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Local History Book Nears Completion

A book celebrating the Centennial of the incorporation of Sierra Madre as a city is nearing completion and will be available for sale to the public by December 1.

The book, entitled “**Southern California Story: Seeking the Better Life in Sierra Madre**” was sponsored by the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society. It was written by Michele Zack of Altadena and designed by Jeff Lapides of Sierra Madre.

It chronicles the story of the regional Indian tribes, the discovery and settlement of California, the era of the Missions, the acquisition of land by various owners, the founding of Sierra Madre and its subsequent growth. This rich story includes the arrival of the railroad, electricity, the telephone and the automobile. The story describes the impact of the scourge of tuberculosis, several economic booms and busts, two world wars and the Great Depression. The story is recounted in scholarly detail and painted in bold strokes which make it much more than just a local history lesson.

“**Southern California Story: Seeking the Better Life in Sierra Madre**” will be in hard copy with many color illustrations. The cost will be \$45. Donations to help with the cost of printing will be appreciated. Donations may be sent to Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society at P.O. Box 202, Sierra Madre, 91025

SCLT Fairytales and Fantasy V Back By Popular Demand

Picnic on the green in the cool of evening and celebrate the last days of summer with the award winning Southern California Lyric Theater Troubadours. Sponsored by the City of Sierra Madre and directed by Alison Eliel Kalmus, this program has something for everyone with selections from Broadway to the Beatles, Disney to Doo Wop and a bit of opera for good measure. Sunday, September 20, 7:00 p.m. Sierra Madre Memorial Park, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre.

Kiwanis Pancake Feast on Sept. 19

The Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club's annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser will happen on Saturday, Sept. 19 in Memorial Park. The breakfast will feature delicious pancakes, succulent sausage, healthy OJ, and lots of wide-awake coffee! Breakfast will be served from 7 to 11 am.

Kiwanis President Harriet Lyle remarked “This fundraiser will pay for a new state-of-the-art sound system in the Hart Senior Center. It's one of our service projects for 2009, and fits perfectly with Kiwanis' purpose of helping the kids and seniors of Sierra Madre.”

Tickets cost \$5 each, and are available from any Kiwanis member or from many local merchants who will have tickets for sale. Just look for the “Pancake poster” in their windows. Tickets may also be purchased at the event that morning.

Return To Normalcy - Fire Threat Diminishes

84% Contained - 160,000 Acres Burned
Efforts continue to protect telecommunications center, Mt. Wilson Observatory and local communities such as Sierra Madre safe.



Smoke can be seen in the background as the fire continues to burn away from the Mt. Wilson Observatory. Photo Courtesy Mt. Wilson Observatory



At night, flames are clearly visible as the fire continues to burn. Photo Courtesy Mt. Wilson Observatory



Residents of Sierra Madre made up the majority of those in attendance at the community meeting held last week by the Incident Commander for the Station Fire. The event was held at the First Church of the Nazarene in Pasadena. Below, a resident follows the path of the fire in Kersting Court. Staff/MVNews



Sierra Madre Council Chambers Packed Standing Room Only Crowd For Hearings on Canyon and Alverno

The Sierra Madre City Council, sans former Mayor Kurt Zimmerman, held two lengthy, sometimes contentious Public Hearings on Tuesday at the regular council meeting. Residents filled the chambers to express their concerns over decisions concerning the fate of the canyons and the use of Alverno High School.

Canyon Committee Vacancy

First, the council attempted to fill a vacancy on the The Canyon Zone Committee. The committee, appointed earlier this year by the Mayor Mary Ann MacGillivray, has taken responsibility for addressing concerns specific to the area including the development of a “Residential Canyon Code”. According the criteria publicized by the city, the committee is responsible for:

“Regulations pertaining to the development of a Canyon Zone have been discussed and studied in the past, but have never been finalized. The formation of a 5-member Committee will assist City staff in reviewing the draft zoning provisions that were previously developed, review the goals and objectives for the Residential Canyon land use designation, analyze its relevance, and provide input in to the process of developing new zoning guidelines for the Canyons.”

Of the applications received, the person recommended by Mayor MacGillivray stirred the most controversy. A former Sierra Madre resident, who still owns property in the canyon, was being considered when the council and public learned of his non-resident status. That disclosure lead to discussion regarding the process and the eligibility of non-residents serving on city committees.

According to City Manager Elaine Aguilar, whether non-residents are appointed to city committees depends on the nature of the committee. For instance, she pointed out, the Arts Commission has a non-resident who brings a professional background that the committee needs in order to function efficiently. In addition, Ad-Hoc Committees, such as the Canyon Zone Committee, often use the expertise of non-residents.

However, the council agreed, at the urging on Councilman Joe Mosca, to expand the search for members, after several people indicated that they were not aware of the vacancy.

A notice has been published encouraging residents to consider service on the committee. The application can be obtained from the city's web site: www.cityofsierramadre.com.

The council postponed filling the vacancy until after the expanded search for volunteers.

Proposed Canyon Moratorium

The second issue involving the canyons was the proposal submitted by the Canyon Zone Committee for a moratorium on further development until such time as the city has had the opportunity to review and possibly amend the current canyon zoning and regulations.

One concern of residents who support the moratorium is the standards for streets and access roads, especially during emergencies such as fires and floods and mudslides.

Alverno High School

However, the agenda item that received the most attention was the request by Alverno High School for a Temporary Use Permit to allow the school to rent the property for weddings and filming.

The school, which includes the historic Villa del Sol d'Oro, is working on its' Master Plan and the TUP is a part of that process.

Many neighbors near the school, both Sierra Madre and Pasadena residents, complained that if the permit were granted it would be to the detriment of the community.

Several speakers alleged that the current non-educational activities, weddings and filming, are a constant hardship on the households surrounding the school. Many others, however, told the council their experience as neighbors of Alverno was quite the opposite.

The Head of The School, Ann Gillick, gave a power point presentation which reviewed the school's overall development plans and statistics that support the schools contention that it is not a nuisance to the community.

In response the noise complaints, Gillick indicated that the SMPD was rarely called to the school because of any event. She did note that of the three calls made during the last school year, one was a call regarding noise on campus at 9:58 am when class activities were going on.

Alverno High School has an enrollment of 262 girls and has been operating in the city since 1960 and has been the site for scenes for several television series and movies, since the 1940's. The school uses the supplemental income to sustain the facility.

There will be another public hearing on the matter at the council meeting of September 22nd.

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Calendar & Arts

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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



Community Emergency Response Team

Training class starting
 Wednesday, September 16, 2009

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

The County of Los Angeles Fire Department is proud to present this training to the public.

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	The Sierra Madre City Council Meets on the Second and Fourth Tuesday of Each Month at 6:30 in Council Chambers. This Month: September 8th and 22nd	1 	2 	3 	4 	5
20 Community Services Commission 6:00 pm Council Chambers Monday Sep. 21	Arts Commission Meeting 6:30 pm Council Chambers Wednesday Sep. 9	15 	10 	17 Third Thursday Book Club Sierra Madre Public Library 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm, Council Chambers	11 Summer Reading Club Challenger Ceremony Memorial Park Bandshell 7:00 pm	19
27 	24 Library Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm, City Hall Conference Room	26 	SEPTEMBER			

Silver Saturday: An Event for Women with Breast Cancer & Survivors

Silver Saturday, a celebration of hope for women with breast cancer and survivors, will be held at the Wellness Community-Foothills on Saturday, October 3 from 8:30 a.m.-12 noon. Co-sponsoring this event, which is now in its 18th year, are womens' service organizations Zonta Club of Pasadena and Soroptimist International of Altadena/Pasadena. Silver Saturday is free to all.

Keynote speakers for the event are breast surgeon Dr. Jenny Shen and nutritionist Kate Oakland.

The Wellness Community-Foothills is located at 200 East Del Mar Boulevard, Suite 200. Space is limited so RSVPs are requested. The Wellness Community Foothills, 626/796-1083.

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Monrovia

FREE Community Expo for Seniors 50+

Free Mammograms, Free Health Screenings and over 50 resource organizations will be at the 5th Annual SET for LIFE Expo 50+ "Seniors Going Green" on Saturday, September 12, 2009, from 11:00am – 2:00pm at 925 South Shamrock Avenue, Monrovia, California.

"During the Annual SET Expo 50+, our goal is to have numerous resources under one roof, giving seniors and their families' access to the latest education and information to make informed choices," said BaLinda Dillard, Board President.

For the 5th year in a row, The Elizabeth Cancer Detection Center will offer FREE Mammograms on-site to low income women. "We recently received a call from a woman who was laid off and without health insurance and will be able to get a

mammogram because of the resources SET is bringing into the community. We see these types of situations each year and with the current economy, we expect to serve a lot of women," said Ms. Dillard.

Appointments are required. Call (626) 219-4444 to register. New this year, Father Earth Recycling of Duarte, CA has partnered with SET for LIFE to help educate the community on the importance of recycling. Bring recycled items to receive one FREE gift while supplies last. (One per family)

For more information, visit the SET website at www.setforlifefree.org Free lunch will be provided on and first come basis. SET for LIFE Expo 50+ is co-sponsored by City of Hope, Foothill Transit Royal Oaks Manor, Southern California Edison and The Gas Company.

Los Angeles

Animal Advocates Alliance's September 20 "Bark at the Park" Event Celebrates Saving the Lives of More Than One Thousand Animals

Animal Advocates Alliance (AAA), a Los Angeles-based non-profit organization, has helped save the lives of more than one thousand animals in shelters throughout Los Angeles and Ventura counties just this year. To celebrate this outstanding work, and to thank the organization's nearly two-hundred volunteers for their tireless efforts, AAA is hosting the first annual "Bark at the Park" on Sunday, September 20, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Pan Pacific Park (7600 Beverly Blvd., Hollywood).

The event, which will take place near the park's amphitheatre, is family-and pet-friendly, and will include activities such as face painting, dog bowl decorating, and a "Best Bark" contest for children, and activities such as "Bob for Weenies," a silly pet trick contest, and a dog costume contest for pooches and their owners. In order to raise funds to continue and expand the organization's programs, AAA will also hold a silent auction and raffle, with items such as vacation packages, sports packages, and a variety of products for your furry friends, all donated from businesses and individuals in the community.

Joining AAA at Bark at the Park are several local vendors who are also committed to animal welfare. Green Truck on the Go, an all-organic caterer, will be providing delicious food for the guests.

Margo's Bark Soda Co. will be selling their

famous rootbeer and other sodas, and will donate all proceeds to AAA's programs. PETaPOTTY and Skybark will have a red carpet and a bark bar with unique dog waters available for our four-legged guests. Urban Pet and Paws & Learn will have informational booths with interesting, fun, and educational items for dogs and people alike. In addition, in cooperation with the Baldwin Park shelter, AAA will be bringing dozens of adoptable dogs from the shelter to enjoy some much-needed fresh air and sunshine, and hopefully find adoptive homes.

AAA is allowing guests to plan ahead by purchasing the VIP "Big Dog" Package, which includes two Green Truck on the Go meals, 2 Margo's Bark sodas, 2 treats from the AAA bake sale, 2 dog bowls that can be customized, and 4 raffle tickets. Individuals may purchase the "Big Dog" package for \$50, a savings of \$30, on the AAA website (<http://animaladvocatesalliance.org/bark-at-the-park-2/>) or by phone at (310) 285-8422.

For more information about Bark at the Park, or if you are looking for a new best friend or want to help AAA save the lives of another thousand shelter dogs, please send an email to info@animaladvocatesalliance.org, or call AAA at (310) 285-8422.

Photos of AAA volunteers with rescue dogs available upon request.

Duarte

Annual Route 66 Parade, City Picnic And Vintage Car Show

Duarte's 14th annual Salute to Route 66 Parade on Sept. 19 will be a celebration of youth with 17 year-old Zac Sunderland — the teen who recently became the first person under the age of 18 to sail solo around the world — leading the way as the parade's grand marshal.

This year's parade will step off at 10 a.m. at the northeast corner of Huntington Dr. and Cotter St. and proceed east one mile along Duarte's historic Route 66.

The theme of this year's parade is "Journey Down the Mother Road" and doing that in style will be dozens of antique and classic cars, equestrian units, and specialty entries with participants coming from throughout Southern California to join in the celebration of Route 66.

Opened in 1926, Route 66 was the first highway to connect Chicago to Los Angeles. It was nicknamed the Main Street of America because it passed through the heart of communities, including Duarte, for more than 2,000 miles from the Great Lakes to the Pacific Ocean. Route 66 was decommissioned in 1973 when the interstate highway was completed, but the love and lore of Route 66 lives on.

Seven high school bands will participate and compete for trophies, according to parade committee band chairman, Tony Molina, including Duarte High School; Don Lugo High School, Chino; San Dimas High School; South El



Monte High School; Rim of the World High School, Lake Arrowhead; Diamond Ranch High School, Pomona; and Workman High School, City of Industry.

An always popular entry with the crowd is the Stormtrooper 501st Legion from the Star Wars films. The Southern California Military Vehicle Collectors Club will also display a commanding presence in the parade.

Immediately following the parade, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the public is invited to enjoy music, food, and good times at the City Picnic and Route 66 Classic Car Show at Royal Oaks Park. The picnic celebrates the 52nd anniversary of the City of Duarte's incorporation. The Peggy Nelson Project rock 'n roll band and the Hip Trigger band featuring great female rock vocal hits will highlight the on-stage

musical entertainment.

