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Taking The Show On The Road
Ad Hoc Committee Will Hold Town Hall Meeting

In an effort to get more community input, the Ad Hoc Committee on Finances will hold a Town Hall meeting at the Sierra Madre Recreation Center, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. The meeting will be held in the Sierra Madre Room from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. They are seeking community “input on the future financing of Public Safety Services.”

The committee, appointed in May of this year has been seeking solutions for Sierra Madre’s budget deficiencies. It consists of elected representatives Councilmen Kurt Zimmerman, John Buchanan; City Treasurer Richard Mays and Sierra Madre residents Scott Hood, Mike Comer, Denis Keegan, George Enyedi and Tom Janzen.

Since inception, the committee has been meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at City Hall. Although there have been residents in attendance at every session, the committee is attempting to broaden community participation in the process.

Based upon preliminary review of the city’s existing revenue and expenses it appears that there may be a recommendation for a voter approved tax to appear on the April, 2008 ballot. Consideration is currently being given to: A Gross Business Receipts Tax to replace the existing Business Flat Tax; Doubling the existing Utility Users Tax; Increasing Development Services Fees; Levying fees on not for profit entities; and a parcel tax. Increasing property taxes is not an option because of Proposition 13 passed in 1978.

In addition to increased community outreach, the committee will continue to review current expenses and other alternative revenue sources. “If taxes are to be a consideration ...in order to do that in good conscience, we have to look at all sides,” said committee member Mike Comer at the last meeting.

The City Council has asked the ad hoc committee to submit their recommendations by October 31st. Those recommendations will be placed on the November 13, 2007 council agenda.

In addition to the Saturday Town Hall meeting the committee will also meet on Wednesday, September 26th at 7:00 pm in the City Council chambers.

-S. Henderson/MVO

Flappin’ Jacks



Tanner White (far left) helps Kiwanis President Hank Landsberg and Former Mayor George Maurer at the Annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast last Saturday. Former Mayor Clem Bartoli looks over their shoulders. In the background a crew of SMPD can be seen enjoying their breakfast. Photo by S. Henderson/MVO

RECALL OF LUNCH BOXES
MADE WITH LEAD

Pasadena Public Health Department urges residents and others to stop using lunch boxes distributed as part of a nutrition campaign, and keep them away from young children.

Some of the insulated green canvas lunch boxes, also distributed by California Department of Public Health and Pasadena Unified School District, have tested positive for elevated levels of lead.

A slogan on the lunch boxes reads “Eat Fruits & Vegetables and Be Active” in English and Spanish (see photos below). The lunch boxes were distributed at health fairs and other public events.

No known cases of lead poisoning have resulted from use of the lunch boxes, which were manufactured by TA Creations in Canton, China.

Anyone who has such a lunch box should return it to Pasadena Public Health Department, 1845 N. Fair Oaks Ave.; or the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program office at Villa-Parke Community Center, 363 E. Villa St.

There will also be a disposal box at Pasadena Public Health Department’s lead poisoning prevention booth during a 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; and household

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Problems Plague Local Transit Program



Story,Graphics and Photos
By Dean Lee

Although the city council had approved the Transit Master Plan Committee’s final report with a number of improvements before going on vacation in July, after implementation last month, a number of commuters have said the learning curve for the new program is steep.

Other complaints have ranged from drivers stopping to refuel with passengers on board to residents saying the shuttle just does not show up at all, leaving them stranded at the Gold Line station. It also doesn’t help that the old signs are still up and when the service does run, it is often late.

Thursday morning this newspaper reporter waited for the Gateway Shuttle at the Gold Line Station to take pictures for this story. At 8:05 a.m., after a 45 minute wait, the photographer finally left the Gold Line by getting on MTA line 267 and going 2.5 miles up the hill to Sierra Madre. Once there, after waiting in Sierra Madre at a Gateway stop until 8:30 a.m., it was concluded that the Gateway Coach had not come at all that morning.

According to the city’s website, the shuttle should have passed through the station twice, once at 7:15 a.m. and again at 7:45 a.m. Deputy Director of

ridden the new commuter loop for a day and found that the loop takes an estimated 40 minutes. “We are redoing the schedules now,” she said adding, “Not showing up, that bothers us.”

Weaver said a new 40 minute schedule will force the city to now run the shuttle fewer times. “Unfortunately our contract with Laidlaw services goes by the hour, so we can’t change that.” She went on to explain that the upside of the changes to the new council approved schedule is that the loop goes through the Gold Line station during midday, something it did not do before. According to the city’s website, the Gateway Coach now travels through town weekdays during rush hour from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. and again from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Midday it runs 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It makes a total of 13 trips per day, four during rush hour and nine during the afternoons.

The expanded trip duration of 40 minutes may force the shuttle to a new maximum of eight trips per day. Calculations show trips would be limited to six during the day, plus once during morning rush hour then again once for the evening rush hour, for a cut of over 1/3.

In the last two weeks, other problems with service have also warranted serious attention, including leaving riders in the vehicle for a time while the driver, a



Laidlaw driver refuels vehicle while passengers wait inside the shuttle during the heatwave.

Community and Personnel Services, Elisa Weaver, said the situation troubled her. Weaver oversees the shuttle operations.

“This is on my desk as a top priority,” Weaver said acknowledging some of the concerns, including the bus being chronically late. “At first we thought the loop could be done in 30 minutes, but we’re finding it’s taking a little longer.”

Weaver explained that Recreation Coordinator Rosemary Garcia had

the temperature inside a parked car increased 19 degrees within 10 minutes, even in mild temperatures.

“Cracking the windows, or running the air conditioning before turning off the engine, does not keep the car any cooler,” the study said.

Laidlaw Road Supervisor for the area, Mike House, said his department covers a large area and sometime supervisory visits can be infrequent. He said the city had been in

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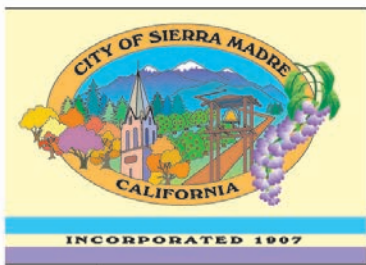
Weather Wise



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

Saturday:	Sunny	Hi 70-80s	Lows 60s
Sunday:	Sunny	Hi 70-80s	Lows 60s
Monday:	Sunny	Hi 70-80s	Lows 60s
Tuesday:	Sunny	Hi 70-80s	Lows 60s
Wednesday:	Sunny	Hi 70-80s	Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



City of Sierra Madre September Events

- 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.

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

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. Applications may be picked up at City Hall, your High School or downloaded from the SMRFA website, www.sierramadroserosefloat.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.

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



Café 322
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Blessing of the Animals

Sierra Madre's Church of the Ascension will be holding it's annual "Blessing of the Animals". This ceremony has been held in many churches through the centuries on or about Oct. 4th, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis, arguably the most beloved of the named Saints was particularly fond of animals of all breeds and for this and in celebration of St. Francis' Day Mother Jennifer Beal will be performing the blessing of the animals in the Parish yard staring at 11:45, October 7th. Please feel free to bring your animals no matter what size, breed or religion. The Church of the Ascension is located at 25 East Laurel on the corner of Baldwin and Laurel in Sierra Madre.

LUNCH BOX RECALL

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hazardous waste collection facilities will accept the lunch boxes for disposal.

As a precaution, residents are advised to return insulated blue lunch boxes, some of which have the slogan "Eat 5 a Day and Be Active" and others that feature the WIC logo. The blue lunch boxes were also distributed at health fairs, although none of them have tested positive for lead.

"Most children and infants with elevated lead levels do not demonstrate any symptoms," said Dr. Takashi Wada, director of Pasadena Public Health Department. "The only way to know if a person has absorbed lead is with a blood test."

Parents and families in the Pasadena area who are concerned about lead poisoning should contact their physicians or other health care providers. Uninsured individuals and families, or those who do not have health care providers, are advised to call the Pasadena Healthcare Link nurse advice line at (626) 744-7445 for information about where they can go to be tested for lead poisoning.

For more information about lead poisoning, call Pasadena Public Health Department's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at (626) 744-6171 or visit www.cityofpasadena.net/publichealth. Additional information about lead poisoning can be found at www.cdph.ca.gov/healthinfo (click on Diseases & Conditions).



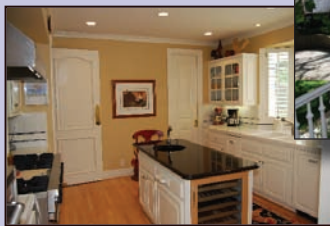
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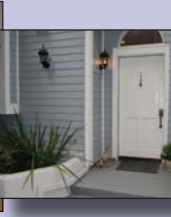
California Realty



SIERRA MADRE - \$1,999,888

Known as part of "The Jameson Legacies" this 1996 custom built Victorian Farmhouse will delight the most discerning buyer. Offering the highest quality amenities and appointments, this home exemplifies luxury with features such as: 9 foot ceilings; custom milled moldings, wainscoting and mantles; formal entry and dining room with columns; 3 fireplaces; new kitchen as of 2003 with: walk-in pantry, Viking stove, double ovens, warming drawer, convection oven, microwave, Sub-zero refrigerator, trash compactor, Bosch dishwasher and a wine refrigerator, solid wood interior doors. 13,778 sq. ft. lot with romantic, custom built gazebo and 3 car garage.

Reni Rose 626-355-8400



PASADENA - \$488,000

This lovely Townhome located in the prestigious and very popular Surfwood Point complex, is centrally located just 3 blocks from the South Lake business/shopping district, 1/2 block from Caltech, and 4 blocks from Pasadena City College. This unit is nicely situated on the ground floor and offers two master suites (please note this unit does not have the metal winding staircase). The first level features new bamboo hardwood flooring, high ceilings, recessed lighting and an open floor plan - great for entertaining or simply relaxing by the fireplace. There are sliding doors that open to a private patio. The newly carpeted upstairs offers dual master suites; each with its own fully renovated bathroom. This home includes 2 subterranean, side-by-side parking spaces and a laundry room in the unit. As an added bonus, all the kitchen appliances will remain as well as the washer/dryer! The complex boasts a pool and spa, keyless entry and a responsible HOA. Reni Rose 626-355-8400



SIERRA MADRE - \$1,698,000

Possibilities abound! #1: Owner Occupy with Income: live in the front home which features 3 bedrooms, 3 baths and a family room with 2,522 sf +/- and rent the 2 units in the back. The unit downstairs is 1 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath with 1,158 sf +/- and the unit upstairs is 1 bedroom, 3/4 bath with 1,020 sf +/- There is a 2-car detached older garage, two 2-car carports, a 2-story barn with parking for 2 cars and a workshop, a saloon and guest quarters upstairs with a 3/4 bath. #2: Income Property: purchase as income property & rent all three of the units. #3: Develop - there is a possibility of splitting the lot into three parcels - buyer to verify with the City.

Reni Rose 626-355-8400



ALTADENA - \$1,298,000

Gracious 1919 Colonial with impressive detailing throughout and situated on a quiet street just 1 1/2 blocks from the Altadena Country Club. This well maintained home offers a spacious 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 bdms, 4 bths, 3 fireplaces, hardwood flooring downstairs, newer carpeting in bdms upstairs and 1 bdms 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; coved 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



MONROVIA \$698,800

2 separate homes on a huge corner lot each with their own address and meters. Roof is less than 5 years old. Front home 527 E. Lemon is a 1264 sq. ft. 2 bed 2 bath home with new wiring and new copper piping, hardwood floor, new carpet, updated kitchen and nine foot ceilings. Rear unit 4195 Heliotrope is a 1026 sq. ft. 2 bed 1 bath home with new carpet, new tile in kitchen and bath, with new 1 year old 3 car 1000+ sq. ft. detached garage. Garage pre-plumbed and framed for additional bathroom. Buyer to verify permits. Seller selects all service. Priced for quick sale.



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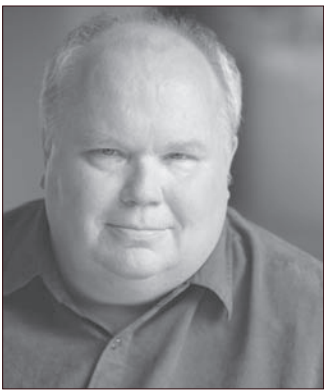
Save Your Heart For Me

By Rich Johnson

You may have noticed I had no column in last week's paper. My twin sister passed away suddenly and I went back to my homeland, Minnesota, for the better part of a week. This premature passing wasn't supposed to happen to her. She spent the better part of her life in good shape, living right (whatever that means), and breathing fresh Minnesota air. In fact, at one point she was ranked the number 2 female racquetball player in the Air Force.

