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Connecting Children To The Outdoors

Goldberg Family and City Officials Break Ground For New Park

In a fitting tribute to a man and his wife who spent most of their adult lives giving back to Sierra Madre, city officials, family, relatives and friends were on hand for the ground breaking of a park named after them. The Milton and Harriet Goldberg Recreation Area on South Sunnyside Avenue will officially become a sanctuary for children and adults to connect with nature.

The ceremony included comments from Mayor Enid Joffe, representatives of the Sierra Madre Firefighters Association and the Sierra Madre Rotary Club. The Goldberg family, Milton and Harriet's children-Michael Goldberg and Roberta Goldberg-Braun and grandchildren Rebecca and Daniel Braun also paid tribute to Harriet and Milton. As the official ceremonies were taking place, local children played on the piles of dirt, just as they have for the last sixty plus years. When the accolades and thanks were done, the Goldberg Family, along with the Mayor and former Mayor John Buchanan, pitched their shovels in the ground and the first tree was planted. Michael Goldberg held his father's shovel.

According to his sister, Roberta, her father grew up



The children of Sierra Madre still find open space a wonderful place to explore and have fun. In the background, ground is broken for the new park. Photo By Hood

urban living", says Roberta. She was very instrumental in the early days of the Sierra Madre Creative Arts efforts and the Sierra Madre Community Nursery School.

Despite the fact that Sierra Madre's Youth Master Plan included plans for the recreation area, it has still inspired its share of controversy. Critics feel that the funds could have been better utilized to help alleviate a portion of the city's financial problems. However, the source of contention among detractors are funds that were restricted. They could only be used for park lands.

The total cost of acquisition for the park was \$500,000. Part of those funds were from the sale of the Sierra Madre Community Nursery School and the proceeds could only be used to enhance and/or purchase other park lands. Other funding sources include donations from the Sierra Madre Firefighters Association, the Sierra Madre Rotary Club and private citizens. Proceeds from the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club's Pancake Breakfast also were contributed to the effort.

A state grant of \$61,000 has been awarded from the



Breaking ground at the new park (l to r): Grandchildren Daniel and Rebecca Braun, Councilman John Buchanan, Roberta Goldberg-Braun, Peter Braun, Bonnie Goldberg and Mayor Enid Joffe. Photo by S. Henderson/MVO

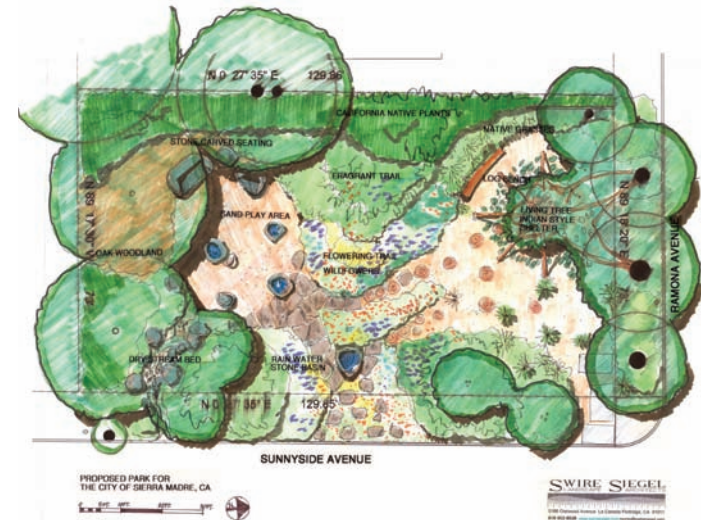
in Boyle Heights, rode the Red Car to Sierra Madre when he was twelve and became hooked on the city. He called it, "The Frontier of LA". When he and his wife Harriet moved to the city shortly before the birth of their son Michael, they purchased a house on Ramona and the two adjacent lots which extend to Sunnyside. The larger of the two lots is the site of the park. Their goal was to keep the lots as open space that would be

The SM Community Foundation needs to raise at least \$20,000 this month to complete the park. To contribute or for more information, call (626) 355-5278

restorative, rejuvenating and restful to the soul. His wish will now be a permanent part of Sierra Madre through the development of this new recreation area.

Milton and Harriet gave a lifetime of service to the community. Milton served on numerous commissions including Parks and

Recreation when it created Sierra Vista Park and the city's swimming pool. Harriet Goldberg, in stark contrast to her husband who loved nature and everything about it, was interested in "haute couture, gourmet cooking and



This rendering by Ronnie Siegel of Swire Siegel Landscape Architects shows what the completed park will look like. Courtesy City of Sierra Madre

Land and Water Conservation Fund to build the rest of the park. It requires, however, that the city raise matching funds from private sources. To date, the Sierra Madre Community Foundation, headed by Rob Stockly and Mary Kelly have raised approximately \$41,000 of those matching funds. The balance must be raised in the month of November.

Harriet Goldberg passed away in 2000 at the age of 86. Milton Goldberg lived to be 93 years old and died in 2005. Milton's dream of keeping an open space for kids to play lives on today. S. Henderson/MVO



Everson Mathis, left, takes a last look at the judges during last week's Halloween Parade and Contest. The young lion, 11 months old stole the hearts of judges for his category in a costume made by his mother. Over 152 children participated in the contest. All winners are listed in box on the right. Photo By Mr. Mathis

The Lion And His Friends Win Honors On Halloween

0-2 Years	5-6 Years	9-10 Years
Everson Mathis Miku Coppock Hinaya Greene	Theo Philpot Danny Comer Bella Difiore	Jack Iko Mackenzie Guzman Brock Vance
3-4 Years	7-8 Years	11 Years and up
Johan Thuen Isabella Ramirez Liv Bjorgum	Alex Bucur Mihali Dieguez Sam Freiberger	Calvin Chrishansen Jack Freiberger Heather Titchenell

"Reduced Size Modifications" Possibility For Skilled Nursing Center Project Developer Responds To City's Request

By Susan Henderson

Narrowly making the November 2nd deadline imposed by the city, the developer of the skilled nursing facility, Sierra Madre Land Company, advised City Hall that they intended to proceed with the project and to meet with the city to discuss "reduced size modifications". This declaration was in response to a letter from City Manager Elaine Aguilar which summarized an October 23rd meeting with the developer and city staff. At that meeting, it was confirmed that the project would require "discretionary review" by both the Planning Commission and City Council on issues that conflict with the city's current zoning, Downtown Overlay Zone, Measure V and/or the General Plan.

The project, now called (continued on page 3)

Not In Their Backyard Alverno Neighbors Up In Arms Over School's Expansion Plans



Trees and Signs now line Wilson Avenue Photo by D.Lee/MVO

An all too familiar sight for Sierra Madre has surfaced again - lawn signs pronouncing displeasure with proposed development plans. This time, however, it is neither the Downtown nor the Hillside, rather, it is the quiet residential community immediately surrounding Alverno High School.