There will also be special performances by local talent contest winners, mini carnival booth games, crafts, playground games for the kids and more. A special display will honor the rich history of the historic Duarte School House building as it celebrates its 100th birthday this year. The schoolhouse is now the home of the Old Spaghetti Factory.

Leading the list of businesses supporting the parade this year are: City of Duarte, Southern California Edison, and StorAmerica. Breakfast sponsor is Royal Oaks Manor. Mother Road sponsors are: Home Depot, AT&T Yellow Pages, and Burrtec Waste. Gold sponsors are City of Hope, Joe's Place, and Elks Lodge 1427.

For more information go to: www.duarte66parade.com, or call (626) 260-0993.

Monday mornings from 9:30 until 11:00 am.

New Testaments in English and Chinese are available for use in the class. Those interested in either class may contact the instructors at ConversationalEnglish@smccpby.com or the church office at (626) 282-4181.

Sunday worship services at San Marino Community Church, located at 1750 Virginia Road in San Marino, are held in the sanctuary at 9:15 am (traditional liturgy with choir, separate youth worship, Sunday Church School, and child care) and 11:15 am (casual, family-friendly service with childcare). Spiritual development classes for all ages are held at 10:30 am. To learn more about opportunities for fellowship, study, and service for all ages, contact the Church Office at (626) 282-4181 or connect online at www.smccpby.com.



Some time ago, I discovered that once one passes through the "very elderly" gate in life, it isn't a problem discussing events and happenings "long gone by", things and stuff that have become ancient history and definitely define one's advanced age. So, when I was asked recently, did I know that Monrovia once had an airport, I answered, "I knew it well!" In fact, my husband had occasion to take helicopter jaunts to the L.A. airport from Monrovia's airport many times and "did not enjoy riding in a 'hanging basket' for even a few minutes"!

For those of you who are too young to remember, my fingers took a trip to the trusty internet and retrieved all one needs to know about "Abandoned and Little Known Airfields - East Los Angeles Area", by Paul Freeman, (revised 8-20-09- can't do any better than that!) More specifically, Monrovia Airport, Monrovia CA, with an aerial map photo showing the exact location. To begin the history, there is a beautiful photo of the plane in an ad: "See The Valley From The Air, Monrovia Airport, Inc. Guaranteed Solo Course, \$50, James Most, Mgr., Clifton Hutchinson, Chief Instructor and Albert Blackburn, Instructor - Huntington Dr. And Shamrock, Monrovia 029. The undated ad was contributed by Dan MacPherson.

Now - "This former general aviation airport was originally known as the "Foothill Flying

Field", established in 1928 and was known among pilots as "the friendliest little airport in the country". According to John Hazlet, Monrovia Airport was frequented by such So. CA aviation legends as Riley Roberts, TWA Captain, former air show pilot Kalman Irwin, and Pancho Barnes of the Barnes Happy Bottom Riding Club. The Airport Directory Company's 1937 Directory (courtesy of Bob Rambo) described Monrovia Airport as having a single 2700' sand northeast/southwest runway and a hangar.

That same year, the MacDonald Brothers borrowed some lumber and built a tiny octagonal restaurant building on Huntington Ave and called it the "Airdrome", the very first restaurant in the MacDonald's fast food empire, later being moved to San Bernardino. Hank Morris recalls that every Sunday there was a parachute jump at Monrovia. Also, it was the location for filming the 1939 movie "20,000 Men a Year", starring Randolph Scott.

Businesses listed at the airport were Monrovia Aircraft Repair, Reliance Flight Academy, and Riley Flying Service. Monrovia was still depicted as an airfield on the 1950 LAX Chart, according to Bob Cannon and, according to Dan MacPherson, a small book was written about Monrovia Airport by John Irwin. Monrovia Airport closed in 1953, for reasons unknown."

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San Marino

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San Marino Community Church is again offering classes in Conversational English for those wishing to increase proficiency in speaking English. Classes are at three levels: Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced, and last from 9:30 until 11:30 on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Classes. Holidays match those of the local school system. Registration is completed on the first day of class, and a fee of \$10.00 per semester is charged.

Community Church is also offering a class for beginning students of the Bible who have learned, or are learning, English. Any who would like to learn more about the Bible and Christianity are welcome, whether or not they are Christian. This introductory class is taught in the church library by experienced teacher Marie Melrose on

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Pasadena Altadena

News Form Your Community For Your Community

College Introduces New Smoking Policy



Beginning this semester, Pasadena City College will only allow smoking in four designated areas: the northeast corner of Parking Lot 1, the northeast corner of Parking Lot 3, the northwest corner of Parking Lot 5A, and outside the New Media Center.

It is the policy of the Pasadena Area Community College District to follow existing California laws prohibiting smoking inside any District-owned or District-occupied building or vehicle.

Furthermore, California law prohibits smoking 20 feet of the outside perimeter of any District-owned or District-occupied building, within 20 feet of any space where food is being served, and within the perimeter of any outdoor athletic venue owned or occupied by the District.

For more information, visit <http://www.pasadena.edu/nosmoking/>.

Air Quality Update

The Pasadena Public Health Department reminds everyone that although air quality has improved, it remains unhealthy for people with health issues.

Individuals with respiratory or heart disease, pregnant women, elderly persons and children should continue to take precautions when they are outside.

Today's alert will stay in effect until further notice.

Pet of The Week



Sasha, an adorable and playful, pit bull mix, is just over a year old and so much fun! She loves belly rubs, kids, and other dogs. She is still very much puppy but already knows the "sit" and "down" commands and is believed to be housebroken! She would love to be adopted by someone who will continue with her training and give her all the love and attention she deserves. Come visit with her today!

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

Please call 626-792-7151 and ask for A256148 or come to the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA, 361 S. Raymond Ave, Pasadena CA, 91105. Our adoption hours are 11-3 Sunday, 9-4 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 9-3 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets updated hourly may be found at www.pasadenahumane.org

Commission Does Walkthrough of Hahamongna

Planning commissioners got a chance to walk a controversial trail Wednesday as part of a site tour of the Hahamongna Watershed Park as requested. Opponents say the .25 mile trail, along the north boundary of the Equestrian annex area could be easily be made into a road accessing JPL parking —something they wanted to stop.

Project Manager for Parks and Landscaping, Loren Pluth, led about two dozen people on the walk he called, "a trail design exercise."

"Staff laid out two distinct alternatives to study the effects of what a light weight trail would do, looked at with different criteria," he said. "The first set of criteria sought to minimize the footprint on the ground which resulted in what we call alternative A."

Pluth said the plan A was to push



a proposed bike trail up against the boundary with JPL giving the path a straight alignment. Next to that would be the hiking/equestrian trail he said.

"Staff also looked at an alternative B which sought to be as gentle as possible on the ground," he explained. "Seek to not encroach upon native trees for example, work with the lay of the land."

He said B would be a more curvilinear circuitous route. He then

Pit-bull Hearing Brings Out Fearful Neighbors

Meeting turns into a Brown Act Violation Mess

By Dean Lee

What should have been a hearing about six unlicensed pit bull terriers running at large, terrorizing an upscale Oak Knoll neighborhood, instead turned into a series of open meeting law violations as well as fire code violations as the Code Enforcement Commission's meeting Thursday afternoon was packed beyond the room's capacity.

The two hour hearing was an emotional rollercoaster ride as residents told stories of the pit bulls attacking their dogs. The commission had to, at times, remind the public to address them not each other as tempers flared.

Neighbors said they feared the dogs. Many brought children to the meeting saying they were afraid to let them walk down the street. Councilmember Terry Tornek remarked that nothing brings the value of a neighborhood down faster than fear.

"The neighborhood is scared to death here, with justification," Tornek said. "The level of assurance that any of us can give them that these dogs will actually be restrained has to be real, they have no other way to police that."

Dog owner, Jeffrey Reimers,

said his Golden Retriever, Bruno, was attacked at about 8 a.m. August 21 by four pit bulls living in the 1300 block of Wentworth Ave. Reimers said he and a neighbor chased the dogs back into their yard only after first stopping the attack with a garden hose. According to a staff report, arriving officers also used their vehicle's air-horn to chase the dogs onto the property's driveway. The owner was cited for number of city code violations including the number of dogs allowed on the property.

Family members of the dogs' owner, Joseph Jordan Goodgracious, invited anyone over to their home that wanted to see the dogs saying if people got to know them they would understand how friendly they were.

The offer was never made good as family members refused to make any comments to reporters after the commission's ruling that the dogs be submitted to the Humane Society within 48 hours for evaluation. The dogs must all be, either, able to be trained, or of "pet quality," they said.

Other restrictions maintained the owner must limit the number of dogs, over four months old, to four and to build a six foot high, chain link kennel to house the dogs 24 hours a day unless being walked.

Assistant city attorney Carolyn Williams said the



Humane Society officer Lt. Nemesio Arteaga testifies before the commission.

dog's owner had a right to appeal. The kennel must be built within 10 days of the mailing of notice the commission said.

Near the beginning of the meeting, Nicholas Lambajian, the commission's chair, ordered a reporter from this newspaper to stop photographing the meeting and so demanded that he provide "press credentials," to the recording secretary Josette Pastrana. Both are violations of open meeting law according to Williams.

Williams said she advised Lambajian about the Ralph M. Brown Act, a state law with the intent that all public commissions, boards and councils conduct the "public's business" in public.

Williams added the code enforcement commission falls within these guidelines. The Act states that members of a board cannot interfere with any member of the public from recording, videotaping, photographing or broadcasting an open meeting unless to do so



Nicholas Lambajian would disrupt the meeting.

Lambajian also tried at first to swear in, under oath, anyone speaking during public comment. That failed due to the sheer number of people wanting to speak so he instead tried to require that people sign in, also a clear violation of the Brown Act.

Many who showed up were also told by Lambajian they had to say in the hallway which blocked all access into or out of the meeting. Spokesperson Ann Erdman said the situation would be reported to the City Manager Michael Beck and further action would be taken if needed.

and families to explore Allendale Park, bring picnic blankets or camp chairs and enjoy a hot dog lunch, learn more about the importance of water conservation and visit with other Pasadena residents," said Tornek.

Allendale Park is located on Marengo Avenue one block south of Glenarm Boulevard. Parking is available on Allendale Road and Wallis Street.

For more information call District 7 Field Representative Pamela Thyret at (626) 744-4373.

She also said by narrowing the trail to a 10 foot bike path the proposed plan could keep all the existing trees and structures. Other Friends of Hahamongna also said the access corridor was being built on the footprint of a road which was taken out of the Master Plan in 2003 giving visitors access to a 1200 space parking area currently being leased to JPL by the city.

Pluth, a number of times, assured everyone that no road was being planned although they did point out the parking area.

The trail is part of an approved revision of the Annex Master Plan Use Area. The area will include an environment education center and a newly built equestrian center.

Pluth stopped taking questions at the end of the meeting having to deal with a number of disabled persons and seniors that became stranded after the city's Dial-a-ride service was mistakenly given wrong pickup time information.

Photo and Story by Dean Lee

Eco-Friendly Composting



Linda Vista Branch Library will host an Eco-Friendly Composting event on Saturday, September 26 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. It's all the rage, it's great for the garden and it's environmentally responsible.

Learn how to recycle your lawn and kitchen scraps for fabulous compost. Compost bins will be on sale for \$50 each. Staff from the City of Pasadena Public Works Recycling Division will be on hand to answer your composting questions.

Linda Vista Branch Library is located at 1281 Bryant St. For more information, call (626) 744-7278.

Children's Center Awarded \$569,000 Grant

Pasadena City College will receive a second four-year renewal of its Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) grant to enhance the quality of programs at PCC's Child Development Center (CDC). The U.S. Department of Education grant award provides \$142,331 annually for a total of \$569,324 over the life of the grant.

Project services include the following: coordinating CCAMPIS services by intensive intake, assessment, and evaluation; strengthening parent support services and parent involvement at the center; mentoring-coaching field practice students; strengthening nutrition services for the children; and providing additional services and resources in CDC classrooms.

Volunteers Needed

Northwest Pasadena business owners, leaders, community organization representatives, residents and students are being asked for their opinions to help develop a marketing campaign to promote Northwest Pasadena's resources and value as a community.

Volunteers will be asked to spend a few hours over the next three months to assist with the effort. Anyone interested in participating may call (626) 744-6750 or email losborne@cityofpasadena.net no later than Friday, Sept. 18.



Pasadena City Councilman Terry Tornek will host a water conservation fair Saturday, Sept. 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Allendale

Park.

The family-friendly event will include information booths related to water conservation, including drought-tolerant plants, drip irrigation, water-saving sprinkler technology and more.

Pasadena Water and Power will supply free low-flow shower heads, shower timers, packets of poppy seeds, special surprises, rebate information and details about new water waste prohibitions.

A children's table will

Name Change Considered For Robinson Park

Robinson Park in Pasadena, named for the family that included sports legends Jackie Robinson and Mack Robinson, is undergoing renovation and could have its name changed to Jackie Robinson Park.

The Pasadena Recreation and Parks Commission is seeking public input on the proposed name change at its meeting Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the park's center, 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

The change was recommended by the Northwest Commission and the Fair Oaks Avenue Project Area Committee. The Pasadena City Council

may vote on the proposal as early as mid-October.

