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Alternative Sources Of Revenue For Sierra May Include New Taxes

City Manager Reviews Consultant Spending At Ad Hoc Meeting

By Dean Lee

Wednesday night's meeting of the Ad-Hoc Finance Committee started right where the last one left off, looking at how to raise taxes in the city, this time suggesting the creation of an assessment district. The committee is anticipating rising police officers salaries, should an initiative now set for April pass.

Public Works Director Bruce Inman said setting up a Facilities Maintenance District could fund not only police but fire and paramedics, as well. He informed the committee, however, that the most common use for this kind of tax is capital improvements and continued with the point that it was well within the bounds to use it for police salaries. Inman stated that depending on what you assess, it could also be used to pay for non-essential services.

After the commission asked if the tax could then be used for the library, he explained that although it could be done voters might feel deceived. It was noted that the estimated tax per parcel increase in the city would range from \$841 to \$1,029 per year. "I want to underline that this just an estimates," Inman added. "We cannot go to the voters and say this is what your assessment will be. This should not in any way be represented as the final deal."

It was also suggested by a number of residents that low or fixed income members of the community be exempt.

The figures cited would only apply if they were to fund the entire police department. The amount needed for just the initiative ranged from \$1.1 million to \$1.8 million. The city has 4,164 taxed parcels as of the most recently updated information, he said.

"You take the total number of parcels and divide it by the total cost, it can be as easy as that," he said, adding that there are other ways to define the tax, such as by square footage.

Inman indicated that if protests by half the property owners or voters in town are received the process of creating the district must be abandoned for one year. After a hearing by a legislative body the district may be created.

City Manager Elaine Aguilar said she went back over the city's budgets starting in 2003 and found nothing different than what had already been said.

"Balancing the budget has become an increasingly challenging project as staff can attest to." She explained. "This situation is not going to get better, it's only going to get worse." The end result would be a city with only police, fire and other bare essential needs she said.

Of all the consultants used by the city for the fiscal year 2006/2007, legal fees ranked by far the highest, totaling \$511,737, according to Aguilar. Many had questioned how much and where the money went. She broke the numbers down saying \$140,000 of it went to former City Attorney Michael Colantuono's law firm, Colantuono & Levin, PC.

Another \$150,000 was spent in litigation surrounding the Stonehouse properties. One Carter cost the city \$62,000. Both properties are owned by developer Dorn Platz and the city was represented by Colantuono and Sandra Levin in both cases. Levin is now acting city attorney.

Colantuono also charged the city \$30,000 for matters related to Measure V although no litigation was involved.

Aguilar said RBF Consulting cost tax payers \$234,297 for environmental review services during the year, including the Hillside Management Zone ordinance and the Downtown Specific Plan guidelines. Opposition to the DSP led to Measure V.

And, although Colantuono's law firm also billed the city \$84,000 for other miscellaneous costs, Administrative Services Director Karin Schnaider said his law firm saved the city money. Councilmember, John Buchanan said the same thing, as did Aguilar. Buchanan said Colantuono took over the Stonehouse lawsuit and some of his representation on behalf of the city fell partly under the \$140,000 retainer.

Schnaider said this year the city expects to pay \$200,000 less, having settled a number

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Sierra Vista Affordable Senior Housing Opens



Residents of Sierra Vista, the new 46 unit senior living facility on Esperanza in Sierra Madre, were welcomed officially to their new homes by a host of city, state and federal dignitaries. Gary Braverman of Accessible Housing Corporation, expressed his thanks to the City of Sierra Madre and the SM Senior Commission for "the experience". The complex, in which 43 units have 575 square feet of living space, has underground parking and numerous indoor and outdoor community areas including a rose garden.

The project was designed to offer affordable housing for seniors. Twenty eight units have been designated for single occupants who cannot have an income over \$29,100 per year or a couple whose combined income is limited to \$33,240. There are 18 units with income limits of \$24,250 for single persons and \$27,700 for couples.

There are 23 units rented to Sierra Madre residents. Others, like Pearl Jones formerly of La Puente, are new to the city. Ruth Garrigan raised five children in Sierra Madre with her husband Robert is very happy to be a part of this new community. The onsite project manager is Giselle Spinelli.



The new Sierra Vista Senior Apartments (left). Sierra Madrean Ruth Garrigan and Manager Giselle Spinelli (above). The main courtyard (below) has artificial grass for ease of maintenance.



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Sierra Madre Honors

Appreciation Ceremony Honors Community Volunteers



Sierra Madre Police Chief Marilyn Diaz gives Ted Saraf the Police Chief's Special Award for outstanding dedication to duty or service. Ted is a retired Pasadena Police detective and serves as the SMPD volunteer coordinator. -Dean Lee/MVO

When Sierra Madre was bestowed with the honor of being an All America City, one of the attributes that impressed the judges was the amount of volunteerism from residents. As stated at the 2007 presentation, "The spirit of volunteerism and the overwhelming commitment of our citizens to the preservation of our community has made it work for the past 100 years and will make it work for the next 100 years." Volunteer service is essential to making this city work and they were all honored at a celebration in their honor on Thursday. The terrace at Alverno High School provided the setting for the evening in which Jorge (Captain Jorge) Jarrin of KABC served as the MC.

In addition to the dinner honoring all volunteers, there are five awards for exceptional service. All outgoing commissioners were also honored and new commissioners introduced.

The Wistaria Award is granted to the business or organization who have demonstrated a true partnership with the city that assists and provides services to residents.

The Public Service Award (Employee Of The Year), celebrates that employee who fosters excellence, hard work, commitment, and dedication to their profession.

The Public Safety Award is presented to the Sierra Madre employee or citizen who has taken lifesaving action to protect and maintain the safety of the community.

The Police Chief's Special Award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding dedication to duty or service.

The George Maurer Lifetime Achievement Service Award recognizes the extraordinary commitment to serving and volunteering in Sierra Madre. It is an acknowledgement of significant contributions over an entire career.

2007 Award Recipients

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| Wistaria Award: | Savor The Flavor Sierra Madre Civic Club |
| Public Service Award: | Chris Cimino |
| Public Safety Award: | Paul Hagen Doug Olsen Dave Hillyer Dave Arden |
| Police Chief's Special Award | Ted Saraf |
| George Maurer Lifetime Service Award | Danny Osti |




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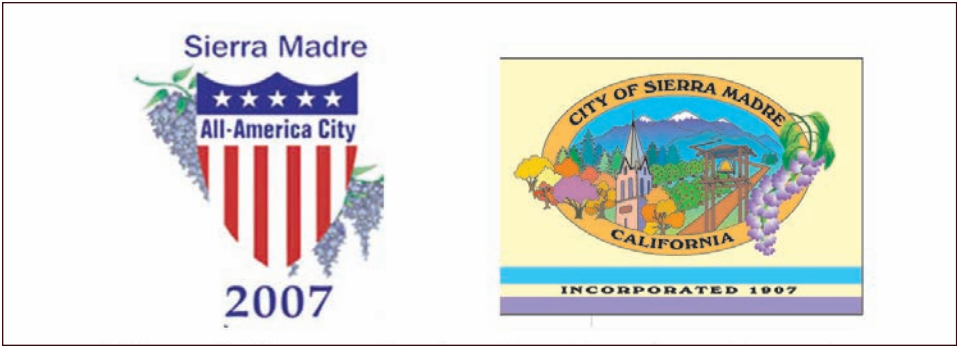
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5-Day Forecast for Sierra Madre, Ca. Longitude W118.0, Latitude N34.2

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| 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



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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

DON'T FORGET

The Chili Cook Off Event
Location Mary's Market Event
Time 10/11/2007 5:00 PM
Event Details We will have another winner this year at this bustin' at the seams Chamber mixer. Call the Chamber office for details and application to submit your winning chili. Contact Name Beverly DeVoy
Contact Phone 626-355-5111 or
Email info@sierramadrechamber.com

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Pasadena Farmer's Market
Every Saturday to 12:30 p.m.
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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.

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| Music Theater Mondays 3:30PM - 6:00PM | Acting For Theater Tuesdays 3:30PM - 6:00PM |
| Beginning/Intermediate Musical Theater Fridays 3:30PM - 5:30PM | |
| Acting for Theater Wednesdays 3:30PM - 6:00PM | Saturday Shakespeare Saturdays 8:00AM - 10:30AM |

This Season Ms. Kalmus, in association with Southern California Lyric Theater, The City of Sierra Madre, SM Playhouse, and the Crescenta Valley Arts Council will be directing and producing Summer Shakespeare in The Park, Fairytales and Fantasy III and Narnia.

Visit our websites
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www.alisonkalmustheater.com

To download registration forms, visit
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Library Armchair Travel Series: Armenia

Travelers and Collectors, Sierra Madre Library's popular armchair travel series, is back with an exciting season line-up. This year's kick-off program is Armenia, presented by Patricia LaCroix, on Friday, October 12, at 7:30 p.m., in the Sierra Madre City Hall Council Chambers. Don't miss this unique opportunity to learn about this colorful, ancient, and often war-torn land. Free; limited seating. Sponsored by the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library. For more information, call the library at 355-7186, or check their website ... <http://www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us>

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 SMREA website, www.sierramadrerosefloat.org. Applications must be mailed and be received by SMREA 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.

Bailey Canyon Park Fall Cleanup Saturday, October 6, 2007



Sierra Madre Artist Gwen Gordon explains the poster she designed which displays the various types of birds you may find in Bailey Canyon
Photo by Patricia C.

Not long after Earth Day was founded in 1970, the Sierra Madre Environmental Action Council (SMEAC) became stewards of Bailey Canyon Park. On one Saturday morning, each Spring and each Fall, SMEAC coordinates a Bailey Canyon Park cleanup. This year's Fall cleanup will be on Saturday, October 6, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and finishing at noon. The work is always the same down to earth chores—pulling weeds, clearing out dead brush, improving the paths, removing invasive plants, etc. This is a great opportunity for anyone and everyone who enjoys the Park and/or its adjacent trails, to come out and help us clean up little Bailey Canyon Park. This past Spring, we had a good turnout and a lot was accomplished.

So, come join your neighbors and community members for an enjoyable teamwork experience on Saturday, Oct. 6, at 8 a.m.. SMEAC will, as usual, provide coffee, water, and juice, along with fruit and light snacks. SMEAC will have some extra tools available, but if you have your own, please bring them (well labeled with your name

and/or mark). Also, bring your gloves.

For additional information on the cleanup, call Midge Morash at 355-7057.

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Water Issues Continue To Dominate

By Dean Lee

Well Repairs More Costly Than Anticipated

Sierra Madre Public Works Director Bruce Inman gave impromptu details during Tuesday night's regular council meeting on spending \$155,000 in emergency repairs for a casing liner for one of the city's water wells and \$8,639.06 on the purchase of a well motor that would boost efficacy on another.

The total sum for two earlier repairs, approved in May, was estimated at \$342,000 and the new added cost will bring the totals to \$505,639.06. Inman said the funds were readily available through the Water Fund Reserves.

The emergency well repairs were only discussed after being pulled from the consent calendar by Councilmember Joe Mosca. The council later agreed the improvements were badly needed, approving the expenditures unanimously.

"That estimate, of course, had been done on wells that had not been disassembled," Inman said speaking of the earlier approved cost. The subject was one of two large water topics that night, with the other being a new city ordinance requiring the use of reclaimed water for dust control and soil compaction on large developments in the city.

Reclaimed Water Ordinance

Residents at this and previous meetings have asked the city to consider the use of reclaimed water for construction projects rather than use water from our drinking water resources. Ann Heil of the Sanitation Districts of L.A. County addressed the council. "We have a big gap in our system up here in the San Gabriel Valley so we're very eager to move forward with any projects that would bring recycled water up this way," Heil said, but later outlined the many hurdles that needed to be overcome if the city were to do so.

Heil explained that the Department of Heath Services would have to approve the plan, making sure the projected water distribution did not cross over into the drinking water, and other things such as biologic hazards would have to be addressed. Improving the necessary infrastructure was not

as easy as putting in a valve to fill trucks, she also said, noting that any trucks used would have to be dedicated only to reclaimed water.

