



Mountain Views-Observer

Formerly the Mt. Wilson Observer® & The Mountain Views Newsmagazine

WHERE YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS COMES FIRST

Saturday August 11 - August 17, 2007 Volume 1, No. 2

Residents Make The Best Of National Night Out Four New Neighborhood Watch Committees Formed



The City of Sierra Madre joined thousands across the country participating in The National Night Out on Tuesday. SM Police Captain Larry Giannone says "The event was very, very successful". There were a total of six block parties, each attended by 20-30 residents. A caravan of city officials, including police officers, rode started at Memorial Park and stopped by each site, including Mary's Market, E. Laurel, Vista Avenue,

East Miramonte, and N. Lima where residents got to know one another while enjoying a summer evening cookout.

The event is sponsored to educate and encourage citizens to participate in local crime prevention programs such as Neighborhood Watch. Recently the area has experienced an increase in home burglaries. Neighboring Hastings Ranch had 11 such incidents since January.

-Photo By D. Lee/MVO

What Sierra Madre Needs Outgoing City Manager Hopper Makes Suggestions

By Susan Henderson

On his last day as Interim City Manager, Don Hopper shared his thoughts on the future of Sierra Madre. (Part 2 of 2)

"Keeping Sierra Madre the way it is, that is maintaining our identity as a small town while yet providing a broad spectrum of services to residents is something that seriously needs to be reevaluated," said Don Hopper a few hours before his last city council meeting. "Sometimes we lose perspective of what it is we are trying to accomplish. We need to take a step back and re-prioritize."

Hopper says the lack of revenue is not the only problem facing Sierra Madre, although it is clearly the

biggest one. For one thing, he feels we must address how residents deal with the people who deliver services. "This city has a tendency to wear people down. There are very high expectations of staff and if you work for Sierra Madre, you are under a lot of public scrutiny." As a result, says Hopper, city staff are sometimes paralyzed from acting for fear of lawsuits or other forms of retaliation.

Our ability to continue to pay for services, including staff, is "rapidly eroding". If we don't remedy the situation, we are going to continue to be a 'training ground' for other cities.

The day before, former Development Services Director Matt Marquez

resigned to take a better paying job in another city. Matt is a resident of Sierra Madre who worked for five years in City Hall. According to Marquez, one reason for leaving was certainly salary.

"It's a New Day and we need a New Approach", said Hopper. We must realize that the city staff, elected officials and commissioners, all have the town's best interest at heart. We must then begin to work together, as has been started with our Ad Hoc committee, in trying to find the money we need.

Without question Hopper said we need to be creative in finding ways to survive financially. And, there is a definite need to become a 'kindlier, gentler' society.

CROWN CITY CHORUS SINGS FOR THE CENTENNIAL



On August 12 the Sierra Madre Centennial Committee is pleased to present the latest in the city's "Spectacular Summer Sounds" concerts in the park series, a unique and harmonious performance by the Pasadena Crown City Chorus. The 45 members of this 60-year-old singing group are amateur performers with a very professional sound. They compete nationally in barbershop chorus contests, and the group is a member of The Barbershop Harmony Society.

This concert is the latest event in the year-long celebration of the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of Sierra Madre. As a special treat the Centennial Committee will be selling Centennial themed merchandise, the proceeds from which will go toward funding upcoming Centennial events this fall.

As with all the concerts in the park, this event is free, open to the public, and great for families. Folks are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner and their own lawn chairs and blankets to spread out on the grass in front of the band shell.



Karin Schnaider To Review City Financial Status

On Tuesday, August 14, Karin Schnaider, Administrative Services Director for Sierra Madre at the invitation of the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club, will detail the city's current financial condition and our future outlook.

Recently, Mayor Joffe appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to help find solutions to revenue challenges facing Sierra Madre. That committee meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month and has held two meetings to date. Schnaider's presentation will give some insight into the tasks the committee faces and will present an opportunity for residents to hear the city's concerns.

The Sierra Madre's financial status directly affects all residents. Concerned citizens are encouraged to attend.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon at the Masonic Temple at 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. and is open to the public. Lunch is \$8 per person. Reservations are required; please contact Paul Neiby at 355-1291

Friends You Didn't Know You Had



This young bear is searching for food and water. The dry weather may bring him right to your door.
Story Page 3 - Photo courtesy Tom and Jodie Gage

Keeping Busy This Summer



Russell a 14 year old trombone player is having fun this summer while school is out. He is attending the Pasadena Jazz Institute's Jazz Camp for Kids
More on Page 7 -Photo by J. Truong/MVO



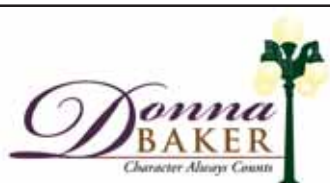
TRADITIONAL



HERITAGE



CUSTOM



VILLAGE AUTO CLINIC
(626) 355-1146
Domestic & Foreign Repair
Bill Schlote
22 E. Montecito Ave.
Sierra Madre
Honesty • Integrity • Product Knowledge

Clarity in Real Estate
Guiding Clients to be Knowledgeable Buyers and Sellers

Lia Schlote
(626) 353-3989
lia.schlote@dlbeck.com

Rhett Schlote
(626) 353-3989
rhett.schlote@dlbeck.com

8 East Foothill Blvd.
Arcadia
(626) 840-4790 cell
(626) 443-8330 fax
www.TeamSchlote.com

Team Schlote
An Independently Owned and Operated Firm

Weather Wise

5-Day Forecast for Sierra Madre, Ca.
Longitude W118.0, Latitude N34.2

Friday:	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s
Saturday:	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s
Sunday:	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s
Monday:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Tuesday:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



City of Sierra Madre August Events

12 - Concert in the Park: Pasadena Crown City Chorus - 6:00 PM - Memorial Park Bandshell
13 - Fire Safe Council - 7:00 PM - Council Chamber
14 - Summer Fun in the Park: Kickapoo - 9:00 AM - Memorial Park Bandshell
15 - City Hall Open House - 9:00 AM - City Hall
16 - Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Recycling - 9:00 AM - Municipal Park Bandshell
17 - Concert in the Park: Dixie and the Hooters of Rock - 6:00 PM - Memorial Park Bandshell
18 - Summer Fun in the Park: Kickapoo - 9:00 AM - Memorial Park Bandshell
19 - Summer Fun in the Park: Kickapoo - 9:00 AM - Memorial Park Bandshell
20 - Summer Fun in the Park: Kickapoo - 9:00 AM - Memorial Park Bandshell
21 - Summer Fun in the Park: Kickapoo - 9:00 AM - Memorial Park Bandshell
22 - Summer Fun in the Park: Kickapoo - 9:00 AM - Memorial Park Bandshell
23 - Summer Fun in the Park: Kickapoo - 9:00 AM - Memorial Park Bandshell
24 - Summer Fun in the Park: Kickapoo - 9:00 AM - Memorial Park Bandshell
25 - Summer Fun in the Park: Kickapoo - 9:00 AM - Memorial Park Bandshell
26 - Summer Fun in the Park: Kickapoo - 9:00 AM - Memorial Park Bandshell
27 - Summer Fun in the Park: Kickapoo - 9:00 AM - Memorial Park Bandshell
28 - Summer Fun in the Park: Kickapoo - 9:00 AM - Memorial Park Bandshell
29 - Summer Fun in the Park: Kickapoo - 9:00 AM - Memorial Park Bandshell
30 - Summer Fun in the Park: Kickapoo - 9:00 AM - Memorial Park Bandshell
31 - City Hall Open House - 9:00 AM - City Hall

For more information on these and other City programs, call 255-7435 or visit www.cityofsierramadre.com

BARGAIN BOOKS TABLE AT SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY

"Fall Into" A Good Book

The Friends of the SM Library will have a "Bargain Books Table" inside the Library August 20-25, 2007, during the Library's public open hours. Featured titles will include Fiction, Mysteries, Children's Books, Biographies, and Large Print, all in good condition. All books will be sold at the bargain price of \$1.00. The Library, located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard is open M-W Noon to 9 p.m.; Th and Fr Noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. please visit the Library's web site at www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us or call (626) 355-7186



Sierra Madre City Flag Sales

The Community Arts Commission has Sierra Madre flags available for sale. The flags are nylon 2 ft by 3 ft, with grommets or pole sleeves. They are appropriate for indoor or outdoor use. Flags are \$40 and can be ordered by pre-sale only. You can order a flag at the Sunday evening Concerts in Memorial Park or at the Community and Personnel Services Department, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Deadline to order: August 27, 2007. (626) 355-5278

Summer 2007 Concerts in the Park Series

Every Sunday Night
thru August 26, 2007
6-8:00 pm

222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Event Schedule

August 12:
Pasadena Crown City Chorus Centennial Committee

August 19:
Elvis and the Heroes of Rock
Rotary Club

August 26:
Fairytale & Fantasy III

Southern California Lyric Theater

*This concert series is sponsored by the Los Angeles County Arts Commission and the Recording Industries' Music Performance Fund through the assistance of the Professional Musicians Union Local 47.

For more information, please contact the Community & Personnel Services Department at 626-355-5278

INSIDE THIS WEEK

- 1** What Sierra Madre Needs Centennial Celebration What A Night Out!
- 2** Weekly Highlights Community Notices
- 3** Honor Where Due Rich Has Moved!
- 4** OBSERVER PASADENA: Bicyclists Out? Toy Trucks In?
- 5** Police Blotter Fire Safe Council Tips SMEAC Did You Know?
- 6** Arts & Architecture Paradise Lost
- 7** ED: Back To School Drive Trish's Truth
- 8** OPINION: S. Henderson - Sir Eric Steve Tobia in His Opinion
- 9** Letters To The Editor Sierra Madre Notices
- 10** TechKnowledge Workforce Pros To Know
- 11** Bob Eklund: Looking Up Wild, Wild West Mountain Clymer
- 12** Peter Dills: Table For Two
- 13** Jeff's Pics Pat Birdall Pat Ostrye
- 14** Chris Bertrand: One Of A Kind
- 15** More Pros To Know
- 16** Blue Planet Run Rory and SMACK 101

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Pasadena Farmer's Market

Every Saturday to 12:30 p.m.
B-B-Berries. Lili's herbs, honey, menudo & tamale stand. Bring the kiddies. PH's parking lot
2925 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Café 322

Sunday Nights
Let's Sing Opera & Broadway
Pianist Danny Guerrero & Friends
322 Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre (626) 836-5414

Beantown

45 N. Baldwin
Time for Ice Cream
(626) 355-1596

Lucky Baldwin's

21 Kersting Court
(626) 355-1140

Mary's Market

561 Woodland Drive
(626) 355-4534

The Harvey Hyde Show

Every Sunday 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Hard-hitting, high impact sports talk radio
KSHP Las Vegas - 1400 AM
Live! from BURGER CONTINENTAL
535 South Lake Avenue Pasadena

Are **YOU** one of Sierra Madre's special

Advertise Now! Pros To Know?
Excellent MountainViews-Observer Rates

Call Julie
(626) 836-6524
She's Our Pro To Know

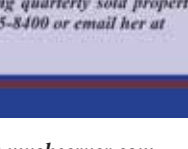
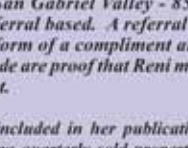
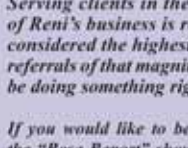
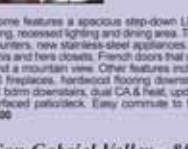
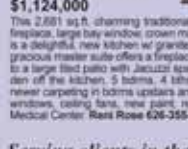
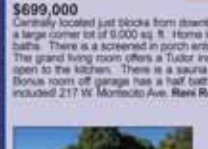


Reni Rose

115 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard
Sierra Madre, CA 91024
626-355-8400



Prudential
California Realty



SIERRA MADRE - \$1,745,000

Probables about: #1: Owner Country with income: live in the front home which features 3 bedrooms, 3 baths and a family room with 2,522 sq ft +/- and rent the 2 units in the back. The unit downstairs is 1 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath with 1,158 sq ft +/- and the unit upstairs is 1 bedroom, 3/4 bath with 1,020 sq ft +/- There is a 2-car detached car garage, two 2-car carports, a 2-story barn with parking for 2 cars and a workshop, a saloon and guest quarters upstairs with a 34 bath. #2: Income Property: purchase as income property & rent all three of the units. #3: Developer - there is a possibility of subdividing the lot into three parcels - buyer to verify with the City.
Reni Rose 626-355-8400



ALTADENA - \$1,298,000

Gracious 1919 Colonial with impressive detailing throughout and situated on a quiet street just 1-1/2 blocks from the Altadena Country Club. This well-maintained home offers a spacious F.O.H. Den, 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, a 2,565 sq ft home and a 15,747 sq ft lot. The kitchen has been updated with granite counters, new appliances and new flooring. There is a sports court as well as a spa in the back yard. Other amenities include: French doors and windows, new garage door, large attic storage, circular drive in front and back of home, lawn trees and new exterior paint.
Reni Rose 626-355-8400



SOUTH PASADENA \$1,124,000

This 2,681 sq ft, charming traditional home features a spacious step-down LR w/ fireplace, large bay window, crown molding, recessed lighting and dining area. There is a delightful, new kitchen w/ granite counters, new stainless-steel appliances. The gracious master suite offers a fireplace, his and hers closets, French doors that open to a large tiled patio with Jacuzzi spa and a mountain view. Other features include: den off the kitchen, 5 bdrms, 4 1/2 baths, 3 fireplaces, hardwood flooring downstairs, newer carpeting in bdrms upstairs and 1 bdrm downstairs, dual CA & heat, updated windows, ceiling fans, new paint, resurfaced patio/deck. Easy commute to USC Medical Center. Reni Rose 626-355-8400

Serving clients in the San Gabriel Valley - 85% of Reni's business is referral based. A referral is considered the highest form of a compliment and referrals of that magnitude are proof that Reni must be doing something right.

If you would like to be included in her publication, the "Rose Report" showing quarterly sold properties, please call Reni at 626-355-8400 or email her at Renirose@aol.com

Honor Where Honor Is Due

Local Photographer Terry Miller Speaks To Kiwanis Club

By Susan Henderson

Everybody in Sierra Madre has probably seen Terry at least once, whether observing him as he takes photos at our public events, or through his pictures that appear in another local publication. He's the guy with the camera around his neck and the flack jacket full of gadgets. He's always pleasant and has a hint of his British background in his voice.

On Tuesday, the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club invited Terry to speak about his passion, photography. And, although by his own admission he was a little anxious, you would never have known it by his presentation.

Miller took the audience back through his journey as a photographer, recalling several hair raising episodes. On one occasion, he made national news. In an effort to get the best possible photo at an accident scene, Miller unknowingly walked into an area that was contaminated with a toxic substance. He was quickly noticed and whisked away to be decontaminated. The story is delightful and even more entertaining is the photo taken of him by another photographer clad only in a red plastic bag, being hosed down in a man in what looks very much like something they are wearing on the Space Shuttle.

Another memorable photo was taken by Miller in Santa Barbara. It is of a youthful Hillary Clinton in 1992.

Miller's works speak volumes to his character. They reflect the courage, compassion and insightfulfulness he uses to capture special moments in time. It is for this reason that the MountainViews-Observer wishes to share with our readers a little about one of the busiest and best photographer's in the San Gabriel Valley.



Miller displays his work before Kiwanis Club and guests. D.Lee/MVO

SCLT Bring More Family Fare to Sierra Madre

Another round of **FAIRYTALES AND FANTASY III**, denoting the third year of this family music entertainment, is coming to Sierra Madre's Memorial Park on Sunday, August 26, at 6:30 p.m.



The fairy quartet is l-r. Rebecca Thomas, Megan Sanborn, Tracey Thomas, Shae Crosby

Sponsored by the City of Sierra Madre and by Southern California Lyric Theater (SCLT), the free concert of musical fun showcases selections from Broadway, plus operettas and several Disney favorites.

Alison Kalmus, founder and artistic director of SCLT, is also directing this production.