Renovation of the 9¼-acre park is scheduled for completion in December and will include two baseball fields, a football field with soccer overlay, bleachers, two batting cages and bullpen areas, picnic tables, and storage for sports equipment and maintenance. Plans also include a parking lot, restrooms, concession buildings and energy-efficient lighting for the sports fields.

A new synthetic turf field will provide a state-of-the-art, year-round playing surface while conserving



water and reducing maintenance costs.

In 2002 Pasadena City Council approved an updated Robinson Park Master Plan to improve the layout and security. Expansion of the park was

made possible when the former Highland Plastics Company warehouse was demolished.

For more information call (626) 744-4321.

Environmentally Speaking, Did You Know?

Aluminum's Key Role In Sustainability? by Stephen Gardner

When the aluminum industry launched beverage can recycling over 30 years ago, it was an idea whose time had come.

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Recycling is just one of the many ways that aluminum is sustainable. Not just cans are recycled-valuable aluminum is recovered from demolished buildings and recycled, too. Automakers are increasingly using strong, lightweight aluminum in their automobiles to increase gas mileage. When a car is at the end of its road, the aluminum is recycled here as well. In fact, 75 percent of all the aluminum ever produced is still in use today.

"Recycling and sustainability have long been part of the ethic and culture of the aluminum industry," said Steve Larkin, president of the Aluminum Association. "Recycled aluminum uses only 5 percent of the energy that you need to produce new, primary aluminum."

The United Nations defined sustainability as meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Aluminum fits that definition. From our workplace safety record, to our commitment to the communities in which we operate, to the flexible, versatile and recyclable material that is aluminum, aluminum is sustainable.

Stephen Gardner is vice president of communications at the Aluminum Association. The Association works to educate the public about the benefits of aluminum as a sustainable material.

To learn more, visit www.aluminum.org or call (703) 358-2960.

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Thank You.....

.....to all 44 Volunteers who together staffed the Chantry Flat Gate for a total of 188 hours over the long Labor Day week-end!

The meeting this Monday is for training volunteers for FIRE WATCH. More volunteers are needed and those 44 can tell you it is really interesting to meet the public, keep a community safe, and hang out with other volunteers who become new pals.

With the eventual opening of areas in the Angeles National Forest, Chantry Flat Road, Mt. Wilson Trail and Bailey Canyon are going to be heavily impacted. Brush and Forest Fire Season is all year long--recall April 200i8--so we will be doing more FIRE WATCH for areas that have not yet burned. We are changing our patrol nomenclature from Red Flag Fire

Patrol to Fire Watch. This is because of a weather alert technicality. For Red Flag Fire Patrol we are called for patrol when Red Flag weather warnings are called.

Changing this nomenclature for ourvolunteers to Fire Watch means we will be out there more often, as needed, with appropriate signage on the volunteer's vehicles. Please attend our Fire Safe Council meeting this Monday--second Monday this month, moved because of Labor Day so you didn't miss it!

Monday, September 14, 7 p.m.
Sierra Madre City Council Chambers
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, August 30th, to Saturday September 5th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 275 calls for service.

Sunday, August 30th:

3:23 AM – Arrest, DUI, 100 block East Sierra Madre Blvd. A motorist was stopped for a traffic violation. During the investigation the driver was determined to be under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

4:47 PM – Vehicle fire, Churchill Road and Mountain Trail. The police department responded to a burning van. The Sierra Madre Fire Department responded and extinguished the flames. The cause of the fire is under investigation by the fire department.

Monday, August 31st:

1:36 AM – Arrest, DUI, Santa Anita Ave. and Woodland Lane, Arcadia. A motorist was stopped for a traffic violation. During the investigation the driver was determined to be driving under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

Tuesday, September 1st:

12:22 AM – Arrest, Possession of Marijuana in a vehicle, Foothill Blvd. and Michillinda Ave. A motorist was stopped for a traffic violation. During the investigation the motorist was found in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia. The driver was arrested and released on a written promise to appear.

6:57 AM – Vandalism, Memorial Park, 222 West Sierra Madre Blvd. A sprinkler and several flower vases were damaged at the

War Memorial Wall. The crime occurred between 3:45 pm Monday, 8/31/2009 and 6:45 AM, Tuesday, 9/01/2009. No estimate for the damages is available.

Wednesday, September 2nd:

12:28 AM – Arrest, DUI, West Sierra Madre Blvd. and Lima Street. A motorist was stopped for a traffic violation. During the investigation the driver was determined to be driving under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

2:43 AM – Arrest, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, 400 block of Crestvale Drive. While a man was picking up his girlfriend at the residence a second man approached his car and pointed a hand gun at his head, and told him to leave the area. The man fearing for his life drove away and reported the incident to the Sierra Madre Police Department. The suspect fled on foot back into the residence and was later arrested.

Saturday, September 5th:

7:47 AM – Grand Theft from vehicle, 400 block of Crestvale Drive. A SONY car stereo, Garmin GPS, Computer external hard drive, an Electric Phonebook, Canon Digital Camera and a Swiss Army Knife were stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway. The crime occurred between 7:00 pm Friday, 9/04/2009 and 7:30 am, Saturday, 9/5/2009. The loss was estimated at \$1255.00

11:28 AM – Petty Theft, 00 block of South Hermosa Ave. A weightlifting bench was stolen from outside of the resident's garage. The crime occurred between 8:00 am Wednesday, 9/2/2009 and 8:00 am Saturday, 9/5/2009. The loss was estimated at \$100.00.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, August 30 through Saturday, September 5, the Police Department responded to 974 calls for service of which 133 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, August 30:

1. Security personnel from the racetrack advised that they had detained a man for trespassing around 2:39 p.m. The man was previously banned from the location and he was discovered today in the barn area. A private person's arrest was made, and a 27-year-old African-American was taken into custody.

2. Around 10:46 p.m., units responded to the 100 block of East Colorado in reference to a strong-arm robbery that occurred at the intersection of Colorado and Santa Anita around 10:05 p.m. The victim advised that he was walking to work when he was confronted by two male African-American suspects. The suspects lunged at the victim and intimidated him into giving up his iPod and cell phone.

Monday, August 31:

3. Shortly after 11:00 a.m., officers located a male pedestrian, who was carrying a large duffle bag, at Huntington and Old Ranch. A consensual contact was made and a DMV check revealed that he had four outstanding misdemeanor warrants. During a consent search of his duffle bag, a hypodermic needle, prescription pills belonging to a different individual, computer hard drives, and computer parts were located. The 27-year-old Caucasian was arrested for receiving stolen property, possession of a hypodermic needle, and outstanding warrants.

4. Units responded to Famina, 5 West Live Oak, around 10:00 p.m. regarding a physical altercation between multiple subjects. Ensuing investigation revealed that a male Hispanic suspect made threatening comments and antagonized the patrons. He then struck a female patron in the face several times and she fell to the ground. Once she was on the ground, two female suspects jumped on top of the victim. A male patron saw the incident and tried to intervene and he was punched in the face and struck in the back with a pipe by the male suspect.

Tuesday, September 1:

5. A consensual contact was made with a man and a woman at El Monte and Walnut around 10:48 a.m. The male subject quickly became argumentative and refused to be compliant. He made an assaultive move towards the officer so he was forced to the ground. A record check revealed that the 21-year-old Hispanic also had an outstanding warrant, so he was taken into custody for obstructing/resisting and outstanding warrant.

6. While conducting extra patrol at the 24-Hour Fitness parking structure around 11:24 p.m., officers observed a male driver behaving suspiciously and also noticed that the vehicle had an expired registration. A traffic stop was initiated, and two male Hispanic suspects were detained. Record checks revealed that the 22-year-old subjects were on parole, and a vehicle search revealed multiple tools commonly used to commit

burglaries. They were arrested for possession of burglary tools and felony parole violation.

Wednesday, September 2:

7. Shortly after midnight, units responded to the 100 block of East Huntington regarding a citizen contact. The woman advised that her boyfriend had assaulted her at the corner of First and Bonita around 6:30 p.m. on September 1. He then took her to his residence and continued to hit her with closed fists and slashed her back with scissors. She sustained lacerations to her back and bruises.

8. Officers were dispatched to the 2800 block of Holly around 3:52 p.m. regarding a possible suicide. A man, in his 50's, had apparently shot himself with a revolver and died at the scene.

Thursday, September 3:

9. Loss prevention personnel from JC Penney advised that they had detained two female Caucasian juveniles for theft. The girls took merchandise into a fitting room, removed tags, and hid the items in their purses. Private persons' arrests were made, and the girls, ages 16 and 17, were taken into custody for petty theft.

10. Between 6:20 p.m. and 8:40 p.m., a 2000 green Honda Civic was stolen from the Peacock parking structure at Westfield Mall.

Friday, September 4:

11. While on routine patrol around 12:38 p.m., an officer was flagged down by a female strong-arm robbery victim. She was sitting on a bus bench at Duarte and Lowell when a male African-American suspect, 25-30 years of age, 6'0", medium build, grabbed her purse and fled in a black SUV driven by another suspect.

12. Around 10:51 p.m., units responded to Second and Santa Clara regarding a possible DUI driver and Dispatch later advised that the vehicle was a reported stolen out of Monrovia. An area search was conducted and the stolen vehicle was located with two occupants at Walnut and Mayflower. A high risk traffic stop was made, and an inventory search of the vehicle revealed several glass-smoking pipes. A 30-year-old female Hispanic driver was arrested for vehicle theft, possession of drug paraphernalia, and outstanding felony warrant; an 18-year-old male Hispanic passenger was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Saturday, September 5:

13. Officers were dispatched to the 1800 block of South Baldwin around 9:44 a.m. in reference to the recovery of a stolen vehicle. Investigation revealed that a 13-year-old male Caucasian juvenile stole his father's vehicle in Riverside and drove the car to a relative's home in Arcadia. The boy was booked for vehicle theft and was later cited and released to his father.

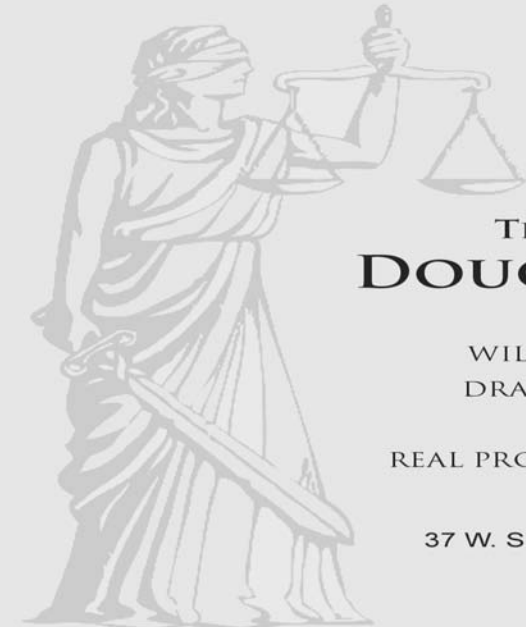
14. A residential burglary occurred between 6:00 p.m. on September 4 and 5:30 p.m. on September 5. Unknown suspect(s) entered the home via an unlocked bathroom window. Once inside, the suspect(s) ransacked rooms and took tools, synthesizer keyboards, golf clubs, and a mountain bike for a total reported loss of almost \$12,000.

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Back to School Celebration and Annual State of Schools Address To Be Held at Pasadena High School's New Football Field



Pasadena, CA – Families, students, community members and neighbors of the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) are invited to PUSD Family Night: Dreams in Action, a back to school celebration that includes displays by schools, live music and dance performances, a marching band, and the annual State of the Schools address delivered by Board of Education President Tom Selinske.

The celebration is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m., and will be held on the new football field at Pasadena High School, which was funded by Measure TT. The program will conclude with a ribbon cutting ceremony to inaugurate the field.



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Smart Ways To Help Kids--And Teachers--Learn

From helping with homework to joining the PTA, parents know that being involved in their kids' schooling helps them make the grade. But did you know you can help your children's teachers learn, too?

The Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy gives parents, students and communities the opportunity to nominate the best teachers for a little schooling of their own by logging on to www.sendmyteacher.com. The Academy is hosted at Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, N.J. and strives to re-energize teaching methods in classrooms nationwide. Teachers learn engaging ways to teach math and science using hands-on experiments in an effort to retain students' attention and spark their interest in these important subjects at an early age.

The all-expense-paid professional

development program hosted nearly 600 teachers from all 50 states this summer alone. It has helped train 2,000 educators since it was founded in 2005 through a partnership between ExxonMobil and PGA golfer Phil Mickelson and his wife, Amy. The Academy curriculum is developed by the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) and Math Solutions and trains teachers to think the way students learn.

At the Academy, teachers experience a fresh and engaging approach to many math and science concepts. The Academy faculty follow the 5E teaching and learning model based on the theory that students learn best when they are allowed to work out explanations for themselves over time through a variety of learning experiences structured by the teacher. The 5E's include engagement, exploration, explanation,

elaboration and evaluation. The structure of the 5E model demonstrates the benefit of teachers guiding students through the learning process which is key to students fully understanding the critical subjects of math and science.

You can also nominate teachers to attend the Academy in 2010 by visiting www.sendmyteacher.com. Interested teachers are also encouraged to apply through the Web site for this opportunity. The application deadline is Oct. 31, 2009. Selected teachers will spend five days learning hands-on experiments to deepen their understanding of math and science concepts.