About a year and a half ago Ruth went to the doctor complaining of feeling sluggish. They ran some tests and discovered half of her heart was shot. Now listen up dear ladies: Ruth had had nine heart attacks and didn't know it. Apparently this is not all that unusual for feminine physiology. Now if we read our Bibles we all know the woman is the superior of the species. Us guys were the Model T's in the Garden of Eden. The gals were the Model A's where God worked out the kinks from the "earlier" model. He also added some terrific new features and attachments (Don't go there Cumquat).

Anyway, the important point is my sister only felt some back pain when the heart attacks were taking place. She had no idea. The experts tell us if you feel shortness of breath, nausea or jaw pain you might be experiencing a heart attack. So, if you feel those symptoms please get them looked at. And I'll be watching as many of you as I can...



closely. And to my twin sister, Ruthie, I love you and I will miss you. And if and when you see the Lord, please put in a good word for me. Just ask him if we can let bygones be bygones?

Now, with your permission I will pass along some of the suggestions I received regarding changing my name for my pending, meteoric stage and screen career:

My good friend Catherine was the first to respond. She suggested three possibilities: Blaze Aubrey, Jethro Jigs, or Terence Titter. And since she is not only brilliant and beautiful, but in the business, I am going to have to seriously consider her suggestions. My dear friend Don Elliott recommended either Dickie Otis or Otis W. Dick. Maybe he is not as dear a friend as I thought. Good chum Tony Berru thinks Dudley FuDDRucker would insure my stardom. And not surprisingly, my friend Melanie from a rich Jewish heritage, likes Nebakanezer Johnstien.

I, of course, spent hours in a barely conscious meditative state seeking guidance from a different plane. And three possibilities were cosmically transmitted to me: Bufford C. Pitts (the C is for Crozely), Ludlow Bushmat, and Nazarino Quackarini. I guess the most important consideration is, what do you think of those names, Catherine? Glad to be back.

TRANSIT (from page 1) contact with him about the complaints.

"What surprises me is that these complaints are against our driver for the midday," he said. "She is one of our best drivers. She's allowed to take breaks, but she should be doing so at the end of her route."

He said that the vehicles should be filled with gas before going out, although Weaver had said she was told by Laidlaw that the vans could not complete the full route on a single tank of gas, something she was also looking into.

Other problems included signage around town. Many of the signs are no longer at stops, since the route changed last month. Weaver said she tried to take them down but could not do so because it takes a special tool.

It was suggested by one

angry commuter that the signs be covered or repainted, maybe even promoting the new route. Weaver said they strongly encouraged the public's input, adding that she was going to look into covering or repainting the signs immediately.

Laidlaw's House also said he was going to come to Sierra Madre all next week and oversee the shuttle's operations.

City staff said the Transit Master Plan report took 18 months to complete by studying both the Gateway loop and Dial-A-Ride, a curb-to curb bus service for seniors and the disabled. Many new services have been added to Dial-A-Ride, including extended hours and out-of-town trips now going farther than two miles. For more information call (626) 355-7135.

Memorial Service

Susan Linda Osti Andrews
~May 2, 1948- August 17, 2007~

A Memorial Service to remember and celebrate the life of native daughter, Susan Linda Osti Andrews, will be held at the Pioneer Cemetery on Saturday, September 29, 2007 at 11:00 A.M. Pastor Fackler of Faith Lutheran Church, officiating.

Susan was the daughter of Bob and Yvonne Osti. She attended elementary school in Sierra Madre and high school at Pasadena High. Growing up she was a member of the local Girl Scout troop, and often helped decorate Sierra Madre's Rose Parade float. She was the wife of Richard, mother to Cheri, Joel and Melanie and the proud grandmother of Patrick, Rachel, Michaela and Keoni. Her sister Cheryl and brother Robert cherish her memory.

Susan waged a valiant year-long battle with cancer. She was diagnosed on August 17, 2006, and succumbed on August 17, 2007.
May she rest in peace.



Saturday, September 29th
Search and Rescue Team Demonstrations & Exhibit
Time: Noon to 4 p.m.
Friends of the Library Ice Cream Social
Time: 3 to 5 p.m.
Location: Sierra Madre Public Library
(Both programs will be held in front of the Library)

Saturday, October 6th
Oktoberfest Golf & Tennis Tournament
Sponsored by: Supervisor Michael Antonovich
Community Services Department
Time: 8 a.m. Location: varies

Saturday, October 13th
Sierra Madre Centennial Hike into History with John Robinson
Coordinated by: Bill White
Time: 7 a.m. to 2p.m. Location: Chantry Flat

Fire Prevention Centennial Festival
Sponsored by: Fire & Police Departments & the Forest Service
Time: 11 a.m.

Sunday, October 14th
The Iron Horse (1924) Silent Movie
Sponsored by: Sierra Madre Historic Preservation Society
Time: 6:30 p.m. Location: Masonic Temple

Saturday, October 20th
Sierra Madre Historic Walk
Sponsored by: Sierra Madre Civic Club
Time: 7:30 a.m. staggered start at 8 a.m.
Location: Memorial Park

Pioneer Days: Sierra Madre's Treasures
Coordinated by: John Grijalva
Time: 11 a.m. Location: Memorial Park

Canon Dedication
Sponsored by: Sierra Madre Community Foundation
Time: 2 p.m. Location: Memorial Park

Pioneer Days at E. Waldo Ward's
Coordinated by: Jeff Ward
Time: Noon-5pm
Location: E. Waldo Ward & Son, 273 E. Highland Ave.

Sunday, October 21st
Sierra Madre's Treasures (2nd day)
Coordinated by: John Grijalva
Time: 11 a.m. Location: Memorial Park

Proclamation to Frances Hart (tentative)
Time: 1:30 p.m. Location: Memorial Park

Huell Howser Honorary Mayor for the Day
Sponsored by: Centennial Committee
Time: 2 p.m. Location: Memorial Park

Centennial Picnic Sponsored by:
Centennial Committee, Rotary Club
Time: 3-7 p.m.
Location: Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center,
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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.

Coffee With Joffe

Reach Out and Touch Someone

Someone asked me the other day if there really was such a thing as "Coffee with Joffe." Yes! As the people who have taken me up on my offer know, I like to meet at the Starbucks on 2nd St. and Huntington [in Arcadia] although I am happy to meet at Beantown, Steamers or Starbucks in Sierra Madre. I want to listen to your concerns, and I really want to hear your ideas—especially your ideas for how to fix the city's financial problems. It's definitely going to take the entire village to secure our financial future for the next hundred years.

Also, the Mayor Mobile cell phone has been awfully quiet lately. Maybe that's because I printed the wrong number in my last column. The correct number 626 646-3458. My email is ejoffe@ci.sierra-madre.ca.us. I welcome your calls and emails even if it takes me a day or two to respond. Someone called me recently and was shocked that I actually answered the phone.

Speaking of reaching out and touching someone, I hope everyone has taken the opportunity to meet Elaine Aguilar, the new City Manager. She has been on the job just 4 weeks and she has already been to lots of community meetings and met many residents and business owners. Please call her at City Hall or stop by to say hello.

Two weeks ago, several members of the council, department heads and I went to the League of California Cities Conference in Sacramento. These annual conferences are great opportunities to catch up on legislation that affects our city and share ideas with other communities. There were workshops on applying for money from the recently passed bond measures, fire safety, getting community input and lots of other topics. The networking opportunities provide all of us with contacts to call for ideas when we face a seemingly unsolvable problem. I was also impressed with how many people came up to Elaine to congratulate her on her new job and tell us how lucky we were to get her.

The historical talk by Michelle Zack on Sept 14th at the library was fascinating. Michelle is writing the centennial history of Sierra Madre and spoke about the link between the incorporation of Sierra Madre and the temperance movement. Apparently, some temperance-minded community leaders used the Sierra Madre News to rail against the Hart family winery and the public drunkenness caused by saloons in other downtowns in the San Gabriel Valley. These citizens promoted city-hood as a way to control our own fate and keep Sierra Madre civilized. Sure enough, soon after incorporation, the new City Council passed a Prohibition ordinance. After 100 years the issues may have changed but not the passion with which we debate our causes. And I sure wish we had the sales tax from that winery today.

In search of better ways to communicate, I plan to have lunch with the Mayor of Burbank, Marsha Ramos. Marsha has apparently implemented a lot of innovative ways of communicating with residents, including a walk with the Mayor. So get out your hiking boots, who knows what crazy ideas I'll come back with!



Mayor Enid Joffe

3 Square Miles Of... Tidbits

Rolling Over In His Grave.....

That's what the father of publisher and editor Susan Henderson probably did last week when he heard that the word 'soldier' was used in reference to Marine Esther Garcia. He was a WWII Marine and certainly taught his daughter better. So...To all the Marines out there....I'm sorry. I temporarily lost my mind!



MARINE Esther Garcia

And Thank You Warren Brown.....For your photo of Mrs. Garcia that appeared on the front page.

Thermogel Demo Rescheduled.... The Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council has canceled the Thermogel Fire Retardant demonstration. Fire Marshall Rich Snyder, who was responsible for the event, has been away assisting with the Faunskin/Big Bear Lake area fire.

Our Bell Is Bigger Than Yours.....Seems that last Tuesday the Sierra Madre Kiwanis President Hank Landsberg was singing that tune when his kidnapped bell was 'recovered' at the Rotary Club's weekly meeting. Rotarian President B. D. Howes, IV graciously accepted a share of the ransom Landsberg paid. The money will go to the Rotary Club's Darfur relief efforts. Question - Who stole the bell anyway?

Sorry, Wrong Number....Have you tried dialing Mayor Joffe with the number that she put at the end of her column two weeks ago? Well..it was a test. The real number is 626 646-3458.

By The Way... During the last council meeting, it was suggested that new City Manager Elaine Aguilar was hiring a new assistant. "Not true", said recently Aguilar. She did not respond at the time the statement was made because it was made during the City Council's public comment period, a time when staff and councilmembers are asked to listen only. The position referenced by resident Faye Angus was not for the City Manager's office.

-S. Henderson/MVO



MountainViews-Observer PASADENA

Women Unite to Make M.O.S.T.E. Girl’s Dreams Come True

By Teresa Baxter

In celebration of National Women’s Friendship Day local Pasadena organizations united last weekend for a benefit with a percentage of the proceeds going towards a mentor program for at-risk teen girls. The event took place at the Ten Thousand Villages store, located at 496 S. Lake Ave., in Pasadena.

The holiday was created in 1999 by the Kappa Delta Sorority and the governors of 32 states have since signed proclamations endorsing National Women’s Friendship Day on the third Sunday in September. It was a letter

that led to the recognition of the holiday by California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

“Friendships are one of life’s most beautiful experiences,” said Schwarzenegger. “It’s fantastic that Kappa Delta created this day for women to celebrate the special relationships they forge with one another.”

Ten Thousand Villages selected MOSTE, Motivating Our Students Through Experience, as a local organization to benefit in the celebration of women helping women. Although the fair trade store promotes helping women globally by purchasing handicrafts from around the world for a dignified wage, a local connection was established



Shoppers unite: Women’s Friendship Day brings out the best at fair trade store Ten Thousand Villages. Photos J.Truong/MVO



the event by providing tasty treats from their pastry chef for everyone’s enjoyment.

“During our 62 year history, The Women’s City Club has proudly supported women throughout the community, both through its non-profit member organizations, as well as directly through its active and dedicated group of individual members,” said General Manager, Francine Kolcz. “This kind of sisterhood is seen across the nation... women reaching out, touching the lives and supporting the essence of other women’s needs and deeds.”

For more information on the mentor program visit www.moste.org



with Pasadena author Dr. Lois Frankel, Ph.D. Frankel is the best-selling writer of *See Jane Lead* and *Nice Girls Don’t Get the Corner Office*.

Frankel founded MOSTE when she counseled a teenage girl “who did not come from

plenty, but from poverty.” It became clear to Frankel that, like many other young girls, the teen would not break the cycle of poverty without the help from others. MOSTE has functioned in the Pasadena and Los Angeles school district for over 20 years, serving in excess of one thousand girls.

I wanted young girls to be exposed to professional women who could help them see the world through a different lens,” she said. “Each at-risk middle school girl who joins is provided with a mentor and

the opportunity to apply for a college scholarship, instilling hope to those who otherwise might not see a bright future.”

Ten Thousand Villages has been practicing fair trade for over 60 years, under the premise that fair trade is the pathway to hope for disadvantaged producers around the world. According to a statistic provided by the World Food Program, every day 11,000 children die of hunger around the world, while 200 million suffer from malnutrition and a lack of protein and calories. More than 800 million people

are suffering from hunger in the world, and some 70 percent of them are women and children.