During public comment, Elizabeth Watson, who said she was representing One Cater LLC, advised against a reclaimed water ordinance saying the One Carter project was "atypical." Councilman Kurt Zimmerman fired back instantly, pointing out the even larger Stonehouse Homes project, of which Watson is also a part, was coming next. Stonehouse has 35 proposed lots.

Councilmember Don Watts recused himself from the discussion as a precaution, having done work for the developer Dorn Platz, currently the owner of the One Carter site.

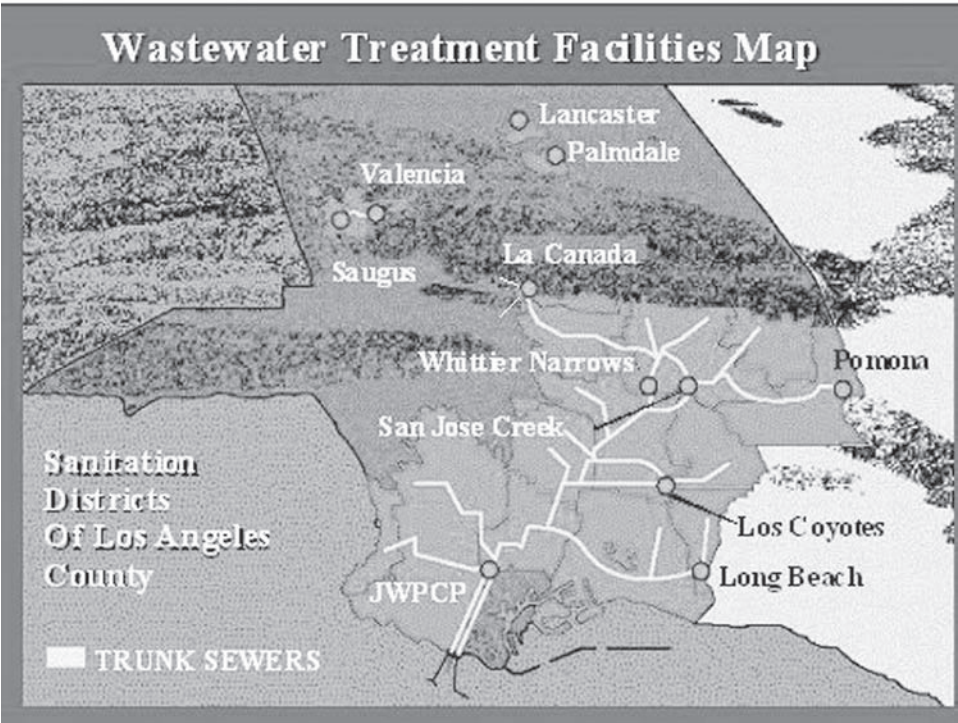
Inman tried to put the One Carter water usage into perspective, although the attending public

grading was going to take another 90 days past the original allotted 45 days. "We're looking at the Stonehouse [property owned] by the same developer and possibly using the same amount there, that would mean a total of over 7 million gallons could be used for watering down these two projects," she said.

Zimmerman said that any amount was excessive, since we were in a drought. Watson had earlier said the amount was necessary to meet the AQMD's and the environmental impact reports requirements for dust control.

Zimmerman said he thought the issues needed more time. The council agreed. "As much as I like the proposed resolution that was drafted by our city attorney... I think such a resolution should be predicated on whether the water is actually there."

Councilmember John Buchanan



The graphic above depicts location of reclaimed water facilities. It was part of a powerpoint presentation given to the council.

became agitated. Inman said by the end of the project an estimated 3.8 million gallons of water would be used.

The rub came when Inman said the amount required equaled 1.5 percent of the total city's water budget. Long time resident Fay Angus then questioned not only the amount of water, but why the

said he thought the tradeoff might be eight or more truck trips per day hauling water through the city, something that Mayor Enid Joffe had suggested might happen at the last meeting. Buchanan also said he wanted a threshold for development that would not affect residents doing simple upgrades to their homes.

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.

Quick Action Leads To SM Drug Bust

After receiving a call about an illegally parked vehicle on Tuesday, September 25th, Sierra Madre Police officers checked and found the vehicle to have been stolen from Corona the day before. Officers later saw three men leave a house in the 200 block of Grove St. near where the truck was parked. The men got into the truck and drove away. According to the SMPD, they tried to stop the truck, but the driver refused to stop and drove southbound on Baldwin Ave. from Highland, coming to a sudden stop south of Sierra Madre Blvd. A truck door opened and one man got out and ran a few yards before Captain Giannone took him into custody. The truck driver sped away, leading officers on a pursuit eastbound on the 210 Freeway, south on the 57 Freeway, east on the 10 Freeway, and south on the I-15. Pasadena's helicopter, PD1, flew overhead and provided aerial support.

Captain Giannone drove behind the pursuit and called off Sierra Madre officers from the pursuit as they reached Pomona, turning it over to the California Highway Patrol. The pursuit continued to the I-15 in Riverside County. The suspect drove off the freeway and on to a dirt road, through a gate, and down an embankment where the truck came to rest in a river. The driver got out of the truck, ran across the river and escaped. The Officers' follow up investigation led to obtaining and serving a search warrant that evening at a home in the 200 block of Grove St. Officers searched the house and made an arrest. Michael Collins, 48 of Mira Loma was charged with possession of methamphetamine for sale, possession of heroin, possession of deadly weapons, and being an ex-convict in possession of a firearm. He has several prior drug arrests and is being held without bail for a parole violation. The alleged driver of the vehicle was later arrested. In custody are Steven Allen Young, 42 and Donald George Feltis 47, of Redlands. The female minor at press time was in the custody of juvenile authorities.

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Veteran Movie Stunt Performer to Speak at Kiwanis

The Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club will host a fascinating program about the career of Loren Janes, 76, a professional "Hollywood stunt man". Mr. Janes was born and raised in Sierra Madre and had a career in Hollywood that lasted over 50 years. He has performed in over 500 movies and numerous TV shows. Mr. Janes program will be at noon on Tuesday, Oct. 9, and will include a 40-minute video with highlights of his many performances.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon at the Masonic Temple at 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre. The public is invited; lunch is \$10 per person. Reservations are required; please contact Paul Neiby at 355-1291.

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of the cases. She said although the money would not be spent on legal fees, it was needed to be used to balance next year's budget as other costs rise.

Although the amounts were not specified, the city also uses consultants for, training, lobbying, water project management, construction services, public transpiration, public safety and auditing, among many other things on a list provided by Aguilar.

She also gave a short presentation on the use of volunteers in the city and said Sierra Madre was unique in that almost a third of the city was being run by volunteers. She said there was no way to put an actual cost on it but said it would be well over \$2 million. She also said that volunteers could not be used in some areas, such as dealing with personnel records. "Volunteerism is a hobby and usually not a career." She said.



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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3 Square Miles Of... Tidbits

Mystery Solved..... I've heard a lot of people wondering where has Former Mayor and one of the most controversial person in Sierra Madre, Bart Doyle been? The answer is El Monte. At the Sierra Vista opening on Tuesday, I ran into to Mr. Doyle where he explained that he had been focusing his attention on the new MTA Transit Village in El Monte. Just thought some of you would like to know.

I Flunked that test:.....Who changed that map? Who else out there had to look up the location of Myanmar this week? It is the site of a bloody civil uprising. I could not recall ever hearing of Myanmar but when I looked it up I found out that it was formerly the country of Burma. A little birdie says that there are many others who will not admit that the country did not exist when they were in school. So, now you don't have to be embarrassed.

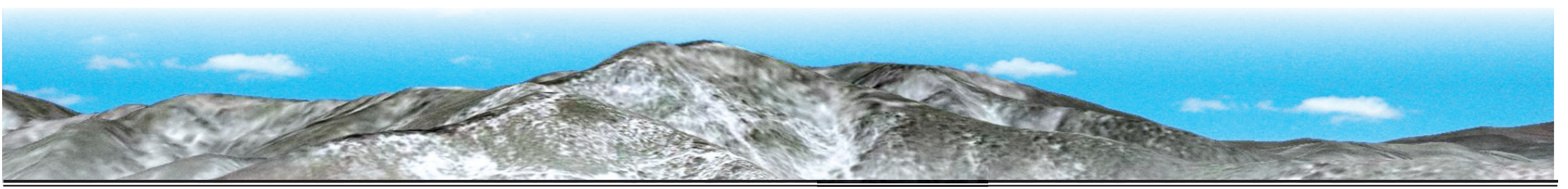
Recusal Book of Records.....Almost every city council or planning commission meeting, someone has to recuse themselves to avoid a conflict of interest because of campaign contributions. Well, don't feel bad people. Sources tell us that 11 of 13 MTA Board Members had to recuse themselves from a vote on a North Hollywood project. A lottery will draw five names from the 11 so that the matter can be voted on. Excuse me...that still leaves a voting majority of members with a conflict of interst. Please tell me it isn't so!

Sorry To See You Go....Debbie Humphrey, Assistant to at least three city managers that I know of (Gillison, Hopper and Aguilar), will be leaving City Hall next week. I personally, and the staff of this paper wish you the very best of luck. It could not have been an easy job. Your hard work and dedication has been appreciated by many. Maybe you'll change your mind? Fingers crossed...

Top Of Your To Do List.... "The Good Doctor" will be opening at the Sierra Madre Playhouse on Friday, October 5, 2007. And...guess what, our own Rich Johnson will be making what I believe is his Sierra Madre acting debut.

Correction.....In last week's edition it was erroneously reported that Vincent Johnson was attending Cal State Hayward. He is attending Cal State Los Angeles.

-S. Henderson/MVO



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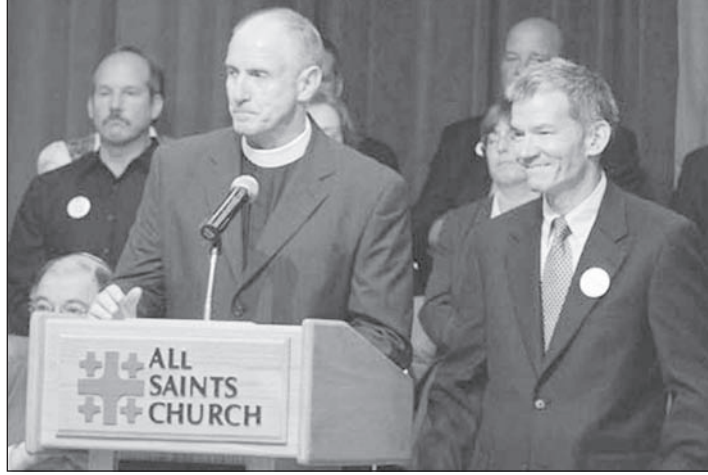
Did The IRS Use Its Bully Pulpit? *All Saints Church Questions IRS Authority and Motives*

By Teresa Baxter

Last Sunday the eyes of the nation were on Pasadena's All Saints Church to address the ongoing issue of the Internal Revenue Service's threat to deny tax-exempt status to the local congregation. The IRS commenced the investigation in 2005 after a guest sermon delivered by the Rev. Dr. George Regas, entitled "If Jesus Debated Senator Kerry and President Bush," was the focus of a Los Angeles Times article that was published on Nov. 1, 2004.

The "Pulpits Ring with Election Messages" by LA Times reporter, Josh Getlin focused on churches from across the country delivering spiritual rhetoric on the eve of the then presidential election between President Bush and Sen. John F. Kerry. Regas explicitly stated that he did not intend to tell anyone how to vote and that "good people of profound faith will be for either George Bush or John Kerry for reasons deeply rooted in their faith." The IRS alleged that this sermon constituted prohibited political campaign intervention.

