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Back To Work

City Council Returns: Police Initiative Placed On Ballot

Photos and Story By Dean Lee

After a brief summer break went back to work. Their meeting on September 11th, included placing on the April 8, 2008 ballot the Police and Firefighters Initiative that would increase local department salaries to an amount not lower than the lowest paid agency in the surrounding area, increase benefits, and prevent the contracting out of public safety services.

The council unanimously agreed to set the measure on the ballot for the same general election as the city council election. There will be two council seats on the ballot in April along with the initiative.

The initiative's full title is, "Minimum Police Wages and Benefits and Prohibition on Staff Reductions or Contracting General Police Services Without Voter Approval."

A city analysis released last month had estimated the cost of the the new law, should it pass, to be between \$759,000 and a little over 1.4 million per year. Karen Schnaider, Director of Administrative Services told the Ad Hoc Finance Committee Thursday the cost was most likely going to be \$1 million.

"This initiative does express I think, a sentiment, anyway, that everybody shares which is that every city employee, particularly those in blue, are not being paid what I think is a fair wage, even for a small city," Councilmember John Buchanan said pausing between words.

He also said that the initiative was positive for the city, forcing them to take a "tough look" at the city's budget, something echoed by some and scoffed at by others.

Zimmerman said he would only support an initiative if it was part of

a package that included an appropriate funding component. He said by setting the initiative for April would allow time to research solutions. Schnaider said Thursday the most promising answer was to double the city's Utility Users Tax from six percent to 12 percent. This would raise over \$900,000 a year she said, the exact amount needed for the higher salaries.

At a subsequent meeting, resident Barbra Cline said that discussing the city's finances without an audit was like "shadow boxing" - you don't know what to hit. Sierra Madre is still waiting for the completion of the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 audits.

Zimmerman sits on the Ad-Hoc Finance Committee, as does Buchanan. The committee was formed to look for funding solutions, should the initiative pass. A number of residents voiced opposition to tax increases for the initiative, even as the city threatens to shut down the library or senior center to raise the funds without a tax. Zimmerman said he foresaw a situation where voters would vote against the police initiative if it meant saving the library.

Resident Fay Angus asked why the city was not looking at private donations to fund all or part of the library. She also asked why an accounting was not done looking at each individual department. She proposed a number of solutions including consolidating positions instead of hiring a new assistant for the city manager. A new position had been advertised with a salary for \$45,000, she said. Zimmerman said a number of her concerns were on the future finance committee's agenda.

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"WE WILL NEVER FORGET"

Sheriff Baca Remembers 9/11 - Local Departments Honored



In remembrance of 9/11 and in honor of the men and women who serve in law enforcement, The Ararat Lodge No. 848 of the Free and Accepted Masons held their 1st Annual Dinner Honoring Law Enforcement at the Masonic Lodge in Sierra Madre. Pictured above are the honorees and organizers including Sierra Madre Police Captain Larry Giannone and Fire Marshall Rich Snyder (back row center). The event was attended by over 125 guests and dignitaries including representatives from the Drug Enforcement Agency, The FBI, The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and other agencies.

By Susan Henderson

"The goodness of all human beings will surface in a tragedy like this," were the words spoken by Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca at the 1st Annual Dinner Honoring Law Enforcement held on Tuesday evening at the Sierra Madre Masonic Lodge. The tragedy which struck the United States six years ago on September 11th, remains the most atrocious events in this country's history. Among the 2,993+ people who died as a result of the attack, there were more than 403 New York City Firefighters, Police Officers and Port Authority Officers who lost their lives trying to save others. There are more than 300 others who suffer from respiratory ailments after the attack. Those courageous acts serve as a reminder that our communities should always honor, respect and support those who are willing to risk their lives for others.

Baca, who in addition to serving as the head of the world's largest Sheriff's Department talked about the effects of



Sheriff Baca says America is "The Greatest not the smartest" in his speech last week.

the attack and expressed some concern over the country's post 9/11 actions. According to Baca America is, "the greatest not the smartest."



Abraham and Annie Topdjian are greeted by one of the events organizers Aria, a member of the Lodge.

Governor Signs Legislation Banning Cell Phone Use for Teen Drivers

Gov. Schwarzenegger Thursday signed a bill which bans teenage drivers from using all electronic devices - such as cell phones, pagers and laptops - while behind the wheel.

"The simple fact is that teenage drivers are more easily distracted. They are young, inexperienced and have a slower reaction time. We want to eliminate any extra distractions so they can focus on paying attention to the road and being good drivers," said the Governor. According to the California Highway Patrol, cell phone use is a leading cause of distracted-driver accidents in California. Teenage drivers are four times more distracted than adult drivers by cell phone use.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among 16 to 20 year olds. They account for 44 percent of teen deaths in the U.S., with approximately 6,000 teenage drivers or passengers dying each year.

Despite the fact that young drivers represent only 6.3 percent of the nation's licensed drivers, they are involved in 13.6 percent of fatal crashes. Drivers age 16 to 19 have a fatality rate that is four times the rate of drivers ages 25 to 69.

Currently, fifteen states and the District of Columbia have laws restricting the use of wireless communication devices by new and inexperienced drivers.

The bill takes effect on July 1, 2008 - the same date as a law that requires all drivers to use hands-free devices while talking on cell phones. Both laws also provide exemptions for emergency calls.



Getting to Know... Esther Garcia

By: Pat Birdsall

Last May, I attended a very moving Memorial Day service at the Sierra Madre Veteran's Photo Wall in Hart Memorial Park. We were there to honor the veterans living and dead, who fought for this great country of ours. The requisite politicians were in attendance, and at the end of

the program one of them asked all of those who had served our country in the armed forces to stand. Seated right in front of me were James and Esther Garcia. I was aware of Jim's meritorious service in the Army during WWII, but when they both stood up, I was so moved. I felt that I had to find out more about this woman, Mrs. Esther Garcia. (continued on page 9)

Mrs. Garcia at home in Sierra Madre (left). Soldier Esther Garcia in uniform (right)






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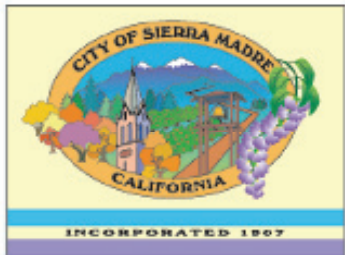
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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



City of Sierra Madre September Events

- 12 - Community Arts Commission - 6:30 PM - Council Chamber
- 13 - Ad-hoc Finance Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM - Council Chambers
- 14 - Community Arts Commission Trip to the Getty - 5:00 PM - Community Recreation Center
- 14 - "Temperance and Townhood" Talk - 7:30 PM - Library
- 14 - City Hall Closed
- 15 - Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast - 7:00 AM - Memorial Park
- 17 - Community Services Commission - 6:30 PM - Council Chamber
- 19 - Tree Advisory Commission - 7:00 PM - Council Chamber
- 20 - Planning Commission - 7:00 PM - Council Chamber
- 24 - Deadline to register for Oktoberfest Golf & Tennis Tournament - Community Recreation Center
- 25 - Regular City Council Meeting - 6:30 PM - Council Chamber
- 26 - Library Board of Trustees - 7:00 PM - Conference Room
- 27 - Sierra Madre Honors... Dinner - 6:00 PM
- 28 - City Hall Closed
- 29 - Search 'n' Social - 12 noon - Library

For more information on these and other City programs, call 355-7135 or visit www.cityofsierramadre.com.

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Please sign up! The Fire Safe Council needs volunteers for the Red Flag Patrol. Call 355-0741, 7135 or 9530 or email: smfiresafecouncil@hotmail.com

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Pasadena Farmer's Market
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Bargain Books Table at Sierra Madre Library

Fall Into a Good Book

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library will have a "Bargain Books Table" inside the Library from Monday, September 17, through Saturday, September 22, during the Library's public open hours. Featured titles will include Fiction, Mysteries, and Children's Books, all in good condition. All books will be sold at the bargain price of \$1.00.

The Sierra Madre Public Library, located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre, is open Monday through Wednesday from 12 noon to 9 p.m., Thursday and Friday from 12 noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For further information on programs and services please call us at (626)355-7186 or visit the Library's web site at www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us.

A Centennial Celebration for Sierra Madre

The Sierra Madre United Methodist Church extends a warm welcome to the community to come celebrate with us as we honor the city's Centennial.

We will be hosting an ice cream social in the Sierra Madre War Memorial Park on Sierra Madre Boulevard on Sunday, September 16th.

The celebration starts at 3:30 with ice cream, old fashioned games and activities. Live entertainment will be provided by the San Gabriel Valley Ole Tyme Banjo Band. Song sheets will be provided to encourage everyone to sing along. Antique cars will also be on display. Come take a stroll down memory lane.

Please mark your calendars and drop by the pavilion in the park to celebrate with us and enjoy the fun, fellowship and frozen treats.

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SIERRA MADRE \$749,000

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SIERRA MADRE - \$1,698,000

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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 FDR, Den, 5 bedrooms, 2.75 baths, a 2,958 sf home and a 15,747 sf 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, lemon trees and new exterior paint.

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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 bths, 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



PASADENA - \$2,750

This charming Spanish home is in great condition and offers spacious rooms; covered ceiling in the living room and the formal dining room; the living room offers a fireplace and access to a large covered porch; there are beautiful wood floors in the hallway and bedrooms; French doors and windows; an updated kitchen with granite counter, stove and tile flooring; a charming breakfast room with built-in hutch; both bathrooms are new; a separate laundry room; central air and heat; manual sprinklers in the front yard; a detached 2-car garage and a basement. Landlord kindly requests: at least a 1 year lease, no pets and a non-smoker. Ideally located just across the street from Pasadena City College and just blocks from Cal Tech! Reni Rose 626-355-8400





Rich Johnson will be back next week.

Due to the passing of Rich's twin sister, Ruth Ann Johnson, last week in Minnesota. Rich and his sister were born on Halloween, October 31, 1951. Their mother had another set of twins 13 months later on Thanksgiving, 1952. Ruth was in the Air Force for 8 years in the late 70s and early 80s. We were born and raised through junior high school in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She lived there the last 20 years of her life. The publisher and staff of this paper extend their deepest sympathy to Rich and his family. If you wish to contact Rich via email send your message to: r.johnson@mobserver.com

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD PRINCESSES (AND PRINCES TOO)!

ROSE FLOAT SELECTION OF BOTH PRINCESSES AND ESCORTS BEGINS NOW



The Sierra Madre Rose Float Association announces that is again pleased to offer the opportunity to ride on our float on New Year's Day in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade to the special young women and men of our community. Applications are now being accepted for the positions of both Princesses and Escorts. Applicants must live in Sierra Madre, be between the ages of 15 to 18 years old, and have a 3.0 grade average. In addition to the honor of riding the Float, both Princesses and Escorts will have the pleasure of meeting with most of the members of Sierra Madre's city government, service organizations and clubs, both before and after January 1. In addition, they will be assisting with float decorating and publicity opportunities. Princesses and Escort will have a very exciting and educational year. The last time couples were featured on the float was 1997 (First Car, Young Love.) Applications may be picked up at City Hall, your High School or downloaded from the SMRFA website, www.sierramadrerosefloat.org. Applications must be mailed and be received by SMRFA by October 10th, 2007. Applicants must appear for judging on Saturday, October 13th, at the Sierra Madre Masonic Hall, 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., between 8:30A.M. and 10:30A.M. Applications submitted later than October 10th or on the interview day will not be accepted. For more information, please call Donna Sutcliffe, 626-355-8579.