“As an organization we are committed to being just as invested in our local community as we are in the global communities we support,” said Sam Bills, store manager. “On Women’s Friendship Day we make this connection in the store direct...ensuring the success of young girls in Pasadena and Peru, in Los Angeles and Laos.”

The Women’s City Club of Pasadena also participated in

Pasadena Youth Violence Panel & PUSD Set Sights On Sierra Madre Youth Master Plan

By Dean Lee

As the city of Pasadena sought answers Monday night as to who might sit on an ever growing, now 11 member, ad-hoc committee on youth violence in the city, it was suggested Sierra Madre might play a roll in offering some ideas, having put together a well respected Youth Master Plan of its own.

“For a small city, Sierra Madre has done some remarkable things,” said PUSD board member, Ed Honowitz. “If asked I would be very interested in sitting on this committee, In doing that, I think Sierra Madre has a lot to offer, like their after school programs and the Youth Activity Center”

Honowitz oversees Sierra Madre Elementary, as well as McKinley Elementary in Pasadena, Jackson Elementary in Altadena and Eliot Middle school, also in Altadena.

Sierra Madre Deputy Director of Community and Personnel Services, Elisa Weaver, said Wednesday the adoption of the Youth Master Plan in 1998 addressed issues of increased drug and alcohol use, smoking and bullying in Sierra Madre. She said the plan ultimately led to the Youth Activity Center.

The YAC’s programs and activities range from dog washes to gang awareness education for youth and their parents, according to Weaver. Some programs have been in conjunction with the school district and police department, such as identifying “at-risk” youth.

The latest update to the Youth Master Plan in 2004 showed a 14 percent drop in smoking, a nine percent drop in bullying, an eight percent drop in alcohol use for minors, and a seven percent drop in marijuana use, she said, citing the same statistics used for the application that led to winning the city’s All America City Award.

According to the updated plan, kids reading for fun had risen from 24 percent to 41 percent since 1998, while those participating in community service had also risen from 59 percent to 74 percent during that same time.

Pasadena Mayor, Bill Bogaard, said he also welcomed the idea of including all neighboring cities,

including Sierra Madre, but also warned that the committee should not become too large.

“We don’t want to lose focus,” he said. “What I would like to see is some of these ideas coming forth through other opportunities, such as the PUSD or others. We would gladly welcome all input.”

Bogaard was selected unanimously by the council to head the new youth committee, comprised of three other Pasadena council members, Altadena Town Council members, PUSD board members, Pasadena City College trustees, and representatives from the offices of Senator Jack Scott, Assembly member Anthony Portantino and L.A. County Supervisor Mike Antonovich.

The council also suggested adding a church leader to the group.

City Manager Cynthia Kurtz said inviting state officials would be a good idea, although they need not be voting members.

“Our experience in the past with ad-hoc committees and the state has led us not only to sources of funding, but to legislation and policy changes as well. It might be advantageous for them to be there from the beginning.”

Council member Sid Tyler commented that the first bullet point on the objectives of the committee, “to identify, define and address the issues and causes behind the recent violence in Pasadena and Altadena,” was right on the money, but later said all others seemed to be either unnecessary or redundant.

Last week the council had adopted the concept for a framework developed by councilmember Jacque Robinson, laying out eight strategic actions areas that impact youth violence including prevention, intervention and enforcement.

Robinson said there have been eight murders in her district this year alone, and the meaningless shooting death of Ebony Huel Aug. 17 by a recently released parolee was the tipping point that brought her outlined plan to the council. Huel was caught in gang crossfire and shot in the head outside an illegally run nightclub in the 2000 block of Lincoln Avenue.

Councilmember Victor Gordo had also asked that the issue be brought before the council, saying youth violence was the single most important issue the city faced.

The committee will report to the council at least once a month for six months, noted Kurtz.

“I don’t want to in any way infer we believe the work of prevention of violence in this community is a six month project,” she said. “At the end of six months, with the committee working with the diligence that I heard the council and other speak about, it may well be that it morphs into something else.”

Sierra Madre councilmember Joe Mosca said that he personally thought getting drawn in to Pasadena’s youth problem was a good idea, “although the whole council would have to somehow be involved.” He said adding, “Sometimes I think people in somewhat affluent cities don’t think that crime affects them. By helping out Pasadena I think we would definitely see some effects here.”

Mosca also said he had a youth and government group in the works that could help with some solutions. “Right now we are in the very beginning stages of putting it together, and although it’s too early to tell, I think maybe in some way we could make a difference.”

Mosca had been on the PUSD’s management audit sub-committee last year. “It would be great to work with Ed Honowitz,” he said.

Mosca also brought up other ideas such as including Police Chief Marilyn Diaz for input, since she had served as Commander with the Pasadena Police for years.

Diaz has also worked with many youth organizations including Day One in Pasadena. The organization is dedicated to reducing the problems associated with alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use issues. A number of residents also said most problems in North West Pasadena stem from the large number of liquor stores in the area, some of whom demanded the city look into revoking licenses for those considered to be “nuisance liquor stores.”

Gold Line Passengers Stuck After Fiery Crash



Riders wait at Fillmore station

Delays were still long Friday afternoon as Gold Line riders waited to board a bus in Highland Park to take them around the site of an earlier rail crash just after 7 a.m. involving a train and an SUV in which the vehicle bust into flames.

In what MTA investigators called a heroic act, an unidentified man pulled the female driver out of the mangle SUV by cutting through her seatbelt as the car burned. Passengers could be seen jumping out the train’s windows an MTA maintenance worker later said. Including the driver, six people were taken to nearby hospitals, none of

them with life threatening injuries according to televised reports.


Investigators said the vehicle may have cashed through the crossing gate at Avenue 50, which was down, before striking the train traveling from Union Station to Pasadena.

This was the second crash this month. Sept. 11 a pickup truck on Avenue 55 collided with a train injuring seven people. Both accidents occurred within a mile of each other, and are the only two serious crashes in the Gold Line’s history according to reports.

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Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council
TIP OF THE WEEK
From Caroline Brown

Fire needs three elements to burn: Oxygen, Fuel, Heat. Of these three, you, the homeowner living in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone have control over only one: FUEL. You must reduce the fuel available on your property by doing fuel modification, i.e. brush clearance. Also, your planted, irrigated landscape must be kept well hydrated during the drought and days of high heat and dry winds. The city has a water use reduction requirement that limits landscape watering to the hours before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m. to reduce the loss of water to evaporation during the warmer daytime hours. Fuel moisture in the native plants and forested areas of Southern California was at a critical low of 60% as of mid-June. The damp mornings of this past week improve conditions but do not change the fuel moisture. Dead and dried plants do not take up more moisture from fall and winter rains, which only dampens the surface.

The best time to have done fuel reduction on your property was last Spring, the second best time is NOW.

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@mvoobserver.com



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Around Town: This picture shows workers diligently working on the 1928 Mira Monte Reservoir. The project is necessary to replace the aging reservoir and pump station with new facilities constructed to the latest seismic design standards, to minimize the potential for disruption to the City's water supply following a major earthquake. The Mira Monte project is expected to cost approximately \$8 million. It will be financed with existing water bond proceeds, a low-interest rate loan from San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD), local (SGVMWD) and federal grant money and repaid through water rates paid by all City residents. Water rates are not expected to increase to cover the cost of the project. There are three phases of the project which began late last year. All are scheduled to be completed in late 2008.

Photo S. Henderson/MVO

SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During the week of Sunday, September 9th, to Saturday September 15th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 358 calls for service.

Sunday, September 9th:
1:06 AM – Arrest - 100 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. A driver was stopped for a minor traffic violation. A records check revealed the driver had four outstanding arrest warrants and he was driving on a suspended driver's license for a DUI conviction. The driver was arrested and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.
4:30 PM – Arrest - 700 block Ramona Ave. A driver was stopped for an equipment violation. A records check revealed his driver's license was suspended / revoked. The driver was arrested and released on a written promise to appear.

Monday, September 10th:
1:23 PM – Arrest - 600 block Ramona Ave. A driver was stopped for a exceeding the posted speed limit. A records check revealed he was driving on a suspended/revoked driver's license and an outstanding \$30,000 warrant. The driver was issued a citation speeding and written promise to appear for the outstanding warrant.
5:37 PM – Theft - 300 Block West Sierra Madre Blvd. A resident reported her gray TREK bicycle was stolen from her unsecured backyard of her home. She said the last time she saw her bike was around 2:00 PM Saturday9/8. The owner valued her bike at \$ 300.00.
11:43 PM – Arrest - 500 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. A driver was stopped for a minor traffic violation. A records check revealed an outstanding warrant. The driver was arrested and issued a written promise to appear.

Tuesday, September 11th:
4:16 PM – Arrest - 200 block of South Baldwin Ave. A driver was stopped for a traffic violation. A records check reflected an outstanding arrest warrant. The driver was arrested and issued a written promise to appear.

Wednesday, September 12th:
4:25 PM – Vandalism - 500 block Ramona Ave. A resident reported a large rock was thrown at his parked car. The vandalism occurred between Monday, 9/11 and Tuesday, 9/12. No damage estimate at the time.

Thursday, September 13th:
10:39 AM – Arrest - 200 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. A driver was stopped for a traffic violation. A records check revealed an outstanding arrest warrant. During the investigation the driver was found to be under the influence. The driver was arrested and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

Saturday, September 15th:
11:55 AM – Arrest - 600 block Montecito Ave. Officers were dispatched to a fight in progress. Upon arrival a 15 year old intoxicated female and several males between 15 and 19 years old were in the street. The 15 year old was taken into custody and her parent was called. She was released to her mother on a written promise to appear.

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, September 9, through Saturday, September 15, the Police Department responded to 990 calls for service. Selected calls are listed below.

Sunday, September 9th:
Shortly after 2:00 a.m., units responded to Santa Anita Inn, 130 West Huntington, regarding a man who had cut himself with a knife and he then fled the scene in a brown Chevy Blazer. The vehicle was later found and officers conducted a traffic stop. A 20-year-old male Hispanic driver brandished a knife when he exited the vehicle and was uncooperative in complying with officers' commands. He struggled with officers and even tried to bite one of them. He said that he wanted to kill himself so he cut himself on his forearm. The man was subsequently detained and transported to AMH for treatment and a 72-hour psychological evaluation.

Monday, September 10th:
Around 7:36 p.m., a traffic stop was conducted at Huntington and Baldwin for two moving violations. A record check revealed that the 36-year-old male Hispanic driver had a no bail warrant for a parole hold and was taken into custody.

Tuesday, September 11th:
A traffic stop was initiated at 6:44 a.m. at Temple City and Camino Real for a moving violation. A 28-year-old male Caucasian driver was contacted and a record check indicated that he had an outstanding warrant. A consent search revealed a prescription bottle with pills belonging to a different individual and a counterfeit \$100 bill. He was arrested at the scene without incident.
Shortly after 3:00 p.m., units responded to the 200 block of Ellen in reference to a residential burglary that occurred between 7:00 a.m. on August 28 and 4:00 p.m. on August 29. Around \$11,000 in jewelry was stolen from a bedroom, and the victim believes that one of the air-conditioning installers may have taken the jewelry since they had full access to the house.

Wednesday, September 12th:
Around 1:58 a.m., officers were dispatched to the Par 3 Golf Course, 620 East Live Oak, regarding a burglar alarm activation. Upon arrival, officers saw the silhouette of a man on the roof, and they also found a broken window. A perimeter was established, but the suspect was not located.
A traffic stop was made at Cambury and Live Oak around 11:42 a.m. for a false display of registration. The male driver did not have a license and provided his personal information verbally. While the officer was conducting a record check, the man drove away in his vehicle at a high rate of speed. The car was later found, but the suspect was not in the vehicle. Witnesses advised that the suspect was seen running through various yards in Temple City. The 26-year-old Hispanic was subsequently apprehended and taken into custody for obstructing/resisting, evading, false information to peace officer, and driving on a suspended license for DUI.

Thursday, September 13th:
Around 9:59 a.m., a traffic stop was conducted at Santa Anita and California for a code violation. The 41-year-old male Hispanic driver did not have a license, and a consent search of his vehicle revealed a metal baton. He was arrested for possession of a dangerous weapon, suspended/revoked driver's license, and a \$35,000 outstanding misdemeanor warrant.
A 46-year-old female Asian came to the station around 6:57 p.m. to identify some stolen/recovered mail. A record check was conducted and a \$75,000 felony warrant out of San Bernardino County was found, so the woman was taken into custody.

Friday, September 14th:
APD and the Alcoholic Beverage Control conducted a special enforcement at Dave & Buster's for alcohol violations. During the enforcement, three male Hispanics, three male Asians, and one male Caucasian were arrested for disorderly conduct/ drunk in public.

