasadena, Sierra Madre and South Pasadena will attend the distribution.

Their families are clients of the organization who come to the Center for food assistance. They lack the funds to outfit their children for the new school year. While this year's distribution is an unprecedented challenge, its positive impact can change a child's entire approach to school, says Joan Whitenack, the Center's Executive Director. "When a cute little nine-year-old girl comes up to you, smiling from ear to ear, and tells you, This is the best day of my whole life - Ever, and she can hardly wait until school starts," says Whitenack, "you know that you have made a lasting difference in that child's life." In

fact, I (Pat O.) remember the days before the Center was a reality and children were just not going to those first days of school because they had nothing "right" to wear.

"Event Chair Kathy Valentine calculates that it takes about \$50 to outfit a child. Monetary donations are still needed as the number of children continues to climb.

Foothill Unity Center provides a range of services unparalleled not only in the San Gabriel Valley, but across L.A. County. Operating with a small staff and a corps of dedicated volunteers, the nonprofit, nondenominational organization distributed over three million pounds of food to 3,183 unduplicated very low-income families. It also provides clothing, limited motel vouchers and referrals to the homeless and people in crisis. Clients meet stringent guidelines and are re-qualified annually. For more information, call the Center at 626-358-3486 or in Pasadena, 626-584-7420

Donation checks may be mailed to: Back-To-School Program, Foothill Unity Center, 415 West Chestnut Ave., Monrovia, CA 91016." Joan thanks all of the special regular supporters of this event who provide specialties outside the necessary items for school, such as haircuts, Care-Bears, art and craft items, backpacks, notebooks, a new book for each child, even a gift card for new shoes.

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SETTLEMENTS: (from page 1)

A *Tree Buffer* between the homes on Liliano Drive and the proposed new homes.

Home Size: A compromise between the old HMZ (Hillside Management Zone) standards and the new HMZ standards, reducing the size of homes that back up to Liliano.

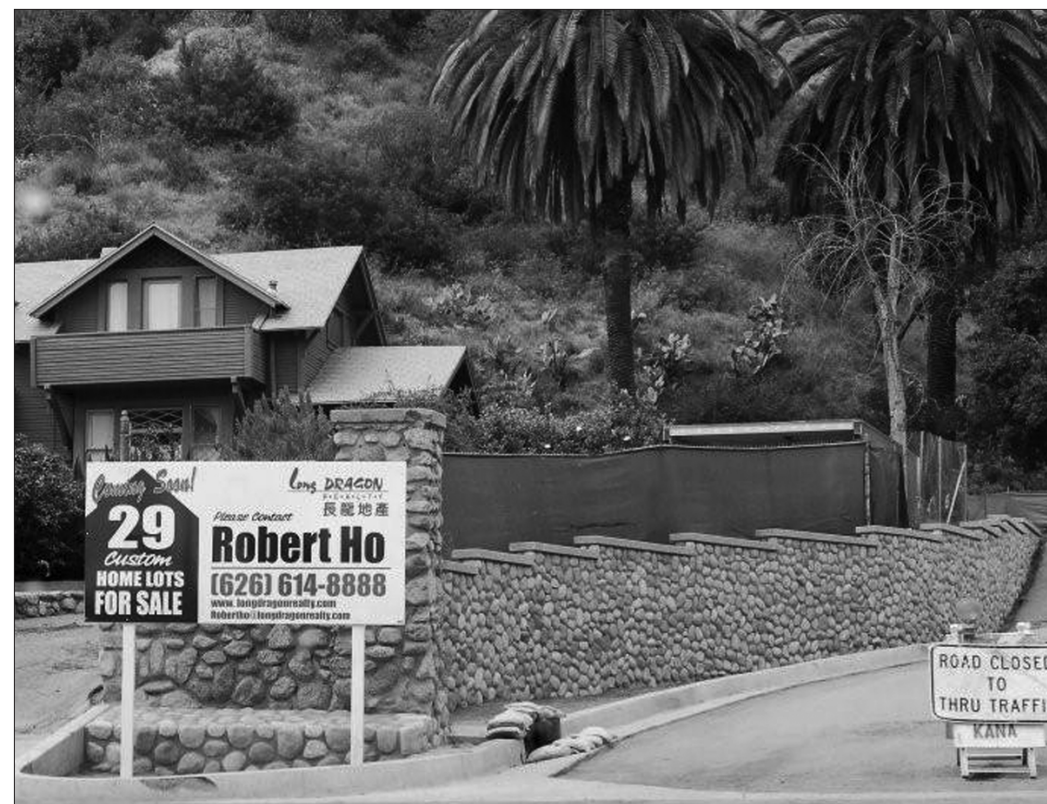
limited term option to the city. This would allow the city to put forth a ballot measure to determine whether or not Sierra Madreans would pay the fair market value in order to preclude development. The Current asking price is \$1,080,000.

The purchase option is appealing to many residents despite these uncertain economic times. In 1998,

Carter Avenue resident Marge Simpson, via a letter read by another 1 Carter opponent, Judy Webb-Martin also stated her concerns about the project. When Webb-Martin completed articulation of Mrs. Simpson's feelings, she added a few of her own.

"The raping of our founding fathers property over the last 10 years is a travesty," said Webb-Martin. "Trying to

ONE CARTER:



Because the One Carter project has a recorded Final Map, as far as the new owners are concerned, the primary remaining issue is whether the new homes are governed by the new HMZ Ordinance or the old one which was in effect when the map was finalized,

The city's options are limited when it comes to compromising on One Carter, particularly the homes proposed on the East Ridge and the West Ridge.

Purchase Option?

A Purchase Option for Lot 3 has been suggested. This lot is the most visually prominent lot and has generated the most interest from potential purchasers. The new owners have offered to hold off the sale in order to provide a

the Sierra Madre Mountain Conservancy successfully purchased 40 acres of land from the Willis Estate that is designated as Open Space and protected from development.

Residents Speak Up

Throughout the meeting at the appropriate times, several residents spoke with controlled passion about various aspects of the project.

Dr. Marguerite Shuster, a resident whose home borders the project, reminded the council of the many promises that had been broken before, although she acknowledged that the new owners were so much better to work with than the previous one. She noted however, that a

Settlement Agreement would be a fatal tipping point for the city.

protect and keep our village seems to be impossible. It's as though the people of Sierra Madre have no more rights"

"You've Been Very Helpful"

By the end of the discussion, representatives for the owners agreed to work with the city and try to reach a workable solution for the issues at hand.

They indicated that both the community meeting held the previous week with residents in the immediate vicinity of the projects, and the open discussion at the council meeting had been very helpful.

The council asked staff and the developers to address the various issues that had been discussed and come back to the council in September with a revised plan.

Join Us for A Celebration! "Positivi-TEA"

We'd love you to join us on Sunday, August 16th at 3:00 P.M. for WFS' "Positivi-TEA", a celebration of Webster's history and a look toward our future. We'll be serving a proper high tea (as proper as we can be with no tables and chairs), so there will be finger food, beverages and lots of give-aways!

Come have some fun - see old pictures of Webster's back in the day (you might even spot your grandma). Come learn about the new Webster's Fine Stationers and how we can fit into your shopping life. Mingle with friends, see and experience our newly arrived products and hear what our plans are for months ahead. Most importantly, come participate in a discussion of why we made the changes we did and how it affects you.

We'd love for you to give us a chance to hear what you think. We'd love it if you'd make the time to come see us on Sunday. We do need to know approximately how much food to serve, so if you would please RSVP it would be appreciated.

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Liquor Store Cited for Selling to Minors

Investigators from the Pasadena Police Department Special Investigation Unit cited one store clerk for selling alcohol to a minor last week. The action was the result of a decoy operation in which minors, under the direct supervision of department investigators, attempted to purchase alcohol from 17 alcohol licensed businesses in the city. One establishment, Famima convenience store at 621 E. Colorado Blvd, violated the law and made an illegal sale.

Those who sell alcohol to minors face a minimum fine of \$250 and/or 24-32 hours of community service for the first violation. In addition, the State Bureau of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) takes administrative action against the business which may include a fine, a suspension, or permanent revocation of their alcohol license.

"Statistics have shown that young people under the age of 21 have a higher rate of drunken-driving fatalities than the general adult population," said Police Chief Bernard Melekian. "The Pasadena Police Department conducts these compliance checks randomly and city-wide in an effort to save young lives. By using tools such as this to prevent sales of alcohol to minors, we hope that we can prevent access as well as any residual impacts related to juvenile alcohol consumption."

Minor decoy operations have been conducted by local law enforcement throughout the state since the 1980's. When the program first began, the violation rate of retail establishments selling to minors was as high as 40 to 50 percent. When conducted on a routine basis, the rate has dropped in some cities to as low as 10 percent, some even lower. In 1994, the California Supreme Court ruled unanimously that use of underage decoys is a valid tool of law enforcement to ensure that licensees are complying.

Pet of The Week



Trixie, a lovely, year old calico cat is looking for a new home. She is very affectionate and would be a wonderful addition to any home. She recently appeared on a local television show where she was a star! Trixie is already spayed and would love to go home with you today!

The regular cat adoption fee is \$70 which includes the spay or neuter surgery, microchip, vaccinations, and a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. Currently, you can adopt two cats or kittens for just \$85.

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Thousands Attend Healthcare Forum

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Rep. Adam Schiff listens intently to constituent.

health care as congress and the President.