Alverno, a private college prep high school for girls has been housed since 1960 on the site of the Villa del Sol d'Or. It is bordered by (continued on page 3)

CNN LIVE IN SIERRA MADRE Surprise Morning Visit Broadcasts Nationwide



Fire Marshall Rich Snyder, Fire Safe Council Members Mike Kinney and Gary Hood listen attentively as CNN staff outlines the days activities. Story on Page 5

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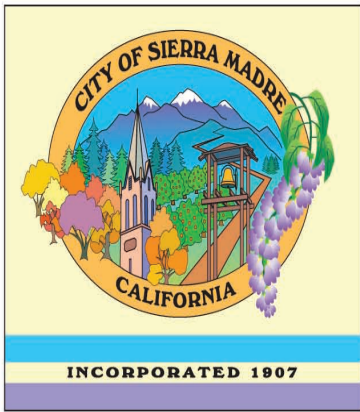
5-Day Forecast for Sierra Madre, Ca.
Longitude W118.0, Latitude N34.2

Saturday	Mostly Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
Sunday:	Mostly Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
Monday:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
Tuesday:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
Wednesday:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



Morning Fog



City of Sierra Madre November Events

- 6 - Election Day
- 7 - SMTV3 Programming Committee - Recreation Center - 7:30 a.m.
- 8 - Senior Flu Clinic - Hart Park House - 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- 8 - Community Arts Commission - Recreation Center - 6:30 p.m.
- 8 - Ad-hoc Finance Committee - Council Chambers - 7:00 p.m.
- 9 - City Hall Closed
- 10 - Walk with the Mayor - Kersting Court - 9:00 a.m.
- 12 - Veterans' Day - City Hall Closed
- 13 - Wistaria Vine Brochure Community Submissions Due
- 13 - City Council Meeting - Council Chambers - 6:30 p.m.
- 15 - Planning Commission - Council Chambers - 7:00 p.m.
- 16 - All-America City Light Pole Banner Orders Due
- 16 - Dickens Village - Downtown Sierra Madre Shops
- 16 - Travelers & Collectors - Council Chambers - 7:30 p.m.
- 19 - Community Services Commission - Council Chambers - 7:00 p.m.
- 21 - Tree Advisory Commission - Council Chambers - 7:00 p.m.
- 21 - Woman's Club Inter-Faith Prayer Breakfast - 8:00 a.m.
- 22-23 - Thanksgiving Holiday - City Hall Closed
- 27 - City Council Meeting - Council Chambers - 6:30 p.m.
- 28 - Library Board of Trustees - Council Chambers - 7:00 p.m.

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

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What's Cooking At Ascension?

Sierra Madre's Church of the Ascension has collected the best recipes from group members, family and friends and compiled them into an attractive keepsake cookbook. Come see us at Dickens Village November 16th the cook book and testing of some of the delicious recipes will be surely please everyone, we will be located in front of Webb-Martin Realtors at 30 N. Baldwin. The cook book will also be for sale at local Sierra Madre merchants, and on line at www.morriscookbooks.com. These one of a kind cookbooks are available for \$10.00 and make wonderful gifts. The cook book contains over 240 well-loved recipes including appetizers, main dishes, desserts and many others. Recipes include the contributor's name, enabling you to find the recipes of family and friends.

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

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



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

Beantown
45 N. Baldwin
Time for Ice Cream
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Lucky Baldwin's
21 Kersting Court
(626) 355-1140

Mary's Market
561 Woodland Drive
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Friday, November 16th
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9:00 A.M.
Kersting Court

Creating a healthy community
through people, parks, and programs

Do Geese See God?

By Rich Johnson



ALERT: For goodness sake do not go to the Nano Café and order their rib eye steak...unless you are sure there is one left for me. Yes, Nano's, in the Albertson shopping center is now open every evening. I had their rib eye steak the other night. It was unbelievably good! I only wish they had a private dining room because the size of the steak was embarrassingly big. And watch out for waitress Nancy. She is dangerous.

Okay, now onto real important stuff. Who knows what a palindrome is? Bob says he does. As does Mom. Bill doesn't have a clue. Give up? A palindrome is a word, phrase, or sentence that reads the same backwards or forwards. Like Bob or Mom. Why do I mention palindromes you ask? Because a significant part of what motivates me to write this column is to equip those of you who actually read this to be ready when someone challenges you intellectually. Be truthful! If someone walked up to you and asked for an example of a palindrome would you be ready? Now you will. Let's start with an easy one: "Never odd or even." That wasn't so hard. Palindromes can also help with the various phases of life. Some can stimulate deep theological discussions such as the title of this column: "Do geese see God?" Or, "Dogma, I am God". Then there are those that offer a geography lesson: "A man, a plan, a canal: Panama." If you are looking for a meal you can always offer: "A nut for a jar of tuna." Or, "Go hang a salami, I'm a lasagna hog."

Palindromes have been with us since Bible Times. The first one was, in fact, in the Garden of Eden. Adam, upon seeing Eve for the first time uttered, "Madam, in Eden I'm Adam." Of course, there are ethical palindromes: "Borrow or rob" is a perfect example. And even an encouragement to go to the polls on election day: "Rise to vote, sir". Finally, thanks to all of you who came out to see the play, "The Good Doctor". We have been fortunate enough to have performed to mostly sold out audiences. As of the writing of this column there are still 5 performances remaining. If you would like to come see us you can reserve tickets by calling 256-3809. A personal thank you to our director, June Chandler, for giving me an experience and memories I will never forget.

DEVELOPER (cont. from page 1)
"Wistaria Village Mixed-Use Project", currently calls for the construction of 55 units ranging from 1 to 3 bedrooms to be built on the property at Sierra Madre Boulevard.

This project, along with the Howie's Market project are the primary reason residents moved forward with Measure V. The initiative, which passed in April, basically prohibits projects that exceed three stories, thirty feet in height and density above 13-18 units per acre from being constructed without voter approval.

And, while the developer has voluntarily stopped any progress on the project pending the outcome of the April election on Measure V, it is primarily the conflicts with other existing codes that are problematic. Specifically, according to the Downtown Overlay Zone and the Municipal Code, the setback along Sierra Madre Blvd. does not meet the minimum requirements and the parking proposed contradicts the municipal code.

In a letter dated October 2, 2007 to the developer from Interim Development Services Directors Anne McIntosh and Donna Butler, Sierra Madre Land Company (SMLC), after articulating the problems with setbacks and parking, they pointed out that the deposit for the EIR had not been paid and that on March 14, 2007 the developer authorized an extension of the certification of the EIR to January 22, 2008. By so doing, the developer waived his right to move the project forward under a state law that penalizes municipalities for dragging their feet on development applications. This has been a major concern of Councilman Watts, who informed the council that the December 9th deadline was fast approaching. The law gives cities one year to process applications once they have been deemed complete. The Skilled Nursing Center Application was deemed complete on December 11, 2006, one day before the council set a date for the Measure V election.

In the October 2nd letter, four courses of action that could be taken were outlined:

1. The application could "proceed to the Planning Commission with no changes, no environmental impact report and a staff recommendation of denial";
2. The EIR process could be initialized "with payment and authorization to proceed but with no design changes and a possible recommendation of denial.";
3. "Redesign the project to bring it into compliance with the Downtown Overlay Zone (no variances) and proceed with the appropriate environmental review"; or
4. Withdraw the current project and "resubmit a project that complies with Measure V".