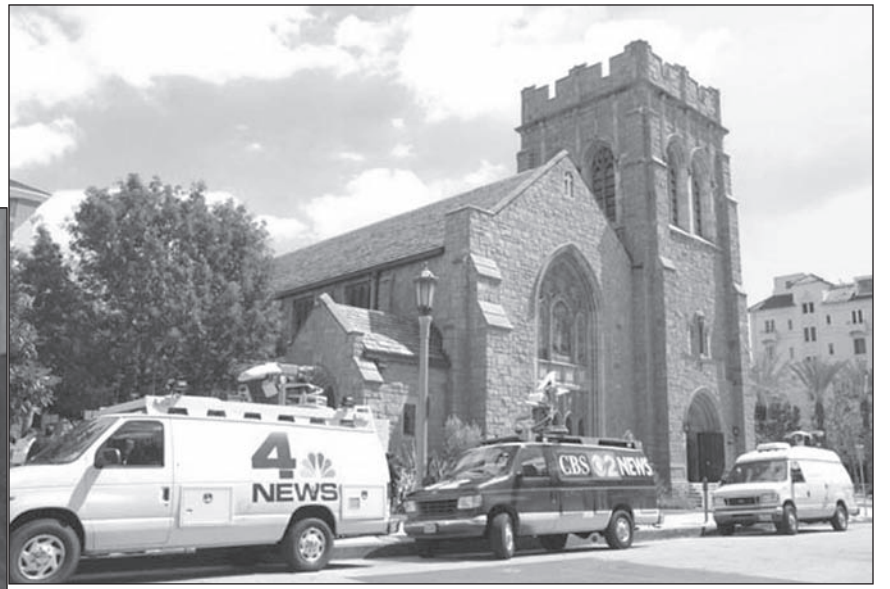
"More than two years ago the IRS informed us that the sermon of our Rector Emeritus —on the Sunday before the 2004 presidential election—violated the IRS regulations," stated All Saints Rev. Ed Bacon, Jr. "After we refused to accept the IRS's interpretation of that sermon and refused to apologize for it, which they advised us to do if we wanted the whole thing to go away, the IRS persisted, generating a chilling effect over the pulpits of America."



Then Bacon, in the last few days, received a letter from the IRS "that did two contradictory things. It simultaneously closed the examination—without challenge to the Church's tax-exempt status, and without ever conducting the public examination that the Church had requested."

All Saints has also learned through documents retrieved through the Freedom of Information Act that "personnel in the IRS's Chief Counsel's office were closely coordinating with the Department of Justice personnel to solicit their views on the 'All Saints Case' and even sharing drafts of a proposed Information Document Request in February, 2006."

Therefore, "it appears that these discussions may have violated government rules intended to prevent inter-agency disclosure of a taxpayer's privacy," said Bacon. "These are rules that were implemented in the wake of the Watergate scandal to insure privacy."



Rev. Dr. George Regas (left) speaks to his congregation and the national media that converged on the grounds of All Saints Church in Pasadena after the IRS closed the its' investigation.
-Photos by Jacqueline Truong

With all of the national attention, the congregation remains strong under the media spotlight. "I thought today was an extraordinary day and another step forward in All Saints Church's continuing journey in speaking truth to power," said Senior Associate Susan Russell. "I think the fact that we've reached the point where we really do have information that the IRS collaborated with the Department of Justice is an issue that supports investigation. I am hopeful that those in power will pay attention and pursue it."

But Bacon shared that, because of the IRS's inconsistency and vagueness, it is still an open question whether the Church will be investigated again the next time "any one of us is called to preach about war, poverty, bigotry, or any other social or moral issues as they relate to current governmental policies."

Problems of Neglect at Muir Could Spill Over District Wide

By Dean Lee

John Muir High School's new interim principal, Sheryl Orange, was anything but reclusive Tuesday night during a somewhat awkward, un-miked un-televised PUSD special Board meeting to discuss options for Muir, now in its forth year of failing state requirements and setting the stage for a possible state takeover.

In some grades, 100 percent of the students are below proficiency in physics, earth science, chemistry and math, according to Richard Owen a consultant for the district. Owen made a short presentation calling for an end to what he described as "non-discussables: "These are subjects that are rarely talked about openly." Of these items, he included a dysfunctional district and/or failed leadership, to which a few members of the public scoffed at. He said it could also mean race or underperforming teachers. "This creates a culture of neglect" he said.

Orange said she thought some of the problems truly lie in the middle schools, as she sees almost all students coming into Muir are lacking some basic math and science skills. She said she was working with the middle schools, but also remarked that the problem could be in the hands of the students themselves. "They are the ones that have to perform," she said. "Just yesterday I had an assembly meeting and told all the students exactly what was going to be said here tonight," Orange said. "I think they understand. I also think we will see changes by the end of this year."

Currently Orange is the school's seventh acting principal in just six years. The packed board room was filled with optimism. Even after the meeting many stayed a long time, with an upbeat atmosphere emerging even though harsh criticisms had been thrown around just minutes earlier. Owen said the school is largely staffed by teachers with fewer than five years' experience.

Owen noted that he had spent the last few months interviewing teachers, parents, students and staff with sobering results. His findings suggested that many of the school's staff believe the district turned their back on Muir years ago. He also said parents felt the district withheld the truth about the condition of the school by manipulating data.

The John Muir High School has aging facilities, a lack of



Pasadena's legendary John Muir High School

maintenance, safety, and an overall systems breakdown, according to Owen. For years, Muir's telephone services have been broken and some said that if the school were located in any other part of town, it would have been fixed long ago.

Superintendent Edwin Diaz said they expect the State Department to come in and do another visit to Muir sometime in December, at which time they would have four options. "They can require the district to have 100 percent qualified teachers, so that would mean changing all teachers," he said. "They could bring in a trustee, who would come in and act on behalf of the state, taking away the decision-making authority of the board."

A third option would be for the state to close the school, something he said was not going to happen, noting that the fourth option was for parents to apply directly to the state and turn Muir into a charter high school, something he said was unlikely.

Diaz admitted that the Board could make all the teachers reapply, something some said would force teachers into looking elsewhere for work. With 1200 students currently enrolled at Muir, Diaz did not comment, nor did others, as to where all this students would go if the school were forced to close. The actual daily attendance has been estimated at between 60 to 70 percent of those registered.

and private viewing of the exhibition, "Landscaping America: Beyond the Japanese Garden." On Friday there is the option to visit two important public Japanese-style gardens: the UCLA Hannah Carter Japanese Garden and the Japanese garden at the Huntington Botanical Gardens.

On Saturday experts speak about the history, design, and maintenance of Japanese-style gardens. A walking tour of Little Tokyo includes the James Irvine Garden and surviving pre-World War II buildings in the Little Tokyo National Historic Landmark District. The New Otani Hotel's Garden in the Sky, based on a 16th century Japanese stroll garden, is the location of the Saturday evening reception. At the (optional) dinner, Naomi Hirahara, author of a mystery series featuring Los Angeles gardener Mas Arai, will entertain with a reading.

On Sunday conferees will visit a variety of Japanese-style gardens in the Los Angeles area, including the private Storrier Stearns Garden (1937-1942) and a city block with modest Japanese-style gardens.

This conference is organized in partnership with the Japanese American National Museum, the Garden Conservancy, and the Los Angeles Conservancy.

For more information or to register, visit www.cglhs.org, call 323-462-2443, or email conference@cglhs.org.

TRAFFIC IN SCHOOL ZONES STILL A PROBLEM *Altadena Town Council Looks For Solutions*

By Vivianne Parker

Just mention the discussion of drop off and pick up sites at school zones and the idea becomes a hot issue for everyone involved. For parents, it is frustrating that there is no plan. For law enforcement, observing drivers doubleparking, speeding, seeing children running across the street between cars, students and parents not using the crosswalks--makes them question the sanity of the drivers. Although these problems are not specific to Altadena, for the Altadena town council, representatives must hear these complaints month after month. During September's meeting, it was the same problem different date.

In its report, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) which also covers La Crescenta, Temple City, and other areas in the San Gabriel area, takes a day to focus on one school to place officers there for visual presence in hopes to remind parents of child safety. Together with the CHP, the Altadena Sheriff's are also assisting with this problem. Captain Blow, with Altadena Sheriff, spent time at one school and had to cite a driver for driving on the other side of the road because "she was in a hurry."

Sgt. Mat Armenta with CHP reminded the council that "We know it's a problem and we, and the sheriffs, are out there to make sure traffic flows. The biggest part of the problem is educating the parents." One parent took offense blaming the situation to no safety plan being provided from Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD). However, Sgt. Armenta cited the school design as a big problem. "These schools were made 50 to 60 years ago without vehicles in mind. Fifty to sixty years ago people walked to school. You didn't have people driving every day and picking up their kids. Today, communities that have brand new schools that were built in the last 20 years, have schools that are designed for a drop off and pickup. That's why our death rate in California is sky high. People think driving is a right. It's a privilege. It's not just the schools. It's the freeway, too. I can go on and on."

Sgt. Armenta stands firmly on his belief about the need for educating the parents about the situation. The parents complain about the citations. The ticket writing is not a task to generate revenue, said Sgt. Armenta. The motivation is this, "It might not be your kid that gets killed. It might be somebody else's kid. A big thing for anyone in law enforcement is to get a kid that's not even 10 years old and that's what hurts. He doesn't get to see what life's all about," Sgt. Armenta says this not from memory but experience. "People scream and yell at us about giving them the ticket for driving 100 miles on the freeway. They say 'I didn't hurt nobody'. Well, you haven't yet. It's going to be an innocent person or family and their van gets turned over and their bodies are spread out all over the intersection. That's what's disturbing."

The town council thanked the CHP and Los Angeles County Sheriff Departments for their efforts. Currently, the groups (CHP, PUSD, and Altadena Town Council) are developing a safety plan for the Altadena Schools to be unveiled shortly.

California Japanese-Style Gardens Tour Highlight Conference

The Miller Garden of Sierra Madre will be featured on a tour of select Japanese-style gardens that concludes the California Garden and Landscape History Society annual conference Sept. 28-30 in Los Angeles. The Lima Street garden, the oldest privately owned Japanese garden in Southern California, is the only garden on the tour that is actively maintained by its resident-owners. Local master landscaper Lew Watanabe has completed a partial re-landscaping of the 90-year-old garden in time for this weekend's visitors.

Exotic portions of great estates, commercial teahouse gardens, modest bungalow gardens, and public sister city or friendship gardens: for more than a century the lure of Japan has inspired a category of gardens that is the subject of the annual conference. Through talks, an exhibition visit, and garden tours, the conference will focus not only on the Japanese-style garden but on the Japanese Americans who designed, constructed and maintained them. Little Tokyo, long-time heart of the Los Angeles Japanese American community, is the site of the conference which begins on Friday evening at the Japanese American National Museum with a reception

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

The Big Santa Anita Canyon FSC held a joint meeting with the Sierra Madre FSC last week. The guest speaker was George Geer, from the U.S. Forest Service Fire Prevention Division. The following points are from Mr. Geer's lecture and will continue in several parts over the next few weeks:

“When a wall of flame is traveling towards your home, it is the little things that can cause you problems. These are the flying fire brands, often called “flying embers,” that can land near or on your home and set your home on fire.”

“These flying embers could land in the same areas where the leaves collect in your yard (or structure) from wind storms. Also, gardeners have a tendency to blow leaves under the bushes next to your home when not being observed. The area immediately surrounding your home is referred to as the “Home Ignition Zone.”

“In the 1980 Bradbury Fire, flying embers landed in ivy and then traveled through the undergrowth where it reached homes, setting them on fire. Flying embers, traveling far ahead of the fire, are more dangerous than the main fire front which travels through as it moves on to consume more hillside fuel.”

“At this time (late September) we are only halfway through this years’ fire season. Last year’s fire season never ended. Consider all live fuel plants as if they are dead and that they pose a potential fire hazard due to their low moisture content.”

The next Fire Safe Council meeting will be Monday, October 8, 2007, 7 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. For more information contact the Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council at 355-0741 or 355-9350. smfiresafecouncil@hotmail.com or c.brown@mobserver.com

Environmentally Speaking,
“Did You Know?”
TRASH FREE LUNCHES

A place to make a difference and be eco-friendly can be as easy as rethinking how your child’s lunch gets packed. Though juice boxes and individually wrapped ‘grab and go’ foods are convenient, they generate tons of trash. **Each year the average child dumps 67 pounds of lunchbox trash** costing school districts valuable dollars to collect and dispose of the trash. Simple ways to pack a trash-free lunch:

- 1) Send food in re-usable lunchboxes instead of paper bags. (Also, remember if using a soft lunchbox that contains “PVC,” consider testing the bag for lead.
- 2) Instead of plastic wrap, foil or baggies, pack food in re-usable plastic containers.
- 3) Send drinks in a shatterproof thermos, a re-usable drink container (some are available with built-in ice cores) or send in bottled water and recycle the bottle when it returns home.
- 4) Try cloth napkins, or re-usable silverware that can be washed at home.