"What I have the opportunity to do is, I have the opportunity to pick from a menu of different plans," he said. "And frankly that's what I would like to see you have the opportunity to do." He said a number of times the issue was about choice although critics were quick to point out that the bill mandated everyone be covered.

When asked about enforcement he said that anyone paying taxes would have to prove health coverage when sending in a tax return. Other questions raised the issue of computerizing health records. Many said their concerns were over both privacy and security.

Hensel asked if there were



By some estimates, more than 2,000 citizens came to express their opinion on the reform proposals. Photos by D. Lee

any questions for the other panelists to which everyone started screaming "no." The panelists included, Dr. Benjamin Chu, President Southern California Region, Kaiser; Dr. Richard Brown, Director, UCLA Center for Health Policy and Research; Leeba Lessin, President CareMore Health Plan and Jerry Flanagan, Health Care Advocate, Consumer Watchdog.

Schiff started the meeting

by asking who was there in support of health care reform, who opposed it and who wanted more information about it. By the crowds roar, they were spit right down the middle. Not many said they showed up wanting more information which was the point of the meeting.



Date Palms, King Palms Spices to be Planted Along Colorado

By Dean Lee

There was a lot of interest Wednesday night over the planting of any new palm trees along Colorado Boulevard, so much so that, members of the city's Urban Forest Advisory Committee were caught off

guard when members of the public started demanding more copies of their agenda packets.

A total of 10 packets were made available for about 20 residents that showed up. The committee suggested sharing although many were unhappy with that opinion. Many wanted the supplemental matrix, showing all aspects of a, used as a guide for all street trees citywide.

A number of committee members asked how people were notified about the

meeting which was highly publicized in every local newspaper including this one. It was also said that the packets were not made available to committee members until Monday.

Many residents said they came to support the planting of more shade canopy trees although the committee made clear there recommendation was only to find a substitute for the Mexican Fan Palm currently designated as the street tree in the East Colorado Specific Plan on Colorado Blvd between Catalina Avenue and

Sycamore Avenue.

Although they had four to choose from, Darya Barar, Program Coordinator for Parks and Natural Resources suggested planting two different palm types in the area. The recommendation was unanimously approved after committee member Emina Darakji motioned the idea.

"I make a motion to recommend changing the spices of palm from the Mexican Fan Palm to two spices," she said. "The first one, the Date Palm, for the block

Student Trustee Elected

Brian Abadia Elected Student Trustee for PCC

Pasadena City College student Brian Abadia has been elected as the 2009-2010 student trustee member for the Pasadena Area Community College District. He will be serving a one-year term retroactive to July 1. Abadia began attending PCC as a senior at Temple City High School.

"I have always been very active in representing the student voice at PCC," Abadia said. Last year, Abadia was a member of the PCC lobby committee, where he represented college students and their interests in Los Angeles, Sacramento, and Washington D.C.

During his tenure as student trustee, the Pasadena native plans to advocate for student funding and financial aid. He plans to transfer to UC Berkeley and major in economics.

For more information, contact the Pasadena Area Community College District Board of Trustees at (626) 585-7202.

from Sycamore Ave to Sierra Madre Blvd and the second designation of palm would be the King Palm for the blocks from Sierra Madre to Catalina Ave."

The California Fan Palm or the Queen Palm were both not chosen. Currently 216 Date Palms line Arroyo Parkway and the King Palm can be found along the side of the central library. They also said the new spices would only be planted when an older Mexican Fan Palm dies which have a life span of about 80 years.

Holden's Block Party: 'Fun in the Sun'

Although he could not say exactly how many people showed up to his annual block party Saturday, City Council Member Chris Holden said, "if handing out 700 hot dogs in any indication, there were quite a few people here."

Holden added that the gathering had been growing every year. "It started out as a block party but I think now it's grown into more of a street festival," he said.

The point, he explained, was always to bring everyone together, have fun, and learn more about issues in the city. This year brought out a

number of city department such as police, fire and city works. It also brought out local business such as Big Mama's Rib Shack who had no shortage of lemonade.

Holden said this year they skipped having the large traditional water slide, due to the city's water shortage, opting instead to have a huge inflatable 'dry' slide and extra carnival rides.

The Pasadena Water and Power was on hand showing off one of seven experimental all electric Mini Coopers they received as part of an Air Quality Management



Chris Holden (left) talks with human rights activist John Li. Plenty of Lemonade and hot-dogs were on hand. New this year, carnival style rides which were a big hit. Photos D. Lee



District pilot program. Holden said he had not gotten a chance to drive one but hope to in the very near future.

Pasadena City College Launches New Vision 2020

The Pasadena Area Community College District (PACCD) announces the beginning of the Vision 2020/Educational Master Plan (EMP) process and the launch of the plan website, www.pasadenavision2020.org.

Pasadena City College provides high-quality educational opportunities for the entire community, inclusive of language, culture, interests, and goals. The EMP is an essential component of the district's long-range plan to meet the changing needs of current and future PCC students and the many diverse communities it serves. The EMP will aid in identifying new programs and services as well as delivery modes to ensure that PCC provides

its students state-of-the-art education.

The Vision 2020 planning process will include a variety of opportunities for students, faculty, staff, and community and industry leaders to participate in developing the plan. The district will host Town Hall meetings in September and October to solicit community input and opinions. The first is scheduled for September 15.

Current economic conditions demand that the district use its resources wisely. The EMP will direct investment and help set a strategy for how PCC can best leverage the resources at its disposal to accommodate its projected enrollment for the year 2020.

Jobs requiring at least an associate degree are

projected to grow twice as fast as jobs requiring no college experience. According to President Barack Obama, "we will not fill those jobs -- or even keep those jobs here in America -- without the training offered by community colleges." The PCC Vision 2020 Plan process is designed to ensure PCC can meet this challenge.

The Vision 2020 website allows people to sign up for ongoing updates and will serve as an important resource for interested parties to learn about ways to get involved, review draft plan documents, and share their thoughts and ideas about priority education programs and services.

The EMP is a requirement for maintaining PCC's status as an accredited community



college in the state of California, and helps ensure that student achievement and graduation from PCC is formally recognized by the state, employers, and higher

education institutions.

For more information, please visit the Vision 2020 website at www.pasadenavision2020.org.



Environmentally Speaking,

Did You Know? Created By Pat Birdsall

A Rainbow Of Environmentally Friendly Paint

Being green has never been so colorful. That's because one paint manufacturer now creates a zero-VOC paint in a rainbow of colors.

VOCs, or volatile organic compounds, are solvents that get released into the air as paint dries. Manufacturers have been trying to lower these levels ever since they first realized what damage these chemicals could potentially do and, of course, since the government has legislated regulations.

Fifteen years ago, Benjamin Moore introduced its first zero-VOC paint, an environmental milestone even though the palette was restricted to pale colors because adding colorant adds VOCs. Now the company has developed a technology that yields a VOC-free formulation regardless of the color. The new line, Natura, is making its own history because it's rare to have a truly zero-VOC paint available in limitless color choices.

These days, customers can buy conventional zero-VOC paint in base white. But once you request a color and the store starts mixing in the tints, the VOCs are being added, which many customers don't realize. In fact, there are a lot of myths and misunderstandings about zero-VOC paint. Here are a few:

- Myth: Low- and zero-VOC paint means there is only a limited color palette to choose from.

- Fact: While true in most cases, Natura is an exception. It is unaffected by the addition of colorant because the paint is based on a patented waterborne colorant system. The line is available

in all of the 3,300 colors that Benjamin Moore offers, plus it can be color matched and still be zero-VOC.

- Myth: All zero-VOC paints are the same.

- Fact: False. Some paint lines claim to be VOC-free, and in its pure white formulation, it is. You go to the paint store and specify the paint in a color. So at the store, where the paint is "mixed," the colorant is added in for you. It's the colorant that's the culprit adding the VOCs. The deeper and more saturated the color, the more colorant needed and, obviously, the more VOCs.

In comparison testing, it was found that Natura releases fewer total volatile organic compounds than other national top-selling zero-VOC paints.

There are some paints that are legitimately zero-VOC due to the use of dry pigments for colorant. But the color performance of these types of paints is compromised because the dry ingredient doesn't disperse well in the wet paint. It reduces color fidelity.

- Myth: Zero-VOC paint is difficult to use.

- Fact: The new paint line promises easy application, excellent hide and outstanding durability. It dries fast and is virtually odorless. And it is highly washable, as well, within days after it's been applied.

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Fire Safe Council "Announcements and Observations"

In the Western United States, Wildfire Interface Zones (such as the area north of Grandview in Sierra Madre) have increased 61% in area over the last three decades. Approximately 10,000 homes have been destroyed by fire between 2000 and 2006. This month's journal of the SAF "The Forestry Source" summarizes a study from the June, 2009 Proceedings of The National Academy of Sciences saying researchers suggest more fuels treatment in Wildfire Interface Zones are needed. The research is focused on Federal agencies' fuels treatment on lands

adjacent to urban settings with the message for foothill residents being we have to do our own fuel treatments on our property.

The Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council grant for the year 2008-2009 will end August 31. We still have some money left in this grant to help you with your efforts to create your Defensible Space of 30' and 100' (or to your property line) around your home. Do not let this opportunity pass you by. Over 50 homes in Sierra Madre's Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone have taken advantage of this grant. We have another grant for next year but must finish this one first or will cannot qualify for another grant.

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Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, August 2nd, to Saturday August 8th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 338 calls for service.