To learn more about the Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy and to nominate your favorite third- through fifth-grade teachers, visit www.sendmyteacher.com.

LaSalle Honors Alumni Service



At the Mass of the Holy Spirit Heidi (Jutsum) McAnnally-Linz '02, Ryan McAnnally-Linz '02 and Lisa Justum '05 were honored with the Alumni Service Award for their embodiment of the Lasallian mission of "Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve." Ryan and Heidi live on the East Coast and were unable to make it to the Mass but all three mentioned that La Salle teachers Ms. Jane Osick, pictured left, and Tim Pendergast, pictured right, were great influences in their lives at La Salle.

ABOUT THE HONOREES: 2009 Alumni Service Award Honorees Ryan McAnnally-Linz '02 and Heidi (Jutsum) McAnnally-Linz '02

founded Just Apparel, a non-profit custom apparel company that partners with an artisan's association in Guatemala to produce custom apparel for organizations, businesses and individuals using traditional embroidery techniques. Just Apparel's products are manufactured in a local family workshop and hand-embroidered by the women of the Ropa Justa artisan's association where the women earn up to four times the prevailing local wage for handicraft production. This innovative approach to fair trade was accepted by the Fair Trade Federation in October 2008. Heidi is the Executive

Director of the International Humanitarian Foundation, the organization that directs Just Apparel. Ryan is a student at Yale Divinity School in New Haven, CT. Lisa Jutsum '05 spent 5 months in the Congo working as a Holistic Development Intern for Food for the Hungry. She worked with the Congolese people in the areas of road and bridge rehabilitation, water and sanitation, healthcare and nutrition. For her commitment to service, Lisa was named "Outstanding Youth Volunteer of the Year" at the Los Angeles Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals last November. Lisa graduated from Wheaton College this past spring and hopes to continue to work in the realm of service and justice.

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Community Input Sought for PCC Educational Master Plan at Arcadia Town Hall Meeting

The Pasadena Area Community College District (PACCD) announces the beginning of the Vision 2020/Educational Master Plan (EMP) process and offers the community a town hall style opportunity to provide input.

The EMP will guide the growth and development of Pasadena City College into the next decade and beyond. Community members will have a chance to shape the EMP by attending an Arcadia town hall meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 15, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Baldwin Room (211 E. Huntington Drive in Arcadia). Beth Wells-Miller, PACCD Area 7 trustee, will host the town hall meeting. Additional town hall meetings will be offered throughout the PACCD in September and October.

The EMP process begins by seeking community feedback about PCC programs and services. It also includes a careful review of enrollment trends, area demographics, along with statewide and local economic data to guide educational master planning, facilities and technology planning, and

implementation.

Guided by the needs of the community, PCC will continue to fulfill its mission to provide access to outstanding instruction for students seeking transfer to four-year universities or cutting-edge career and technical training for new jobs in our rapidly changing economy.

The EMP 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 EMP website at www.pasadenavision2020.org.

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HOWARD Hays



As I See It

In a past column attempt to hurt working families" (he I suggested that voiced similar opposition this year, with probably no more eight grand in oil company cash sitting than a few of us, in his campaign coffers). Nothing here, off the top of our it would seem, likely to rile the typical heads, would be Orange County Republican.

Those who tune in to John and Ken on representatives in KFI, though, know what's gotten them Sacramento. I put so peeved. Last February, Republican Adams joined Democrats and Governor Schwarzenegger in backing a budget then promptly forgot them. I'd been deal that included over \$12 billion in hearing news lately of Republican "temporary" tax increases. The next activists in Orange County organizing month, Adams resigned as head of the a recall against an Assemblyman named San Bernardino County GOP for his Anthony Adams. The name rang a apostasy and a recall effort got underway. bell, I consulted my prior column for It looks like recall backers are on track to confirmation, and lo - he does indeed turn in the required 36,000 signatures by represent the residents of Sierra Madre. the October 13 deadline, and we'll have So what are those non-constituents in a recall election sometime in December. Orange County so upset about? The campaign to oust Adams has raked in

It couldn't be Adams' voting record, about \$120,000 in contributions, mostly which is predictably straight down the from outside his district. The committee Chamber of Commerce line. I don't to fight the recall has raised close to mean Chambers of Commerce at the \$300,000, with much of the funding local level, which are more attuned to coming from the healthcare industry the needs of the community, but rather (which seems to be showering a lot of at the state and national levels - where money on politicians these days). The the guiding principal is the more we can Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association shield larger businesses from bothersome has thrown its support behind the taxes, regulations, worker protections recall, and our former State Sen. Dennis and consumer lawsuits, the better off Mountjoy has offered to fill the role of we all will be. He can be counted on to anointed successor. Attributing these deliver the occasional rhetorical flourish, events solely to Adams' budget vote, such as last year when he denounced a however, would be missing a major part proposed oil extraction tax (like those of the story. Other Republicans (albeit generating income for every other only a handful) joined with Adams in oil-producing state) as a "disgusting supporting the budget deal, yet haven't

HAIL Hamilton



Universal Health Care: A Long History of Political War

President Barack Obama's campaign for a health care overhaul is another intense episode in a long-running story, dating to Theodore Roosevelt in 1912. It did not go well then when Roosevelt made national health insurance an issue in his last, losing campaign for the White House, and successive efforts to get it enacted have lost, too.

The basic issue, affordable health care for all Americans, has not changed. But neither has it evolved, in part because new proposals seldom build on old ones. Obama's broad, leave-the-details-to-Congress proposal has little in common with the 1,300-page measure President Bill Clinton couldn't even get to a vote in a Democratic Senate in 1993.

The Obama strategy was designed to avoid mistakes Clinton made in confronting Congress with a massive bill written in the White House under the management of Hillary Rodham Clinton and essentially telling the House of Representatives and Senate to take it or leave it. Clinton threatened to veto any bill that did not deliver universal health care. He got nothing to veto.

Franklin D. Roosevelt wanted national health insurance but, even with his power in the New Deal Congress, he did not dare to tie it to Social Security in 1935 lest he lose the whole program. Harry S. Truman pushed it on a Congress that wouldn't buy it.

While Dwight D. Eisenhower balked at national insurance, he tried to get Congress to support a reinsurance program to buttress private insurers and gain coverage for high-risk patients and the needy. Congress said no, twice.

John F. Kennedy made health care a major issue in his 1960 campaign. He concentrated on what then was called medical care for the aged. He couldn't get it through Congress.

Lyndon B. Johnson did, but even with his legendary legislative skills and the overwhelming Democratic majorities in Congress after the 1964 elections, it took more than a year of hard, sometimes arm-bending persuasion to get Medicare enacted. It was a hard sell with conservative

Democrats, not unlike the problem Obama faces now.

That one major victory for government health insurance was an exception to the pattern of starting each attempt from scratch instead of evolving it from what had gone before. When Johnson signed the Medicare bill in 1965 and gave Truman card No. 1, he traveled to Independence, Missouri, to share "this moment of triumph" with the president who had first proposed it 20 years before.

It provided government health insurance at age 65, tied to Social Security. Broader coverage, which FDR, Truman and Johnson all would have liked to gain, was beyond political reach.

Not only for LBJ, but also for Republican Richard M. Nixon, who proposed universal health insurance in 1974, seeking to use employer-based coverage along with federal subsidies so that all Americans would be insured? It was to be done by private insurers, not the government. There was bipartisan support until Watergate intervened.

The political perils of change were dramatized in 1988 after Congress enacted a Medicare overhaul that included prescription drug benefits financed with higher fees on upper-income recipients, who rebelled. They protested, demonstrated and even chased the sponsor, then-Democratic Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, to his car. Those changes were repealed the next year.

Prescription drug coverage was added to Medicare in 2003, pushed by President George W. Bush, who claimed it as one of his major achievements in winning re-election. It did not come easily. The administration understated cost estimates by half, and Republican leaders muscled it through the House by one vote. To hold down the cost, they wrote a gap into the coverage.

That may be changed in an Obama health plan. It points to a chronic challenge in health overhaul efforts: the price of change. Covering nearly 50 million uninsured Americans would cost an estimated \$1 trillion-plus over the next decade. Obama promised to do it without adding to the deficit. But he and Congress have yet to figure out how.

suffered the same dire consequences. armor their vehicles, President Bush Anthony Adams, though, committed not only refused to raise taxes but the unpardonable act of violating "the wealthiest Americans.) Calling such a pledge "good politics" suggests that whether it's responsible policy or not is irrelevant; the important thing is to attract those voters and supporters who might buy into it, while reserving the right to simply ignore the pledge at a later date.

American Conservative Union board member James Lacy, arguing against the recall, provided an interesting take in a Republican blog earlier this year. Lacy told of being interviewed for the position of chief of staff to new U.S. Senator John Seymour, the Republican appointed to fill the seat Pete Wilson vacated to become Governor of California. Seymour, according to Lacy, in the course of the interview posed the hypothetical; if he were to be asked to sign a pledge to never raise taxes, what would Lacy advise him to do? Lacy answered without hesitation, "Sign the pledge". He recalled Seymour responding with the f-word and shouting, "How can I pledge not to raise taxes when there is a war in Iraq brewing!" Lacy explained to the Senator, "(Y)our job for Republicans is to get re-elected . . . Signing the pledge is not only good policy, it is good politics."

Sen. Seymour lost the special election to Dianne Feinstein.) Although I'm not sure exactly what point Lacy was trying to make, I wonder how much he reflects the establishment-Republican mindset. There's the characterization of the no-tax-increases pledge as "good policy". Sen. Seymour comes off as the grown-up in this discussion, not wanting to lock himself in on taxes with the uncertainties of war on the horizon. (On the other hand, when we were indeed involved in a war with mounting casualties and ballooning deficits, with soldiers in the field complaining of having to dig through scrap heaps for material to

As an observer, it's amusing to watch Republicans spend so much time, energy and money going after one another. (Not so much fun to watch Democrats going after one another on the "public option".) As a taxpayer, though, it's disconcerting to realize these "fiscally conservative" Republicans are seeking to saddle the rest of us with a bill in the neighborhood of \$900,000 to cover the cost of a special recall election, when they could have simply waited a few more months and run a candidate against Adams in the regularly scheduled primary. It seems if a candidate or officeholder suggests that a solution to our state's fiscal problems lies in some combination of budget cuts and tax increases, that statement alone, in some quarters, is enough to render the person unfit to serve. If early on I had the opportunity to offer my opinion to Assemblyman Adams, as James Lacy did to Sen. Seymour, on whether or not to sign a no-tax-increases pledge, I would've advised against it for two reasons: First, it would raise concerns of irresponsibility, dishonesty, and pandering. Second, if you don't sign such a pledge, you can never be accused of having broken it.

STUART Tolchin On...LIFE

THE PURPOSE OF PURPOSE



Lately, through the magic of the internet I've been starting mornings by looking at the New York Times Website. Today I came across an article written by a prison inmate, Kenneth Hartman who has been imprisoned for over thirty years. He is sentenced to life imprisonment without possibility of parole. He writes beautifully, lyrically of the different kinds of energy within him. In an attempt to maintain sanity and to give purpose to a purposeless life he has tried to reject the negative energy within himself and has attempted to create a culture of positive energy. According to his essays he has surmounted the barriers created by a habitual mindset absorbed by most prisoners and guards that derided the very idea that California maximum-security prisoners could ever act honorably.

Six years ago Mr. Hartman conceived of a project now called the Honors Program designed to prove that maximum security prisoners are capable of good, of affecting the the world in a way that results in an advance of the human condition. According to the article, six years after conception, and four years after implementation, a flourishing culture of positive energy and a growing sense of optimism and pride has developed that has affected thousands of people. I was very excited by the article and recommend to everyone that the articles by Kenneth Hartman be read and appreciated. On page four of the five page article Mr. Hartman, a convicted murderer writes,...pursuing something worthy of sacrifice has altered my sense of myself. I am reminded of the words of Feodor Dostoyevsky's Grand Inquisitor, that the secret to a life well lived is to have something to live for."

There it is—Life's purpose. Is it as simple as that? Well yes and no. It's a two step process. First you have to find the purpose and secondly you have to live in accord with it. Invariably the initial search requires breaking old habits and facing deeply ingrained fears. It almost seems banal to mention it but most of us are hiding from ourselves. I believe we all deceive ourselves and try and get others to believe our lies and convince us of our own significance and importance..

The joke is that underneath it all each one of us is significant, important, and everything else; (just look at almost any baby) and we are immortal in that when we touch another person the effect remains long after we have been forgotten. Okay great! How do we get in touch with this hidden positive energy? I admit that every social order I've ever heard of drills into every individual the fact that alone he or she is weak and cannot survive without the protection of the society. The price for this protection is to relinquish our own belief in ourself. We are left coping with a world of rules and obligations. Even if we try and defy these obligations we are still acknowledging their power and obscuring our own sense of individuality and freedom. Once you believe it, you can even try and ignore it. Sometimes romantic about anti-heroes (Billy Jack comes to mind) try and free themselves from society's grip and to regain their own individual power and belief. The problem is even if these rebels can fool others they cannot fool themselves and are usually on the road to self-destruction.