Bring your dinner, blankets and lawn chairs for seating on the green, and prepare to be entertained with this musical extravaganza.

An August Month

By Rich Johnson



As a now-veteran journalist (28 columns as of this writing) this reporter is committed to correcting injustices, righting wrongs, and fighting for truth, justice and the American Way?

Now is a good time to correct a grave injustice? We have been tolerating the practice of one for four centuries. It is safe to say with relative confidence this is the first time this injustice will be brought to your attention. It is time to act.

Of course we are talking about the rank discrimination against the month of August. Quick, name a major holiday in August. Aha! You can't think of anything can you? There is something to look forward to in every other month. January: Of course New Year's Day. February: Valentine's Day. March: St. Patrick's Day. April: April Fool's Day and Arbor Day. May: Mother's Day, and a second biggie... Memorial Day. June: Flag Day. July: Independence Day! August: ZIP, ZILCH, NADA. September: Labor Day. October: Halloween. November: Thanksgiving. And December: Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa.

Is this fair? This reporter doesn't think so. Let's start the fix by reviewing what significant August events could be raised to a National Holiday: First, there are two week-long celebrations that merit consideration. One is for women and the other mostly men. The first week in August is simultaneously Breast feeding Week and Clown Week. (The Cumquat Kid would think they are both for men)

August 1st is National Respect for Parents Day. The 2nd is National Ice Cream Sandwich Day. Not to be outdone the 3rd is National Watermelon Day. The 4th is Champagne Day. Nothing on the 5th. The 6th is National Root Beer Float Day.

The 7th, 8th and 9th offer nothing of any significance. The 10th is National Smores Day. Don't know what a Smore is. Get a bar of Hersheys chocolate, a couple marshmallows, two graham crackers and stand close to a fire. Hopefully you'll figure it out. 11th, and 12th nothing. The 13th is International left-handers Day, but who really cares? The 14th: Creamside Day and Whiffle Ball Day. Crisco was introduced to us on the 15th of August. Roller Coaster Day on the 16th and Pencil Day on the 17th. 18th Zip and the 19th is Potato Day. (You know that as potatoe Dan) The 20th is National Radio Day, 21st is Spumoni Day. 22nd, 23rd and 24th celebrate nothing. The 25th is Banana Split Day. The 26th is Women's Equality Day (Wait a minute. We have a contender). The 27th and 28th are dry but the 29th is Chop Suey Day. The 30th is Toasted Marshmallows Day and the 31st...we can forget the 31st.

Let's raise August 26th to a National Holiday. Women's Equality Day!!! We could all take the day off, paid of course. This is perfect. The major leagues could offer up some big games and guys could all get together and watch baseball while the gals serve us. Oh yeah. This really works for me. Let me know what you think. Rich@versatape.com.

Dry Weather Brings Us New Friends

By Dean Lee

(All photos by Tom & Jodie Gage taken at their Sierra Madre home)

"Although they are rarely seen, the mountain lion is an animal with a history bathed in myth, fantasy and legend and, with 48 known names world wide, it is no wonder why so many rumors exist," said The Mountain Lion Foundation field representative Christa Kernode to a group of animal enthusiasts on Saturday at the Pasadena Humane Society.

Kernode explained the life stages of the animals, noting that most mountain lions live alone and have a territory that spans miles. "When most people report seeing a pack of lions it is usually cats that are mating or a mother and her cubs." She also said both the terms "cubs" and "kittens" are correct when referring to the young.

Pasadena Humane Society Wildlife Management Specialist, Veronica Fincher said mountain lion sightings are rare. On average a sighting only last three seconds. "Most of the time, what are reported as mountain lions, turn out to be bobcats," she said. "The most common interactions we get are, normally, between smaller mammals: skunks, raccoons and sometime coyotes."

Monrovia's known for bears she added, "But you also get them up your way in Sierra Madre."



Deer are coming further into the city looking for food and water

The number of sightings this year has gone way, up putting her department on alert. "With this year as dry as it is, the best guess is the animals are coming down for water," she said. "We have had a number of animals in backyard pools."

She warned that not picking up a dog or cat's water dish is the number one attraction for wildlife in the area. Domestic animals often become prey for lions looking for an easy lunch. "They don't like to waste energy and they don't dig, so we recommend keeping animal fenced in," she explained showing a number of enclosures made for everything,

including sheep and goats.

Kernode said laws give landowners rights to have predatory animals removed from their property. Fincher noted that different agencies handle wildlife differently. Some relocate the animals after tranquilizing them but, "...others shoot the animals dead," she said bluntly.

Wild animal attractions are trash and fruit trees. She advised people with fruit trees to make sure and pick up the fallen ripened fruit. "Of course you want to keep your trash covered at all times. You see bears out and about on trash days. They are big and scary to some people."



"We have learned to co-exist with all the wildlife here. I have never felt threatened or scared...We know we are in their territory and respect that fact." - Jodie Gage.

The Department of Fish and Game is called out whenever a large animal is found.

Fragmentation of a mountain lion's open space is also forcing more wildlife into urban areas. That means that the number one danger to mountain lions is road traffic. Kernode pointed out that Cal Trans has, therefore, built a number of overpasses bridging the gaps between undisturbed habitats. More information about The Mountain Lion Foundation can be found at www.mountainlion.org. As a nonprofit, the organization's



Times are so hard for our wildlife that a little cat food attracted wolves, a skunk and a raccoon to the Gage backyard.

focus is on education and conservation. To report wildlife, call the Pasadena Humane Society at (626) 792-7151.

Sierra Madre Senior Happenings

We will be starting a monthly section devoted to activities and items of special interest to seniors. I will be called "Senior Happenings," and it will gather information from the Sierra Madre Senior Community Commission's monthly newsletter entitled, "Senior Moments." We would also like to introduce a different senior each month in "Getting to know..." beginning with next month's issue.

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

Lunch Program: Monday-Friday at the "Intervale Senior Cafe" Call day ahead for reservations-355-0256. Suggested donation- \$2.00 for seniors- \$3.75 for all others

Monday: Strength Training-Volunteer instructor Lisa Brandley 1:00-1:45 PM

Tuesday: Bingo 1:30-3:30 PM - 25c per card
Yoga 5:00 PM- Instructor Andrea Walsh- cost \$5.25 for seniors

Thursday: Poker 1:30 - 3:30 PM * Call Pat for more information 355-7290
Yoga 5:00- 6:30 PM- For seniors or others who want to go slow

(can be done in a chair) Instructor Andrea Walsh \$5.25 for those 50 & over \$7.00 for those under 50. To register call Rosemary Garcia (626) 355-5278

Friday: Ping Pong - 2:00PM- 4:00PM - **Not** tournament, for fun only
Aerobics for Active Seniors- 3:00-4:00PM at the Community Center- 8 week course \$34.00 taught by Bonnie Smithson- Call Rosemary Garcia to enroll - (626) 355-5278

Saturday: Senior Club (For those 55 and over)*Brown-bag lunch at 11:30 AM. Bingo begins at 12:30 - Dues \$5.00 per year

Meals-On-Wheels- Meals are delivered to homebound seniors 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) 960-3773

Monthly Excursions *Registration can begin after trip flyer is received, not before.

August 16- Malof Museum in Rancho Cucamonga, lunch at Vince's Spaghetti House- \$31.00

September 20- Griffith Observatory- Planetary show, movie & displays \$15.00- Lunch on your own in the Wolfgang Puck Kitchen

October 20- (Saturday) Oktoberfest in Big Bear- Bus, entrance, German dinner w/ dessert, choice of beer or wine. \$40.00

For more information and reservations call Lisa or Alexis at 355-5278

*All trips subject to change/Scholarships available

Free Consultation with Pasadena attorney Geoffrey Chin- 2nd Thursday of the month, 10:00 am- Noon. Call Lisa or Alexis at 355-5278 for an appointment.

*Conflicting court schedules can occasionally cause appointment cancellations.



MountainViews-Observer PASADENA

Pasadena Moves Closer Towards A Bike Un-Friendly City

"We are on the path to boycotting the Tour of California," world champion cyclists threatened Monday.

By Dean Lee

Well after midnight, during Monday night's city council meeting, 45 bicyclists spoke out passionately against a recent proposed ordinance that would allow no more than two bicyclists side by side on any given street, where signs are posted. Many cyclists made clear this would outlaw a family of three riding together and trying to keep a small child safe from unforeseen consequences.

The council, some of who are avid cyclists, all voted in favor of the first reading of the proposed law directed at stopping racers in "peloton" formation around the Rose Bowl on Tuesday and Thursday nights during daylight savings time. Councilmember Steve Madison, who represents part of the area, was absent from the meeting.

"What you'll do is force the rides out from the Rose Bowl into the city where it will be more dangerous," a cyclist told an unresponsive council.

"The ride will continue regardless," another cyclist added in response to how they dealt with the city of Irvine's similar law. "We are too big in numbers. The police have tried to radio ahead of the packs but everyone scatters. They really can't stop it."

Police Chief, Bernard Melekian, made similar comments last week saying enforcement of the peloton was a safety issue for the whole group.

"If we try and pull over individual riders for single violations there is the danger of a chain reaction crash," he said furthering the argument for an outright ban. However, Glendora police have successfully pulled over large group rides for vehicle infractions by surrounding them, one cyclist said.

Many cyclists asked that the issue be put off until March, after this year's season, allowing them time for a compromise, something City Attorney Michele Bagneris advised against.

As a way of finding middle ground, councilmember Steve Haderlein, added to the motion a commitment to the public that the resolution, which requires placing signs, will not be considered until November.

Without clear signage the law cannot be enforced, Bagneris advised.

Renowned cyclist Katie Safford, a resident of Pasadena said, "Last week I met with the Chief of Police and Darryl Dunn. I came out of that meeting very optimistic that we could find a solution. We have acknowledged there is a problem in the pack. We need time and we cannot incorporate that fast." Dunn, who is General Manager of the Rose Bowl, said in a phone interview Wednesday that the peloton ban had nothing to do with a recent traffic study done as part of a \$350 million renovation planned for the Rose Bowl.

According to RBOC project and traffic study, Chair Bill Thomson, highlighted the fact that major events at the Rose Bowl with more than 20,000 attendees will double from 12 to 25. Many more minor events, with fewer than 20,000 attendees but more than 2,000, will now be the focus for additional funding to make up renovation costs. And events below 2,000 will also occur. Thomson made the comments while asking for public input earlier this year during a Rose Bowl open house.

"Pedestrian traffic, including cyclists, won't be impacted," Dunn said.

Melekian said the problem was that no one group would step forward and claim responsibility for the ride. Rafael Gomez, and his brother Vincente Gomez both offered to be point persons for the group. "We need to police ourselves," Rafael Gomez told a group of 80 cyclists last week through a bullhorn. "We need to be on our best behavior tonight because now is the time."

During that particular ride, one lone police car followed the pack from a distance.

Melekian said his department had tried to contact the riders through the website socialcycling.com. The website's owners had shown up to Monday's council meeting voicing opposition to the ban. Melekian was not present but said last week the group rides created pedestrian and vehicular traffic problems. He then cited socialcycling.com saying, they dodge the joggers, walkers, roller-bladers and cars constantly on each of the three-mile laps.

"We wrote that because it's partly true," said, Frank Sarate, the website's marketing and advertising director. "The pedestrian issue also needs to be looked at," Sarate said the comment was taken off the website last week.

Others said the area need better markings, something brought up at an August 2 meeting between police and riders. Both sides agreed.

Gomez said the group rides he personally led had been sponsored in the past. "I've been on the phone with a number of possible sponsors; I don't think anyone out here will mind paying \$2 or \$3 to keep the ride going. It's finding someone large enough willing to sponsor."

Last week a cyclist was hit by a car at the end of the ride at the Bowl. The rider possibly tried leaving the pack when a car was crossing lanes, said Dorothy Wong, a 10-time state cycling champion. Wong also said riders met with the Rose Bowl Operating Company members on August 3.

"That didn't go very well," she said. "We were met by angry residents, and one of the board members said he wanted some to be responsible for the group, so he would know who to sue."

The ordinance will become effective 30 days after the final approved publication by the council, which is set for next week. If passed into law, the banning of peloton riding will be on the books when the city hosts next year's Amgen Tour of California. The 750-mile race starts February 17 in Northern California and ends here in Pasadena. No one said if any exception will be made for the race.

A peloton is groups of cyclists riding in large formations,



between three and six riders across. The practice is common in all large cycle racing events such as Tour of California and Tour de France.

The Mayor's No Stranger to Cycling

His gray or black suit jackets might seem out of place among the many avid cyclists, hikers, and joggers but Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard is no stranger to cycling with a crystal clear message saying, "there's no need for a car in the city of Pasadena."

The City's, along with the Mayor, commitment to a "bike friendly" city has been a part of Pasadena for years, so much so, that it is outlined in the city's General Plan.

Just this year, Bogaard has taken part in many biking events including the kick off of, "One Mile at a Time," a month long bike awareness campaign that started at the Patagonia store in Old Town Feb. 27. Bogaard spoke passionately at the event. The city, along with the MTA and local businesses, bicycle advocacy groups and Pasadena Heritage hosted workshops and events to promote cycling and walking in what event organizers call "a Car-Life Lifestyle."

Bogaard said during another event in May, "National Bike to Work Week," that he tries to make time for at least three bike rides a week. Each ride is usually anywhere from 25 to 30 miles long.

"I'm involved with a local riding group," he said. "We like to go down to The Original Pantry and eat breakfast Sunday's. It's getting back on the bike afterward, that's the hard part."

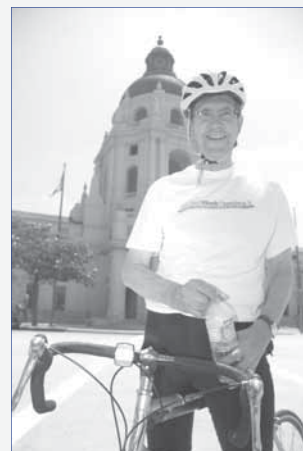
The Pantry is owned by former Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan, he added.

Bogaard said he has been riding regularly for about ten years and during that time he has been on a number of 500 plus mile bike rides across Iowa. "That's where I'm from," he said. Each of his extended bike trips have been part of The Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa, also known as RAGBRAI. The event lasts seven days and riders averaged a little more than 70 miles a day and camp out each night he said.

"I plan to do it again but it's hard to find the time," he said. RAGBRAI is in its 36th year and runs in June.

Just last month at South Pasadena's Clean-Air Car Show, Bogaard said to hundreds of environmentalists, "Sometimes it's not always the newest technology we need to look to for answers." He was wearing a t-shirt and bicycle shorts, having ridden the three miles from Pasadena to South Pasadena on his bike.

Three weeks ago, Bogaard said, "Pasadena is a bicycle-friendly community," during a press conference announcing the city will host the last leg for the 2008 Amgen Tour of California professional cycling race. Event organizers said the Tour brings spectators who, "eat in the restaurants and stay in the hotels." Pasadena was chosen because of events such as the Rose Bowl Game, they said.



Pedal On: Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard takes a rest after leading the Mayor's Bike to Work Brigade, in May, kicking off a week's worth of bicycle-related activities in support of cycling as a healthy transportation mode. Photo: Daniel Belis

The Sky Did Fall



Photo by D. Lee/MVO

A 30-year-old construction worker was rushed to a local area hospital with back and neck injuries Wednesday after riding out four stories worth of temporary scaffolding that collapsed at a construction site on DeLacey Avenue at Orange Place.

Pasadena Fire Dept. Spokesperson Lisa Derderian said the scaffolding, weighing 1,000 pounds crashed onto a nearby parking lot around 3 p.m. totaling a number of cars and damaging many others. Thirteen cars parked in the Inter-Con Security parking lot were hit from above she said.

"We know they had just put up a tarp the day before to keep rocks and debris out of the parking lot," Derderian said. "Even though we had a small amount of wind yesterday, we think that brought down the tarp."

She also said the weight of the tarp probably played a role. It was unclear Thursday if Belian Construction, the company working on the building, put up the scaffolding responsible for the mishap.