In addition to feeling good about reducing trash, your food choices will be healthier for your child, and you save money by not buying processed foods.

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Bailey Canyon Park
Fall Cleanup Set
Saturday, October 6, 2007

Not long after Earth Day was founded in 1970, the Sierra Madre Environmental Action Council (SMEAC) became stewards of Bailey Canyon Park. On one Saturday morning, each Spring and each Fall, SMEAC coordinates a Bailey Canyon Park cleanup. This year’s Fall cleanup will be on Saturday, October 6, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and finishing at noon. The work is always the same down to earth chores—pulling weeds, clearing out dead brush, improving the paths, removing invasive plants, etc. This is a great opportunity for anyone and everyone who enjoys the Park and/or its adjacent trails, to come out and help us clean up little Bailey Canyon Park. This past Spring, we had a good turnout and a lot was accomplished.

So, come join your neighbors and community members for an enjoyable teamwork experience on Saturday, Oct. 6, at 8 a.m.. SMEAC will, as usual, provide coffee, water, and juice, along with fruit and light snacks. SMEAC will have some extra tools available, but if you have your own, please bring them (well labeled with your name and/or mark). Also, bring your gloves.

For additional information on the cleanup, call Midge Morash at 355-7057.

SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During the week of Sunday, September 16th, to Saturday September 22nd, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 294 calls for service.

Sunday, September 16th:

3:17 AM – Arrest, 200 block San Gabriel Court. Officers were called to residence regarding a man knocking on the resident's door demanding entry. Upon arrival officers detained a man and learned that he had an outstanding arrest warrant. The man was taken into custody for remand.

Tuesday, September 18th:

12:59 PM – Arrest, Lima St and Montecito Ave. A driver was stopped for a traffic violation. A records check revealed the driver did not have a driver's license. The driver was cited for unsafe speed and released on a written notice to appear for the driving without a driver's license.

Wednesday, September 19th:

1:19 PM – Auto burglary, 100 block Lima St. A resident called to report his car's driver's side window was smashed and his car had been ransacked. The crime occurred between 2:30 pm Tuesday, 9/18 and 1:00 pm Wednesday, 9/19. The loss included ten assorted CDs, one disposable camera and his car's registration. The loss was valued at \$70.00.

Thursday, September 20th:

1:54 PM – Arrest, Kersting Court. A driver was stopped for a minor traffic violation. A records check revealed the driver had an outstanding warrant for her arrest. The driver was cited and released on a written promise to

appear.

Friday, September 21st:

7:09 PM – Arrest, Baldwin Ave. and Laurel Ave. A driver was stopped for a minor traffic violation. A records check revealed his driver's license was suspended and he had a outstanding warrant for his arrest. The driver was issued a citation for driving on a suspended/revoked license and transported to the Acadia Police Department for remand on the warrant.

8:36 PM – Arrest, 00 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. A driver was stopped for driving a vehicle with expired registration. During the traffic stop the driver exhibited signs of being under the influence of a controlled substance. The driver failed the standard DAR (Drug Recognition Test) and was arrested. He was transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

Saturday, September 22nd:

6:58 PM – Warrant arrest, 75 Esperanza. Officers were dispatched to a reported suspicious vehicle. A records check revealed the driver had an outstanding arrest warrant. The driver was issued a written promise to appear and released.

8:52 PM – Arrest, Sunnyside Ave and Montecito Ave. A car was stopped for a minor traffic violation and the unlicensed driver was issued a citation. The vehicle was stored for thirty days.

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, September 16, through Saturday, September 22, the Police Department responded to 938 calls for service of which 134 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, September 16:

Around 12:15 a.m., officers were dispatched to AMH regarding an assault with a deadly weapon incident that occurred in the 00 block of West Longden. Three victims, 18 years of age, advised that they were walking to a party when a male suspect appeared and pointed a handgun at them. One of the victims was hit with a glass bottle on his face and punched several times by other assailants.

A traffic stop was conducted in the 100 block of West Huntington shortly after 9:00 a.m. for no license plates. A female driver and a male passenger were contacted, and record checks indicated that the 26-year-old male Hispanic had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant and was arrested at the scene. A search around the passenger seat was made incident to arrest, and officers found a credit card belonging to a different individual. Further investigation revealed that fraudulent activities were reported on the credit card, and the accountholder also advised that she was a victim of an auto burglary and her wallet was stolen at that time. A driver's license belonging to the 52-year-old female Caucasian driver was located and it was determined that she had provided officers with a false name. A record check using her true identity indicated that she also had an outstanding warrant, and she was taken into custody for receiving stolen property, false identification to peace officer, and outstanding misdemeanor warrant.

Monday, September 17:

Units were dispatched to Huntington and Holly in reference to an indecent exposure incident around 10:52 a.m. A female victim advised that a male driver had followed her on the roadway for about five miles, attempting to get next to her vehicle. When she stopped for a red light, the suspect pulled up next to her car. He called out and she looked over at him and saw that he was fondling himself. She told him that she was going to call the police and he drove away; however, she was able to write down his license plate number.

Officers responded to El Monte and located the 31-year-old Caucasian suspect. A private person's arrest was made, and the suspect was taken into custody. Further investigation revealed that he has priors for indecent exposure and was a registered sex offender.

Around 1:46 p.m., units responded to the Ralph's parking lot, 1101 West Huntington, in reference to a possible lottery theft scam. A female victim was contacted by a female Hispanic suspect, in her 70's, asking for directions, and then a male Hispanic suspect, in his 50's, approached and indicated that he had a winning lottery ticket but needed \$15,000 to show the lottery representative. The two suspects said that they only had about \$9,000 in cash, and the victim said that she had several rings worth about \$4,000 and was willing to use those as collateral. The victim placed her rings in a plastic bag and put the bag in her purse. The male suspect suddenly said that he did not feel well and wanted to go inside the store to get some medicine and the female suspect went with him. A short time later the victim checked her purse and discovered that her rings were missing.

Tuesday, September 18:

Between 10:00 p.m. on September 17 and 6:00 a.m. on September 18, a grand theft occurred at a Unocal 76 gas station located at 701 West Huntington. Unknown suspect(s) removed a credit card reader and numeric key pad from a gasoline pump.

An auto burglary occurred between 6:30 p.m. and 8:40 p.m. at Bowling Square, 1020 South Baldwin. Unknown suspect(s) broke a car window and took a \$2,000 notebook computer.

Thursday, September 20:

Between 8:20 p.m. and 8:27 p.m., an attempted auto burglary occurred at Embassy Suites, 211 East Huntington. A male Hispanic suspect was seen breaking into a parked vehicle but was scared away by an employee. The suspect had damaged a car door and steering column.

A traffic stop was conducted at Santa Anita and Huntington for false display of registration around 11:59 p.m. A 37-year-old male Hispanic driver was contacted but he did not have any valid identification, so he was arrested. While conducting an inventory search of the vehicle, officers found credit cards belonging to different individuals, personal identifying information of several persons, and a TeleCheck reader that was reported stolen. Jewelry, World War II era bayonets and bank notes, different types of ammunition, and ignition keys for various vehicles were also discovered in the car.

Friday, September 21:

An armed robbery occurred at the Westfield mall parking lot around 8:30 p.m. Two juveniles were waiting to be picked up when a male Caucasian approached, displayed a knife, and demanded property. The suspect took two cell phones and fled in a waiting vehicle driven by a second suspect. The vehicle was described to be an older model white Ford pickup truck.

Saturday, September 22:

Around 5:40 p.m., an armed robbery occurred at Golden West and Portola. Two women were walking on Golden West when a white Nissan Maxima pulled up and a male African-American suspect, 20's, 6'5", exited the car. He displayed a handgun and robbed both victims of their property. The suspect fled in the waiting vehicle driven by a second suspect.

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Arts & Architecture

By Virginia Olive Hoge

Elizabeth Garrison & Victor Henderson “Dorothy in Hollywood” Mural, 1993

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Wow!
That is the appropriate response when you first come upon Elizabeth Garrison and Victor Henderson's 1993 masterpiece, “Dorothy in Hollywood.” In a fantastic piece of public art, they have transformed a drab Hollywood building into an entire “movie” - only this movie is static, but you can see it “live”!

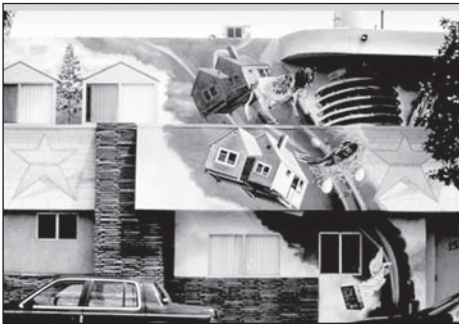
A natural-born storyteller, Garrison tells “stories” in her murals and her love of intricacy plays out especially well in the large scale of her mural pieces. You need to take time to “read” an Elizabeth Garrison piece (look closely for metaphors and puns, her pieces abound in them!) but if you take the time, you will be glad you did.

“Dorothy in Hollywood” is classic Garrison/Henderson - saturated with inventiveness, good story-telling and technical wizardry. The “subject” (the painting covers a building which houses run-away teens) is addressed through the myth of the Wizard of Oz, my personal favorite. As we all know, the wicked witch of the West is the embodiment of evil. Dorothy and her pals must find a way to find the courage, the intelligence and the heart (wonderfully embodied in the three side-character’s quests) inside of themselves to defeat her. It is THE epic spiritual struggle.

The mural sets the story in Hollywood where Dorothy has landed with all of that city’s attendant vices. The “witch” becomes the scourge of the streets: drugs, guns and AIDS. The composition is perfect in supporting the story line. The tornado becomes the fissure right in the middle of the building (in conjunction with an awning of the building), the vortex by which pictorial



Los Angeles Youth Network Homeless shelter for teens 1550 Gower Street



(including the fantastic Capitol Records building) are spun up, and a potent metaphor is delivered. Three local teens are captured in beautifully-rendered portraits relating to the three side characters.

In achieving their vision, Garrison’s and Henderson’s brushes deftly move between creating stencil-like effects to eye-popping realism. Garrison and Henderson are life partners (Victor Henderson is a legendary master muralist painter) and the two make absolutely perfect partners in every project they take on.

We all get to see another of the duo’s masterpieces everyday - our very own Art Bus mural, the one with all the roses and City Hall (and the cow - yes, he’s there, look closely!). So if you are already a fan, or yet to be one, I urge you to go and see this piece.

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The Good Doctor

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October 5 - November 10

by Neil Simon Director: June Chandler

This Simon play is based on a series of Anton Chekhov’s droll vignettes. A young man who sneezes on his boss, a clueless dental assistant doing his first tooth extraction, a country girl auditioning for a big city play, a man who offers to drown himself for three rubles, and many others – All are funny, with believable and well developed characters.

The play is suitable and entertaining for all ages.

Opens Friday, October 5, buffet begins at 7:15pm

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A Quote Worth Repeating And A Thought Worth Remembering

“Dance as though no one is watching you...Love as though you’ve never been hurt...Sing as though no one can hear you...Live as if paradise is here on earth.” (Author Unknown)

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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.

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A HIGH SCHOOL OPTION WORTH A LOOK...

Arroyo Pacific Academy

By Mimi Mycroft

Perhaps the best kept secret in the city of Arcadia, Arroyo Pacific Academy is a private, WASC accredited college preparatory high school that debuted 10 years ago with 5 enrolled students, housed in a small bank building for a campus. Today, this high school has a student enrollment of nearly one hundred, a large more suitable campus, a WASC accreditation and an excellent track record of graduates moving on to colleges and universities.

A close examination of APA's college prep program hints of how the faculty strives to sustain academic attainment. What I find admirable is the balance that is achieved...collaborative workers, critical thinkers, lifelong learners and responsible citizens, but clearly unmitigated respect for the individual's uniqueness and the way that individual expresses him/herself. As a parent, I have witnessed first hand the reverence held by faculty and staff for the emotional well-being, personal growth and acceptance of the uniqueness of each student. This is a lesson taught. Students learn from example and unfold into amazing individuals standing at the ready for the next stage of life. Not every child thinks the same or learns the lesson by the same teaching technique....not every high school gets this. Clearly, the slogan "We take education personally" is the life source. The school carries a powerful reputation for its nurturing environment in spite of the relentless needs and challenges of the new millennium adolescent.