LIFE IN IRAN

Kiwanis International will present an interesting program at their Tuesday, Sept. 18 meeting. Von Raees of Core Media Group will speak about life in Iran. Von was born in Iran and lived there for much of his life. He'll present his unique perspective on the current political situation in Iran and what life is really like in his native country. The club meets at noon at the Masonic Temple at 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre. The public is invited; lunch is \$8 per person. Reservations are required. Please contact Paul Neiby at 355-1291.

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Water Main Breaks At 1 Carter

Residents Also Disturbed Over Water Used and Other Environmental Changes

In the midst of the controversy over the use of Sierra Madre's drinking water for construction purposes, a key valve on Carter Avenue broke sending gallons of water down Carter Avenue. According to SM Public Works employees, it is possible that the valve, which was aging, broke as a result of the additional stress on the pipes due to the building at 1 Carter. As reported earlier in this paper, sub-contractors for John Laing Homes are using between 12,000 and 16,000 gallons of water daily to control dust. The hydrant from which the water is drawn is a few feet from where the water main broke. At Tuesday's city council meeting, residents Faye Angus and Debbie Sheridan asked the council to consider requiring developers to use reclaimed water instead of depleting the city's existing drinking water resources. She explained to the council, and submitted documentation to them, that there are reclaimed water hydrants nearby that could be used to fill the water trucks. It has also been suggested that the city impose a moratorium on all further development until the current drought conditions change. The matter will be on the next council meeting agenda. On the issue of the environmental impact of the development, Carol Parker provided the council with pictures of the area



Workers from Sierra Madre Public Works quickly responded and replaced the broken valve.



A few weeks ago, this parade of trucks made their way up Baldwin to 1 Carter. The last oversized truck is specifically designed to turn trees that have been cut down into mulch.



The cleared construction site is a "heartbreaking" scene for many residents.

before and after construction began. Although, according to the Planning Department, there will be trees replanted for each tree destroyed, that gives little consolation to those concerned. S. Henderson/MVO

COUNCIL (continued from page 1)

Reclaimed Water

Towards the end of Tuesday night's meeting, Zimmerman asked the City Manager, Elaine Aguilar, if she could respond to some of the public's concerns about water use at the 1 Carter construction site. The request included asking for a report regarding the possibilities of an emergency ordinance mandating the use of reclaimed water for use of dust control within the city. Mayor Enid Joffe asked if the item could be set for discussion, with possible solutions, before looking at it as an ordinance. "I would want to look at the downside of using reclaimed water," Joffe said. "In this way you would also be generating truck trips. I don't want to get into truck trips vs. water, but I do want to look at everything." Zimmerman said he was concerned with waiting and the council did agree to discuss the issue, although only before taking up the matter to adopt the possible ordinance. "If we end the discussion finding that an ordinance is unnecessary, well, then it's unnecessary," he said.

How "Green" Are We?

The night ended with Councilmember Buchanan asking that a discussion item looking at how "green" the city is, be brought to them at the next possible



Councilmembers Buchanan, Mosca, Joffe, Zimmerman and Watts (not pictured) addressed issues on public safety, city finances, water resources and the environment on their first day back.

meeting "maybe in the form of an audit on how efficient the city is." "How green of a city are we?" he asked rhetorically. "What kind of programs do we have in place now that are efficient and what we would call 'green,' for a lack of a better term, specifically those initiatives that will contribute to a reduction of greenhouse gases?" Mayor Enid Joffe suggested looking at Pasadena's Green City Action Plan, based on United Nations Urban Environmental Accords of 2005. The Accords challenge cities with 21 specific goals in seven areas, energy, transportation, waste reduction, environment, health, urban design, water and urban nature. "Pasadena is way ahead of the curve," she said. Zimmerman's request that the city mandate using only reclaimed water for dust suppression nicely followed the topic of the city's sustainability, some said.

New City Manager Takes Charge

Elaine Aguilar says, "I'm Approachable"

On Tuesday before the City Council meeting, residents joined city staff in welcoming Sierra Madre's new CEO, Elaine Aguilar. Mrs. Aguilar brings with her a wealth of public administration experience including a stint as the Assistant to the City Manager of Glendale, and Assistant City Manager of La Puente. Earlier in the day, Aguilar told members and guests of the Kiwanis club, "Public service is a passion of mine. I am friendly and approachable and like to laugh. I believe that having a sense of humor is important. A native of the El Sereno area of Los Angeles. Elaine is married with adult children. She has lived in West Covina for the past 23 years.



City Manager Aguilar with Mayor Enid Joffe and Former Mayor George Maurer at welcoming reception

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Sierra Madre Search & Rescue Host Mock Rescue Demonstrations

Friends of the Library will cool off the crowd with an Ice Cream Social at the same event

On Saturday, September 29, 2007, from 3-5 pm The Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team will be conducting a series of mock rescue demonstrations on the front Library grounds. Children and adults alike will get a rare opportunity to see "up close and personal" how actual rescue operations are conducted. In one demo for example, Team members will rescue a citizen (played by colleague), who has been trapped in a tree. During all the excitement, you're invited to cool off and mingle awhile at an Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library. Stop by or call the Library for more information. The Sierra Madre Library is located at 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., in Sierra Madre. Phone: 626-355-7186.



MountainViews-Observer PASADENA

The Increasingly Violent Nature of Pasadena Discussed By City Council

By Dean Lee

The Pasadena City Council Monday night did what governments seem to do best when they have a citywide crisis: form an ad-hoc committee then ask for a report back from city staff. In this case, the committee will be formed to address the city's murder rate escalating out of control and calls for immediate action. This year alone Pasadena has had 18 killings, nine of which were classified as hate crimes, according to police.

The committee, which was unanimously approved by the council, will be comprised initially of three city council members. Later members from PUSD and Pasadena City College will be added, as well as representatives from supervisor Michael D. Antonovich's office. The council also agreed that city teens should be included in the discussions, but how to do that, or how many to include, or from where, was not specified.

"We certainly can come back to you with a report on some the 21 points [of concern] we have so far," said, City Manager Cynthia J. Kurtz. "I'm not sure we can come back with all of them but we likely could take programs like we heard tonight and figure out how that fits into the "20/20 vision plan."

She narrowed the list down to eight of the original points, saying some of what the council was asking for would take time such as the demographics on teens in school or employed.

Council member Victor Gordo said that some points outlined should be the work of the newly form ad-hoc committee. "I don't think programs like job training and vocational programs should come back to the council." He said. "Those can be dealt with by our partners at the PUSD and PCC."

Gordo, along with others, suggested the council look at group homes, code enforcement and liquor stores, among other problem areas like motels along east Colorado Boulevard.

According to Police Chief Bernard Melekian, a SWAT team had been called Monday morning to assist on-site police at a Comfort Inn on Colorado Boulevard after an anonymous tip reported a large amount of money and guns were stashed in a room. Colorado Boulevard had been Boulevard blocked off for some time.

The issue was set to be continued on next week's agenda.

District 1 Community Meeting

Melekian shared the comments on Wednesday night at a Northwest Pasadena District 1 community meeting held by Councilmember Jacque Robinson.

Robinson outlined her plan, "Pasadena-Altadena Vision 20/20". She and Gordo had put the item on the agenda for Monday night's meeting.

"They [the council] voted to supported the plan in spirit," she said Wednesday. "Now we want them to adopt the strategic framework outlined in the plan."

Their are eight points outlined in Robinson's plan, including, among others: public safety, gang violence and community intervention, adult education, schools and parks.

A number of city representatives and community group members were among both Monday and Wednesday's packed meetings. Monday night all of the PUSD board members were in attendance, including Superintendent Edwin Diaz.

PUSD Board member Renatta Cooper verbally opposed the idea of forming an ad-hoc committee, saying what really needed to be addressed was the community's hate for teenagers.

"Just try putting them in any neighborhood," she said referring to the placement of a number of charter schools throughout the school's district. "They're alright if they are yours, but everybody else's have got to go."



Crime and crime prevention are topics of particular interest to Edwin Diaz, Superintendent of the Pasadena Unified School District shown in the audience listening attentively.

New Pasadena City College president, Paulette Perfumo, also gave support for a crime prevention plan, saying PCC had a number of vocational programs for youth. She also said that kids were more likely to get much higher paying jobs with a 2-year degree than without. She said this was likely to keep them off the street.

A number of residents said most problems in North West Pasadena stem from the large number of liquor stores in the area. Some also said that many stores had their liquor licenses up for renewal, and asked the city to step in and yank a number of them. At one point the council asked about hiring their own ABC administrator, but Melekian said ABC made clear they did not want to do that.

Representatives from the Human Services, Recreation, and Information Services (library) Departments also discussed prevention and intervention programs for youths, saying the city of Pasadena partners with several non-profit organizations relating to conflict mediation, life skills training and gang diversion. Library staff said a number of summer youth programs would now continue into the school year.

Many residents said the tipping point for the community was the meaningless shooting death of Ebony Huel, Aug. 17 by a recently released parolee. Huel was caught in gang crossfire and shot in the head outside an illegally run nightclub in the 2000 block of Lincoln Avenue. She died of her injuries the next day at a nearby hospital.

Speed Limits And Enforcement Add To Pasadena Traffic Challenges

By Dean Lee

TheCityCouncilsentrecommendations MondaynightbacktotheTransportation Advisory Commission after not approving staff recommendations to raise speed limits 5 to 10 miles per hour on 27 streets throughout the city. This move could backfire, making speed enforcement next to impossible, by crippling the city's use of radar guns.

Under the California vehicle code, whenever radar is used for speed laws and a speed limit is set other than the state standard, it must be justified by an engineering and traffic survey conducted within a five-year period.

Only one street reviewed, West Drive near the Rose Bowl, would have been lowered from 40 to 35 miles per hour according to the staff report. A study done by the city's Traffic Division showed that due to the collision history and the high pedestrian-related special events, a 5 mile per hour reduction was appropriate on West Drive

"The city is struggling with its need to comply with state law regarding the setting of speed limits, which are to be set based on survey data that is collected," City Manager Cynthia Kurtz said.

Kurtz explained speed limits can be set up or down depending on the visibility and curvature of the street. "The simple formula is that speed limits need to be set at what 85 percent of the traffic on the street is traveling at," she said. "The law is intended to keep cities from setting speed traps in order to generate revenue."

Pasadena has not surveyed many of its city streets in at least five years as mandated by law, Kurtz said, taking most of the blame herself in not bringing the issue to council. She said the violation was brought to the city's attention after being challenged in court.

Kurtz reported that a resident was given a ticket for going 52 miles per hour on Linda Street. Even though the speed was posted at 30 mph, the case was thrown out of court because the street limit was 'out of compliance.'

"The courts made it clear that Pasadena needs to get itself back into compliance with state law," she noted. "This impacts our ability to enforce [traffic limits] on city streets and that is why we thought it was necessary to get the information before the council as quickly as possible."

Council member Steve Madison asked first that the issue be brought back to the Transportation Advisory Commission against the advice of Kurtz. She later acquiesced, accepting that the council was free to use whatever process they wished.