Pasadena Fire Department Set to Start Toying Around

A shiny new fleet of Pasadena fire engines will soon race across kitchen floors putting out make-believe 3-alarm fires as Mattel Inc. plans a toy fire vehicle with the concept of using the Pasadena Fire Department mark, which includes the Pasadena city seal, never before trademarked for this or any other use.

The city council gave the go-ahead Monday night, directing city attorney, Michele Bagneris, to establish a policy for the seals' use for commercial purposes. The city is in the process of registering the city seal for formal trademark protection, after which staff will propose an ordinance to establish official parameters for all future uses according to Ann Erdman the city's Public Information Officer.

Erdman said Mattel's project manager lives in Pasadena. "It's a double pleasure to be working with him. Mattel plans to create the fire engines for mass marketing as a complement to their Matchbox fleet."

According to Erdman, five other cities in the United States all share the name Pasadena. "The city council is the steward of this seal," she said. "Although it's protected by common law, there are other things we will be able to do with a trademark."

Mayor Bill Bogaard asked, "As part of tightening up our ownership and legal rights, are we going to put the other cities out of business?" "That is our goal," Erdman answered with a laugh. Bogaard also said lightheartedly, "Let the record reflect that the youngest member of this board took a particular interest in this matter," after councilmember, Jacque Robinson, mentioned in favor of a vote. Robinson graduated from John Muir High in 1996. She has been on the council since May. Pasadena Fire Chief, Dennis Downs, said it will be nine months to a year before production. Downs explained that, as well as getting kids involved in service, this was a great marketing tool for the city.

"If you think about it, Pasadena is known around the world for the Tournament of Roses Parade as well as the Rose Bowl game," he said. "Well, this is going to be Mattel's Matchbox toy that's going to be distributed world wide, so it kind of goes hand in hand with that world wide recognition."

Down said the toy trucks will be 1/64 the size of their real engines. Mattel's toy trucks will be patterned off Pierce-made fire trucks. "We have a number of Pierce engines," Downs said. "So with a Pierce engine and the Pasadena logo, they go hand in hand." City manager, Cynthia Kurtz, said she will enter into a contract with Mattel Inc. for use of the seal on the toy immediately. -Story and Rendering by Dean Lee



Member:
San Marino
Police Officer's
Association

San Marino

Security Systems

Free estimates, no term of contract, free service calls
The highest quality system at a competitive price

We protect and service
museums, churches,
schools, businesses
and homes

+30 years experience
Owned and operated by
retired San Marino Police Sergeant
Phil Raacke
Call (626) 285-7778 2384 Huntington Drive
San Marino

Protection by
SAN MARINO
Security Systems

ARMED RESPONSE

The next Fire Safe Council meeting will be August 13 in the City Council chambers at 7 P.M. featuring Bruce Inman, Public Works Director for the city. The topic will

Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council

TIP OF THE WEEK

From Caroline Brown



be Sierra Madre's water system.

As we are in another year of worsening drought, it is important for homeowners to conserve water. Recommendations are to water early mornings or late afternoons and evenings, not watering lawns between the hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There should be no hosing down of driveways, walkways, patios, etc. Water must be conserved for essential uses, one of which will be fire fighting.

How to keep your landscape adequately watered so it does not become dried out and fire prone is a balancing act, especially for your valuable large trees. You do not want these trees to die and become fire hazards. Water deeply and slowly with soaker hoses at the outer edge of the tree canopy. **DO NOT WATER OAK TREES IN THE HOT MONTHS OF THE YEAR.** Wait until the ground cools to water your oak trees to mimic nature if drought conditions continue.

For more information contact the Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council at 355-0741 or 355-9350. E-mail: smfiresafecouncil@hotmail.com

CREATE AT LEAST 100 FEET OF DEFENSIBLE SPACE TO...
PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM WILDFIRE

FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO WWW.FIRESAFECOUNCIL.ORG

Shigella Outbreak Update

Pasadena Public Health Department's (PPHD) ongoing shigella outbreak investigation with LA County Department of Public Health, has identified 44 confirmed or suspected cases linked to the Souplantation in Pasadena. Thirteen of the cases have been verified by laboratory testing; the samples are undergoing additional testing to determine if the strain is related to any other outbreaks in the U.S. Additional reported cases are awaiting confirmation and are under investigation.

On Aug. 2 Pasadena Public Health Department narrowed down the site of the outbreak to customers who ate at the Souplantation at 201 S. Lake Ave. in Pasadena between July 22 and July 25. The restaurant, which voluntarily closed on Aug. 3, reopened today. Souplantation's customer service number for questions about the shigella issue, set up last week, is (800) 328-7761.

Souplantation's management worked this week with PPHD to implement on-site food handling safety and storage classes

for all employees in Pasadena. Although environmental health inspectors did not identify any violations at the site during this investigation, the restaurant has conducted a thorough deep cleaning and sanitizing of their entire facility. Pasadena Public Health Department's Environmental Health Division staff completed follow-up inspections Aug. yesterday and today. In cooperation with the restaurant, all employees at the Pasadena location were evaluated over the past week and must be cleared by PPHD before they can return to work.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shigellosis is an infectious disease caused by shigella, a group of bacteria that can cause severe diarrhea in humans. Other symptoms may include fever and abdominal cramps. Illness often occurs one to two days after exposure to shigella and can last five to seven days or more. The bacteria can pass from one infected person to the next, often through stool or soiled fingers. For more information contact www.cityofpasadena.net/publichealth or call (626) 744-6005.



BEVIN EUSTACE REALTOR®

(626) 821-1213 BUSINESS
(626) 808-7403 CELL
(626) 447-0388 FAX
bevinaeustace@aol.com



RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE
15 EAST FOOTHILL BLVD.
Arcadia, CA 91006
www.bevineustace.com

Owned and Operated by NRT Inc

SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During the week of Sunday, July 29th, to Saturday August 4th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to about 274 calls for service.

Sunday, July 29th

10:53 am – Auto burglary, 200 block West Carter Ave. A resident reported that his MP3 player, Lacie hard drive and a Dell lap top computer were stolen from his locked car, though two windows were partially open. The theft occurred Monday, 7/29 between 3:00 a.m. and 10:10 am. The loss was estimated at \$650.00.

11:50 am – Attempted residential burglary, 500 block Woodland Drive. A resident reported finding the latch on her garage door bent, but the door was not opened. The crime occurred between Thursday, July 26th and Sunday, July 29th.

Monday, July 30th

7:49 pm – Disturbance, 70 West Sierra Madre Blvd. Officers were dispatched to the Buccaneer Bar regarding a patron refusing to leave. Upon arrival officer found an intoxicated man. The officers arrested the man was arrested and took him to the Pasadena jail for booking.

Tuesday, July 31st

12:25 am – Traffic stop, West Sierra Madre Blvd and Auburn Ave. Patrol officers stopped a car for a traffic violation. During the investigation the driver was found to be under the influence of a controlled narcotic. The driver was arrested and transported the Pasadena Jail for remand.

Wednesday, August 1st

4:09 pm – Disturbance, 300 block East Sierra Madre Blvd. A resident called to report he was assaulted by his wife and she had just left his home. An officer arrived and determined that the assault was mutual, and both the husband and wife were arrested.

Saturday, August 4th

12:33 am – DUI arrest, Holdman Ave and San Gabriel Ct. A citizen reported a car driving on a flat tire. An officer stopped the vehicle and determined that the motorist was driving under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested and transported to the Pasadena Jail.



Environmentally Speaking,
"Did You Know?"

You're invited!

To: SMEAC's Annual Potluck and General Meeting
When: Wednesday, August 29 at 6:30 P.M.
Where: The Park House in Hart Memorial Park (Senior Center)
222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre
Why: To meet and share ideas with like-minded individuals who want to help save our environment.

Our distinguished speaker will be
Mayor of Sierra Madre herself, Enid Joffe!

Her topic: "Alternative Fuels and Renewable Energy."

Mayor Joffe, an expert on this topic, has worked in this field for fourteen years. After working at Southern California Edison, she and her business partner, also from Edison, now own their own business, Clean Fuel Connection. Their company provides fueling infrastructure for electric and gas powered vehicles and has now expanded into solar energy.

Please call Alison Wesley (626-355-1544) or Midge Morash (626-355-7606) to indicate how many are coming and what you would like to bring to the potluck.

Brought to you by:
Sierra Madre Environmental Action Council (SMEAC)
P.O. Box 85 Sierra Madre, Ca. 91025-0085
"Your thoughts and comments are welcome..."

HAZARDOUS WASTE ROUNDUP Saturday August 18, 2007

The Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up will be coming to Sierra Madre on Saturday August 18, 2007 from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM at the Mariposa Avenue Parking Lot (just west of Baldwin Ave.) and is open to all Los Angeles County residents. Bring items in a sturdy box, preferably in their original labeled containers and do not mix items together. Be prepared to leave your containers and boxes, making sure to remove all other items from your trunk.

What you CAN bring:
• Brake fluid, paint, paint thinner, cleaners with acid or lye, pesticides or herbicides, household batteries and car batteries, pool chemicals, motor oil, oil filters, expired pharmaceuticals, anti-freeze & fluorescent light bulbs.

• Computer monitors, televisions, computer CPUs, keyboards, printers, cellular phones, etc.

What you CAN'T bring:
Hazardous waste and electronic waste from businesses.

Explosives, ammunition and radioactive materials.

Trash and tires

White goods such as refrigerators, stoves and washing machines, etc.

For a complete list of what you can and cannot bring or information on events, contact: (888) CLEAN-LA www.888cleanla.com or: (800) 238-0172 www.lacsd.org

*There is a limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste per trip.

CANNOT LOSE WEIGHT?
TRIED EVERYTHING AND NOTHING WORKS?
TRY LEARNING TO EAT RIGHT!

New Method

THIS PROGRAM REALLY WORKS WELL!

STARTING DATE DEPENDS ON YOU
7:00 TO 8:20 PM ONCE A WEEK FOR 4 WEEKS

DR. JERRY MCKEE
(626) 792-1000

HOMEMAID
Cleaning Services

Call 626.836.8353
Fax 626.836.8373

Arts & Architecture

By Virginia Olive Hoge

Alexei Jawlensky (1864-1941)



On special exhibition at the The Norton Simon Museum of Art is an exhibit of paintings by Alexei Jawlensky (1864-1941), a Russian ex-patriot, German-Expressionist who was lucky enough to be a young art student just after Van Gogh's death, when his work began inspiring painters like lightening. Jawlensky became immortalized (some would call it "immobilized") by art history in H. W. Janson's art history tomb "Janson's History of Art".

His painting "Blonde" was in every edition and was one of my favorites, I remember, as a young artist who spent (too) many nights pouring over Janson's book (the only art history book I owned). I now recognize that the painting possesses a graphic sensibility (beautiful use of graphic color) that translated well into the miniature (about 2' x 2") size that was reproduced in the book. This is still a good painting, and you can see it in the rare context of the series in which it was created (always a treat for painting-buffs).

His early Russian training (under the great Ilya Repin) shows. The strong use of black contour lines and wild color made for an arresting series and you can see why his work was chosen to illustrate "German Expressionism" by Janson. There are many good paintings in this series, the best of which are available as posters in the gift shop.

Unfortunately, the exhibition ultimately stands more as a sad testament to the pitfalls of Modernism on an individual artist than as a tribute to Jawlensky's ultimately redundant work. This was the beginning of the scourge of "isms" which has clouded modern art ever since. It was also around this time which began the rise of hyperbole in art. This is all clearly illustrated here with Jawlensky being unflatteringly reproduced in a massive photo blow-up on the wall, in what must have been his most arrogant pose. His spectacles dangle from a manicured hand, he wears a sporty, expensive suit and gazes loftily at the camera. Here he was, in 1920, at the height of his success. His benefactress was in his pocket (also represented by a massive photo blow-up on the opposite wall where she stands dressed in full Victorian regalia). She looks (suspiciously) like a dead-ringer for the woman in his painting "Blonde". We learn that she was an impresario who invented her own movement, "The Blue Four," after shrewdly observing how well Kandinsky's group, "The Blue Rider" (Der Blaue Reiter) went over. She took his work to America. She was an intellectual and espoused his work as the "latest European thing," which of course interested investors.

All of this makes interesting reading, and it's a good thing, because the work goes sharply downhill after the first series. Three series are exhibited here and they show a marked deterioration in quality as the years wear on. Jawlensky appears to get "stuck" on being "avant garde", he felt compelled to stick with the subject matter which had made his success, much to the detriment of his art, a harbinger of what was to follow.



Norton Simon Museum On view through November 5, 2007

The Arts

PARADISE LOST: SHADOWS AND WINGS

A Theater Performance Review by: Despina Tsiknas-Arzuoman

I would like to begin by saying that I feel that this show belongs on Broadway, and everyone reading this review should get tickets to see it before it leaves The Theatre at Boston Court in Pasadena. Paradise Lost: Shadows and Wings is a musical-play written by Eric Whitacre, which was inspired by the epic mythic poem written by Milton. Whitacre's spark of brilliance in using multimedia elements -- i.e. operatic singing, martial arts, and even anime -- must have attracted the attention of real angelic powers because it is obvious they all came to assist him, as well as the co-artistic directors, Jessica Kubzansky, and director, Michael Michetti. Everyone involved in this production did... Really Good.

It is stupendous how clearly this play captured -- on a stage -- the paradoxical struggle that goes on within each of our mind, our brain, and our psyche, from the time we come into conscious awareness and as we grow into adulthood. For most people, on average, we come into this world and begin to grasp certain "rules of living" during adolescence. And that is also when the initial stages of confusion set in: because we observe that there is a huge rift between the "rules" that govern the heavenly path, and the nature rules that follow the "ways of the world."

Paradise Lost is a completely contained metaphor that is simultaneously illustrating the manifest expression thereof on the physical plane. It is the never-ending story containing many levels of meaning -- and that is where the confusion lies -- because spiritual interpretation and human (or literal) interpretation do not translate identically.

The stage setting is a cave. The character portrayals accurately personified various universal principles and the adjunct spiritual conscious awareness thereof, which are then pitted-against what is of human law and order, and of human emotions of feeling and desire. It dramatizes both human and spiritual consequences which follow what choices are made. Such paradigms play-out over and over again in our own mind, within the family unit, within the local political structure, at the federal level, and on a global scale -- each "side" being wrought with counterfeit ways, pitfalls, false prophets and leaders, and the existential confusion that follows. Ultimately, it is not one or the other -- it is learning to balance between both -- and not choosing one above the other.

Dan Callaway, who personified "Logos," was magnificent; and Hila Plitmann who personified "Exstasis" (Logos' "sister") was superb. The singing and acting of every single actor was exceptional. Their performances were what theatre is really about. Bravo!

PARADISE LOST: Shadows and Wings will be playing until September 2nd at The Theatre at Boston Court, 701 N. Mentor, Pasadena, CA. For additional information call (626) 683-6883, ext. 106; go to their website at www.bostoncourt.com.

BARBARA MORRISON AND FRIENDS:

Jazz and Blues Legend at One Colorado

Fresh from her European tour, international jazz and blues vocalist Barbara Morrison will spend a month of Saturdays in the Courtyard at One Colorado. Morrison has one of the most distinctive voices in the music world. Her cool, elegant and passionate interpretations of American classics are delivered with high-class polish and grace. She and her variety of guests will bring back an era of sophistication that evokes Ella Fitzgerald, Etta James and Dinah Washington, with whom Morrison has been compared. Concerts begin at 9:00 P.M. and are free and open to the public.

Saturday, August 11

Barbara Morrison and "The Bu Crew" will take you to the days of Motown with the Motown Sounds and special guests Charles Small, Ronald Bishop, Richard Taylor and Peter Buck. Get ready for a night of songs by Smokey Robinson, The Temptations, The Supremes and Marvin Gaye.

Saturday, August 18

A Tribute to The First Lady of Song, Ella Fitzgerald. In honor of the 90th anniversary of Fitzgerald's birth, Barbara Morrison & "The Bu Crew" will present an evening devoted to one of the most influential vocalists of the 20th century with songs like *Mac the Knife*, *Everytime We Say Goodbye* and *We'll Take Manhattan*.

