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Sierra Madre Shines As Princess Joins The Royal Court



2008 Royal Court with Queen Gibbs (center) and Sierra Madre Princess Katie Merrill, on the Queen's right.
Photo By D. Lee/MVO

By Teresa Baxter

The Tournament of Roses' Royal Court all embraced, including Princess Katie Merrill of Sierra Madre, after Arcadia resident Dusty Gibbs was officially named the 90th Rose Queen by the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Tuesday morning on the Tournament House's south lawn. Queen Gibbs, 17, attends Arcadia High School. She hopes to attend a four-year university to study science and pursue a career as a physician's assistant. Her parents are Cody Gibbs and Cindy Roberts. "She's going to be representing family, as well as Arcadia High School and our community. It's quite an honor," said Roberts. "Dusty has brought our family joy for 17 years and we're glad to share her."

From Sierra Madre, our own Katie Merrill will also ride down Colorado Blvd as part of this year's Royal Court. Merrill was a Princess on Sierra Madre's Rose Parade Float last year.

A resident of the city since she was 7, Merrill is a senior at Pasadena High School, President of the National Honor Society, has been a member of the California Scholarship Federation for three years and is captain of the PHS varsity volleyball team. Katie's mother, Annette Merrill, stated she was "over the moon" by her daughter's many accomplishments up until this appointment on the Court. "I am in awe of how she's handling herself," she said. "It seems that overnight she's become calm in the media spotlight, remaining composed during interviews

and doing a wonderful job." The proud mom also shared that Merrill hopes to attend Washington University, in St. Louis to study international affairs and global communications. Merrill also hopes to pursue a career as a travel journalist or international correspondent.

A truly well rounded young lady, Merrill also enjoys playing sports, reading, singing, dancing and writing. She is very proud and excited to represent the city that she's from. "Sierra Madre shows that it's the small towns that help shape a person's values," she said. "I thank the warm, caring personalities of everyone that helped to bring me up as a child."

In a show of camaraderie that has blossomed between the contenders for the crown, Merrill jokingly shared that "we made a pact that the queen would have to buy lunch, so at this point I'm wondering where we'll be having lunch."

Also representing the royal court are Rose Princesses Zena Brown, 18, Alverno High School; Chloe Ghoogassian, 17, Pasadena High School; Kelsey MacDougall, 17, La Canada High School; Courtney Rubin, 17, San Marino High School and Gaelen Stanford-Moore, 17, South Pasadena High School.

The Rose Queen and Royal Court will reign over the 2008 New Year's Day festivities, culminating with the 119th Rose Parade themed Passport to the World's Celebrations and the 94th Rose Bowl Game.

Sierra Madre Centennial Finale Complete With Celebrity Mayor

Pioneer Days, A Picture of Everybody and Picnic Top Weekend Events



This photo of a hotel in Sierra Madre at the turn of the century is an example of the kinds of items on display during the Pioneer Days and Sierra Madre Treasures events. Photo courtesy of the Los Angeles Public Library

Since 1990 John Grijalva and Paul Nieby have organized this two day event which focuses on the history of Sierra Madre. This year the event has been blended into the closing activities for the Centennial.

Activities began on Saturday at 11:00 am at Memorial Park. The Sierra Madre Community Foundation sponsored the Canon Dedication at 2:00 pm. The day concluded at E. Waldo Ward's, 273 E. Highland Avenue.

Sunday's program (Sierra Madre's Treasures) includes a proclamation to Frances Hart. Both days offered a wonderful opportunity to view historic pictures and artifacts of Sierra Madre's early days.

Howser For Mayor - (Just For A Day)

Popular TV Host Huell Howser joined the festivities at Memorial Park where he was annointed Honorary Mayor by our current Mayor Enid Joffe. His schedule for the day included interviews with John Grijalva regarding the Veteran's Wall and with Lew Watanabe about the Weeping Wall. He then journeyed on to Kersting Court where he interviewed Centennial Co-Chair, Judy-Webb-Martin, and Pat Hall, President of the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce. Howser's visit will also included tours Church of the Ascension, built in 1888, Mary's Market in the historic Sierra Madre Canyon, the Sierra Madre School, built in 1930, and the Pinney House, built in 1887. His motorcade will then proceed to the Centennial Picnic at Mater Dolorosa Monastery.

The Big 100 Celebration Finale - Everyone in town is invited to Celebrate the Big 100! at the Sierra Madre Picnic and Centennial Closing Ceremony from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center at 700 N. Sunnyside in Sierra Madre.

One of the highlights of this free event will be the All-Community Photo that organizers are planning for 4:30 p.m. Local photographer Neil Vance has volunteered to take this once in a lifetime photo of everyone in attendance at the picnic.

Admission is free. Several local organizations will be selling food and beverages while others will be offering local merchandise and sharing ways for people to get involved community groups and future events. Seating will be on the green so everyone should bring their blankets and chairs.

Time Warner Cable will be sponsoring a showing of the MGM classic movie "The Wizard of Oz" along with a live appearance by costumed characters from the film. This event was unfolding at press time. Complete coverage next week!

Councilman Buchanan Speaks Out "A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR AN ALL AMERICA CITY"



As the ad hoc finance committee moves toward its recommendations on how to fund much needed additional police compensation and a permanent paramedic program, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the broader policy

consideration that gave rise to the current discussion - that of budget sustainability.

This issue has been at the forefront of discussions since I have been on the council. Indeed, this is my second ad hoc committee on finances devoted to paying for public safety needs and the discussion we are having now is much the same as before. The one difference is our recently adopted two year budget has made all the more apparent that a day of reckoning is, in budget terms, fast approaching.

This is not to say the city is "broke" right now. We have emergency reserves equal to about 25% of the overall general fund budget and we will be able to pay for existing city services through fiscal year

2008-09. The budget reserves should be 50% for a city our size however. Moreover, the current two year budget has no money for cost of living increases for any of our employees, including our police officers. On the capital portion of the budget, the street improvement program has been suspended and we have no money to set aside for large scale equipment replacement in the Fire department. The paramedic program is only funded for two years.

What we also know is that at the end of two years current revenue streams will not cover the cost of existing general fund services. Revenue increases (mostly from property tax, utility users tax, and limited sales tax) do not keep pace with the cost of delivering existing services. The cost of those services rises faster than the inflation rate measured by the Consumer Price index, because the cost of city (continued on page 3)



Students at Gooden's Lower School celebrate the Centennial Friday parading down Baldwin, playing their instruments and showing off their civic pride.



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An Inconvenient Peace Prize

By Rich Johnson



Ever look up the word ‘gore’? It’s defined as “murder, bloodshed and violence” in one dictionary. And Webster’s defines it as, “gruesomeness depicted in vivid detail.”

Anyone else find it interesting a person named Gore wins the Nobel PEACE prize?

For those of you who don’t know, the Nobel Prizes are named after Alfred Nobel, a Swedish chemist, engineer, inventor and pacifist. Incidentally, he also owned a business that built bombs. In fact, he invented dynamite, which was the most powerful explosive of its time. A Nobel Peace Prize winner named Gore is starting to make more and more sense. Maybe it’s about time.

You can win a Nobel Prize for outstanding contributions in physics, chemistry, literature, peace, physiology or medicine, and economics (kinda). The glitzy one, of course, is the Peace prize. And it’s in the news because the former vice president won it (Unless someone hurries up and throws it into the Florida courts).

The Peace Prize, according to Mr. Nobel, is to be awarded to, “the person who shall have done the most or the best work for fraternity between the nations, for the abolition or reduction of standing armies and for the holding and promotion of peace congresses”. I guessing he must have felt pretty bad about inventing dynamite.

Let’s take a look at some of the people who were nominated along with some of the people who won and some of those who didn’t win or weren’t even nominated. Teddy Roosevelt was the first American to win the Peace Prize. He won it for helping end the Russo-Japanese War. He must have done a good job. They haven’t fought each other since. That is unless you count World War II.

Apparently it’s not all that hard to get nominated. Just ask Adolph Hitler, Joseph Stalin and Benito Mussolini. Those three were nominated. I’m fairly certain none of them won.

And then there are the three people who never won the Peace Prize but whom I think shoulda. The first is Mahatma Gandhi. He was nominated 5 times and never won. Maybe the Nobel Committee didn’t want him showing up to receive his prize in Stockholm in December...in his underwear. I can understand that.

But the other two may have done more for peace, in my estimation, than all the others combined. I believe the one-two punch of Pope John Paul and President Ronald Reagan significantly helped end the domination of the Soviet Union in Eastern Europe and led to the collapse of communism. That tag team was never even nominated.

So, what about Al Gore? Whatever you feel about his stand on global warming (and I’m plenty skeptical) it’s not a bad idea for us to start thinking seriously about the environment and our kids’ future. Congratulations Mr. Vice President.

Even A Chicken Named Chocolate Swirl Attended!



The Church of the Ascension had a full house at The Blessing of the Animals, last Sunday. Mother Jennifer Beal and Father Michael Bamberger had the honor of meeting and blessing Louie, the tortoise and his two companions, along with two fish, a Hamster and a chicken named Chocolate Swirl.

Afghans, Shelties, Maltese and many more dogs. A cat named ldgit came in her pink carriage with pink bed, pink feather boa and dressed like mom in her pink dress. Dog treats from Wild Flour we’re given out, along with cat goodie and even people food and refreshment we’re served courteous of St. Mary’s Guild and Hospitality Committee.

Best Selling Local Author Phoebe Conn to Tell Tales in Sierra Madre

New York Times best-selling romance novelist and San Marino resident Phoebe Conn will be sharing her passion for storytelling and her insights into the life of a writer at the Sierra Madre Community Arts Commission Fall 2007 Author’s Night on Monday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. at the newly opened Sierra Madre Books, 18 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

For almost 25 years, Phoebe Conn has been entertaining audiences with her stories of love and history, dashing heroes and daring heroines. In January, she will release her 32nd novel, Mango Summer, through Leisure Books.

Conn was introduced to the Sierra Madre Community Arts Commission by new local business owners, the husband and wife team of Jeffrey Ingwalson and Sally Morrison, who just opened up Sierra Madre Books. Conn just happens to be Ingwalson’s mother. Conn raised her family in San Marino and still lives there today.

Morrison says they are very excited to be hosting their first author’s night in conjunction with the Community Arts Commission. The new bookstore has plans to host story hours for children, live music, book clubs, and art shows in the future.

Coffee With Joffe

When A Photo Is More Than A Photo



Mayor Enid Joffe

A few weeks ago, I was cleaning the garage (first time in 20 years!) and I came across some old group photos from my childhood. There I was in the fourth grade class at P.S. 97 in Brooklyn with my favorite teacher—the one who left in the middle of the year. And there was Enid at Brighton Beach Day camp the summer I learned to swim. And, my personal favorite—a 9 or 10 year old Enid holding a large cardboard frame with a wigged and powdered classmate playing Martha Washington inside the picture frame—third grade, Mrs. Friedman’s class. Mind you I didn’t get to be Martha Washington, I only got to hold her picture frame.

Anyway, it got me thinking about the historical value of group photos. I love looking at my son’s old soccer and Little League photos and looking at how he and his friends have grown over the years. On a community level, our Sierra Madre Public Library has created a terrific great archive of photos and documents from the early days of Sierra Madre. Without the surviving group photos of Sierra Madre, like the ones in front of the old School House, we would not have the

How About Some Chicken Pie?!

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28TH
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**



Sierra Madre’s Woman’s Club invites you to attend their Centennial Chicken Pie Dinner, Sunday, October 28, 2007 in the Essick House, their historic clubhouse, 550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre. When the club organized 100 years ago chicken pie dinners were often held to fund raise.

Proceeds support The Foothill Unity Center which helps families in crisis.

With all the needs in the world this is a case of neighbors helping neighbors in their own backyard. This is a family event!

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Stabbing Trial Date Postponed

By Susan Henderson

The trial of Ryan Swender 19, Richfield Chang, 25 and Marvin Chang, also 19 who are each accused of attempted murder in the brutal stabbing of an innocent Sierra Madre teen, has been postponed until November 5, 2007.

According to newly assigned Deputy District Attorney Garrett Worchell, the next court date will be a “Pre-trial Hearing”, meaning that the actual start date for the trial is still unknown. That hearing will be held in front of Judge Teri Schwartz.

Sources have disclosed that there have been at least two plea offers that were agreeable to two of the defendants. However, the third defendant has insisted on going to trial. Because the defendants are being tried together, all three must agree to any plea bargain.

Delays in bringing violent criminal matters to trial is excruciatingly difficult for victims and their families. In addition to recovering from the wounds, the anxiety of waiting to relive the experience on the witness stand is, as experts on the subject have acknowledged, “unbearable”. Speedy trials not only benefit the community, they also mark the beginning of the victims emotional recovery.

Plea bargains, although sometimes unpopular with the public, often help expedite closure for the victims. They are most often used where defendants have prior criminal convictions and a jury trial runs the risk of additional jail time.

The stabbing, which took place in Memorial Park on December 1st of last year, is alleged to have been the result of Swender soliciting the assistance of the Changs (unrelated) to beat up “all the teens in Memorial Park”. In testimony at the preliminary hearing, the ‘teens’ referred to were a group that had been involved and/or present at an argument between Swender and another youth earlier in the day. The victim was not a part of that group.

Back In Time



Sierra Madre circa 1908

Courtesy SMHS

wonderful sense of our town’s history that continues to inform who we are today.

As part of our centennial celebration, the Sierra Madre Historical Society has commissioned the writing of a book about the first 100 years of Sierra Madre. Local historian Michelle Zack is the author. I know many residents of Sierra Madre have contributed money to the effort and local residents have been helping to research various chapters. Volunteers have been pouring over those old photos to identify relatives and members of our founding families. In fact, we will be honored one of those pioneer families, the Hart Family, this Sunday October 21st.