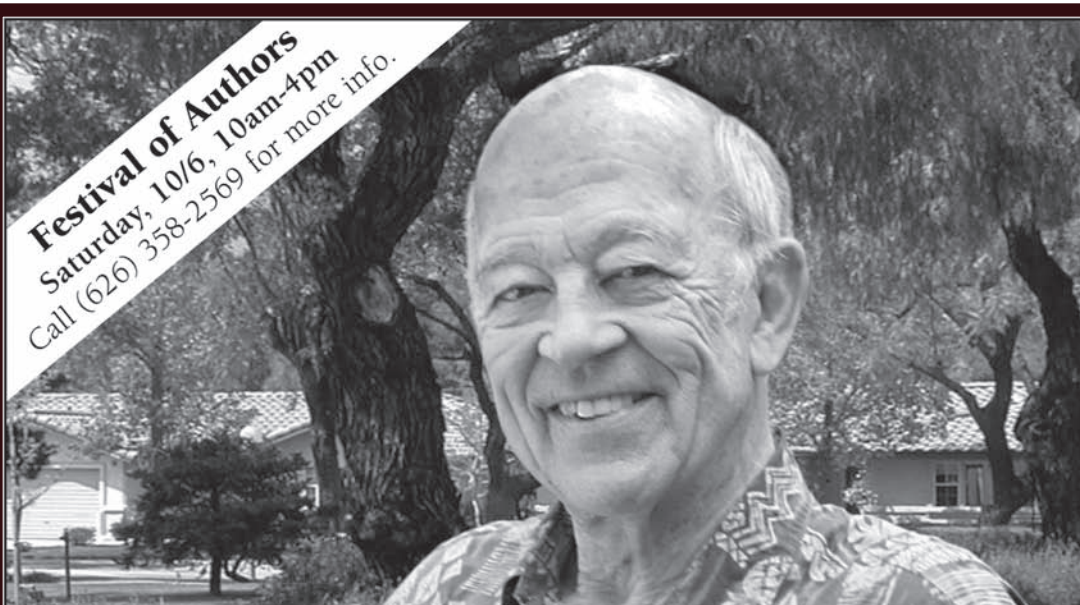
"This is going to take some substantial time to sink our teeth into," Madison said. "I have a list of questions, as do some of the homeowners associations."

Madison questioned how many citations were coming in front of a judge. "Most of the citations are being paid," he said "Frankly even if they're not, when we do traffic enforcement the mere presence is the greatest deterrent, just seeing the officers out."

Madison added that he would not mind waiting for a report even if it meant not collecting fines, "If that's what it takes."

Frustrated Kurtz shot back: "Once we are put on notice by the courts that the city is out of compliance, we may not send our officers to those streets for enforcement. So it's not that we can give out tickets knowing that some might not be challenged, or some may not go, we are prevented from sending our officers there"

Kurtz later rethought part of her comments, saying, "Although they [officers] can (cont. on pg. 6)



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Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council

TIP OF THE WEEK

From Caroline Brown

California State Law required homeowners to keep brush cleared from their structures at a minimum distance of 100 ft or to their property line. This is of special importance to those living in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. Some of the brush covered foothills above Sierra Madre, within the city limits and in the adjacent Angeles National Forest, has not burned for 30 years. It is up to the homeowner to keep their property free of burnable material. Above the chimney there must be a vertical space of 5 ft. to the nearest tree branches and a horizontal 10 ft. clearance. Defensible space at ground level also includes cutting tree branches up off the ground 3 feet, which remove ladder fuels and help prevent a ground fire from moving up into the trees.

The next Fire Safe Council meeting will be Monday, October 8, 2007, 7 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

For more information contact the Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council at 355-0741 or 355-9350. smfiresafecouncil@hotmail.com or c.brown@mobserver.com.



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A free health fair Saturday, Sept. 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Madison Avenue between Orange Grove Boulevard and Mountain Street in Pasadena will offer a number of services and activities.

The event will include diabetes testing, mammograms and other health check-ups and screenings; seminars on diabetes, cancer and health care access; information about free and low-cost insurance for children and seniors as well as prevention and treatment of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases; and

healthy cooking demonstrations.

Children’s activities, food, door prizes and entertainment will round out the event. Sponsors include Pasadena City Councilman Victor Gordo, Pasadena Public Health Department, Community Health Alliance of Pasadena (CHAP), Madison Neighborhood Partners, Junior League of Pasadena, United Latino Fund and Pasadena Unified School District.

For more information call (626) 683-9492.

SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During the week of Sunday, September 2nd, to Saturday September 8th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 354 calls for service.

Sunday, September 2nd

3:29 AM – DUI arrest, Sierra Madre Blvd and Hasting Ranch Rd. Officers stopped a car for a minor equipment violation. During the investigation the driver was found to be driving under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

Monday, September 3rd

10:26 PM – Arrest unlicensed driver, Baldwin Ave and Orange Grove. A driver was stopped for a minor traffic violation. A records check revealed he was unlicensed, which resulted in the storage of his car for thirty days. The driver was issued a written promise to appear and released at the scene.

Wednesday, September 5th

6:52 AM – Vandalism, 222 West Sierra Madre Blvd. A city crew worker reported graffiti vandalism to the men’s restroom. The work “BAG” was written in two places with a pencil. No repair estimate was available.

8:01 PM – Arrest, drunk in public. A resident reported a man seated at the park bench, 222 W Sierra Madre Blvd. The man was intoxicated and unable to care for himself. He was arrested and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

10:30 PM – Arrest, 1000 block North Baldwin Ave, Arcadia. A driver was stopped for a minor traffic violation. A records check revealed the driver was unlicensed. During a search of the vehicle, officers found cocaine and narcotics paraphernalia. The driver and her two daughters were arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

Thursday, September 6th

7:40 AM – Auto burglary, 400 block Woodland Drive. A resident reported the driver’s side passenger window smashed and a small lunch cooler taken. The car was parked Wednesday, 9/5 at 10:30 pm and the loss was discovered Thursday, 9/06 at 5:30 am. The total loss, including the repair of the window, was estimated at \$160.00.

10:15 PM – Arrest, possession of marijuana. A driver was stopped for a minor traffic violation. A records check revealed a \$10,000.00 warrant for his arrest. The driver was issued a citation for the marijuana. He was issued a written promise to appear for the warrant and released at the scene.

Friday, September 7th

2:02 PM – Residential burglary, 600 block Woodland Drive. A resident reported two cordless drills and one saw were stolen from an unlocked basement. The tools were valued at \$900.00.

Saturday, September 8th

12:26 AM – Arrest, 100 block East Sierra Madre Blvd. A car was stopped as the result of a 911 emergency call transfer from CHP. The driver reported she was being chased by a car full of juveniles. Officers stopped the car with the juveniles. A records check revealed the driver was 15 years old and unlicensed. The driver and his four juvenile passengers were transported to the police station for release to their parents. The car was stored for thirty days. The driver was issued a written promise to appear.

7:50 PM – Arrest, 1400 block Rexford Ave, Pasadena. A driver was stopped for a minor traffic violation, failure to stop at a stop sign. A records check revealed that his driver’s license was suspended or revoked. The officer impounded the driver’s car for thirty days. The driver was issued a written promise to appear and released at the scene.

The Mountain Clymer

The Deer Whisperer

By Kim Clymer-Kelley

As I sat and analyzed the list I had made of story ideas for my column I realized that a lot of the stories that I can tell about my life in the mountains can be classified into one often dreadful (but just as often, in retrospect, pretty humorous) category... “lessons learned the hard way”. No one ever wants to learn this way, but lessons that are learned the hard way are seldom forgotten. I believe they are taught to us in this manner because they are lessons that are imperative for us to remember...ones on which our very survival may depend one day. Those who are too arrogant to listen, or who are oblivious to the fact that there was a lesson to be learned, or who forget or ignore these lessons, usually end up repeating the same mistake, often with much more serious consequences. It is important to keep our eyes open for these teaching experiences that are sent our way, to take the lessons to heart, and to be very grateful for them. They are, in essence, a second chance...a “do over”, if you will.

One of the greatest lessons that anyone learns from living close to nature (one I have mentioned here before) is the understanding of our position in the natural world. It is easy to think of ourselves as “masters of our environment”...easy until one is humbled by the terror of a flash flood in a narrow canyon, or the wrath of a tornado or hurricane, or the viciousness of a raging forest fire. It is easy to think of ourselves as “king of beasts”...easy, until one witnesses the ferociousness of a mountain lion, or the sheer strength and power of a mule, or the effects of the bite of the tiny black widow.

One excellent illustration of this point comes to mind. It is a story that has since become part of the lore of the Big Santa Anita Canyon community. A story that will be handed down from generation to generation and, I am sure, will be embellished on more and more each time it is told. This is the stuff that makes up the fabric of such communities. It’s sort of a fish out of water story...the kind where the “country bumpkins” get to make fun of the “city slickers”.

Once there was a couple, a handsome young man named Stuart and his beautiful wife, Fawn. They were kind and good people...but they were city people. They were teachers who ran their own school...a city school for city kids. They were smart...book smart and street smart and business smart...but those are not usually the kind of smarts that one needs to survive in the wild, and often all of those smarts together do not add up to one lick of common sense. One day Stuart and Fawn decided to take a trip. They got in their car, left the city behind, and headed to the beautiful mountains that they could see far in the distant east. They had always been fascinated by the mountains and visited them occasionally, staying with some friends who had a vacation cabin there. These friends had decided to sell their cabin and Stuart and Fawn thought it would be a wonderful idea to buy it for the school so that the children of the city school could learn about the wonders of nature. So they headed to the mountains to buy the cabin. It was a beautiful little stone cottage made by one of the master stone workers of the area and time. It set nestled in near the creek in the forest, surrounded by a nice lawn and garden and a beautiful stone wall. It was truly one of the treasures of the canyon. Unlike most other cabins, and much to the city people’s delight, it had a generator for power, an old crank phone, a complete electrical system, hot and cold running water, an indoor bathroom, a modern kitchen and a washer and dryer in the basement...all the amenities of the city. But this was not the city, it was the wild... just like in Bambi or the Jungle Book...a place where one can live in harmony with all of the gentle, friendly, and benevolent creatures of the forest.

They decided that to make the cabin their own and began to visit it every weekend, often bringing with them the children of the city school. The children loved the little home in the woods and spent many weekends playing in the stream, hiking through the woods, climbing the trees and rocks and swinging from the swing that hung from a tree by the creek.

One weekend day Stuart decided to take the children for a hike down the stream. It was a beautiful fall day. The birds were singing, the brook was babbling, the snakes were hissing and the deer were...wait!!!... what was this... a deer distressing??? Yes, it was...a beautiful buck with a huge full rack of antlers, but on the antlers was a yucca ball...a huge ball of dead yucca leaves and roots that he had somehow managed to spear with his antlers and could not (cont.

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Arts & Architecture

By Virginia Olive Hoge

Matthew Bartik Fork Artist

All of the art isn't inside the Met. There is some on the outside, too. If you are visiting New York and go to the Metropolitan Museum of Art or the Guggenheim Museum, you most likely will see a man behind a table who hails from Mariaville in upstate New York. He's hard to miss -- red-hair, sturdy, wool cap. He creates, with a pair of needle-nosed pliers as his only tool, jewelry and sculptures out of none other than the lowly table fork (the 4-pronged restaurant forks are his favorite for jewelry) and they are beautiful.

No matter what the weather (when I saw him last winter there was freezing rain), he stands all day at his table making art, the tablecloth in front of him covered with the fruits of his labors.

And what "fruits" they are!

Look at this beautiful piece, a bracelet with a Constructivist feel to it. Matthew has created hundreds of different, all original jewelry designs, and is so adept and intuitive at his craft he will fashion an original ring for you on the spot. He does animals, too, and more elaborate sculptures, fed from a seemingly boundless well of inventiveness.



Crafts have been unfairly maligned by the Art World for years and it is not right. This bizarre separation of "Art" and "Craft" would make no sense at all to ANY of the Renaissance masters and yet it gets perpetuated year after year, like an unfortunate "Clause" in our contemporary art "Contract." Well, enough is enough!