Saturday, August 25

Momma Blues. Fiveswingin' blues mommas will burn the night away. Featured will be some of California's top female blues artists.

The One Colorado Courtyard is located center-block between Colorado, Fair Oaks, Union and Delacey in Old Pasadena. www.onecolorado.com



DICKSON PODLEY REALTORS

Donna Baker
626.408.1408 • 626.487.0820
www.4SaleByDonna.com

Traditional Homes



CUTETRADITIONAL WITH CITY LIGHTS VIEW

247 E. HILLCREST BLVD. MONROVIA
OFFERED AT \$629,000

3 BEDROOMS & 2 BATHS



IMMACULATE RANCH-STYLE HOME

2152 S. BUENOS AIRES DRIVE, COVINA
OFFERED AT \$980,000

3 BEDROOMS & 2.5 BATHS



CUTETRADITIONAL HOME

751 MOUNTAIN VIEW AVENUE, MONROVIA
REDUCED PRICE \$595,000

3 BEDROOMS & 2 BATHS



IMMACULATE RANCH-STYLE HOME

317 CIRCLE OAK DRIVE, MONROVIA
OFFERED AT \$920,000

3 BEDROOMS & 2 BATHS



CUTETRADITIONAL WITH UPGRADES

732 MONTEREY AVENUE, MONROVIA
OFFERED AT \$475,000

2 BEDROOMS & 2 BATHS

Ed Alverno, Arroyo Pacific Academy, La Salle, Maranatha, Pasadena High School, St. Francis, Sierra Mesa Middle School, The Barnhart School, The Gooden School, Field Elementary, Sierra Madre Elementary School, Bethany Christian, St. Rita's, Wilson Middle School, Odyssey Charter School, Norma Coombs Alternative School, Weizmann Day School and the PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Foothill Unity Center Seeks Volunteers, Donations for Back-to-School Event

Vons Foundation Again Major Sponsor of Annual Distribution for Local Kids in Need

Foothill Unity Center is looking for volunteers on several days in August to help sort and package school supplies, set up, and staff Foothill Unity Center's annual Back-to-School Distribution on Thursday, August 23, at Santa Anita Park racetrack.

As many as 1,000 or more pre-registered K-12 grade children of qualified client families from Altadena, Arcadia, Bradbury, Duarte, Monrovia, Pasadena, Sierra Madre and South Pasadena will be given the clothing and supplies they need to start the new school year, including uniforms, backpacks, shoes, socks, underwear, school supplies, haircuts and manicures. For the fifth year, Vons Foundation has awarded a major grant to support this event.

Volunteers are needed to help sort and package school supplies and other items on weekdays from August 10 to 20. Help is also needed to set up the event on Wednesday, August 22, between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., and to staff event shifts on the following day. Shifts are 8 a.m. to 12 noon, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Center is also seeking donations of or funds to purchase specific school supplies: crayons and colored pencils (24 ct. boxes), mechanical pencils (.5 mm), blue and black ink pens, #2 pencils, pencil sharpeners, highlighters, fine tip markers (8 ct. box), glue sticks, 12" rulers, erasers, calculators, round-tip scissors, spiral notebooks, single-subject spiral notebooks, college-ruled and wide-ruled 3-hole filler paper.

Cosmetology students from Citrus College and local salon professionals will once again volunteer their time to give children haircuts and manicures. Paint-N-Play will give each child the opportunity to paint a ceramic item of his or her choice. The Monrovia Family Restaurant will provide lunch for some 400 volunteers working the event.

"Being ready for that critical first day of school not only gives a child a good start, but quite possibly a better year," notes Center Executive Director Joan Whitenack. "The other day, a woman called me to ask if she could help. I sensed this was extremely important to her, and asked her why. For many years, I missed the first two days of school," she explained. "My family couldn't get me the things I needed, and I couldn't handle the looks and being laughed at. It was hard, because I never seemed to catch up on what I missed. I thought: this is exactly why we do this — so no child ever has to feel that way."

For more information on Back-to-School donations or volunteer opportunities, call Betty or Lynn at Foothill Unity Center, (626) 358-3486.

Foothill Unity Center provides a range of services unparalleled not only in the San Gabriel Valley, but across Los Angeles County. Operating with a small staff and a corps of dedicated volunteers, the nonprofit, nondenominational organization distributed nearly 1.2 million pounds of food to 2,056 unduplicated very low-income families last year. It also provides clothing, limited motel vouchers, and referrals to the homeless and people in crisis. Clients meet stringent income guidelines and are requalified annually. Over 70% are children and seniors.

Hot Fun In The Summertime

Pasadena Jazz Institute's Summer Jazz Camp For Kids Is A Big Hit



Justine 18, a talented vocalist also plays the vibraphone. Instructor Nick Mancini gives her a few tips as Austin a 16 year old bass guitar playing follows.



Dant, 11 years old, gets his groove on with his drums.



From left to right: Courtney and Laurence both 14 and 13 year old Zoe all play Alto Sax.

Paul Lines and The Pasadena Jazz Institute offer children of all ages the opportunity to participate in a week long Jazz Camp during the summer. For more information go to: www.pasjazz.org/

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Arroyo Pacific Academy
41 W. Santa Clara St.
Arcadia
(626) 294-0661

Alverno High School
200 N. Michillinda
(626) 355-3463

Bethany Christian School
93 N. Baldwin Ave.
(626) 355-3527

The Gooden School
192 N. Baldwin Ave.
(626) 355-2410
www.goodenschool.org

LaSalle High School
3880 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Pasadena
(626) 351-8951

Odyssey Charter School
725 W. Altadena Dr.
Altadena, CA
(626) 229-0993
www.odysseycharterschool.com

Pasadena High School
2925 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Pasadena
(626) 798-8901

Sierra Madre Elementary School
141 W. Highland Ave.
(626) 355-1428

Sierra Madre Middle School
160 N. Canon
(626) 836-2947

St. Rita's Catholic School
322 N. Baldwin Ave.
(626) 355-9028

Weizmann Day School
1434 N. Altadena Drive
Pasadena, CA 91107
626-797-0204
Lisa Feldman Head of School

TRISH's TRUTH

Responsibility

By Trisha Collins

Responsibility. It's different for every person and varies between age groups and roles. For instance, a parent's responsibility is to care and provide for their children. As a secretary, it is their responsibility to make sure phone calls and appointments are recorded. But what are teens' daily responsibilities? Are they up to par with the demanding responsibilities of elders? Many adults feel that children and teens have responsibilities that are insignificant compared to theirs. True, we don't have to pay bills or provide for the whole family, but we, as teenagers, do have our own responsibilities and stress to worry about.

Every teenager has their usual jobs and tasks they are responsible for taking care of. This includes making sure their room is generally clean and presentable. Personally, I have to make sure a number of things are in order by a certain time. I have chores that must be done and if they aren't, it is my responsibility, and I must take the blame. Naturally, with responsibility comes sacrifice. Just like adults, we teens have to sacrifice things we want to do because of prior

commitments we have. Many times we have to say no to an invite because of our responsibilities at home. You may think, "All, they have to do is a couple chores, they call that a major responsibility?" But there is more, so much more.

If you are the eldest of your brothers and sisters, you are usually responsible for them when your parents aren't present. That means that even if you had planned to go to the movies that night and your parents are out, you automatically must baby-sit them. And if one of your siblings were to break something while your parents were gone, you would get in trouble for it. Then, you'll protest and explain to them that you didn't break it, so you shouldn't get in trouble. That's when they'll probably give you the "responsibility speech", saying that they were your responsibility so you must step up and take the blame, which is very true. Sometimes you have to step out of your element and just take the punishment, knowing that your parents only have your best interests at heart.

Of course I couldn't forget about school! School is supposed to be the teenagers' main priority and responsibility. It's the student's responsibility to make sure their assignments are in on time, and that their all the requirements are met. When you don't understand something in class, it is the individual's responsibility to ask questions and make sure they have a full understanding of what had been taught. So the grades you get, are the grades you earned, because in the end, you are held responsible.

Trish Collins is a 14 year old High School Student.

LOFT ONE-22

HAIR DESIGNS

122 North Baldwin, Sierra Madre

SHERI SEMIEN (626) 394-6691
HAIR DESIGNS & FACIALWAXING

CORINA GARCIA (909) 908-4254
HAIR DESIGNER/MAKE-UP ARTIST

New Customers - First Haircut
\$10 off if you mention this ad

FOOT MASSAGE 足浴

GRAND OPENING SPECIAL

FREE Massage for neck, shoulder and back

Tel: 626 359 2328

589 W. FOOTHILL BLVD
MONROVIA CA 91016
(Corner Of 5th Ave & Foothill Blvd.)
Business Hours: Open 7 Days 10am - 10pm

\$19.99 One hour

Map showing location at the intersection of Sierra Madre Blvd and Foothill Blvd, near Huntington Dr.

REFLEXOLOGY CAN HELP!

REDUCE STRESS,
PROMOTE NATURAL HEALING,
BALANCE ENERGY,
STIMULATE CIRCULATION,
RELIEVE PAIN, REDUCE SWELLING,
FEEL HEALTHIER!

For Carpal Tunnel:
MYOFASCIAL BACK & NECK RELEASE
with REFLEXOLOGY COMBO
IT WORKS GREAT!!

Located in Sierra Madre
(626) 355-3414

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE -
despina@footmarts-reflexology.com

FOOTSMARTS

REFLEXOLOGY
Licensure #123456
(626) 355-3414
Despina Arzouman
Certified Reflexologist
www.footmarts-reflexology.com

Termite & Pest Control

ACCURACY PLUS
www.accuracypluspestcontrol.com

DON'T TEST YOUR HOME USE ACCURA-FOAM

Call for Inspection and Free Estimate
NATIONAL CHARGES FOR ESCROW

(562) 690-7700
(888) 675-0258
(949) 945-1127

Our Accura-Foam Treatment is designed to Eliminate Present and Prevent Future Termite Infestation

- Environment Friendly
- Non 3-5 Day Move Out
- Warranty to Entire Home
- Virtually Odorless
- No Rod Damage

We also eliminate
Ants, Roaches, Fleas, Rats and Mice

Complete Wood Repair and Replacement

SAVE \$5 Mention this flyer and receive

\$200 ⁰⁰	SAVE 10%	Pest Control \$48 ⁰⁰
on average COMPLETE	off any	1 hour treatment with application of Accura-Foam
Application	SPOT Treatment	one year service agreement
		Call for details \$123 ⁰⁰

Se Habla Espanol



MountainViews-Observer

OPINION

MountainViews-Observer

Publisher/Editor
Susan Henderson

City Editor
Dean Lee

Photography
Buddy Windsor
Jacqueline Truong

Contributors
Kyle McClure
Pat Birdsall
Bob Eklund
Maddeline Miller
Paul the Cyberian
Kim Clymer-Kelly
Peter Dills
Pat Ostrye
Rich Johnson
Chris Bertrand
Virginia Hoge
Caroline Brown
Sir Eric Maundry
Stanley J. Forrester

Student Correspondents

Pasadena High School
Alverno High School
Oak Crest Institute of Science
Grace Persico
Trisha Collins

Editorial Cartoonist

Ann Cleaves

Web Master

Gary Miller

For Advertising Inquiries contact:

JULIE PUTERBAUGH
626-836-6524

MASTROMEDIA INC.
626-799-7129

MVN (Mountain Views) now known as MountainViews-Observer has been adjudicated as a newspaper of General Circulation for the County of Los Angeles in Court Case number C5004724, for the City of Sierra Madre, in Court Case C5005940 and for the City of Monrovia in Court Case No. C5006089 and is published every Friday at 37 Auburn Avenue, Suite 8, Sierra Madre, California, 91024. All contents are copyrighted and may not be reproduced without the express written consent of the publisher. All rights reserved. All submissions to this newspaper become the property of the MountainViews-Observer and may be published in part or whole. Opinions and views expressed by the writers printed in this paper do not necessarily express the views and opinions of the publisher or staff of the MountainViews-Observer. MountainViews-Observer is wholly owned by MVVO, Inc. and reserves the right to refuse publication of advertisements and other materials submitted for publication.

All letters to the editor and correspondence should be sent to: MountainViews-Observer, 280 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. #327, Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024. Phone: 626-355-2737. Fax: 626-604-4548. email: mvobserver@aol.com



Mountain Views-Observer Mission Statement

We honor the traditions of the community newspaper and place our readers above all other concerns. We deliver local, state and national news every week. We support a prosperous community of well-informed citizens. We hold in high regard the values of the exceptional quality of life in our community, including the magnificence of our natural resources. Integrity will be our guide.



A Bitter Pill

By Susan Henderson

bitter (adj): distasteful or distressing to the mind; **pill** (n): medicinal or dietary preparation

A little more than a year ago, a good friend of mine, Betty Harris, passed away after a valiant fight with cancer. On several occasions before her death, I would accompany her to the doctor. I learned a lot of things from Betty, a lot about courage, a lot about determination and a lot about what will power. Unfortunately, I also learned a lot about how our society has lost control of the delivery of quality, affordable health care, and in particular, our prescription drugs. On one visit we actually paid \$50 for two pills. Two Pills, at Kaiser, under Medicare! *How Terribly Distressing.*

But even more disturbing was an updated 60 Minutes report on how the drug lobby has a chokehold on the US Congress. Remember that Medicare Prescription Drug bill that passed about 3 1/2 years ago? Well, it prohibits Medicare from negotiating with drug companies to lower their prices. For example the cholesterol lowering drug, Zocor is sold to the Veterans Administration for \$127.44 per year per prescription. Medicare, however, pays \$1,485.96 per year for the same drug for each Medicare prescription! (Can you imagine what private insurance pays?) How did this happen? Is it because the pharmaceutical lobbyists outnumber congressman 2 to 1? Drug companies spend over 100 million dollars a year on campaign contributions, etc., in order to have their way with our lawmakers. So it should be no surprise that when decisions are made about prescription drugs, the true dope dealers have everyone's attention.

That bill was a windfall for drug companies who made and make billions as a result. Of the people who worked on getting the bill passed, the majority of the committee staffers (15) left government service to work for the drug lobby in a variety of positions; the Chief Administrator for Medicare who did the negotiating, Tom Scully, quit his job and now is a pharmaceutical lobbyist, and Former Congressman Billy Tauzin who left Congress voluntarily right after the President signed the bill, went to work for the industry at a salary of \$2 million per year. By the way, that Medicare Bill expanded coverage to 41 million Americans. Don't get me wrong, the expanded coverage is wonderful. The legislated inability for the government to negotiate a better price is sinful.



In My Opinion By Steve Tobia

Eye Glasses and Hearing Aids Needed

As my first opinion editorial in the new MountainViews-Observer, I had to decide how I

wanted to respond to some of the quirky guest columnists that Susan allows in her newspaper. Humor, ridicule, factual information, and little sarcasm all came to mind.

Whoever is calling themselves, "Sir Eric Maundry" without a real photo, should really take off the cloak and dagger and reveal their true identity. You have to wonder why some self-anointed upstart that wants to be associated with England's royalty can be given any credibility for understanding America's tax system. But then again, England's royal family doesn't work or pay taxes - they just pontificate to the masses.

The Sir or Madam wrote last week that there is so much money in the coffers of Sierra Madre that some simple solutions should be put in place. I wonder if this "conspiracy" advocate ever listened to the legal counsel or read the State of California tax laws. But then again, maybe there is something in those tea leaves the Sir and the other tea-toters are drinking.

In California, unlike England, a city council cannot take funds that have been collected under Community Redevelopment Agencies and merely switch the funds to general operations. And when the Federal

Any clue now as to why that pill you take every morning is so bitter?