On the same day, we will also had the opportunity to create our own history. At 4:30 PM Sierra Madreans gathered on the Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center lawn to take a panoramic community photograph. I was sure a little chaotic, funny and touching. There, we created a legacy for the next 100 years of our community’s history. Decades from now, our children and grandchildren will pour over that photo and exclaim, “Look how young Grandma was.” Or “What funny clothes they used to wear” or think of us as the pioneers. We hope you were a part of that history. That photo will create a new legacy for the next 100 years of Sierra Madre.

Mayor Joffe welcomes your comments and questions. She can be reached at ejoffe@ci.sierra-madre.ca.us or 626 646-3458. She is always happy to meet for a cup of coffee.

Heaven Meets Earth at Memorial Park

By Teresa Baxter Photo Dean Lee



The 14th Annual Angel Festival was held last Saturday at Memorial Park, in Sierra Madre. The weather was perfect for the celestial setting that featured exhibits and booths offering a wide array of angel memorabilia. There were many festivities that showcased everything from angelic lectures, demonstrations, and musical performances. A live angel statue serenely held her post at the entrance to the event, while artists created angelic chalk art masterpieces throughout the park

Director Candace Frazee created the festival after the angel craze took off in the 1990s. It was at that time that she decided the heavenly obsession would not become a passing fad. She has kept the spirit alive by organizing the annual event which started in La Crescenta in 1993. Frazee moved the setting to Sierra Madre in 2003.

“We picked the park in Sierra Madre because it was a sweet and intimate setting that projected the spirit of Americana,” she said.

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services is heavily weighted toward things like health care benefits, workers compensation, and pension contributions. In addition capital improvement costs are heavily influenced by volatile energy prices and world-wide demand for basic materials like lumber and concrete. Revenues, on the other hand, have not - and will not - rise at a similar pace.

In sum, these trends are not sustainable even if we add no new cost items to the budget. Yet state mandates for things like environmental compliance and planning updates become ever more complicated and costly and we can expect that to be a continuing fact of life.

For all these reasons we need to act now, before the “day of reckoning” when the fixes will be even more costly and difficult. The council has selected two budget priorities as crucial steps toward sustaining our current level of city services – police pay and paramedics. We cannot continue down a path of negotiations with the police officers union where they demand raises and the city’s response is to say, “We wish we could” and hope that operating revenues will show unanticipated increases. (This last year the police officers received a four percent raise and an additional step increase, but we do not have the funds to do it again). This process has resulted in impasse and the imposition of a one year Memorandum of Understanding with no ability to predict where future raises might come from. This is a process fair to no one.

To budget in a sustainable way, we need to identify and put in place a funding stream that allows us to enter into a multi-year agreement with the POA that provides for predictable cost of living increases our officers can count on. The objective financial and legal analysis of the POA’s initiative shows it is not the solution. It is too costly and unworkable, and it compromises our independence as a city. Nonetheless it reflects a view I share – if we want to have our own police department (and I most definitely do), we have to pay our officers more than they make now! To budget in a sustainable way we also need a dedicated revenue stream to fund the vital paramedic program it took so long to get and which has already made a material difference in the quality of life for sick and injured residents.

Once these public safety issues are addressed we can then plan for our other city employees and long term capital needs and put Sierra Madre on a sustainable fiscal path. I am confident we can do this. We are an All America city because, at crucial moments, we have looked ahead, seen a need, and banded together to develop solutions as a community. Will the solution here cost a bit more? Yes. But the cost of doing nothing is much greater.

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Pasadena Humane Society Set To Expand

Photo and Story By Dean Lee

The city council earlier this month unanimously voted to allow the Pasadena Humane Society to expand their facilities. The council in effect is creating a new definition for “Animal Shelter” to be added to City’s Zoning Code’s Glossary of Specialized Terms and Land Use Type. Planning and Development Department associate planner, Beilin Yu, said the purpose of this amendment is to create a new definition that distinguishes non-profit animal shelters from for-profit animal services. Yu said that to prevent other nonprofit shelters opening in the area, the new zoning will only apply to a small area around the now existing Pasadena Humane Society. For years, the Humane Society has been out of compliance, she said.

The issue came to the council after the Humane Society purchased a property adjacent to their current shelter. The move will increase the total size by 25 percent, extending the facility to Del Mar Boulevard. Under existing city zoning, animal boarding use was not allowed in the area. Pasadena Humane Society President and CEO Steve McNall said they were still evaluating the new property and would not know the exact uses for the new building for about eight months. However, he did say that the existing shelter was at capacity and un-adopted cats were one of their biggest concerns. He said most likely the expansion would focus on that, as well as expanding parking availability.

Councilmember Steve Madison noted the timing, with the issue coming to them one day after this year’s Pasadena Humane Society Wiggle Waggle Walk with more than 2,000 walkers and dogs helping raise more than \$237,000 for the animals at the shelter.

During the discussions, Councilmember Sid Tyler also raised concerns that people in private homes could start breeding animals. Richard Bruckner, Director of Planning and Development Department, said that in certain areas, with a Conditional Use Permit, someone could in fact breed animals. City Manager, Cynthia Kurtz, said that staff would inspect for possible violations involving boarding situations in residential areas.



Home of the Pasadena Humane Society

JPL 28 Wins Temporary Injunction

By Teresa Baxter

A lawsuit, which began when a group of 28 Jet Propulsion Laboratory employees took a stance against the intrusive policies set forth by the U.S. government, has since been gaining momentum into the spotlight of judicial scrutiny. The suit claims violation of constitutional rights with the implementation HSPD-12, which is the policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors, set forth by President Bush, post 9/11.

The issue originally came to worldwide attention on Aug. 30, when 28 senior scientists and engineers at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL is a part of Caltech) filed suit in United States District Court for the Central District of California against NASA, the Department of Commerce and the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) on behalf of a class of JPL employees who are being required to waive their privacy rights and submit to an unconstitutional intrusive background investigation in order to retain their jobs with JPL.

It has since been a roller coaster ride as far as victories and defeats are concerned. For example, the case was initially defeated on Oct. 3 when, during the hearing in his Los Angeles courtroom, Judge Otis Wright said he was inclined to issue a limited temporary injunction before Oct. 5 in the case of the 28 JPL employees who filed suit against Caltech and NASA over the detailed personal investigations associated with issuing new identification badges for access to the JPL facility. None of the 28 employees do any classified work.

The next day, however, Judge Wright changed his mind. Rather than issuing the temporary injunction he described in court that Monday, he denied the employees’ plea for court protection. A few hours later, attorneys for the JPL employees said they would file an emergency appeal of Wright’s decision to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

Caltech had imposed an Oct. 5 deadline for employees to

complete a detailed personal questionnaire and to “voluntarily” sign a waiver permitting investigators to conduct open-ended probes into intimate personal background details, including sexual relationships. Employees who did not comply by that date will be locked out on October 27.

Hundreds of JPL employees have taken issue with the background checks. In addition to the 28 plaintiffs, more than 250 employees have signed an on-line statement stating that they completed the questionnaire under duress in order to keep their jobs. Many others are yet to comply with NASA’s requirements. As pointed out by Caltech attorney Mark Holscher in a previous court appearance, only 4100 out of 7500 JPL employees and contractors have initiated the required paperwork.

The women of JPL, some employed for decades, have banded together in a letter writing campaign to Hillary Clinton, Barbara Boxer, Elizabeth Dole, and Diane Feinstein, to name a few. A portion of the letter states, ““We write to you as a community of women scientists and engineers [...] Our mothers’ era was marked by the struggle for equal protection under the Constitution. What legacy will we leave our daughters if we allow those rights to erode?”

In a surprise eleventh hour move, on the Oct. 5 deadline, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals stepped in, entering an emergency injunction against the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. The Court ruled that NASA could not require JPL scientists and engineers holding non-sensitive positions to sign waivers of their privacy rights. If the Court had not issued this injunction, thousands of scientists would have had to choose between waiving their privacy rights and keeping their jobs.

This temporary injunction will be addressed, again, in the upcoming weeks. JPL employees are not seeking monetary gain from the lawsuit, but are focused

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Moratorium On Condo Conversions In Pasadena Set

By Vivianne Parker

The Pasadena City Council recently voted unanimously for a 45-day moratorium on condo conversions. This vote wins a victory for affordable housing advocates who, weeks earlier, had presented the issue as a rising community concern. The moratorium will allow a task force to study the issue and make recommendations for an ordinance on condo conversions, and affirms that there would be no net loss on affordable housing while the task force was reviewing the subject.

The problem of renter displacement makes the issue of condo conversions a major concern for affordable housing advocates. It pushes renters into Pasadena’s burgeoning luxury market, which is basically unaffordable for those with very low and low incomes. Community leaders, from organizations like the League of Women Voters, AARP, ACLU, Union Station Foundation and other groups, attended the meeting to offer support and give their experiences with people being displaced from the community.

Several community members described the ordeal of having to move to conditions less than favorable due to being forced out from their homes for a new business venture project. Councilman Chris Holden initiated the idea of a moratorium and task force after considering the course of a project presented to the board weeks earlier by the housing advocates. The project was an apartment building, which had two \$800 rental units and two \$600 rental units, up for conversion with the renters being evicted.

Marvin Shatner, one of the housing advocates, urged the importance “that the composition of the committee we’re proposing include representatives from the housing community,” he said. “Our concern is not luxury housing or conversion of luxury housing, renting for \$2000 to \$3000 a month. We are concerned with apartments renting below that point. It’s a question of fairness to the tenants [who are] being forced out of their homes.”

As the council reviewed the motion, one councilman questioned the idea of maintaining the property as an affordable unit, once the property is purchased, because the owner could then resell the unit at market rate. The practice is a tactic of investors trying to make a profit. Cynthia Kurtz, City Manager, also said a practice of reinvesting in the owner’s property could result in landlords raising the rents to unaffordable levels if the apartment owners are not allowed to sell their property as condo conversions. The task force would weigh the challenges facing them with this issue.

Shatner believes the “profit-making ability of conversions is so great that some 25,000 rental units in Pasadena would be at risk if you didn’t develop some form of control over condo conversions.”

Most community members expressed their thanks to the council on developing a moratorium and expected the issue to go beyond its 45-day review. “There are a lot of variables here,” said Mr. Segal, a community member in support of the moratorium. “I want to reiterate one thing Marvin Shatner said: We always worry about the fairness to real estate developers. We ought to start worrying about fairness of renters. Renters are important to the community as real estate developers who come in and make their money, and they are gone.”

The profile of who gets displaced can be anyone. It is the homeless, who are trying to change their lives, ones attending programs being offered at facilities like

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City Considers Mama’s Hot Tamales Pasadena

The Pasadena City Council will consider Monday night authorizing the city manager to enter into a loan agreement with Episcopal Housing Alliance to purchase property at 45 N. San Gabriel Blvd. to open a Pasadena-based Mama’s Hot Tamales. The funding would come from Community Development Block Grants. .

According to city staff The Episcopal Housing Alliance,

dba Institute for Urban Research and Development is an economic development project in Los Angeles established as a small business incubator and now a thriving business near MacArthur Park with more than 100 people participating in commercial food education and preparation.

The original Mama’s Hot Tamales Café opened in 2002 in an effort to help clean up the MacArthur Park area and has become an icon in Los Angeles ever since. Their website claims, “The tamales capital of the world and... a neighborhood revitalization experience.” D. Lee/MVO

Reporter Gives New Meaning To ‘Covering Your Beat’ During Jewelry Heist

From Staff reports

A reporter for this newspaper did what anyone would do given the situation. After seeing a man running from a South Lake jewelry store Tuesday afternoon with a store employee close in tow yelling, “Stop that thief,” she dialed 911 from her cell phone.

Within minutes, three or four motorcycle police were on scene as the store manager of Arnold’s Fine Jewelry at 350 South Lake Ave., was giving a description of the suspect on the reporter’s cell phone.

Sales Floor Manager, Pamela Bloem, told police the thief had grabbed \$10,000 in diamonds and other jewels after he requested that a section of diamonds be brought out for his viewing. Police later said the total loss was 14 wedding rings estimated to be worth \$20,000.

“We have only had a couple of instances in our 21 year history but never to this extent,” Bloem said. “I thought the police responded quickly.”

Before it was all over, a number of police cars also combed the streets with a helicopter overhead looked for a suspect described as being of average height and build, short, almost shaved dark hair, and wearing a long-sleeved gray tee shirt.

Pasadena police spokeswoman, Janet Pope Givens, said police have a description of a man, African-American, between the age of 30 and 40. She said police are asking anyone that might have seen a person leaving the area in a hurried fashion or anything else suspicious, to call the Police Department Detective Section at (626) 744-4522.

The reporter also said she saw the suspect run through the Burlington Arcade behind the 300 block of South Lake Avenue and hop onto a bicycle. A maroon/silver mountain bike was later found abandoned blocks away and reported to police.

The suspect was last seen cycling towards Caltech via San Pasqual Ave. The reporter said police thinks the suspect may have blended in with students on the Caltech campus.

Abandoned Shopping Carts Still Constitute A Nuisance, City Says

By Dean Lee

Pasadena’s Economic Development Technology Committee on Wednesday night put off directing the city attorney to draft a new zero tolerance law prohibiting shopping carts that are abandoned or remain unattended on private property, city streets, alley, sidewalk or other public right-of-way for an extended period of time.