On his website, artist Bartik invites custom orders. The site claims "There is nothing he is not willing to try." In his case, I would believe it!

Website: www.fork-art.com
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Pasadena Bunny Museum Provides 'Hippity Hoppity' Fun

By Teresa Baxter

Nestled away in a quaint, quiet neighborhood in northern Pasadena is a Bunny Museum that contains the most extensive collection of bunny memorabilia on the planet, according to the Guinness Book of World Records. This recognition was documented in 1999, appropriately enough, during the Chinese zodiac's "Year of the Rabbit".

The total number of furry friends has multiplied to over 23,000 and the collection continues to grow. The origin of the museum has the makings for a love story straight out of a romance novel. Curators Candace Frazee and Steve Lubanski met in 1993 during a singles event at a neighborhood church. They soon began dating seriously and have since been married.

"I started calling him my honey bunny when we were dating," said Frazee. "He liked the name so much that he decided to buy me my first bunny on that Valentine's Day."

The bunny that started it all is a plush, stuffed rabbit that holds a huge heart that states "I love you this much". This led Frazee to return the affection by presenting her then beau, Lubanski, with a porcelain rabbit the following Easter. Thus began the tradition of presenting bunny gifts on every holiday.

"Then Steve couldn't wait for the holiday," she said. "He became impatient to share his latest find, so he made it an everyday thing."

And as the collection continues to grow daily, it is the holidays that are the most special at the "living museum," located at their private residence. One misconception that should be dispelled is that Easter is the most popular time to visit it turns out that Christmas is the most frequented date of the year.

"Nothing is open on Christmas and people are usually here from out of town visiting relatives," she said. "So what better thing to do after opening presents and eating a huge meal than to take your visitors to the Bunny Museum?"

Halloween is also a favorite time of year because of the kid-friendly haunted house theme. According to Frazee, if you dress up as a bunny you get a special gift instead of candy. The museum is open 365 day a year, by appointment only, with the exception of holidays when tours are open to the public without a reservation.



Frazee also shares that, if you can't make it to the museum, there will be a bunny booth at the **14th annual Angel Festival in Memorial Park, Sierra Madre on Oct. 6**. She will be selling signature angel-themed bunnies. Frazee started the festival after the angel craze took off in the 1990s and didn't want it to become a passing fad. Last year there were over 45 vendors promoting the celebration of angels. "We picked the park in Sierra Madre because it was a sweet and intimate setting that projects the spirit of Americana," she said.

For more information about the Bunny Museum or the Angel Festival, please visit www.thebunnymuseum.com, or call 626-798-8848.



'Women Times Two' Exhibit Raises Funds for Mentor Program

By Teresa Baxter

The Women's City Club of Pasadena hosted two renowned

artists, Synthia Saint James and emerging photographer Dr. Lois Frankel, last Saturday for the "Women Times Two" art exhibit. Art and photography were displayed for purchase, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit a mentor program founded by Frankel.

While Saint James is an established artist best known for being the designer of the first Kwanzaa stamp for the United States Postal Service, and creating cover art for novels by Alice Walker and Terry McMillan, Frankel admitted that this was her first foray in sharing her photos.

"I've really been blessed to be able to travel around the world," said Frankel. "I take pictures everywhere I go."

In actuality, Dr. Frankel is a reputable author and life coach. Her last two books, *Nice Girls Don't Get the Corner Office* and *Nice Girls Don't Get Rich* are international bestsellers translated into over twenty languages worldwide and have been featured on CNN, CNBC, and in the New York Times.



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PUSD Discuss Code of Ethic Issues

By Teresa Baxter

The PUSD Board of Education moved forward Tuesday night during their regular meeting, adopting a documented Code of Ethics brought forth by Superintendent Edwin Diaz to be included in current revisions taking place for Board policies. The last revision on an ethical code has been in place since 1995, he said. Diaz recommended an update that held school district employees more accountable in their positions. He offered a first reading of the revised code, based on a California School Boards Association model, for consideration of approval by the Board. Diaz proposed that the updated policy regarding ethical practice would document that the governing board will expect district employees “to maintain the highest ethical standards, follow district policies and regulations, and abide by state and federal laws. Employee contact should enhance the integrity of the district and advance the goals of the educational programs.”


He then went on to say, “each employee should make a commitment to acquire the knowledge and skill necessary to fulfill his or her responsibilities and should focus on his or her contribution to the learning and the treatment of district students. The Board encourages district employees to accept as guiding principles of professional standards and codes of ethics adopted by professional associations to which they belong.” The next step in the enforcement of a code will be a second reading for approval and adoption, followed by a communication to school district employees, after which proper administrative procedures will be put in place for implementation, he said. Another issued discussed was the proposal to authorize the Superintendent to contract for the services of a Chief of Staff with internal auditing responsibilities. The position to be filled would be

limited to a 12-month contract and \$200,000 has been made available for payment to the contractor chosen. “This is a tough decision to make because funds are limited and recommending another administrative position is a thing that’s difficult to do,” said Diaz. “However, we’re entering into a year where we have a plan working on a set of priorities and we have very high expectations for the implementation of that plan.” The need to hire a Chief of Staff was a recommendation that came out of the Gibson Report from the last Board meeting stating that this position must be created to meet the timeline put forth by the Superintendent’s priorities in his “Approach to Excellence Plan.” The meeting started on a somber note when Steve Lizardo, president of the Board, requested that everyone join together in a “moment of silence for those who fell at 9/11.”

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TRISH's TRUTH



Less Stress

By Trisha Collins

Stress. Everybody has it, and everybody goes through it. It's a part of life and there's practically no avoiding it. Stress is a given, and most definitely isn't wanted, but you'd be surprised to find that most stress is self-imposed. So, much stress can be avoided just by the way you react to simple things in your everyday life. Most stress is brought on by the most unlikely person...you, and since you bring on your own stress, it's you that can help prevent most of it.

Stress can be caused by the simplest things, and how you react to them determines your personal stress level. Let's say you're walking in a rush and you stub your toe because someone's leg was in the way. Do you: A) Get angry at the person and their legs, telling them to "watch where I'm going!" or do you: B) Stumble a little and tell the person "Excuse me" and ask them if they could move their leg so that doesn't happen again. Of course, we all should have chosen letter B, but let's be real. Not everyone faces little things like that positively. Little trips like that (when approached negatively) can stress out your whole day and throw you completely off balance. When responding positively, you can be able to shrug it off and move on with your day and your life.

You can relieve stress in many ways. Often, it helps to talk to someone about how you're feeling. When we swallow stress, we increase the risk of negative response. No one should keep such feelings bottled up inside, or else it can be released more powerfully and violently than you would think. If you can't talk to anyone, you can always write in a journal. That's what I do when I need to relax and let my feelings loose. I express them by writing in my notebook (I have 19 at the moment) and after that, I almost always feel better.

Stress not only affects your mind and feelings, but it also affects your body too. People with a lot of stress start to premature age, and are sick often. Yes, having stress can make you sick, inside and out. People with an unhealthy amount of stress can often have headaches, migraines, upset stomach, and flu symptoms. You can also break out, and hair could start to fall out or turn a little gray.

So if you feel yourself feeling stressed, look at your situation and try to react positively. You can also take a little time out of your day to relax, take a breather. A little meditation couldn't hurt either. Take control of your life and try to manage your stress wisely. Besides, usually, there's no one to blame but yourself, so do yourself a favor a have less stress!

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absolutely drive on the street.” Madison suggested that putting up signs saying “radar enforcement” is just as hollow as idle threats. Police Chief Bernard Melekian said Wednesday that without the use of radar, enforcement would be tough. The only real way to pull someone over for speeding would be by pacing the car, something, he said, that requires distance. “You really have to follow the car, noting your own speed,” he said, adding that his department was looking into other ideas. “I think the real solution here is one that was brought up by a council member,” he said “That is, getting the speeds down through traffic engineering.” Melekian simply explained that by engineering the roads through bumps, barriers or narrowing the streets, the average speed would go down before surveying. “The

speed limit has to be set at 85 percent of whatever the average is, so it makes sense to get that down before you survey,” he said. Council member Steve Haderlein said he wanted staff to look at ways to get the speeds down instead of raising speed limits. “I would like TAC to look at these streets segments and identify ways to reduce the speed of the automobiles, such that we don't have to raise the speed limits.” Pasadena Police Traffic Enforcement officer, Lt. Phlunte Riddle, said police would be using a combination of methods including lidar/radar, pacing and the physical presence of officers. She agreed with the councils' comments that visuals were the best deterrents, going so far as to say the department would park police cars on the streets. “We will go back to doing it the old-fashioned way,” she said. The full report, with the streets listed, can be found on our web site. www.mvobserver.com.

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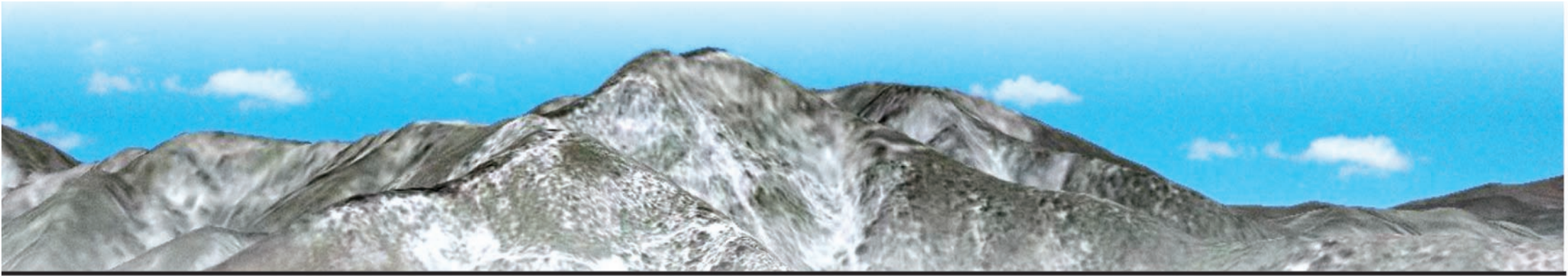
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OPINION



Around The Town With Sir Eric Maundry

“Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don’t matter, and those who matter don’t mind.”
- Theodore Geisel

If you are a local politics junkie like I am, I highly recommend that you take some time and visit The Foothill Cities Blog (<http://thefcblog.com/>).