To make matters worse, while prohibiting Americans from getting their prescriptions from Canada at a much lower price, our country has allowed, through insufficient control of Chinese imports, millions of counterfeit medications to flood store shelves. These drugs are not a cheaper version of the drugs that we take, they are complete fakes. Drugs claiming to be authentic Procrit (for cancer patients), Lipitor and Zocor (for cholesterol), Tamiflu (bird flu vaccine), and even Viagra, to name a few, have been allowed to sit on the shelves of our pharmacies. I am not speaking of drugs purchased over the internet, although they too are suspect, I am speaking of drugs that have been bought by major chains and retail outlets. These imitations contain very little, if any, of the ingredients that can save lives. They contain a lot of ingredients which, while they may be harmless, do not address the conditions for which they are prescribed. And, to make matters worse, you cannot distinguish their looks from the authentic drugs.

In the last 30 years we have, to our detriment, ignored warnings about our environment, failed to protect and educate our children and now, sold the sick, infirmed and elderly to the highest bidder. We have no one who can be trusted to protect us and we have no one to blame but ourselves.

One of the 'benefits' to being an American and living in this country has always been this notion that we were protected from certain kinds of corruption. We have looked down our noses at other countries with their scandals and never thought that while doing so, our own country had fallen prey to real drug dealers and pimps who compromise our delivery system for health care services. These guys aren't the kind you see on the 6 o'clock news - oh - sorry, yes they are. They are the ones with the suits and ties asking for votes. They are the ones pimping our economy and our wallets. They are the ones not only selling us down the drain but also charging us for the right to be sold. And they are the ones that just don't care what we swallow and how it gets here.

This morning I stood in front of my mirror, (don't ask me why I stand in front of the mirror to take a pill, I've always done that), opened my prescriptions and looked at them in my hand. Then I raised my cup and swallowed them, putting their cost at the back of my mind all the while praying that this medication was exactly what the doctor ordered and not what some opportunist scammed into the country. I don't know what it will take to get us to set our priorities in order. I do know that I am just embarrassed that, in this 'land of opportunity', nothing is sacred. And, I do know that I worry about all those bitter pills we are forced to swallow. s.henderson@mvobserver.com



Around The Town With Sir Eric Maundry

"A lawyer with his briefcase can steal more than a hundred men with guns." - Don Corleone

As was reported in this paper a couple of weeks back, the company owning the properties at One Carter ran into a little financial difficulty (among other things), and was caused by this misfortune to sell off its bucolic mountainside holdings. Long a target of controversy in this development-leery locale, the litigious folks at Dorn Platz could not be called the most popular developer in town. But they did have their well-connected supporters, and some worked hard to get them the concessions they demanded. Tales of *Enid Joffe* and *Joe Mosca* frantically running about town holding meetings and conferences to find "solutions" that would help us "avoid lawsuits" on this and other development issues have been local newspaper fodder for months. Never mind that we have ordinances in place prohibiting the kinds of things these developers want, let's just pretend that we're going broke and capitulate because it would be too expensive for us to protect this community's real interests ... So how will our eager enablers of mega-development react to the new owners at One Carter? First we'll need to discuss exactly who these new owners really are ...

John Laing Homes, ostensibly the purchaser of the One Carter properties, has been around for 150 or so years. Headquartered in Newport Beach, they were the second largest privately held home builder in the nation. John Laing Homes received numerous awards in recent times, "Best Builder of the Year" and "Most Admired Builder of the Year" being two of the most prestigious. So what problem could anyone have with a fine California company such as this? Well, and as is the case with many great American corporations in these de-evolutionary times, something unpleasant happened. In an article published on June 8 of 2006, Building Online reported that John Laing Homes had been purchased for \$1.05 billion by the Dubai-based firm Emaar Properties. Mohamed Ali Alabbas, the Chairman of Emaar, had the following to say about the transaction: "Partnering with John Laing Homes is consistent with our strategy of expanding

our business on a global basis beyond Dubai. This agreement will provide Emaar with an important gateway into the U.S. real estate market." Congratulations, Sierra Madre, you are now a gateway for Middle Eastern oil interests looking to diversify their vast holdings....

So what kind of place is this Dubai, the most important Emirate within the oil-rich United Arab Emirates? In the article "An Unlikely Criminal Crossroads," published in late 2005, U.S. News & World Report paints this rather unsavory picture: "Dubai serves as the region's criminal crossroads, a hub for smuggling, money laundering, and underground banking. There are Russian and Indian mobsters, Iranian arms traffickers, and Arab jihadists. Funds for the 9/11 hijackers and African embassy bombers were transferred through the city. It was the heart of Pakistani scientist A.Q. Khan's black market in nuclear technology. Half of all applicants to buy U.S. military equipment from Dubai are from bogus front companies. 'Iran,' adds one U.S. official, 'is building a bomb through Dubai.' Seems to be quite a colorful place. Kind of like the bar scene from Star Wars, except in this case some of the characters are Islamic Terrorists looking to buy a nuclear weapon. Almost makes you nostalgic for Dorn Platz ...

I suspect our new neighbors at Emaar Properties believe that with their billions of dollars in resources any "local issues" they might face regarding One Carter will have only a minimal impact on their plans to build heavily there. And I am certain that as things stand today Emaar can be confident of getting a 3 to 2 vote of approval on anything they want from our City Council. (I can almost hear Joe saying, "You know, I've always admired Sheikh. Think they'd like our bake sale?") But they have never met the kind of badass Sierra Madreans I know. Emaar is in for a bit of a surprise ... I definitely need a drink after writing this one. Brrr. And it's only 9AM? But hey, I'll bet it's already happy hour in Dubai! ...

Always a pleasure to hear from a friend ... Write me at eric.maundry@yahoo.com

Letters To The Editor

Facts For Sir Eric:

Dear Editor:

Sir Eric gave some erroneous information in his column regarding various projects in Sierra Madre. The projects he named are not paid out of the general fund, and diverting the monies to the general fund reserves could be considered a fraudulent act by the City of Sierra Madre.

The Goldberg parcel will be paid in three payments over three years. The first years payment is paid by money received from the sale of land to the Community Nursery School. The School was on parkland, so the monies could only be spent on parkland. (Total sale price of land to nursery school was \$1.2 million. \$200,000 down, rest in installments paid through tuition.)

The second and third years payments of Goldberg parcel will be paid with accrued Quimby development funds...no General Fund money will be used for the purchase.

The money for the park improvements will come from:

\$10,000 from the Goldbergs

\$10,000 from Rotary

\$60,000 from the County, park grant

Mrs. Goldberg is heading up a drive for more donations from the public where the community can donate a bench/tree/etc. in the name of a loved one.

No General Fund money will be used for the Goldberg Park.

The Sierra Madre Room renovation is entirely paid for with Federal Grant monies.

No General Fund money will be used for the upgrades of the Sierra Madre Room.

The CNG facility will be paid for entirely with County grant money.

No General Fund money will be used for the fueling station.

The library project is being funded with donations from the Friends, Rotary, and Civic Club. Public Works provided the labor for the demolition and ADA parking stalls but donations be used to reimburse the City for the materials used. The old parking stalls that had handicapped parking signs, but did not meet ADA requirements. They just had the signage to provide a closer location for those who with an ADA placard or license plate. No grass will be planted. Plants requiring minimal water will create a border, the interior will be decompressed granite and recycled tables and benches from the California Recycling Fund will be placed in the plaza area. The city will be reimbursed for any expenditures.

Regards,

Margaret Quigley, Sierra Madre

Not The Sierra Madre News

Dear Susan:

As former owner of the Sierra Madre News (1980-1994) I was surprised to read in the MountainViews-Observer that the Mountain Views newspaper evolved from the Sierra Madre News. That is not true.

The Sierra Madre News was founded on Oct. 2, 1907, and had several owners before my husband and I purchased it from Bob Evans. My first edition was published on Oct. 2, 1980, and I owned it until 1994 when I sold the paper to Michael De Wees, who abandoned the paper two years later, going into bankruptcy and ceasing publication.

There is no relationship or other connection whatsoever between the Sierra Madre News, founded in 1907, and any present news sources.

I would really appreciate your clearing this up for the foothill communities.

Best of luck in your venture. You'll find that Sierra Madre is the greatest little town in the world!

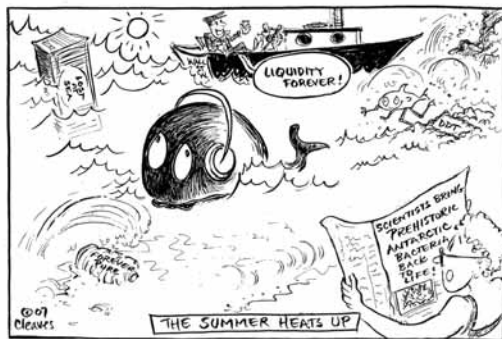
Cordially, Jan Reed

Predators In Sierra Madre

I have lived in Sierra Madre for 23 years and like most of the citizens, love this town very much. It's good to see that people want to keep our village quaint and low-keyed. We are very quick to fight off high rise construction, building a school in the mountain side, etc. but we don't seem to be very concerned for the safety of the children. Maybe because I don't have children and obviously would not be privy to any discussions on this subject, I don't hear what is going on. However, I do think you should be aware that there are three child predators right here in town. There are several web sites where one can check to see who is in their neighborhood. The site I used, www.lasds.org listed the three individuals - and I was shocked to see one of the predators is from a well known Sierra Madre family.

I encourage all of you (especially parents) to check out this web site. I don't have an answer as to how to fix this problem (I wish I did) but I do think the good people of this town need a "heads up".

Sincerely, Carroll Brown



CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

Great Full and P/T Opportunities Available With The Mountain Views-Observer.

Currently looking for the following:

Sales Persons

Administrative Assistant

Production Assistant

Clerk Typist

Reporters

Call 626-355-2737 or send your resume including salary requirements to:

mvoobserver@aol.com

Stylist Space Available

In the premier hair salon of Sierra Madre. Work with good people in a great atmosphere.

Call 355-0521

Days in Cancun, Mexico

Condo has 1 Rm. with 2 Beds, Living Rm., with Sofa Bed, the Kitchen is full equipped, 2 Bathrooms, Dining Rm., each room has TV & Phone, it accommodate 6 people, also has nice Swimming Pool and nice Restaurant

7 Days in Ixtapa, Mexico

Condo has 1 Rm. another room has 2 Beds, 2 Bathroom, the Kitchen is full equipped, with nice Dining Room, also has Jacuzzi, each room has TV & Phone, and a Laundry Room. also has very nice Swimming Pool, and very nice Restaurant. Condo has a beautiful ocean view that overlooks Ixtapa

Contact Nick @ 714-662-5563

FOUND

Computer

Call Monrovia PD

Case No. 07006341

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA - EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Management Analyst \$3,808 - \$4,761 monthly
Application Deadline: Wednesday, August 8th at 4:00 pm

Position

The City of Sierra Madre is seeking an enthusiastic team player to work in the Public Works and City Manager's Office under general administrative direction, performs complex entry-level budgetary, legislative, financial, administrative and analytical support duties for an assigned department and/or division; oversees assigned administrative processes, procedures and programs; coordinates assigned activities, program and special projects with other City departments, outside agencies and the general public.

The City of Sierra Madre

The City of Sierra Madre, a 2007 All-America City, is a unique foothill village located in Los Angeles County at the base of the San Gabriel Valley Mountains with a population of approximately 11,700. The City is a full service municipality operating under the Council/Manager form of government. The City has 65 full-time employees assigned to eight operating departments. The dedicated City staff provides excellent service to the community.

The City was incorporated in 1907 as a General Law city. It has its own Water Department, Library, and Police Department. The City is proud of its Volunteer Fire Department.

City of Sierra Madre Mission Statement

The City of Sierra Madre provides quality, cost-effective public services that preserve the small downtown character and enhance the health, safety and welfare of the community.

The Public Works Department

The Sierra Madre Public Works Department is responsible for production and distribution of potable water to the community, maintenance of all city infrastructure, including street, sewer, storm drain and water systems, maintenance of all city buildings, parks, landscaped areas and city owned trees. The Department also maintains the City's vehicle fleet. Department staff administers the City's contract solid waste disposal, street sweeping and tree trimming services. Staff serves as liaison to the Tree Advisory Commission, administers the City's capital improvement program, and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

The following duties are normal for this position. These are not to be construed as exclusive or all-inclusive. Other duties may be required and assigned.

Assist in the development and implementation of goals, objectives, programs, policies and procedures for assigned work areas, program and special projects;
Continuously monitor and evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of work areas, programs and operations as assigned;

Develop programs and implement projects to improve service delivery efficiency and effectiveness in conjunction with the City Manager;

Interpret regulations, ordinances, codes and laws to ensure compliance;

Represent the City to outside agencies;

Explain and interpret City programs, policies and activities;

Prepare and present staff reports and other necessary correspondence; conduct organizational and operational studies and investigations; recommend modifications to programs, policies and procedures as appropriate;

Review and analyze reports, legislation and related matters;

In conjunction with the City Manager, participate in the preparation and administration of assigned budgets and special projects; maintain proper budgetary controls;

In conjunction with the Director of Public Works, participate in the preparation and administration of assigned Public Works projects; maintain proper budgetary controls; Collect, compile and analyze information from various sources on a variety of specialized topics including financial, budget or administrative issues or questions

Prepare technical records and reports on grants and special projects;

Identify problems, opportunities for improvements, alternatives and make and justify recommendations regarding same;

Administers facility improvement or environmental projects as assigned by the City Manager or Director of Public Works;

Serve as liaison with employees, public and private organizations; represent the City on a variety of community groups, boards, commissions, with State and federal agencies and to other private and public entities;

Provide information and assistance to the public regarding assigned programs and services;

Receive and respond to complaints and questions regarding assigned areas of responsibility;

Assist in contract negotiations; monitor contract compliance;

Prepare and monitor program grants and related proposals;

Prepare and maintain necessary records, files and documents;

Perform other related duties as required.

Supervision Responsibilities

Exercises direct supervision over professional, technical and administrative support staff.

Minimum Qualifications

A Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration, Business Administration or other related field. Master's Degree is desirable and or relevant combination of training and experience which provides the required skills, knowledge and abilities. Must be able to successfully meet and deal with the public and other employees. One year of administrative and analytical experience involving research, analysis, and recommendation of policies, procedures and actions on a variety of administrative issues.

License/Certification Requirements:

Possession of a valid California driver's license; Class "C" or higher.

Compensation

Salary range: \$4,206 to \$4,761 per month. Salary will be negotiated based on qualifications.

Fully paid medical, dental, and vision insurance for the City for the employee and eligible dependents.

Death & disability, life insurance policies, short term disability & PERS level II survivor benefit is provided.

PERS retirement - City participates in the CalPERS retirement system at 2% @ 55. City pays full employee share and counts toward final retirement compensation. No participation in social security.

EPMC: 7% paid by the City is reported as employee's income for calculating retirement benefit.

Deferred Compensation programs are available with ICMA. City contributes \$1,300 annually.

Annual paid leave of 88 vacation hours (for first four years), 14 paid holidays, 80 administrative leave hours and 96 hours of sick leave.

Alternative work schedule 9/80.

Flexible spending accounts for medical and child-care expenses.

Tuition reimbursement and computer loan programs available

Application process

Application deadline: Wednesday, August 8, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.

Candidates should send a completed application and current resume to Miguel Hernandez, Personnel Analyst, Sierra Madre City Hall, 232 West Sierra Madre Boulevard, Sierra Madre CA 91024. Applications can also be faxed to (626) 355-2251.

Applications must be completed and demonstrate that the minimum qualifications are met. All statements made on the application are subject to investigation and verification. Resumes may be attached to completed application forms as supplemental information, but will not be accepted in lieu of an official application form.

The most qualified candidates will be selected to participate in an interview process. All candidates who meet the minimum qualifications will remain candidates until a final offer is accepted by the candidate who most closely meets the requirements of the City. The City may conclude that none of the candidates, even those who meet the minimum qualifications, are appropriate for the position. The position is open until Wednesday, August 8, 2007 at 4:00 p.m..

The successful candidate must pass:

Pre-employment medical exam, including a drug/alcohol screening; and
Reference and background verification, including a credit screening. References will not be contacted until a mutual interest has been established.

Immigration and Reform Act of 1986

In compliance with the Immigration and Reform Act of 1986, all new employees must demonstrate eligibility to legally work in the United States by providing required documentation.