Enough already! How do we stop this mindless pursuit of respect from others who we neither respect or value. This month contains the Jewish Day of Atonement- no television, no reading, no driving, if possible no eating. It is day of self-realization. Are we proud of our own life?. Simple. One day free of distractions. One day to assert our individual freedom and to experience our best self—no matter what prison we're in.



GREG Welbourne Obamacare Explained?

President Obama's prime time address on healthcare, presented to a packed Congress, was billed as a game-changing presidential address that would lay out

the path whereby a national consensus could be built around reforming healthcare. Sadly, the speech did very little to explain exactly what healthcare reform will look like, did nothing to satisfy the legitimate concerns which have been raised, and provided only a nod and a wink toward true bipartisanship. The major theme of the speech was that we simply have to trust him on this one and nothing which has been said against this plan is legitimate, regardless of whether it came from a healthcare expert or a citizen in a townhall meeting.

The speech did contain a number of Obama's patented rhetorical slights of tongue. He noted that his opponents had some good points and then went on to reject all their policy ideas. He acknowledged that lawsuit abuse is a problem but offered only to "try some demonstration projects" in a couple of states while ignoring the fact that his party has scuttled every tort reform proposal ever offered. He almost pounded the table (so great was his feigned indignation) in accusing special interest groups of trying to derail reform while he ignored the fact that nearly every special interest group is actually supporting the bill. That's right; the hospital group, the doctor's association, the insurance lobbyist and even large pharmaceutical companies support this bill, and many have spent money advertising in its support.

President Obama was at his rhetorical best when he scolded the "unyielding ideological camps that offer no hope of compromise". This statement showed total disregard for the truth that 4 out of the 5 congressional committees writing the bill closed their negotiations to Republican participation, and it showed utter contempt for an American public that deserves a healthy debate about the merits and problems of a one-thousand-plus page bill which seeks to restructure 1/6th

of the national economy and alter the fundamental relationship between patient and doctor.

I happen to think that the debate is healthy and that it will probably take awhile before we can honestly craft something which can be supported by the vast majority of Americans. I happen to think that conservatives have some pretty good ideas about what's wrong with healthcare in this country and what's good about healthcare in this country. I happen to think that the greatest amount of freedom and personal choice possible should be preserved. So let's take another look at what the President wants us to so hastily pass.

The first issue to be addressed is the lie that there will be no rationing under the proposed system. It is a simple law of economics that all products and services have to be rationed. The key question is whether we want individuals to do their own rationing by deciding what they want to buy and what they don't, or do we want Washington bureaucrats to do it. There is no other option. We do it ourselves, or they do it in D.C.

The second issue is how best to reduce costs. Obama claims that a government plan will do this. Most people know intuitively that this isn't possible. When the government buys things, they pay \$500 for a hammer and \$1,000 for toilet seats. They don't know how to be discerning. When private individuals buy things in a competitive market, costs come down. Excessive healthcare costs have been caused by existing government regulation. More of the same won't solve this problem.

The third issue is how Obamacare will impact Medicare. Medicare as a stand-alone program is bankrupt. It doesn't have enough money to cover the costs it's incurring, and it isn't paying healthcare providers enough to cover their actual costs of providing the service. The program "works" because the government subsidizes it and because healthcare providers can increase costs on the non-Medicare patients to make up the difference. If the government controls all healthcare, then Medicare and this new system will implode. It's happening in England and Canada. This isn't a theoretical argument.

The fourth issue concerns the perception that the insurance companies aren't competitive enough and that they are unfairly denying coverage due to pre-existing conditions. Now the funny thing is, the government is the one who is restricting competition and services right now. Under present

regulations, insurance companies can't compete across state lines, so every insurance company has a mini-monopoly in each state. Regulations also prohibit insurers from offering future insurance coverage against pre-existing conditions. Sounds a bit weird, I know, but insurers have tried to offer this in the U.S. (it is available in other countries) but have been prohibited from doing so. It seems insane to me to believe that more government control, mandates and interference will fix the problems created by government control, mandates and interference.

Our fifth issue is the most important one. The relationship between doctor and patient must be kept as close as possible, and the patient must retain the most control conceivable. To think that when the "public option" is imposed or triggered that somehow the government won't make the decisions about how money is to be spent and what procedures will be performed is ludicrous. There is no government program that doesn't demand control in exchange for picking up the tab. In our current system, the patient has the freedom to make the whole decision and pay the whole bill, or to purchase insurance and allow the insurance company to have some say in the matter. If the patient doesn't like the insurance decision, he can shop around (within government limits) for another carrier. If we adopt Obamacare, we will find that our freedom to decide is drastically reduced (think England and Canada), and our ability to shop around for another provider will vanish.

How we "reform" 1/6th of the national economy and how we change the patient-doctor relationship are too important to be rammed down our throats, nor should we be mocked or accused of being un-American because we show up at a townhall meeting and have the audacity to ask our representatives to listen to us and to allow a healthy debate on this topic. As a conservative, a supporter of democracy and a champion of freedom, I hope we have a long, healthy and exhausting debate before we make what will most likely be the most important political decision of our generation.

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The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **SUPER VALUE, 4114 S. WHITTIER BLVD., L.A., CA 90063.** The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 4/7/09, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2009-0500269. The business was conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 08/18/2009. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.)
SIGNED: IRENE L. FRANCO/OWNER.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20091261964
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **STUDIO SINALOA 3763 EAST COLORADO BLVD., PASADENA, CA 91107.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BURT BRYANT 1261 SINALOA AVENUE, PASADENA, CA. 91104. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: BURT BRYANT.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/17/09. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8/16/2009.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 220091300550
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MELISSA AT THE SPA 128 S. MYRTLE AVENUE, MONROVIA, CA 91016.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MELISSA AT THE SPA, INC., 128 S. MYRTLE AVE., MONROVIA, CA. 91016. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: MELISSA ANN URIBE.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/21/09. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8/21/09.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 09-1357367
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **AQUILES TRUCKING**, 4769 W. 120th ST., APT. C, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RAMON AQUILES, 4769 W. 120th ST. APT. C, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RAMON AQUILES.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/03/09. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9/03/2009.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 09-1356863
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BROADWAY MINI MARKET**, 8413 S. BROADWAY, L.A., CA 90003-3342. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RODRIGO TORRES, 8413 S. ROADWAY, L.A., CA 90003-3342. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RODRIGO TORRES.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/03/09. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above 9/03/2009.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 09-1329183
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CANAAN TRADING**, 5569 HUNTINGTON DR. NORTH, L.A., CA 90032. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CANAAN CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT, INC., 5569 HUNTINGTON DR. NORTH, L.A., CA 90032. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: SHIGEYUKI OKANO/PRES.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/28/09. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8/28/09.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 09-1322176
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GENNESS WIRELESS**, 724 S. BROADWAY, L.A., CA 90014. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ERENDIRA G. ESPINOZA, 3503 TRAVIS AVE., COMMERCE, CA 90040, CLISERIO ACOSTA DE AVILA, 14905 KIDSON AVE., COMPTON, CA 90221. This Business is conducted by: **A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP. Signed: ERENDIRA G. ESPINOZA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/27/09. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 09-1335102
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LE TEK**, 7411 FIRESTONE PL., DOWNEY, CA 90241. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NORMAN E. VALERIO, 7411 FIRESTONE PL., DOWNEY, CA 90241. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: NORMAN E. VALERIO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/31/09. 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. 09-1334073
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ICE-MECH SERVICES**, 1419 RONAN AVE., WILMINGTON, CA 90744. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DARYL JAMES BALLANTYNE, HSDN-VI DIANA BALLANTYNE, 1419 RONAN AVE., WILMINGTON, CA 90744. This Business is conducted by: **HUSBAND AND WIFE. Signed: DARYL BALLANTYNE.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/31/09. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on AUG. 31, 2009.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 09-1341230
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **J.LHC CARTS SERVICE**, 9228 ZAMORA AVE., L.A., CA 90002. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE HUGO CARRANZA, 9228 ZAMORA AVE., L.A., CA 90002. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSE HUGO CARRANZA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/01/09. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9/1/09.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 09-1343178
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MADISON ELECTRIC AND CONSTRUCTION**, 2930 HEATHER RD., LONG BEACH, CA 90815. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SCOTT WASHBURN, 2930 HEATHER RD., LONG BEACH, CA 90815. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SCOTT WASHBURN.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/01/09. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9/1/09.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 09-1334737
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **TEAM REALTY MORTGAGE 3, ONE TEA 11745 FIRESTONE BLVD., N 90650.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SALLY MORRISON, 14 LA MIRADA, CA 90638. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: HABIB GHOBRIAL/PRES.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/25/09. 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. 09-1349780
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PERFECTO LIVING, LLC.; PERFECTO LIVING**, 112 N. 2nd ST. #201, ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PERFECTO LIVING, LLC., 112 N. 2nd ST. #201, ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. This Business is conducted by: **A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: EVETTE MARTINEZ/MGR/MEMBER.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/02/09. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on SEPT. 2, 2009.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 09-1341947
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **RSMD**, 2808 OREGON CT. STE. J. TORRANCE, CA 90503. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ARCHIVE IT, INC., 2808 OREGON CT. STE. J. TORRANCE, CA 90503. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: GUY PUCKETT/PRES.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/01/09. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9/1/2009.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20091204898
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **STEVE'S IN FOCUS PHOTO LAB & PORTRAIT STUDIO** 3701 E. HUNTINGTON DRIVE, PASADENA, CA. 91107. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) STEVEN C. MONEZ, 1373 GETTYSVUE WAY, PRESCOTT, ARIZONA 86301. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: STEVEN C. MONEZ, OWNER.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/11/09. 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. 20091204898
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DIVA PRINCIPLE 12833 SIMMS AVENUE, HAWTHORNE, CA. 90250.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) A. CALFALIE 3678 WRIGHTWOOD DRIVE STUDIO CITY, CA. 91604. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: A. CALFALIE.** 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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 20091306846
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BLUE SKY TUTORING** 78 S. HERMOSA AVENUE, SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024 Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SALLY ANNE MORRISON 78 S. HERMOSA AVENUE, SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SALLY MORRISON, OWNER.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/25/09. 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. 20091312419
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SIERRA MADRE BOOKS**, 52 W. SIERRA MADRE BLVD., SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SALLY ANNE MORRISON 78 S. HERMOSA AVENUE, SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SALLY MORRISON, OWNER.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/25/09. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/08/07.
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City of Sierra Madre

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION

2008-2014 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

To: City-wide

From: The City of Sierra Madre

Subject: 2008-2014 Housing Element Update

The City of Sierra Madre is in the process of preparing an update to the Housing Element in compliance with State law. At this meeting, the key policy issues of the draft Housing Element will be presented to the City Council and Planning Commission, and City Staff will be seeking input and direction for completion of the draft Housing Element.

The Housing Element is one of the seven State-mandated elements of the City's General Plan and must be updated for the established 2008-2014 planning period. The Housing Element identifies and assesses existing and projected housing needs and provides an analysis of constraints and resources relevant to meeting these needs. The Housing Element also establishes Sierra Madre's goals, policies and programs for addressing its needs during the 2008-2014 period.

Following the meeting, a draft Housing Element will be prepared for a 60-day public review and comment period by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). A copy of the draft Element will be provided on the City's website and made available for public review at City Hall and the library. Upon addressing any comments HCD may have on the draft, as well as comments received by the public, the Planning Commission and City Council will conduct public hearings to consider adoption. For further information, you may also contact Danny Castro, Development Services Director, at (626) 355-7138 or dcastro@cityofsierramadre.com.

All interested persons have the right and are encouraged to attend this meeting and express their opinion. You may provide verbal or written testimony at the meeting. You may also submit written comments in advance of the meeting if you are unable to attend.

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

City Council and Planning Commission
2008-2014 Sierra Madre Housing Element Update
Boulevard
Tuesday, September 29, 2009, 6:30 p.m.

PLACE OF MEETING

City Hall Council Chamber
232 W. Sierra Madre
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

City of Sierra Madre

THE SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL IS SEEKING TO FILL ONE VACANCY ON THE CANYON ZONE COMMITTEE

The City Council is looking for a motivated, enthusiastic, creative, and friendly Volunteer to serve on this important committee to help plan the Canyon's future. Regulations pertaining to the development of a Canyon Zone have been discussed and studied in the past, but have never been finalized. The Canyon Zone Committee assists City staff in reviewing the draft zoning standards that were previously developed, and provide input in developing new zoning standards for the Canyons. The Committee's role is solely advisory. The City Council will make the final approval of the new zoning standards, acting upon the Canyon Zone Committee's and Planning Commission's recommendations. Participation on the Committee will require a commitment to attending pre-set monthly meetings, which occur on every 3rd Tuesdays of the month, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m., September 22, 2009. Submit applications to the City Manager's office, City Hall, 232 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard. For an application, visit www.cityofsierramadre.com look for Committee/Commission application. For more information please call Danny Castro, Development Services Director at (626) 355-7135.