Saturday, September 15th:
A grand theft occurred at The Limited store located in Westfield mall around 2:30 p.m. Four heavyset Hispanic females, who were also heavily tattooed, entered the store and engaged all the sales clerks in conversation. After the women left the store, over \$2,100 in merchandise were missing.

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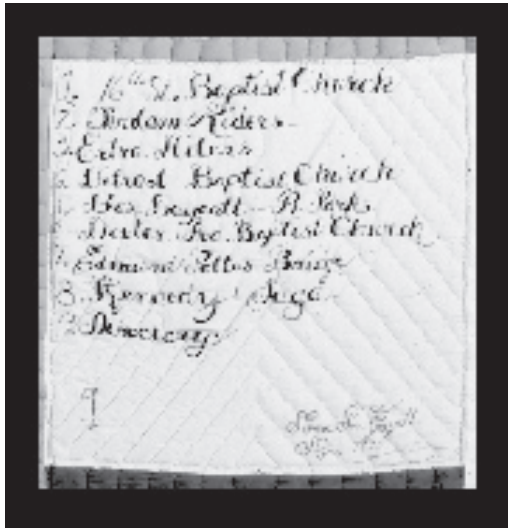
By Virginia Olive Hoge

Nora Lee McKeown Ezell Quilt Artist 1917-2007

Nora Lee McKeown Ezell was born in Brooksville, Mississippi, on June 24, 1917, one of 10 children, and moved to Alabama at a young age. Born into the worst of the Jim Crow south, in an era when Blacks were “legally” and violently discriminated against, her mother eked out a living for the family as an expert seamstress and taught her children how to sew.

In her lifetime she created many series of quilts, including her stunning “Gee’s Bend” quilts. Her love of and talent with color makes beautiful abstract art in these quilts. At around 70 years old, she began her final and best series of quilts - her completely original narrative quilts, with nine or 12 panels telling a story.

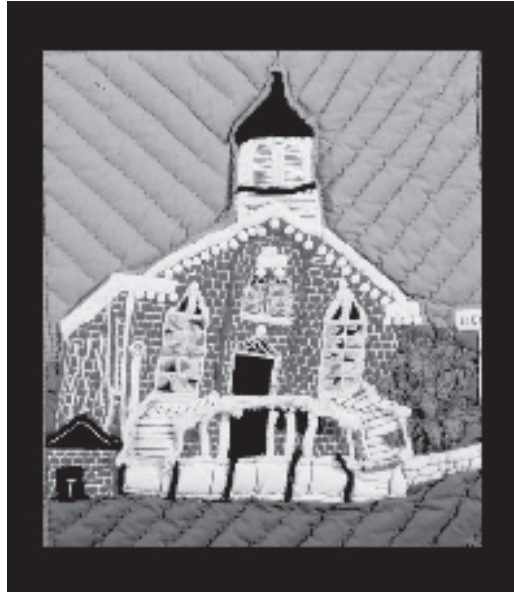
Quilting requires a patience that many of us do not have. Ezell was a master of her medium and used embroidery and appliqué for pictorial and textural use. Some of Ms. Ezell’s quilts also involved mixing and elaborating on well-known traditional patterns — among them Log Cabin, Dresden Plate, Bear Paw and Drunkard’s Path — in her own complex creations. “I like to put a little bit of me



King’s civil rights struggles in Alabama and many of the narrative quilts she made documented this important time. The panel in the photograph is from her “Civil Rights Quilt, 1993” made when she was 76 years old, in the collection of the Birmingham Museum of Art. Free at last from the strict confines of her medium, she allowed her cutting hand to flow a bit more, and this resulted in some beautiful “drawing” in this quilt. I love, too, how in her legend panel of the quilt, she numbers the panels as she made them (down, right, up) in free-wheeling hand-sewn calligraphy.

The panel illustrates Montgomery, Alabama’s Dexter Avenue Baptist Church which was founded in 1877 in a slave trader’s pen. Martin Luther King was its 20th pastor, his first full-time job after college, and the Montgomery Bus Boycott was directed by Dr. King from his office in the lower unit of this very church! The bricks are rendered in embroidery and the tiny stained glass appears to glow from within - each window done in satin-stitched embroidery in a beautiful abstract pattern. The white stairs are gleefully inviting.

As if to illustrate that victory for civil rights is still far from complete, it was typical that Alabama’s Tuscaloosa News (the town she lived in!) got her age wrong in their obituary (she is listed as having passed at age 88). Still, Ezell got her wish and will live on in her quilts.



in my quilts because I think this is one thing that lives on after us,” she said. She also enjoyed the fact that in quilt making “you don’t have to throw anything away.”

Ezell had participated in Martin Luther

Authors and Antique Appraisals Highlight Duarte Festival


By Teresa Baxter

The 5th Annual Duarte Festival of Authors has lined up an impressive array of more than 40 published writers who will be making themselves available to meet the public for talks, panels, and book signings

Featured highlights include the appearances by legendary fantasy writer, Ray Bradbury, L.A. Times columnist Celia Rasmussen and controversial L.A. Weekly “Ask a Mexican” columnist, Gustavo Arellano.

Arellano’s spicy, irreverently funny, and politically incorrect column started out as a one-time spoof in the Orange County Weekly in 2004 and ended up taking readers by storm, now in syndication from coast to coast. Arellano, who will speak at 2 pm, uses readers’ questions as a springboard to explore the clichés of lowriders, busboys, housekeepers, drunks and heroes in his weekly column.

Bradbury, recently honored with the 2007 Pulitzer Citation for his lifetime writing achievements, will be speaking at 3 pm. It is the second appearance at the Duarte Festival of Authors for the 87-year-old legend. He will be on hand to discuss his illustrious career and latest books, “Now and Forever” and “Farewell Summer”, the long awaited sequel to his



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Our hands are God’s tools today, too, and there is so much we can do with them to further God’s kingdom. And YOU! What are **YOU** doing with your hands!!

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Annual Art Festival in Library Park

Monrovia Arts Festival Association is once again sponsoring its popular CELEBRATE THE ARTS! Festival in the Park in Old Town Monrovia at Library Park on October 6th and 7th, 2007 all day Saturday and Sunday. This event promises to provide fun and entertainment for everyone and anyone interested in all aspects of the arts. The public is invited to join all the local artists for a celebration of the arts. Oil painters, photographers, sculptors and watercolor artists from Monrovia and surrounding communities bring their artwork outside under the canopy of trees and to the people.

The jurors have selected this year’s Artist of Distinction to be Mr. Ron Husband, a 32-year veteran of The Walt Disney Company.

Other Featured Artists: Ken Hornbrook, Frank Zgonc, Doug Gordon, Stephen Coleman, John Houseman, Ginger Van Hook, Betty Glass, Horst Albers, Setsuko Okubo, Elaine G. Smith Roz Newson, Luke Van Hook, Christina Hughes, George Schoeck, Millie Havens, and ceramist Sal Perez.

For information about this press release contact Ginger Van Hook, 310-671-9348 or email at enilde@sprintmail.com.

beloved classic, “Dandelion Wine”.

The event is put on each year by the Friends of the Duarte Library. This year will also feature a special attraction with the inclusion of Bonhams & Butterfields Appraisal Clinic, offering expert verbal appraisals from 10 am to 1 pm. Appraisals will be done on books, manuscripts, glass, decorative arts, bronze, paintings, jewelry and china. Bonhams & Butterfields experts are regularly seen on the popular PBS “Antiques Roadshow”. \$5 per item will be collected as a donation to the Friends of Duarte Library.

Another new addition will be an exhibition of the works of several local artists who will display their paintings of local landmarks in the San Gabriel Valley.

“We’re pulling out all the stops for our festival also in honor of the 50th anniversary of the City of Duarte,” said Nita Norgard, chair of the non-profit Friends of the Duarte Library. “No matter what time of day, it’s going to be dynamic fun.”

The festival takes place on Saturday, Oct. 6 from 10 am to 4 pm on the historic grounds of Westminster Gardens, 1420 Santo Domingo Ave., in Duarte.

Admission and parking are free, and food, light refreshments and wine will be available for purchase. For more information call Nita Norgard at (626) 358-1276, Becky Evans at (626) 357-7931, ext. 220, or visit www.duartefestivalofauthors.org



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Vincent Goes To College

Sierra Madre Musician Enters Cal State Early Entrance Program

By Susan Henderson



Practice is important to Vincent. “You always want to get better”. -Photo by Lina Johnson

At 15, Vincent Johnson is not your ordinary teen ager. He is a gentleman, very smart and very talented. You may have even seen him around Sierra Madre. He often plays for civic events. I have had the opportunity the hear him at least twice, once at the SMEAC Annual Dinner this year, and once at the Women’s Club last year. To put it simply, Vincent is an amazing young man. About three years ago, he developed an interest in Ragtime Music. “I can think of three things that inspired my interest in Ragtime. The first was when I started listening to ‘60’s music. Some of The Mama’s and The Papa’s music was influenced with it. The second was a trip to Disneyland where I watched the musicians play it. And, the third was when I heard ‘Kitten On The Keys’. Since that time he has become an accomplished pianist, mostly self-taught musician with a specific focus on jazz and ragtime. He not only plays Ragtime on the piano, he composes it.

Add to his impressive musical accomplishments, academic achievements that put him in a class of his own. Actually, he is in a class of 25. The former St. Rita and LaSalle student has been accepted in Cal State Hayward’s Early Entrance Program. This unique program is only open to twenty-five outstanding students, some as young as 11.

According to the school’s website, “The program accepts qualified students as young as 11 years of age and features a large population of other gifted students. ‘EEPsters,’ as they are known, attend regular college classes on campus, where an all-important support system is in place for them. EEPsters begin full-time study upon acceptance and earn their baccalaureate within four to five years.”

When I spoke with Vincent, he had just completed his first day. He plans to major in business, “I really like math”, and wants to continue as a composer. Studies in Music History and Music Theory are definitely on the horizon. Since it is too soon for his assessment of the program, we agreed to talk again in a few months for a progress report.

Vincent is the son of Christopher and Lina Johnson. His sister, Autumn is a 9th grader at St. Rita in Sierra Madre.

Methodist Hospital Foundation Names Crystal Ball Honorees

ARCADIA, CA – Methodist Hospital Foundation has named Jan and Doug McEachern as honorees of its Crystal Ball 2007, an annual fundraising gala that raises money to support hospital programs. The McEacherns, longtime friends and supporters of Methodist Hospital, were chosen for their significant leadership roles in fundraising and governance. Doug McEachern, a partner at Deloitte & Touche, has served on the boards of both the hospital and its foundation for several years and has been instrumental in shaping the foundation's 10-year strategic plan. His tireless dedication includes serving as chairman of the finance committee, holding a three-year term as chairman of the board and chairing the \$2.5 million campaign to raise money for the hospital's third cardiac catheterization lab.

“Serving on Methodist’s boards has been a great experience. I have had the opportunity to learn more about health care and work with other professionals who are also contributing their time for a worthy cause,” says Doug.

Doug’s wife, Jan McEachern, serves as an active volunteer at Methodist Hospital, helping to establish the annual Mardi Gras fundraiser, the annual Holiday Homes fundraiser, and recently chairing the Maternal Child Health expansion campaign that raised more that \$5 million for a new neonatal intensive care unit and maternity unit. “Jan has been tireless in her efforts to convey how important Methodist is to the community,” states Sue Francis, Methodist Hospital Foundation president. “She is a true leader who believes in rolling up her sleeves and making things happen.”

“It is a pleasure to volunteer at Methodist Hospital because of the incredible sense of community that exists there,” says Jan. “It is a pleasure to serve - my fellow volunteers are so dedicated and the need is so great. Methodist is continuously striving to upgrade its services and facilities. Being part of the team that creates a truly caring environment with the latest in medical advances is very rewarding.”

The Crystal Ball 2007 with its theme, Reflections –



Jan and Doug McEachern - 2007 Crystal Ball Honorees

Celebrating 50 Years in the San Gabriel Valley, will raise money for the Next Generation of Care Campus Transformation, a major building project at Methodist Hospital that includes construction of a new patient tower designed to house innovation and advancements in emergency and critical care services. The black-tie gala will be held at the Pasadena Convention Center on Saturday, October 13 and will feature dinner, entertainment and both silent and live auctions. Tickets for an opportunity drawing for a stunning jewelry set, a plasma TV and a five-day Riviera Maya vacation can also be purchased for \$100 each.

For more information, please contact Gloria Rico in the Methodist Hospital Foundation at (626) 821-2340 or crystalball@methodisthospital.org.

SUCCESSFUL SOCIALIZING FOR SHY PEOPLE

By Laura Dickson

Do you feel uncomfortable in a group of people? Are you afraid you will appear foolish in some way? Do you worry about not knowing what to say? If these statements are true for you, you may be relieved to know that almost fifty percent of the American population acknowledges they feel shy in one setting or another.