The committee is made up of council members, Victor Gordo (Chair), Steve Madison, Jacque Robinson and Mayor Bill Bogaard. Robinson was absent. No store representatives were at the meeting and Madison said he thought their input was needed before any decision could be made. Madison stated that by including grocery stores such as Ralph’s or Vons, other ideas could surface of which the committee might be unaware. He also said he wanted more input from stores that now use locking devices to prevent stray carts, such as Target. Gordo agreed, and the committee set the issue to be heard again at their next meeting. The committee meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.

The new ordinance would amend the city’s existing Shopping Cart Ordinance which requires retailers providing shopping carts to submit and annually update an abandoned cart prevention plan. Among other requirements, the law holds stores accountable for inventorying their carts, providing a community outreach process, and implementing a mandatory retrieval process if carts are removed from a store or business.

Despite the existing ordinance, city staff said a total of 9,070 shopping carts were picked up citywide last year. Some have criticized the wheel locking systems, saying they lead to a pile-up of carts at store exits. At times,

shoppers have said cars have had to swerve around locked carts left in the street and pedestrians have observed the carts accumulating quickly on sidewalks adjacent to stores. The 99¢ Only Store in the 1700 block of Colorado Boulevard has a wheel locking system, and at times locked carts impede entering or exiting the store.

Jon Pollard, the city’s code compliance manager, said that if a store was required to put in a cart containment system such as bollards, short posts that prevent carts from leaving an area, they could not inhibit disabled persons or the elderly.

“They would have to submit plans to Planning and Development,” Pollard said. “If there was any kind of problem they would then be required to put wheel locking systems in instead of the bollards.”

According to city staff, the cost of an electronically operated wheel locking system can range between \$5,000 and \$30,000, depending on the complexity and size of the installation.

Pollard said retailers would only be required to install a physical cart containment system if they were issued more than 10 administrative citations in a 30-day period for shopping carts that had been abandoned “off-premises.”

According to city manager, Cynthia Kurtz, the costs now associated with city-wide sweeps that target certain areas for speedy removal which includes maintaining a vendor hotline, would all be reduced.

The cities of Glendale, Monterey Park, Pomona, and Long Beach all have similar shopping cart abandonment laws. Pollard advised, however, that the California Shopping Cart Retrieval Corporation fought vigorously, but unsuccessfully, against Glendale’s ordinance. “They view this as essentially, putting them out of business,” Pollard said. Pasadena is one of many cities currently contracting with the California Shopping Cart Retrieval Corporation to pick up lost shopping carts.

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Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council

TIP OF THE WEEK

From Caroline Brown

The Big Santa Anita Canyon and Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council meeting mid-September featured guest speaker George Geer, of the U.S. Forest Service Fire Prevention Division. Following is the third and last installment from Mr. Geer's presentation

" . . . after protecting your home with landscaping to cool down the fire and by removing brush and low-lying limbs to provide a defensible space, you must still be on the alert."

"Remember, in most cases it isn't the highly visible fire on the hillside that is the problem. The problem will be those wind-driven flying embers that could land in your yard and on your roof and in your brush and trees. You could live several blocks ahead of the fire zone when those flying embers start landing on your property."

While your home is still a long distance ahead of the fire " . . . it will be you and your neighbors that will have the best chance of putting out small fires in your yards or on your homes before they get out of hand."

The next Fire Safe Council meeting will be Monday, November 12, 2007 at 7 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Fire Marshall Snyder will be showing the film by Mr. Geer: The Science Behind Brush Clearance. For more information contact the Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council at 355-0741 or 355-9350. smfiresafecouncil@hotmail.com or c.brown@mvoobserver.com

Environmentally Speaking,
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On the morning of October 6, Bailey Canyon Wilderness Park at the top of Grove, was bustling with activity. Dead brush was cut and cleared out, invasive plants were removed, and weeds were pulled. With many rakes in motion, the Fall clean-up was accomplished.

The SMEAC board wishes to thank those of you who lent a hand, especially the enthusiastic students from Alverno High School, and Sierra Madre Congregational Church! Special thanks go to our youth coordinator, Chuck Havard, for recruiting these young people whose hard work made the task attainable. From all of us in SMEAC: **Get Well Soon, Chuck!**

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...RED FLAG WARNING IN EFFECT THROUGH TUESDAY AFTERNOON FOR STRONG NORTHEAST WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY - From the National Weather Service for Los Angeles and Ventura Counties

Red Flag Warning -- A **Red Flag Warning** is a forecast warning issued by the [United States National Weather Service](#) to tell area firefighting and land management agencies that conditions are ideal for wildland fire ignition and propagation. It is especially common in the hills of [California](#) in mid to late summer. After drought conditions, and when [humidity](#) is very low, and especially when high or erratic winds which may include lightning are a factor, the Red Flag Warning becomes a critical statement for firefighting agencies, which often alter their staffing and equipment resources dramatically to accommodate the forecast risk. To the public, a Red Flag Warning means high fire danger with increased probability of a quickly spreading vegetation fire in the area within 24 hours. *Source: Wikipedia*

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SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During the week of Sunday, October 7th, to Saturday October 13th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 262 calls for service.

Sunday, October 7th:
12:03 PM – Arrest. An officer stopped a car for a minor equipment violation at the intersection of Baldwin Ave and Sierra Madre Blvd. A records check revealed the driver was unlicensed. The driver was issued a citation and released in the field on a written promise to appear.

Tuesday, October 9th:
6:31 PM – Annoying telephone calls, 700 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. A resident called the station to report he has been receiving angry telephone calls and e-mails from a neighbor since September 25th. The case is currently under investigation.

Wednesday, October 10th:
10:09 AM – Grand Theft, Sierra Madre Public Library. An officer was dispatched to 440 West Sierra Madre Blvd regarding the theft of a Centennial Banner. The banner, which was located directly in front of the public library, was discovered missing on Tuesday evening October 9th by a library patron. The banner is approximately 30” x 70”, made of heavy vinyl and valued at \$500.00.

Thursday, October 11th:
2:03 AM – Arrest, Michillinda Ave and Foothill Blvd. An officer stopped a car for a minor traffic violation. A records check revealed an outstanding arrest warrant. The driver was cited and issued a written promise to appear.

Friday, October 12th:
7:17 AM – Arrest, 500 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. Officers stopped a vehicle for expired registration. A records check revealed the driver was operating the car with a suspended driver's license for DUI. The driver was issued a written promise to appear and released.

Saturday, October 13th:
4:30 AM – Stolen vehicle, 300 block Mariposa Ave. A resident called to report his red and white 1963 VW bus (5ZRP484) was missing from his carport. The VW micro bus was last seen Friday 10/12 at 6:30 pm and discovered missing Saturday 10/13 at 4:30 am. No estimated loss was available

8:02 AM – Residential burglary, 600 block East Grandview Ave. A contractor arrived at his job site and found the lock securing the security gate cut and the gate open. Stolen was a combination of 12” x 12” and 6” x 6” red Spanish floor tiles. The theft occurred between 5:00 pm Friday, 10/12 and 7:45 am Saturday, 10/13. The loss was estimated at \$1300.00.

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, October 7, through Saturday, October 13, the Police Department responded to 884 calls for service of which 141 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, October 7:
A residential burglary occurred in the 1800 block of South Baldwin between 3:00 p.m. on October 6 and 8:30 a.m. on October 7. Unknown suspect(s) pried open the front door to gain access into the house and stole a handgun, jewelry, and checks.

Around 11:12 p.m., officers observed a driver make several moving violations and initiated a traffic stop at 100 West Huntington . A 26-year-old male Caucasian was contacted and officers detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath and his speech was slurred. A field sobriety test was conducted and it was determined that the man was driving while under the influence of alcohol and was taken into custody.

Monday, October 8:
Between 3:00 p.m. on October 6 and 5:15 a.m. on October 8, a commercial burglary occurred at the Westfield mall construction site. Unknown suspect(s) broke into two office trailers and stole several laptop computers, digital cameras, and other property.

Units were dispatched to Pepper's, 181 Colorado, around 7:33 p.m. regarding an assault. A witness advised that he was driving in the area when he saw a man down on the roadway, and he was bleeding from his head and face. The witness escorted the victim into the restaurant and called police. The victim appeared intoxicated and he indicated that he had won money at the racetrack and went to Pepper's for a few drinks. Later, he went outside to call for a cab when two male Hispanics assaulted him by punching him in the face. One suspect took his wallet with his winnings and they fled the scene.

Tuesday, October 9:
A commercial burglary occurred at Mobile Zone Wireless, a kiosk located at Westfield mall, between 9:30 p.m. on October 8 and 9:36 a.m. on October 9. Fifty-eight cellular phones and several routers were stolen from locked cabinets. A review of the mall's surveillance video showed a male African-American suspect stealing the property.

Around 10:34 a.m., units were called to Arcadia Nails, 123 South First, regarding a man who refused to pay for a \$13 haircut. A 50-year-old Hispanic was detained and he appeared to be under the influence of a controlled substance. A consent search of his person revealed a bindle containing a white crystalline substance resembling methamphetamine and a fraudulent California identification card. He was taken into custody without incident.

Wednesday, October 10:
While on routine patrol in the 00 block of West Live Oak around 3:00 a.m., officers observed a running vehicle in a parking lot of a closed business. The driver was asleep inside the car, and there was fresh collision damage to the entire side of the car. A 39-year-old male Caucasian was contacted and he admitted to being involved in a traffic accident about a block away from the location. A consent search of the vehicle was made and a large amount of hashish, marijuana, numerous small baggies, an electronic scale, and an instrument used as a sap that he kept for protection were found. The man was arrested for possession of hashish and marijuana for sale, possession of hashish and marijuana, and manufacture/sell dangerous weapon.

Around 8:49 a.m., officers saw a bicyclist talking to a man on the roof at the Goodwill building, 17 West Las Tunas. The men were contacted and investigation revealed that there were actually two men on the roof and they have been living there. The roof looked like a transient camp, and a television, clock, and radio were plugged into the exterior air conditioning unit of the building. The two Caucasian suspects, ages 27 and 48, were arrested for trespassing and theft of utility service.

Thursday, October 11:
In the 1500 block of N. Santa Anita, sometime overnight, suspect(s) entered an unlocked garage and with a step stool broke a kitchen window to enter the residence. The suspect(s) ransacked the bedrooms and took computers, passports, and misc. paperwork. No suspect(s) were seen or heard.

At approx. 1:15 p.m. in the 200 block of East Foothill a bank notified the Police Dept. of a fraud suspect at location. One suspect was arrested without incident at the scene. A second suspect who fled the location via a vehicle, was arrested after a multi block city containment with the assistance of the West Covina PD K9 unit, Pasadena PD helicopter, FSET/SWAT officers, and surrounding agencies. Both suspects were charged with burglary, forgery and the second suspect with resisting arrest.

Friday, October 12:
Between the hours of 4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the parking lot in the 200 block of East Foothill unknown suspect(s) used an unknown type tool to break the window of the victim's vehicle. The suspect(s) then took an organizer, credit cards and money. No one was seen or heard.

Unknown suspect(s) gained entry into the victim's locked vehicle in the 100 block of East Huntington between 8:30-1030 p.m. by smashing out the front passenger window. Once inside, the suspect(s) took the victim's purse. The same or another suspect then used the victim's credit card in the city of Baldwin Park.

Saturday, October 13:
At 12:35 a.m. in the 200 block of N. Santa Anita officers were dispatched to location regarding gunshots being fired. An investigation revealed that a fight broke out inside the bar area and three gunshots were fired into the ceiling. The unknown suspect's responsible for the fight and the negligent discharges fled the scene prior to arrival. No one was hit or injured by the gunfire.

In the 500 block of Gloria Rd, around 11:00 p.m., an unknown suspect used a cutting tool and cut through the vehicle's convertible top. The suspect then gained entry to the vehicle and removed a digital camera, lens, and battery. A witness said that he observed an unknown female exit the vehicle and approach the vehicle then get back into the vehicle which was described as being white in color.

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Study Of Taxi Voucher Program Being Reviewed

Photo and Story By Vivianne Parker



Seniors listen to the recommended fate of the taxi voucher program

Community opposition to the change in the taxi voucher program brought many people out to meet with the MTA about the effects of their revised distribution of taxi vouchers and bus tokens to the public. The meeting, held Oct. 4 at the Altadena Senior Center, was an opportunity for MTA to hear the comments from the public about this change. The change is a shift toward using more bus tokens and fewer taxi vouchers for participating agencies to distribute to its members. This change is a yearlong work-in-progress that has not been finalized. The change is an alternative solution to the auditor's 2006 recommendation to entirely eliminate the program. According to the auditor's determination, the majority of trips taken by participants did not meet the program's eligibility requirements. While at first glance this issue seems like it is one of low priority for consumers, it has a major effect on the lifestyle of seniors' basic needs. Prior to changing its distribution process, MTA held a meeting with participating agencies to inform them of the change. The actual distribution of tickets is administered by brokers ILLA and FAME, who distribute the vouchers to the various agencies. However, some agencies received drastic reductions of taxi coupons for their communities. For instance, Pasadena Senior Center's allotment was cut from 1,600 to 100 a month. The Altadena Senior Center did not receive any bus tokens to distribute because they had not been automatically shifted to the program, which would have qualified them to receive bus tokens. So, the Altadena center had to apply to be included in the bus token program. MTA representatives said the cuts should have been a 35% reduction level, and that the centers' distribution cut experiences were too drastic.

Diane Ward, from Santa Anita Family Services, presented a petition from 52 individuals to the representatives at the meeting. A representative from Villa Park communicated the concerns and needs of 20 individuals who did not have transportation to make it to the meeting. Rita, a representative from Mike Antonovich's office, expressed the concern of meeting attendees there that the trial period of study was too long. "Altadena in particular, the typography here has treacherous walking. A young person can't walk the hills. I think you need to consider this point," she added.