At times as infuriatingly dry and obscure as any site frequented by political wonks can be, it can also be a breath of fresh air, a place where ideas are openly discussed in the kind of frank and honest way that is so obviously missing from the corporate lapdog press that dominates much of the discourse on important local matters these days. They usually don’t take themselves too seriously at the FC Blog, and that atmosphere of informed irreverence extends to all the topics it covers, including those matters dealing with politicians .. Currently being discussed on this site is the concept of “Pod Councils.” Pod Councils, for those of you new to the notion, are City Councils that appear on the surface to be representing the desires of the people who elected them, but in reality have agendas that are more closely aligned with regional and statewide agencies, as well as the powerful economic interests that influence and often dominate these agencies. Interests whose priorities are often very much at odds with what the folks living in our communities actually want .. This conversation on the FC blog has become especially focused on the amorphous quasi-governmental organization known as the Southern California Association of Governments, or SCAG. Comprised mostly of local members from City Councils in the 6 counties it covers, SCAG became particularly controversial when it recently decreed that high levels of new housing must be built throughout the region within the next 7 years. Los Angeles County alone was deemed responsible for coming up with 284,000 units out of the total of 700,000 SCAG demanded. In a region as heavily built-out as this one that demand struck many as absurd, and there has been resistance in some quarters. But SCAG is not a toothless organization. Should the people of any towns within

its purview attempt to stop the unwanted housing they’ve been tasked with accommodating, SCAG could rat them out to Sacramento and have the state shut off needed funding and grants .. At least they can’t call out the National Guard, I hope .. So why would a regional organization comprised of local City Council members be willing to put their names to radical increases in mandated housing in an area as obviously over-developed as this one? Especially when most of the people living in the towns they supposedly represent obviously don’t want it? What is in it for them? Ego junkets to Sacramento? The opportunity to brown-nose equally compromised party bigwigs and further their personal political ambitions? .. My purpose is not to mystify SCAG here. SCAG is little more than an appendage of the Real Estate Development and Building Industry lobbies in Sacramento. Their aim is to continue building no matter what the consequences because that is how they make their money. And if you want to get things done in areas where people don’t want anything to do with what you’re offering, what better way than to use Sacramento to cozen the support of our local government officials? .. Using SCAG and its local chapters as an example, we can clearly see what is meant by the concept of Pod Councils. There are very few City Councils within the region covered by SCAG that do not have at least one current SCAG member. Sierra Madre has 3 City Council members with SCAG service time in either the main organization itself or its San Gabriel Valley Council Of Governments (COG) sub-region. And Elaine Aguilar, our new Sierra Madre City Manager, also has put in some serious SCAG time in her career .. So let me ask you, should a matter come before our City Council regarding SCAG mandated housing issues, which master will our SCAG/COG members serve? The wishes of the people of Sierra Madre, or the outside organizations they are also a part of .. Wouldn’t it be nice to know that we have a City Council where our interests and wishes are the only priority? Not those of SCAG, COG, the BIA, Bob the Builder, or even the Emirate of Dubai? ... I am always eager to hear your opinions .. Write me at eric.maundry@yahoo.com ... Cheers!

LEGAL NOTICES

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To: Citywide
From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: 2nd Reading of Ordinance 1269, Amending contract between the City of Sierra Madre and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees’ Retirement System.

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that on October 9, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. or soon thereafter, the Sierra Madre City Council will conduct a Public Hearing, to hear testimony regarding the proposed adoption of Ordinance 1269, an amendment to the contract between the City of Sierra Madre and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees’ Retirement System.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 9, 2007
(Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.)

All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.

Published: September 21, 2007

Michelle Keith, Director of Community & Personnel Services

PLACE OF HEARING

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

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JOHN J. NORRIS CASE NO. BP106180

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JOHN J. NORRIS. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SAMUEL R. NORRIS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SAMUEL R. NORRIS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on 09/17/07 at 8:30AM in

Dept. 9 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner MICHAEL R. AUGUSTINE AUGUSTINE & SEYMOUR 741 S. GARFIELD AVE. ALHAMBRA, CA 91801 8/30, 9/6, 9/13/07 **CNS-1186167#**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: IAIN COLQUHOUN CASE NO. GP013198

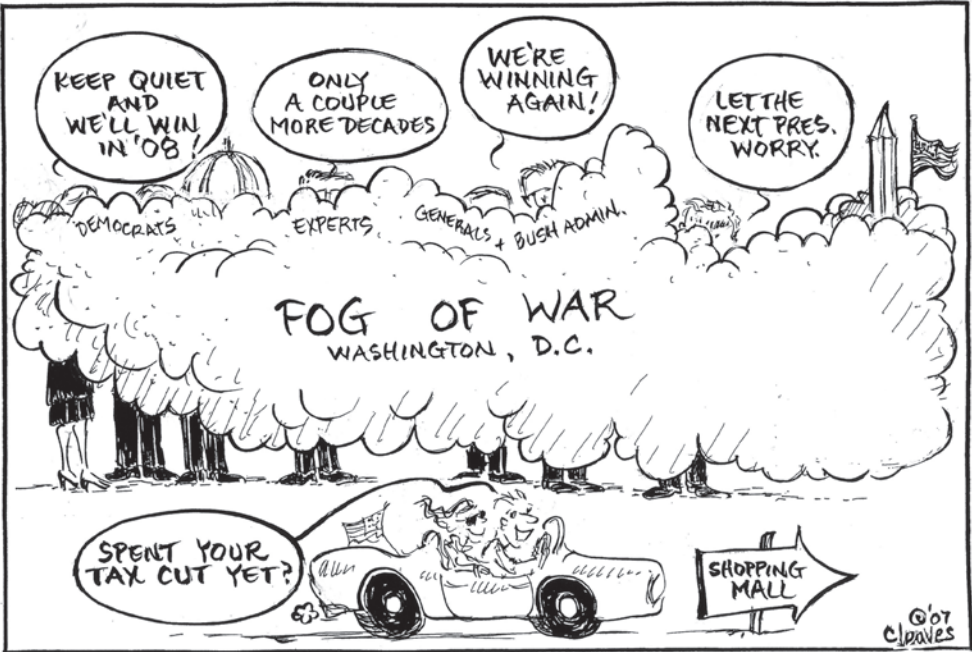
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Senior Happenings

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- Call 355-0256 to reserve day before Suggested donation \$2.00 for seniors, others- \$3.75
Monday:	Free Strength Training Class with Lisa Brandley 1:00- 1:45 PM
Tuesday:	Bingo: 1:30-3:30 PM .25c per card Yoga: 5:00 PM- Instructor, Andrea Walsh- \$5.25 for seniors
Wednesday:	Open
Thursday:	Game Day- 1:30- 4:00 PM Poker, Scrabble, Cribbage, Chess, Checkers, Backgammon, Pinochle...you name it. Yoga: 5:00-6:30 PM- For seniors and 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: 355-5278
Friday:	Ping-Pong- 2:00-4:00 PM- Not tournament, just for fun Aerobics for Active Seniors- 3:00- 4:00 PM at the Community Center- 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.-\$34.00 for an 8 week course Instructor: Bonnie Smithson Call 355-5278 to enroll.
Saturday:	Senior Club for those 55 and older- Brown bag lunch at 11:30AM Bingo: 12:30 PM .25c per card
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:

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 & reservations call: 355-5278

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A Quote worth repeating and A Thought worth remembering

“NAIL IN THE FENCE...The father of a little boy who had a bad temper gave him a bag of nails and told him to hammer a nail into the back of the fence every time he lost his temper. On the first day alone the little boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. As he learned to control his anger the number of nails he hammered gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence. Finally the boy learned to control his temper. The boy's father now suggested that the boy remove a nail for every time he was able to hold his temper. Many days passed until the little boy was finally able to remove the last nail. As the father led his son by the hand to the fence, He said, ‘You have done well in learning to control your anger, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same.

When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like the holes in the fence. If you put a knife into someone and draw it out, it won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there.”” (Author Unknown)...There are no words spoken or actions taken which do not require accountability. Are you ready to take responsibility and accept the consequences of your own words and actions?
Patricia J.



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ESTHER GARCIA

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A couple of weeks after the Memorial Day service, I saw her at a local market and approached her with my idea of interviewing her. She was genuinely surprised, and pleased at the same time. I called her, and she graciously invited me to her home for the interview. Her first, and mine.

Esther was the first of six Reyes children born to parents Augustin and Maria Del Rosario in East Los Angeles. It was a time in L.A. when Mexican children were not allowed to speak Spanish at school. The penalty for doing so would be a trip to the principal's office.

In 1942, Esther's mother decided it was time to move because the city had become too dangerous for her family. Clashes between U.S. servicemen and young Mexican males, called Zoot Suiters, were escalating. (Their name was derived from the style of clothing that they chose to wear: high-wasted, wide-legged, tight-cuffed pegged trousers and a long coat with wide lapels and wide padded shoulders. The suits usually featured a key chain dangling from the belt to the knee or below.) Wartime restrictions, such as mandatory curfew, were imposed by the government, and were met with vehement defiance by the Zoot Suiters, resulting in a series of riots.

Augustin quit his foundry job soon after the decision to move was made. They chose Sierra Madre where Rosario's brother, Frank, and his wife, Sally, had moved because of her asthmatic condition. They found a rental on Grove Street, and Augustin found landscaping to his liking. He worked for Nathaniel Carter and even taught Carter's son how to play the guitar. He enjoyed Sierra Madre so much that he said he felt that he had lived here all his life.

About that time, Esther was working under the NYA (National Youth Administration) at the YWCA on Figueroa in Los Angeles. Because of the Depression, jobs were scarce. Under the auspices of the YWCA, Esther went on to Fort Ord and took dictation for a time. San Diego was her next stop and she went to work stringing up electrical wire on the front of airplanes at Consolidated Aircraft. Maria Del Rosario,

a strong woman, told Esther that it was time to do something with her life. Esther thought about it and agreed that her mother was right. She decided to join the military. Not just any branch, but, to quote her, "I wanted to join the best." She became a Marine. Esther was sworn in on Friday April 13th, 1945, the day after Harry Truman became president.

Esther remembers traveling by train on a hot day in May to boot camp in New River, North Carolina. As she tells it, her Drill Sergeant was fond of marching, marching, and more marching. When they weren't marching, they learned Marine Corps History. Upon graduation from Quartermaster School, Esther was sent to Camp Pendleton, in Oceanside, California, and became a clerk-typist.

After her discharge from the service in 1946, Esther came home to Sierra Madre for the first time, and has called it home ever since. She missed the camaraderie of military life, and was feeling lonely. Enter Jim Garcia. Jim was the brother of Esther's mother's neighbor. They were introduced, and Jim told me that he immediately fell for Esther's "bedroom eyes." They had a short courtship and Jim knew she would become his wife. The married shortly thereafter. Esther and Jim became the parents of son Steve in 1949. Daughter Elizabeth followed 14 years later!

After Steve was born Esther started working for the Veteran's Administration as a typist. She eventually moved on to the Department of Water & Power in Los Angeles, where she worked until her retirement. Esther is active in her church and American Legion Post #748, in San Gabriel. She and Jim have been married for 60 years. Esther told me that she was "just a housewife." Imagine.

This wonderful country of ours is free because of the men and the women, like Esther Reyes Garcia, who served their country selflessly in its time of need. The next time you are in town, stop by the Veteran's Photo Wall in Hart Memorial Park, where you will see Esther's picture. You just might want to stop and say, thank you!

GETTING READY FOR THE FLU SEASON

By Vivianne Parker

Division Manager Candy Jara and her team are putting together the final details and logistics of how the City of Pasadena's Health Department will implement its flu immunization schedule in the community this fall. The official announcement will be on their website, October 1, with first vaccines to be given out October 22 at key locations in the area. For flu shot devotees, the news is good. "There is plenty of vaccine that was manufactured, so we're not expecting any shortage," noted Ms. Jara, division manager for the Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Division at Pasadena Health Department. "Starting in October, we will be posting our outreach schedule on the website that will give the public dates, times and locations of when we do massive immunizations," advised Ms. Hara.

"Every year, when people come in with flu symptoms, cultures are taken and the most dominant strains are the ones that are used in the following year's vaccine," explained Ms. Jara, on how the vaccine is developed. "It was predominantly the Type A Solomon Islands that was cultured in the last people who had flu last year. So this year, it was anticipated that will be the same that is going around this season. That is why the new vaccine that was developed included that strain."

As part of the department's outreach program, the workers will also be posting announcements at senior citizen centers, grocery stores, libraries, and working with the Pasadena Unified School district to get the message out to the public so those interested can plan to get immunized this year. The department will establish a health line (626) 744-6012, specifically dedicated for flu immunization information.