As fall arrives, and as you anticipate the social activities that come with the holiday season, it will help to have some new and effective skills to deal with your fears. For starters, pay attention to your automatic thoughts and the tendency to play mental movies that predict the worst and start you feeling fearful. This habit of thought seems “true” only because it is so familiar. You can learn to switch off the negative mental movie, and replace it with imagery in which you see yourself feeling relaxed, comfortable, and socially adequate.

Take a few minutes each day to devote to shyness skill-building. Begin by going to a quiet place. Clear your thoughts and pay attention to your body. Years of fear will have your body tense and anxious, so begin by relaxing and breathing deeply. See if you can find one still, quiet, safe place somewhere in your body, and go there in your imagination. Fill that place with the breath, and each time you exhale, tell your self “relax, relax.” When you feel yourself sinking into that comfortable place, bring up a picture of yourself interacting with others while maintaining deep body relaxation. If you start getting negative images, stop the process and go back to the relaxation / breathing sequence. Repeat this process day after day and you will soon discover you can maintain calmness and confidence even as you imagine interacting with other people.

Once you have confidence that you can feel calm in your imagination, start taking small chances with actual people and situations. Begin by silently rehearsing your relaxation sequence, and then enter a social situation. Follow a specific plan, like “I will allow eye contact. I will engage another by asking about him/her.” People love to talk about themselves, and if you show interest and ask them about themselves, you are on your way to having a conversation. Listen! Stay focused on the other person. Notice things about them. Stop imagining everyone is looking at you with a critical eye. Everyone has their own concerns, and you’re not it!

Remember, shyness is a habit of mind and body that has been learned over many years. Realize that what has been learned can be unlearned and new learning put in its place. If you will do the relaxation and imagery practice regularly as describe above, over time you WILL find the fear lessening and your social skills increasing. Practice, practice, practice! Do this for yourself, and become a “successfully shy person.”

If you would like a free article, “TEN TIPS ON MANAGING SHYNESS,” contact Laura Dickson, LCSW at ldicksonlcsw@sbcglobal.net. Or, call her at (626) 445-3862. She is a practicing psychotherapist in Arcadia, who specializes in treating anxiety problems.

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OPINION

Due Diligence

By Susan Henderson



Due diligence (n): *the care that a reasonable person exercises under the circumstances to avoid harm to other persons or their property*

Earlier this week, when the US Senate took a vote to condemn a political ad, one Senator had the courage to stand up and speak the truth. (Don't stop reading now, this isn't a political column). That Senator basically told the other 99 that he wasn't going to participate in the vote because it was diverting attention from a real problem. His comments caught my attention because I have been mulling over the topic of this column for weeks and his statement characterizes how we have been dealing with the issue.

Several weeks ago, this paper received a letter to the editor regarding convicted child predators living in this community. To be exact, according to the Los Angeles County website and the Megan's Law website (<http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov>) there are actually three men convicted of very ugly crimes against children living in Sierra Madre. These men range in age from 50 – 82 years old and the crimes they have committed have destroyed the lives of innocent children. (Sierra Madre Police Chief Marilyn Diaz acknowledges that these predators exist in our community. She noted that one may have fled.) On the site you can actually see photos of 2 of them. They don't look menacing, in fact the 82-year old looks like a regular grandpa. And that is a part of the problem. These men have been convicted of things like "continuous sexual abuse of a child" and "annoy/molest children" and one offense that is too graphic to print in this paper, and yet they walk around town anonymously.

Now I am by no means suggesting that we embark on a campaign of vigilante justice. According to the Sheriff's Department, justice has been served. What I am saying, however, is that we can no longer afford to look at the world through rose-colored glasses. These predators are not nice. They are rarely reformed. They are dangerous and we should be very, very careful who we let our children and

grandchildren associate with.

This society understates the damage inflicted to victims of child molestation. I don't care how 'well adjusted' that child appears to be or how well they manage when they reach adulthood, children who have been abused have had a part of their spirit murdered, and for the rest of their lives the knowledge of what happened to them haunts them. It is like the scar on your knee from a fall when you were 7 – it never goes away. And we make matters worse for victims when the world around them appears to not care about what happened and accepts these predators as a part of our society.

When I was a child growing up in Philadelphia, there was an old man around the corner and rumor had it that he did 'bad things' to kids. All the kids knew it but the adults ignored him. He actually owned the local dry cleaners. I remember us wondering why the grown ups kept going to his cleaners. The kids would walk on the other side of the street whenever he was around. The adults soon began to notice. I am not certain what happened next, but I do know that the man eventually moved.

Perhaps if we took the time to find out who these predators are in Sierra Madre, we could keep them at arms length from our families. We also need to talk to our children again and again so that they understand that sometimes it is not just strangers that they should be wary of. Establish the trust between you and your child so they can feel safe and protected. According to David Finkelhor, Director of the Crimes Against Children Research Center, "Acquaintance perpetrators are the most common abusers, constituting approximately 70-90% of all reported perpetrators." According to Diane Russell, author of The Secret Trauma and another expert on the subject, 29% of child sexual abuse offenders are relatives, 60% are acquaintances, and only 11% are strangers. However, the most disturbing statistic of all is that most abuse goes unreported.

Times have changed and some changes have not been good. We need to get back to the time where our children were our most precious resource. Even in lovely Sierra Madre, we are not immune. Our children are our future and if we allow them to be scarred as they develop, what will tomorrow be like? It is our responsibility to exercise due diligence – the care that a reasonable person exercises to avoid harm to our children. That is what's really important.

Arguing about 2 stories or 3, pales in comparison.

Around The Town With Sir Eric Maundry

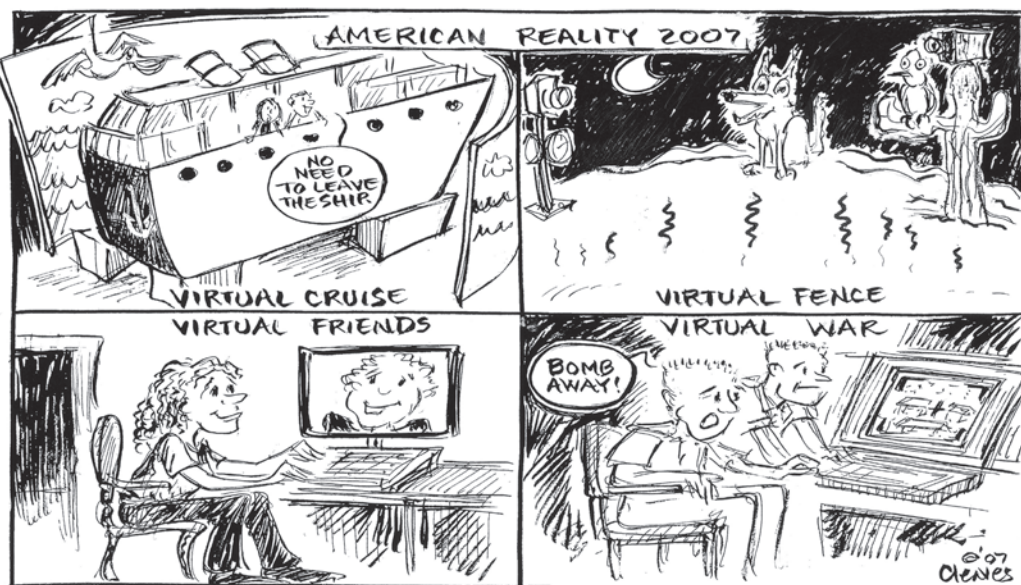


"Wise people talk because they have something to say; fools because they have to say something." - Plato

The comedy flowing out of City Hall lately would be even more rewarding if it just wasn't so strange. And nowhere has the hilarity been more unrelenting than with the hijinks gushing from Sierra Madre's very own Municipal Laugh Shack in regards to One Carter and the "Waterpipe Scandal." Perhaps you have seen the truckloads of trees heading down Baldwin and to wherever it is ancient dead plants go after they've been bulldozed? Well, you needn't worry your little head over that one. Our City Fathers have seen to it that an "Arborist" is in perpetual attendance at One Carter to tend to their maintenance and health. Did you know that an "Anthropologist" has also been stationed there as well? At first I thought this was because certain interests at City Hall wanted to study the habits and practices of big sweaty construction workers, but apparently that isn't quite the case. No, it would appear that this Anthropologist has been stationed there on the odd chance that ancient Indian burial sites might be discovered. (What they might do with any discovered artifacts defies speculation. Hire a \$45,000 consultancy to explore the idea that our city might actually be more than 100 years old?) And the tree

huggers among us will be comforted to know that the City has seen to it that a biologist is there during "the tree removal phase." Now isn't that something? I mean, who else would be qualified to declare the trees officially dead after they've suffered execution by bulldozer? And perhaps a biologically correct prayer can be also expected? You know, to speed them on their way to a better and leafier world? We can only hope ... And as bizarre as all of this might seem, nothing comes close to topping the following whopper. Do you know why our city government authorized the use of 10s of thousands of gallons of our limited drinking water every week for One Carter "dust suppression," and during a declared drought emergency? Or why the Guys From Dubai were not instructed to truck in the kind reclaimed water that is used at practically every other construction site around? Well, according to the folks down at The Municipal Laugh Shack, the reason is that reclaimed water could seep through all that suppressed dust and right down into our city's water supply. Which certainly does beg the following question: If reclaimed water sprayed on the ground at One Carter is a threat to the purity of our city's water supply, why in God's name did they authorize the building of 27 McMansions there? You mean to say that the owners of these vast monuments to excessive consumption aren't going to use pesticides, fertilizers and who knows what else during their tenancies? Apparently just above our city's supply of pure water? You really have to wonder what it is these guys have been drinking. It certainly doesn't come out of fire plugs ... Anyone familiar with a book called Junk Politics? Written by Benjamin DeMott and published in 2003 by Nation Books, it discusses the depths to

which political communication has sunk in this country. The author defines "Junk Politics" as the use by politicians of the language of empathy and feeling rather than dealing head-on with difficult issues such as the endless war in Iraq or our quickening economic decline. In other words, rather than discuss the challenges that we are truly facing as a nation, many politicians have instead turned to touchy-feely emotional palaver as a way of cajoling the citizenry. An example of this would be what I discussed above. Rather than owning up to the fact that they authorized the butchering of one of Sierra Madre's truly priceless natural resources, the Municipal Laugh Shack prefers to talk about their concern for Indian burial sites and the deep compassion they've shown for felled trees by hiring biologists and a plant man ... I can't help but wonder why it is the big development faction currently dominating City Hall has so horribly botched the water conservation issue. Both the Pasadena Star News ("Limit Growth, Preserve Water" - 9/7) and the Los Angeles Times ("Gulp!" - 9/13) recently published lead editorials that discussed the water crisis and the folly of continuing to pack more buildings into this vastly over-developed part of the world. And on 9/14 the Los Angeles Times ("Long Beach Puts Limits On Water Use") printed an article on the rather draconian restrictions that city has placed on water use. Yet Sierra Madre continues to allow the Guys From Dubai to tap into our water supply and dump vast quantities of the stuff onto the dust of One Carter. And, unlike the rest of us, they apparently get to use as much as they want, any old time they want. That must have been some deal they got.... Save water, drink your vodka neat! ... And write me at eric.maundry@yahoo.com ... Cheers!



City of Sierra Madre

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING - COURTESY NOTICE

From:

Subject:

Project Location:

Los Angeles

Applicant:

Stonehouse Homes LLC

210 South Orange Grove Boulevard

Pasadena, CA 91105

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, that a Neighborhood Meeting will be held to discuss the revised plans for a proposed 22 lot residential subdivision (21 new dwellings and one existing dwelling) at 1935 Stonehouse Road. The City of Sierra Madre denied the property owner’s initial proposal to subdivide the property into 35 lots and would like to receive input from neighbors and the community regarding Stonehouse Homes LLC revised proposal. The total square footage of the project site is approximately 102.56 acres. The purpose of the meeting is for preliminary discussions only. No action will be taken at this time. This meeting is strictly for information purposes only. Public input will be taken at future meetings as well.

DATE AND TIME OF MEETING

Monday, October 1, 2007

Rescue Station

Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

PLACE OF MEETING

Sierra Madre Search & Rescue Station

1901 Stonehouse Road

Sierra Madre, CA 91024

We encourage all interested persons to attend this meeting. If you have any questions regarding this meeting please call Donna Butler at (626) 355-7135.

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To:

From:

Subject:

Citywide

The City of Sierra Madre

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.)