Tuesday, August 4th:

12:19 PM – Grand Theft, 300 block North Sunnyside Ave. A 21" gray Honda rotary lawnmower was stolen. The suspect vehicle was a green or blue green Ford or GMC Tahoe type vehicle, possible car seat in the back seat. The driver was described as a female Hispanic, heavy set, black shoulder length hair and a male Hispanic passenger. The male passenger used bolt type cutters to cut a heavy cable lock and remove a lawnmower from the bed of a gardening truck. The mower was valued at \$1,100.00.

Friday, August 7th:

12:28 PM – Displaying a deadly weapon, Using words likely to provoke a violent reaction, 350 West Sierra Madre Blvd., Bank of America. A motorist passing a man getting

out of his car on Lima St. heard the man yell a racist statement at a woman driving by. The comment offended the motorist, who got out of his car and followed the first man into the bank, telling him to watch his language. The first man used vulgar language to tell the motorist to leave him alone. Both men argued briefly. The first man told officers that he thought the motorist was a threat, so the first man pulled a knife out of his pocket and displayed it to keep the motorist away. Bank officials called the police. Officers investigated the case, confiscated the knife, and forwarded the report to the District Attorney's Office for review. No arrests were made.

Saturday, August 8th:

10:17 AM – Arrest, Unlicensed Driver, 54 West Sierra Madre Blvd. A motorist was stopped for a traffic violation. A records check revealed the driver was unlicensed. The driver was arrested, issued a citation, and released on a written promise to appear.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, August 2, through Saturday, August 8, the Police Department responded to 1,026 calls for service of which 135 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, August 2:

Units were dispatched to Valley and Peck around 8:31 a.m. regarding a suspect detained by El Monte Police for a hit-and-run accident that occurred at Santa Anita and Live Oak. The victim followed the suspect vehicle after the collision and notified police. A 23-year-old male Hispanic suspect was detained and a field sobriety test revealed that he was operating the vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. A private person's arrest was made, and the man was taken into custody for DUI, hit-and-run, and unlicensed driver.

Around 4:45 p.m., Westfield Mall security personnel advised that they observed a suspect vehicle with two occupants and they may have burglarized a vehicle at one of the parking structures. The suspect vehicle fled the scene at a high rate of speed, but was later located by officers. A traffic stop was made, and officers saw miscellaneous tools scattered in the vehicle and a GPS device. Further investigation revealed that the GPS was stolen from a vehicle parked at the mall, and the registered owner of the suspect vehicle indicated that her car was dropped off for repairs at an auto shop in Los Angeles. Two 19-year-old male Hispanics were arrested for auto burglary, vehicle theft, conspiracy, and possession of burglary tools.

Monday, August 3:

Between 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 1400 block of Oaklawn. The resident was contacted by her alarm company regarding an alarm activation and returned home to find that a family room window was open and a \$2,000 television was stolen.

Tuesday, August 4:

An auto burglary occurred at 24-Hour Fitness, 125 North First, between 6:00 p.m. and 6:20 p.m. Unknown suspect(s) gained access into the car by unknown means and stole a purse containing \$4,000 in cash from the trunk.

Wednesday, August 5:

Units were dispatched to the 100 block of San Miguel around 3:52 a.m. in reference to a welfare check. A man called from England and was concerned that he could not reach his wife. Officers went to the home and found the woman covered in debris from a collapsed ceiling.

Paramedics transported the woman to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Around 1:20 p.m., a husband and wife were caught trying to steal a cart full of groceries from Albertsons, 298 East Live Oak. The same subjects stole from the store on July 30. Private persons' arrests were made, and a 41-year-old female Hispanic and a 43-year-old male Hispanic were taken into custody for commercial burglary. The woman also had two outstanding warrants totaling \$32,000.

Thursday, August 6:

A traffic stop for excessive speed was made at Baldwin and Arcadia at 8:30 a.m. A male African-American driver was contacted and he could not provide any documentation with his name on it, so he was arrested for driving without a license. During the booking process, his true identity was revealed and record checks indicated that he had two outstanding felony warrants and a misdemeanor warrant. The U.S. Secret Service was notified and apparently there was a federal warrant for the suspect, and agents from the Los Angeles office took him into custody for bank fraud.

A residential burglary occurred in the 00 block of East Lemon around 1:00 p.m. A female Hispanic suspect distracted the homeowners by claiming that she worked for a construction company and wanted to show the residents the home that was going to be built behind the location. While the residents were in the backyard, another suspect entered the house and stole jewelry and a large amount of cash.

Friday, August 7:

Loss prevention personnel from JC Penney detained a male juvenile for theft around 5:42 p.m. The juvenile hid merchandise in a shopping bag while in a fitting room and then left the store without making payment. A private person's arrest was made, and the 15-year-old Hispanic was taken into custody for commercial burglary.

Saturday, August 8:

Units responded to Eighth and Duarte in Monrovia around 9:41 p.m. in reference to a battery that occurred in the 400 block of South First. The 14-year-old victim advised that three male African-American suspects punched him in the face/head multiple times for no apparent reason. The juvenile was transported to a hospital for treatment, and the suspects were not located during an area search.

Between 10:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m., a 2001 silver Honda Civic was stolen in the 1300 block of South Santa Anita.

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HOWARD Hays



Writer Budd Schulberg died earlier this month at the age of 95. As a young boy he strove to be just "one of the guys", despite being the son of the head of Paramount Pictures. He combined an understanding of and appreciation for working-class Americans with a first-hand awareness of what goes on at the other end of the power spectrum. He's best known for his 1941 novel "What Makes Sammy Run", about a copy boy who attains Hollywood success by concerning himself with nothing but his own self-interest, and the screenplay for Elia Kazan's 1954 film "On The Waterfront", about mob control over New York longshoremen, wherein dockworker Marlon Brando reflects, "I coulda been a contenda."

My favorite of all his work is the remarkably prescient story and screenplay for the 1957 film "A Face In The Crowd", also directed by Kazan. (If you have this in your Netflix queue, you might want to skip the rest of this column. I don't want to spoil anything.) Andy Griffith, in a breathtaking screen debut, plays vagrant Lonesome Rhodes, whom a small-market radio personality (Patricia Neal) discovers strumming and singing in an Arkansas county jail. She makes a few calls, and soon Lonesome is singing on the radio. He offers colloquial quips between numbers, connects as a folksy pitchman and before long is

As I See It

a nation-wide sensation, with a huge audience captivated by his down-home sincerity - so unlike those Hollywood and New York know-it-alls. Leaders of the corporate and political worlds take notice as well, and readily exploit Lonesome's sway over his listeners to advance their own agendas.

We'll be back to our story in a minute, but first - The "Southern Strategy" is a product of the Nixon years. The South was predominantly Democratic, with some of the most ardent segregationists being Democrats (Strom Thurmond, George Wallace, et al). Nixon strategists saw an opportunity: as Southern blacks registered as Democrats following enactment of the Voting Rights Act under President Johnson, they could play on the fears of Southern whites and get them to switch registration to Republican. Party strategist Lee Atwater explained in a 1981 interview, "By 1968 you can't say 'nigger' - that hurts you. Backfires. So you say stuff like forced busing, states' rights and all that stuff".

Education was another attribute used to stoke resentment in the hearts of those less educated. Nixon's vice president, Spiro Agnew, infamously spoke of "that effete corps of impudent snobs who characterize themselves as intellectuals". When Michael Dukakis ran against George H.W. Bush in 1988, the major charge leveled against him was his being a "Harvard intellectual". Karl Rove successfully winnowed down the list of subjects most likely to inflame the passions of the less-sophisticated to "God, Guns and Gays".

George W. Bush's election as governor

of Texas was ensured by spreading the rumor that his opponent, incumbent Ann Richards, was a lesbian. Al Gore lost his home state of Tennessee in 2000 largely due to fears he would seize everyone's guns. When Ohio was seen as a swing state in 2004, a measure was hastily put on the ballot to ban gay marriages, in hopes of drawing voters who weren't aware that Ohio already banned gay marriages.

There's little evidence to suggest those behind these strategies were themselves racist, anti-intellectual or homophobic. What we have is a cynical determination to exploit fears, gullibility and deference to authoritative voices in order to advance an agenda of privilege and power.

Last April, lower and middle-income taxpayers were mobilized at "tea party" rallies to protest President Obama's tax policy, right after enactment of the largest tax cut for lower and middle-income taxpayers in our country's history. Today, those most likely to be unable to afford health coverage, risk losing coverage upon discovery of a pre-existing condition and "rescission" at the onset of an illness are brought out to protest measures that would provide affordable coverage, ensure coverage regardless of pre-existing conditions and ban rescission of policies. Those who rely on government programs like Medicare and Veterans Administration coverage grow apoplectic at the prospect of government involvement in health care. (Quoting from a recent South Carolina town hall: "Keep your government hands off my Medicare!")

A new word has entered the lexicon: "Astroturf",

referring to the result of multi-billion dollar industries paying multi-millions to consultants for the creation of artificial "grass roots" movements. Recommended behavior at town halls is not to question, listen and possibly learn, but to shout down those who wish to do so. Those who laid the "Astroturf" already have their authoritative voices telling their followers all they need to know.