Equal Opportunity Employer

The City does not make employment decisions based on sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status or physical handicap, except when such qualifications are appropriate occupational qualifications

Employment Standards

Employment with the City of Sierra Madre is contingent upon meeting the medical standards of the position. A candidate must pass a pre-employment physical examination, including a drug/alcohol screening and a reference and background check.

The City of Sierra Madre makes reasonable accommodations for disabled persons, considering each situation on an individual basis. Please make direct requests for accommodation to City Administration - Personnel.

The provisions of this job announcement do not constitute an expressed or implied contract. Any provision contained in this job announcement may be modified or revoked without notice.

Questions may be directed to Miguel Hernandez at (626) 355-7135 or at mhernandez@ci.sierramadre.ca.us. Applicants may wish to visit the City's official website - www.cityofsierramadre.com - for further information.

TechKnowledge

Technology Science Business



Money Talks

The Good the Bad and the Ugly of 401(k)'s

Most employers offer a 401(k) to their employees, and most employees will use their 401(k) or other employer sponsored retirement plan. And that is a good thing, especially if the company offers matching contributions and profit sharing. The other good thing is that employers get a tax deduction on matched contributions, and let's not forget the power of compounding interest and potential tax deferred growth! Keep in mind that plan distributions will be subject to income tax and a 10% penalty if withdrawn before age 59 1/2.

However, life is not perfect, the bad part about a 401(k) are the hidden fees, every plan has fees. Do not assume your plan does not have any fees. Fees are not bad things as long as they are disclosed, which they should be, costs are typically shared among employer and employee. If you really think your 401(k) is free, ask yourself this question, "Do I work for free." It's important not to get bogged down by fees, remember that you are putting away money for your retirement and that is a good thing.

The Ugly thing about a 401(k), typically does not concern the rank and file. But if you are an owner or a HCE, (Highly Compensated Employee), also known as key employees, you may be limited on how much you can place into your 401(k). 401(k) plans must be tested once a year and tax form 5500 must be filed. So what are these tests?

Top- Heavy Test: If the value of the accounts of all key employees is greater than 60% of the total value of the accounts of all employees the plan is top-heavy. A mandatory minimum employer contribution equal to 3% or higher must be made to the plan. Now if you are an owner 3% match of employee contributions can be a large amount.

ADP (Actual Deferral Percentage) Test: This test uses an average percentage of the non-highly-compensated employees' deferral to limit the amount the highly compensated employees may defer on average. Both pre-tax and Roth after-tax contributions are taken into account on this test.

ACP (Actual Contribution Percentage) Test: This test uses an average of the matching contributions made to non-highly compensated employees to limit the matching contributions to highly compensated employees on average.

What happens if you fail this test; you Mr. HCE may be limited on what he can contribute or take money back, which is an ugly thing if you cannot contribute what you want too. So what is an owner, human resources director, or Highly Compensated Employee to do?

Talk to your financial professional one does have options. I tell people, "Retirement planning is not limited to a 401(k)." 401(k)'s are a good thing, but they have bad and ugly side to them.

Ruben Trigueros is a Senior Investment executive with Trilogy Financial Services, and can be reached at (626) 918-5670 ext 4105. Licensed with CA Dept. of Insurance 0E90560. Securities are offered through National Planning Corp. (NPC) Member NASD, SIPC, Trilogy Financial Services and NPC are separate entities.

WorkForce

with Madeline



Q: I'm a 25-year-old female and my boss, Barbara, is around 50. I really like Barbara. She's a great person and has been very helpful. There is only one problem. She always calls me "honey" or "dear." I find this very annoying. How can I go about correcting her without offending?

A: Next time Barbara calls you "honey," simply correct her in a very polite manner by saying you prefer to be called by your first name. I'm quite confident she will not take offense. She probably does not even realize her choice of words.

Since some habits are so ingrained and difficult to change, Barbara might slip now and then and revert back to these "terms of endearment." When this happens, I would suggest reminding her one more time and after that just ignoring it. If you really like your boss, this is a very minor issue. Certainly, you must have more pressing work concerns to be thinking about.

Q: I'm looking for a graphic design position. I had my résumé put together by a professional but am not pleased with it. Although she did an excellent job recording my responsibilities and accomplishments, I feel

that its overall appearance is too simple and does not illustrate the fact that I am a very imaginative person. I would like a more artistic-looking product. Would you suggest going back and having it spruced up?

A: Whether you are applying for a job in graphic design or accounting, the look of your résumé should be clean and simple. This is not the place to start getting fancy. Your résumé is a document, not a work of art. In fact, a more unusual font or formatting approach might detract from the readability.

The recruiter will be alerted to your creative talents through samples of your work which should be included with your résumé. This is where you can "put your best foot forward," as the saying goes.

Madeline Miller is owner/manager of Compu-Type Résumé Service. She would love to hear from you with questions at comptype2@aol.com.

Her website is computype.bizland.com.

THE QUICK AND THE DEAD!

By Donna Baker

When you start planning to put your home on the market, it's time to show off! Try to imagine that your in-laws are coming for an extended visit, and then triple the effort you would put into preparing for their arrival. Sellers are competing for offers, and it all starts at your front door - literally.

Impress potential buyers at first sight with a well-tended lawn and entryway. When they walk through the door, make sure they do not sense any clutter. You've got to pack it up sooner or later, so take the opportunity to do it now, before another agent or buyer steps into your home. An abundance of personal items like photos and children's "refrigerator art" can interfere with a buyer's ability to picture the home as their own.

Next, if it should shine, make it so! Polish doorknobs, handrails, and lighting fixtures, anything that can add a little sparkle and show your pride of ownership. This includes windows (and screens), which should let in plenty of light for the show.

First impressions really do count when it comes to presenting your home. Accentuate its features and eliminate distractions such as personal items or unpleasant odors. An uncluttered, well kept home will attract buyers, and a little time and care can make the difference between a quick sale and a languishing listing.




DICKSON PODLEY REALTORS



Donna Baker
626.408.1408 • 626.487.0820
www.4SaleByDonna.com



Custom Homes

	<p>STUNNING FRENCH NORD-MANDY ESTATE HOME</p> <p>117 ROSE LANE, MONROVIA OFFERED AT \$2,049,000</p> <p>4 BEDROOMS & 5 BATHS</p>		<p>FABULOUS CRAFTSMAN STYLE ESTATE HOME</p> <p>118 ROSE LANE, MONROVIA OFFERED AT \$1,809,000</p> <p>4 BEDROOMS & 5.5 BATHS</p>
	<p>BEAUTIFUL TRADITIONAL ESTATE HOME</p> <p>116 ROSE LANE, MONROVIA OFFERED AT \$1,949,000</p> <p>5 BEDROOMS & 4.5 BATHS</p>		<p>GORGEOUS MEDITERRANEAN STYLE ESTATE HOME</p> <p>122 ROSE LANE, MONROVIA OFFERED AT \$1,749,000</p> <p>4 BEDROOMS & 3.5 BATHS</p>
	<p>IMPRESSIVE TRADITIONAL ESTATE HOME</p> <p>119 ROSE LANE, MONROVIA OFFERED AT \$1,849,000</p> <p>5 BEDROOMS & 4.5 BATHS</p>	<p>OPEN HOUSE EVERY SATURDAY & SUNDAY 1 - 4 PM</p> 	

The Wild West

With Kyle McClure

Portable Water



In last week's column I lectured you about bottled water. I waved my hands all around and tried to convince you that it is way less eco-friendly and no healthier or safer than tap water. In fact, I informed you, much of the bottled water we drink (including Aquafina and Dasani) is nothing more than enthusiastically marketed tap water. I encouraged you to drink the water from our pipes. Remember? At the risk of sounding egotistical, but in the interest of full and honest disclosure, I need to admit that I am aware of the far-reaching influence I possess. I do see the power this weekly column affords me. Please know that I do not wield this power lightly. I know, for example, that when I suggested that you stop drinking bottled water, you did. Right then. You poured whatever was left in your #1 plastic bottle onto a thirsty looking plant, dropped the bottle into a recycling bin and you haven't looked back.

Ummm... but here's the thing. I may have left out a few pieces of information that were important. I may have poisoned you. Sorry about that. It's not the tap water. It's what you put it in.

As soon as you finished reading this column last week, you rode your bike or carpoled straight to REI and bought a Nalgene "Lexan" water bottle, didn't you? You thought, "Well, shoot, now that I am drinking tap water and saving the environment, I need a water bottle that will broadcast my eco-grooviness to the world." And because you are perceptive and kind of hip, you knew that the official water bottle of the eco-groovy is the Nalgene (wrapped, for some unknown reason in a single strip of duct tape and clipped prominently with a \$12 rock-climbing carabiner). So that's what you

bought, (along with a red handkerchief to tie around your dog's neck and a topographical map of your neighborhood) and you have been drinking from your Nalgene ever since. At all meals. Even in restaurants.

I have bad news. According to the Green Guide (www.greenguide.com - it's handy!), your eco-groovy water bottle is poisonous. It is made out of #7 polycarbonate plastics (Look in the little recycling symbol on the bottom. See the number?), which according to frightening new studies can cause obesity and breast cancer even in low doses. The effects can even skip a generation. Pregnant lab mice that were exposed to the chemicals that leach from #7 plastics apparently developed chromosome abnormalities that caused birth defects and miscarriages in their grandchildren.

OK, now, you know me. I am not one to be alarmist or melodramatic. But... run for your lives! When I discovered this information about the water bottle I have been drinking from for years, the water bottle that defines me as a tree-hugger, I pulled it down from the shelf and attacked it with a hammer. Betrayal! Back Stabber! Contaminator of generations of lab mice! It bounced up and hit me in the head. I wonder if the chemicals cause problems with hand-eye coordination, too? Or maybe with impulse control?

Even if you didn't rush out and buy a Nalgene, you are still in for it. Maybe you thought you could get away with just reusing that one Aquafina water bottle. That would solve the problem of portable potable water, right? Sorry. Those bottles are made from #1 plastics, polyethylene terephthalates (try saying that without spraying crackers everywhere). When these bottles are re-used they leach carcinogenic and hormone disrupting chemicals and a heavy metal - antimony - that is a lung, skin and eye irritant in large doses.

So what are you supposed to do (besides live off of Dr. Pepper)? Start by returning your Nalgene. REI will take anything back (even your nasty 3 year-old Teva sandals). And, there are safer plastics available. Buy those. Plastics labeled #2, #4, and #5 are supposed to be OK based on what smart people know at this point. Or, you can use stainless steel canteens, or your ten-gallon hat. Or, have your heard of these special cups they have at Crate and Barrel? They are made of glass. You could use those. Finally, you can take heart in the fact that there are so many other potential causes of cancer out there that there is no way that the tiny amounts of chemicals leaching from your water bottles will get you first. Hey, you might not even die of cancer. You could die in a car wreck, or of a heart attack, or from a dumb Nalgene bashing you in the head.

Looking Up

With Bob Eklund

The World's Largest Thermometer

Atop the 17,000-foot-high Chanjanator plateau in the Chilean Andes, the European Southern Observatory (ESO) is installing the world's largest thermometer.



Photo by Jean Boenisch

"A large fraction of all the gas in the Universe has extremely cold temperatures of around minus 250 degrees Celsius, a mere 20 degrees above absolute zero," says Karl Menten, director at the Max Planck Institute for Radioastronomy (MPIfR) in Bonn, Germany, which built the new instrument. "Studying these cold clouds requires looking at the light they radiate in the submillimeter range, with very sophisticated detectors."



Astronomers use bolometers for this task, which are, in essence, thermometers. They detect incoming radiation by registering the resulting rise in temperature. A bolometer detector consists of an extremely thin foil that absorbs the incoming light. Any change of the radiation's intensity results

in a slight change in temperature of the foil, which can then be registered by sensitive electronic thermometers. To be able to measure such minute temperature fluctuations requires the bolometers to be cooled down to less than 0.3 degrees above absolute zero—or below minus 272.85 degrees Celsius.

"Cooling to such low temperatures requires using liquid helium, which is no simple feat for an observatory located at 5100 m [about 17,000 ft.] altitude," says Carlos De Breuck, the APEX instrument scientist at ESO. APEX (Atacama Pathfinder Experiment), the 12-meter telescope on which the new bolometer is installed, is designed to observe at wavelengths in the 0.2 to 1.4 mm range—wavelengths lying near the transition between infrared light (or heat) and radio energy.

LABOCA (LArge BOlometer CAmera) and its associated software were developed by MPIfR. A bolometer camera combines many tiny bolometer units into a matrix, much like the pixels are combined in a digital camera. LABOCA observes at the submillimetric wavelength of 0.87 mm, and consists of 295 channels, which are arranged in 9 concentric hexagons around a central channel. The angular resolution is 18.6 arcseconds, and the total field of view is 11.4 arcminutes, a remarkable size for instruments of this kind.

Millimeter and submillimeter radiation opens a window into the enigmatic cold Universe, but the signals from space are heavily absorbed by water vapor in the Earth's atmosphere, explains Axel Weiss of the MPIfR and leader of the team that installed LABOCA on APEX. "It is a bit as if you were trying to see stars during the day."

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, IS A GOOD NIGHT FOR LOOKING UP.

That's the best night to see the Perseid Meteor shower, an event that occurs every year around August 12, when the Earth's orbit takes it through some of the dust from the tail of Comet Swift-Tuttle. At a dark site (such as Lockwood Valley or Mt. Pinos), you could see an average of about 50 meteors per hour in the early morning hours of the 13th, when the shower is at its peak. At home in the city, the sky-glow will probably outshine all but the brightest ones. Still, if you're returning home from a Sunday outing, it wouldn't hurt (unless you're driving) to keep an eye on the northeastern sky near the constellation Perseus, where these meteors tend to appear. A bright streak across the sky, from a sand-grain-sized speck of comet dust burning up in the atmosphere, makes a nice finale for a Sunday jaunt.

SAVE THE DATE!

David Lynch To Speak on "Color & Light in Nature" At Altadena Library Sunday, August 26

The public is cordially invited to a free public lecture, "Color and Light in Nature," on Sunday, August 26, 2:30 p.m. at the Altadena Public Library. The speaker is David K. Lynch, an astronomer and atmospheric physicist. There is no charge, and refreshments will be served beginning at 2:00. The lecture is sponsored by the Mount Wilson Observatory Association (MWOA).

The Mountain Clymer

By Kim Clymer Kelley

....and Baby Makes 13: It's A Boy Part 3 of 4

There is not much on this earth that is as fascinating or touching to watch than a new mother bonding with her baby. It didn't matter that it was 3 am and I had been wakened from a sound asleep, and it was pretty darn chilly, and the lights at the rear of the barn were flickering...I was thrilled to be there witnessing this scene. Bonnie seemed to be totally unsure of herself and at a loss as to what to do with this new little creature. She sniffed at her a bit and nudged her with her nose just hard enough to knock her off her wobbly little feet. It struggled back to a standing position and began to poke around between mother's front legs looking for something to eat. Bonnie nudged it away, nearly toppling it again, but it regained its balance and continued its search. Again the baby tried to latch onto Bonnie's chest to nurse. "You're not going to get anything from her there, silly," I said, trying to explain to it what its mother could not. I got to my feet and picked up the baby and moved it under Bonnie's udders. I took the baby's muzzle and put it up to the udder, tried to express some milk into its mouth, and stood back to see if it would catch on. It did not. Again the little one wobbled to the front of its mother and tried to nurse on anything within reach. Bonnie kept trying to turn her udders toward the infant, but it would only wander back to the front of her.

I began to get worried. I knew that it was very important for a new baby to get the first milk from the mother... it's called colostrums and contains important nutrients and antibodies. Since Bonnie was leaking milk and I had already expressed some, I was concerned that the supply of colostrum would run out before the baby figured out how to get any. I decided that I needed to call the vet... she had told me to call as soon as the baby was born, no matter what the time, I hated to bother her, but I really felt that I needed some advice. I left the two alone and went into the house to tell Al the news and to call the vet.