In the letter, it is stated that staff would determine their recommendations based upon the "merits" of the submittal.

A meeting between the parties to place on October 23, 2007 at which time they discussed all of the issues facing the existing application. The City Manager requested that the developers inform the city by the end of business November 2nd if they intended to proceed with the project. A response was received late Friday and, according to Aguilar, the Sierra Madre Land Company, LLC, indicated that they would go forward with the project with "reduced size modifications". It was not known at press time what other changes, if any, were to be made.

User Utility Tax Likely Choice For Pending Police Initiative *Ad Hoc Committee Reports*

By Dean Lee

Racing a Thursday deadline the Ad-Hoc Finance Committee met Saturday morning with residents to once again discuss how to deal with the city's financial problems. By the time the meeting was over, the committee was leaning toward adopting recommendations of doubling the current User Utility Tax from 6 percent to 12 percent. Such an increase would possibly add as much as \$1.5 million to the general fund to pay for, among other things, the pending Police Firefighters Public Safety Initiative. City Manager Elaine Aguilar said raising the Utility User Tax would be the least complicated of the choices. However, such an increase still might not cover the entire budget shortfalls yet requiring cuts in other services such as, the senior center and library.

She said the language in the current UUT is also outdated would have to be revised even if the police initiative was not on the ballot. If the city council chooses something other than the UUT as a means of curing Sierra Madre's revenue problems, Aguilar said the city might have two tax measures to vote on at the same time.

Voters would be asked to update language in the city's current municipal code relating to the UUT as required by law and to vote on whatever tax the councils decides upon in order to generate more revenue for Sierra Madre.

City Attorney Sandra Levin said last week that proposed federal legislation next year could prevent cities from rewriting any new UUT municipal codes thus requiring changes to be made prior to the federal law going into effect.

Levin addressed the Pasadena City Council two weeks ago about a similar draft emergency Measure D, "Pasadena Utility Users Tax Continuation Measure" written by former Sierra Madre City Attorney, Michael Colantuono. Levin and Colantuono are partners at the law firm Colantuono & Levin, PC and serve as consultants for the City of Pasadena.

Finance Committee members said they were concerned over opposition to Pasadena's UUT measure. According to Levin this is a routine item all cities are going through.

The amendment will not only address how the UUT is assessed to reflect wireless technology and cell phones, it may or may not include sewers. The UUT needs only a simple majority to pass.

Aguilar said Levin would most likely draft the language in Sierra Madre's ballot measure to reflect a raise in taxes. She did not specify what it that might say. Many residents have expressed concerns over the failed Measure F in 2005. According to the City Manager, Sierra Madre does not want to replicate the same mistakes.

The creation of a special revenue tax was a less popular choice but still a viable option staff said. Property owners would be taxed 25 cents per square foot although the city could be flexible in creating a special tax allocation such as public safety.

Staff also estimated a potential revenue increase of \$1.8 million, \$300,000 higher than the UUT. A special revenue tax needs 2/3 vote to pass and was the single reason most of the committee members opted not to use it. The draft report released on Saturday states

that the full purpose of any tax increase is to maintain the current level of services, paying for the new Paramedics program after the initial funding expires in two years, and pay for the increased general fund expenses should the Police Initiative pass.

Aguilar said any measure, if approved by the council later this month, would be placed on the same April ballot as the Police Initiative. This would also be the same election where Councilmember John Buchanan and Mayor Enid Joffe would be up for reelection prompting some to say that this could turn out to be an ugly campaign.

Although unlikely, no one discussed what would happen if the Police Officers Association Initiative did not pass but a tax increase did.

Public comment, with the lowest turnout yet, focused on questioning the need for taxes at all rather than which one would be best. Fay Angus, and others, once again raised concerns and asked about late audits. City Manager Elaine Aguilar recapped where the city currently stands assuring everyone that the city will be caught up next year.

Administrative Services Director Karen Schnaider said what the audits show is that the city is in a deficit, emphasizing a need for more money.

The committee also looked at other revenue enhancement options such as increased overnight street parking fees, Using consultants, cutting library hours, using volunteers, doubling duties for staff, closing City Hall every Friday, and even including a 10 cent tax on coffee and using eBay for more city purchases as revenue enhancing measures.

ALVERNO (continued from page 1)



that exceeds 1 acre and has development plans that will be carried out in stages, is required to file a Master Plan and have it approved. According to City Manager Elaine Aguilar, "The plan is typically something that the property owners develop. If the project is over one acre, is phased over time, then the master plan must be filed." Such a plan would also be required should the Monastery decide to develop their land. Even the Congregational Church, which has four separate sites that combined exceed 1 acre have to submit a Master Plan. Aguilar noted that in the instance of both Stonehouse and 1 Carter, no Master Plan was submitted. Aguilar says that those developments would be limited to the one phase currently approved by the city. The Master Plan requirement is part of the 1996 General Plan.

Submittal and approval of the Master Plan without the support of the community, especially those directly impacted by the expansion will be difficult. As with applications for conditional use permits, the process for approval includes public hearings, environmental impact reports review by the planning commission and approval by the city council.

A recent Tree Commission decision has residents even more concerned. The commission recommended that the school be allowed to cut down an Old Oak tree for the new soccer field without replacement. Generally, when permission is given to cut down a tree, the commission requires that the lost tree is mitigated by the planting of new trees in other areas.

This is not the first time Alverno plans have irked neighbors. In 2005 the school circulated a letter regarding improvements on the property. That effort was met with fierce opposition and quickly abandoned.

For additional information regarding Alverno's expansion plans, contact the school at (626) 355-3463. To contact the residents opposed to the expansion send an email to: saveourvillageneighborhood@yahoo.com S. Henderson/MVO

The Hunkpapas- Scouts Select Coral Y For Service Project



There are about 1,000 things that young men between the ages of 15 and 18 could be doing on a sunny Saturday. However, for members of the Hunkpapa Chapter of the Boy Scouts of America, revitalizing the outdoor area of the Coral Y was their choice. Lead by Tim Sargent, 15 of Pasadena, the group sanded, primed and painted picnic tables, raked leaves and rid the area of unwanted weeds.

Sargent, a student at Shiloh Academy is Vice Chair of Service for the group. Once a year the group surveys their community and selects a project where they can be of service. Sargent learned of the Coral centers need through his church, Sierra Madre Congregational.

Approximately a dozen young men worked diligently to restore the tables and picnic area. They were accompanied by two adults, Dave Sargent, Tim's dad and Martin Deveau.

The Sierra Madre Playhouse
Presents an Actors Etc. Production

The Good Doctor

October 5 - November 10

Last Performances
Friday:
11/9 at 8:00pm
Saturday:
11/10 at 8:00pm

Adults: \$20
Seniors, Students: \$17
Children
(12 and under): \$12



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‘Thanks But No Thanks’ Council Rejects Recommendations on China

By Dean Lee

Some say the recap of last Monday night’s special council meeting regarding human rights violations in China posted on the city’s web site beautifully illustrates why those affected, hopeful the city would do something stern toward China, are now mad as ever. Pasadena’s official web site reads, “The City Council endorsed

they would try again later when there was more support. According to city staff, Monday’s meeting was set to discuss recommendations judgmental of human rights violations in China and what roll a Beijing Olympic float in next year’s Rose Parade might have. After Monday’s meeting Falun Gong practitioners along with council member Chris Holden all said the city council did neither.