Sarah Palin, half-term governor of Alaska, took a minor provision allowing for coverage of patients wishing to discuss "end-of-life" care issues ("living wills", hospice care, etc.) with their doctors and transformed it into "Obama's death panel" where grandma and special-needs babies would be given a thumbs-down and allowed to expire - part of a system she calls "downright evil". Rush Limbaugh points out "the similarities between the Democrat party of today and the Nazi party in Germany." Glenn Beck explains that President Obama has "a deep seated hatred for white people." Lou Dobbs asks, "What's next? Euthanasia?" And now, back to our story - Lonesome Rhodes realizes the power he has over his audience and envisions, "I'm gonna be the power behind the president". He describes his followers as "Rednecks, crackers, hillbillies, hausfraus, shut-ins, pea-pickers - everybody that's got to jump when somebody else blows the whistle. . . . They're mine! I own 'em! They think like I do. Only they're even more stupid than I am, so I gotta think for 'em."

Words written more than fifty years ago by Budd Schulberg. May we all live such a long and productive life.

HAIL Hamilton



Comparing Canadian Healthcare to Healthcare in the United States

The Canadian health care system is often [compared](#) to the United States system. The U.S. system spends \$6,711 [per person] on healthcare, the most [per capita](#) in the world; but is the only wealthy industrialized country in the world that lacks some form of [universal health care](#). In 2000, when the World Health Organization conducted its last survey, it ranked the U.S. health care system as the 1st in cost, 1st in responsiveness, 37th in overall performance, and 72nd in overall level of health among the 191 member nations it surveyed. Canada was ranked 10th in cost, 3rd in responsiveness, 30th in overall performance, 12th in overall level of health.

U.S. government-spending covers less than half of all health care costs. Private spending for health care is also far greater in the U.S. than in Canada. In Canada, an average [per year] of \$917 was spent a by individuals or private insurance companies for health care, including dental, eye care, and drugs. Canadian-spending on healthcare is \$2,220 (in US dollars), or only 10% of its GDP. The U.S. spent 16.2% of its GDP on health care plus up to 3% more on litigation over medical bills, while Canada spends nothing on litigation because bills are paid by everyone. The U.S. spends \$6,711 per capita on healthcare. The healthcare share of the U.S. GDP is projected to rise to 25% of GDP in 2025, and 49% in 2082.

Some of the differences in health care costs between the two nations are partially explained by the differences in their demographics. Police-reported [drug abuse](#) and [violence](#) are more common in the U.S. than in Canada; both place a burden on the health care system. Illegal immigrants, more prevalent in the U.S. than in Canada, also add a burden to the health care system, as many of them do not carry health insurance and rely on emergency rooms — which are legally required to treat them — as a principal source of care. In California an estimated 80% of illegal immigrants do not have health insurance. The mixed system in the U.S. has become more similar to the Canadian system. In recent decades, [managed care](#) has become prevalent in the United States, with some 90%

of privately insured Americans belonging to plans with some form of managed care. In managed care, insurance companies control patients' health care to reduce costs by denying expensive treatments not considered worth their cost, or denying coverage due to preexisting health conditions. Here are some other disturbing facts:

In 2008 the U.S. spent \$2.2 trillion on health care, yet 47 million Americans and 9 million children are currently without health insurance. Of each dollar spent on health care in the United States, 31% goes to hospital care, 21% goes to [physician](#) services, 10% to pharmaceutical companies, 8% to [nursing homes](#), 7% to administrative costs, and 23% to all other categories ([diagnostic](#) laboratory services, [pharmacies](#), [medical device](#) manufacturers, etc.). The percentage of costs that go to profits is estimated to be 30%.

The [health care system in Canada](#) is financed by a mix of public (70%) and private (30%) funding, with most services delivered by private providers, and it covers all Canadians. In Canada, the U.S. is used as a model and as a warning against increasing private sector involvement in financing health care. In the U.S., Canada's mostly [monopolistic](#) health system is seen as either a model to be followed or avoided.

Stopping healthcare reform may have appeal to the right-wing fringe but the facts about the need for reform argue against it. Many of the healthcare problems we face today are the direct result of placing those with the most to gain by cheating in charge of policing themselves. Greed dictates that those that have the most to gain will abuse any system that provides an opportunity of enrichment. A word of caution to those that oppose healthcare reform: President Obama's proposal could raise the national debt by \$1 trillion over the next 10 years, or \$10 trillion. But should his proposal fail and nothing be done, Americans will pay \$22 trillion on healthcare by 2019. That's an additional \$12 trillion for healthcare.

Anyone looking at the decades-long struggle for effective healthcare reform, and the horrific results of not having some kind of universal coverage, would be silly to conclude that more of the same is the cure. To do so simply ignores reality.

STUART Tolchin On...LIFE IS THE TRUTH REALLY UGLY?



This past Sunday was really tough. My gang (wife, son, and son's girl friend) and I

visited my mom at her Woodland Hill rest-home. Of course, a few hours later she was upset as we started to leave. Who can blame her? She's 94 and very lonely. She hardly knows the people around her and sometimes that includes us. At one point I felt like she was saying that she wished that she could leave and could make me stay so that I would know what it felt like to be stranded in the rest home.

Leaving, we all felt sad and couldn't quite face the hour plus ride home. We all decided to go to the nearest mall and check out a movie. We wanted something light and picked something called the 'Ugly Truth' starring Katherine Heigl who everyone else knew from her popular television show. I expected a light comedy something like a long 'I Love Lucy' episode. You know - beautiful woman in a comic situation that turns out fine in the end. All nice and predictable and very pleasant. Nope, it wasn't to be.

It felt like deranged perverts had got their dirty little hands on this nice little plot and turned it into a nightmare. The star, Katherine, was debased and degraded in unspeakable, unthinkable ways. The supporting characters displayed the behavior of deranged psychotic prisoners. Poor Katherine, is being a star worth putting up with this misogynist mayhem in order to feed the fantasies of the men running Hollywood? I shared these thoughts with my sister who, after laughing, explained that, as usual, my thoughts were off-base. Katherine Heigl already was a star and is the executive producer of the film which was written jointly by three women.

How can this be? Well, I thought about it and after some thought I think I gained some hazy understanding. Unfortunately this understanding, limited as it may be, causes me great concern about the future. It's surreal. It's like realizing what would happen if my mother's secret wish was realized and I was forced to stay in the rest home while she went home with the rest of the family. It is all a reflection of the shifting of power. For centuries, White Men have been in control of everything and now the times have changed. In the movie, Katherine is this control freak who tries to hide her power in order to be acceptable to men. The underlying message is that there is no need for women to hide their power; but the really unpleasant corollary is that women have been so twisted by the centuries of degradation by men that they have been forever corrupted. Women now want power and want to utilize that power in the same degrading, dehumanizing ways that men have abused power for centuries. Furthermore, it's not just women; it's everyone. Sorry White Men. Yes, everyone is gaining power and intending to use that power against their former oppressors. (Which in this case is Me and, perhaps, You)

Sound a bit extreme? Probably, but I really think we're seeing the end of White Male Skin Privilege. All these Town meetings and ridiculous claims about Obama's birthplace are symptomatic of the realization that a whole lotta change is going on and some of it isn't going to be so easy to adjust to. No, I don't think the makers of the film had this in mind when the film was made, and definitely do not waste your time going to see the movie. All I can say is: "keep your boots on" because I think we're all in for an interesting ride and you, like me, will see the signs of change in surprising places.

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TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

Noir Food & Wine Restaurant

There is nothing like a good review to resurrect the flames of hope in our fellow human. I am inspired and encouraged by a positive movie, concert and yes, restaurant review. In fact I must admit, off the record of course, sometimes I read other restaurant reviews and they intrigue and compel me enough that I go and dine at that very restaurant. It is probably something deeply entrenched about Americana in me that I find my greatest joy and satisfaction in those small, quaint restaurants that you may drive by a hundred times and never consider dining at. There is an empowerment, a romanticism that is very American in owning your own business. Trying to achieve a lifelong dream through hard work, identification, and rapport with your customer. The feeling is not uniquely mine, but it does feel uniquely American. It is a high-stakes gamble to own a restaurant, as overwhelmingly so many fail. The fact that so many continue to try means that people still believe in the dream, they still trust in America as a laboratory where experiments can succeed. It is rare, but once upon a blue moon I run across a natural, a can't fail prospect. And now I tell you that I have happened upon a restaurant that I rate as almost perfect. Noir Restaurant is fascinating, new and the place is already in full stride, so no need to let the paint dry!!!

It is located in a very modest space, about the size of Paradise, on N. Mentor, neighboring the Ice House. Good things come in small packages, you know. Here they seat a maximum of 32 patrons and the fortune that greets the chosen is a plate of mystical treasures. The sky is the limit and promises of stardom are not exaggerated. If you are looking for an alternative to Bistro 45, or even Parkway Grill, you now have a solid and still secretive option nestled in the heart of the city. The kitchen is adeptly handled by Chef Claud Beltran. You may remember him from Madeleine's. The front of the restaurant

is managed by Mike Farwell, partner, and the cunning architect of the wine list. The wine list is extensive; and he knows his way around a wine cellar, I encourage you to consult Mike for his sage recommendations. There are wines available by the bottle or by the glass. I leisured with a sumptuous glass of Scharffenberger Sparkling Wine (\$9). For those that need to impress, they do offer a Duval-Leroy (\$16 a glass), but the ladder is a better value. Don't bring your own wine here, as they have many great wines with which to surprise. My dining partner checked in with thumbs up on a glass of the Sextant Zinfandel (\$8).