Seniors especially valued the opportunity to use taxi vouchers, because most have difficulty walking and standing for long periods of time. The most frequent trips were used to buy groceries. Having to carry several bundles or packages is difficult for the older seniors. Factoring in the inclines of the hills makes the task a much harder and trying challenge. Many people stated that taxi vouchers were great for trips to doctor appointments, and other similar needs.

The voucher and token usage information is reviewed for improvements every three months in all communities. Comments are taken in both Los Angeles County and the San Gabriel Valley areas. Based on what they heard, the MTA representatives offered a direct link to the participating agencies and their users so they can more directly express their concerns in writing about upcoming program changes next year. This was an effort to extend a courtesy, since the taxi representative left the meeting during public comment time before hearing the concerns about the taxis problems from some of the public. One concern was the rejection of taxi voucher service to the Altadena area.

Another meeting will be held in Spring 2008 to hear more public comments before the revised program becomes final. Lance Johnson, a senior from the Altadena Senior Center, made a recommendation that would require the program auditors to walk the routes before the Spring meeting, "to see how far it is and how long it takes to get there," to better understand the challenge of walking in the hills just to reach transportation points. Another gentlemen from the Pasadena Senior Center also expressed concerns about the additional weather challenges facing seniors walking during both summer and winter seasons.

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By Pat Birdsall

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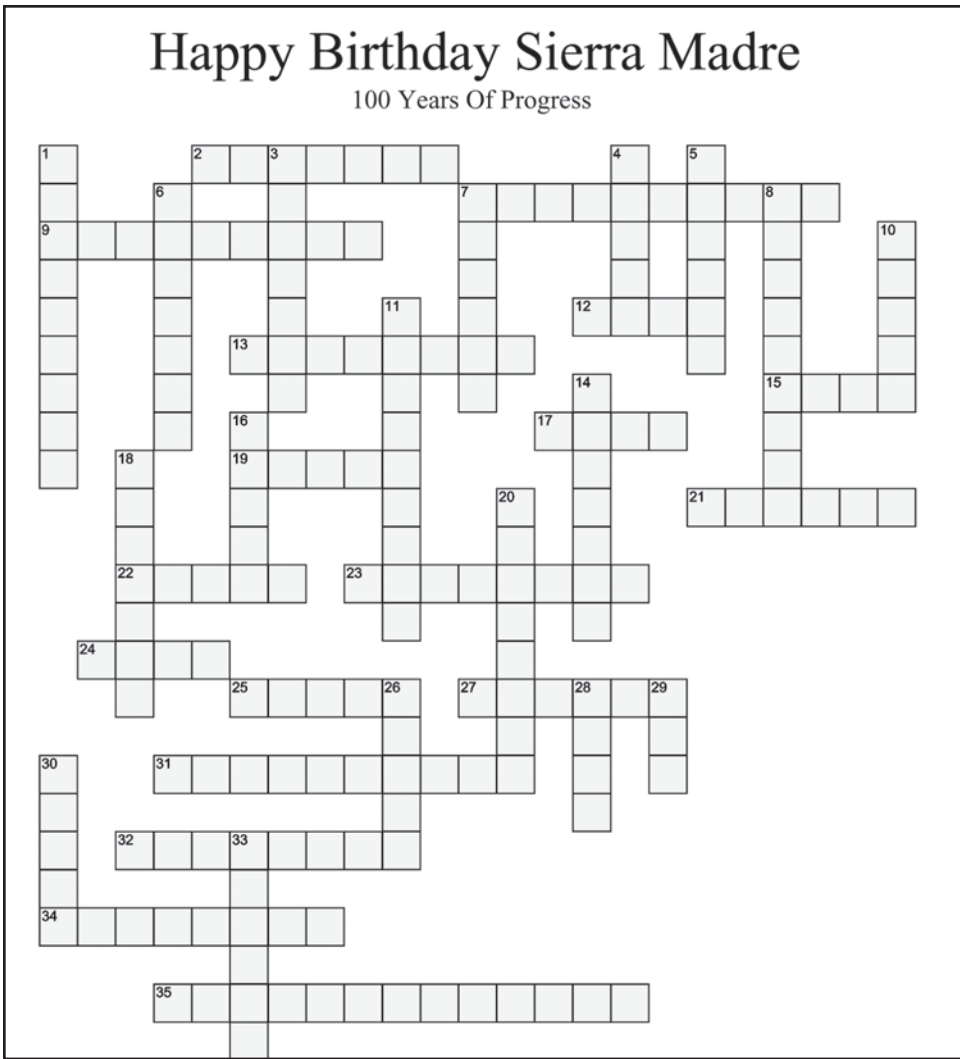
Monday:	Free Strength Training Class with Lisa Brandley 1:00- 1:45 PM
Tuesday:	Bingo: 1:30-3:30 PM .25c per card Yoga: 5:00 PM- Instructor, Andrea Walsh- \$5.25 for seniors
Wednesday:	Open
Thursday:	Game Day- 1:30- 4:00 PM Poker, Scrabble, Cribbage, Chess, Checkers, Backgammon, Pinochle...you name it. Yoga: 5:00-6:30 PM- For seniors and others who want to go slowly (can be done in a chair) Instructor: Andrea Walsh \$5.25 for those 50 & over-\$7.00 for those under 50 To register call: 355-5278
Friday:	Ping-Pong- 2:00-4:00 PM- Not tournament, just for fun Aerobics for Active Seniors- 3:00- 4:00 PM at the Community Center- 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.-\$34.00 for an 8 week course Instructor: Bonnie Smithson Call 355-5278 to enroll.
Saturday:	Senior Club for those 55 and older- Brown bag lunch at 11:30AM Bingo: 12:30 PM .25 cents per card

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29 - Where the kids go

30 Center For The Multi-Challenged

33 Big Gun In Park

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CONDO CONVERSIONS (from pg. 4)

the Union Foundation. Irma was one such person known by Rabbi Marvin Gross . He discussed her challenges with the City Council Monday evening. Irma had been a Pasadenan since she was two years old. She was one of Union Station's success stories, from her arrival there a year ago after finding herself in hard times. When her program ended, she spent the last five months frustrated looking for an affordable apartment. Thankfully, she found a place in North Hills. "That's the issue we have at Union Station. Our people succeed. Then they move out to Lancaster, Palmdale, Las Vegas and wherever it is. They almost never stay in Pasadena," he added.

The face of who gets displaced continues throughout the city. It might be a grandmother who lived with her family in a Section 8 property, now being forced to live on a sister's couch. Or the person could have been one of the quiet tenants living at the Pasadena Athletic Club, now being developed for a new project. Or maybe you were one of the 167 tenants from the Pasadena Manor who had expected to live their life as Pasadenans, now living in San Dimas. Pasadena Manor is

now boarded up and waiting for redevelopment.

"We all had to go," remembers Joyce, as she recounted her experience to the City Council members. "It was very stressful for some people... people who have contributed to Pasadena. One lady, writing a book about Pasadena, is now living in a motel where she can hardly pay for food... A man who designed floats. These are people. They aren't wealthy, but they have contributed to this wonderful city that we have. And they have to live in horrible conditions. I think this is horrible for this wonderful City of Pasadena to do this to them."

Eric Winters, a real estate broker, presented the other side of the affordable housing problem. He said there were some individuals who "wanted to get off the rent treadmill cycle. Low price (properties) are the most difficult to find. The conversion units are the most affordable," he believes, citing that the new condos are the ones that are mostly unaffordable for most first time buyers.

The City Council will formally present the moratorium for publication next week and the moratorium goes into effect seven days after its presentation, and continues for 45 days.

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Recipe of the Month:

Roasted Fall Vegetables



- * 2 lbs butternut squash- peeled, seeded, and cut into 1 ½ inch pieces
 - * 2 lbs red new potatoes (12-14), well scrubbed and quartered
 - * 1 lb medium red onions (2 to 3), peeled and quartered
 - * 1 lb carrots (6 - 8 med.), halved lengthwise, if thick, cut into 1 ½ inch lengths
 - * 4 to 6 garlic cloves, peeled and smashed
 - * 3 Tbsp olive oil
 - * 2 tsp coarse salt and ¼ tsp ground pepper
- Preheat oven to 450. Divide vegetables and garlic between 2 rimmed baking sheets, dividing evenly, toss with oil, salt & pepper. Roast until tender & beginning to brown-40-50 min., tossing & rotating halfway through. Can also be used in soups, pasta and rice. (Serves 8; makes about 12 cups)

~ For Your Funny Bone~

The husband and wife go to a counselor after 20 years of marriage. The counselor asks them what the problem is and the wife goes into a tirade listing every problem they have ever had in the 20 years they've been married. She goes on and on. Finally, the counselor gets up, walks around the desk and embraces the wife and kisses her passionately. The woman shuts up and sits quietly in a daze. The counselor turns to the husband and says, "This is what your wife needs at least three times a week. Can you do this?" The husband thinks for a moment and replies, "Well, I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays, but on Fridays, I golf."

~ Helpful Hint~

To loosen rusty nuts and bolts, pour some club soda over them. The carbonation helps to bubble the rust away.

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Mayor Bogaard: “Pasadena City College Makes Pasadena Proud”

By Teresa Baxter

Hundreds of people were in attendance as Pasadena City College held the official ground-breaking ceremony for the new Industrial Technologies Building and a new Bookstore/Campus Center on Wednesday, Oct. 17. Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard and California District 44 Assemblymember Anthony Portantino were on hand to praise the improvements that can only add to the stature of one of the most highly regarded campuses in the country.

The newly appointed president of PCC, Dr. Paulette Perfumo, led the occasion, while recognizing the appearance of former President Dr. James Kossler, the person most responsible for insuring the expansion.

“Several years ago the college began the difficult process of transforming this hallowed but deteriorated physical facility into an urban campus that would be able to serve the next generation of PCC students in a rapidly changing instructional environment,” said Perfumo. “Not only is technology affecting every portion of the teaching and learning process, but the trades and professions for which our students are training have themselves gone through massive technological changes, necessitating a constantly changing curriculum.”

In addition to the Industrial Technology Building, PCC will also enhance its Automotive, Building Construction, Drafting, Electronics, Electricity, and Welding programs.

“The Industrial Technology Building could not come at a more important or helpful time,” said Bogaard. “In Pasadena we have been reminded, through painful lessons last year, about the needs of young people.”

Attention has been given to the violence on the streets of Pasadena and to the young people who are dropping out of high school in large numbers who need



new educational, recreational, internship and work opportunities that will transform their attitude towards secondary education, and beyond, he said.

The new Campus Center will be a two-story building, with the Bookstore occupying the entire first floor, plus half the second floor. The remainder of the second floor will house Campus Police and Student Business Services.

The new Campus Center will also greatly improve Food Services on campus. The service and dining facilities will provide students with an up-to-date, inviting area to eat, study, and socialize. Wireless computer access will also be present in all areas.

“I think the wireless Internet is going to be a great thing,” said Micheal Sansosti, Associated Students President. “More students will want to stay on campus, instead of taking their learning home. Maybe they can network more at school with other students and increase their learning here.”

The total project cost of \$55.96 million was funded through Measure P, the general obligation bond approved by the voters of the Pasadena Area Community College District, in 2002.

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Parents, Students & Neighbors Pasadena High School Campus Work Day

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ROOSEVELT SCHOOL SEEKING ALUMNI AND FORMER STAFF TO ATTEND 100 YEAR CELEBRATION

Pasadena Unified School District's Roosevelt School is seeking former staff and alumni to join them when they celebrate 100 years in Education on Sunday, October 21 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. The event, which will include entertainment, games, crafts and other activities, will be held at the school site, 315 North Pasadena Avenue, Pasadena.

The anniversary celebration is open to current and former students, staff, families, prospective families, and the general public.

For more information, contact Principal Kathee Bautista at Roosevelt School. (626) 795-9501

PASADENA UNIFIED HOSTS 3rd ANNUAL COLLEGE FAIR

Students And Parents Invited To Learn About College Admissions And Financial Aid

Pasadena Unified School District will host their 3rd Annual College Fair on the Quad at Pasadena City College, 1570 East Colorado Blvd., Pasadena on October 27 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Students and parents are invited to speak with representatives from both public and private four year colleges and universities, technical schools, and vocational programs, in addition to attending workshops about college admissions and financial aid.

“We encourage all middle and high school students in the area to attend this event so they can start determining which college is the right one for them,” said Eddie Newman, Director of Regional Occupation Programs (ROP) for Pasadena Unified School District. “Many different opportunities are available to students, and this is a great way to learn about all the options.”

Representatives from schools including Pasadena City College, the California State Universities, University of California schools, Cal Tech, and Art Center College of Design, will be on hand to answer questions and share information about admissions. Students in attendance will have the opportunity to win prizes.

For more information, call (626) 568-4549.

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INJUNCTION (continued from page 4)

a person's right to privacy outside of the workplace. More importantly, it is based on the constitutional rights that have been violated in order to enact HSPD-12. The suit claims violations of the U.S. Constitution's 4th Amendment protection against unreasonable search and seizure, the 14th Amendment's protection against invasion of the right to privacy, the Administrative Procedure Act which prevents the promulgation of regulations that affect rights without following proper procedures, The Privacy Act that states the Federal government can't pass legislation that invades the privacy of a citizen, and the rights of privacy secured under the California Constitution.

“This is just another example of a host of other unlawful procedures enacted by President Bush, including domestic spying and surveillance, the loss of right to council and the denial of habeas corpus,” Attorney for the JPL 28 Dan Stormer said, adding, “It's just another step in the destruction of the Constitution.”