The criteria for getting immunized are:

- * Adults 50 years and older
- * All children 6 to 59 months of age
- * Women who will be pregnant during the influenza season
- * Adults and children 6 months and older with a metabolic disease like diabetes or chronic kidney disease or a weakened immune system
- * Adults and children 6 months or older with HIV or AIDS
- * Children 6 months to 18 years of age who are on long term aspirin therapy
- * Adults and children 6 months or older with any condition that can compromise respiratory functions
- * Healthcare Workers
- * Household contacts for adults and children under the age of 6 months of age

You should consult with your physician before getting a flu shot regardless of the criteria listed above.

A safe strategy for combating the flu is practicing good hygiene practices, cautions Ms. Jara. To help cut down on your risk of getting the flu, she offers this advice: "The best way to prevent getting the flu is good handwashing. Please, when you cough into your hands, make sure you wash your hands immediately. Washing your hands well with soap and warm water, good friction and not just two seconds. You know how they say you should sing Happy Birthday when you wash your hands? That's the amount of time you need to wash your hands thoroughly. Also, use common sense. If you are ill or you have flu-like symptoms, be wise and stay home so you can recover immediately and you don't spread the germs to other people."

The Pasadena Health Department is a unique clinic in the area. Besides flu immunizations, the department offers travel and other adult immunizations. "We are only one of the few clinics in Southern California that provide travel adult immunizations," said Ms. Jara about their specialty. "Certain countries, when you have to travel to them, to be able to enter the country you need to take vaccines. You also need to be able to reenter the United States if you visited the country that has a predominant communicable disease."

The Public Health Travel Clinic, located at 1845 North Fair Oaks, Pasadena, CA offers the following times for travel related immunizations: Monday 1:15 to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday through Thursday 8:15 to 10:45 a.m. and again 1:15 to 4:30 p.m. For other clinic services, 626.744.6000. If using the internet, search for the clinic's name ... website is too complex to print.

Looking Up

With Bob Eklund

Shine On, Harvest Moon



The "Harvest Moon" is defined by Webster as "the full Moon nearest the September equinox."

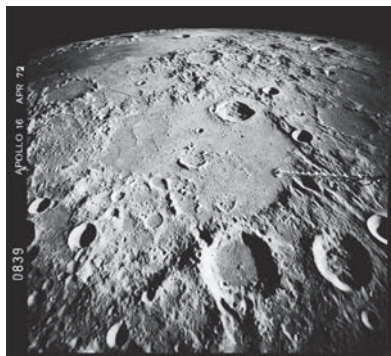
Its name derives from the fact that at this time of year the Moon rises almost parallel to the horizon, making the evenings unusually bright for several days near the full Moon—and this extra amount of moonlight has always been helpful to farmers bringing in the harvest.

It may shock some of the romantics among us to learn that the Moon—Harvest or otherwise—is only a huge ball of rocky debris, probably the result of the collision of a Mars-sized object with the Earth in the very early Solar System. The debris projected by this collision into nearby space gradually coalesced into a sphere about 2,000 miles in diameter—really a small planet roughly ¼ the size of the Earth itself—which now orbits the Earth in approximately one month (or one "moonth" of the year).

Days, months and years are basically a matter of spins and orbits. Just as the Moon orbits the Earth every 27-1/3 days (you would see it moving in a counterclockwise direction, if you could look down on the Earth and Moon from high above the North Pole), so also the Earth, spinning west to east on its own axis once every 24 hours, orbits the Sun once every 365-1/4 days—also in a counterclockwise direction as seen from above the North Pole. If all this spinning and orbiting seems as confusing as a 3-ring circus, just remember that it's the norm for our whole Universe—everything out there is spinning and circling around itself and everything else, and standing still is unknown.

Like all planets, the Moon gives off no light of its own, but shines by the reflected light of the Sun. What we see as the Moon's phases—from crescent to full and back to crescent again—are really the portions of the Moon that happen to be sunlit at any given time, as viewed from the Earth's perspective. Thus on September 15 this year, you'll see a crescent, meaning that you can only see a little of the Moon's sunlit side—the rest of the Moon is in its own shadow and thus invisible (except for a very pale glow caused by light from the bright Earth shining down on the dark lunar surface). By Wednesday, September 19, you'll see half of the sunlit side and half of the shadowed side—what we call a "first quarter" Moon—in the south at sunset. And a week later, on Wednesday, September 26, the Moon will have gone one-quarter more of its way around the Earth in its monthly orbit, and you'll see all of the sunlit side—the full Harvest Moon—rising in the east near the time of sunset.

THERE'S A FEELING OF AUTUMN in the air as I write this, even though there are 13 more days to go until Fall is



officially here, on September 23. On that day the Earth's orbit will have taken it to the point where equal amounts of sunlight fall on the northern and southern hemispheres. It's also a time when there are an equal number of daytime and nighttime hours on all parts of the Earth—hence the term Autumnal Equinox, "equinox" being derived from "equal nights."

I wonder if I'm the only one who feels a sense of urgency and perhaps a twinge of sadness in these last hours before the long nights of winter begin to replace the long days of summer. Even though this summer's heat has been hard to bear, I somehow hate to replace it with the winter's chill. The German poet Rainer Maria Rilke expressed the end-of-summer feeling well, I think, in his poem HERBSTTAG, AUTUMN DAY. (This translation from the German is my own):

*It's time now, Lord! We've borne the summer's weight.
Lay down your shadow on the sundial's face
And on the prairies loose the winds again.*

*Command the year's last fruits to ripen now;
Allow them two more days of southern sun,
Urge them to their perfection, and instill
One final drop of sweetness in the wine.*

*Who has no house, builds no house any more;
Who finds himself alone, will so remain.
Will waken, read, and write long letters; then
Out on the city's tree-lined avenues
Will wander, when the leaves of autumn swirl.*

As we round the corner into fall on our annual voyage around the Sun, many new things are happening. On September 11, at 5:44 a.m. local time, the Moon moved between the Earth and the Sun and began its Harvest Moon cycle. The next day, at sundown, Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, began, as did Ramadan, the Muslim holy month. It seems like a good time to mobilize new energies, make new plans, start new projects. Let's have a good month and a good new year!

Tonight's harvest moon casts long shadows of ourselves as we walk westward.

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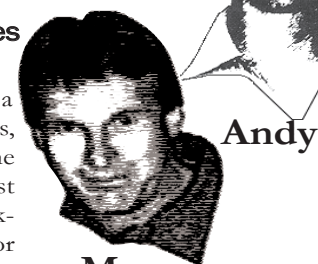
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Local Reflexologists Celebrate World Reflexology Week By Working on the Soles of the Community

On September 26, 2007, members of the Reflexology Association of California are celebrating World Reflexology Week by bringing the community together to raise awareness for a healthier world. This event is celebrated annually around the globe during the last week of September by the International Council of Reflexologists, nationally by the Reflexology Association of America and by State Reflexology Associations

Local reflexologists, lead by Irene Birmingham will answer questions regarding reflexology and its many benefits. They will also give reflexology sessions in exchange for cash donations to the local children's charity or canned goods for the local Food Pantry. One hundred percent of all contributions will be turned over to these two charity.

Reflexology is defined as a scientific art based on the premise that there are reflex areas in the feet, hands and ears which correspond to the parts of the body. The physical act of applying specific pressure using thumb, finger and hand techniques usually results in stress reduction and can cause physiological changes in the body.

The public is invited to the celebration on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 between 11am-4pm at Whole Foods Market Hastings Ranch, 3751 E Foothill Blvd, Pasadena 91107.

For more information, please contact:

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WHISPERER

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on page get off. Unbeknownst to Stuart, he had been walking around like that for a couple weeks, at least. Others in the canyon had spotted poor thing and had called the State Fish and Wildlife people several times trying to get him help, but no one had come to his rescue. He was tired, angry, hungry and very sore. He would surely die soon if not helped. Stuart, having been married to a Fawn for many years, felt a deep bond with this poor suffering creature and he just knew that the buck felt that connection too. Slowly, as the children watched their mentor, Stuart approached the wounded animal, talking to him with a reassurance and gentleness that he was sure the deer would understand. Finally he got close enough to help. He reached out and removed the yucca ball from the rack. The buck stared at him with gratitude and tears in his eyes. "Thank you brave man. I will not forget your kindness." he whispered and gracefully strolled off back into the woods.

Oh, sorry...that is not how it goes... let's back it up a little...Slowly, as the children watched their mentor, Stuart approached the wounded animal, talking to him with a reassurance and gentleness that he was sure the deer would understand. Finally he got close enough to help. He reached out to remove the yucca ball from the rack and the buck freaked out and severely gored him in the leg as the children watched in utter horror. The terrified children ran to the cabin to call for help as their wounded hero limped a mile and a half out of the canyon, declined the help of the paramedics that had come to his aid, and drove himself to the emergency room. It took many stitches to close the gaping wound and many weeks for it to heal. He came away from it all with a nasty scar, a new nickname of "the Deer Whisperer" and a very valuable lesson. It was several months before he returned to his little cabin in the woods. The time away gave him plenty of time to process that lesson the experience had brought to him... a lesson definitely learned the hard way.

The Wild West

With Kyle McClure

Outdoor World

Please, if you get this message, send help. I am scratching it onto a piece of bark and floating it down the river in hopes that someone will find it and rescue me from the Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World store in Rancho Cucamonga, CA. I wandered in here about two weeks ago (I think) with the idea that I could, you know, mosey up and down the aisles... browse the hip waders and sixteen-foot canoes and hiking boots. But, that was before I knew what Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World was. That was before I knew what I was getting myself into.

How much do you know about Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World? Maybe you are naïve, like I was, and you think that it is just a cute little sporting goods store where you can find shallow-hulled boats with two stroke engines, camouflage mesh hats and special deals on craw daddy lures. Oh, goodness. It is ever so much more. Let me tell you a little something. For the past 35 years, while you have been sunbathing beside your southern California pool and enjoying ever more sophisticated and violent television crime drama, the rest of the country (the whole middle part of it, anyway) has been voting republican and shopping for outdoor supplies in massive convention center-sized retail outlets owned and operated by Bass Pro Shops®. Did you know this? Did you? You didn't. I am not the only person in the USA outside of the loop, am I?

These stores are capital C Crazy. There are more than 30 of them, and they are, on average, 150,000 square feet in size with dead animal displays that far outstrip even the most ambitious municipal natural history museum. Each store has, like, 480 taxidermied white-tailed deer, two entire herds of big horn sheep, numerous imposing moose, a large handful of ambling black bears, at least a few menacing brown bears and one stately bison. Not to mention the stuffed squirrels, raccoons, possums and skunks. (Let me just say that the manikins are a bit creepy in this context). Plus, there

are the 2.5 million antlers poking out from every inch of available wall space. And, over in the "angling" section are all manner of fish hanging from the ceiling, including larger-than-life Hammer Head and Great White Sharks (often found in our nation's freshwater streams).

Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World stores are tourist destinations. The flagship store in Springfield, MO (300,000 square feet, four-story waterfall) attracts four million visitors each year, making it the largest (and the largest) tourist destination in Missouri (take that, Branson Giant Ball of Twine!).

Apparently I am the only one out of the loop. Each year, 78 million people enter the doors of a Bass Pro Shop Outdoor World store (how many make it back out is another question entirely). Two million people visit the website every month to shop for fishing line and take part in chat-room discussions about which compass to get (the Silva Ranger looks like a good bet). Why hadn't I ever heard about this place on NPR? I was completely unprepared.