The Menu I mentioned before is a little reminiscent of Madeleine's, and that's great, because I enjoy going there as well. The Flavor is New Orleans meets Paris by way of Los Angeles with a little Mexican Spice. Wow, how's that for eclectic? Someone should be getting frequent flyer miles!! We started our meal with a bowl of "The Summer Gumbo" with the enjoyable andouille and Monk Fish, the "Poor man's Lobster", inside. My companion for the evening said it was a better Gumbo than offered by the Cobbler Factories, so that's a compliment. Next we jumped right into a selection of three cheeses at \$8, nice way to start we all agreed. Some crackers would be nice, in addition to the fig bread. Our entrees were all above what I consider good. The seared Prime Hanger Steak makes it difficult to imagine anyone could do it better: I will be back for this entrée. At (\$19) this a real value. The Shrimp Remoulade is poached with Gulf Shrimp in a classic sauce, which I am told is authentic. My experience was nirvana and my server Shyla made the night. I must admit that I didn't care for the Pomme Frites at \$7. However, if you see two empty seats and a full house, you will know I am on my way. The prices are right and the wine list is arguably the best in Pasadena.

Side Note: Join me on September 5th at The Vons in Pasadena, for our tailgate kick-off as college football returns to California.

Noir Restaurant, 40 N. Mentor, Pasadena. www.noirfoodandwine.com. (626) 795-7199

Legals (cont.)

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. WORLD FINANCE NETWORKING.COM, 2. JACK OF TRADES**, 7439 LA PALMA AVE. #593, BUENA PARK, CA 90620. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **SIR GEORGE M. LOVELAND**, 7439 LA PALMA AVE. #593, BUENA PARK, CA 90620. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SIR GEORGE M. LOVELAND/OWNER**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/06/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 09-1200588

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ARCADIA MAIN DENTAL**, 118 W. LAS TUNAS DR. STE. D, ARCADIA, CA 91007. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JIMMY CHOI, D.D.S., INC.**, 1510 BALDWIN AVE. UNIT C, ARCADIA, CA 91007. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: JIMMY CHOI/PRES**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/05/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 09-1178158

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BENJAMIN'S IRON WORK**, 4008 E. OLYMPIC BLVD., L.A., CA 90023. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **EAST LA IRON WORKS, INC.**, 4008 E. OLYMPIC BLVD., L.A., CA 90023. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: RAFAEL CONTRERAS/PRES**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/31/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 09-1185902

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CELLPHONE SOLUTIONS**, 1559 E. AMAR RD. STE. S, WEST COVINA, CA 91792. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **EMMEL GANZON, MARY NINA GANZON**, 3667 VALLEY BLVD. SPC. 124, POMONA, CA 91768. This Business is conducted by: **HUSBAND AND WIFE. Signed: EMME GANZON/OWNER**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/03/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on MAY 30, 2009.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HI HO MARKET**, 10846 DOWNEY AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90241. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MICHAEL DURON**, 10319 FALLON AVE., SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MICHAEL DURON/OWNER**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/03/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on OCT. 26, 2006.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 09-1196908

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HOTWIRE LABS**, 2459 W. 208th ST. STE. 203, TORRANCE, CA 90501. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ROBERT L. PETERSEN/R.L. PETERSEN ASSOCIATES, LLC.**, 3404 LAMBETH COURT, UNIT F, ORANGE, CA 92669. This Business is conducted by: **A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: ROBERT L. PETERSEN JR./PRINCIPAL**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/05/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MACKENZIE'S PET PANTRY**, 2201 E. WILLOW ST. STE. D, PMB #169, SIGNAL HILL, CA 90755. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **DANIELLE ELIZABETH BELL**, 2201 E. WILLOW ST. STE. D, PMB #169, SIGNAL HILL, CA 90755. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DANIELLE ELIZABETH BELL/OWNER**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/05/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/1/2008.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 09-1183529

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MAMBO'S AUTO ELECTRIC**, 6520 S. WESTERN, L.A., CA 90047. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **SERGIO MALDONADO**, 4524 W. 131st ST., HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SERGIO MALDONADO/OWNER**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/03/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 09-1199816

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MARILU RIOS INC. SERVICE**, 516 N. POPLAR AVE. #77, MONTEBELLO, CA 90460. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MARILU RIOS**, 628 N. HOWARD AVE. #77, MONTEBELLO, CA 90460. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARILU RIOS/OWNER**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/05/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/01/08.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 09-1200673

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PRECISION BUILDERS**, 14546 E. CLOSE ST. WHITTIER, CA 90604. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JUAN RIOS**, 14546 E. CLOSE ST. WHITTIER, CA 90604. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JUAN RIOS/OWNER**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/05/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 09-1185801

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SPRINGS SOLUTIONS**, 14546 E. CLOSE ST. WHITTIER, CA 90604. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **DAVID A. SMITH**, 5531 N. ASPAN AVE., AZUSA, CA 91702, **KEITH E. COOK**, 5523 N. ASPAN AVE., AZUSA, CA 91702. This Business is conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS. Signed: DAVID A. SMITH/OWNER**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/03/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **TOTAL BUILDERS INC.**, 1543 W. OLYMPIC BL. #350, L.A., CA 90015. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **YOUNG W. KIM**, 234 S. ARDMORE AVE., L.A., CA 90004. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: YOUNG W. KIM/OWNER**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/05/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8/1/09.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **TRI COMPUTER SERVICES**, 1559 E. AMAR RD. #S, WEST COVINA, CA 91792. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **INA DE BELEN**, ROBERTO DE BELEN, 604 CLARADAY ST., GLENDORA, CA 91740. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: INA DE BELEN/OWNER**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/03/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **WHITE TIGER CONSTRUCTION**, 13419 BROCK AVE., PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **FELIPE PEREZ**, 13419 BROCK AVE., PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: FELIPE PEREZ/OWNER**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/03/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/03/2009.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 09-1207624

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **WINDOWS & DOORS ETC.**, 440 S. SAN DIMAS AVE., SAN DIMAS, CA 91773. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **CHERYL WINKELMAN**, 621 S. WALNUT, SAN DIMAS, CA 91773. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CHERYL WINKELMAN/OWNER**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/06/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FILE NO. 2009-1185302

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

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 06-2384112. The business was conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 08/03/2009. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) **SIGNED: MICHAEL DURON/OWNER** Publish: Mountain Views News Pub. 08/10, 08/17, 08/24, 08/31/2009

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20091198717

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CALABASAS INN**, 23500 Park Sorrento, Calabasas, CA. 91302. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **KNIGHT-CALABASAS, LLC**, 10823 Rochester Avenue, Los Angeles, CA. 90024. This Business is conducted by: **A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: DAVID BARTHOLOMEW, MANAGER**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/05/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20091246719

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BC VELOCITY EXHAUST**, 635 Fairview Avenue, Sierra Madre, CA. 91024. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MALACHITE MANAGEMENT, INC.**, 635 FAIRVIEW AVENUE, SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: HIMMIE D. LONG, PRESIDENT**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/07/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8/1/09.

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Looking Up

With Bob Eklund

Surface Features on Titan Form Like Earth's, but with a Frigid Twist

Saturn's haze-enshrouded moon Titan turns out to have much in common with Earth in the way that weather and geology shape its terrain, according to research recently presented at the 27th General Assembly of the International Astronomical Union (IAU) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Wind, rain, volcanoes, tectonics and other Earth-like processes all sculpt features on Titan's complex and varied surface in an environment more than 100°C colder on average than Antarctica.

"It is really surprising how closely Titan's surface resembles Earth's," says Rosaly Lopes, a planetary geologist at JPL, who presented the results on August 7. "In fact, Titan looks more like the Earth than any other body in the Solar System, despite the huge differences in temperature and other environmental conditions."

The joint NASA/ESA/ASI Cassini-Huygens mission has revealed details of Titan's geologically young surface, showing few impact craters, and featuring mountain chains, dunes and even "lakes". The radar instrument on the Cassini orbiter has now allowed scientists to image a third of Titan's surface using radar beams that pierce the giant moon's thick, smoggy atmosphere. There is still much terrain to cover, as the aptly named Titan is one of the biggest moons in the Solar System, larger than the planet Mercury and approaching Mars in size.

Titan has long fascinated astronomers as the only moon known to possess a thick atmosphere, and as the only celestial body other than Earth to have stable pools of liquid on its surface. The many lakes that pepper the northern polar latitudes, with a scattering appearing in the south as well, are thought to be filled with liquid hydrocarbons, such as methane and ethane.

"With an average surface temperature hovering around minus 180°C, water cannot exist on Titan except as deep-frozen ice as strong as rock," Lopes says. On Titan, methane takes water's place in the hydrological cycle of evaporation and precipitation (rain or snow) and can appear as a gas, a

liquid, and a solid. Methane rain cuts channels and forms lakes on the surface and causes erosion, helping to erase the meteorite impact craters that pockmark most other rocky worlds, such as our own Moon and the planet Mercury.

Other new research points to current volcanic activity on Titan, but instead of scorching hot magma, scientists think these "cryovolcanoes" eject cold slurries of water-ice and ammonia. Scientists have spotted evidence for these outflows using another Cassini instrument called the Visual and Infrared Mapping Spectrometer (VIMS). This device can gather the infrared light from the Sun that is reflected back by Titan's surface after passing through its atmosphere, giving clues about the identity of the chemical compounds found on Titan's surface.