Administration and teachers, led by Philip Clarke, President, contend that the school's success is based on the small class size and the individual attention to students. Parents express gratitude for a caring environment. They insist that this component makes the difference. This high school is affordable, its community is welcoming and Arroyo Pacific will accommodate different learning styles. The celebration of the uniqueness in each of us teaches much more than the eye will see.

It is a school worthy of attention not because of its accreditation or impressive college prep curriculum or the college acceptances, but for what it teaches the student about whom he/she is and what that individual is capable of accomplishing. Students are precious because of their uniqueness. Parents, faculty and staff work as a team and as a team we strive to produce collaborative workers, critical thinkers, lifelong learners and responsible citizens that honor the capabilities, uniqueness and the successes of each student. Arroyo Pacific Academy offers advanced placement courses AND caters to students that may need the extra that class sizes elsewhere prohibit. As the school grows, so does the inspiration.

Coaches John Maust and Daniel Johnson are extremely proud of the Eagles RUGBY CLUB. The team has done a tremendous job offering fierce competition to teams all over Southern California. The Drama Department has creatively produced fine entertainment under the instruction and direction of Ms. Bermejo. Students also may participate in an annual overseas adventure. This year Dr. Brad Miller and Dr. Nancy Hauser have assembled a group to learn and travel throughout New Zealand. Previously students have had the opportunities to study and travel through Europe and China.

Tuition is very affordable for the offering and the teachers truly care about the students. That is certain. Take a look for yourself. The school is located at 41 W.Santa Clara Street in Arcadia. The real gift is watching and observing 4 years of a student personal awareness and growth and then graduating as absolutely amazing individuals. My daughter graduated three years ago and my son is a senior at AP this year. They both have excelled in areas that I would never have expected. This high school cannot keep such a big secret any longer!



TRISH'S TRUTH

"... with liberty and justice for all?"

By Trisha Collins

I remember first learning the pledge of allegiance in kindergarten. I didn't really know what it meant, or even how to pronounce all the words, but I said it everyday. Everyday I recited it, with my right hand over my heart, facing the flag. Now, honestly, I never really thought about what I was saying, unless it was September 11th or a special occasion. But recently, with all the news about "Jena 6", I've been wondering if what I have been reciting for years and years is even true.

If you haven't heard the news about "Jena 6", you will soon. It's mostly about an incident where 6 African-African teenagers are being charged with attempted murder charges in Jena, LA. They had beaten up one Caucasian teenager with their sneakers, now apparently a "deadly weapon." Around 40,000 to 60,000 people marched through the small town of Jena, last Thursday, including few celebrities such as Ice Cube, Mos Def, and Jesse Jackson. I also find it very interesting that earlier that year, hangman nooses were hung at their high school, and the 3 Caucasian boys [that did it] only got suspended for 3 days. Personally, that doesn't seem like a fair enough punishment for such an act.

Most people know the pledge of allegiance by heart:

"I pledge allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." What does that really even mean? It probably varies from person to person, but for me it means that we are one nation, as a whole. That no one is above, no one is below, and we are all equal. The pledge of allegiance, for me, is like a statement, a guarantee that we all can count on justice being served. The pledge of allegiance has been around since 1892, so someone please explain to me why, after over a century since the first pledge was made, justice isn't being served, and most definitely not for all.

The news about "Jena 6" proves how issues from over 4 decades ago are still happening today. Racism is alive and well (or should I say "sick") today in America. I read an article about it in school where it said that a Caucasian man threatened several African-American boys with a shotgun. In our constitution, it says that we have the right to defend ourselves. So why, when the boys tried to take the gun away out of [self] defense, they were charged with stealing it? There was so much emphasis on what the African-American boys did, that the man didn't even get charged for the possession of a weapon. So when you say the pledge of allegiance at school or at a function, think if what you're "pledging" to that red, white, and blue flag is actually the reality.

Comments, questions, or concerns?

E-mail me at tcollins@mobservers.com.

PUSD Unveils 'Vision for Technology'

By Teresa Baxter

The Pasadena Unified School District Board of Education took a bold step in moving towards the technological future by presenting a plan that would update systems that had been put in place over 10 years ago. Board member Renatta Cooper acknowledged that these are the steps needed to get the school district into the "modern age."

A committee was formed with PUSD's "Approach to Excellence" plan as a guideline for incorporating technology into the teaching and learning environment. PUSD Acting Director of Information Technology, Mike Farewell, laid out the specific actions needed to take place to keep the district knowledgeable and current in the ever changing IT field in relation to computing technology—such as networking, hardware, software, and the Internet. "Within the committee there are several components

that work together to achieve the common goal," said Farewell. "We have school site staff, district staff, and outside stakeholders such as parents and business partners." The draft of the plan will be brought to the Superintendent and the Board of Education at the Board meeting scheduled for Oct. 23, 2007. The role of the committee is to update the District's Technology Plan by the Oct. 31 deadline.

It was recommended that funding for the project should be allotted from the Qualified Zone Academy Bonds that were recently awarded to PUSD. The QZAB Technology grant allows \$7.5 million to be spent on the project. According to Farewell, QZAB was designed to be the foundation for all district technology enhancements. "These funds were acquired to purchase new switches and routers for the district technology infrastructure and to replace the outdated telephone systems at the school sites and

district offices," he said.

This brought up the issue of the troubled phone system at Muir High School. Farewell assured the Board that Muir is a priority and the system should be workable in the coming week.

"Yesterday we received the piece of equipment needed for Muir High School," he said. "I have a vendor coming in to finish up some minor configurations and we're hoping for this system to be fully operational again."

To move forward with the District's Technology Plan, and to insure greater accountability in its implementation, Farewell also suggested the creation of a Technology Steering Committee. The TSC should include input from classroom teachers, classified personnel, administration, parents, community members and district office staff. The TSC would be designed to make sure IT decisions are made only after considering the district's overall goals and needs.

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OPINION



Around The Town With Sir Eric Maundry

“The single most exciting thing you encounter in government is competence, because it is so rare.”
- Daniel Patrick Moynihan

I love the Little League program in this town. I can't tell you how impressed I have been with what they've done. But I also have to confess something, outside of that one notable exception, I don't look to Sierra Madre when it comes to finding suitable programs for my kids. Instead I turn to Temple City. Boasting of a huge recreation center, acres of sports fields, plus programs that are truly state of the art, they have it going on. As an example, my 7 year old son has already earned a Green Belt in a Karate program that is taught by a remarkable family of 3 Black Belt champions. It is amazing what a well-governed city can achieve for both its own citizens and those refugees from poorly managed municipalities run by individuals whose interests are decidedly "other directed" ... One of the things that the Ad Hoc Finance Committee seems to be struggling with lately is the Nixonian secretiveness of our City Government. Barbara Cline, quoted by this paper in regard to the difficulty of properly examining our city's so-called troubled finances, compared it to "shadow boxing." Why? Because Sierra Madre hasn't had a true fiscal audit since 2003. "You don't know what to hit," said Barbara ... And apparently this is not where Sierra Madre's swirling veil of fiscal secrecy stops. It also extends to Sacramento as well. Under state law a yearly filing of our City Utility Tax #s must be made with the State Controller's Office. This is required so that there is a tamper proof firewall for the records of revenues raised by municipalities.

We apparently made a filing in Fiscal Year 1998-99 (<http://www.sco.ca.gov/ard/local/locprep/adhoc/city/9899utilityuserstax.pdf>) and again in 1999-2000 (<http://www.sco.ca.gov/ard/local/locprep/adhoc/city/9900utilityuserstax.pdf>). But you know what? We haven't filed anything related to the City Utility Tax since then. However, at (<http://www.sco.ca.gov/ard/local/locprep/cities/reports/0102cities.pdf>), Fiscal Year 2001-02, it does appear that, according to this inclusive filing, we received \$912,818 in Utilities Tax cash ... Some interesting stuff in this 2001-2002 report. In that year our total revenues were \$10,428,236. If you scroll down in the expenditures section you'll find something kind of nutty. Management and Support received \$1,236,452 of our tax revenues, while the Police Department received a relatively paltry \$2,290,000. Next time you need help, I guess try calling the City Manager ... Anyway, if you want to go to a Fiscal Year 2002-2003 report from Sierra Madre, well, good luck to you. It was never filed with Sacramento. Same thing for 2003-2004. Anyone taking bets that we'll see something from 2004-05? 2005-06? It would seem that Sierra Madre has not reported to Sacramento on its fiscal affairs in nearly half a decade. The fine levied on cities who don't supply the Controller's Office with their tax facts and fiscal figures is \$5,000 a pop. Judging by this it would appear we have been paying some serious penalties. Not the kind of thing a city claiming poverty should be doing, right? ... So why has the City of Sierra Madre been negligent in making its
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| NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING - COURTESY NOTICE | |
| From: | The City of Sierra Madre |
| Subject: | VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP 65348 AND HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (HDP) 06-01 |
| Project Location: | 1935 Stonehouse Road in the City of Sierra Madre, County of 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 | PLACE OF MEETING |
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| Monday, October 1, 2007 | Sierra Madre Search & Rescue Station |
| Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. | 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. | |

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| From: | The City of Sierra Madre |
| Subject: | 2 nd 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 | PLACE OF HEARING |
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| City of Sierra Madre City Council Meeting Tuesday, October 9, 2007 (Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.) | City of Sierra Madre City Council Chambers 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024 |
| All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto. | |
| Published: September 21, 2007 | |
| Michelle Keith, Director of Community & Personnel Services | |

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| CITY OF SIERRA MADRE | |
| COURTESY NOTICE | |
| To: | Property Owners within a 300-foot radius |
| From: | The City of Sierra Madre |
| Subject: | Conditional Use Permit 06-24 (611 East Sierra Madre Boulevard) |
| Applicant: | Lorena Flores 9 Surfside Court Newport Beach, CA 92663 |

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider a request to collocate a new wireless facility with an existing facility at 611 East Sierra Madre Boulevard. Six additional antennae will be added to the existing monopine, and the additional equipment will be located in an existing shelter. Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 17.93.060, a Conditional Use Permit is required for all new commercial wireless facilities.

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PROJECT LOCATION: 611 East Sierra Madre Boulevard is in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

APPEAL: The decision of the City Council is final. If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the City Council in court, one may be limited to raising issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Development Services Department at (626) 355-7135.

By Order of the City Council

Anne Browning McIntosh, AICP
Interim Director of Development Services

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| CITY OF SIERRA MADRE | |
| COURTESY NOTICE | |
| To: | Property Owners within a 300 foot radius |
| From: | The City of Sierra Madre |
| Subject: | Tentative Parcel Map 07-02 (115 & 125 Lowell Avenue) |
| Applicant: | James Coane 30 N Raymond Ave, #611 Pasadena, CA 91103 |

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider a request for Parcel Map 07-02 at 115 & 125 Lowell Avenue. The proposed Parcel Map would create a total of three lots (measuring approximately 8700, 8845, and 10,092 square feet) from two existing lots (measuring approximately 13,335 and 14,284 square feet).

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PROJECT LOCATION: 115 & 125 Lowell Avenue Avenue; in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

APPEAL: The decision of the City Council is final. If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the City Council in court, one may be limited to raising issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Development Services Department at (626) 355-7135.