So, a fortnight ago, I wandered into this newly constructed Bass Pro Shop Outdoor World store by the newly constructed Victoria Gardens Mall (just adjacent to some newly constructed condos). You may have noticed it off to the east. It occupies the entire horizon, and stretches from the 15 Freeway to the Colorado River, which is, you know, the Arizona border (Not to worry Phoenixians, there are plans to open a new store that will cover the entire state of Arizona, too). Now I am lost, and I can't open the GPS unit display case. But things are not dire. I have obtained comfy footwear. I have been living off the land. By "land" I mean the real live fish in the giant aquarium with the elevator in it, the attached restaurant, and the freeze-dried food I came across in aisle 2,114 the other day. But I miss my family. And the dead animals frighten me when the sun goes down. Please come get me. Help me back to civilization. I need a Wal-Mart.

One of a Kind:

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Story and Photos By Chris Bertrand

Persson's Nursery Rebuilding & Reinventing an East Pasadena Landmark



For the last years, Persson's Nursery has supplied landscape contractors, gardeners and homeowners with annual flowers, perennials, shrubs and trees. Different than garden stores like Armstrong or the plant departments at OSH or Home Depot, most of the stock was grown right here in Pasadena, or in their Sylmar greenhouse and yard about thirty miles away near San Fernando.

Relieved that the family plant nursery business can stay at its Sierra Madre Blvd. location under Edison's high-tension wires, Persson's Nursery is busy replenishing the inventory it sold off when they expected to close a few months ago.

Gary Butters, manager, spent some time reflecting on where the nursery has been, and where it's going at this turning point. He met his wife, Linda, daughter of the founders,



Walt and Violet Persson, right here at the nursery. As a landscape contractor, he purchased plant stock here, and fell in love along the way. Married now eleven years, his wife now owns the nursery, as her parents have mostly retired, though they remain involved. Butters joined the business in 2000, and now manages the operation.

Since they sold off much of the tree, shrub and flower stock they drew from for propagation, they're using this opportunity to rethink, rebuild and reinvent themselves, literally from the ground up. As a nursery, they had

been growing most of their plants from seed, divisions, and from cuttings. Butters recalls a particularly lovely deep pink tabebuia tree that Walt Persson observed in Temple City, then decided to grow. He gathered the seeds at the right time of year, planted them in flats, then gallon cans, then fives, fifteens and finally 24" boxes. This process takes years of attention and patience.

Now, since they are ordering in a new array of offerings, there will be a wider choice of products, particularly unusual hard to find items, succulents, in response to our need for reduced water usage, and home orchard trees. Butters plans a demonstration garden to show customers how to get a large and varied fruit yield from a compact space. Of particular interest will be espaliers, which train laterally, and the "4 in 1" trees, with four varieties of apples or peaches, for instance, on one tree. This extends the bearing season with multiple varieties, and offers interest in what can be grown on a small part of a yard. He plans to show how such family orchards can be created aesthetically as well.

In the past few years, they have also focused on demonstrating how to combine compatible plants, for interesting texture, color and height. They are in the process of creating several new vignette setups to showcase more companionable planting ideas.



Many things will remain the same. The popular container recycling program allows consumers to bring in plastic flats, 1, 5, 7 and 15 gallon black containers for store credit. Butters says it's great for everyone, because the cans get re-used right there, lowering their product cost. Using the cans multiple times also keeps the cans out of landfills. The 10% discount for \$200+ remains the same. They will also continue to be a chemical pesticide-free nursery, using natural methods of disease and insect control.



The mini ecosystem that took 35 years to develop will also remain the same. Butters comments that in those years, by adding water for the nursery plants, they attracted birds and animals and insects and frogs, etc. Migrating birds make a stop here. The wasps eat the aphids. The frogs eat the insects. The rabbits keep the weeds down (though they need to keep the bunny-delectable items on tables out of their reach.) The larger animals like coyotes and bobcats keep the rabbit population in check. And the whole thing stays pretty much in balance. City dwellers also get a chance to get up close and personal with their environment here, finding a frog or a lizard or a bunny in amongst the plants.

Butters remembers when a dove decided a tractor dashboard should be its nesting place. The staff left it in place, eggs and all, while using the tractor during the day, covering it with a box. At night, the mother dove returned, and eventually raised her chicks without incident, though her choice of location was quite precarious.

The most important component remaining the same will be Persson's staff. Many of the loyal staff even have relatives who also became employees, and Butters thinks of the group as a family of sorts. All of the plants are still hand watered, which also keeps a set of eyes on the health of each plant several times a week. On 100 plus degree days like today, several times a day. Then there's the shade house manager and the sun field manager, a bedding plants manager and more, all long-time employees. Some jobs have an interesting overlap. Heidi, the office manager, is also an avid rose enthusiast, with 400 of her own roses at home, so she also fields all the rose questions from customers and does the rose ordering. Butters believes it's the family spirit and the synergy of this staff that makes the place run like a well-oiled machine. Years and years of knowledge and experience help a lot, too.

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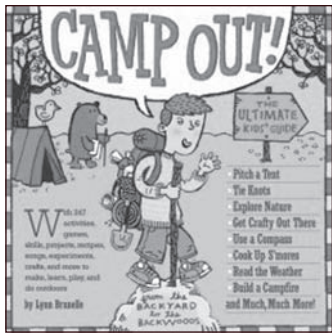
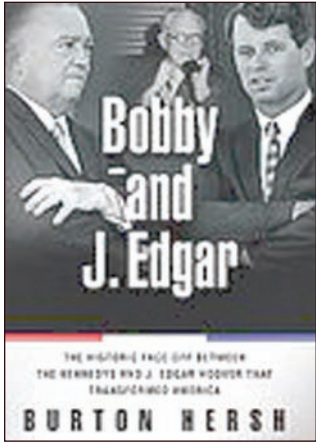
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The Book Reports

Bobby and J. Edgar: The Historic Face-Off Between the Kennedys and J. Edgar Hoover that Transformed America,
By Burton Hersh (2007)

Burton Hersh's new book is about the complex interaction and behind the scenes power struggle between J. Edgar Hoover and Robert Kennedy who, as Attorney General in the early 60's, was Hoover's boss. Knowledge of Kennedy family secrets gave Hoover, the master manipulator, the upper hand. The two men shared a strong dislike for each other and had very different agendas for American law enforcement. Hersh covers their struggles over such areas as labor racketeering, the mob, civil rights and dealing with Martin Luther King Jr. and much more. We read about Joe Kennedy, a driven man, a loving parent, a mob-connected power broker, and his relationship with Hoover and his feelings about Bobby's anti-mob campaign. Hoover also manipulated important Washington legislators. Burton Hersh, an Historian and Journalist, has followed the Kennedy family for more than 35 years and has incorporated over ten years of new research and analysis into this well written, very interesting and important history book of over 600 pages with a large cast of well known characters. Great reading for the history buff! He is also the author of the Old Boys, about the beginnings of the CIA, and the Shadow President, a biography of Edward Kennedy.



Camp Out!: The Ultimate Kids' Guide
By Lynn Brunelle (2007)

Lynn Brunelle, a four time Emmy Award winning writer for Bill Nye the Science Guy, and the author of Pop Bottle Science, has written this wonderful book which includes 247 activities, games, recipes , projects, experiments, crafts, skills and more to learn, make, play and do outdoors, whether over-night in the backyard or a weekend in the forest.

Included are such things as pitching a tent, using a compass, reading the weather, exploring the nighttime sky, telling creepy campfire stories, building a campfire, telling the temperature by counting the cricket chirps, cooking a solar pizza, keeping a field journal, tying knots, exploring nature, measuring a tree, taking animal tracks home with you, plus much, much more, this book is for outdoor loving adults and kids over 7.



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Body Talk

When we notice “something’s going on” inside, and wondering what to do about it, we have in our life skills toolbox some pretty automatic responses. Headache? Grab your OTC preparation. Diabetes? Insulin or Sugar, depending on what’s going on. There is enormous pressure - both inside and outside - for a “quick fix.” (I prefer quick fixes, myself - but not when it comes to OTC or medications.) We’re so programmed to “take this pill,” so we can get back to what we’re doing. But then, whoops ... maybe we need another pill?

Why? Well, most quick fixes turn out to be bandaids slapped on in the heat of the moment. For a minor surface cut or scrape, a bandaid protects the surface while healing occurs. But if the bandaid is slapped over deeper problems, with a promise to do a better job later on ... most of us don’t get around to later on. Instead we make the most damaging mistake of all ... we adapt to less than optimal capability.

It shouldn’t then be a surprise to learn that ... um, if you just ‘take that pill,’ what you are actually doing is interrupting your body’s communication flow. Think of your cells as CIA field offices ... gathering intel, sending it up thru channels, and having HQ (your own inner knowing) classify the messages as unimportant, until something like 9/11 has occurred. When you interrupt (or ignore) your inner ‘body talk’, the situation doesn’t change. You are just choosing to ignore what your advance scouts, “foot soldiers” and reserve troops in your body’s personal health care army, are trying to tell you about actual ‘battlefield’ conditions.

What your cells are truly saying is, “Send more energy! Give us the resources of nutrients, sunlight, exercise and even pure life force energies we need to do our jobs. And give it to us NOW! We’ll keep screaming until we get the ammunition (energy) we need to properly use our built in, powerful, well designed, and precisely targeted capabilities to do this increasingly challenging repair work. If we don’t have enough energy, we’ll only be able to do a half-**** job ... and if

you give us no energy, things are only going to get worse ... so, Listen up, up there! We’re organized, we’re willing, we’re ready - just give us the energies and stand back ... health coming up!”

When we “take that pill” the stream of communications from location to self is suppressed. Then, in addition to the cells not having enough energy to start with, they still lack energy plus they now have to deal with slower communications, and the additional load on the body’s elimination systems that is required to wash those (medical) toxins out of the body. An increased demand for energy when there already is not enough! How fair is that to yourself?

And it’s not limited to “medicines.” Just how much sugar have you been eating? Drinking? In addition to the adrenalized stress that occurs when you are trying to meet your boss’s demands, handle freeway traffic, balance your checkbook, how much more stress are you creating in your body by not sleeping enough? By not eating enough fresh fruits and veggies with the fresh lilfe force energies and enzymes your body is designed to use for healing? By instead upping adrenaline boosters such as caffeine?

Understanding the capability of your own body’s healing processes, and taking the time to support them by giving them what they need to do their jobs, is a very different process than “just taking that pill.”

So, until next week, how about more consciously noticing what your body is saying to you from the inside out? Can you take notes on this ache - stiffness - twinge? How long have these been there, do you think? Months? (Years?) What if your body already knows how to get rid of those, if you just got enough life force energy into the right places, for a long enough period of time, so that true healing could occur? Are you willing to do some “Body Talk?” Think about it.

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BIRD’S EYE VIEW

Alarming...

It happened again. I was in the parking lot of a local market, seemingly alone, and as I walked by a black SUV, its horn sounded. I must have jumped a foot! I wondered if the owner was lurking about taking perverse pleasure in scaring the wits out of me, or they just wanted to see if indeed, the transmitter would work from about 23 feet away as they claim.

At any rate, I started thinking about how this little gadget called Remote Keyless Entry has changed our lives. We are all “armed” now to a certain degree. Have you ever noticed the different styles people exhibit when using their individual “weapons?” Some are so casual that you barely see their hand move, and others do it with such flair, that they appear to be conducting a symphony orchestra.

The PANIC button is something I’m sure was originally designed with altruistic intentions, but has metamorphosed into an annoyance. I included what I thought was a wonderful idea in a newsletter I used to do. It was suggested that before going to bed, one should put the car keys on the night stand and if an intruder was heard or something outside was frightening, just hit the PANIC button and help would be on the way. Au contraire, mon ami. Very late the other night, the alarm sounded in a neighbor’s car, I’m going to guess a couple of blocks away. It honked 27 times, but who’s counting? Did anyone call the police? I don’t think so.