City of Sierra Madre

Public Hearing Notice

To: Property Owners within a 300-foot radius

From: The City of Sierra Madre

Subject: PARCEL MAP 09-02

Applicant: David Brock

Project Location:

2219-2225 Santa Anita Avenue, in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider a request for a lot split for the property at 2219-2225 Santa Anita Avenue. The applicant is proposing to split the

On Line By PJ Carpenter Real Technology, Real Problems

In Superman III, Richard Pryor played the role of a slightly warped computer programmer with a certain prowess at using computers to develop financial programming schemes. His morally-compromised employer plotted to use this ability to develop a computer system whose ultimate function would be the control of financial markets world-wide. Fast-forward to 1987 and the very real stock market crash now known as “Black Monday” can be traced to the stock trading computers and software in use at the time all beginning to dump assets in unison in response to a unusual set of input data. By the time the closing bell rang, the Dow had lost almost 23 percent of its value in just one trading day. Fast-forward to today and the massively powerful computer software and hardware used to run the our modern stock markets are far more advanced than any machines imagined in either of the two previously mentioned scenarios. On the modern financial battlefield cutting-edge computer systems running complex mathematical formulae trawl through mountains of data looking for patterns

indicative of movement in areas of interest so that one system can gain a millisecond jump on other similar systems in placing buy or sell orders. Other machines engage in semi-secret data-gathering and still other systems poll each other for pricing information about various commodities and financial derivatives and complete the transactions in fractions of a second. The profit on these deals is often only cents or fractions of a cent per trade but multiply those razor-thin gains against the thousands of transactions completed daily and these small numbers add up to big numbers in little to no time. No small amount of time, effort and often pure genius goes into the development of the computer systems that control the financial fates of world markets but the real question remains as to what have we might be missing when we look at the big picture. Often the technology we see may be masking a flawed system of conducting business. After the most recent stock market troubles there was no shortage of factors that could be assigned blame for the various meltdowns but even as the dust still settles it has become quite evident that many of the processes and methodologies in use made it very difficult for those who had the most to

be concerned about to get a clear view as to what was really happening before their very eyes.

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

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

Time Is Money: Deciding When to Take Social Security

By Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC.
Courtesy of Kyle Davis, Financial Advisor
The Ladera Group at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney



One of the few things you can control about Social Security is when to start collecting it. Should you take it when you become eligible at age 62, wait until “normal” retirement age (a function of your birth date) or consider delaying your benefits past normal retirement age?

To help you make this decision, consider that, on average, Americans are living longer than ever before. Clearly, the longer you expect to live, the more sense it makes to delay taking Social Security. But of course, each person's circumstances and needs are different—here's a look at how timing can affect the benefits you receive.

Early Benefits. The soonest you can collect Social Security is age 62. But taking payments at 62 will result in a permanently reduced benefit, ranging from a 20% reduction for people born in 1937 up to 30% for those born in 1960 or later. You may want to consider early benefits if you need income but prefer to leave your portfolio intact, or if you intend to invest the benefits to try to earn a more competitive return (though there's no guarantee you will do so).

Full Benefits. Eligibility for full Social Security benefits varies according to the year you were born. Depending on how long you worked and how much you earned over your lifetime, the maximum benefit you could collect at normal retirement age (65 years and 10 months) is \$2,185 per month in 2008. Consider waiting for full benefits if you plan to work until age 65, if you want to ensure a larger survivor's benefit for your spouse or if family history and good health may lead to an above-average life expectancy. Refer to the Social Security Web site (<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/OACT/quickcalc/when2retire.html>) to calculate your “breakeven” age, when the accumulated value of higher benefits from postponing retirement will start to exceed the value of lower benefits from choosing early retirement.

Delayed Benefits. If you continue working beyond your normal retirement age, you will be eligible to collect a permanently increased Social Security benefit when you do retire. Approximately 8% more per year will be added automatically to the permanent benefit amount for every year you wait. Delaying benefits past age 70 will generally add nothing more to your monthly benefit.

To help assess your situation, refer to your personalized Social Security Statement, which estimates the monthly Social Security benefits you may qualify for (go to <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/mystatement> for a copy of your statement). You may also wish to enlist the help of a financial professional to crunch some numbers and determine what sort of timing would best support the retirement you envision.

Kyle Davis is a Financial Advisor and a member of the Ladera Group at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney located in Los Angeles and may be reached at 213-486-7157 or www.fa.smithbarney.com/laderagroup

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WOMEN AT WORK CELEBRATES 30th Anniversary

WHAT: 30th Anniversary of Women At Work
WHEN: Saturday, October 17, 2009 – 5:30 pm – 10 pm
WHERE: Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St., Pasadena, CA 91103
TICKETS: \$75 includes Honoree Reception, STRUT Program & Dessert Reception Includes “Taste of Pasadena” Hors d'oeuvre & Drinks

Women At Work is 30 years old! and they are having a special celebration which includes: Honoree Reception, STRUT Program and Dessert Reception at the Pasadena Senior Center on Saturday, October 17th. Emcee will be author, journalist, actor, self-defense advocate/activist for women Ellen Snortland.

This night of reminiscence, celebration and defining the role of women in the workplace for the past 30 years begins with an Honoree Reception and a “Taste of Pasadena” to the sounds of Lady Jazz. The three women who had the foresight to start Women At Work 30 years ago – Betty Ann Jansson, Marge Leighton and Barbara Burke will be spotlighted and honored. There will also be a fun silent and live auction.

The STRUT Program [Strategic, Talented, Renegade, Unbelievable, Tenacious] pays tribute to women in the workplace. It includes participation from women from the general Pasadena and L.A. area who have in some way broken the glass ceiling or made a difference with their achievements. Participants in STRUT as of writing: Angela LeBlanc, Jockey – Santa Anita Racetrack; Angela Oh, Executive Director, Western Justice Center, noted activist & civil rights Attorney for the Asian community during the LA Riots; Ashley Stroupe, Ph.D., Senior Engineer, Mars Rover Driver for the Mars Exploration Rover Program, Jet Propulsion Laboratory; Beverly White, KNBC4 Reporter; Cynthia Kurtz – President & CEO, San

Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership and former City Manager, City of Pasadena; Deb Swartz & Deanna Clar, Proprietresses, Old Town Cooking School; LA Derby Dolls - LA's original women's quad-skate roller derby league; Dr. Jane Baggs – Chief of General Surgery, Kaiser Permanente; Jacque Robinson, Pasadena City Councilmember; Jane Templin, 1st Female Electrician, Los Angeles; Kelly Pixler, 1st Female Construction Worker, Los Angeles; Lily Rodriguez, 1st Female Plumber, Los Angeles; Lisa Cardella – Owner, Ixora Floral Studio; Margaret “Pinky” Weiss – WWII WASP, Williams Army Airforce Base, AZ, Marilyn Diaz – Chief of Police, Sierra Madre; Mary Schander, Former Commander, Pasadena Police Department and College Adjunct Professor at PCC; Patty Kinaga – Principal, Kinaga & Porcaro. Producer “About Love” film to explain to DV victims how DV generally does not stop without intervention; Peggy York, retired Chief of Police, LA County and former Deputy Chief, LAPD; Roberta Martinez – Executive Director Latino Heritage & Author “Latinos in Pasadena”; Tap Chicks – Based out of Pasadena Senior Center performing since 1997.

We will learn about these women through their career “aha” moment and the role that Women At Work has played in the workforce for the past 30 years. A Dessert Reception follows on the Patio.

PROCEEDS BENEFIT: Women At Work helps women recognize and attain their full employment and earning potential through one-on-one counseling, workshops, classes, leadership mentoring and corporate partnerships. Programs are open to anyone regardless of gender and their work is even more critical considering today's economy. Women At Work offers hope for a job, and a job offers a bright future! Women At Work, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization www.womenatwork.org

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TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

Palm Springs

I just got back from Palm Springs and someone asked me, was it business or pleasure? That is a good question. Well, for me, I guess it is always both!!!

Just a hundred short miles South/West of Pasadena/Sierra Madre is a well known oasis known as Palm Springs. It is the home to many restaurants and hotels. I began my investigation with where I would stay on this trip. My budget afforded me about \$100 per night for a hotel. You can get a sweet deal on a suite for that kind of money. I didn't think you could get a room for that price, nice to be wrong sometimes. We decided to stay at the Caliente Tropics on N. Palm Canyon Blvd. This area has all the major chain Hotels and I don't think you'll be disappointed with a Best Western or the Clarion. Again, there are many independent operations that do a great job of supplying a clean room and sparkling pool. My advice as always is to check it out at <http://www.tripadvisor...> and type in the name of your choice and see what others say.

Well let's talk about what I do best, you guessed it - eating!!! Just like the hotels there a million familiar faces here... California Pizza Kitchen, Nick and Stef's Steakhouse and we enjoyed the waffles and pancakes at Ruby's Diner. On our first night we visited Armando's restaurant in Palm Desert. The streets were abandoned but once we popped in, it turned into a larger party, well kind of, you see they have a large party atmosphere but seems like we were one of the few that got the invitation. I really like this place,

the food was some of the Best, yes, the Best Mexican food I have had anywhere. They say that the margaritas were famous, they were good but the food is the showpiece here. My traveling companion and I, next ended up at Las Casuelos, this restaurant has live music and as far back as I've been going to Palm Springs they have been placing memorable smiles on faces with drinks, patio misters and their food. We arrived at "happy hour" and they had a great assortment of food to nibble on. By lunch the following day I had overdosed on Mexican food. One more taco and I was going to surrender and give up all my secrets! How about a sandwich, I recommended, the Manhattan Deli. I was pleased with my Brisket Sandwich and Salad; my companion got a Turkey Sandwich. Looking at the plates around the restaurant I can tell you the portions are huge. Sandwiches run in the (\$10) range. I read a few reviews on this place and I agree this is a winner, I have been told that service can be a little slow when they are busy, it may have to be to make the sandwiches this big!!!

I do suggest stopping at the Palm Springs Visitors center for a map. Have a Palm Springs hot spot? E mail me at thechefknows@yahoo.com

News and Notes: Get ready Sierra Madre, the Annual Wine and Jazz Walk Tasting is coming October 3rd. Many tastings and a great time call (626) -355-0024... more info in next weeks article. **Coming and goings,** Fred's Café is out, the owner of Villa Sorriso is taking over... Spit Fire is gone and Cheval Blanc is taking over.



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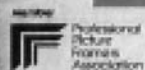
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Looking Up

With Bob Eklund

Water, Fire, and Incredibly Hard Work at Mt. Wilson

WILTING under the heat wave one afternoon last week, I took a wet washcloth and splashed my face, head, and neck with the cool stuff and began thinking about how much better it made me feel, as it began to evaporate and chill me down. Then I took a gallon of it and poured it over my hot and wilting plants on the porch. Surprising how quickly they all perked up. Hooray for water!

NEXT, I turned to the Mount Wilson Observatory's fire blog at its web site (www.mtwilson.edu), to see what was happening up there. The Helena (Montana) Hot Shots fire crew had just laid down 20,000 feet of fire hose along Newcomb's Ridge, which runs eastward from the summit of Mt. Wilson. The purpose was to bring water from the Observatory's reserve tank out to the area where they plan to start a controlled burn—the water being needed to keep the burn under control. It took 1,840 gallons of water just to fill (or “charge”) the hose itself!

As this is being written (Wednesday 9/9), this crucial backfire is on hold, awaiting completion of preparations and suitable weather—a southwest wind is needed. The purpose of the burn is to not only protect the Observatory on its north and east sides, but to prevent the fire from jumping the ridge and getting into Santa Anita Canyon—

which could threaten the cities of Arcadia and Sierra Madre.

I cannot say enough about the courage and incredibly hard work of the Helena Hot Shots, consisting of 18 men and five women. For more than a week, their tireless work at Mt. Wilson has been the Observatory's first line of defense. This work is dangerous, to say the least. They typically light a controlled burn with hand-carried “drip torches,” filled with a mix of ¾ diesel fuel and ¼ unleaded gasoline—as well as using phosphorous grenades. The backfire is lit methodically and may continue burning for several days before the area is declared fireproof.

So far, none of the Observatory facilities have been damaged by the fire. However, the controlled burn poses a risk, as a change of wind could suddenly carry the fire upslope to the Observatory buildings. In preparation for this, fire hoses are strung all over the mountaintop, with crews in place to quickly stop any fires that may begin. And there is enough water supply at the Observatory to last for 30 hours at maximum continuous demand. We all hope for a favorable wind, and a happy ending to this crisis!

When the fire is over and the process of transitioning back to normal operations at Mt. Wilson begins, the expenses of cleanup

and further fire protection will place a considerable burden on the Observatory's management. Your tax-deductible donation in any amount would be welcomed. Donations can be sent to: The Mount Wilson Institute, Fire Recovery Program, P.O. Box 1909, Atlanta, GA 30301-1909.

For a real-time view of the current state of things at the Observatory, you can go to www.mtwilson.edu and click on “Towercam.” You'll see the view from a video camera atop the 150-foot solar tower, updated every 2 minutes. (And the Towercam is a great way, anytime, to glimpse a sunset or a bit of starry sky over the mile-high Observatory!)