When I entered, Al was still sleeping soundly. "Al, wake up... the baby is here!!!" He tried to get awake enough to process what I was telling him. "Oh, my Gawd," he said in his best "Valley Girl" voice.

"That's what all of that noise out there was about," I explained.

"What noise?" he asked.



"About a half hour ago all hell broke loose out there. You didn't hear it?"

"Nope. Slept right through it," he explained. "Is it a boy or a girl?"

"Gosh, I don't know. In all of the excitement, I forgot to check," I answered.

Al got up and got dressed. I grabbed my phone book and another flashlight and we headed out to the barn as I explained the rest of the night's events. I led Al back to the stall where mom and baby were bonding.

"Looks like it still has not figured out how to eat," Al observed, "Check to see if it's a boy or girl."

I got down on the ground and looked at the baby's underside. It was dark, but I noticed a little protruding part underneath in the groin area. "It's a boy!" I exclaimed, "It's Heasley!!!" We had decided that if it was a boy, that we would name it after Jim Heasley, an old time packer and historical icon of Sierra Madre who had just passed away that summer. I was thrilled to honor him in such an appropriate way.

I left Al with mother and son and went to the phone in the tack room to call the vet. Needless to say, she was sound asleep, but was very excited to get the call. I told her the whole story and my concerns and she told me what I needed to do. I returned to Al in the stall and relayed the information.

"She said that we need to try to bottle feed him some of Bonnie's milk, dip the umbilical cord area in an iodine solution, give the baby an enema, and locate the placenta."

"Oh, my Gawd! Give him an enema? Find the placenta? How the hell do we do that? I think you just crossed the line, missy. I don't do donkey enemas."

I laughed. "You do now!" I answered as I handed him his flashlight. "Right after we find the placenta."

TABLE FOR TWO by PETER DILLS



Stories From The Sandwich Islands (Part 1)

I had not been to Honolulu for over twenty years but remembered it as a beautiful city with palm trees, tourists and t-shirts vendors everywhere, and with many hotels built in the 50's. Today Honolulu, at least the downtown area, reminds me very much like a Junior Beverly Hills. Yes. Coach, LV, Nordstroms, many fine Jewelry Shops have all set up camp in Honolulu.

Even "The Ala Moana Shopping Center" has gone upscale. You'll find the 1st Floor Food Court featuring over 50 restaurants in one area offering Korean, Japanese, Chinese, BBQ and rotisserie chicken. The 2nd through the 4th Floor shopping areas have Tommy Bahama's, Coach, DKNY, and Chanel. You get the picture; all the comforts of home right there in Honolulu. Why? I was told that Honolulu actually attracts more Japanese visitors than us Angelenos.

Where to Dine? If you're home sick The Island offers many restaurants that you'd find right here - - - Yard House, Island's, Subway, Panda Express; Roy's has two locations in Honolulu. I steered clear of those and looked for a little authenticity on a very changing landscape. I was later told by my gym mate "Bic," that Roy's was indeed the real deal and that I missed out. Oh well!!

Here are my Top Ten restaurants of The Oahu Island concentrating on Honolulu. No order...

Holokai Grill Tiki's End of Kalakaua Uncle Bob's Shore Bird

226 Lewers St. - 2nd Floor; Tasty Sweet Potato Fries (808) 924-7245
2570 Kalakaua (808) 923-8454; Ocean View
More of a night club / slash restaurant
Located on the bottom floor of the Outrigger Hotel; you cook your own food.
A great family place right on the Beach (Editors Pick) (808) 922-2887
Located at The Hilton Hawaiian Village; not your average hotel restaurant
(808) 941-2254

Bali By The Sea

Big Kahuna Pizza Roy's Restaurant

Leeward Honolulu; (better pizzas around) order the Sumo Pizza (808) 833-5588
(Bic's pick) Opened in 1988, Chef Roy Yamaguchi now has over thirty restaurants throughout the US.

Teddy's Bigger Burgers Mai Tais Eggs n' Things

Classic Burgers, great late night munchies fixer (808) 732-4834
At the Royal Hawaiian Hotel (808) 923-7311; low-keyed hang-out
Leeward Honolulu; a local hang-out for breakfast but also open on Sat at 11 PM
(at night) and serves till the afternoon (808) 949-0820

My report is that there are many good restaurants in the area. Great? Well, that may be a matter of opinion.

Check back here next week and I will give you tips on getting around, places to stay, and what to wear.

Did I miss any of your favorite spots? email me at thechefknows@yahoo.com
Aloha! Log onto my web site www.thechefknows.com



Under New Ownership



Breakfast Special

2 Eggs any Style
with 2 Bacon or 2 Sausage
and 2 pancakes.

\$3.95

Monday thru Friday Only
7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



What's New For You At www.mtwilsonobserver.com Got A Favorite Restaurant or Chef? Tell Peter Dills

bean town coffee house & catering Sierra Madre, Ca.

Fair Trade Fridays

Bean Town will be featuring new fair trade coffees from around the world every Friday.

Come to Bean Town on Fridays and learn more about organic fair trade coffees and how they support farmers in impoverished countries to have a better way of life. We will be featuring a new coffee from a different part of the world every week.

Sandwich Specials

1/2 Sandwich and Side garden Salad Or Cup of homemade Soup with a fountain drink or iced tea \$7.99

Sandwiches & Wraps \$7.10

Turkey, Roast Beef, Ham Italian, Veggie, Tuna Salad, Cashew Chicken Salad, Chicken Caesar

Served on:
White or Wheat Ciabatta Bread or Spinach, Tomato Basil Tortilla or Lettuce

45 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre Ca. 91024
(626) 355-1596



- Lunch & Dinner for 15 - 2,000 Guests
- Daily Deliveries
- Free Delivery, 25 Mile Radius on \$150 or More Orders
- Restaurant Available for Private Meetings & Parties
Upon Request With 2 Months Advanced Notice
Maximum Capacity 50 Guests

- Contact Us -

Phone: 626-437-1589 or 626-633-0269
Fax: 626-564-1739
Email: CityCafeCater@aol.com

LET
US
CATER
TO
YOU

Now Serving Breakfast!
Bacon, Mott's Louisiana Sausage, Eggs, Potatoes,
Grits and More

Monday - Friday 7am - 10am!

Bessie's Daughter's
Soulful Tacos

Home of the "Original" Soulful Taco

2237 Lincoln Avenue
Altadena, California 91001

626-798-2374ph 626-798-2375fx

bessiesdaughterstacos.com

Let Us Be Your Next Event

Lunch and Dinner Hours

Monday - Thursday 11am to 9pm

Friday - Saturday 11am to 10pm

Sunday 12 noon to 5pm

EAST PASADENA SHADE CO.

SINCE 1965

CUSTOM WINDOW TREATMENTS

• DRAPERIES
• MINI-BLINDS
• ROMAN SHADES
• WOOD BLINDS

626-793-9101

WE MOVED

2548 E. Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91107

The Book Reports

The Complete Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

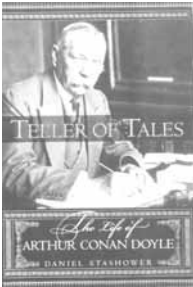


This is one of the most enjoyable collection of stories ever written. Spending some time in old foggy London or in wonderful old English country houses on stormy nights with the great detective and his friend Watson with a crime to be solved is such a delight! This volume, which is over 1000 pages and authorized by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's estate, contains all four full length novels and all 56 short stories, which is every word he ever wrote about Baker Street's most famous resident. A Study in Scarlet, The Sign of Four, Hound of the Baskervilles, His Last Bow, The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, the Return of Sherlock Holmes, the Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes, the Case Book of Sherlock Holmes, and the Valley of Fear. Through the stories we learn a little here and there about Sherlock and Watson and, as reviewer Patrick O'Kelley has said, "By the end of the long journey through London and across Europe (with a long stopover at Reichenbach Falls), one is apt to have found a friend for life." These stories have won the hearts and imagination of the young and old in every generation and if you never read them or haven't read them in a while, the game's afoot just waiting for you to tag along with the great detective!! Enjoy!

Teller of Tales: The Life of Arthur Conan Doyle By Daniel Stashower

Over one hundred years have passed since the most famous fictional character of all time, Sherlock Holmes, first appeared in a story. And while the famous detective lives on in our imagination, his creator, Conan Doyle, is often overlooked and misunderstood. This entertaining and well-written biography examines the extraordinary life and different sides of this struggling country doctor who became the most popular storyteller of his time.

Arthur Conan Doyle lived a life as exciting as one of his own adventures. Doyle was a multi-faceted man who grew up in poverty, became a medical doctor, served on a whaling ship in the frozen north, and worked in an Army hospital during the Boer War. He began his literary career writing stories for magazines. He had friendships with such figures as Harry Houdini and George Bernard Shaw, and his very famous Psychic Crusade, that dominated his final years was to him "the most important thing in the world". Doyle also wrote many other stories including the very creative Professor Challenger Stories, which foreshadow many popular movie themes. Conan Doyle once wrote "I have a life which, for variety and romance, could I think, hardly be exceeded." The book portrays this wonderfully, as well as the times in which he lived. Enjoy!!



If you have any book recommendations please email them to Jab33jab@yahoo.com

Scene One, Take One: DVD Review

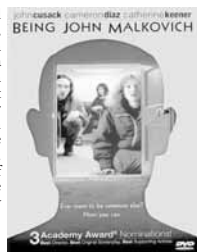
Malcolm X



Director and writer Spike Lee's 1992 top notch drama illuminates the life of civil rights leader Malcolm X. At the center of the film is the wonderful performance of Denzel Washington who was nominated for an Academy Award as best actor. It chronicles Malcolm's life from his early days as a street kid and gangster then prisoner to his conversion to Islam and his becoming a leader. In a moving and powerful way we see the way life and experience changed Malcolm. We also get to experience many aspects of that turbulent time. When Malcolm turns away from the Nation of Islam following a life altering pilgrimage to Mecca, he becomes a murder target and is assassinated in 1965 at age 39. This is Spike Lee's greatest film and was by far the best film of 1992. A powerful look at a part of American history and this historic leader. Not to be missed!

Being John Malkovich

Nominated for 3 Academy Awards this surreal original comedy explores love, sex, identity, and alternate reality. John Cusack stars as a Puppeteer who gets a job on floor 7 1/2 of a very unusual and funny building. Behind a filing case, Cusack finds a hole in the wall that is a portal directly into the brain of the actor John Malkovich, who plays himself. First John Cusack and then many paying customers line up to take their trip inside Malkovich's brain. The movie is funny and smart, which lots of turns. Also starring Cameron Diaz, Katherine Keener and Orson Bean. Its quite a ride, very creative and unforgettable!! Rated R. Enjoy!!



Plastic (Paper) Bags Needed

Why not recycle your leftover clean (no holes) Plastic & Paper Grocery and other Shopping Bags to organizations that really need them? Higher oil prices mean grocery stores don't donate bags as often. Sending your clean, no holes, good used bags directly to the trash or store recycle bins, when others really need them is clearly a waste.

Foothill Unity Center (Monrovia & Pasadena) needs over 2,500 good bags a week, and surely your favorite thrift shop would love to have some of your good bags. Folded neatly or wadded up in another bag, These organizations will bless you!

Just For You

BIRD'S EYE VIEW

By Pat Birdsall

@%&#\$\$\$!

To the person who tampered with bottles of Tylenol years ago, @%&#\$\$\$!!!!. You have made opening any product that is potentially beneficial to the well-being of us all nearly impossible. Now, before we can even get to the stage of trying to figure out how to remove the lid of any container, we must first remove the tightly wound industrial-strength plastic surrounding the lid. Once that is accomplished the real fun begins.

Case in point... I was trying to open a plastic bottle of medication advertised to relieve arthritis pain. The only lettering large enough for me to read instructed me to read both sides of the label as indicated by arrows. Easy enough, until I realized the print was so small that all my reading glasses did was help me locate the magnifying glass. Okay, okay, enough of the scary side-effects...How do I open the bottle? "TO OPEN" LINE-UP ARROWS ON CAP AND BOTTLE* PUSH CAP UP WITH THUMB* If I didn't have the arthritis in my thumbs, that might be an easy thing to do. I resorted to what I do quite often; I used my teeth to pull

off the cap! Half of the bottles in my medicine cabinet have teeth marks in them. The rest have lids just perched on top of the bottle because the "PUSH DOWN AND TURN" doesn't always work for me either.

Difficulty in opening containers isn't just limited to medicine bottles of course. My toilet bowl should probably sparkle, but because the cleaner is in a bottle with a white cap, and the instructions are in small white lettering, half the time I can't figure out how to open it. In re-reading this paragraph, that's really a lame excuse, even for me...Oh well, moving on. The laundry detergent is in a large plastic bottle that the company doesn't want leaking all over the place of course, but, sometimes the lid is on so tight that it takes three men and a boy to open it.

We're told not to use anything that is in a container that appears to have been tampered with. At this stage of my life, I can only hope that someone has tampered with the bottle. At least, it would make it easier to open the darn thing!

p.birdsall@mvsobserver.com



Pat Ostrye on.....

DNA

Not a day goes by that we don't hear something notable about DNA. As far as I was concerned, it was just another acronym thrust at us to capture our attention for a few days. Hopefully, a particular crime would be solved "by DNA" or a wrongfully-imprisoned individual would be released because of "DNA".

Then, one evening, unsuspectingly, I received a phone call from one of my sons asking if I would object to taking a DNA test. Well, now that sounds fascinating, to be the subject of anything as complex as DNA testing. The first thing I wanted to know was where and how this takes place. No problem, he says, right in my own living-room. Okay, I'm game, but for what?!!

It seems that in his extensive genealogy research on my maternal side of the family, he had reached a stumbling block with the family tree he was using. On the paternal side, there wasn't much doubt about the O'Briens being very plainly Irish and some English, but, although my mother's maiden name was Cook, her mother's maiden name being Kenny, the Cook part raised some questions as to lineage.

This grandfather Cook had been an engineer on the Great Northern Railroad, which spread across the northern part of the country from Minneapolis to Ft. Ann, New York. Along the way, he had met and married the daughter of another railroad man, whose mother had the characteristics of the Native Americans living on reservations along the railroad. Very complicated, but what gave this son of mine a clue was that my mother and



one of her brothers, a Benedictine priest, had black eyes, olive skin and blue-black hair while the rest of the family had picked up the blue eyes and lighter brown hair.

The DNA ancestry testing was very simple, using a packet from GeneTree DNA Testing Center, purchased via the internet: a few swabs carefully taken from the inside cheek and very carefully deposited in sterile envelopes immediately and sent off Fed-X. The report forwarded to us is 13 pages long and not easy to understand - maps from all across the world, although they do include a 2-page glossary to help.

All I need is the cover letter that states I am 14% Native American, 84% European (the Irish I guess), and 2% Sub-Saharan African. Now, I don't think only 2% would get me any benefits but, had I known years ago about that 14%, there may have been scholarships and medical advantages! Perhaps I could even now inquire about Casino privileges??

Just in case, like me, you don't know what the DNA stands for, here goes - Deoxyribonucleic acid. Now pronounce it!

Pat Ostrye postrye@netscape.com



One of a Kind:

*Featuring unique homes & gardens...
and the people who create them*

Story and Photos By Chris Bertrand

Victorian Elegance and Modern Convenience: 465 W. Highland



The view from the street evokes visions of a slower paced life, like a postcard from a bygone era. The wrap-around porches captivate me, drawing me in. I can see myself rocking on the front porch or in the shade of the gazebo, with a cool lemonade on a warm summer day. The meandering front walk allows me to appreciate the tall trees and the lush green landscape of the deep front yard.

I know from my notes that the home was built in 1996, but I keep forgetting. In fact, when I've driven by previously, I assumed it was one of the historic homes that surround it. This 3844 square foot (ap.) home is one created from a subdivision of the original Jameson estate in the mid 1990's. Similar to the other stately properties from the early 1900's on this prestigious section of Highland Avenue, the home is set far back from the street, with a long driveway.