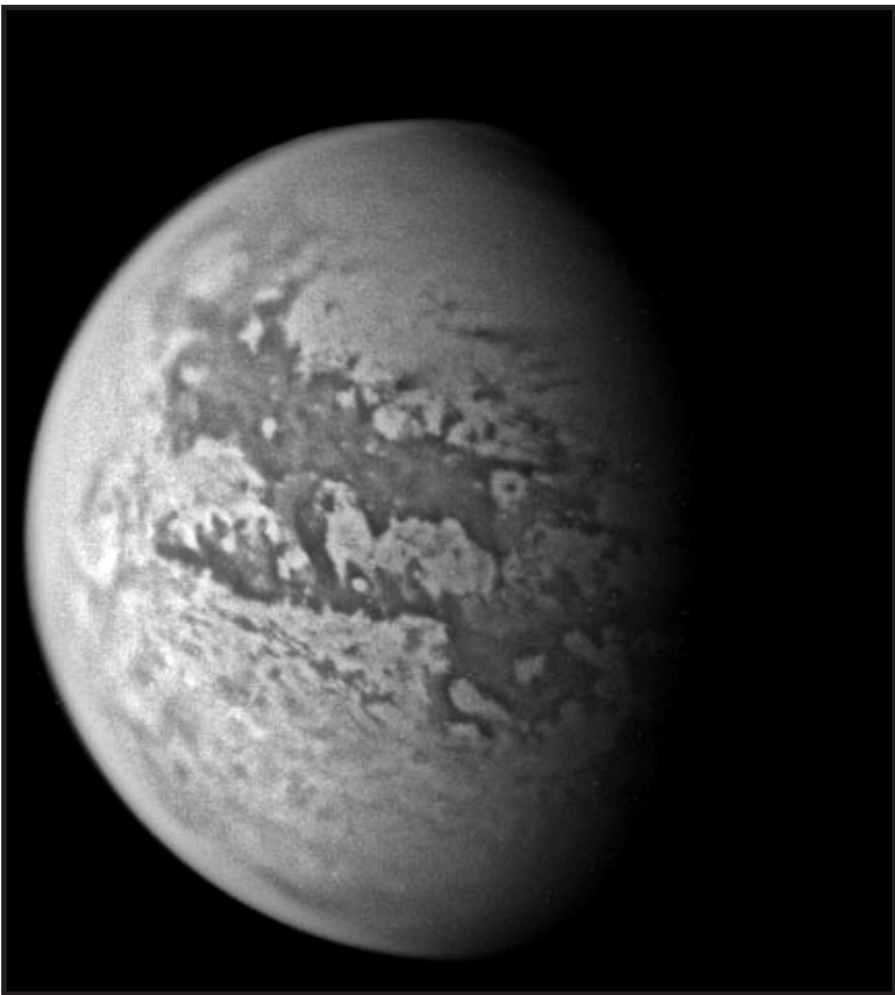
VIMS had previously detected an area, called Hotei Regio, with a varying infrared signature, suggesting the temporary presence of ammonia frosts that subsequently dissipated or were covered over. Although the ammonia does not stay exposed for long, models show that it exists in Titan's interior, indicating that a process is at work delivering ammonia to the surface. Radar imaging has indeed found structures that resemble terrestrial volcanoes near the site of suspected ammonia deposition.

Other Earth-like features on Titan include dunes formed by cold winds, as well as mountain ranges. These mountains might have formed tectonically when Titan's crust compressed as it went into a deep freeze, in contrast to the Earth's crust, which continues to move today, producing earthquakes and rift valleys on our planet.

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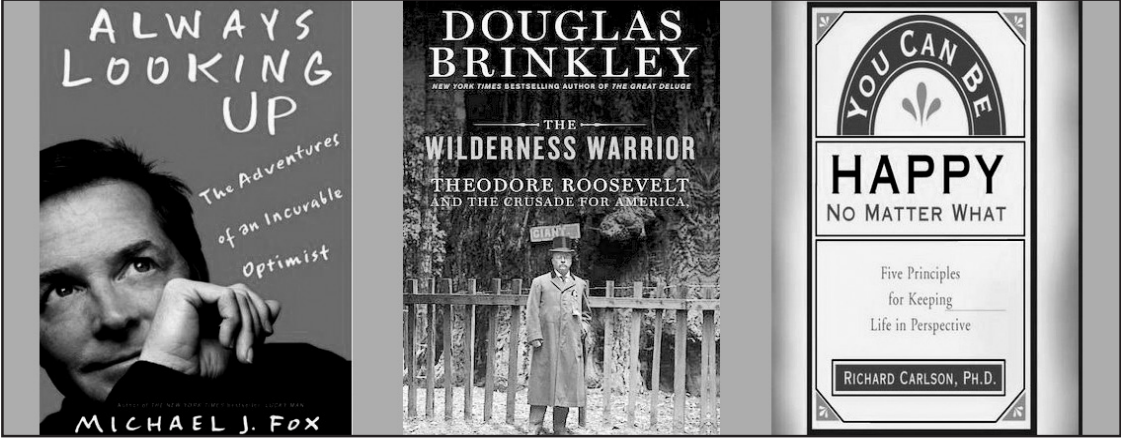


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Jeff's Pics The Book Report

Books for your consideration



Always Looking Up: The Adventures of an Incurable Optimist by Michael J. Fox (2009)

There are many words to describe Michael J. Fox: Actor. Husband. Father. Activist. But readers of Always Looking Up will soon add another to the list: Optimist. Michael writes about the hard won perspective that helped him see challenges as opportunities. Instead of building walls around himself, he developed a personal policy of engagement and discovery: an emotional, psychological, intellectual, and spiritual outlook that has served him throughout his struggle with Parkinson's disease. Michael's exit from a very demanding, very public arena gave him the time and the inspiration to open up new doors to unexpected places. One door even led him to the center of his own family, the greatest destination of all. He says, "The last ten years, which is really the stuff of this book, began with such a loss: my retirement from Spin City. I found myself struggling with a strange new dynamic: the shifting of public and private personas. I had been Mike the actor, then Mike the actor with PD. Now was I just Mike with PD. Parkinson's had consumed my career and, in a sense, had become my career. But where did all of this leave Me? I had to build a new life when I was already pretty happy with the old one." Always Looking Up is a memoir of this last decade, told through the critical themes of Michael's life: work, politics, faith, and family. The book is a journey of self-discovery and reinvention, and a testament to the consolations that protect him from the ravages of Parkinson's. With the humor and wit Michael describes how he became a happier, more satisfied person by recognizing the gifts of everyday life.

The Wilderness Warrior: Theodore Roosevelt and the Crusade for America by Douglas Brinkley (2009)

Douglas Brinkley draws on never before published materials to examine the life and achievements of our "naturalist president." By setting aside more than 230 million acres of wild America for posterity between 1901 and 1909, Theodore Roosevelt made conservation a universal endeavor. This crusade for the American wilderness was perhaps the greatest U.S. presidential initiative between the Civil War and World War I. Roosevelt's most important legacies led to the creation of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and passage of the

Antiquities Act in 1906. He saved such treasures as Devils Tower, the Grand Canyon, and the Petrified Forest. Tracing the role that nature played in Roosevelt's storied career, Brinkley brilliantly analyzes the influence that the works of John James Audubon and Charles Darwin had on the young Roosevelt. The author illuminates Roosevelt's bird watching in the Adirondacks, wildlife obsession in Yellowstone, hikes in the Blue Ridge Mountains, ranching in the Dakota Territory, hunting in the Big Horn Mountains, and outdoor romps through Idaho and Wyoming. He also profiles Roosevelt's incredible circle of naturalist friends. He brings to life hilarious anecdotes of wild-pig hunting in Texas and badger saving in Kansas, wolf catching in Oklahoma and grouse flushing in Iowa. Even the story of the teddy bear gets its definitive treatment. Raising a Paul Revere like alarm about American wildlife in peril Roosevelt saved entire species from probable extinction. As we face the problems of global warming, overpopulation, and sustainable land management, this imposing leader's resolution to protect our environment is an inspiration and a contemporary call to arms for us all. Douglas Brinkley is a professor of history at Rice University. Six of his books have been selected as New York Times Notable Books of the Year.

You Can Be Happy No Matter What by Richard Carlson

In this book, best selling author and nationally known stress management consultant Dr. Carlson discusses a profound breakthrough in human psychology. Most of us believe that our happiness depends on outside circumstances, that by solving our problems, improving our relationships, or achieving success we will find happiness. But Dr. Carlson clearly shows that happiness has nothing to do with forces beyond our control but in fact, he says, it is our natural state. With this simple and practical guide, Dr. Carlson shows us how to be happy now, before we solve our problems. By understanding five principles - Thought, Moods, Separate Realities, Feelings, and the Present Moment - we can discover a new way of living that doesn't repress natural emotions and doesn't allow feelings and thoughts to overwhelm us. This book is a helpful tool that gently guides readers through life's challenges and restores the joy of living.

On Line By PJ Carpenter

Like It Was 1999

In August 1999, a major news story just beginning to come to light was the (then) very real possibility that modern life as we knew it would come to an abrupt halt in a cascading series of computer failures due to a small oversight in the programming code used by millions of computers worldwide.