Tournament of Roses House. Protesters also said the march will take place down part of Colorado Boulevard, the Rose Parade Route. During most of public comment, which took up over half the meeting, it was unclear how much attention was being paid as council members could be seen checking emails and chatting with each other. At numerous times some council members even got up and left the room although hard to ignore the Rev. Peter Zhou Bangjiu as he held up his disfigured right arm stemming from of over 20 years of torture by the Chinese government he said. Council member Steve Haderlein did however ask long time human rights activist, Inman More, if he would be on a sub-committee if they formed one. The formation of a sub-committee was also part of the Human Relations Commission’s report. The meeting took an interesting twist when council member Victor Gordo questioned the existence of the Sister City program entirely. The 15 minute showdown



Falun Gong protesters in front of Tournament House
D.Lee/MVO

the United Nation’s Resolution entitled, “Universal Declaration of Human Rights, dated December 10, 1948.” Then continues, “The Council voted to denounce human rights violations wherever they occur, and will communicate their actions to Federal legislative representatives, the city’s five sister-cities, and the General Consuls of the five countries that have sister-city relationships.” At the meeting, they bickered for some time whether or not to send all Sister Cities their proposal as a way of staying neutral although forgetting completely that Vanadzor Armenia is on the list. Pasadena has had a relationship with Vanadzor since 1991. Just two weeks ago Mayor Bill Bogaard said that Pasadena has for years recognized The Armenian Genocide in which it is proclaimed that over 1.5 million Armenians were forcibly deported and massacred. Bogaard and others have said the city should stay out of foreign policy although some say it is clear they have not. Efforts to bring a resolution, written by Congressman Adam Schiff, to formally name the 1915 massacre of Armenians by Ottoman Turks, “genocide” was postponed in the U.S. House of Representatives last week after it failed to gain backing. Schiff said

The recommendations were given to the council by the city’s Human Relations Commission in a report released earlier this month. “I hope you do realize we sidestepped the float entirely,” Holden said as he asked that any position the city might take be specific to China. He then reiterated the goals of the meeting saying it was to take testimony and discuss the report which included the float. Holden also motioned to pass a resolution to this effect although it failed miserably 6-2 prompting many to say the whole meeting was a waste of time. Holden and council member Jackie Robinson were the only two that voted in favor of the motion. Up to then Robinson had kept quiet most of the night. After the meeting Falun Gong supporter, Ann Lau, held up a hand drawn picture of a chicken, then, parading it around, said, “that’s what they are a bunch of chickens.” Caltech Falun Club president John Li, and others, have already set up a demonstration against the council’s decision. They did however thank the HR Commissioners for what city council member Sid Tyler called, “an extraordinary report.” The march, Sunday at 2 p.m., will start at City Hall and end at the

started when Sister City’s China Committee Chair, Alan Lamson, said human rights injustice was not a part of the spirit for the Sister City’s relationship. “Can you imagine now Xicheng district sending a letter to you, to the city council, saying we perceive many examples of human rights violations in the United States, and in particular, connections with the war in Iraq and the war on terrorism,” Lamson said. “We would think that’s a little strange coming from our Sister City.”



Five Sister Cities’ flags displayed behind the council
(China is middle)

Peaceful Protest Targets Military Recruitment Tactics

By Teresa Baxter

Several local organizations united on the Pasadena City College campus at noon last Friday, rallying in protest against the war in Iraq while also calling for honesty in recruiting practices from the Marine, Army, Navy and Air Force Center located across the street from PCC. Participating in the event were members of the American Friends Service Committee, Catholic Worker, Foothills Peace Coalition, CodePink, ANSWER, and Latinos Against the War. Representing PCC were the clubs, Students for Social Justice and MEChA. The groups allege that military recruiters prey on students with promises of money for college, sign-up bonuses and professional opportunities, while not sharing that at times these agreements are not always met. “New recruits into the armed services are often misled by enticing promises that recruiters cannot, or do not deliver,” said Steven Gibson, LA Program Director of the AFSC. “Because voluntary military service includes the willingness to sacrifice one’s life, this decision should be honored by truthful, accurate recruiting practices.” Another issue is the allowance of recruitment on college campuses. As military recruiters struggle to meet their lagging goals,

community colleges are becoming prime targets for their sales pitches. Community college students are often the most in need of funds to continue and advance their education and recruiters know this, said Gibson. The legality of on-campus recruitment dates back to 1995 when Congress passed the first Solomon Amendment, denying schools that barred military recruiters from campus any funds from the Department of Defense. The next year, Congress extended the law’s reach to include funds from the Departments of Education, Labor, and Health & Human Services. Defense Department regulations proposed in 2000, and formally adopted in 2002, toughened the law by interpreting it to require revocation of federal grants to an entire university if only one of the university’s subdivisions (its law school, for example) runs afoul of the law. In 2005, Congress amended the law to explicitly state that military recruiters must be given equal access to that provided other recruiters. After the groups convened on the PCC campus, the protest progressed across the street to the front of the recruitment center with the primary goal of shutting the center down, if only for one day. “Today a group of U.S. citizens have come together as part of their civic duty to speak to the morally wrong methods and practices of military recruiting at this time,” said Gibson, addressing the recruiters. “We are opposed to the war in Iraq and we still insist U.S. military recruits be treated fairly, honorably and honestly at all steps in their interaction.”



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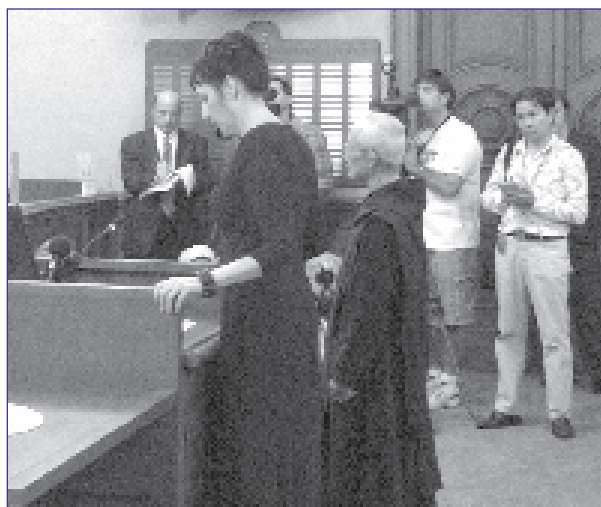
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The Army and Navy immediately locked their doors. However, the Marines called the police and attempted to stay open, finally conceding by closing shop later that afternoon. Their were several speakers who shared the realities of their military experiences, including Agustin Aguayo, who was imprisoned for refusing a second deployment in Iraq. His wife, Helga, announced that on November 5th, he will be recognized as a conscientious objector by the Supreme Court. Other speakers included parents of soldiers in Iraq. Regarding the protest, the USMC Public Affairs Representative of Los Angeles, Corporal Miguel Carrasco, stated that “even though these incidents happen at several locations it is still our job to look for the best Americans that want to join and serve our country. As Marines, we are glad to provide [the forum] that provides citizens the rights to do as they please.”