NASA also provides a view of the fire as it looks from space, at: <http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/IOTD/view.php?id=40118&src=eoai-iotd>

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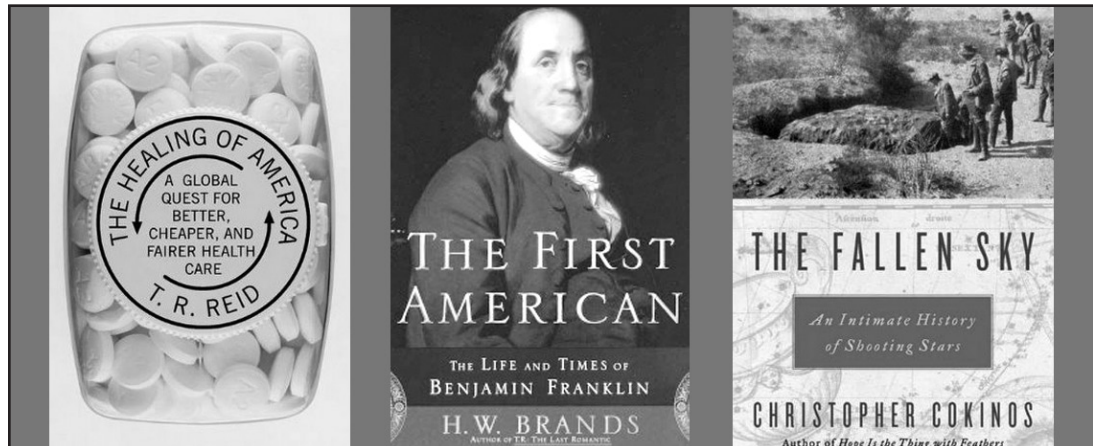


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Jeff's Pics The Book Report

Books for your consideration



The Healing of America: A Global Quest for Better, Cheaper, and Fairer Health Care by T. R. Reid (2009)

In The Healing of America, New York Times best selling author T. R. Reid shows how all the other industrialized democracies have achieved something the United States can't seem to do: provide health care for everybody at a reasonable cost. In his global quest to find a possible prescription, Reid visits wealthy, free market, industrialized democracies like our own-including France, Germany, Japan, the U.K., and Canada-where he finds inspiration in example. Reid shares evidence from doctors, government officials, health care experts, and patients the world over, finding that foreign health care systems give everybody quality care at an affordable cost. And that dreaded monster “socialized medicine” turns out to be a myth. Many developed countries provide universal coverage with private doctors, private hospitals, and private insurance. In addition to long-established systems, Reid also studies countries that have carried out major health care reform. The first question facing these countries-and the United States, for that matter-is an ethical issue: Is health care a human right? Most countries have already answered with a resolute yes, leaving the United States in the murky moral backwater with nations we typically think of as far less just than our own. The Healing of America lays bare the moral question at the heart of our troubled system, dissecting the misleading rhetoric surrounding the health care debate. Reid sees problems elsewhere, too: He finds poorly paid doctors in Japan, endless lines in Canada, mistreated patients in Britain, spartan facilities in France. Still, all the other rich countries operate at a lower cost, produce better health statistics, and cover everybody. In the end, The Healing of America is a good news book: It finds models around the world that Americans can borrow to guarantee health care for everybody who needs it.

The First American: The Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin by H.W. Brands(2002)

He was the foremost American of his day, yet today he is little more than a mythic caricature in the public imagination. Benjamin Franklin, perhaps the pivotal figure in colonial and revolutionary America, comes vividly to life in

this wonderful biography. Wit, diplomat, scientist, philosopher, businessman, inventor, and bon vivant, Benjamin Franklin was in every respect America's first Renaissance man. From penniless runaway to highly successful printer, from ardently loyal subject of Britain to architect of an alliance with France that ensured America's independence, Franklin went from obscurity to become one of the world's most admired figures, whose circle included the likes of Voltaire, Hume, Burke, and Kant. Drawing on previously unpublished letters and a host of other sources, acclaimed historian H. W. Brands, a Distinguished Professor of History at Texas A&M University, has written a very engaging biography of this eighteenth century genius .A much needed reminder of Franklin's greatness and humanity, The First American was a Pulitzer Prize finalist.

The Fallen Sky: An Intimate History of Shooting Stars by Christopher Cokinos (2009)

Weaving natural history, memoir, and the stories of maverick scientists, daring adventurers, and stargazing dreamers, this epic work takes us from Antarctica to outer space to tell the tale of how the study of meteorites became a scientific passion. A famed polar explorer who risked personal ruin-and the lives of his crew-in a quest for massive iron meteorites hidden in an Arctic wasteland. A nery, obscure professor who staked his life against the scientific indifference of his day to become the world's most prominent meteorite collector and researcher. An Australian scientist confronted with a geological mystery in the Outback, the key to which might yet unlock a secret of evolution on planet Earth. These characters and many other collectors, researchers, dreamers, schemers, and ordinary people populate The Fallen Sky. Through their foibles and successes, their adventures and tragedies, Cokinos unfolds the panoramic history of how science came to understand meteorites, the rocks that fall from space to the Earth, and how these stones reveal truths not only of the solar system, but of the human heart as well. Christopher Cokinos is the winner of the Whiting Writers Award, the Glasgow Prize for an Emerging Writer in Nonfiction, and the Sigurd Olson Nature Writing Award. He is a professor of English at Utah State University.

RICH Johnson



Useless

1. of no use; not serving the purpose or any purpose; unavailing or futile: It is useless to reason with him. 2. without useful qualities; of no practical good: a useless person; a useless gadget.

So, Stuart Tolchin thinks my column is useless. Well, all I can tell you about Mr. Tolchin is that he is one of my favorite people in the universe and I love him like a brother.

In fact, we are so similar it's eerie. He's Jewish by birth and so am...no, I guess I'm a Norwegian Lutheran. Well, almost the same. Stuart is very, very liberal and so am...no, I guess I tend to be fairly conservative. Here's one: Stuart is an avowed atheist as am...no, I really believe God is there. (Actually, I think I helped move Stuart from avowed atheist to skeptical agnostic. Hey little steps right?)

The fact is, I pre-read that column of Stuart's and endorsed his description of me as useless. No, it's not a self-deprecating statement. It just worked in his defense of his style of writing. Stuart shoots for the soul hoping that through his inward probing, light might be shed on a similar area in your life. He does this with the intention of improving the quality therein. I think of Stuart as the surgeon and I possibly the pharmacist. I am dispensing drugs that will (hopefully) make you smile and mask the inner turmoil. This is done whilst Dr. Stuart carves away at the real problem. Enough pontificating.

How about a few more “useless” examples of repartee? Irving Berlin sent a poetic telegram to Groucho Marx on the celebration of Groucho's 71st birthday (1961) It read, “The world would not be in such a snarl, had Marx been Groucho instead of Karl!”

In 1976, the Procrastinators Club of America sent a letter to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in London England, the firm that had forged the original Liberty Bell in 1752. You remember the bell with a big crack in it. The Procrastinators inquired about the warranty on the bell and would Whitechapel be willing to replace it? The executives of the four hundred year old company responded, “We would be happy to provide a replacement bell. Kindly return the damaged bell to us in its original packaging.”

The 20th Century's (and maybe all time's) most surrealist painter was, of course, Salvador Dali. Once asked if it was hard to paint a picture, he responded, “No, it is either easy or impossible.” I feel the same way about a column.

SERIOUS Special note to Air America Radio's Mike Malloy: Yes, I have a fairly conservative viewpoint. And I resent your blanket description of all conservatives as fascists. Your pernicious stereotyping smacks as much of bigotry as the hate wielded toward a group of people based on their color, sex, sexual preference, or religious persuasion. And your other assertion that conservatives gleefully await the assassination of President Obama may be the most repugnant indecency I have ever heard on the radio. You should be ashamed of yourself.

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The Senior Spot

By Bruce Lamarche

Walk for Life... with Sticks?

We have all heard the mantra, "walk, walk, walk." It's good for your health; it extends your life; it is good for cardiac function. All true, but some seniors say, "But, I have trouble walking around the block. My knees hurt if I go too far. I get out of breath." The best excuse is, "I don't have the time." For many seniors, these are just excuses. Walking is good for your health and will maintain strength, flexibility, and strengthen your heart. It will literally save your life!

Some seniors, particularly in their 70's and above, are fearful of falling, stumbling or simply don't feel strong enough for much activity. Consider the use of walking sticks. Some call it Nordic walking. This name comes from Nordic cross-country skiing as shown in the winter Olympics. We see skiers striding along the snow with ski poles doing a lot of the work. Guess what? This has become a serious methodology for anyone seeking to walk for fitness.

The use of walking sticks (that's one for each hand) allows walkers to push off with each stride, seriously increases balance (no falling), takes the weight off weight-bearing joints (your creaky knees), and provides a full body workout. You are using the walking sticks to help your body move smoothly, balance better, and propel yourself with a longer stride. It's actually fun.

Seniors find that just the element of stability is a positive effect of the poles. It's not so much the avoidance of falling that is helpful. It is more the effect of having your leg muscles being used to propel you forward

instead of constantly working to balance you. This conserves energy and allows you to walk further.

These "trekking poles" or "walking sticks" can be as simple as two wooden rods of sufficient height or, better yet, commercially available poles which can be purchased from outdoor stores. They have a molded rubber handle at the top, a wrist strap, and are adjustable in length to suit your stature. One such model is the "Instructor" from www.leiki.com. Most good outdoor stores carry them.

Walking with your poles can reduce your blood pressure, cholesterol, and help relieve back and neck pain. The exercise will strengthen your muscles and joints. This, and the cardio workout, will increase your ability to walk further and feel better about your life. It goes without saying that it can be used for weight control. Taking it easy to start is important. Work up your distance slowly. Be sure to ask your doctor if you question your ability to do this fun activity.

So... what will you choose to do... or not to do? Check it out and make a decision.

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With the start of seasonal influenza season, healthcare officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are reminding Americans that the single most effective way to prevent the flu is to get a flu shot. In particular, high-risk individuals are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated. Here's why - On average, every year, influenza:

- Infects 60 million people
- Hospitalizes 200,000 people
- Kills more Americans than breast cancer
- Kills two to three times more Americans than HIV/AIDS
- Kills the equivalent of a major league stadium full of people

It's important to receive a seasonal influenza vaccine every year because there is a new vaccine produced each year to protect against the most current strains of influenza virus circulating.

Whether you are seeking the flu vaccination for an elderly parent, a child, or yourself, there is an online resource where you can sign up to receive e-mail notifications reminding you to get your flu shot. Reminders can be scheduled at www.findaflushot.com/reminders.php.

In addition to the flu shot reminder, www.findaflushot.com/clinic provides an online flu clinic locator. Visitors can find flu clinics by entering their ZIP code and, within seconds, a list of flu clinics is displayed with dates, times, and locations for vaccinations.

If you're at high risk for complications from the flu the site, sponsored by Maxim Health Systems, can be a valuable flu resource. To learn more, call (866) 534-7330 or visit www.findaflushot.com/clinic.

Recipe of the Month:

All in One Chicken Dinner - Crock Pot



INGREDIENTS:

- * 6 oz package chicken stuffing mix, prepared per package directions
- * 3 cups cooked cubed chicken
- * 16 oz package frozen green beans, thawed and drained
- * 2 jars (12 oz each) chicken gravy

DIRECTIONS:

Put prepared stuffing in crock pot, top with chicken and green beans; pour gravy over everything.
2. Cook, covered, on low for 4 hours

Easy Homemade Garlic Bread

Ingredients

- * 1 loaf French bread, halved lengthwise
- * 1/3 cup butter, softened
- * 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- * 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- * 1 teaspoon dried basil

Directions

1. Preheat broiler.
2. Stir together butter, Parmesan cheese, garlic and basil.
3. Smear on bread.
4. Broil, on baking sheet, about 3-4 minutes or until golden brown.

For Your Funny Bone

Did you hear about the 83 year old woman who talked herself out of a speeding ticket by telling the young officer that she had to get there before she forgot where she was going?



September Birthdays

Edwina Garcia, Yvonne Osti

Quote:

We are here on Earth to do good to others. What the others are here for, I don't know.

-W. H. Auden

Helpful Hints (An Update from Heloise)

Ballpoint-Ink Stain

THEN: Hairspray
NOW: Rubbing alcohol

Ink formulations, fabrics, and hairspray ingredients have changed today. To get rid of the ballpoint ink from clothing you launder, place the garment on a towel stain-side down. Lightly dampen a cloth with rubbing alcohol and gently dab (do not rub) the stain.

Pasadena Highlands Sponsors Bingo Prize

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday: Bingo- 1:30PM- 3:30 PM .25c per card
Yoga- 5:30 PM- 7:00PM Instructor Andrea Walsh- \$6.50 for seniors (50 and over.) Call 355-5278 for more information

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

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

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

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

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

Friday: Ping-Pong 1:30 PM

NEW at the Hart Park House Join us after lunch on Fridays for an old fashion sing-a-long. Song books are passed out at 12:30 pm and the live piano music will lead you on a 30 minute journey down memory lane. All are welcome!

Saturday: Senior Club for those 55 and older- Brown bag lunch at 11:30AM

Meeting at Noon- Bingo at 12:30 PM- only .25c per card

Senior Opportunities and Excursions

Monthly Excursions:



September 16th - Take me to the Fair - \$6.00 per person

Enjoy an afternoon at the LA County Fair - 11:30 am to 6 pm

Registration price is for transportation & driver's tip only and once you arrive at the Fair the Senior Day admission is \$6.00 (additional money for food & shopping is recommended). (transportation space is limited)

Saturday, October 24th - Big Bear Oktoberfest - 9 am to 6:30 pm Cost is \$34.00 per person and includes a full German meal with beverage, transportation & driver's tip.