The system of management-and-control via computer that we had come to rely upon was facing a crisis that threatened to cause major damage to our very way of life. The Y2K Bug, as it came to be known, was caused by the abbreviation of the 4-digit place for the value of the year in several computer programming codes. In this particular case, the abbreviated year-value meant one thing in the way humans interpret numbers and dates and another thing altogether in the way that a computer interprets numbers and dates. The abbreviated value meant that computers would interpret the year change as going from 99 back to 00, whereas humans would see the year change as going from 1999 forward to 2000. Although this was a problem with wide-ranging implications, in this instance the computer industry as a whole came together and worked to correct the issue. As a result there were no significant system failures when the actual change to 2000 happened. It has been debated as to whether this was a disaster avoided because of the extensive measures taken to remedy the situation or whether this was simply a case of the severity of the problem having been overstated in the first place. In any case, the fact remains that the worse course of action would've been to take no action at all.

Much has changed in the decade following that close call and the problems we now face make those of yesteryear seem like a pop quiz where we know all the answers. Today's user is more computer-savvy than his or her counterpart of 10 years ago and there have been a significant expansion in the range of digital services available to us and we now routinely conduct a significant portion of our

personal lives online. Our increased reliance upon all things digital to conduct our daily business means that more and more of what happens in our lives ends up being left behind in the form of stored data on some server that for all intents and purposes that data lives on long after our business has been concluded.

This can be compared to a store keeping its receipts on file for record keeping purposes in one sense but that's where all similarity ends. In the some parts of the e-commerce world it is often standard practice to sell bits and pieces of customer information to third parties for marketing purposes. All of the major online email service providers keep copies of emails that traverse their enterprises and all ISP's keep logs of connections made to and through their servers. Data Retention policies are rarely, if ever, questioned because at this point the services hosted by our ISP's have become indispensable to us. In a world where every major area of people activity is connected in some fashion by technology there is simply no viable alternative to participation in the digital procession that has become our modern lives.

We can still exercise some measure of control over what happens to us online by taking a closer look at the agreements we make with our various service providers and examining their policies on Data Retention and third party access to personal information. Check the online history of your service providers and see if they have a record of repeated security breaches or loss of customer data to hackers. If what you find gives you cause for concern, keep looking until you find service providers who value your privacy.

Unless and until those who handle our online data come together to solve these issues we are ultimately responsible for our own online security. The problem of the present is our digital liberty and the worse course of action we could take would be to take no action at all.

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The Senior Spot

By Bruce Lamarche

REVERSE MORTGAGE - HELP TO AVOID FORCLOSURE!

A reverse mortgage can be a useful tool for seniors over 62—to use the equity in their homes to supplement income by receiving monthly payments, home improvement money, pay bills, or establish a credit line for future needs. This is done without the traditional monthly payments of conventional “forward” loans. A new use has been noted—that of saving the lifelong home of seniors from current or future foreclosure.

Most retired seniors exist on a fixed income of Social Security and perhaps a pension. Often savings are insufficient to supplement this for any extended time. While the senior may struggle and maintain life expenses with frugality and discipline, it sometimes takes only a single event to upset the apple cart. A medical problem, structural problems with the home, family emergencies (the list is large), represent the financial crisis’ that can occur to seniors who do not have large cash reserves. This, in turn, can lead to default on the standing mortgage on the home. Foreclosure can follow quickly resulting in a complete loss of existing equity. With sales of homes at an all time low, even selling the family home may not be an option to beat the foreclosure clock.

Often these seniors, with existing mortgages and the monthly payments that go with them, do not think to utilize the equity they have built up over time to convert the mortgage they have into a reverse mortgage with no monthly payments. This not only solves the potential delinquency problem on the old mortgage but eliminates the monthly payment which will boost the amount of income retained by the homeowner.

In some cases a homeowner will “almost”

have enough equity to qualify for the reverse mortgage, but be missing it by \$10,000 or so. If the senior has a small nest egg that would cover this, it might be prudent to pay this into the reverse mortgage transaction to completely eliminate the existing payment and secure the seniors’ position as owner of the home for life. Sometimes family will opt to contribute to make this happen for the greater benefit of lifetime security of homeownership.

Decisions like this must be considered carefully by a senior, family members, and professional advice. A careful weighing of the benefits, costs, pros, and cons of the individual situation is prudent. Get your facts! Have a professional crunch the numbers, then go home and sleep on it.

The reverse mortgage, like any mortgage loan has to be completely understood before acting. It has costs and many benefits that are worthy of considering. Weigh them carefully.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

Senior: “I have always wanted to have my family history traced, but I can’t afford to spend a lot of money to do it. What can you suggest?”

Advisor: “Just run for public office.” (Author Unknown)

Got a question? Ask Bruce by phone-(626)335-4292 or e-mail: blamarche@verizon.net. This article is provided by Bruce Lamarche, a member of Society of Certified Senior Advisors®, www.csa.us. Bruce’s company, R & B Reverse Mortgage Services (Glendora) helps seniors make an informed decision about obtaining a reverse mortgage. www.LASeniorMortgage.com

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Owning Your Health & Illness

by Bill Robinson

The California Department of Health Services has a brochure, “Your Right to Make Decisions about Medical Treatment”. It says, “Your doctors will give you information and advice about treatment. You have the right to chose. You can say “Yes” to treatments you want. You can say “No” to treatments you don’t want – even if the treatment might keep you alive longer”.

So when you’re in the hospital, how to you deal with the nurse who keeps telling you, “Doctor’s orders” ? What do you do when you think that the information and advice that the doctor is giving you is wrong? What do you do when you are overwhelmed with some health care issue?

It seems that there are two schools of thought that prevail in modern medicine. The first is that the physician is in charge of your medical care and the good patient is the one who goes along with the physician’s plan. The second school of thought is that the patient is in charge of his or her medical care and the physician is one of the patient’s resources. It’s an important issue that needs to be faced head-on.

A number of years ago, I was driving West bound on the Ventura freeway and all of a sudden I started to see double. There weren’t two trucks ahead of me there were four. The four lanes became eight and I was driving at a speed at least the legal limit if not a little faster. It was an adventure. The episode passed but it came back again later and it flashed on and off several times before I could get home.

After a ton of tests at Kaiser, the neurologist said I had a brain tumor and sent me to a neurosurgeon. The neurosurgeon said that the tumor was in a very bad location and that surgery would be difficult. I don’t recall the exact words, I was rather spooked at the time, but the gist was that if he went in he would likely cause such damage that I would come out second best if I could come out at all.

My wife and I sat down and decided on our best course of action. We decided that we would live with the tumor as best we could for as long as we could. If it grew to the point of being life-threatening, we’d go for the surgery and take our chances. This was our decision to make and a decision that we needed to make together. Both my neurosurgeon and my neurologist said that they thought we had made the right decision. That was reassuring.

A year or so later, I had the surgery as things were going from bad to worse. There just wasn’t any more room left to accommodate continued growth. I came out of it unscathed. A few days later I bought a new piano and looked forward to becoming a star.

I’m a firm believer in owning one’s own health. The doctor can’t eat a better diet for me to take off my extra pounds. He can show me what a better diet looks like and he can tell me why I should eat more vegetables and eat less meat, but they are my extra pounds and they are my pounds to loose. If and when you become a patient in a hospital, you are not some broken thing in there for repair. Your recovery depends on your active participation in the work of your recovery. You are also an active participant in the work of staying healthy.

One of the reasons I got through a very dicey surgery and had a good recovery is that I went into that thing in good physical shape and worked at getting better. The second reason is that I have a very supportive family and a bunch of very supportive friends.

I wanted to share this experience with you because some day you may be going down your own version of a Ventura freeway and you may find yourself having to make the same kind of hard decisions. You can’t manage your health or your recovery if you don’t own them.



What do you see when you look at the foothills? What if you saw the Creator’s care? Come explore with us what it means to be in God’s keeping. Seminary Intern and Doctoral candidate in homiletics at Fuller Seminary Noel Synder preaches.

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SENIOR HAPPENINGS

F. Y. I. Who’s Calling? Beware of Telephone Scams

It’s sometimes hard to tell if a sales pitch is legitimate or fraudulent. You can’t judge it by the tone of someone’s voice, or how friendly or sincere the person seems. Good salespeople are convincing, and so are crooks. *But it’s probably a scam if:*

You get a call or postcard from someone telling you you’ve won a prize and asking for payment to buy something, for processing or administrative fees, for customs, for taxes, or any other reason.

The person says you have to take the offer immediately or you’ll miss the opportunity.

The caller claims that you can make huge profits in an investment with no risk.

The caller is asking for a donation but won’t tell you exactly how the money will be used and how you can verify the charity and what it does.

They ask for cash.

The caller asks for your social security number, credit card number, bank account number, or other financial information.

The company calls you relentlessly or after you’ve asked not to be called anymore. Con artists will keep on calling to wear you down or get more money from you.

Remember, giving money to a fraudulent telemarketer usually means losing it forever. Don’t let a criminal break into your home through your telephone line!

Recipe of the Week: Crab & Shrimp Cakes



Ingredients:

1 cup red bell peppers—diced
1 cup green bell peppers—diced
1/2 cup red onion—diced
1 tablespoon olive oil
3 ounces egg
1/3 cup cornflake crumbs
1 teaspoon paprika
1/4 tablespoon dill
1/4 cup mayonnaise
3/4 pounds blue crab
3/4 package shrimp—cooked

Directions:

Saute peppers and onions in olive oil until tender. Set aside. Mix eggs, cornflake crumbs, spices and mayonnaise together. Set aside.

Combine crab and shrimp in a mixer, blend well.

Add egg mixture and pepper mixtures, blend well.

Form into 8 round patties.