Alzheimer’s Association Stages 15th Annual Memory Walk

LOS ANGELES – For the first time in 15 years, Memory Walk is “on the move” to Downtown Los Angeles, it was announced by Peter Braun, President and CEO, California Southland Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association. The historic event is set for Sunday, November 4th and is the first ever Memory Walk that will occur in the heart of the city of Los Angeles. The new route, beginning in The Watercourt at California Plaza, will take the nearly 3000 expected participants past such iconic Los Angeles landmarks as Disney Hall and the Los Angeles Central Library during the approximately two mile walk. Celebrities, teams and individuals, converging as “champions” in the fight against Alzheimer’s, have a goal of raising more than \$500,000 to support research and programs of the Alzheimer’s Association.

With the help of local sponsor Wells Fargo and Honorary Chair Shelley Freeman, Regional President of Wells Fargo; and Honorary Co-Chairs Don Knabe, County Supervisor;; Jan Perry, Councilmember; and William Witte, President of Related of California, the 2007 Memory Walk hopes to draw awareness and critical dollars in the ongoing battle against Alzheimer’s. In Los Angeles County alone, deaths from Alzheimer’s have risen 220% over the past decade, with one in 10 persons over the age of 65 and one-half of those over the age of 85 now diagnosed with the disease. “Alzheimer’s is the epidemic of our generation,” says Peter Braun. “In 2007, it is estimated that there are more than 5 million people living with Alzheimer’s disease in the United States. In California alone, there are currently 450,000 people that have been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s, and by the year 2050 that number is expected to triple. Everyone that participates in Memory Walk is making a commitment to support families currently dealing with this disease and prevent it from impacting others in the future.” This year’s move downtown has been supported by dozens of businesses situated in and servicing the Downtown Los Angeles area. Businesses are providing in-kind support, discounts, and actual goods and services to the Walk. Businesses are also supporting the Champions Health and Well-Being Expo, which will be open all morning and will feature more than 100 booths, family activities and educational resources.



Rev. Peter Zhou Bangjiu (right)
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He went on to say that kind of communication should be one on the National level. Gordo disagreed having earlier said, “Eisenhower envisioned this program as ‘the great force of peace,’ as he put it. Wouldn’t you say communicating that Pasadena doesn’t accept violations of human rights, wherever they occur, would be in the spirit of the Sister Cities Relationship?” Lamson answered, “No.” Although no one from the Tournament of Roses, The Roundtable of Southern California Chinese American Organizations or Avery Dennison had show up, a statement was given to the council and the press on behalf of the float. No Chinese Communist party officials will ride on the float or

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

Until recently it would have been hard to imagine homes burning on the beach in Malibu from a fire that started in the hillsides above. In the early days of forest management it was feared that lumber resources would be lost due to fires that started in neighboring towns.

Today, for the most part the fear of where a fire will start has reversed. A few years ago a forest fire did start in Mt. Baldy village with the explosion of a cabin propane hot water heater. Such accidents can and will happen, but arson is a crime against society that is hard to comprehend. Likewise, youngsters playing with matches causing recent fires in Griffith Park and Agua Dulce make you shudder at the thought of the careless lack of supervision.

Fire Safe Councils were praised for their work by Fire Chiefs in San Diego County. In Sierra Madre, Red Flag Fire Patrols are on the alert during Santa Ana wind storms for arcing power lines and embers flying miles ahead of the fire front, igniting spot fires. All Trails and Forests are closed due to High Fire Danger.

In the Santa Ana wind storms, homeowners have only one thing that they can control: the creating of a defensible space around their homes. Even with all that you can do to prepare, there may be a time in Sierra Madre, as in San Diego and Orange County this October, where you do what you can do and then get out of nature's way.

The next Fire Safe Council meeting is Monday, November 12 at 7 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Fire Marshall Snyder will be showing a film entitled: The Science of Brush Clearance. A Thermo-gel demonstration will be on November 18, 12-2 P.M. at Mary's Market in the Canyon. For more information contact the Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council at 355-0741 or 355-9350. E-mail: smfiresafecouncil@hotmail.com

SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During the week of Sunday, October 28th, to Saturday November 3rd, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 318 calls for service.

Sunday, October 28th:

2:05 AM – Disturbance, 500 block West Highland Ave. A resident called to report three to five males fighting in the street. Upon arrival they were gone; however, a resident reported a prowler in their backyard. Officers arrested two males, one was booked for prowling the second for a curfew violations. Both were booked and released on a written promise to appear.

3:45 PM – Warrant arrest, 242 West Sierra Madre Blvd. A man came to the station to obtain a vehicle release. A records check revealed he had an outstanding arrest warrant. The man was taken into custody and released on a written promise to appear.

Monday, October 29th:

10:22 AM – Disturbance, 100 block West highland Ave. A resident called to report a neighbor upset over her doing laundry. Upon arrival officers' conducted a records check which revealed an outstanding arrest warrant on one of the involved parties. He was arrested and released on a written promise to appear.

Tuesday, October 30th:

7:21 AM – Trespassing, Santa Anita Canyon (Chantry Flats) Road. A resident reported bicyclists on the road disobeying that the road is closed. Upon arrival officers found two cyclists were found in violation of trespassing on land declared closed. They were issued written promised to appear and released.

7:42 PM – Commercial Burglary, 58 west Sierra Madre Blvd, The Bottle Shop. The business owner called to report three male Hispanics stole two 24 packs an two 12 packs of Corona Beer and fled. Officers conducted an investigation, but were unable to locate any suspects. The case is under investigation by the Detective Bureau.

Friday, November 2nd:

4:29 PM – Stolen vehicle report, 700 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. A resident reported her white 1995 Ford Explorer stolen. The Ford, 4ABR005 was stolen between 5:00 PM, 10:31 and 4:00 PM, 11/03. The suspect is known to the reporting party.

Saturday, November 3rd:

9:42 AM – Auto burglary, 400 block Mariposa Ave. A resident called to report the rear window smashed and his car stereo was stolen. The car was parked in the apartment buildings carport at Friday evening and discover this morning, 11/3 at 9:30 am. The owner estimated the loss at \$200.00.

11:25 AM – Vandalism, 300 block East Grandview. A resident reported her car had been egged. The car was parked Friday 11/2 at 5:00 PM and discovered the damage Saturday, 11/3 at 11:25 AM. No repair estimate was available at this time.



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There are some simple things to do to start creating a positive effect on the environment. For starters: * Buy eggs in cardboard-not Styrofoam- cartons. * Most cereal boxes are made of recycled cardboard. Their boxes are gray on the inside. The packaging for many cookies, crackers, dry goods, etc. are also recycled. Look for the “recycled” logo.* Buy carrots, onions, potatoes, etc. loose, and not in plastic bags.* Choose sauces, condiments, baby foods, spreads, etc. that are packaged in glass instead of plastic. * Avoid plastic containers, especially “squeezeable” ones, which are made up of different types of plastic in several layers, and are dramatically non-biodegradable.