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has extended the injunction and set argument on the appeal for the week of December 3-7. The Court stated ‘Appellants’ motion for an injunction pending appeal is granted. Appellants raise serious legal and constitutional questions, and the balance of hardships tips sharply in

Caltech's Mike Brown to Speak on “How I Killed Pluto...”
Sunday, October 28, 2007

“How I Killed Pluto and Why It Had It Coming” is the subject of the monthly lecture / meeting, open to all, at the Altadena Public Library, 600 E. Mariposa St., Altadena. The event is open to the public. 2:00 p.m.

Led by Caltech's Mike Brown, Professor of Planetary Astronomy, there has been a multi-year search of our heavens for planets beyond Pluto. In 2005, Eris was found, the first object larger than Pluto, which might be called a new planet. This discovery drives home the need to answer a question that astronomers have been unwilling to answer for years: “What is a planet?” Dr. Brown will discuss the story of the discovery and give a perspective on why the question of planethood is difficult and why the new class of dwarf planets was created to describe the many objects found that are about the same size as Pluto.

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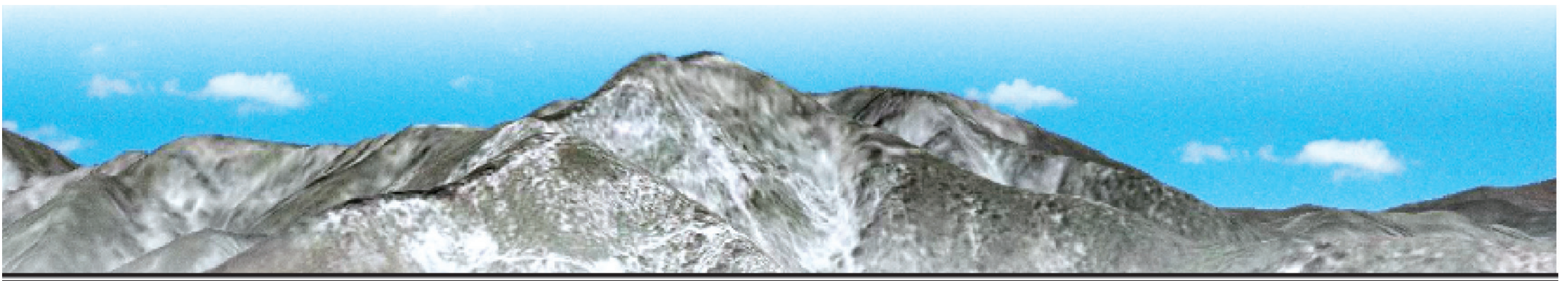
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O P I N I O N

Blamestorming

blamestorming (v): *Sitting around discussing why a project failed and who was responsible.*

By Susan Henderson



You see, since July I have had a column festering on the topic of Product Recalls and their increasing frequency. I had not published it because every week the number and severity of recalls just kept increasing. The food we eat, the toys we give our children, the cars we drive all have been on the recall list this year. The numbers are outrageous – over 173,000 pounds of beef in one recall; 21 million toys from one manufacturer. It seems to me that if you haven't been affected by a recall then you probably live on Mars. Honestly. Even if you grow your own food you may not be protected, there have been recalls of pesticides and tools and equipment. So what is going on?

In these post 911 days no one wants to even think that it could possibly be an act of terrorism, especially in our food supply. In these days of the increasing rate of autism and other diseases, no one wants to think that the cause could be the result of years of intake and/or exposure to lead. These days, in fact, we don't really want to talk about it. But we should. We need to. It is important for us to know if we are the victims of terrorism or greed and I suspect the latter. And while I realize that we live in a capitalistic society, one driven by the distribution of goods that are determined mainly by competition in a free market, in this country we have lived securely with the notion that the drive for profits would not supercede the standards that we have established to protect us.

When reports of recalls first hit the news, the finger was pointing east. China. It's their fault. They produce lead laden products, they drug our food, they did it. But, after looking a little closer we find that these Chinese companies were acting per the instructions on our trusted American manufacturers. Have you ever questioned the quality of anything produced by Mattel? So much for blaming the Chinese and companies we trust.

Back on our mainland we find all manner of contamination in our food. Fresh or processed it doesn't matter. Some brand names we recognize easily, 'Topps', Kraft, Wegmann's, Campbell Soup (yes, they have a recall of their Chunky Potato Soup w/Cheddar and Bacon Bits – seems the soup has "plastic contaminants"). Other names are obscured in the recall identification process. For instance, with the toothpaste recall the name of the companies that distribute were often published, not indicating the brand name that it was commonly sold as.

And what about the companies that knowingly import goods that do not meet US Health and Safety Standards? Personally, I have always been suspicious of some of those bargain items that we often use for decorations. Despite the fact that they have no labeling that warns of the lead content – things like those 99 cent Halloween Pumpkin Pails which look perfect because of their size, for trick or treating. There is an active recall of them because of their lead content.

So what are we doing about all this? Blamestorming and absolutely nothing else. There are some who say that the communications with the American public are getting better. Sure, the Consumer Products Safety Committee is right on it. They are identifying the culprits – salmonella, e coli, lead poisoning. They will tell you who mislabeled the product that you bought that was supposed to be chicken and turned out to be beef. They will let you know who forgot to tell you that eggs are in that processed food, but you already know that because of your allergic reaction. They will also sell you a big political crock that they are doing their job because they have told you about the problem. BUT WHAT ARE THEY DOING ABOUT IT? Just telling us doesn't do a thing. What about being a little proactive here people? How about a little law enforcement?

There is a website that I never ran across before called www.recalls.gov that you should visit. Be prepared to spend some time on it because you will not believe the extent of this recall crisis. Read it carefully. A superficial glance will no longer suffice. I realized that when I casually noticed that just about every toy for little girls that was produced by Mattel, my granddaughters have. Mattel, for God's sake.

So, crank up the volume of protest my friends. Without public outcry we will simply be supplied with endless lists of products and we will never curtail the practices that put those items on the list. Notification will only come when hospital workers and insurance clerks 'leak' an increase in particular maladies to the press. We shouldn't have to live like that.

And, if you write a letter to your elected officials, suggest they start running a ticker tape style banner at the bottom of your TV screen with the 'RECALL OF THE DAY'.



Around The Town With Sir Eric Maundry

A hastily prepared and widely circulated official document, published at the most elite levels of local civic authority, sent shock waves through those holding the majority opinion on development here, and concerned Sierra Madreans headed to City Hall October 4th for a rare Thursday evening meeting prepared to do battle. The document, generated by our own City Government, was an announcement for what appeared to be one of the most important meetings in the recent history of Sierra Madre. Bringing both the Planning Commission and the City Council together into one room for the first time in living memory, the official Agenda for this confab proclaimed that such loaded topics as The Downtown Overlay Zone, Commercial Zone permitted uses, Manufacturing Zone, R-1 Zone, applications, covenants, views, Housing Element update, General Plan update, and other planning related issues, would all be up for discussion. In other words, every single divisive issue that has roiled this town over the last half decade was now on the table. And all at the same time! As the meeting got underway, Kurt Zimmerman, holding this agenda up for all to see, proclaimed himself mystified by what looked to him to be the "Mother of DSPs." There was no pre-meeting briefing on these topics, no preparation, no staff reports, none of the usual procedures. Yet these are some of the most serious issues this town faces, issues that deal with the kinds of things that led to such politically explosive episodes as Measure F, Measure V, the Mosca Recall, and now the continuing struggle to create a vision of this town's future. The City Council didn't ask for it, the Planning Commission didn't prepare

it, and neither did the City Manager. "Who proposed these items?" asked the Councilman. All assembled looked at one another, but none could answer ... After a few folks made largely ineffectual attempts at explanation, Enid Joffe took the microphone. Believing that only she could bring light to these matters, all eyes in the room turned to The Mayor. She took a deep breath and began to speak. But all that came out of her mouth was about the need for all of us to get along, and perhaps the Agenda wasn't all that well thought out, but isn't it nice that all assembled were together and having a nice talk? Some particularly put-out folks headed for the door. Joe Mosca, taking a moment to address the Planning Commission with his most pressing concerns, stated, "And as you know, the RHNA numbers are in!" This, of course, is a reference to the recent SCAG edict that we must prepare ourselves for the construction of 138 "units" (read: condos). It appeared to many in attendance that what Joe was asking the Planning Commission to do was serve as the City Agency that would execute the nefarious deed. Obviously there were no takers for Joe's challenge. ... John Buchanan, a man who feels he is given to moments of great profundity, dropped this golden-throated wonder upon the few still hanging out: "Unanimous votes do not always mean unanimous opinion." Yes, isn't it sad how once laws are passed they just don't do justice to the personal feelings of the lawmakers who sent them on their way? Eeesh. And then a few moments later John delivered one of those statements he's become famous for: "Of course, an economic study will be needed!" Uh oh, somebody hide the checkbook. John wants to hire more overpriced consultants, again. Isn't that how we went broke in the first place? ... After this spectacle yours truly was badly in need of self-medicating. Fortunately here in Sierra Madre there are many fine watering holes within walking distance of City Hall. I for one believe this to be no coincidence .. eric.maundry@yahoo.com .. Cheers!

Letters To The Editor

Ms. Henderson,

- In your "Tidbits" section, control of the viewer's television set was the gist of the opening narration to "The Outer Limits," not the "Twilight Zone." "The Outer Limits" originally aired on ABC from 1963 to 1965. "The Twilight Zone" aired on CBS from 1959 to 1964, and I assure you that Rod Serling never recorded the opening narration of "The Outer Limits." Here is the entire opening narration to "The Outer Limits":

"There is nothing wrong with your television set. Do not attempt to adjust the picture. We are now controlling transmission. If we wish to make it louder, we will bring up the volume. If we wish to make it softer, we will tune it to a whisper. We will control the horizontal. We will control the vertical. We can roll the image, make it flutter. We can change the focus to a soft blur, or sharpen it to crystal clarity. For the next hour, sit quietly and we will control all that you see and hear. You are about to participate in a great adventure. You are about to experience the awe and mystery which reaches from the inner mind to... The Outer Limits."

By comparison, the most frequently remembered opening to "The Twilight Zone" WAS spoken by Rod Serling, and went something like this:

"There's another dimension, not only of sight and sound but of mind, a place of things and ideas, between the pit of Man's fears, and the summit of his knowledge. There's a signpost up ahead, next stop... The Twilight Zone."

Regards,
Bob Matheson Sierra Madre

Thanks Bob. You are absolutely right. I was referring to the Outer Limits.
S. Henderson

Tuesday, November 6, is Election Day! Several San Gabriel Valley communities will be electing school boards, library boards, or water boards, or deciding local ballot measures. Unfortunately, according to one source, it is expected that only 5% of eligible voters will bother to cast a ballot. This is incredibly discouraging. It is often said that, "All politics is local." Water, schools, and libraries are critical services that we take advantage of every day. The people who make decisions about these services in our area are the first link in the chain of governmental responsibility that stretches all the way to Washington, D.C. Presidential politics may seem more exciting (and get more press), but local politics is where "the rubber meets the road." By not voting in local elections, citizens throw away their constitutional right to get in on the ground floor of democracy. They're also wasting a lot of their own hard earned tax dollars since the election will be held no matter how many vote – or don't vote. So, please, take part in the democratic process. Vote on November 6. *(The deadline to register to vote in this election is October 22.)* For more information on election activity in your area, go to www.smartvoter.org. Robbie Davis, Voter Service Director LWV, Pasadena Area

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City of Sierra Madre

Notice of Planning Commission Unscheduled Vacancy

Notice is hereby given that the City of Sierra Madre is accepting applications for one (1) unscheduled vacancy on the Planning Commission. The vacancy occurred when Commissioner Hutt resigned his position. The term of this unscheduled vacancy expires June 30, 2011.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Commission consists of seven members appointed by the City Council for four-year terms. Meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall, Council Chambers.

The responsibilities of the Planning Commission fall into two broad categories:

1. Consideration of current land use (i.e. applications for General Plan amendment, zone changes, specific plans, conditional use permits, tract maps, variances, and appeals of staff land use decisions); and,
2. Advising the City Council on City initiated amendments to the City’s General Plan.

Applications

Applications are available at City Hall and the Public Library or online at www.ci.sierra-madre.ca.us. Completed forms may be mailed, faxed, or hand-delivered to City Hall. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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Posted: September 17, 2007

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City of Sierra Madre

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To: Property Owners within a 300-foot radius
From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: VARIANCE 07-04, 294 Old Ranch Road
Applicant: Byron Banks
1422 Palm Street Altadena, CA 9001

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider a request to construct an addition of 84 square feet to an existing residence at 294 Old Ranch Road, which will cause the residence to further encroach into required front and rear setbacks. The proposed front yard of zero feet, is less than the twenty-five required by Section 17.20.050 of the Municipal Code. The proposed rear yard of seven feet is less than the fifteen required by S.M.M.C Section 17.20.057. The proposed side yards are existing nonconforming, and the remodel of the house will occur up to the easterly property line, and within three feet of the westerly property line.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
Planning Commission meeting
Thursday, November 1, 2007
(meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING

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 Planning Commission will hear them with respect thereto.

PROJECT LOCATION: 294 Old Ranch Road; in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The project qualifies for a Class 3 Categorical Exemption, pursuant to Section 15303 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

APPEAL: The decision of the Planning Commission is subject to a 14 day appeal period to the City Council. If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the Planning Commission in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission 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 Planning Commission

Anne Browning McIntosh, AICP
Interim Development Services Director

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400708DS File No. 20072252405 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: BHEMOTORS, BRUTALLY HONEST ENTERTAINMENT, GROUP

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: MASTINO CLOTHING, 424 N. Lake Ave #304 Pasadena, CA 91101. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) GX INDUSTRIES, INC., 575 E. 238th Pl Carson, CA 91101. 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 Oct 01, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above 09/10/2007.