PLACE OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre

City Council Chambers

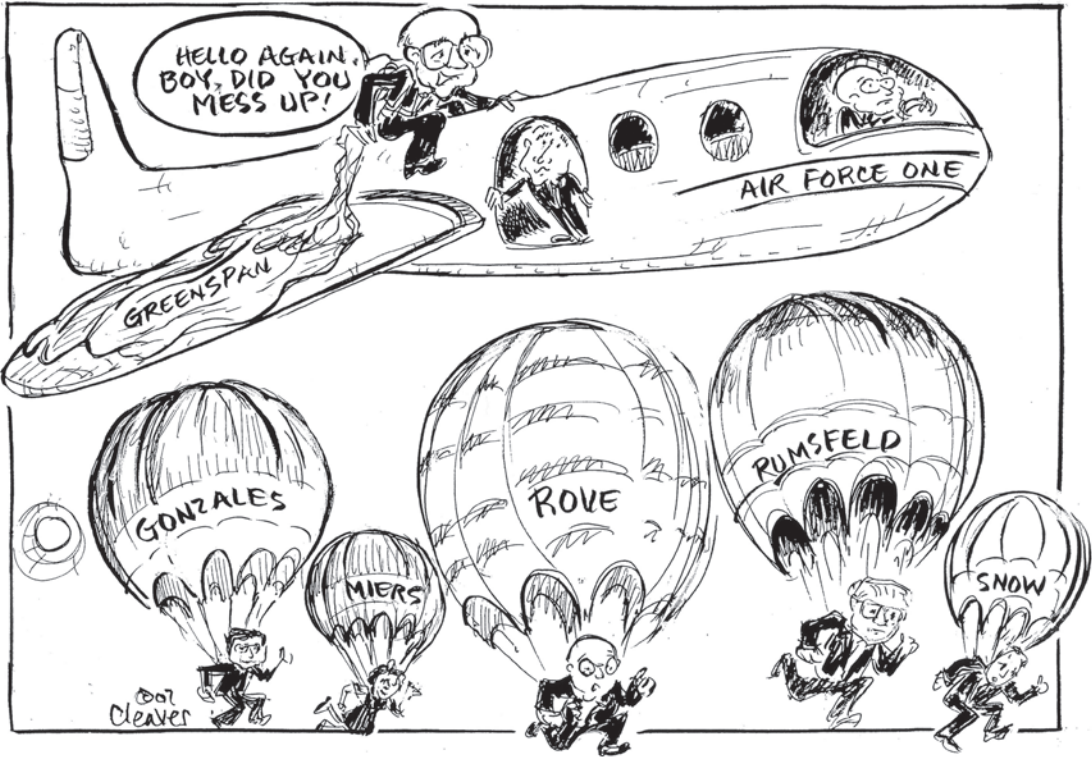
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All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.

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With Bob Eklund

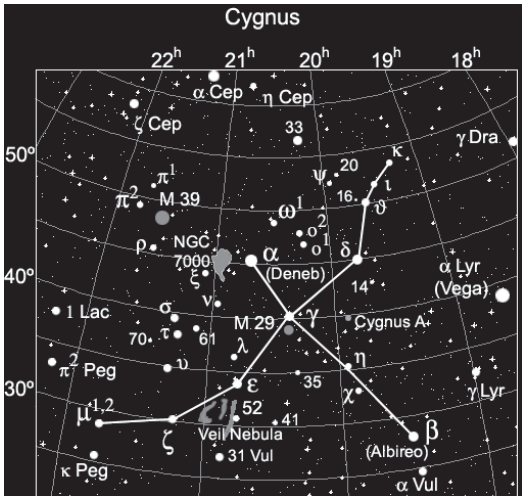
The Great World Wide Star Count

School children, families, and citizen scientists around the world will gaze skyward after dark from October 1 to 15, looking for specific constellations and then sharing their observations through the Internet. The initiative, called the Great World Wide Star Count, will help scientists map light pollution globally while educating participants about the stars.

The event, which is free and open to everyone who wants to participate, is organized by the Windows to the Universe project at the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR), in conjunction with planetariums and scientific societies across the country and abroad. Funding is provided by the National Science Foundation.

“This is an important event that brings families together to enjoy the night skies and become involved in science,” says Dennis Ward of UCAR’s Office of Education and Outreach, who is one of the event coordinators. “It also raises awareness about the impact of artificial lighting on our ability to see the stars.”

Participants in the Northern Hemisphere will look for the constellation Cygnus (the Swan), while those in the Southern Hemisphere will look for Sagittarius (the Archer). They will then match their observations with magnitude charts downloaded from the Great World Wide Star Count Web site (<http://www.windows.ucar.edu/starcount>). This Web site also contains more information about the event, including instructions for finding the constellations, and links to background information about astronomy on UCAR’s “Windows to the Universe” Web site.



Participants in overcast areas who cannot see stars will be able to input data about cloud conditions instead.

Thousands of observers in dozens of countries are expected to take part. Participants may make observations outside their homes or go to less developed areas where more stars are visible.

Bright outdoor lighting at night is a growing problem for astronomical observing programs around the world. By searching for the same constellations, participants in the Great World Wide

Star Count will be able to compare their observations with what others see, giving them a sense of how star visibility varies from place to place. The observers will also learn more about the economic and geographic factors that control the light pollution in their communities and around the world.

“Without even being aware of it, many of us have lost the ability to see many stars at night,” Ward says. “The Great World Wide Star Count will help raise awareness of the importance and the beauty of the night skies.”

The University Corporation for Atmospheric Research is a consortium



of 70 universities offering Ph.D.s in the atmospheric and related sciences. UCAR manages the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) and the UCAR Office of Programs (UOP).

For details on how to participate in the Great World Wide Star Count, go to the Web site <http://www.windows.ucar.edu/starcount>.

To find out whether schools and other organizations in your area are helping to promote the event, contact coordinator Dennis Ward, UCAR Education and Outreach, 1-303-497-2599, dward@ucar.edu.

REMINDER—JPL’s Tim Thompson will shed light on Dark Matter at the Altadena Library, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, September 23. Come at 2:00 for refreshments before the lecture. This is a free presentation to the public by the Mount Wilson Observatory Association (MWOA), a public-membership group that supports and promotes the public outreach activities of Mount Wilson Observatory. Address: 600 E. Mariposa St., Altadena, at the corner of Santa Rosa Ave. (Christmas Tree Lane).

If you’d like to learn more, contact Bob at b eklund@m vobserver.com.

The Mountain Clymer

By Kim Clymer-Kelley

Public Service Announcement

I am interrupting my usual fuzziness to bring you a public service announcement...

As one who is involved somewhat in the educational system (I am, among other things, a substitute teacher) I have become increasingly aware of a very disturbing and sad fact...the upcoming generation of children is in trouble. I know that every generation looks upon the younger generation and shakes their heads in disbelief and disgust. I heard the parents of the 60’s and 70’s, as I was growing up, lamenting about my generation and the “generation gap” that existed in that time. I feel like in making this observation that I am getting old and am just not hip to what this new generation is all about. But there is a difference here...it is not just a difference in views or values...it is a total lack of both...a total disconnection from the world around them. You are probably wondering what on Earth this has to do with the usual content of this column, but I feel that it is related in that it will ultimately greatly affect our planet, and a possible solution for some of these children may be found in helping them reestablish a connection to nature.

The problem I see is one that is increasingly being discussed in the media. Many of the children of this generation are living their lives in a box...a man-made, artificial box. They are totally out of touch with other people, with themselves, with their families, with the Earth, and with life. They are caught up in a world centered around material things and an increasingly uncaring and often violent social setting. They know nothing of the greater world they live in and are not bothered at all by their ignorance. Just last week I had a high school student who did not know if cotton came from an animal, a plant, or a mineral. “How am I supposed to know that????!” she asked indignantly, when I asked her the question. Another student did not know if he lived on the west or east coast of the US. They lock themselves away with their Ipods or their cell phones stuck on their ears and their eyes glued to their “FaceBook” or “MySpace” page. They do not know anything about the issues that face our world, except how poor Brittany did in her last stint in rehab. The English they speak is atrocious. They are rude, self-centered, they have an over-blown sense of entitlement and many, at best, lack any strong ethics, if they have them at all. I see many capable and caring educators who want to make a difference, but the problem is just too overwhelming. The problem is coming from homes that are broken or where parents have too many constraints put on their time and energy by the current economic structure...one which demands that in most families both parents have to work one or more jobs while the kids are forced to fend for themselves or are watched over by uncaring help. This leaves children lonely and detached from family and searching for something to fill the void. With a damaged ability to form real relationships, they either drown out the loneliness with music or find virtual companionship on the internet. There is little support at home for learning anything... educational, material, values, spirituality, compassion, culture, relationship skills or even just common knowledge about the world around them...or for that matter even that there is a world around them...many are oblivious to that very fundamental reality.

It is very rare to see a child, who has established a relationship with the Earth at a young age and carries it through to their adolescent and teen years, who takes refuge in the artificial world. The power and comfort of that relationship is a strong and healing one. It teaches valuable lessons. By observing nature, they can see how living things work in harmony with one another and how they help each other survive and grow.

They will learn to appreciate beauty. They will learn to respect and care for the Earth and ultimately for other people and things in their lives. They will learn the value of solitude and being alone with their thoughts, instead of drowning them out. Watching the natural world in motion cannot help but pique curiosity and raise questions, thus inspiring a thirst for learning. It is an invaluable tool for each and every member of the human race...one that an ever-increasing number of people are being cut off from...one that can teach, inspire, and heal.

In a conversation I was having with a friend the other day (one that inspired this article) I expressed a feeling of hopelessness about the next generation. He told me that I should never give up hope because the very fact that hope is still being held by someone means that there is someone out there that will still try to make a difference. Where there is hope there is possibility. If all hope is gone then that means that we have all given up and no one will ever strive to change a thing. If even just a little hope is held, that tiny bit of positive energy still hanging around out there somewhere can make a difference. It might cause one little change which will inspire someone to make yet another change and so on, and so on.

This column today is my ray of hope...hope that someone will read this and be inspired to take a child who is struggling and bring him to a beach. Show him the beauty of the shells on the beach and the light playing on the ocean...show him all of the life in the sand and the water and the air. Show him the tidal pools on the rocks and how the life there works to survive. Show him the power of the surf and how it sculpts the rocks and the sand and the driftwood. Show him all of the wonderful treasures it deposits on the beach. Explain to him how everything works to help everything else...how one part of the community cannot live without the others all doing their part. Explain how our carelessness and disrespect for those communities has caused them to suffer and die...how if we damage one little piece of that environment, the whole thing can collapse. Then sit there quietly through a sunset.

Then take that child to the mountains. Teach him to be quiet and listen. Teach him to sit and smell the fragrances and feel the energy of a special place, or of the trees and the rocks. Tell him how long the rocks and the mountains have been where they now sit and what has occurred all around them during the time of their existence...how they were probably sitting there since when dinosaurs roamed the Earth...maybe one even scratched an itch on one of the rocks he is sitting on now. Watch the communities that populate the mountains now and let him know that we are all part of that same community and same history...that everything on Earth is related and can affect everything else...negatively or positively. Teach him that we must always be aware of how our actions will affect others and that we need to take responsibility for making sure that those actions have only positive affects. These are the lessons that a child will learn there. Teach him how to take those lessons back to his own neighborhood and apply them to his own life. In times of trouble they will always feel the warmth and comfort they felt when in the hands of Mother Earth. Once exposed to such places in a positive way, they will always be connected...connected with nature, connected with themselves, connected with life and what it means to be a living being among all of the other living things on this amazing planet. Keep the hope for this and future generations alive. If each of us takes responsibility for teaching just one child how to reconnect to nature and to life, this and future generations will be forever changed...perhaps saved. It is a lesson that we as humans cannot afford to forget...for ourselves, for all other life and for our planet.

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Frosty Reception

You have heard the well-known, often needle-pointed, piece of New England folk wisdom, “good fences make good neighbors?” You know that it is from a Robert Frost poem. It is, after all, one of Bob’s most significant contributions to our cultural landscape, second only to the valedictorian special; two paths diverged in a wood, and you know, class of 2008, take the one less traveled. It will make all of the difference.

But, this separating fences adage, you may or may not be aware, does not represent a position advocated by Mr. Frost, in the actual poem. In fact, he is the mischievous narrator who teases his neighbor (in iambic pentameter), “Now my apple trees will never get across and eat the cones under your pines.” But the neighbor doesn’t really get the joke, and he answers (to posterity) with a little bit of upcountry attitude “hmpf, good fences make good neighbors.” Young, exuberant, poetic, Robert Frost wants an open field. And a hug. This is not the frosty Frost of my imagination.