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380701SJ File No. **20072127009**
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The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: UNIQUE BUILDERS & MANAGEMENT COMPANY, 301 Bixby Rd Long Beach, CA 90807. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Eliseo Resrreccion and Cynthia Enis 301 Bixby Rd Long Beach, CA 90807. The business is conducted as: CO-PARTNERS. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Sept 14, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.
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09/22; 09/29; 10/06; and 10/13, 2007 380701SJ

380702SJ File No. **20072126840**
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: PEL/ SCI MARKETING COMPANY, 1492 Stonewood Ct San Pedro, CA 90732. The name of registrant(s) is (are) PORT ENTERPRISES, LLC, 534 E. Mariposa Dr Redlands, CA 92373. The business was conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Sept 14, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.
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380703MU File No. **20072127096**
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person (s) is (are) doing business: SPENCER FAMILY CHILD CARE, 158 E. 56th St Los Angeles, CA 90011. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Patricia Spencer 158 E. 56th St Los Angeles, CA 90011. The business is conducted by: HUSBAND AND WIFE. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Sept 14, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.
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380704MU File No. **20072126432**
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: UPTOWN BARGAINS, 402 W. Leon Ave Arcadia, CA 91007. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Soomay Yen 402 W Lemon Ave Arcadia, CA 91107. The business is conducted as: AN INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Sept 14, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.
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380705MU File No. **20072126906**
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: A L HOUSE COURIER, 1776 S. Rimpau Apt 27 Los Angeles, CA 90019. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) Allen L. House 1776 S. Rimpau Apt 27 Los Angeles, CA 90019. The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Sept 14, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.
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380706MU File No. **20072126934**
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person (s) is (are) doing business: NILE TOBACCO, 7525 S. Western Ave Los Angeles, CA 90047. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Saad A. Saad 7525 S. Western Ave Los Angeles, CA 90047. The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Sept 14, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) NOT commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.
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09/22; 09/29; 10/06; and 10/13, 2007 380706MU

380707DV File No. **20072126005**
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CANYON OAK CONSTRUCTION INC., 25 Flower St Arcadia, CA 91006. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) CANYON OAK CONSTRUCTION, INC., 25 Flower St Arcadia, CA 91006. The business is conducted as: A CORPORATION. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Sept 14, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.
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09/09/22; 09/29; 10/06; and 10/13, 2007 380707DV

380708MU File No. **20072126431**
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person (s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious name: UPTOWN BARGAINS, 402 W. Lemon Ave Arcadia, CA 91007. The name of registrant(s) is (are) Soomay Yen and Francois Liandat 402 W. Lemon Ave Arcadia, CA 91007. The business was conducted by: CO-PARTNERS. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 02/01/2005. Original File #05-0241805. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Sept 14, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) ended to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/14/2007
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3807090M File No. **20072171747**
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person (s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious name: CALIFORNIA COOL, 620 N. Boyle Ave Los Angeles, CA 90033. The name of registrant(s) is (are) Edgar A. Arguello and Sylvia Flores 620 N. Boyle Ave Los Angeles, CA 90033. The business was conducted by: HUSBAND AND WIFE. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 06/27/2003. Original File #03-0248793. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Sept 20, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) ended to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/20/2007
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09/22; 09/29; 10/06; and 10/13, 2007 380709M

380710AN File No. **20072126704**
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person (s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious name: AMERICA SMOG CENTER, 11217 Walnut St El Monte, CA 91731. The name of registrant(s) is (are) Bernarda Yaneth Rodas 11217 Walnut St El Monte, CA 91731. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 11/28/2005. Original File #05-2882557. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Sept 14, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) ended to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/14/2007
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380711SJ File No. **20072132377**
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: A+ AVALON FUNDING, 122 N- Avalon Blvd Wilmington, CA 90744. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) ANDALUCIA LENDING INSTITUTION, INC., 5260 Andrew Dr La Palma, CA 90623. The business is conducted as: A CORPORATION. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Sept 14, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.
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380712DS File No. **20072187246**
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: EXCLUSIVE MARKETING SOLUTIONS, 1329 Rolling Knoll Rd Diamond Bar, CA 91765. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Rosemary Benesch 1329 Rolling Knoll Rd Diamond Bar, CA 91765. The business is conducted as: AN INDIVI-DUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Sept 14, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.
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Looking Up



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Possible Cave Entrances Found On Mars

NASA's Mars Odyssey spacecraft has discovered entrances to seven possible caves on the slopes of a Martian volcano. The find is fueling interest in potential underground habitats and sparking searches for caverns elsewhere on the Red Planet.

Very dark, nearly circular features ranging in diameter from about 328 to 820 feet puzzled researchers who found them in images taken by NASA's Mars Odyssey and Mars Global Surveyor orbiters. Using Mars Odyssey's infrared camera to check the daytime and nighttime temperatures of the circles, scientists concluded that they could be windows into underground spaces.

Evidence that the holes may be openings to cavernous spaces comes from the temperature differences detected from infrared images taken in the afternoon and in the pre-dawn morning. From day to night, temperatures of the holes change only about one-third as much as the change in temperature of surrounding ground surface.

"They are cooler than the surrounding surface in the day and warmer at night," said Glen Cushing of the U.S. Geological Survey's Astrogeology Team and of Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Ariz. "Their thermal behavior is not as steady as large caves on Earth that often maintain a fairly constant temperature, but it is consistent with these being deep holes in the ground."

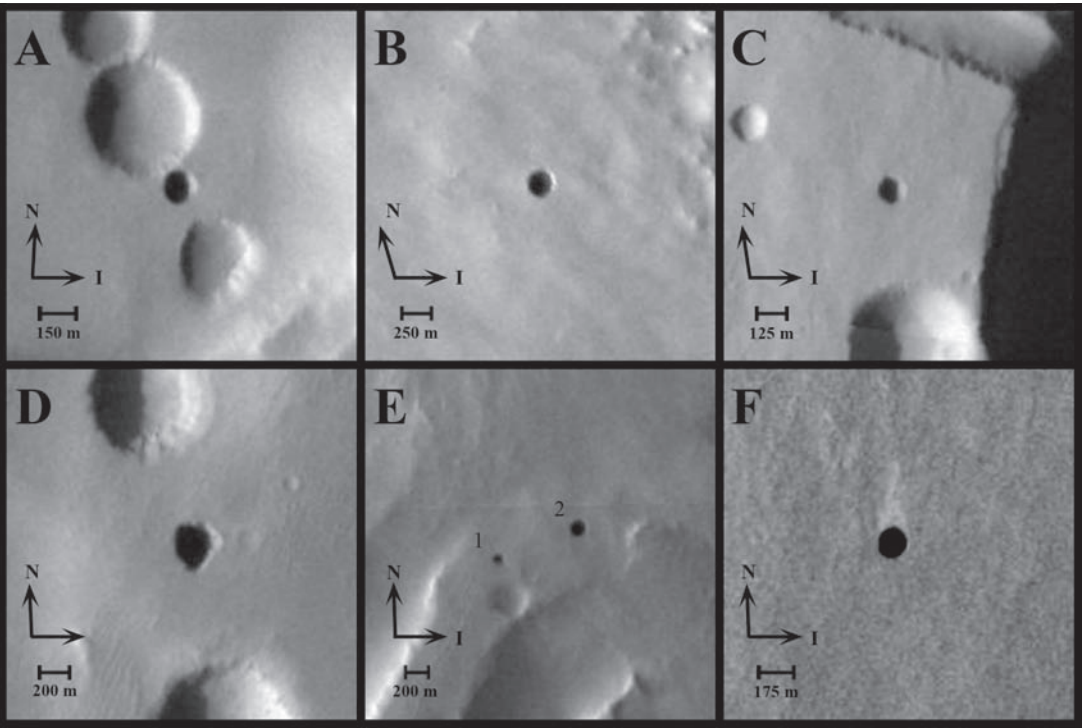
A report of the discovery of the possible cave skylights by Cushing and his co-authors was published online recently by the journal Geophysical Research Letters. "Whether these are just deep vertical shafts or openings into spacious caverns, they are entries to the subsurface of Mars," said co-author Tim Titus of the U.S. Geological Survey in Flagstaff. "Somewhere on Mars, caves might provide a protected niche for past or current life, or shelter for humans in the future."

The discovered holes, dubbed "Seven Sisters," are at some of the highest altitudes on the planet, on a volcano named Arsia Mons near Mars' tallest mountain.

"These are at such extreme altitude, they are poor candidates either for use as human habitation or for having microbial life," Cushing said. "Even if life has ever existed on Mars, it may not have migrated to this height."

The new report proposes that the deep holes on Arsia Mons probably formed when underground stresses around the volcano caused spreading and faults that opened spaces beneath the surface. Some of the holes are in line with strings of bowl-shaped pits where surface material has apparently collapsed to fill the gap created by a linear fault.

The observations have prompted researchers using Mars Odyssey and NASA's newer Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter to examine the Seven Sisters. The goal is to find other openings to underground spaces at lower elevations that are more accessible to future missions to Mars.



Cave site entrances as identified by the Mars Odyssey Spacecraft.

"The key to finding these was looking for temperature anomalies at night—warm spots," said Phil Christensen of Arizona State University at Tempe, principal investigator for the Thermal Emission Imaging System on Mars Odyssey. That instrument produced both visible-light and infrared images researchers used for examining the possible caves.

"No other instrument at Mars could give the thermal information crucial to this research," said the project scientist for Mars Odyssey, Jeffrey Plaut of JPL. "This is a great example of the exciting discoveries Odyssey continues to make." Mars Odyssey reached Mars in 2001, years before any of the other spacecraft currently examining the planet. Its predecessor, Mars Global Surveyor, ended its mission last year.

JPL manages Mars Odyssey and Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter for the NASA Science Mission Directorate, Washington. Arizona State University operates the y's Thermal Emission Imaging System.

For additional information about Mars Odyssey and the new findings, visit: http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/odyssey

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The Mountain Clymer

By Kim Clymer Bobcat Encounter



Sometimes when interacting with nature some amazing and inexplicable things can happen. Obviously no one should for even a moment think that it is safe to intentionally approach a wild animal; and usually when someone accidentally comes in close contact with an animal in its natural habitat it is usually the goal of both person and animal to get out of the situation as quickly and calmly as possible. I have encountered bears, deer, snakes, coyotes, foxes, raccoons, squirrels, bobcats, mountain lions, and ringtail cats on the trails and on the road many times. Almost every time, it was for a brief moment as I passed by and they scurried safely out of sight. Even the very fierce animals are timid unless they are hungry or protecting their young. There has been a handful of encounters that I have had that have been exceptions to the rule...times that fear, or curiosity, or lack of common sense took over and an accidental encounter became a stand-off or a moment of mutual respect and fascination. My most memorable, thrilling, and amazing experience with an animal is one for which I still have no explanation or understanding.

One November afternoon, I was in my car driving down Chantry Road. The road had been closed for several months and was only accessible to the few residents who lived at Chantry Flat, the USFS, and the cabin owners of the Big Santa Anita Canyon. Usually after several months of closure, those using the road have noticed more and more of the wildlife coming out to reclaim the area. I had in recent weeks begun to see much more animal activity along the road...especially near the dam area, where I had the rare pleasure of sighting the ordinarily elusive bobcats several times. It was a particularly dry summer, and the only water may well have been at the dam. On this day, as I came to a bend in the road, I noticed, for just an instant, something slip over the wall along the edge of the road just ahead of me. It was a flash...nothing I could identify...just the rear end of whatever it was as it disappeared from sight. I could not tell how big it was or even the exact color or size. Since I was not in a hurry to get where I was going, and because I always like to get a look at any animals I encounter, I stopped the car where I had seen the activity, and got out off the car. I walked over to the wall, which stood, at most, about 2 feet high, and peered over the edge. There was a flat area of grass and brush about 30 feet wide or so between the wall and steep drop-off to the canyon below. I noticed that through the brush, a path had been worn by animals that must have regularly used the route to get to the water at the dam. I sat down on the wall and quietly watched in all directions for any signs of movement in the area. I saw nothing. Suddenly, something caught my attention in the corner of my eye. I looked down at the base of the wall just below the place where I sat, and there was the animal that I must have seen jump the wall. He was crouched and huddled in close to the wall trying very hard not to be noticed and he was looking right at me.

"Oh my god," I exclaimed to the cowering cat I saw there in the ground. "You poor thing....did someone drop you off up here?" I asked. It was not uncommon for people to drop off unwanted pets by the side of road in the mountains. We had already taken in several such strays at the station since we had been there. "It's okay, sweetheart, I won't hurt you." I continued to reassure the poor frightened thing. "You can come home with me if you want." I began to reach out slowly to pet him to let him know that it was okay before trying to pick him up. "We will...OH MY GOD!!!" I gasped as I yanked my hand away. At the last moment before making contact with the cat's head I noticed the tufts on its ears and realized what I was about to pet...it was a BOBCAT!!! My sudden action

frightened him just as much as my realization had frightened me and he darted from his position at the base of the wall. He ran about ten feet away, stopped, sat down, and calmly sat facing me...studying me...waiting to see what I would do. I regained my composure and gazed at him just as calmly.