Saute in olive oil about two minutes per side.

Finish in a 350-degree oven until done. (Serves 8)

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:

“The art of being wise is knowing what to overlook.”

- William James

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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

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Friday: Ping-Pong 1:30 PM

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Chris Bertrand

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

By Chris Bertrand

Sierra Cottages: A Charming Oasis in Sierra Madre Canyon

In 1987, Robert Peters moved to the "The Canyon" as it's known in Sierra Madre. The units were somewhat run down, surrounded by weeds and asphalt. "There were magnificent big trees, Peters reminisces, "but no understory landscape. Abandoned cars, used oil cans and other debris dotted the property."

After a while in residence, Peters asked the owner of the complex, originally summer cottages built in 1918 for vacationers, if he could plant a few shrubs and flowers. The owner agreed. Slowly, Peters' first offer to put in a few plants led to more and more.

Eventually it blossomed to a full time job and what can only be called a vocation to make this little corner of the world an oasis. This one man's slowly unfolding vision eventually created a garden of tropical vegetation, koi and frog ponds, powerfully fragrant plumerias, unique patios and walkways embedded with vintage artifacts, all imbued with great charm.

In the midst of ambitious planting and new role as onsite manager, refurbishment of the units slowly took place over two decades. Today, the buildings are as well tended as the garden. Every nook and cranny has benefited from Peters' green thumb, attention and loving care.

A paint color palette of dark forest green, pink, orange, plum and purple populates the buildings and even the directional signs, mimicking the surrounding vegetation and flowers. It might sound a bit wild, but it comes off as just perfect.

A magnificent stand of zinnias shields the patio of one unit. Arched garden gates, some covered with flowering vines, lead from one vignette of outdoor rooms to another. Functional doors for mechanical and access purposes have been transformed into little pieces of art.

A crawl space access door now sports a fictional ¼ address, suitable for a hobbit. An outdoor water heater cabinet appears to be a cute outhouse door complete with crescent moon cutout. The tool shed looks like a children's playhouse, with Dutch door and shutters.

Peters collects all manner of vintage artifacts, from utility company portholes to antique tools, then embeds them into whatever new patio or walkway is part of the next project at the cottages. The result is captivating, and destined to make you smile.

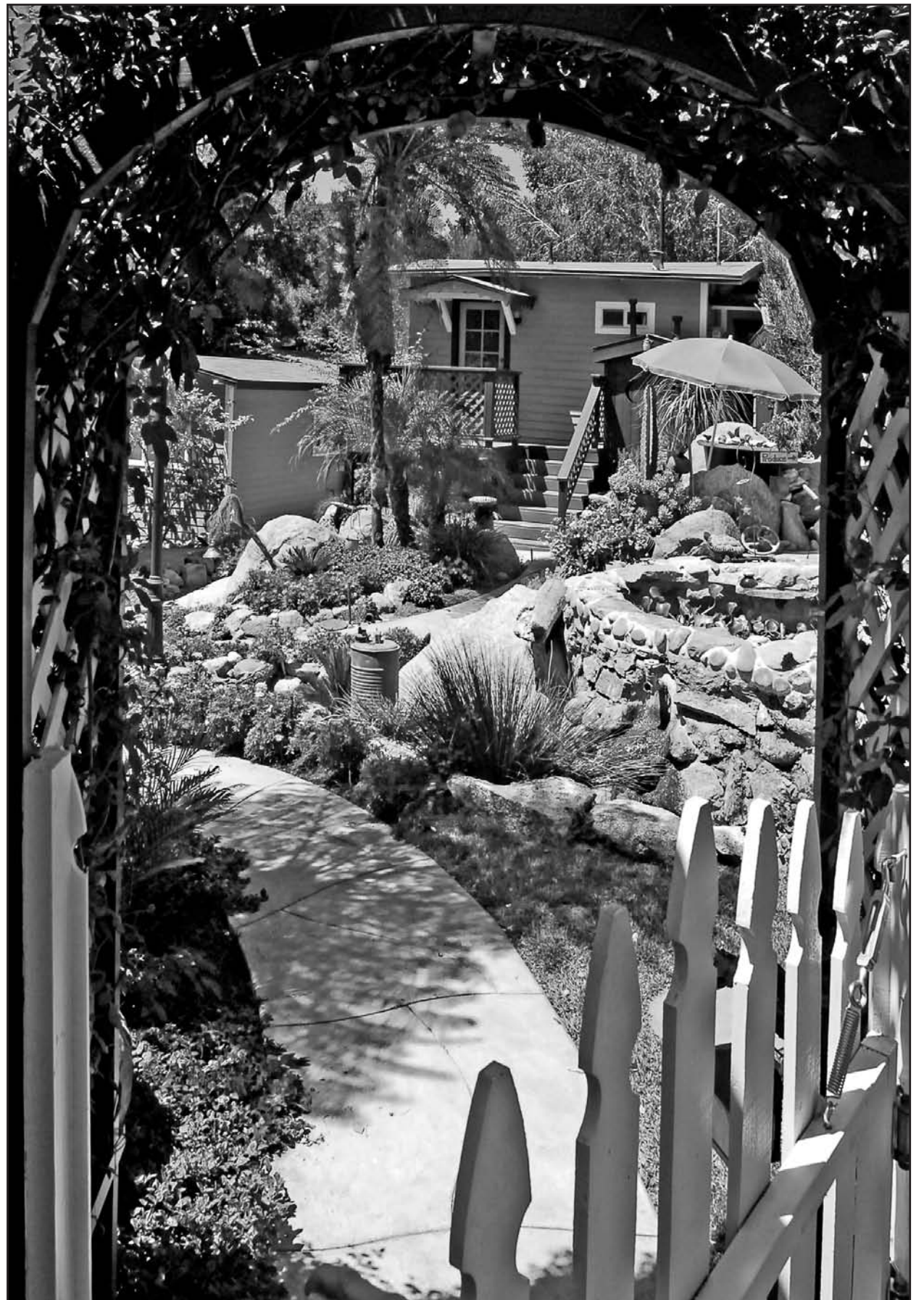
Other collectibles are utilized in creative fashion. An old fruit and vegetable scale hangs with a pot full of flowers. Various old road and advertising signs are tucked in here and there.

Peters doesn't miss any opportunity to utilize the alluvial soil and the sunshine. His vegetable plot is squeezed into a foot wide strip between the creekside walkway and the concrete creekbed. A multitude of succulents and cacti adorn a hot sunny wall on one building where it's unlikely anything else would survive. An antique bathtub holds water hyacinths, and a vintage pedestal sink has become a flower urn.

All these years later, Peters and his wife still find this bit of land magical. He notes that the Canyon's "Downer" breezes flow down the adjacent creek as the daylight wanes. It creates a natural air conditioning that can reap a 15 degree temperature difference combined with the cooling influence of the towering trees.

It's not often someone says they hold their "dream job." Well, Robert Peters does. And it shows.

There is currently a small, one bedroom unit available at Sierra Cottages at \$995 per month. Call Robert Peters at 626-355-7648. And tell him Chris sent you!



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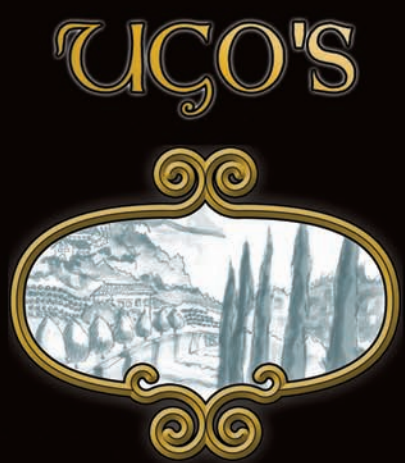
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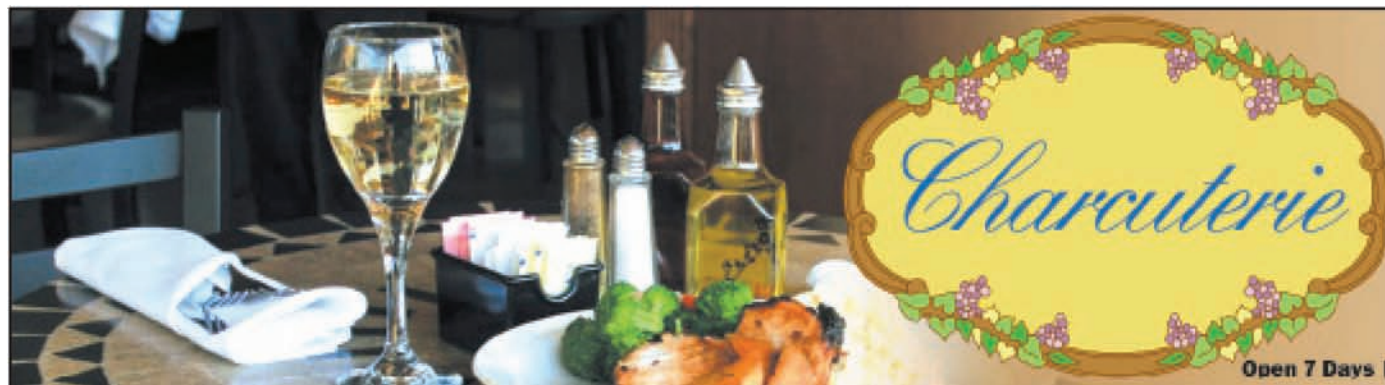
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