I did some research on car alarms on the Internet, and found to no one’s surprise, that they do nothing whatever to stop car theft or theft from cars. A survey was taken, and this question was posed-- Has a car alarm ever prompted you to take some form of action against possible car theft? Out of 852 people surveyed, only 5% said they had. Meanwhile 60% of the respondents said they have called the police or taken action against the obnoxious noise created by the alarm!

In one instance, a writer out walking his dog late one evening spotted a fellow at the end of the block rocking parked cars back and forth. This rocking inevitably set off a car alarm. The thief knew that nobody in the neighborhood would pay any attention to the car alarm, so he used the noise to cover the sound of breaking the window. Then he stole the radio out of the car!

I admit that I do use mine, but only to unlock the car doors. I am embarrassed to mention how many times I have aimed it at the front door of my house expecting the same results. Hmm, I think I’m on to something.

Scene One - Take One DVD Review



A Thousand Clowns
(1965)

Young at heart, 40 year old Murray Burns, Jason Robards, tired of the daily grind quits his writing job, refusing to give in to convention and the rat race. However, he has custody of his 12-year old nephew, Barry Gordon. The Child Welfare people tell Murray that unless he gets back to work he will loss him to foster care. So does he choose the life he wants or does he submit to cultural norms? It is a very funny and inventive film with great dialogue. The cast includes Barbara Harris and Martin Balsam, who received a Best Supporting Actor Oscar. Originally a famous Broadway play. Wonderful!!

The Apartment (1960)



This is a classic Billy Wilder comedy drama about a lonely insurance clerk Jack Lemmon, who hopes to rise through the ranks by loaning out his apartment as a place for his

philandering superiors as they tempt him with promotions and raises. When his boss, Fred MacMurray, coldly ends his romance with his elevator girl mistress, Shirley MacLaine, she attempts suicide. The clerk falls for her as he caringly helps her back to health. It also captures the image of the giant 60’s American office with rows of identical desks and dehumizaing conformity of its workers. Wonderful acting! It was nominated for 10 Academy Awards, and won five, including Best Picture.



Pat Ostrye on.....

Women In The Military

Although covering the Obituaries is not exactly the choice position for aspiring journalists, I find obituaries most interesting and a fascinating source of historical facts. On

September 3rd in the L.A. Times, I was particularly intrigued with the extensive ‘life and times’ of Brigadier General Elizabeth P. Hoisington who died at the age of 88, having led the Women’s Army Corps through very turbulent times in the 1960s and ‘70s. At that time she was one of only two women in the military to be promoted to the rank of brigadier general. The other one was Anna Mae Hays of the Army Nurse Corps. Hoisington had never married and came from a family of brigadier generals, her father and brother both having had that same distinction.

It was a reminder that women have served our nation in its armed forces from the time of the Continental Army in the Revolutionary War to the present, although we only know a few highlights about the earlier wars. Starting with the Revolutionary War, Deborah Sampson served as Robert Shircliffe in a Massachusetts Regiment until her sex was discovered, and Molly Pitcher fired her husband’s cannon when he was wounded. In the War of 1812, the first ‘female Marine’ is reputed to have served three years on the USS Constitution, disguised as George Baker.

In World War I, 12,000 women served in the Navy, Marine Corp and Coast Guard as clerks, translators and electricians and 23,000 as Army and Navy nurses in all kinds of base and field hospitals, troop trains and transport ships.

By World War II, over 400,000 women were serving in all branches of the military. When I joined the Navy in 1943, there were 75,000 WAVES in the Navy alone, many more since then. Statistics showed in 2002 that there were 1,193,200 women in the military nationwide, excluding the Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserves, and 147,300 in California alone. Plus there was that large contingent of women pilots.

In the Women’s Memorial Magazine, Spring issue for 2002, there’s mention of numerous high-ranking women officers, such as Air Force Chief of Chaplains, Major General Lorraine K. Potter, Vice Admiral Patricia A. Tracey, USN, Brigadier General Wilma L. Vaught, USAF, Brigadier General Connie Slewitske, Air Force, Brigadier General Connie Goodwin, USAF, and so on and on. Over the past few years there have been several women admirals commanding ships and in charge of Naval Stations around the country.

Although President Truman signed the Women’s Armed Service Integration Act in 1948, according a permanent place for women in the armed forces, it did not guarantee equity between military men and women. It was only when the demand for recruits became crucial in the Korean and Vietnam Wars, that there was an expansion of roles for women. Approximately 7300 women served in Vietnam.

When Tom Brokaw’s book, “The Greatest Generation” came out, there wasn’t a word about women veterans. Everything was geared toward the fathers of the Baby Boomer generation, as if the women veterans didn’t exist. Among thousands of others, I’m sure, my seven children and I resented that. However, I understand that changed in his second book, even including ‘women’ in the title.

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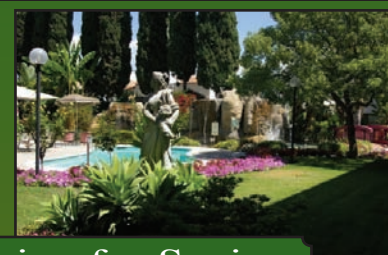
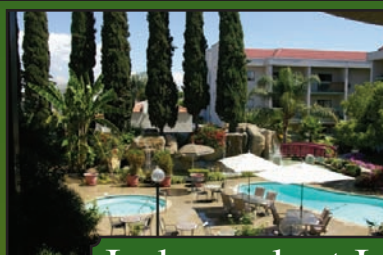
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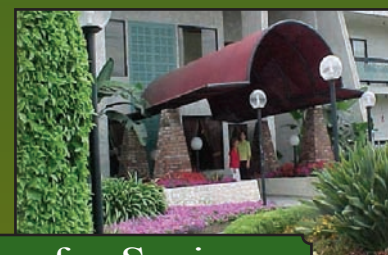
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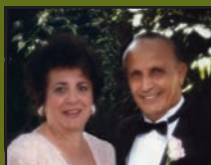
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TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

A Cut Above - JJ's Steakhouse



There are a number of restaurants in the area serving quality beef. I wrote about one a few months ago, Taylor's, and have enjoyed the Arroyo Chop House, and others in the area. I can honestly say I have been to them all. Most boast about 2% of the cut, aged, all prime or even corn fed. I have been going to JJ's Steakhouse in Pasadena for the past eight years and I can't remember a disappointing meal there.

JJ's is located on the third floor above the Melting Pot and Kabuki in Old Pasadena. You can take the escalator from the street or go up the elevator from alley. JJ's is true sophistication, with all servers and bartenders dressed nicely. This is a hint for you to dress up as well. The restaurant has a great view of The San Gabriel Mountains and, in fact, on a nice fall afternoon I do recommend sitting on the patio.

Many awards, including 'top ten steakhouse' by LA Magazine, City Search and many local publications. It is a perfect place for a first date or an anniversary or just a quiet night on the town.

The meat of the matter.... On my last visit I ordered the 20 oz. T-Bone Steak; my guest enjoyed the 16 oz NY Strip. All entrees come with a

complimentary salad wedge. Other items to consider are the Shrimp Cocktail Appetizer, Steak and Lobster (Surf and Turf) and The Chilean Seabass.

JJ's also offers a 'pretty good' happy hour using the same quality beef for their Quesadillas and Skewers.

Warning.... JJ's isn't cheap... but I really find this to be one of the better restaurants in The San Gabriel Valley. JJ's offers many wines by the glass. Please let me know what you think. thechefknows@yahoo.com

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“What are you doing, Dave?”



Special Report By Paul the Cyberian

In the movie 2001: A Space Odyssey the ship's onboard computer system had a vocal interface that allowed the crew to request data, start certain administrative processes and report on the status of things in general to the crew. Towards the end of the movie the ship's computer, named HAL (which stands for Heuristically programmed ALgorithmic computer) began to act on its own, and that's when the real adventure began. Although that aspect of the story was more than a little creepy, it did serve to give the story a very futuristic feel. At the time of 2001's release (1968) the public in general had all sorts of wild speculations about how the soon-to-be computerized future would actually look and feel.

We've gotten a lot more sophisticated since that time and we've also become accustomed to interaction with computers on a daily basis, and for all practical purposes we would have a hard time functioning without them. This week a robot named Zeno is once again giving us a possible peek into our possible future.

Zeno is reported to be a life-like robotic companion that can

engage in conversation and display a full range of human-like emotions on its synthetic face. Zeno is approximately 18 inches tall and weighs about 6 pounds. His large, expressive eyes can track you as you move through his field of vision. Zeno's creator says he can recognize your face, learn your name and build a relationship with you as you interact with him over a period of time. In its present incarnation, Zeno is tethered to a bank of PC's that give commands to his lifelike face and allow him to display a wide range of human emotions.

Zeno's creator, David Hanson, named the robot for his 18 month-old son, Zeno. More accurately, the real Zeno liked the robot better when he was called Zeno.

You might have seen this new mechanical marvel at the Wired NextFest which was hosted in Los Angeles September 13 – 14. There was a special "Education Day" event where Zeno strutted his stuff for student grades 3-12. The robot's creators wanted to introduce him as an interactive learning companion.

It'll probably be a while longer before Zeno asks, "What are you doing, Dave?"



View From The Couch

By Stanley J. Forrester

Just Win Baby, Within The Rules!

In the mid seventies "Just win, baby" was the mantra of the Oakland Raiders football team. The whole premise of competitive sports is that you play to win. However the recent actions of the New England Patriots call into question - win at what cost? In case you are not aware, the Patriots played the New York Jets to open the 2007/08-football season. These two teams are bitter rivals, and perhaps to win that game is a bit more intense than a game against some other club. Well, the Patriots were caught filming the Jets; the allegation is that they were filming the sidelines to steal the signs of the Jets.

Before you say, 'Well, what's wrong with that?,' the Commissioner, Roger Goodell, sent a letter to all the teams before the season started emphasizing that videotaping will not be permitted in the booth, in the locker room, or on the sidelines during the game. This not a new rule, it has been in existence for some time. The letter was sent because there had been complaints regarding the Patriots taping and stealing signs. The letter stated in part the following, "Videotaping of any type including but not limited to taping of an opponents offensive or defensive signals is prohibited..." Now to this couch coach (yours truly) the letter was clear, the actions by the Patriots were against the rules - they were caught cheating.

Some fans have argued that the recording device was confiscated during the first quarter and was not at all instrumental in the Patriots win over the Jets. Such

statements miss the point - it was against the rules. Videotaping is not allowed.

Each team must play and adhere to the same set of rules. You are not allowed to say 'well, this rule is not important so we do not have to follow it; this rule may be broken because it will not effect the outcome of this game.' That type of reasoning could be called situational ethics: I will abide by the rule when I think the situation calls for it. That's no way to run a railroad, a country or a football league.

The saddest part of all this is that Bill Belichick, the veteran head coach of the Patriots, has been called one of the greatest coaches of all time. The Patriots as a team has one of the best win/loss records in modern era. They have won three Super Bowls. Belichick has been credited with making Quarterback Tom Brady one of the best, if not the best, QB in the game today. What was once known as a storied franchise has now become a cheating franchise. Now he has replaced his good name with a new one, "Bill Belicheat". Actually, his full new name is, "Bill 'Let Me Give You \$500,000 In Fines' Belicheat." Or maybe, "Bill 'My Mother Raised A Dummy' Belicheat".

Whatever you call him, playing by and within the context of the rules is of the utmost importance. It is clear that Goodell intends to make good conduct the hallmark of his administration.

From the couch, all I have to say is, "JUST WIN, BABY - WITHIN THE RULES!"



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