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400709DS File No. 20072252404 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: MASTINO GRAPHICS, 424 N. Lake Ave #304 Pasadena, CA 91101. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) GX INDUSTRIES, INC., 575 E. 238th Pl Carson, CA 91101. 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 Oct 01, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above 09/10/2007.

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400710DS File No. 20072252403 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: AL SON DEL MARIACHI, 1330 W. Whittier Blvd Whittier, CA 90640. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) GX INDUS-TRIES, INC., 575 E. 238th Pl Carson, CA 91101. 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 Oct 01, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above 08/08/2003.

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400711SJ File No. 20072245990 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: BHEMOTORS, BRUTALLY HONEST ENTERTAINMENT, GROUP

City of Sierra Madre Notice

Community Arts Commission Unscheduled Vacancy

Notice is hereby given that the City of Sierra Madre is accepting applications for one unscheduled vacancy on the Community Arts Commission. The vacancy occurred when Commissioner Kathleen Discoll resigned October 3, 2007. The term of this unscheduled vacancy expires June 30, 2009.

COMMUNITY ARTS COMMISSION

The Commission consists of seven members appointed by the City Council for three-year terms. At all times, at least four members of the community arts commission shall be and remain residents of Sierra Madre. The purpose of the commission is to actively encourage the understanding, development, appreciation, and programming of existing and future music, drama and other creative art activities for the artistic enrichment of the community, utilizing local resources. The Community Arts Commission falls under the Political Reform Act of 1974 and therefore members must file statements of economic interests.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall, Council Chambers. Contact staff liaison Elisa Weaver at (626) 355-5278.

Applications

To apply for the Community Arts Commission, obtain an application from City Hall, Community Services, and the Public Library or online at www.ci.sierra-madre.ca.us. Completed forms may be mailed, faxed, or hand-delivered to City Hall or Community & Personnel Services Department. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Community & Personnel Services

611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

Phone: (626) 355-5278
Fax: (626) 836-6656 or

City Hall

232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

Posted: October 3, 2007

Phone: (626) 355-7135
Fax: (626) 355-2251

DIVISION EXCEL GDEI, 16209 Paramount Blvd #D95 Paramount, CA 90723. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Jeffrey M. Tate 5050 Linden Ave #69 Long Beach, CA 90805. 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 28, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above 06/19/99.

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400712MM File No. 20072243809 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: PROFESSIONAL AUTO GLASS, Michael Van Nguyen 2574 Pepperdale Dr Rowland Heights, CA 91748. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Michael Van Nguyen 2574 Pepperdale Dr Rowland Heights, CA 91748. 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 28, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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400713MM File No. 20072243532 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: PATAGONIA TRAVEL, 2900 W. Ramona Rd #2 Alhambra, CA 91803. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Argentina Garatti 2900 W. Ramona Rd #2 Alhambra, CA 91803. 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 28, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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400714MM File No. 20072243615 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: CRDLINK GROUP, 12123 Gard Ave Norwalk, CA 90650. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Ricardo F. Cobar 12123 Gard Ave Norwalk, CA 90650. 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 28, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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400715MM File No. 20072096948 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: CLINICA FEMENINA DE LA COMUNIDAD, 14673 Ste 202 Panorama City, CA 91402. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Nolan C. Jones 14673 Parthenia St Ste 202 Panorama City, CA 91402. 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

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390701JJ File No. 06-20072210786 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: EQUIPICKS, 124 Tustin Ave Ste 103 Newport Beach, CA 92663. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) NETIXS, INC., 124 Tustin Ave Ste 103 Newport Beach, CA 92663. 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 25, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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390702SJ File No. 20072210538 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: 3 G, 240 w. 46th St Los Angeles, CA 90037. The name of registrant(s) is (are) Leon Anthony Gaston 240 W. 46th St Los Angeles, CA 90037. The business was 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 25, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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390703MU File No. 20072211388 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: OFF DA TOP, 1429 W. Jefferson Los Angeles, CA 90007. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Charlton Harlow 1429 W. Jefferson Los Angeles, CA 90007. 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 25, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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390704MM File No. 20072198387 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: JW1 PROPERTIES, 9190 W. Olympic Blvd #318 Beverly Hills, CA 90212. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Judy Woo 9190 W. Olympic Blvd #318 Beverly Hills, CA 90212. 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 24, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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390705ED File No. 20072220074 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: CALIFORNIA ADDRESSING SERVICE, 1128 Brewster Dr Pomona, CA 91767. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) Walter Soto 1128 Brewster Dr Pomona, CA 91767. 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 26, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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390706ED File No. 20072220568 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business: SRV INSURANCE AND INVESTMENTS, INC., SRV INSURANCE, 7105 Eastern Ave St A Bell Gardens, CA 90201. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) SRV INSURANCE AND INVESTMENTS, INC., 7105 Eastern Ave Ste A Bell Gardens, CA 90201. The business is conducted by: 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 26, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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390707AN File No. 20072218577 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: DIESEL TRUCK GENERAL MAINT, 8637 Dearborn Ave South Gate, CA 90280. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Carlos Jaramillo 8637 Dearborn Ave South Gate, CA 90280. 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

Looking Up

With Bob Eklund



Photo by Aaron Dominquez

PLUTO IN SHARP FOCUS BUT OUT OF THE PLANETARY CLUB

Almost 30 years after the discovery of Pluto's large moon Charon, a University of Hawaii astronomer has used a ground-based telescope to take an image of the Pluto system that exceeds the sharpness possible with the

Hubble Space Telescope.

"Several favorable factors occurred simultaneously to yield these spectacular images of the Pluto system," said Dr. David Tholen, who performed the observations during the early evening of September 5 using the adaptive optics system on one of Mauna Kea's twin Keck telescopes. "The natural 'seeing' was better than average that night, more sensitive wavefront sensors were installed on the telescope, and Pluto was at its maximum brightness, thereby giving the improved adaptive optics system more light with which to work its magic," he said.

The adaptive optics system uses a deformable mirror and sensors that allow it to compensate for turbulence in Earth's atmosphere that normally blurs the light from celestial bodies. The new images, which have a resolution of about 35 milliarcseconds, are about 20 times sharper than the images of Pluto taken 30 years ago.

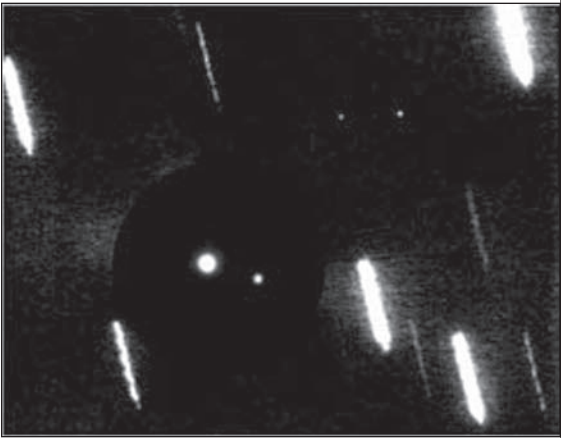
Altogether, Tholen took 16 images of the Pluto system during one hour on the Keck telescope. When he combined all 16 images to form a single image, Nix and Hydra, Pluto's small satellites discovered with the Hubble Space Telescope in 2005, became clearly visible. The new satellites are both about visual magnitude 23.5 compared with 14th magnitude for Pluto.

Astronomers have estimated that Nix and Hydra are less than 100 km in diameter, compared with 1212 km for Charon and about 2300 km for Pluto. Scientists planning the 2015 flyby of Pluto with NASA's New Horizons spacecraft are intensely interested in the results.

MEANWHILE, CALTECH ASTRONOMER MIKE BROWN also has his sights set on Pluto. He will tell us about it on Sunday, October 28, at 2:30 p.m. at the Altadena Public Library. His talk is titled "HOW I KILLED PLUTO AND WHY IT HAD IT COMING."

For the past seven years, Dr. Brown and his associates have been scanning the skies for planets beyond Pluto. In 2005, after a search of about half of the sky and the discovery of dozens of objects almost the size of Pluto, they finally found Eris, the first object larger than Pluto, and the first that might have been called a new planet. In addition to raising a new avalanche of scientific questions, this discovery drives home the need to answer a question that astronomers have been unwilling to answer for years: "What is a planet?" Dr. Brown will discuss the story of the discovery and give a perspective on why the question of planethood is difficult and why the new class of dwarf planets was created to describe all of these objects.

SO, ARE THERE EIGHT PLANETS, OR NINE? The International Astronomical Union has declared Pluto to be officially NOT a planet, but a "dwarf planet." The rebuilt Hayden Planetarium in New York City set up its planetary exhibits with only eight planets—ending with Neptune. In Los Angeles, however, visitors at the newly renovated and reopened Griffith Observatory will find nine planets—Pluto included. Queried about this by Huell Howser in a TV interview, Observatory Director Ed Krupp said, "Pluto will always have a home at Griffith Observatory." *If you'd like to learn more, contact Bob at b eklund@mvoobserver.com.*



Pluto Courtesy MWOA

The Wild West

With Kyle McClure



The BO

The peacock is not a classy bird – all desperate and over-the-top attention seeking with his fancy luminescent tail feathers. Look at me! Look at me! I am quite colorful. Shall

we reproduce?

I have to admit that I am not all that impressed by the peahen either – taken in by such superficial displays of virility. You'd think that such a bird, one that looks like a reference librarian (no offense Ms. Annette) would have more sophisticated tastes. The peahen looks like she would choose a mate with horn-rimmed glasses worn ironically to a punk rock show. But no, there she is falling beak over claws for the pea-brained Ricky Martins of the avian world. Disgusting. Have some self-respect, you ridiculous peafowl.

I have them on my brain because we (my family and I) stopped in at the LA County Arboretum (which, if the zoological park gets to be called the "Zoo," should, by universal decree, be known henceforth as the "Bo") on our way to the mall food court the other brisk, clear, beautiful autumn day.

The peacocks were not behaving too badly. They were mostly just dragging their feathers around, hoping for a handout of popcorn kernels. Peafowl are, you know (at least according my own photocopied pamphlet published by the city of Arcadia), hardy birds that live long lives (15 years in captivity). They were imported from India (where they are the national bird) in the early 1900s by Lucky Baldwin (founding father of Arcadia), who apparently wasn't satisfied with the reproductive demonstrations of the native gnat catchers. Sicko. Bringing in his shiny sex birds.

Whatever. I am over it. And, after my

experience at the Bo the other brisk, clear, beautiful autumn day, my real beef is with a whole other type of poultry. Canada geese.

You have noticed the wide expanse of green lawn that frames the fountain as you approach the entrance to the Bo? It is impressively lush and green. Beautiful. The perfect backdrop to the perfect wedding picture. You want to dive into it and roll all around. Please don't.

I have determined, by making close observations, and collecting scores of samples on the soles of my new shoes, that this lawn is so wonderfully green because it happens to be the most fertilized patch of grass on the planet. There is an incomprehensible amount of goose poop on this grass. Way more than should be produced by a small flock of 20 Canada geese.

What is sad is the fact that this organic matter is the only positive contribution being made by the gang of geese that paddle around the fountain at the Bo. These are not productive members of society. They are just plain mean. They are the size of first-graders, and are surly and intimidating. They waddle right up to you (with no regard for their own excrement squishing beneath their webbed feet) and stare you down until you curl into a ball. They chase your daughters and make them cry. Then they steal your wallet and your shoes and your watch even though they have no wrists. These are bad birds. Stay away from them.

In fact, maybe you should stay away from that Arboretum all together. It's a bad part of town. Far better on a brisk, clear, beautiful autumn day to head straight for the indoor food court at the mall with its 4,000 calorie French fries. There you will not be forced to squirm because of invasive birds broadcasting their lack of dignity for all to see (Just put it away, peacock. Put it away). Nor, will you have your own dignity removed by being mugged in broad daylight by a flock of nasty geese.

The Mountain Clymer

By Kim Clymer

A Matter of Trust

When I first began writing this column, my intent was to try in some way to share the lessons that I felt I had learned while living in the mountains. But I am not usually very good at dispensing sage-like advice or putting spiritual or philosophical ideas into words. I have my beliefs and I have my way of living, and if anyone asks, I might try to explain myself, but mostly I feel that spirituality is a very personal and private matter, and that a philosophy of living that works well for one, will not necessarily work for everyone. I do believe that there are some universal truths that span all religions and philosophies. One such truth really became evident to me during the time I spent living at Adams' Pack Station. I learned through my many trials and tribulations at the station, that in life, if you trust in whatever power you believe in and turn your life over to that power, whatever you need in life will come to you. It may not come in the form that you had wanted or asked for...it may not steer your life in the direction that you had intended or hoped it would go...it may not even seem like a blessing at the time, but it is ultimately what was needed and when it comes, it is important to try to see it for the gift that it is and give thanks for it. There were times when I needed help to accomplish a seemingly insurmountable task and help would always show up just in time. There were times when I needed money, and an opportunity to earn some extra cash would be dropped at my feet or an unexpected check would arrive in the mail. There were times when I needed simple reassurance that everything was going to be okay, and I was sent a sign that I was sure to recognize and understand. As I began to notice how this works, I began to learn to trust in it and gradually, with each incredible occurrence of this sort, I learned to almost totally let go of worry because I just know that everything would turn out alright...and it always does.