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CNN VISITS SIERRA MADRE (from page 1)

On Friday, November 2nd at approximately 7:30 am, Fire Marshall Rich Snyder received and unexpected phone call. On the other end was CNN News Reporter Karen Finnstrom inquiring if she could bring her crew to Sierra Madre for a story.

“Sure, we’d love to have you,” said Snyder. Shortly after, Snyder and members of the Red Flag Patrol were greeted by Reporters Linda Hall and Kara Finnstrom and their camera crews. For the next 3 to 4 hours CNN followed the Red Flag Patrol as they went about their daily chores: Checking the entrances to Bailey Canyon and Chantry Flat; Posting Red Flag Warning Signs and patrolling the canyons looking for potential hazards.

The visit was shown in five different segments on CNN live during the day. A tape of the coverage will soon be available and the public will be notified.



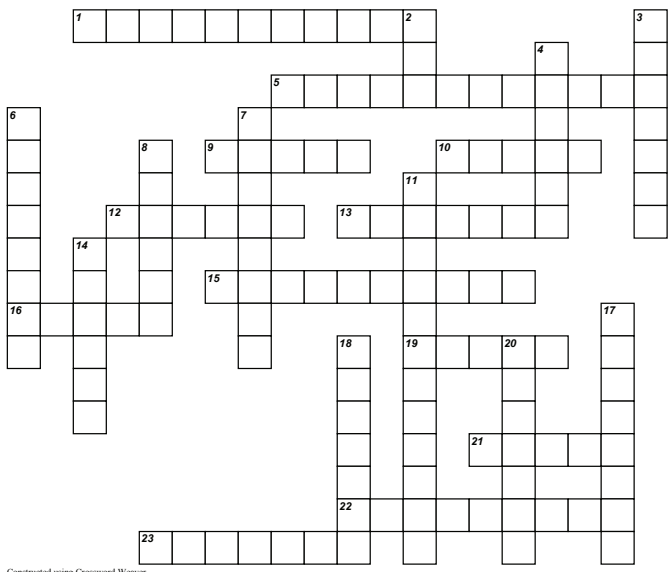
In light of the recent Southern California Fires, CNN was interested in how the Red Flag Patrol operates. The Patrol and the Fire Safe Council are headquarters are on Sierra Meadows at the home of Mike Kinney. Below, volunteers Hood and Caroline Brown check the Thermo-gel supplies.



Even Justin Scalise, age 3 was out with his Red Flag Patrol Vehicle despite the early hour.

Art Vocabulary

Spending A Little More Time With The Creative Arts Group Will Make This Much Easier!



ACROSS

- 1 A material used to create a work of art.
- 5 A photograph of a print.
- 9 An image that is transferred from a prepared surface to paper or fabric.
- 10 Number of Featured Arts at SM Festival
- 12 Frequency of Sierra Madre Festival
- 13 synthetic plastic resin used as a binder for paint
- 15 The use of more than one medium.
- 16 The element of art that refers to darkness or lightness
- 19 Dimensional / an object that has height, width and depth.
- 21 An artist's personal way of expressing ideas in a work.
- 22 Not A Money Making Venture
- 23 A finely ground, colored powder that gives paint its color.

DOWN

- 2 Dimensional / a work that has height and width, but not depth.
- 3 Where's that ear?
- 4 In art IT means moving or not at rest
- 6 looks as if it contains little or no recognizable or realistic forms
- 7 Sierra Madre's Art Group
- 8 A liquid to which the dry pigment is added.
- 11 Surrounded on all sides by space.
- 14 A type of sculpture in which forms and figures are projected from the front only.
- 17 Balance, rhythm, movement, proportion, emphasis, unity, variety as a group
- 18 A liquid that controls the thickness or thinness of the paint.
- 20 A series of prints all exactly alike.

Answers To Last Week's Puzzle

Happy Halloween Sierra Madre

Interesting Facts About Halloween and The City

Solution:



Arts & More

FOOTHILL ART FESTIVAL



The works of Beverly Jones will be on display

Creative Arts Group’s 47th annual art festival will kick off Friday, November 9th with an opening reception from 7-9 pm. More than 60 artists from around Southern California will display and sell their work including jewelry, ceramics, textiles, enameling, painting and much much more.

Among the new artists at this year’s festival is Ulla Anobile from Los Angeles who makes masks, animal and female forms from papier mache. First-time Art Festival jewelers Peg and Cap Strano, who work in the ancient art of cold-joined silver jewelry, (no soldering or welding used), will display and sell

their ethnic-inspired jewelry. Beautiful, burnished pit-fired ceramic sculptures with hand-rubbed finishes from artist Marcia Judd of Fullerton will also be available for sale.

In addition, textile arts including weavings, hand-painted silks and batiks, as well as many accomplished ceramicists (some instructors at Creative Arts Group), and talented watercolorists and oil and acrylic painters will be on hand to sell their unique creations. Jewelers working in every medium-fine silver, gold, enamel and gemstones will participate in this yearly festival.

For one-of-a-kind gifts that you won’t see in your local mall, or for a unique addition to your own collection, come to Creative Arts Group’s Annual Art Festival. Located in the charming foothill village of Sierra Madre, Creative Arts Group is a non-profit center offering art instruction to children and adults. Festival continues Saturday, November 10th from 10-6 pm and Sunday, November 11th from 11-5 pm.

For more information call Creative Arts Group at (626) 355-8350.



Created by Lynn Hendricks

“Clazzical Notes”

Pasadena Symphony Presents Les Femmes

The Pasadena Symphony’s free evening of jazz, classical music and discussion among the musicians – will present Les Femmes: Women of Jazz and Classical Music on Monday evening, November 12, at the Pasadena Jazz Institute in Pasadena from 7 p.m. till 8:30 p.m.

Representing the jazz side of the Clazzical Notes equation is base player



Nedra Wheeler

Nedra Wheeler, hailed by All About Jazz for her ability to “anchor any ensemble in which she plays with a rhythmic authority blended with a melodic playfulness.” Recent performances have included appearances with Nate Morgan’s trio, Tracey Chapman, the Women’s Jazz Ensemble and her own sextet, which Wheeler describes as her current “favorite project.” Joining Wheeler is acclaimed conductor, violinist and composer Yvette Devereaux, who,




Yvette Devereaux, Conductor

among her many achievements, was guest conductor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion with the F.A.M.E. Choirs of Los Angeles. She was also the first woman to hold the position of Music Director/Conductor of the Southeast Community Symphony in Los Angeles.

Whether she is conducting or playing the violin, Devereaux travels easily between the worlds of classical music and jazz. While she has served as Principal Violinist for orchestras accompanying world-renowned operatic tenors Luciano Pavarotti and Andrea Bocelli, she has accompanied an impressive roster of pop artists – Justin Timberlake, Natalie Cole, Donna Summers, James Brown, Alicia Keys, Diana Krall and Alanis Morissette, to name but a few – as well.