"I'm so sorry, I didn't mean to scare you." I said. "I thought you were a kitty, I thought someone left you here. But you're not...you're a bobcat. You belong here, huh? Look at you...you are so beautiful." I spoke in a very calm conversational manner and he sat, his eyes fixed on mine. I remember thanking him for staying to visit with me and telling him a few more times how lovely he was. I continued the one sided conversation until I could not think of anything else to say. Then we sat quietly in a peaceful, unthreatening coexistence. It was then I remembered something I had discovered when I was a child that I could do with my cats. I would sit across the room from my cat and slowly close my eyes and reopen them. My cat, if he was in a calm and contemplative mood, would return the gesture. Later, as an adult, I continued to do this at times and I read that it is a cat's way of communicating trust and affection...kind of "kitty eye kisses" it said. I wondered if this was a universal feline thing or just reserved for domestic cats...ones used to being with humans. The bobcat and I had not broken eye contact during the entire time we both sat there...now several minutes...so I decided to see if such communication would work with him. I slowly closed my eyes and reopened them, reestablishing our eye contact....nothing....I tried again. This time when I reopened my eyes and looked into his eyes again, he slowly closed his eyes and reopened them...I did it again, and he again returned the gesture. It was an incredible moment...one that almost made me cry.

"Stay right there," I requested. "I have something for you...please don't go away." I had remembered that in my car was a bag of dry cat food that I had just purchased the day before and had not yet removed from my car. I slowly got up from the wall and went to my car to get some. I opened the bag and took a large handful and returned to the wall. The cat had gotten up and had walked a few feet further away. When I approached the wall again he stopped and turned and looked at me. "Look what I have for you." I bent over and placed the food at the base of the wall. "I know you won't come and get it now with me here," I said to him, "but I am going to leave it right here for you and you can get it later. Okay?" I continued, "I have to go now. Thank you so much for sitting and visiting with me. It was really nice to meet you." I turned and headed back to my car, checking over my shoulder to see if he had left yet before the place where he had stood was out of my sight...he was gone.

Every detail of the encounter is, to this day, still very vivid In my mind. It was one of the most amazing, spiritual, and inexplicable moments in my life. One that I will remember and cherish always. As I drove away, it occurred to me how fortunate I was that he had not torn my hand and arm to shreds...or had not ripped my face off. For whatever reason, he must not have felt threatened. Maybe he had seen humans enough and had never had a bad experience...maybe he was young...I am not sure. I am just grateful that he honored me with his presence...it was truly a blessing.

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The Wild West

With Kyle McClure

Leaded Lunchbox

There was a time when I actually had to write this weekly column myself. It was hard. This is back when its contents were the product of my own knowledge, wit, creativity, and plagiarism masking abilities. Those days, apparently, are over (I am not complaining). Now, it seems, my column is simply going to write itself. It doesn't need me anymore.

Not when the California Department of Public Health engages in a large-scale lead poisoning initiative. Perhaps flippancy is not the appropriate tone to employ here. Sorry. I will try to control myself. Ahem... so... the CDPH was not attempting to poison us all on purpose (that didn't last very long, did it?). This was not the result of a policy decision. Rather, it was an oversight, an "oops." It was an accident that caused the state agency whose sole reason for existence is to protect the health of Californians to distribute about 56,000 lunchboxes contaminated with unacceptable (er, poisonous) levels of lead.

In a press release last week, the CDPH urged "consumers" (victims? is that what they mean?) to stop using the leaded lunchboxes, which had been distributed as "educational items." Director, Dr. Mark Horton, said, "We are urging Californians to not use these lunchboxes and keep them away from infants and young children."

Anyone who is in possession of one of these lunchboxes will recognize it by this description: it is one of the top five goofiest things you have ever owned. It could only be worse if it were a fanny pack. With arsenic all over it. Or maybe a recent Madonna CD. The lunchbox has a snazzy green and black color scheme and is decorated with a subtle logo that reads EAT FRUITS & VEGETABLES AND BE ACTIVE. There are also about 15 or 20 websites and 1-800 numbers for anyone who may not have realized at first that it was a freebie and worthy of derision and ridicule from lunchbox-conscious 11-year-olds.

All individuals who own one of these lunchboxes are instructed to return it to the place where they were forced to take it in the first place, or to their "local household hazardous waste collection facility." The lunchboxes are too contaminated for the landfill.

This is not funny. These lunchboxes were passed out in schools as an important and highly motivating part of a taxpayer funded propaganda program. In schools, people! They are contaminated with a poisonous substance that causes brain damage! And can be melted into musket balls!

Well, OK, maybe it is a teeny weeny bit funny. But only because:

1. Goofy free lunchboxes with dumb slogans simply do not get used, not in public school, anyway. There are hip Spiderman and Hello Kitty and Transformers lunchboxes that are all basically free waiting for you on the shelves of Target (they are probably leaded, too... but that's a story for next week). Anyway, it is safe to say that all but, like, one of the state distributed 56,000 lunchboxes are on the bottom shelves of pantries and in the Goodwill piles of garages across the land.

2. According to the CDPH, no known cases of lead poisoning have resulted from the lunchboxes. Which, OK, fine, is probably true. It takes a lot of lead to cause "lead poisoning." Even that one kid whose mom forced him to carry his food to school in this contaminated container is not being exposed to lead levels that are going to cause acute lead poisoning... unless he is eating paint manufactured prior to 1978 or dirt from the side of the freeway for lunch. And what are the chances of that? I am sure that the kid eating paint and dirt has it stored in a perfectly safe lunchbox, so no need to call 911. Nevertheless, neither of these guys is going to do all that well on the state tests.

Thank goodness the CDPH did not distribute lunchboxes a 5th grader would be willing to be seen with in public. Then we might have been in real trouble. As things stand now, you just have to don your protective eyewear, gloves, and vacuum-sealed suit and run the dorky free little lunchbox to your local hazardous waste disposal site. Maybe wear a mask, too. So nobody sees you carrying it.



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Story and Photos By Chris Bertrand

ASID Designers Tout "Real Homes and Real Design" In October 7 Home Tour



Grand Avenue home built in 2001 features an English "keep"-style foyer.



The Flintridge home preserved the original terrazzo mural.

The Pasadena chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers selected six very unique properties for this year's "Home and Kitchen Tour." There's something for everyone's taste, from classic 1925 and 1937 homes, to Mid Century re-interpretations, an English style "cottage" and a 2001 Country English Mansion, with two homes each in San Marino, Pasadena and La Canada/Flintridge. Unlike a showcase home, this tour shows real homes lived in by real people. Accomplished, experienced designers worked to fit specific needs, lifestyles and collections of the owners. This offers a chance to see each designer's work as a cohesive whole, and to chat with the designers themselves about the projects and remodeling tips.

I was captivated by the use of terrazzo in the Flintridge mid-century home. I haven't seen much use of it here in the Southland, but my feet have always enjoyed the smooth cool surfaces on my many sojourns to Florida. Designer, Kristina Urbanas Spencer preserved the original terrazzo floors and backsplash mural in the kitchen, then matched new counters to them. She indicated it took several custom mixes to correctly match the color to the 1958 artwork. She also focused on green design features, including a white "Cool Roof" and interior choices that help mitigate off-gassing and improve air quality.

Designer Ann Fletcher heard each group of visitors exclaim nearly the same words each time they entered the Grand Avenue Pasadena home in Pasadena. Almost every person was incredulous that this home was only six years old, not 106 years old. I imagine it was music to her ears, as Fletcher's goal was to create a new home "with authentic beauty, whimsy, charm and patina." The owners had hoped to remodel the previous home amid the grand homes of Grand Avenue to showcase 18th and 19th century antiques, but remnants of a previous fire required a complete rebuild. Don't miss the entry tower, reminiscent of a "keep" of the English countryside, the 18th century limestone fireplace and the guest house gazebo.

Other favorite highlights included the La Canada "cottage" gracefully elevating the owner's love for animals to a new plane. In the midst of the riding trails of this area, the horse barn now houses a wood working shop for the owner, who built some of the custom furniture, including a television cabinet at the foot of the master bedroom.

The 1950's ranch home by owner/designer, Lori Sitz-Teacher, garnered a lot of attention with her use of glass garage doors to create the expansive doorways for the indoor to outdoor master suite without the tremendous cost of disappearing patio doors.



Lori Sitz-Teacher demonstrates her use of a glass garage door in the master suite.



Gazebo guest house sits on the edge of the canyon, overlooking the terraced rose garden.



La Canada "cottage" features the owner's custom furniture, including this tv cabinet at the foot of the bed.

The Home and Kitchen Tour is self guided, and will be held Sunday, October 7 from 9:30 to 5:30. Advance tickets are \$30, and same day tickets will cost \$35. Tickets can be purchased online at www.ASID.Pasadena.org, by phone at 800-237-2634 or at several nearby locations including Pasadena Wood Floors, 2840 E. Foothill Blvd. Pasadena. Proceeds will benefit ASID's Pasadena chapter, particularly their scholarship fund for emerging designers.

Jeff's Pics

The Book Reports

Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court

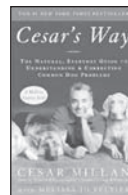
by Jeffrey Toobin (2007)



The Nine is a behind the scenes look at the court, its recent decisions and the personalities of the justices behind them. The Nine is based on interviews with justices and their law clerks. With the moderating voice of Sandra Day O'Connor now gone from the Supreme Court, a conservative movement has now begun. His book shows how this change has developed. Toobin retells the story of the 2000 presidential election of Bush v. Gore decision from the perspective of the court, and comes up with some revealing new stories. He discusses in depth the justices' styles and beliefs which effect the decisions they make, their roles in various rulings and reveals much about the personal side of the justices. He also looks at the future of the court. Toobin says about Chief Justice Roberts, " John Roberts is in charge. This is his court. He is emerging as one of the most strongly ideological and brilliant justices who has been on the court for many years. His opinions are beautifully written, strongly argued and very, very conservative. And he is using his powers to make the court different than it was" And, on Thomas, "Clarence Thomas is the most conservative Justice since the 1930's." Also he says, "The biggest misconception about the court is that it is this boring quiet institution when it is really reeling with rivalries. The stakes are enormous. The people are eccentrics and they care deeply." Toobin is a former Assistant U.S. Attorney, a senior legal analyst for CNN, and a staff writer at The New Yorker. Very informative and interesting reading.

Cesar's Way: The Natural, Everyday Guide to Understanding and Correcting Common Dog Problems

by Cesar Millan and Melissa Jo Peltier (2007)



Cesar's Way is an easy reading guide to help dog owners understand the needs of their pets. Cesar explains that dogs are not complicated, and not human. Three important elements are key: exercise, discipline, and affection . Problem dogs are caused by problem owners who don't understand their dog's behavior. *Cesar's Way* is really a training program for dog owners. He goes past basic obedience school methods, and shows owners how to change unwanted behavior by better understanding their dogs, and thus produce calm, obedient pets who will peacefully live with other dogs and humans. Cesar was born in Mexico. He tells the story about his childhood and his special relationship with dogs from the time he was a boy. When he came here he noticed that American dogs had a number of problems related to the fact that Americans view dogs as four-legged humans instead of dogs. Dogs need us to become an assertive and calm pack leader. Cesar gives many illustrations of how his concepts work. A helpful guide.

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From the Inside Out

An Ongoing Series of Personal Points of View on Health ... By Mary Carney

WHY?

This third column replaces the others written for this week. Why? Because of an email, asking for healing energies be sent to my friend's brother-in-law, who has a hole in his heart. The quote that crunched my gut was, "The hole that we thought was on its way to being fully closed as a result of last winter's procedure has opened up (if one of the doctors is correct, larger than the original hole). None of the doctors here knows why; we are awaiting word from Stanford, UCSF or any reasonably accepted medical facility that will lie well enough to have our doctors accept the explanation."

Surgery is the next "medical" option. I can hear most of you out there saying, "So what? If he has to have surgery, he has to have surgery." Maybe so. Sometimes when we've exhausted all means of self-care and self healing that we know of, surgery may be the only option left. Sometimes surgery can temporarily remove the current set of symptoms long enough that the body's available energy resources are enough for both post-surgery repair and to maintain a reasonably pain free status in the body. But I've discovered one more option before then.