I would have to say, that the first incident that opened my eyes and allowed me to take a huge step toward trusting in the powers that be, occurred about a year before I even thought about moving to the mountains. A few years prior to this, I had read and was very intrigued by the book The Celestine Prophecy. A recent conversation with a friend of mine, who had just completed the book and was equally intrigued, had once again brought the ideas of the book to the front of my mind and had me thinking about how they fit into the spiritual exploration that I had been doing as of late. It was at that time my sister decided to fly in to visit from back east. She was in Seattle and Salt Lake City on business, and was coming in to L.A. for a few days to see me and my boys while she was in the area. Several weeks before she was to arrive, she sent an email with her flight information. I read it and stashed the information in the back of my head...at least the vital information...I at least remembered the day and time so that I would not forget to pick her up at the airport that day...it would be great to see her. Time passed quickly and before I knew it, the day of her arrival came and I headed to the airport to pick her up. The boys and their father had plans that night, so I headed to the airport

alone to meet her 8:10 pm flight at LAX. I took my usual route...the 605 to the 105 and exited at Sepulveda for the airport. As I left the freeway and began to think about the next step...determining the terminal that I needed to go to...I had a horrifying realization...I had forgotten to reread the email for the rest of the flight information. I did not know the flight number...I did not know the airline...I did not even remember if the flight was coming from Seattle or Salt Lake City. I had no idea which airline was most likely to serve either of those cities or which airline she usually traveled. To make matters worse, no one was at home to call and I did not have a cell phone back then to call my sister when she landed. It was 8:05 pm...her flight would land in 5 minutes. It seemed that my only option was to start at Terminal 1 and go in and check to see if any airline there had an 8:10 flight due in from either city...if not then go on to Terminal 2 and so on and so on...it could take hours to finally find each other...especially with no means of communicating. For some reason, one of the lessons that I had read in the Celestine Prophecy popped into my head...it was this..."whenever you reach a point in life where you feel lost...where you have a question as to what you are to do or which direction you need to go to stay on your path, that you should throw that question out in to the universe or up to god or whatever concept you have of a higher power...just ask and an answer will come. You need only to be looking for it and ready to recognize and receive it...and it will frequently come in the form of coincidence." So I put the question out to be answered..."Please tell me where to go...send me a sign...tell me what airline she is on." I then opened myself up and trusted deeply that the answer would come. As soon as I had done so, I exited the tunnel on Sepulveda and rounded the turn before the "arriving flights" cutoff. There on the side of the road were parked two huge jets...nose into the road...close enough to reach out and touch form the guardrail. Blazoned on the side of each was "DELTA".

"Thank you!!! Delta it is!!!" I said aloud, as I headed toward the arrival level of the terminals. For some reason, I was excited by how empowered I felt by releasing control of the situation and turning it over to the powers that be. I began to search for the terminal that contained Delta Airlines...Terminal 1, it turned out. I entered the garage and quickly parked the car. With great anticipation I entered the terminal and found a monitor to check the arriving flights. I was thrilled to find an 8:10 flight arriving from Seattle at gate B-12. I hurried up the escalator and down the hallway to the assigned gate (this was pre-911...remember those days???) where I could see the plane through the window and the passengers from the flight flooding out of the door to the jet way. As I entered the waiting area, and approached the door, my sister exited. We gave each other a long hug and headed to the baggage area as I excitedly told her the story of how I came to find her...a story that began the changes to my way of thinking and my view of life...changes that have remained and will remain with me always.

SKIN / Art & Ideas 2007

A Pasadena Festival Oct. 10 - 31, 2007

By Virigina Hoge

SKIN is an ongoing jaw-dropping, mind-blowing, Pasadena, California art "happening" of an international level of quality. I am super-proud of my city and really happy to see so much good art! After living in New York for 18 years I confess I had the usual snobbery and did not believe such an art event was possible in CA, and certainly not in Pasadena, but I was proven very much "wrong" and thank God for it!

SKIN is, conceptually, so far above the average citywide art fair. The subject/ issue "Skin" has been meticulously dissected throughout the entire city by our various art, historical and educational institutions, each one bringing a different viewpoint to an astonishingly deep, intelligent (and wonderful) degree. In every instance, the viewpoints were insightful and innovative. *Here are but a few of the venues.*

At Art Center College of Design, a beautiful campus (especially at night), the exhibition is called "In the Dermisphere" and focuses, literally, on "skin" as in flesh, curated by Stephen Nowlin who did a superb job. There are beautifully rendered figure drawings with absolutely perfect technique by Mark Castanon. There is odd, distorted Photoshop art of human skin stretched over strange forms by collaborators Aziz + Cucher. I confess to usually disliking art that uses Photoshop technique - as it is so often, and so poorly, over-done - but these pieces made arresting use of the technique. There were heartbreakingly beautifully rendered drawings of horses by Tom Knechtel in silverpoint and graphite on paper. In an ingenious piece, real animal skins were layed out side-by-side in a wooden box on loan from the Natural History Museum which allowed to viewer to contemplate on how beautiful and varied the different furs of animals are in themselves -- incredible, really. I could have stood there all night!

At the Armory Center for the Arts, contemporary work by artists of color from the Chelsea galleries in New York were flown in for an exhibition entitled "New Images of Identity." The perspective of this show seemed to be "personal/ interpretative" in relation to "skin". As usual with Chelsea work, the art was loaded with ideas which one could not possibly figure out without an encyclopedic artist's statement. I was happy, however, to see a return to painting exhibited in these pieces, and many were very good. The pen and ink drawings of Laylah Ali stood out as exceptional, each one exquisite.

The Armory Northwest compound is literally "alive" with its active metal forge workshop in the back with some beautiful work exhibited by the blacksmiths who work there, a trio of Airstream trailers (my long-time favorite!) ingeniously converted into office space, a school bus transformed into a wood-shop/ classroom for kids (brilliant!), and an airplane hanger-sized art exhibition space in the grand tradition of the Los Angeles "great" ones. Photographs by the late Don Jim (from his Lavish L series) stole the show.

Other notable venues found different ways to interpret the theme.

Pasadena City College has a fascinating exhibition in their gallery of close-up photographs of soldier tattoos by Mary Beth Heffernan. The college also continues with other events until the end of October, including "What Color is Black: The Invention of Race in Brazil" on October 24th at 8:00 p.m. Go to artideasfestival.org for dates, times and locations.

The Pasadena Public Library has many interesting events, some still to come, including "The Beauty Backlash" on October 25th at 7:30 p.m. Our libraries have really come through for this festival with so many branches having special exhibitions. Again, dates, times and locations are found at artideasfestival.org.

As beautiful and fascinating as this festival was, the planners also need to be commended for their important work in addressing the importance of the central issue of the subject matter. As Martin Luther King said "All prejudice is evil, but the prejudice that rejects a man because of the color of his skin is the most despicable expression of man's inhumanity to man".

We all need to place roses at the feet of SKIN festival director Terry LeMoncheck and everyone who planned, curated and coordinated this amazing and very relevant event. I urge you to go and visit the exhibits before they close (hurry!) and attend the upcoming events. You will be glad you did! www.artideasfestival.org

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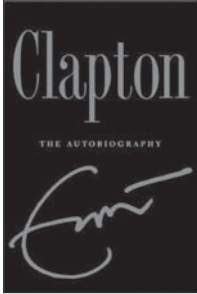


Jeff's Pics

The Book Reports

Clapton: The Autobiography
by Eric Clapton (2007)

In this very candid book, sixteen time Grammy winner, Eric Clapton tells the story of his very eventful and interesting life as he retraces all of his career. One of the most important guitarists of all time, Clapton is not only a rock star but also an icon in the history of rock music. Exciting reading and ride thru his turbulent life and music history with lots of stories about his encounters with other music stars as well.



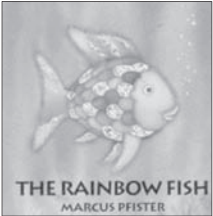
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by Peter Bond (2007)



Bond covers the history of important unmanned missions to the planets and other objects in our solar system, from Mariner 10 at Mercury to Huygens on Titan, summarizing scientific discoveries and the amazing stories behind the missions. He describes the particular achievements of the space scientists, astronomers, and engineers who have worked to unravel the secrets of these distant worlds. The book contains over 250 illustrations including photographs, maps, artists' impressions and diagrams. Peter Bond is a well-known professional Science writer. Wonderful review of the history of space exploration!

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Scene One - Take One DVD Review

Alice Adams(1935)



This wonderful film is about life and love in a typical mid-American small town when there were still concerts in the park and ice cream socials (like Sierra Madre).Starring Katherine Hepburn as Alice, who is a social climbing girl looking for love while trying to overcome the stigma of her lower class family situation, she meets Arthur (Fred McMurray) who is from an affluent family. This is a excellent movie which was adapted from Booth Tarkington's 1921 Pulitzer Prize winning novel. One of Hepburn's best.

Mystic River (2003)

This amazing emotional thriller directed by Clint Eastwood is about 3 childhood friends, Jimmy (Sean Penn) Sean (Kevin Bacon), and Dave (Tim Robbins) who are brought together in Boston 25 years later when they are all involved in the murder investigation of Jimmy's daughter. The film won two acting Oscars for Robbins and Penn and was nominated for several more as it explores human behavior when people are faced with difficult situations. It's a powerful film that involves the basic human emotions as love, hate, revenge, fear, and despair. One of that year's best films!



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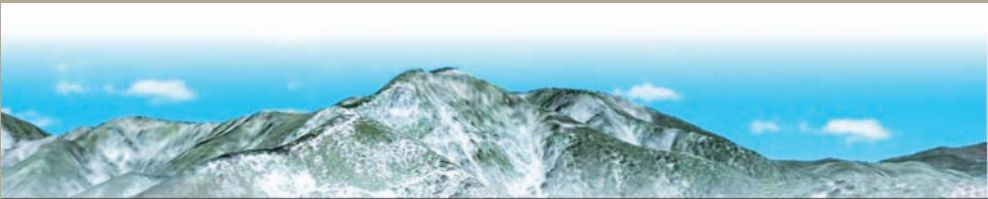
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BIRD'S EYE VIEW

Two on the Town- Part II

By Pat Birdsall

The trek to Philippe's was just that. What a hot day it turned out to be! As we walked through the front door we stepped back in time as well. In the 50s the original building was razed to make way for the freeway. The owners took care to make the new location look the same way as the original did in 1908. After soaking in all of the nostalgia, we ordered our French-dip sandwiches, coleslaw and pickles and sat down to enjoy the food and the surroundings.

The reverie didn't last long. Last week I wrote about toupees, and lo and behold, there must have been a Toupees 'R Us convention in town. It was a toupee here a toupee there, here a toupee, there a toupee, everywhere a toupee. Time to move on... Next stop, Olvera Street.

The kiosks in the middle of that cobblestone landmark are being renovated. Between the renovation and the heat, we didn't do much shopping. We did however enjoy walking through the Avila Adobe. The Adobe is a quiet piece of paradise in the middle of a bustling downtown. It was built in 1818, making it the oldest building standing in Los Angeles. While there a young lady in a suit and very high heels with extremely pointed toes was taking photos. I marveled at how well she had maneuvered the cobblestones. The shoes reminded me of what Cinderella's ugly step-sisters wore to the Ball. I started to think of alternative uses for them. Self-defense immediately came to mind, and I'm sure they would come in handy when there is an elusive bug hiding in a corner. Somehow I can't envision the Orkin exterminators being keen on the idea of adding them to the uniform, however.

We said goodbye to Olvera Street and headed back to Union Station for the ride home. What an interesting cast of characters walk across its stage every day. Men and women from all walks of life and social strata... We saw a homeless woman with her bags of belongings primping in front of a window on the platform. She straightened out her blouse and fixed her hair with her fingers. A young lady dressed in striped leggings, high black boots and fishnet gloves looking very "Goth," with black lipstick and black nail polish, and a woman with five young children in tow. She was either heavily medicated or had the patience of Job.

We boarded the train and sat in the front. It turned out that we had the best seats in the house for an impromptu concert. The two seats facing each other in the very front of the car were occupied by a woman to our left and a man to our right. He proceeded to strike up a conversation with her and ended up serenading her with several songs of his own composition. She was very kind throughout, but I thought that she heaved a sigh of relief when we pulled into her station. I realized when she stood up that maybe she had more confidence then I had given her credit for. Why, you might ask? She was wearing a pair of the ugly step-sister shoes. You go girl!

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From the Inside Out

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

Sugar Binge

So, there I was, sitting in my car beside a park, waiting for the call directing me where to meet for lunch. Having ignored the rumble of my tummy over an hour earlier when passing a counter of fresh sushi in a store, it's now after 1 pm and I finally gave in and started munching from a random bag of peanut butter toffee. While munching, I was well aware of what I was doing, and the upcoming consequences, and my mind drifted back to when I managed some of Penn State's housing and food services operations in western Pennsylvania. Tuesdays were my "trouble" days - the one day of the week when I was usually tired, irritable, achy, and very short tempered. Why? I eventually figured out that it was because on my weekends off, I indulged in lots of sugar - cake, coffee cake, peanutbutter cups, cookies, pie ...

Later, while working for CARE, I was posted in Bangladesh for two years - during which time I had a cook. Most of the time I was in my city of posting, and quite healthy. Ate local foods fresh from the market. Fish, rice, occasional chicken, curried veggies, fresh fruits. Walked a lot while inspecting rural civil engineering infrastructure projects. But - one weekend a month - I, as all other managers, was permitted to spend a weekend in Dhaka where, because we administered a Food For Work program distributing USAID wheat, we had "associate government employee status" that allowed us access to the commissary. There we all, without fail, went for the sweets. Funnily enough, the week after getting back to my office I was usually "under the weather" with a "cold," being irritable, and very achy. When I stopped the weekend sugar binges, these "colds" absolutely stopped occurring.