Thursday, December 17th - Christmas Show - 10:30 am to 4 pm Candlelight Pavilion Theatre in Claremont \$51.00 for lunch, show, transport & tip.

To register for future excursions, please call (626) 355-7394. *Payment is required to reserve space*

Free Blood Pressure Clinic- Second Tuesday of each month 11:00 AM- Noon

No appointment necessary

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

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

Meals-on-Wheels:

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



MEALS-ON-WHEELS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO DELIVER MEALS TO OUR HOMEBOUND NEIGHBORS **ONCE A MONTH OR WEEKLY Please contact Darlene Traxler at 626.355.0256.**

ARTHRITIS, OSTEOARTHRITIS, OSTEOPOROSIS HOW ARE THEY DIFFERENT

The City of Arcadia, Senior Services Department is having a health lecture on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive at 1:30pm. This is a free lecture given by the Arcadia Senior Services Department in partnership with the rehabilitation professionals at Casa Colina. Barry Shafer, PT, ATV and director of the new Casa Colina Azusa Center will be the guest speaker.

Mr. Shafer obtained his Bachelor of Science and Masters' of Physical Therapy from the University of Southern California and will discuss the differences between Arthritis, Osteoporosis and Osteoarthritis. Mr. Shafer will also perform exercises that you can perform at home to manage the disease and prevent pain. The presentation is free but reservations are required as space is limited. To reserve your space please call Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130 before September 17th . This event is for individuals 50 years of age and older.



One Of A Kind:

Featuring unique homes & gardens and the people who create them by Christ Bertrand

Design Hardwoods Creates Custom Stairs and Radius Flooring Components

Chris Bertrand

Sometimes business owners find unprecedented success in narrowing their offerings instead of expanding them. Design Hardwoods of Santa Ana, with 25 years of experience in flooring and stair work, found that they were really good at a difficult part of flooring installations and remodeling... custom staircases and the special milling and bending of wood into tight curves or radius.

Design Hardwoods was called on this summer by Bill Martin and Son Flooring of Pasadena, for a particularly difficult flooring installation. As it turned out, St. Rita Church project in Sierra Madre became the largest lineal foot job of "radius floor nosing" they'd ever been called on to do.

Those 250 lineal feet of stair nosing, the protruding edge or "nose" of a stair, had not a lick of straight lines to it, by design. Over 40 years ago, architect John Gougeon, also of Pasadena created St. Rita's as his first church project, one of many that ensued in his still active career.

The design, though stunningly beautiful, became a conundrum when it came to installing new hardwood flooring when a donation was made for replacement. With nary a straight line in the building, the five stairs and two platforms gracefully arced toward the congregation in an ever changing radius. Even the sides were curved.

The many elevation changes also posed a challenge to those using the area. With carpet, the stair locations were hard to see, especially to older eyes with bifocal or trifocal glasses. A plan to use two woods of highly contrasting colors white oak and walnut was devised.

What seemed to the church committee a nearly insurmountable task, is one Design Hardwoods assumes as a matter of course every day. Over the years, owners Ed and Rebecca Topalian, both contractors, have developed a specialized niche of products and services for challenging flooring and stair installations throughout LA, even to Arizona and Hawaii when the job calls for it.

They've built their own equipment when none was available to serve their specific needs. They created specialty routers, radius and milling equipment in house, for their unique requirements. Back in 1985 they devised a steam bender for precise, drastically bent handrail components, that remains their pride and joy today.

Different from cold bending and laminating six or eight pieces into a gently curved handrail, the device actually

cooks the wood component to 211 degrees in a job-portable propane heated machine. This allows the hot wood to be bent into the desired shape.

Many companies who were previously flooring or stair competitors have now become business allies, bringing them their tough stair or radius components to accurately mill and or bend to specifications.

In the case of the Sierra Madre installation, they created dozens of full size MDF templates from field tracings and measurements, carefully numbered to cover each lineal foot of walnut nosing. With no room for error in an expensive finished end product, the measurements can be tested and perfected on a semi-disposable template first.

Whether it's unique wood flooring components or stair components incorporating glass, wrought iron or paint grade products, Design Hardwood has developed a system for contractors and homeowners to incorporate digital photographs into the initial design meeting at the showroom to help visualize the new completed product. Contractors can also create their own templates from instructions on the company website, to facilitate their fabrication needs.

Topalian is immensely pleased to be listed as the recommended stair contractor for several homeowners' associations, who have subjected his company to close quality scrutiny. He strives to imbue just one watchword to his team of twelve: Pride. In each and every step of every installation.

The showroom for Design Hardwoods, Inc. is located in Santa Ana at 2500 S. Fairview, Suite A. Call them at 800-281-4404 or visit their website, www.DesignHardwoods.com



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PREP FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

ARCADIA

9/03/09	TBA	vs. Monrovia (Monrovia, CA) (Fullerton) 13-27 (L)
9/11/09	7:00 PM	vs. St. Francis (La Canada, CA)
9/25/09	7:00 PM	vs. Temple City (Temple City, CA)
10/01/09	7:00 PM	@ Glendale (Glendale, CA)
10/09/09	7:00 PM	vs. Pasadena (Pasadena, CA)
10/16/09	7:00 PM	@ Muir (Pasadena, CA)
10/23/09	7:00 PM	vs. Burroughs (Burbank, CA)
10/30/09	7:00 PM	vs. Burbank (Burbank, CA)
11/06/09	7:00 PM	vs. Hoover (Glendale, CA) * (Glendale)
11/12/09	7:00 PM	@ Crescenta Valley (La Crescenta, CA) * (Glendale)

BLAIR

9/04/09	7:00 PM	@ St. Margaret's (San Juan Capistrano, CA)
9/12/09	1:30 PM	@ Bosco Tech (Rosemead, CA)
9/25/09	7:00 PM	@ La Salle (Pasadena, CA)
10/02/09	7:00 PM	@ Wilson (Hacienda Heights, CA)
10/09/09	7:00 PM	@ Brawley (Brawley, CA)
10/16/09	7:00 PM	vs. South Pasadena (S. Pas., CA) * (Pasadena CC)
10/23/09	7:00 PM	@ La Canada (La Canada, CA)
10/30/09	7:00 PM	vs. Temple City (Temple City, CA) * (Pasadena CC)
11/06/09	7:00 PM	vs. San Marino (San Marino, CA) * (Pasadena CC)
11/13/09	7:00 PM	@ Monrovia (Monrovia, CA)

DUARTE

9/04/09	7:00 PM	@ Cajon (San Bernardino, CA)
9/11/09	7:00 PM	vs. Monrovia (Monrovia, CA)
9/17/09	7:00 PM	vs. Pomona (Pomona, CA) (Ganesha)
9/25/09	7:00 PM	vs. Littlerock (Littlerock, CA)
10/02/09	7:00 PM	@ La Puente (La Puente, CA)
10/09/09	7:00 PM	vs. Sierra Vista (Baldwin Park, CA)
10/16/09	7:00 PM	vs. Gladstone (Covina, CA)
10/30/09	7:00 PM	vs. Azusa (Azusa, CA)
11/06/09	7:00 PM	@ Workman (City of Industry, CA) * (La Puente)
11/13/09	7:00 PM	@ Bassett (La Puente, CA)

LA CANADA

9/11/09	7:00 PM	@ Alhambra (Alhambra, CA) (Moor Field)
9/18/09	7:00 PM	@ Glendale (Glendale, CA)
9/25/09	7:00 PM	vs. Crescenta Valley (La Crescenta, CA)
10/02/09	7:00 PM	@ Firebaugh (Lynwood, CA) (Lynwood Middle School)
10/09/09	7:00 PM	vs. Arroyo (El Monte, CA)
10/15/09	7:00 PM	vs. Temple City (Temple City, CA)
10/23/09	7:00 PM	vs. Blair (Pasadena, CA)
10/30/09	7:00 PM	@ San Marino (San Marino, CA)
11/06/09	7:00 PM	vs. Monrovia (Monrovia, CA)
11/13/09	7:00 PM	@ South Pasadena (South Pasadena, CA)

LA SALLE

9/04/09	7:00 PM	vs. Village Christian (Sun Valley, CA) (St. Matthias HS)
9/11/09	7:00 PM	vs. Maranatha (Pasadena, CA)
9/18/09	7:00 PM	@ San Marino (San Marino, CA)
9/25/09	7:00 PM	vs. Blair (Pasadena, CA)
10/02/09	7:00 PM	@ Monrovia (Monrovia, CA)
10/09/09	7:00 PM	@ Temple City (Temple City, CA)
10/17/09	7:00 PM	@ Verbum Dei (Los Angeles, CA) * (St. Matthias H.S.)
10/30/09	7:00 PM	vs. Mary Star of the Sea (San Pedro, CA)
11/06/09	7:00 PM	vs. Cantwell-Sacred Heart (Montebello, CA)
11/13/09	2:00 PM	@ Bosco Tech (Rosemead, CA) * Pregame

MARANATHA

9/04/09	7:00 PM	vs. Linfield Christian (Temecula, CA)
9/11/09	7:00 PM	@ La Salle (Pasadena, CA)
9/25/09	7:00 PM	vs. Bakersfield Christian (Bakersfield, CA)
10/03/09	7:00 PM	vs. Calvary Chapel (Downey, CA) * (Downey)
10/09/09	7:00 PM	vs. Kilpatrick (Malibu, CA)
10/16/09	7:00 PM	vs. Brentwood (Los Angeles, CA)
10/23/09	7:00 PM	@ Montclair Prep (Van Nuys, CA) * (Pierce College)
10/30/09	7:00 PM	vs. Sierra Canyon (Chatsworth, CA)
11/06/09	7:00 PM	@ Marshall (Pasadena, CA) * (Pasadena)
11/13/09	7:00 PM	vs. Campbell Hall (North Hollywood, CA)

MARSHALL

9/11/09	7:00 PM	@ Salesian (Los Angeles, CA)
9/18/09	4:00 PM	vs. Poly (Pasadena, CA)
9/25/09	7:00 PM	@ Chadwick (Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA) (Pas CC) *
10/02/09	3:30 PM	vs. Brentwood (Los Angeles, CA)
10/09/09	7:00 PM	vs. Montclair Prep (Van Nuys, CA) * (Pierce College)
10/16/09	7:30 PM	vs. Calvary Chapel (Downey, CA) * (Downey)
10/23/09	7:00 PM	vs. Kilpatrick (Malibu, CA) * (Pasadena CC)
10/30/09	7:00 PM	vs. Campbell Hall (North Hollywood, CA) * (Crespi)
11/06/09	7:00 PM	vs. Maranatha (Pasadena, CA) * (Pasadena)
11/12/09	7:00 PM	vs. Sierra Canyon (Chatsworth, CA) *

MONROVIA

9/03/09	TBA	@ Arcadia (Arcadia, CA) (Fullerton) 27-13 (W)
9/11/09	7:00 PM	@ Duarte (Duarte, CA) Pregame
9/18/09	7:00 PM	vs. Rosemead (Rosemead, CA) Pregame
9/25/09	7:00 PM	vs. San Dimas (San Dimas, CA) Pregame
10/02/09	7:00 PM	vs. La Salle (Pasadena, CA) Pregame
10/16/09	7:00 PM	@ San Marino (San Marino, CA) * Pregame
10/23/09	7:00 PM	@ Temple City (Temple City, CA) * Pregame
10/30/09	7:00 PM	vs. South Pasadena (South Pasadena, CA) * Pregame
11/06/09	7:00 PM	@ La Canada (La Canada, CA) * Pregame
11/13/09	7:00 PM	vs. Blair (Pasadena, CA) * Pregame

MUIR

9/04/09	7:00 PM	vs. Diamond Ranch (Pomona, CA) (Ganesha)
9/11/09	7:00 PM	@ Oaks Christian (Westlake Village, CA)
9/18/09	7:00 PM	vs. Venice (Los Angeles, CA)
10/02/09	7:00 PM	@ Burroughs (Burbank, CA)
10/09/09	7:00 PM	@ Burbank (Burbank, CA) * (Burroughs)
10/16/09	7:00 PM	vs. Arcadia (Arcadia, CA) *
10/22/09	7:00 PM	@ Crescenta Valley (La Crescenta, CA) * (Glendale)
10/29/09	7:00 PM	vs. Hoover (Glendale, CA) * (Glendale)
11/06/09	7:00 PM	vs. Glendale (Glendale, CA) *
11/13/09	7:00 PM	vs. Pasadena (Pasadena, CA) * (Rose Bowl)

PASADENA (PHS)

9/04/09	7:00 PM	@ Westchester (Los Angeles, CA)
9/11/09	7:00 PM	vs. Saugus (Saugus, CA) (Pasadena CC)
9/18/09	7:00 PM	@ Jordan (Long Beach, CA)
10/02/09	7:00 PM	vs. Hoover (Glendale, CA)
10/09/09	7:00 PM	@ Arcadia (Arcadia, CA)
10/15/09	7:00 PM	@ Burroughs (Burbank, CA)
10/22/09	7:00 PM	vs. Glendale (Glendale, CA)
10/30/09	7:00 PM	vs. Crescenta Valley (La Crescenta, CA)
11/05/09	7:00 PM	vs. Burbank (Burbank, CA)
11/13/09	7:00 PM	@ Muir (Pasadena, CA) * (Rose Bowl)

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