THE MUSICAL “NARNIA” IS THE HOLIDAY SEASON SHOW AT SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE - OPENS NOVEMBER 23

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In a departure from previous seasons, when the Sierra Madre Playhouse presented the very popular stage classics like “The Sound of Music” and “A Christmas Carol” as holiday shows, the selection this year was made for a musical that is entirely appropriate for the holiday season yet would not be overly familiar to its audience from prior productions.

“Narnia” is a 1986 musical based on the novel “The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe” by C.S. Lewis (1898-1963). The Irish Lewis was an atheist in his youth, and fascinated with the more fantastic elements of Norse mythology. At age 31, he converted to Christianity and the Anglican Church, influenced by his close friend, fantasy author and fellow Oxford faculty member J.R.R. Tolkien, a Catholic. Lewis became known as a Christian apologist, whose writings called for an examination of the truth of Christianity through the use of reason. But his most famous work was the series of books collectively known as The Chronicles of Narnia. The books are Christian allegories, but also work as family-friendly straight-ahead adventure stories, so they can honestly be enjoyed by believers and non-believers alike.

In the stage musical “Narnia”, based on the novel “The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe,” four English children travel through a dimensional portal behind a wardrobe to a different place, the frost-encloaked land of Narnia, where talking animals are common and human are scarce. Narnia is held in the thrall of the evil White Witch. Aslan, a regal lion, is coming, gathering an army to fight the White Witch and her band of vicious wolves and wicked elves. Aslan gives up his life to rescue a traitorous English child in mortal danger, but is soon resurrected, and with power restored and with the aid of the children, marches on to confront the forces of evil once and for all.

Director Alison Kalmus places the narrative within the context of a live BBC radio broadcast in 1940 during the Blitz, adding an additional layer of allegory (Allies vs. Nazi Axis) to the proceedings, and distancing itself from the cuteness of Disney (which released its film based on the story in 2005. The “broadcast” is a dramatic flourish. Ms. Kalmus is aware that the first book in The Chronicles was first published nearly a decade later). The notion of a resurrected hero places the story within a Christian context, but the story elements of the battle between good and evil are accessible to all audiences regardless of religious affiliation. It’s a fantasy adventure suitable for the entire family.

Unlike most “radio play” stagings, the actors are “off book” (not reading from their scripts), more in the traditional style of performance. There will be a Foley artist (one who visibly performs sound effects live).

Because of the intense performance schedule (twenty-three performances in a single month), some roles are double or triple cast. The company of players includes (in alphabetical order) : Tiffany Brevard, Graham Cranston, Philip D’Amore, Stuart Galbraith, Sarah Gillman, Keith Harmel, Mary House, Corey Lynn Howe, Amy Lim, Johnson Lo, Christopher Loop, Dave McGee, Roberto Merckell, Kelly Myersfield, Sean Peterson, Megan Sanborne, Don Savage, Barry Schwam, James Shechet, Nina Silver, Stasha Sturdyke, Tracy Thomas, Tristan Willhelm and Kenneth Woods.

Assistant director/stage manager: Corey Lynn Howe. Costume design: Lynne Thomas and Liz Peterson. Set design: Don Bergmann and Dave Calhoun. Sound design/Foley artist: Barry Schwam. Properties/Foley assistant: Martha Merckell.

Alison Kalmus directs. She has directed the Sierra Madre Playhouse holiday shows for a number of seasons now. As founder and artistic director of Southern California Lyric Theatre, she draws upon her own operatic background to populate her casts with performers who are vocally trained and have superlative singing voices.

It is anticipated that many of the performances will sell out, so early reservations are strongly encouraged.

Happy holidays!

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Kiwanis Club of Sierra Madre Grants Now Available

The Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club is now has cash grants available to students and schools.

Paul Magaris Community Service Grants can be applied for by any local student or school. Up to \$300 per student or \$500 per school may be awarded to applicants who can show that a grant would benefit their education or provide a benefit to the community.

Grants are awarded twice each year: in November and in May.

Any individual, school, or organization who wishes to apply for a grant should contact Kiwanis Club Present Hank Landsberg via e-mail: henryeng@aol.com. The deadline to apply is Nov. 26, 2007.

PCC Board To Elects New Trustee

By Teresa Baxter

With District 4 Trustee Sue Miele vacating her position as a coveted member of the Pasadena City College's Board of Trustees an opportunity has arisen for a qualified person to fill her shoes in an area that represents southeastern Pasadena, as well as parts of Arcadia and Temple City.

Two skilled people have tossed their name into the hat to be considered for this position, but only one will walk away with the 4-year seat after the election results are announced on Nov. 6.

PCC alumni Charles Nelson would like to be considered due to the fact that he earned a degree from the campus and has since completed his BA, in pursuit of his MA. Nelson is familiar—as a former student—with the needs of the undergraduates in regards to “Student Success”, a theme and motto initiated by the former president, Dr. James P. Kossler. Nelson has since gone on to become the Deputy Public Works Director for the City of Compton.

Then there is the former four-term Pasadena City Council member and mayor, Bill Thompson. An exemplary example of civic duty, his resume states that he has a distinguished record of leadership. His current posts include chairing both the volunteer Rose Bowl Aquatics Center Board and the entrepreneurial Board of the Rose Bowl Operating Company. He is also still an active intellectual-property attorney in Los Angeles.

The election results will be announced this week.

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Sierra Madre Elementary Qualifies for California Distinguished Schools Award

Eight Pasadena Unified Schools Total Recognized For Excellence

Pasadena Unified School District has eight elementary schools that have met the criteria to become California Distinguished Schools, announced Superintendent Edwin Diaz.

Qualifying schools are Burbank, Field, Hamilton, Longfellow, McKinley, Norma Coombs Alternative, Sierra Madre and Willard.

This highly sought after award honors the state's exemplary and inspiring public schools. The criteria for school selection reflect the consensus of the education community regarding what constitutes a quality education program and focuses on all aspects of the school's educational program.

“We are very excited that our schools are being recognized for their excellent academic programs,” said Diaz. “This is a very prestigious award and it takes a great deal of hard work and dedication just to meet the criteria. In this case,

it's true that just being nominated is an honor.”

In order to apply, schools must meet their No Child Left Behind Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) targets. Schools also must meet their 2007 Growth API (Academic Performance Index) of at least 758 in addition to meeting their school's growth targets, or have a school wide 2007 Growth API or 800 or above and a Growth API of 800 or above for all significant subgroups.

Elementary and secondary schools are recognized during alternate years. This year elementary schools will participate in a rigorously competitive selection process conducted by the California Department of Education with the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association. State Superintendent Jack O'Connell will announce the California Distinguished Schools winners on April 15, 2008.

When You Can't Sail, You Row!

C.L.I.M.B. Resident Inspires Students

Photo and story by Helen Simmons Conroy

On Friday, October 26, Jo Anne Seaman, 58, spoke to a crowd of 130 4th graders at Camino Grove Elementary School in Arcadia. She was invited to come in hopes that she would inspire students to be all that they can be by sharing her success as a productive and thriving member of a center for the multi-handicapped blind in Sierra Madre known as C.L.I.M.B.