The email was a call to help to energetically hold a healing space. Why? Because my friend, a Reiki master, and an amazing massage therapist and energy worker, knows from the bottom of her heart, that focused energy (prayers) for healing work. Recently diagnosed with glaucoma, she negotiated herself to a medication of 1 drop a night, instead of the standard 4 drops during the day, went home and immediately called one of her healing energy friends. Her friend, who has the ability to "see" and "work" on those levels, said, no problem, did two sessions of whatever she did, and called back with what she found.

Left over from my friend's husband's passing were a couple powerful emotional "fishhooks" buried 'inside.' Working on the energy level, these hooks were safely removed. So my friend hied herself back to her ophthalmologist, who was astonished that in such a short period of time, given his years of experience and what he knew of the medication and how it worked, that her count had dropped to 15. He wanted to know what she had done, and she said, "Frankly, it's too 'woo woo' to say." His response? "Well, you don't need the drops

any more; come back in 4 months and, if your numbers are still this low without them, I'm going to want to know so I can steer some of my patients in that direction." Wow!

Since the end of July I've had the opportunity to have several sessions of a relatively unknown process called Theta Healing™, which accesses the theta brainwave level that controls our "unconscious." After the years I've spent studying a number of processes, including something called Holographic Repatterning (www.repatterning.org) in which I received certification (but let lapse), I've been enormously impressed, speaking just for myself. Most members of my breakfast network group have also tried a session, and are equally impressed at the way, as one member described it, "it cleaned out the bottom of my heart." Even as short a time as a week after a session, when asked, what changed? The answer seems to be, "You know? I don't remember what the issue was. All I know is, it's subtle, but 'inside' I feel better." Not only that, but, just as The Secret promises, every single one of us has experienced an "outside" responds to this inner shift. Long-on-hold issues settling. Business opportunities opening up. More daily life satisfaction. Creativity flowing. Truly, as we change ourselves "From the Inside Out", the outside really does respond.

So, my suggestion for my friend's brother-in-law (who lives way up north) is to find someone skilled in Theta Healing™ to help him clean out the issue that's creating this growing "hole in his heart." Then learn how to do stay heart-whole for himself. It may be that surgery will still be needed, but maybe not. The first Theta Healing™ class east of LA, to learn how to do this process for oneself or to help others, will be in Pasadena October 12-14. Hie thyself thither. If you're already scheduled (I am, unfortunately), read up on the process and clear the decks for the next class. Founder's website: www.thetahealing.com; Local website: www.thetahealingblog.com.

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SIR ERIC (continued from page 8) legally mandated reports to the State Controller? Laziness? Incompetence? The desire to hide something they'd prefer people not know about? And how can the Ad Hoc Finance Committee make accurate decisions on our city's fiscal health when the people running the show won't supply all of the facts? Shouldn't we be told about how we got into this mess in the first place? This town doesn't just need an audit for these last several years, it needs a full body physical, from top to bottom. Think about it, the powers that be believe they should be allowed to raise our taxes, yet they won't even do their own paperwork ... Perhaps you have received an invitation to the Town Hall Meeting on the 29th? I'm starting to think that the public relations firm hired to help push for this tax hike is the same one responsible for all of those cynical "No On V" fliers that clogged our mailboxes on a daily basis last April. Get a load of this tap dance: "The Ad-Hoc Finance Committee is seeking your input on the future financing of Public Safety Services. Come and hear a progress report from the Committee and share your ideas and opinions." Sure, guys. So this is how you're going to sell the tax hike? Hide behind the Police Department and Paramedics? Why not just open the city books and let us take a look at the numbers? Very few people are going to vote for a tax hike unless they first decide that they've been given the real facts. After all, how can we trust you if you won't trust us with what is really going on? ... Did you know that when property is seized under eminent domain, the tax money no longer goes to the city? Rather it goes to the redevelopers? More on that next time ... Write me at eric.maundry@yahoo.com ... Cheers!

BIRD'S EYE VIEW

Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow...

I have always had fine hair. It's a genetic thing...But now, thanks to my long-term use of steroids to treat a respiratory condition, I can now add thin and sparse to the description. I sometimes think I have more hair on my face than on my head. Not a good thing.

This "affliction" has made me aware of others who are similarly challenged. Men and women seem to handle it differently (as is the case with most things isn't it?) After wearing a baseball cap gets old, men seem to try the proverbial comb-over. Donald Trump comes to mind, of course. I think his hair is 6' long at the base of his skull. He then somehow combs it forward and secures it in place with hair spray that must be made by the makers of Super Glue. I think he could probably enter a wind tunnel and come out unscathed.

In the 70s I worked for a bank in Alhambra and witnessed several different approaches to impending baldness. One man went through the very painful process of having his scalp moved forward and hair plugs taken from the back of his head and transferred to the front. Sadly, he ended up looking like the doll makers at Mattel had done the job because the plugs were always visible.

Another gentleman, and he was just that, was always well groomed and a very sharp dresser. He was bald in the Friar Tuck pattern, but always looked nice. One day he walked into the bank with something resembling a dead raccoon on the top of his head. He never said a word about it, nor did I. I couldn't even look at him! Not that day or any day thereafter. Talk about ignoring the elephant in the room.

One would think that with all of Charlton Heston's money that he would be able to get a toupee that fit. He never has. His is always too low on his forehead and just about a half an inch too short in the back. Burt Reynolds has a nice looking toupee, but with all the plastic surgery he's had done to his face, his hair is the last thing one would notice.

I think most men assume that women think that the thing resembling road-kill sitting on top of their head is the real thing. News flash...they don't. If the thing was on the floor, it would probably be beaten to death with a broom.

It's what's inside a man's heart that counts, not what's on top of his head. Bald truly can be beautiful.

Scene One - Take One DVD Review

MANHATTAN MURDER MYSTERY (1993)



When an older lady neighbor in good health suddenly dies, a married Manhattanite, Diane Keaton, believes the woman's death was no accident. She convinces a few of her friends, Alan Alda and Anjelica Huston, into playing detectives, despite protests from her non-believing husband ,Woody Allen, who also wrote and directed. Allen doesn't believe it was murder, but he joins the investigation to keep his marriage alive. It is fun, romantic, and suspenseful with a great cast!!

EVERYONE SAYS I LOVE YOU (1996)

Featuring a wonderful soundtrack filled with beloved standard songs, this musical comedy by Woody Allen is about a polite and well off group of people and their intertwining romantic difficulties and family situations. Steffi (Goldie Hawn) marries Bob (Alan Alda) after her divorce from Joe (Woody Allen) whose attempt to capture the heart of Von, (Julia Roberts) takes him to Europe. This is told through the eyes of narrator DJ, Joe and Steffi's daughter, who's dealing with her own family issues as new stepister Skylar's (Drew Barrymore) wedding is postponed. In a fashion typical of '30s musicals, this movie transcends the wild stories, using a cavalcade of ballads to send the characters on a chaotic, wonderful romantic merry go round from New York to Paris. Nominated for a Golden Globe as Best Picture, it is a wonderful film.



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WOMAN'S CLUB SPONSORS FLU CLINIC from Phyllis Chapman

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Pat Ostrye on.....

Building A Dollhouse

For anyone interested in building a dollhouse for a grandchild for Christmas, it's time to get started, right now! Although I will mention that, after my late husband had built three of them for the three little granddaughters at the time, he decided that dollhouses are definitely not for children!

This grandfather had never envisioned building a three-story house at age 74, but here he was putting together a magnificent

Victorian dollhouse, complete with wiring, roofing and framing, his primary tools being an exacto knife and glue gun, all in a kit "easy to assemble". Yeah, right! The pre-stamped sheets of wood take up a whole room as they are stained and set to dry before dissembling the parts and putting it all together.

It didn't take long for him to discover that maneuvering the one-inch-to-the-foot stairway and windows would require the help of a five-inch elf, particularly for pounding the eighth-inch nails into the quarter-inch hinges of a four-inch door. Although the parts are numbered, they are not in sequence, making it necessary to plow through piles of parts for the right numbers for the various sections.

As he got into this deeper and deeper, both of us found out as we went from one miniature hobby shop to another, that there are hundreds of men and women out there much more fanatic than he, also searching for the necessary wiring, shingles and gingerbread trim, plus parquet flooring. Then the wiring has to go in before the wallpaper and getting the windows in place without smearing the isinglass really strains one's patience.

Finally, the furnishings! Prices are higher than this little girl will spend for her first apartment: Pianos, \$350, living-room sets, \$350 and up. We spent over \$100 each time we ventured into one of the hobby shops. He learned after the first house, never buy furniture kits to be put together, those tiny upholstered chairs and couches, and impossible Victorian dining sets! There are catalogs! He ordered a complete living-room set for \$16.95 and a ready-made dining set for \$5.50. The drawback there was receiving every catalog in print for-ever-after!

When completed, each of these creations boasted an organ that was a music box, fireplaces with mantle clocks, complete bedroom sets, Victorian bathrooms with pull chains, carpeting, a real ice-box, coal stove, sewing machine, wall hangings and, of course, living room and dining-room sets as mentioned before. I can't forget the flower boxes or potted plants on the ledges, whichever applied.

One of our sons, the father of a 2-year old at the time (now 20 at UCSanta Barbara) said he'd let her play with it when she came out of the convent. postrye@netscape.com

SPORTS



By Stanley J. Forrester

WWED

View From The Couch

What Would Ernie Do?

A trivia question in the LA Times asked the question, “Who holds the record for most major league baseball games played without a post-season appearance, and what is the number of games?” If you grew up in the fifties and sixties, you knew the answer was “Mr. Cub himself, Let’s Play Two,” Ernie Banks. The number of games Ernie played in was 2,528. Isn’t that incredible though; so many games played yet never making it to the post-season party? The Post Season is a major feather in the cap of any player any team. But that was then.

In that same paper was an article about major league umpire Winters being suspended because of something he said to Milton Bradley of the San Diego Padres. It seems that Winters thought Bradley had flipped his bat after Bradley struck out. Whatever was said by Winters so inflamed Bradley he went ballistic and had to be restrained. In the process of being restrained Bradley hurt his knee and his availability for the Padres during the rest of the season and post-season is now questionable.

Ernie Banks would have loved to be in the post-season play; his team never made it. As a matter of fact, they were often called “The Hapless Cubs”. However, those facts never lessened Banks love for the game nor the enthusiasm with which he played. Bradley, on the other hand, loses his head and is hurt as his coach wrestles him to the ground in an attempt to keep him from Winters - never thinking about the consequences to himself or his team in the race to the post-season. The injury is so bad Bradley will not be available to his team as they try to get into post season play, much less play in the post season. What a Waste! Bradley has been known to be a hot head, and whatever Winters said it must have been inappropriate, because the commissioner suspended him (Winters) for the rest of the season.

Prince Fielder, the young slugger of the Milwaukee Brewers, says he wants to hit fifty-two home runs and win the MVP award, because his father Cecil, who played for the Tigers, never did. As things stand now, Prince has become the youngest player to hit fifty home runs in a season. However, the Brewers are trying to catch the Cubs for first place in the Central division of the National League. Has he even given a thought to his team and their quest for the pennant? Or is he too singing me, me, me? Definitely not an Ernie Banks trait.

These are two examples of what is wrong with baseball today. The players have forgotten that it is about the team, and not the individual. Banks could tell Fielder that if even if he does those things and his team does not make the play-offs, it will be a shallow victory. And, Bradley if your team makes the play-off and you are not able to play, yours will be a long post season. (You cannot count on making the play-off unless you are the Yankees.) So when that opportunity arises you must take advantage. If Fielder is estranged from his dad, that is a private affair. Right now it is about getting into the play-offs, because you can not win the World Series without first winning the play-off. But today’s ball player is so self-absorbed he can not think about the team, it is all about ‘me and my money’.

That is not the mindset of a winner. Just ask Ernie.

P.S. This year the “Cubby’s” are in first place and they just may get to the post season. I will be rooting for them. After all, they have not won a World Series since 1908.

San Gabriel Valley SPECIAL OLYMPICS Volunteers Needed

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Sierra Madre Annual Octoberfest Golf & Tennis Tournament



On Saturday, October 6, 2007, the City of Sierra Madre will sponsor 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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