Which is disappointing to me, because I am in need of some good, old-fashioned, New England close-mindedness right about now. I need the cranky Robert Frost to help me out with the 18 people who just moved into the two-bedroom rental unit next door and immediately started hosting loud, enthusiastic parties late into the weeknights. They spend completely unreasonable amounts of time attempting to start automobiles whose engines are obviously just not going to ignite. They throw darts at my fence and generate vast quantities of glass and aluminum fit for recycling. They fill their illegal fire pit with wet wood, and light it right next to my daughters’ open window. They are loud and numerous and happy. I don’t know them. They are new. I don’t like them.

These neighbors come to our front door and ask us to trim our pepper tree. Not only that, they are polite about it. They

even offer to help.

So that’s how I spend my Saturday. I take my ladder and my long tree cutting tool thingy next door and I saw and snip and fill their driveway with many pieces of my pepper tree, which, OK, granted, does drop *a lot* of stuff onto the ground.

This pepper tree is the most impressive dropper of gunk I have ever lived beneath. I don’t know where it gets the energy to create all of those little yellow flowers – billions of them. They cover the backyard in a layer an inch thick. They are all over the house. They are on the floor, between the couch cushions, and in the dishwasher. They are in the toaster, on my toothbrush, and in the pages of the book I am reading.

I can see how this tree could be somewhat irritating to people who like to spend much of their free time outside enjoying beverages without lids. Plus, our neighbors have the right to cut that tree all the way back to the property line, if they decide to get serious. That would be sad. It would also make the tree lopsided in a way that would require us to move our beds to other side of the house, into the dining room, to avoid being crushed in our sleep.

You know what? Of course you do. Turns out my neighbors are much nicer in person than they seemed when I was sneaking glares at them through the knothole in my fence. They complimented the ease with which I wielded my tree-trimming tool and were impressed by my ladder. I discovered that they have rigged up a pretty ingenious way of hanging their dartboard from the carport pillar. They got out their own broom and clippers to assist with clean up. Once the entire household was up, the trash can stuffing went quickly. Later on, they even brought me a pizza.

Fine. They are real people with souls and everything. Their mothers love them. But don’t think I am about to take out the fence. Their aim isn’t perfect. And darts are pointy.

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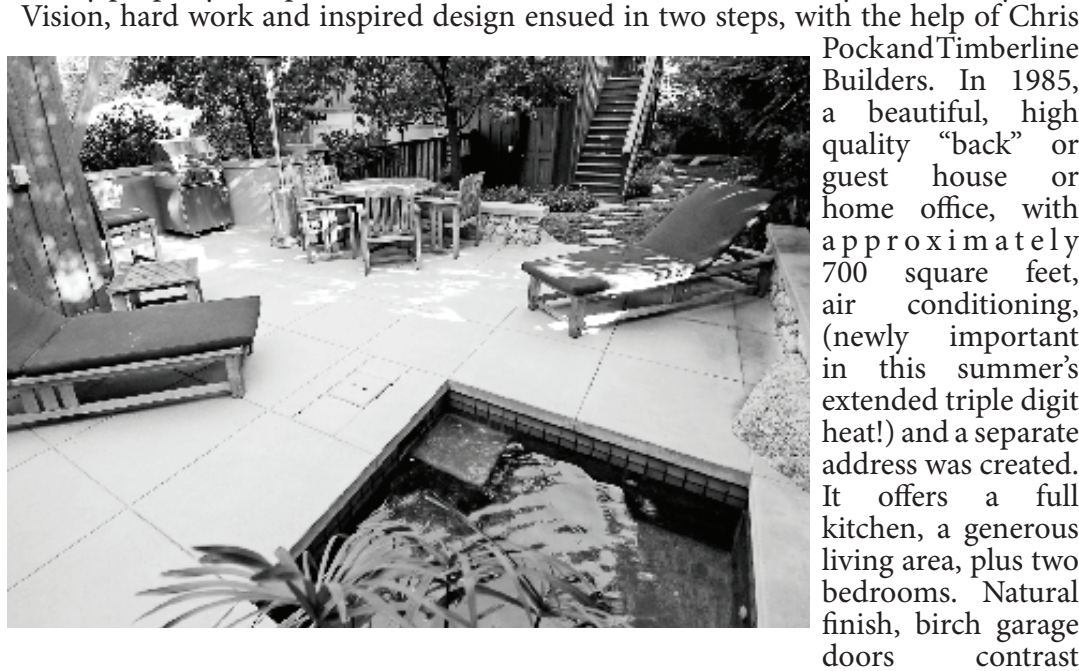
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Story and Photos By Chris Bertrand

Relaxed Sophistication in the Craftsman tradition



If you love Craftsman homes, you’ll find this Sierra Madre custom home delightfully appealing. Even if Craftsman is not your preferred style, I think you’ll still love this home! It offers a sophisticated pied-a-Terre feeling, yet fits a comfortable, relaxed California lifestyle. The owners purchased a modest, circa 1927 cottage home in the 80’s from an extended family. Initially, the homesite backed onto orchard and plant nursery property that proliferated around Sierra Madre in the early 20th century.



beautifully with the redwood plank siding in both buildings, which was sealed to preserve the warm, original wood color from the natural blackening process of untreated redwood.

In 1998, the main home was redesigned, creating a little jewel of a Craftsman-style masterpiece. The requisite front porch offers plenty of room for seating and leads to the custom front door designed by Jeff Grangier, a contemporary Arts and Crafts designer. Two built-ins from the original cottage were saved, refinished and incorporated as storage in opposite corners of the living area, keeping a treasured bit of the past in the home. The 1600 square foot (ap.) floorplan includes creative

use of living space, with a great room separated into three functional areas: living, dining and kitchen. The living room currently sports a dramatic marlin reproduction above the true brick, floor-to-ceiling fireplace, a bear skin rug over the clear (meaning without the knots created by tree branching), wide-plank Douglas fir flooring, an antler chandelier and other trophies showcasing the owner’s adventurous vacations.

Natural finish, French doors open to the back yard, inviting easy indoor to outdoor living. The kitchen is sleek, with stainless steel appliances including a professional Thermador gas stove, gorgeous poured concrete counters and a walk-in pantry. A main floor bedroom and bath are an excellent addition for guests, or an elderly family member requiring single level living.

Everywhere, striking details abound. The cathedral ceilings are spruce, defined by exposed beams. Custom milling created the two thicknesses of window trim for a traditional Craftsman-style reveal, plus the staircase’s banister and pilaster assembly. Wood frame windows are indicative of the high quality amenities chosen throughout.

Upstairs, even the hallway is efficiently used as a vertical museum of sorts for exotic surfboard display. A balcony provides a small relaxation space and excellent cross ventilation. The office boasts an entire wall of built-ins for storage, display and desk use.

The master suite includes more of those stunning spruce cathedral ceilings, plus a huge closet with organizers and dressers. Its elegant private bath includes a fabulous oval soaking tub awaiting you at the end of a long day, while a large, walk-in shower utilizes the sealed concrete product used in the kitchen and bath counters, for a worry-free, grout-free bathing experience.

The owner’s landscape business ensured that the inspiration extended to plantings and hardscape. The outside spaces form a soothing study of texture and form, with



hand placed local boulders and stepping stones, Arroyo stone walls and layers of beautifully coordinated plants in a spare, yet dramatic Asian style. Dwarf mondo grass, as a deep green foundation, doesn’t require mowing. Dramatic papyrus flanks the in-ground, gunite spa, while Redwoods, Japanese maple, Nandinas, crepe myrtle, Asian pear and ferns interweave for a delightful, private outdoor retreat.

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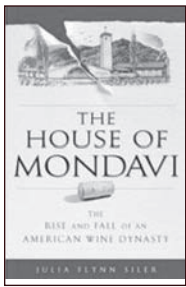
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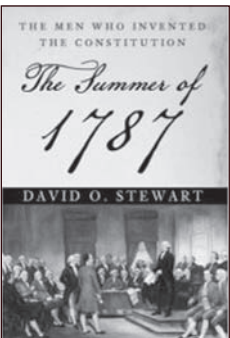
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The House of Mondavi: The Rise and Fall of an American Wine Dynasty
by Julia Flynn Siler (2007)



Based on more than five hundred hours of interviews and much research, this story shows how the Mondavi's, who were the Kennedy's of American wine, built and ruled over America's preeminent wine empire, until their achievement tragically fell apart by the weight of sibling rivalry, bitterness and greed. It also chronicles the transformation of Napa Valley into one of the world's great wine making regions. It begins in 1906, when Italian immigrant, Cesare Mondavi, lands on Ellis Island. Later Cesare starts a grape shipping business and moves his family to California's Central Valley, and so begins this well written interesting historical saga of four generations of the Mondavi's and the California wine industry.

The Summer of 1787: The Men Who Invented the Constitution
by David O. Stewart (2007)



This historical narrative drawn from the records of the Constitutional Convention and its members' letters, is a wonderful account of the document's creation. The debates are all included, as are all the convention's personalities. It is a fast paced narrative of those important four hot summer months. He begins with the period just before the convention, as states quarreled with each other. He describes the slow move toward a Constitutional Convention that really began at a small conference at George Washington's home at Mount Vernon. And so the Convention begins, with Stewart dramatically showing the roles played by the important players as they grappled with issues such as the rights

of states and the future of slavery. As he sees it, the true genius of these founders was the understanding that a free, popular government must be based upon compromise. A great read about a great event!! Stewart was a former law clerk for Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell.

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Time

One of the hardest things I've fought with in my life is this concept of "time" to get well. It must be even harder for the younger folks, who are instant communication via cell and internet, and who are almost cellularly hooked up with ... "There, I've said it, it's done, I don't have to think about it any more."

This is a real toughie. Unless we have something that everyone recognizes as "contagious" (when no one wants us around!) - our sports, cultural and economic standards demand that we continue to focus our already challenged (low) life energies to meet their goals, rather than on strengthening our own body's goals of getting rid of its build up of toxic trash, strengthening the immune system, and rebuilding cells. The rationale here is: "No Pain, No Gain" ... just bull through and you'll get stronger.

So, how does one learn how and when to be patient long enough for your body's inborn self-repair systems to do their work? This major patience and time issue has been compounded for me by the Christian teaching that Jesus worked "miracles." That all He had to do was reach out, touch someone, and they were "instantly healed." And, that we, too, could do this, just as He did. As a matter of fact, that is one of the bedrock unconscious life beliefs that fuelled my 'healing studies', after someone told me that "you have the energies of a healer."

So, I went into this, unconsciously expecting that 'healing' would be "easy"... Hah!! Everything I ever thought I knew about life has been challenged from the inside out, and from the bottom to the top. And the challenges continue because, like most of us, I prefer to take shortcuts. My nearest and dearest tells me that I get my best exercise "jumping to conclusions" before all the information is there ... Sigh! It's true. Having to slow my mental processes down, to take time to grasp every tiny thing, and then, what's worse, to take the time to put 'all the ducks in a row' so that when I actually take action, everything moves precisely the way I want it to, is torture to me.

And yet, we all know that if we make just one (1) mistake in dialing a phone number, we don't get the person we

think we are calling. And, for those of you that are internet literate, and you know how complex some of those website addresses can be ... you know that if there is one (1) mistake when you type in that address ... you can forget about reaching the page you want until you correct that (unfindable) error. Yes, we can copy and paste. Yes, we can use embedded links. But the fact remains that underneath that simple action is an enormity of information, arranged "precisely so."

It takes time, trial, error, and sometimes years to slowly build up the accumulated wisdom, routines, subroutines, and sub-subroutines that make a simple (health) "link" work the way it should. That's why some of us "older folks" hesitate to do computers ... we sense just how much time and energy it would take for us to make this change - and if we can't see a powerfully attractive enough payoff, we won't do it.

So it is with our health. Learning to listen, to take time to figure out just what is going on, taking time to correct (maybe even deeply forgotten) errors that got embedded "way back" may sometimes mean totally rebuilding our life from the bottom up, and from the inside out. That can be a whole lot of work, a whole lot of resources, and a focused commitment that is more than we thought we would have to have. And, because of our day-to-day life demands we often choose to "think about it later" and go for the "quick fix" now.

"Time Lengthener:" 9/26, Whole Foods, 11 am - 4 pm. Donate cash or canned goods to the Reflexology Association of California's local charity benefit in honor of World Reflexology Week in trade for a reflexology demo or session ... a great way to take a break, release stress and give you a whole new perspective on wisely invested time that supports your own wellbeing.

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A Quote Worth Repeating And A Thought Worth Remembering

"All men should try to learn before they die what they are running from, and to, and why." James Thurber
...Have you ever asked yourself what motivates you or frightens you and why. To be honest with yourself and find the answers will teach you much about yourself. The alternative is to remain in confusion, keep running form the answers and being chased by the questions.
Patricia J.

BIRD'S EYE VIEW

Permit Please...