So, Friday lunch was sugar. Friday afternoon vision got blurry. By Friday evening I was sneezing. Saturday I woke up with a stuffy head. Uh oh. I so know this routine. Day after a sugar binge, energy is "down," depressed. Second day after I'm achy, irritable. My teeth hurt. Joints hurt. No patience. No smiles. Every-thing is "hard" to do. And, the time between noticing I ought to head to the bathroom, and the time I need to be there drops from about two to three hours to what feels like 30 seconds.

If you're sugar wise, you know what 's going on. Most of the magnesium has been used up - leading to aching teeth,

nerve (and emotional) irritability, and lack of bladder flexibility. The stuffy nose / oncoming cold feeling occurs because the immune system's white cells have wrapped their amoeba-like arms around those sugar molecules and gone to sleep, letting lurking nasal, sinus and chest inflammation invaders sprint towards getting the upper hand. Lack of Vitamin C. Severe depletion of "B" vitamins. Totally out of whack.

Since I'm the one who "did it to myself," it's up to me to "undo it." Drink lots of warm water with fresh lemon juice to more quickly re-alkalize my system. Mix some with Emergen-C packets (or Airborne) to more quickly restock the vitamin stores. Quick boost of absorbable magnesium - one Milk of Magnesia tablet, if nothing else. Before bed a long, HOT Epsom Salts bath (mimicking fever), preceded and followed by drinking more warm lemon water. Follow up immediately by wrapping warm paper towels, soaked in warm castor oil, around tummy and back, layered over with saran wrap, another towel around that, then into bed with more absorbent towels under me, a hot water bottle to encourage longer sweating time, another big bath towel or two on top, then bedcovers, and so to sleep. Next day, laundry for towels and sheets, but I feel great. Toxins cleaned out, re-alkalized, nutrients replenished and soundly trounced the incipient "cold," eyes clear, and I'm "me" again.

So, as cooler weather drifts in, and holiday time slides ever closer with tempting (warm) baked breads and desserts and treats ... if you wind up overindulging in sugar, you don't have to get the "sugar blues." You can be proactive in beating them off by self-care techniques such as the above, and include energy boosts from your favorite energy workers - Reiki, Joh-Rei, Polarity, Chi Gong, Onnetsu, InfraRed, Prana ... Keep your energy up, system balanced, replace depleted nutrients, improve absorption, improve elimination ... and you have the "edge" on staying healthy from the inside out during this year's fall and winter seasons.

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Story and Photos By Chris Bertrand

Kellye Wallett: Pasadena Area Gardens in Watercolor

Kellye Wallett's had a couple of lives and careers. Her lilting, Hawaiian-influenced voice and features are still very identifiable as "Nurse Kellye" to aficionados (like me) of television's M*A*S*H show from twenty some years ago, still in worldwide re-runs today.

Her current "other" life as a water color artist has captured the beauty of some of the Pasadena area's famous gardens and settings. Before LA became her stomping ground, Wallett's renderings of San Francisco waterfront settings were represented by Polk Gallery.

Her "Gardens of Pasadena" collection includes the Wrigley estate/ Rose Bowl headquarters on Orange Grove, Pasadena City Hall's Central Fountain, Descanso Gardens in La Canada and the Huntington Gardens. Others from that grouping immortalize garden scenes and doorways from less ostentatious, though no less captivating surroundings. Many originals and some giclees from the collection are on permanent loan to the city of Pasadena, displayed during business hours at the Police Department headquarters across from City Hall at 207 N. Garfield.

Wallett pointed out the location of her Central Fountain perspective, as well as features of the huge renovation project recently completed at City Hall. Her work was previously displayed at City Hall after her one-artist show there a few years ago, but it was felt her work should be displayed in more public accessible spaces, rather than inside city offices, so they were moved to the Police Station.

Several department employees have their own Wallett's art in their work areas as well, and she appears to be a well-recognized, well-loved fixture in the city domains. Our tour of her public display, accompanied by Ronnie De Vries of the Police Department, was punctuated by joyful calls of welcome and recognition here and there, as was an amble through the outdoor walkways of historic City Hall.

Wallett's work "Koi" was chosen as representative of Senate District 21 for the California State Senate's California Contemporary Art Collection, and was displayed in the State Capitol. The same work was chosen for t-shirts and poster use for the LA Marathon during the last Democratic convention held here in LA. Her commissioned painting of the Maguire Gardens at Pasadena's Central Library were incorporated into invitations and lithographs for the New Jersey state reception during that convention.



Artist Kellye Wallett views her Descanso Gardens watercolor, displayed at Pasadena Police Department.



Wrigley estate gardens from her Gardens of Pasadena Collection. All artwork used with the artist's permission.

In addition to work as a water color artist and LA's cherry-blossom festival producer, Wallett is an active volunteer in the public art arena. She holds an appointed Arts Commission position in Pasadena. She mused on the challenges, funding, politics of choosing and building new public art to be into a cohesive representation within the city, as well as efforts and expense to properly archive, preserve and display city-owned art.

One special favorite of mine is her "Domes" work overlooking downtown Pasadena. Wallett told of her ventures up the bell tower of a Pasadena church in order to capture her envisioned perspective. It required not only scaling the bell tower, but a trip up an extension ladder to get just a little more height to achieve

just the right view. The resulting sunset-lit panorama offers the magnificent red-tile roofed City Hall dome in the foreground, with several landmark edifices, reminiscent of an old European city.

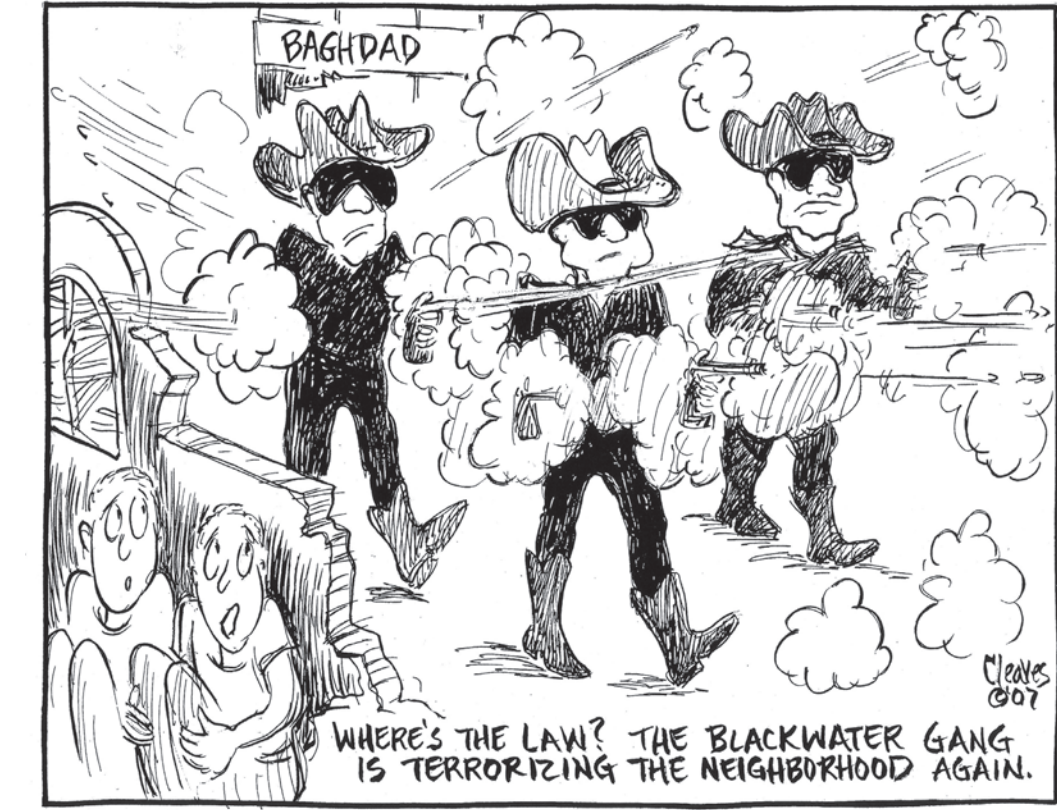
Kellye Wallett's Pasadena gallery location is under redevelopment, so you can view or purchase her collection through her website at www.KellyesArt.com or contact Wallett at Wow Productions, 626-683-8243 for more information. Her special viewpoint and sensitivity to the art of gardens and gardening can make even her works called "Compost Garden" and Wood Pile" into beautiful, beloved art.

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By Peter Dills

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Restaurant Lozano

If you're tired of the noise, confusion, crowds and parking situation in Old Pasadena yet want to enjoy a positive dining experience, here is my suggestion - Restaurant Lozano in Sierra Madre, where regional California and American dishes are served in very relaxed and pleasant surroundings by friendly servers. Weather permitting, be sure to dine on the outdoor patio with its impressive view of Mt. Wilson in the distance.

What to order for your dinner on your first or second visit? Begin with the Crispy Goat Cheese Quesadilla with a red chipotle sauce (\$10) or Crab Cakes with red pepper aioli sauce (\$12). If you want to begin with a soup, a bowl of Spicy Tortilla soup would be a good way to start (\$7). Ask to have the chef make it even spicier. That's the way I like it.

There are many possibilities from the list of entrees. Here are my tips: Jerk Chicken topped with cilantro-lime cream (\$17), a Slow Roasted Brisket with the house steak sauce and mashed potatoes (\$17) or the Homemade Three Cheese Ravioli with a wild mushroom sauce (\$16). There are also four Mexican dishes available, but I prefer to choose from the many more interesting dishes I found on the menu. The lunch menu lists dishes under \$20, with most well under that amount. A number from the dinner menu are included at lunch with lower prices and slightly smaller portions. Restaurant Lozano ... 44 N. Baldwin Ave., Sierra Madre (626) 355-5945

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SPORTS



View From The Couch

By Stanley J. Forrester

“There Is No Joy....”

“There is no joy in Mudville for mighty Casey has struck out.” Mudville was a happy place compared to my house the other week. UCLA lost to previously winless Notre Dame, the underdogs Stanford Cardinal whipped the number one Trojans of USC, and the Angels were knocked out of the play-offs. All of those things happening made for a very sad weekend. My Sunday usually starts with the paper; the first section of the paper that I read is the sport section. Not last Sunday.

I am such a fan that when my team loses it takes awhile for me to read the reports of the game. That weekend was such a load of losses for the locals that I never read the entire paper. When my team wins I watch the replays of the game, highlights on ESPN, listen to the interviews, catch the local news broadcast for their report, and generally cannot get enough of hearing how well we played. Let a loss happen and I am not interested in hearing anything about the game. Thinking about how I react to a loss by my teams, I began to wonder if I was alone in my juvenile responses. I conducted a less than scientific survey and had to laugh at how we allegedly grown mature adults react when our team or man loses.

I have one friend that records every Bruin game, if they lose the game is never watched, if they win it goes into his great moments in Bruin history and may be watched time and time again. This friend, like me does not read the paper if they lose. Another buddy related to me how he responded when Phil Mickelson missed the cut for a major this year. He refused to read the newspaper, which seems to be a common thread among fans, but he also refused to watch the golf channel for a week because he knew that they would be discussing the missed cut. Now this is a guy who's TV is on the golf channel ninety per cent of the time.

Then there is Charlie, now, he takes the cake. He never watches his team play, he records the game, or he will channel the game. Meaning he will turn to the game to see how things are going but will not watch the entire game. Every so often he will turn to the game and see how things are going, but he will never watch more than a few minutes of the game.

These chickens that were part of the less than scientific survey are interesting men, for in their jobs they must make life and death decisions. They make business decisions which have far reaching ramifications. But they are nervous when their teams play and to a one will not read the sports page when their team loses.

So, in the end it seems that I am quite normal after all. I am a sports fan. Big on the win and whiney on the loss. Such sportsmanship!

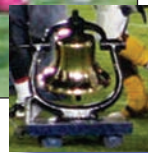
From the couch almost ready to watch another game.

New Date For Turkey Tussle

Annual PHS vs. Muir Rivalry Will Be Held On Thursday, November 8th



PHS in 2006 (above) & The Bell (inset)



Change your calendars, the date of the Turkey Tussle Football Game, Pasadena High School vs. John Muir High School has been changed.

Previously scheduled for Friday, November 9th, however since the UCLA game that weekend will be held at the Rose Bowl the Turkey Tussle has been moved up to Thursday, November 8th.

This is a rivalry that has been going on for decades. According to the PHS website, “The Turkey Tussle football game is an annual tradition between Pasadena High School and cross town rival John Muir High School. This tradition began in 1947 when the game was played between Pasadena Community College and John Muir Junior College. These two schools played until 1953. In 1954 the annual rivalry was played between what was now Pasadena High School and John Muir High School. The winning school takes possession of a ceremonial Victory Bell. One of the highlights for the winning team is to rush to the end zone, celebrating their win, by ringing the Victory Bell. In June 2005, the John Muir campus was burglarized and the Victory Bell was stolen. On February 7, 2006 the Victory Bell was found near a road in the Angeles National Forest.” Muir has dominated this event since its inception. Since 1954 when the rivalry between the high schools began, PHS has only won 18 times. The last win was in 1995. This year, the Bulldogs intend to start a new trend. *Staff/MVO*

Bulldogs Upcoming Schedule

October 26, 2007	
7:00 p.m.	Jr. Varsity vs Burroughs
7:00 p.m.	Varsity I Vs. Burroughs
November 1, 2007	
3:15 p.m.	JV vs. Glendale
November 2, 2007	
7:00p.m.	Varsity vs. Glendale
November 8, 2007	
3:15 p.m.	JV vs. Muir
7:00 p.m.	Varsity vs. Muir

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