From the entry through the formal rooms, and even the full main floor bath, I feel that I've stepped into a century old home of exquisite quality. Nine foot ceilings with intricate white millwork contrast beautifully with delightful, golden walls. The warm hued hardwood flooring creates a unifying feature tying the rooms together. Wainscoting, columns and plantation shutters reflect light into the rooms. The lighting and plumbing fixtures may be reproduction, but the quality shines through everywhere.

The casual living area is perfect for the California lifestyle for easy indoor to outdoor entertaining. French doors open to a very private dining patio enjoying the soothing sounds of a fountain.

With four bedrooms, plus four and one half baths, there is ample privacy for each member of the household. The elegant, second floor master suite includes its own balcony, a retreat sitting area, dual sinks, a jetted tub, separate shower and walk-in closet.



All the popular 21st century amenities abound, too. Like a video security and intercom system, Pella casement windows, elevator, Viking gas stove, Sub Zero refrigerator-freezer with water in the door, convection oven, warming drawer, dual laundry setups, built-in audio visual system, ceiling fans, a wine chiller... are only the beginning. Everywhere I look, it's clear that careful planning went into the features that show, as well as those that are hidden inside, like "silent" floor joists, 1/2" sound board drywall added to the bedrooms, recirculating hot water, smooth finish walls

and more. Meticulously maintained throughout, the kitchen was updated in 2003, and the exterior was painted in 2005.

The .31 acre homesite is fully irrigated, and professionally landscaped for varied interest, texture and color throughout the year. The hardscape features extensive use of brick, particularly on the porches, reducing the yearly task of repainting deck surfaces. The three-car garage is a hard to find amenity here in Sierra Madre.



Offered at \$1,999,888 by Reni Rose of Prudential Real Estate in Sierra Madre. More information is available on the unique website for this property at www.465Highland.com or contact Reni Rose at 626-355-8400 or ReniRose@aol.com.

Have an interesting home, garden or person who helps create them that might be of interest to our readers? Contact Chris at c.bertrand@mvsobserver.com

Pros To Know

A to Z One Stop Home Improvement
Free In-Home Estimate

Spring Remodel
Kitchen Cabinets
Granite Counters
up to 20 linear ft.
\$5,895

Carpets
Hardwood Floors
BLINDS
Shutters
Hunter Douglas
Low Priced

941 1/2 W. Foothill Blvd. Call Now!
Monrovia 626-357-9997

SPRINKLER WORKS

IRRIGATION SYSTEMS • Landscape Lighting • Waterfalls

Lic. #644140

Specializing in Trouble-Shooting and Repairs (800) 414-1004

Sierra Madre Congregational Church
170 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. • (626) 355-3566
www.smcnet.org
Rev. Richard J. Anderson, Senior Pastor

Easter Service • 6 am Sunrise

Family Worship Service • 7am • 8:15 • 9:45 • 11:15

Free All Church Brunch • Pritchard Hall 8:15 am • 11 am

Child Care Available

Moe's Automotive Service Center
Service First, Quality Always
Specializing in repairs of domestic & foreign automobiles

Moe's Automotive Service Center is a family owned and operated business, servicing the car care needs of the foothill communities for the past 20 years. We have ASC Certified Technicians and the latest state of the art diagnostic equipment. We offer free local pick-up and delivery. Most jobs completed in one day. Call Moe or Andy for an appointment today. *Yes - Andy is still here!*

125 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024
Ph: 626.355.4714 Fax: 626.355.4724
E-mail: Moeauto@verizon.net

Andy
Moe

SAENZ CONSTRUCTION
485 Monrovia Ave., Monrovia, CA 91016
626.303.6285 Banded License #570175
Quality Workmanship at Reasonable Prices
Fully Insured • 20 Years Experience
Free Estimates • Senior Citizen Discount

- HOME REPAIRS
- REMODELING & ADDITIONS
- CARPENTRY
- MASONRY
- PLUMBING
- PAINTING
- ELECTRICITY
- EARTHQUAKE RETROFIT
- EARTHQUAKE SHUT OFF GAS
- ALL TYPES ROOFING & FENCING

REFERENCES AVAILABLE • SMALL & BIG JOBS • BY THE HOUR OR JOB

Residential Commercial

Jim's Window Cleaning

Time to get your
WINDOWS CLEANED
Screens & Sills FREE
Affordable rates and free estimates

All work guaranteed
James R. Quinn
Owner

626.232.6603
Cell 818.554.0371

10% off with this Ad

WALSH'S PEST CONTROL

Got Ants?

Termidor's The Answer

626.359.4712

Tap 'N' Tile Inc.

Large Selection of Natural Stone Marble & Granite

Hand-Made Tiles • Mosaics • Terracottos
Fireplace Columns & Trims • Architectural Ornaments
Slab Fabrication

www.tapntile.com

Open Monday-Friday 8am-5pm Saturday 9am-1pm
3191 E. Foothill Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91107
(exit Madre off 210 Hwy - go north - left at Foothill)

(626) 405-0098

SERVING YOU SINCE 1949

GEM PLUMBING

Locally Owned & Operated

AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING
SALES, SERVICE & INSTALLATION

We'll Do It All

COPPER RE-PIPS
FAUCETS • LEAK DETECTION
KITCHEN AND BATH REMODELS
DRAIN AND SEWER CLEANING • WATER
HEATERS • WE TACKLE OLD FIXTURES

ALL MAJOR BRANDS

Emergency Service Available **355-3496**

VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMERICAN EXPRESS

140 E. Montecito, Sierra Madre
State Contractor Lic. # 111308

YOUR LOCAL ELECTRICIAN

Our Prices Won't Shock You!

Residential • Commercial
No Travel Charge & No Overtime

24HR EMERGENCY SERVICE

FREE ESTIMATES

Expert Reliable Service!

- Small or Large Jobs
- Rewiring / Repairs / Installation
- 120v 240v 480v / Troubleshooting
- Circuit Breakers & Fuses
- Outlets & Switches / Meter Upgrades
- Outdoor / Indoor Lighting & Fans
- New Construction

Let There Be Light!

CORNERSTONE ELECTRIC
Of Sierra Madre

LOWER YOUR ELECTRIC BILL
UP TO 25% WITH POWER SAVER

www.cornerstoneelectric.com

626-394-2104

A Tradition of Family Care Continues

Independent Living for Seniors

Assisted Living for Seniors

Family Owned & Operated

Arcadia Gardens Retirement Hotel
720 W. Camino Real • Arcadia, California 91007
PHONE: (626) 574-8571 • FAX: (626) 574-5846
www.arcadiagardensretirement.com

Orlando & Victoria Clarizio
Founders

MARY KAY

makeup now

From the latest on-trend colors to the classics, I can help you create a look for every occasion and every new outfit in your wardrobe. **Call today** for your complimentary color makeover.

Dale Ann Perales
Independent Beauty Specialist
www.marykay.com/daledann
626.576.2787

The
Mountain
Views-Observer

Offers
Great
Advertising
Opportunities
For You!

Affordable
Rates!

Call
Julie at
626-836-6524

DICKSON PODLEY REALTORS

Donna Baker
626.408.1408 • 626.487.0820
www.4SaleByDonna.com

Heritage Homes

1887 GRAND VICTORIAN LANDMARK
329 MELROSE AVENUE, MONROVIA
OFFERED AT \$1,275,000
3 LEVELS WITH 5 BEDROOMS & 2 BATHS

BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED CRAFTSMAN
1050 N. LOS ROBLES, PASADENA
OFFERED AT \$1,150,000
2 LEVELS WITH 4 BEDROOMS & 2 BATHS

BRIGHT, AIRY & BEAUTIFUL 1924 TUDOR
567 ELDORA ROAD, PASADENA
OFFERED AT \$939,000
3 BEDROOMS & 1.5 BATHS
OPEN HOUSE: SUNDAY 2-5 PM

CRAFTSMAN GEM
228 N. ENCINITAS AVENUE, MONROVIA
OFFERED AT \$820,000
3 BEDROOMS & 1 3/4 BATHS
OPEN HOUSE: SUNDAY 1-4 PM

WONDERFUL CRAFTSMAN BUNGALOW
113 S. SHAMROCK AVENUE, MONROVIA
OFFERED AT \$729,000
3 BEDROOMS & 1.5 BATHS

INVITING BUNGALOW
132 MAY AVENUE, MONROVIA
REDUCED TO \$729,900
3 BEDROOMS & 2 BATHS

CHARMING 1925 ENGLISH TUDOR
1854 N. LOS ROBLES AVE PASADENA
REDUCED TO \$699,700
3 BEDROOMS & 1 BATH

ADORABLE BUNGALOW LOVINGLY RESTORED
423 E. FOOTHILL BLVD., MONROVIA
OFFERED AT \$634,900
3 BEDROOMS & 2 BATHS

CUTE COTTAGE BUILT IN 1922
221 NORUMBEGA DRIVE, MONROVIA
OFFERED AT \$625,000
1 BEDROOM & 1 BATH

SPORTS

Running For A Reason: Blue Planet Run Team Reaches Pasadena



The 2007 Blue Planet Run Team
- Photos Courtesy Blue Planet Foundation

The movement begins with a step, followed by millions more.

20 international runners, 24 hours a day, 95 days, 15,200 miles, 26.7 million strides. Delivering the message until everyone has safe drinking water. The Blue Planet Run will cover 15,200 miles, across 16 countries and 4 continents. The Run started in New York City on June 1, 2007, with a team of "20 ordinary male and female athletes doing extraordinary things". The route includes the U.S.A., Ireland, the U.K., France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Austria, the Czech Republic, Poland, Belarus, Russia, Mongolia, China, Japan and Canada. Each runner will sprint 10 miles a day. Batons will be passed at over 1,500 exchange points. The Run will end back in New York City, on September 4, 2007.

When the Blue Planet Run team reached Pasadena on Sunday August 5th on day 66, chairman of Metropolitan Water District Timothy F. Brick was present to welcome the runners and witness the youngest Shiri Leventhal (23) exchange her baton

with Mary Chervenak. The runners were also welcomed and hosted by the Pasadena Hindu Temple. Some of the runners included Shiri Leventhal, Cleveland, Ohio born competitive distance runner; Emmanuel Kibet, from Moiben, Kenya; Mary Chervenak from Anderson, South Carolina, and Sunila Jayaraj, from a drought-prone and semi-arid region in Karnataka, India.

The Blue Planet Run Foundation is a U.S.-based nonprofit organization dedicated to raising global awareness about the need for safe drinking water. The foundation's signature awareness and fund-raising event is the Blue Planet Run, the first-ever around-the-world relay.

You are invited to join the Blue Planet Run by running, walking, cycling, cross training, or any other active event as a part of our 10 Mile Challenge. Participate solo or with friends for 10 miles - time and location of your choice! For more information please visit <http://www.blueplanetrun.org>.



After leaving Pasadena, Runner Laura Dudley of Vermont, takes on 10 miles in the Mojave Desert



View From The Couch

By Stanley J. Forrester

SMACK 101

Letter to professional golfer, Rory Sabbatini

Dear Mr. Sabbatini:

I understand that you have been a resident of the United States for some time, even attended college at the University of Southern California. However, I do not know if you are aware of the slang term "smack" as it relates to speaking about the vulnerability of an opponent. Your comment regarding the beatability of Tiger prior to Sunday's round at the WGC at Firestone was pure smack.

Rory, may I call you by your given name? The art of smacking is different than trash talking. When you are smacking you put yourself, and more importantly your game, on the line. Talking trash is just that, no one expects any backup. The classic example of a numero uno smacker was Ali, after proclaiming himself the greatest he set about to prove that he was. In the early part of his career when he started smacking, most of us did not like it, we found ourselves put off by the guy. "Why doesn't he just box and let his gloves show us what he can do?" I can't tell you how many times fans of the boxing world asked that question. But you know what? He kept on smacking and winning, and the fans kept watching. By the time his career was over, the fans proclaimed him not only the greatest, but the greatest of all times. Smack requires backup.

That seems to have been your problem on Sunday, no backup. Before you take offense to that statement, look at what happened. On the first hole you were wonderful, you rolled in, what we in our Sunday group call snake, a very long putt, and collected your birdie. What made that putt so significant was the fact that Tiger had hit it in close and only had to make a short four footer for birdie. By making your putt first you establish yourself as a true smacker, "bring it on Woods, I got you covered." When Woods erased a one shot deficit in two holes, you began to crumble. By the time you finished nine you had lost it. On the ninth hole Tiger made an improbable par. His drive was off line in the woods, his second shot hits a tree, drops into a spectator's arm - who keeps the ball in her arm - so

Tiger gets a free drop, third shot he hits over the green, he then takes a nine iron and bumps it in for par, improbable. All the while you were making a double bogey. When this happens all semblance of your ability to smack was gone; you had become a lowly trash talker. You were now six shots down and losing it.

This was the time for a true smacker to rise to the occasion, and some fan gave you the perfect opening. When the fan said to you "Hey Rory. Still think Tiger is Beatable?" That was the perfect time for your smack to boldly display itself. But you pulled a true trash talker stunt and had the guy thrown off the golf course for being unruly. Saying something to the effect that you all were out there working hard trying to make a living. Bad taste, Rory.

If you had enrolled in Smack 101, you would have known what to say. The following are some examples a true smacker could have given:

1. Yes, but I didn't say I would do it.
2. Going to have to get back to you on that one.
3. Got him where I want him; let's do the back nine.
4. I'm only down six.
5. Plenty of golf left to be played.
6. My favorite, "Did I say a fool thing like that?"

As you can see, all of the examples are light and show you do not take yourself too seriously. When a true smacker has been bested, he puts himself down before anyone else can. You blew an excellent opportunity to lighten the mood. Who knows, it may have cooled Woods down, which is something else that a true smacker knows; there are certain opponents you don't make angry. Keep it up Rory, just don't take yourself too seriously.

From the couch, with humility, Stanley

The Reception of a Lifetime for as little as \$7,000⁰⁰⁰



Twin Palms
Saturday or
Sunday Wedding
Reception

Enjoy the most elegant setting of Twin Palms on a Saturday afternoon, from 11 am until 4 pm, for as little as \$7,000.* This includes your personalized menu, beverages, dance floor and friendly service to complete your wedding experience.

Twin Palms is available for evening reception as well. Consider a Sunday evening for as little as \$10,000.*

Call our Wedding Specialist at (626) 577-4539.

*Plus 15% service fee & \$225 sales tax. Black out dates apply.

TWIN PALMS
pasadena



614 S. Myrtle Ave.
Monrovia, CA
91016

626-357-9658

We now serve Beer, Wine, & Asian Vodka Cocktails

Sun - Thurs 11am to 10pm Fri - Sat 11am to 10:30pm

HUNDREDS of chain steak houses.

Only ONE...

JJ STEAK HOUSE SEAFOOD GRILLE

THE FIVE STAR RESTAURANT

Voted Best Steakhouse in Los Angeles - L.A. Magazine

88 WEST COLORADO BOULEVARD • PASADENA

CALL (626) 844.8889

redwhite+bluezz
WINE BAR AND GRILL

Best Tasting Jazz Club

FEATURING

AUG 10 Eric Patterson
AUG 11 Eric Patterson
AUG 12 Diane Hubba
AUG 13 Chris Mello
AUG 14 Joe LoPiccolo
AUG 15 Greg Pared
AUG 16 Ryan Cross
AUG 17 Robert Kyle
AUG 18 Morganne

JAZZ BRUNCH
Every Saturday + Sunday
11am - 2pm
BEGINS SEPT 8
Make Reservations Today!

LIVE MUSIC EVERY NIGHT
NO COVER VALET 626-798-4441

HAPPY HOUR
Monday - Friday
5pm - 7pm

redwhitebluezz.com

ED CLARE

ELECTRICAL

CLAREELECTRICAL.COM

ED CLARE ELECTRICAL
IN
SIERRA MADRE
PERSONALIZED AND QUALITY
SERVICE SINCE 1976

626 355-4424

www.alstonmortgage.com

GUARANTEED APPROVALS
GUARANTEED CLOSING

ALSTON & ASSOCIATES
MORTGAGE COMPANY
Licensed Mortgage Lender

Mark Alston, Founder & President