I saw a man this past Saturday who convinced me that certain items of clothing should be sold by permit only. Take loose fitting tank tops for starters. This guy looked like the Pillsbury Doughboy after numerous Rogaine treatments. His upper body looked as though it had a total "comb over." I've only seen something like this once before, and that was Tarzan's friend, Cheetah.

Women can't be spared either, of course. Take the ever-popular stretch pants... please. For some women "stretch" is the key word, but ladies, it's really not a test to see how far the fabric can be stretched as some of you do. Frankly, spray paint would achieve the same visual result. In some cases, in addition to a permit to purchase, the buyer must also be required to buy a full-length mirror. Walking behind, if you pardon the expression, someone built like a Sumo wrestler who is clad in tight stretch pants is like watching two bears fighting in a pup tent. Not a pretty sight.

And FYI for some of you... Toothpicks are not a fashion accessory. Permits should also be issued for these little wooden curiosities. WARNING: FOR HOME USE ONLY! ALL OTHERS WILL BE PROSECUTED TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE LAW. I've seen people with toothpicks sticking out of the corner of their mouths like another appendage. They occasionally do a full transfer from one side of their mouth to the other like it was a sanctioned event in the Olympics. I went to dinner with my son and his girlfriend a couple of weeks ago and saw a middle-aged couple reach for toothpicks after paying their bill. They then proceeded to perform synchronized dental hygiene. I'm sure that they would think it odd if we all wanted to witness them brushing their teeth, but this seemed acceptable. Hmmm... It seems that Emily Post has been replaced by The Simpsons.
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Scene One - Take One DVD Review

O Brother, Where Art Thou?
(2000)



Three hapless convicts (George Clooney, John Turturro and Tim Blake Nelson) break out of jail during the 1920s with the hope of retrieving some hidden money. Along the way they have all kinds of adventures, from alluring riverside sirens, meeting Baby Face Nelson and recording a hit country song. It is like a rollicking romp in the tradition of the "road" pictures of Bob Hope and Bing Crosby. Bluegrass music is at the center of the film, and along the way we see chain gangs, sharecroppers, cotton fields, rural politicians, river baptisms, hobos on freight trains, patent medicines, small radio stations and KKK rallies. The movie's title is from Preston Sturges' 1941 comedy, "Sullivan's Travels." A very unusual movie. Lots of fun!!

The Illusionist (2006)



Set in early 1900s Vienna, this romantic thriller centers on a supernaturally talented magician extraordinaire, Eisenheim (Edward Norton), whose childhood sweetheart Sophie (Jessica Biel), is an aristocrat and well above his social standing. Heartbroken, he leaves to explore the world and dreams of one day reuniting with her. When older, Sophie becomes engaged to Crown Prince Leopold. The master magician uses his powers to win her love. His daring scheme creates tensions within the monarchy and arouses the suspicion of Chief Inspector Uhl (Paul Giamatti) who has sympathy for the magician regardless of his obligation to the powerful prince. Very atmospheric with great tricks and tricky story!

WOMAN'S CLUB SPONSORS FLU CLINIC from Phyllis Chapman

Sierra Madre Woman's Club is again providing an important health need as they invite the public to their annual flu clinic, Saturday and Sunday, October 6 and 7, 9 a.m. to 12 Noon, at the Essick House" their historic clubhouse, 550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre.

Flu shots are \$25. Also being given are the Pneumonia shot for \$45, which provides protection for at least 5 years and the Tetanus shot for \$45, which should be taken every ten years. These may be given at the same time as the flu shot. Your check or cash will be accepted. Please wear short sleeves. A doctor and nurse will administer the shots and answer any questions you may have.

With fall here the flu season cannot be far behind. Each year seasonal influenza takes its toll. To avoid being laid low by this illness get a flu shot. Each year the virus strains are different. The flu vaccine does not cause the flu. For further information call Tres Immune, Inc. that provides the vaccine at (800) 761-0999 or the Woman's Club at (626) 355 - 4379.



Pat Ostrye on.....

How The 'Other Half' Lives!

Normally, work-a-day people don't have the time or inclination to ponder such fantasies as how the 'other half' lives, eats and breathes. However, seeing the three-or-four pound stack of two-and-three million-dollar home ads in the weekend newspapers makes one wonder. Starting with their homes, or I should say houses, because anyone who manages to get to the highest step on the corporate ladder with the stock market in his/her pocket, or maybe just falls into the lap of inherited luxury, will, more than likely, have one or two vacation retreat spots, each one as luxurious as the other.

Now it would seem to me that the individual who is in a position to consider any of these multi-million dollar abodes as advertised, would not pick up the newspaper to start looking. One phone call would do the trick to start the ball rolling and rolling. It boggles the mind! For what reason I don't remember, but at one of the League of California Cities' Conferences several years ago, we were taken on a tour of some ultra-spectacular estate with a master bedroom of 4200 square feet, so you can imagine what the rest of the house looked like. A motorized scooter should have been included in that package.

Regarding the morning newspaper ads, it must be that the 'other half' only reads as far as the world and national news on the first few pages. Consequently, the ads on pages two and three are meant for them. Certainly not for the hoi polloi. For instance, today, Tiffany's is pushing fringe tassel earrings in 18-karat yellow or white gold for \$1200 and Mikimoto is showing, from the Milano Collection, a White South Sea cultured pearl bracelet with diamonds in 18K gold for \$15,900.

There's even a buy at Bloomingdale's: Maximilian Altamoda black-dyed mink vest with embossed patent leather trim, on sale for \$1595. Also at Bloomingdale's, 'Artrageously Finished' black suede flat shoe with jeweled ornaments, only \$495.

If anyone should be interested in seeing face to face how that 'other half' lives, Nancy Cartwright, the voice of Bart Simpson's cartoon brat, is opening her Northridge home at the end of this month to host the annual Monte Carlo Night benefit for the Police Activity League Youth Center. In the meantime, she and her children hand delivered in a golf cart more than 600 invitations for a simple neighborhood mingle.

Today, a Thursday, the Home Section of the L.A. Times devotes three full pages to Cartwright's renovated Country Farmhouse, in which she can fit seventy people into her living-room. Her description of where she lives: "I live in a very nice home with great neighbors, but you go a quarter of a mile down the road and there's one of the highest concentrations of gangs in L.A. County ... it's a little bit of an island in the middle of insanity".

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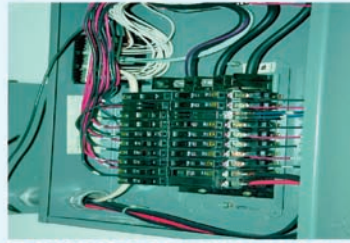
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TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

OKTOBERFEST

The history of Oktoberfest is that King Ludwig of Bavaria wanted to share his joy of getting married with the people of Munich and he organized a party with beer, food, entertainment and horse racing. Some 40,000 people attended, so, the following year after the wedding.... they decided to have the horse race again with the food and beer - - - Oktoberfest had begun! The horse racing was soon abandoned and there have been a few interruptions because of war.

The name Oktoberfest, Wies'n.. is derived from the name of the field that the festival was originally held. The largest Oktoberfest in The U.S. is held in Cincinnati. Locally, here are a few spots to get a real good beer and to celebrate Oktoberfest:

Big Bear Lake Going strong for 37 years, Runs thru October 27... weekends only. Adults \$10...(909) 585-3000 ...info@bigbearevents.com.

Torrance The very popular Alpine Village... Runs thru October 28th. Adults \$5... www.alpinevillage.net... (310) 327-4384

Also Consider
Crown City Brewery 300 W. Del Mar, Pasadena ... Plenty of German Beer and music on selected days. Call (626) 577-5548 for event calendar

Matt and Denny's Beer and Sausage Plates. 145 E. Huntington Dr., Arcadia (626) 462-2050. Oktoberfest Day Celebration, Sunday, October 7th from

1PM to 9 PM. Ten different German Beers in addition to 28 tap beers. Mark your calendar!!!

Lucky Baldwin's (Reader's Choice - Jeff Gates' favorite Spot) 21 Kersting Ct., Sierra Madre ... Plenty of beer on tap. More of a British Pub, but worth checking out.

Did I miss your favorite beer spots? Email me at thechefknows@yahoo.com

Coming Up: The Sierra Madre Chili Cook-off; I will be judging so make plans to join us!!!



ENTRY FORM
8TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF
October 11, 2007
6-8 pm

Rules for entry

All contestants must provide 4 quarts of homemade, ready to serve chili in a crock pot or other heating tray. Contestants must also provide a serving spoon or ladle plus condiments particular to your recipe (onions, cheese, etc.). Chili cups, spoons and napkins will be supplied. Contest limited to 20 entries. The deadline for entry is October 5, 2007.

All entries must be delivered to 561 Woodland Drive (Mary's Market) no later than 5:45 p.m. on October 11. Winners will be announced at 7:30 p.m.

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No admission charge for contestants.

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SPORTS



By Stanley J. Forrester

View From The Couch

Stanley On Whiners

The Fed-Ex Cup hype is finally over. The matches have been played and the winner crowned. The Winner? It was Tiger Woods - surprise, surprise. I enjoyed watching all four matches. For a lot of golf fans, the was particular interest and enjoyment in the second round when Phil Mickelson took Tiger to the mat in the Deutsche Bank Championship. Phil won. It was a good win, but it wasn't enough to win the Fed-Ex Cup and be crowned the PGA King of Kings.

With all the anticipation, the point earnings over weeks and weeks, and the final matches, there were still a lot of complaints. The problem with most who complained, including some of the commentators, was that they wanted a Tiger vs. Phil or Vijay match-up every week. Guess what? Golf is not played in that fashion. In a given tournament any player could get hot. You can never predict what the last group on Sunday will be. I was only sorry that Calcevecchia and Stricker did not make a better showing on the very last Sunday. Having Stricker being in the mix, however, was great. Here was a guy whose game was gone and he was about the business of resurrecting it on one of golf's biggest stages. On the other hand Calcevecchia was every old golfer's dream. Our fondest wish on Sunday was that 'Calc' could duplicate the round he had on Saturday. We who are not flat bellies (i.e., youngsters) had someone to cheer for thanks to 'Calc'.

Overall The Fed-ex cup was fine. It was the Super Bowl of Golf. Sure, there are things which could be done to the format such as limiting the field after all, 140 golfers for a play off is big field. This is particularly true when you realize that there are only 125 fully exempt golfers on tour. But all this crying about the format was ridiculous. My favorite golfer, "Foot Always In My Mouth Rory Sabbatini", and others feel that you should have to play in all four tournaments in order to win. Both Tiger and Phil skipped a tournament and he complained about that. (Each of them had so many points with their previous play that it didn't matter if they skipped a tournament.) Nevertheless, just in case you didn't know Rory, with the top contender gone that gives you a chance to move up. If you had taken that time to win instead of whine when Phil and Tiger were not there you would have been the one driving the golf cart. Instead all you did was complain. Rory in case you have not heard America loves a winner, not a whiner. Whiners are never winners.

But whining isn't just a guy thing. Dottie Pepper, former LPGA Tour player and of late, Golf Channel commentator, you owe the LPGA and the members of The Solhiem Cup team a public apology. In case you have not heard the matches were played in Sweden and on paper the American team was the stronger team. These young ladies were playing a tough team on foreign soil. They were able to hang tough for two days. The weather was terrible and the matches hard but they were not out of it. This young USA team anchored by the veteran Julie Inkster fought and they fought hard. However, when they went into the last event of the competition, the singles matches, Europe was leading. It was at that point that Dottie Pepper, an ex player herself that has even played on the Solhiem Cup team and who knows how hard it is to win on foreign soil, made the comment that the American players were choke artists. That hurt. However these young women showed what they were made of and took five out of the eight, and won the cup. Dottie, it is time to state publicly that you were wrong and offer a sincere apology to the our team. Enough of this whining! Put up or shut up.

It's Time To Batter Up Again! Sierra Madre Pony League Opens Fall Season



Christian Hess at bat



Randy Miller winds up.

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Joey DiPane safe at 3rd. Photos by Mt Wilson Photos

Sierra Madre Annual Octoberfest Golf & Tennis Tournament



On Saturday, October 6, 2007, the City of Sierra Madre will sponser it's annual Golf & Tennis Tournament benefiting the youth of Sierra Madre. The tournament will be played as a foursome scramble at Eaton Canyon Golf Course. Sign up with a team or we can place you in one. Tennis is round robin doubles with rotating partners in coed divisions. Scoring will be on the honor system.

Immediately following the sporting events, there will be a reception, luncheon raffle, and silent auction at the Community Recreation Center located Sierra Vista Park at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. beginning at 12:00 p.m. Tax-deductible opportunities exist with this event! If you have an item you want to sponsor a Tee Sign at \$100 (includes golf), please email city@ci.sierra-madre.ca.us

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