Students were mesmerized as Seaman read to them in Braille, a book by Laura Ingalls Wilder. She chose the selection to share with the class knowing that they had recently read a story written by the same author as part of their Language Arts curriculum. Jo Anne began by saying, “You know, Laura Ingalls' sister, Mary, was blind.” After Jo Anne read from the book, she gave students the opportunity to ask her questions. Students asked questions ranging from, “How do you cook?” to “What would be the first thing you would do if you could see?” To address the question, “Do you use a cane?” Jo Anne reached for her cane that had been folded under her chair, stood up, and proceeded to demonstrate how she used it. As she walked with the cane, sliding it from side to side, the students politely moved towards her like magnets, to get a better look.



C.L.I.M.B. resident, JoAnne Seaman (center), visits with 4th graders at Camino Grove Elementary School in Arcadia

After the assembly, a student asked a teacher to the side, “Can Jo Anne come back and visit us again?” Hearing this from the teacher later, Jo Anne replied, “I would love to come back and when I do I'll write Braille for them so that they can get an idea of how the slate and stile work.”

About 30 minutes prior to this 4th grade assembly, Dr. Brook Reynolds had provided a different form of inspiration in a school-wide assembly, using the cartoon, “Sponge Bob Square Pants.” Reynolds stated that when Patrick asked Sponge Bob what he should do on a sail boat if the wind died, Sponge Bob replied, “If you can't sail, row!” That sums up what Jo Anne Seaman demonstrated by sharing her life at the later assembly – that she'd never stop rowing, or always find a way to catch the wind.

Join Us for Alverno High School's Open House on November 18

Please drop by our beautiful campus on Sunday, November 18 from 1 to 3 p.m. for Alverno's Open House. It's a great opportunity to meet our students and learn more about everything that Alverno has to offer. We are a Catholic, college-prep high school where girls enjoy a strong faith community, leadership opportunities, excellent academics, lots of activities, and quality arts and sports. No reservations for open house are necessary. Alverno is located at 200 N. Michillinda Ave. in Sierra Madre, 2 ½ blocks north of Sierra Madre Bl. Call (626) 355-3463 x 235 for more information. We hope to see you there!

PUSD HOSTS PARENTS TRAINING PARENTS WORKSHOP One Day Conference Offers Free Workshops for Parents

Pasadena Unified School District hosts the 11th Annual Parents Training Parents conference on Saturday, November 17 from 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Marshall Fundamental Secondary School, 990 North Allen Avenue, Pasadena. Since breakfast and lunch will be provided, pre-registration by November 7 is encouraged.

Open to all parents, workshop topics include: Roadmap to College, Parent Involvement and Leadership, Navigating the Education System (GATE, Special Ed, etc.) and Secondary Education. In addition, parents will have the opportunity to learn about health issues, including drugs, sex, nutrition, and stress reduction.

Assembly member Anthony Portantino will be the guest speaker. As Chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee and the father of two daughters attending public schools, Portantino's highest priority is the educational system.

Translation is available, and child care will be provided by PasadenaLEARNs.

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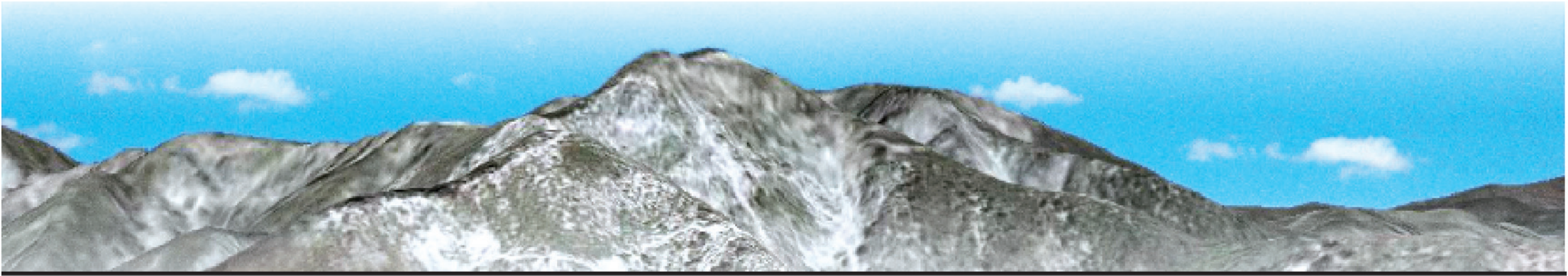


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IMPORTANT PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sierra Madre Fire Marshall Rick Snyder Recently Conducted A Training & Demonstration on the Use of Thermo-Gel Homeowner Kits

Sarah Sarkissian’s home in the Silverado Canyon arson fire was one of at least two homes saved in last week’s fires, due to their use of the Thermo-Gel Homeowner Protection Kit purchased from Earthquake SOLUTIONS of Monrovia.

“I will say that having the gel to apply made it much easier for us to take action when the voluntary call came, and leave then (or an hour later anyway), feeling we had done all we could do. It is certainly extremely difficult to leave one’s house!” said Sarkissian.

In Sarah’s neighborhood, four families on her street did not leave during either the voluntary or mandatory evacuation calls, and left only in the most dangerous period of the firestorm in a total panic, risking their lives and the lives of others.

“The strong emotions people have when in the path of an advancing fire often leads them to make foolish choices, says April Kelcy of Earthquake SOLUTIONS, who is the regional distributor for Thermo-Gel Homeowner Kits. “Thermo-Gel not only is the single most effective fire retardant for homeowner use, but it helps people have confidence to leave early, because its protection lasts for hours, and it can even be re-hydrated and provide protection up to days later.”

In the 1993 firestorms that hit the Altadena and Kinneloa areas, the only homeowner retardant products available were foam-based. But foams are easily blown away from the wind created by the fires, and the heat causes the air bubbles to expand and pop, so the protection window is measured only in minutes. This is okay for professional firefighters but not homeowners, so homeowner application of foams have not only been ineffective, but also have resulted in homeowners often staying, rather than evacuating when it is advised.

Thermo-Gel, however, is a water-based, not air-based product. It has a sticky viscosity that clings well, and clings for hours, even on windows and screens. In the past, windows that lacked protection typically transferred the convective heat from the fire at so high a temperature that many homes burned down by spontaneously igniting the contents from the inside. Now, because Thero-Gel is available and is a water-based barrier, it provides a cooling layer that interrupts the flow of convective heat, and can and does actually save homes. In fact, it saved over 500 homes, as well as some businesses, including restaurants and a lumberyard, in the 2003 fire season, as well as many saves since.

“There are also community benefits to using Thermo-Gel, not just individual ones,” says Kelcy. “Residents who wait too long to evacuate may find themselves entrapped when their cars won’t start or stall out because of the smoke, and they cannot outrun on foot a flame wall that might be advancing at more than 60 miles per hour, and eight or more stories high. Therefore, they can also end up blocking other evacuees and/or the arrival of first responders. Thus they risk not only their own lives, but the lives of others. Thermo-Gel users have more confidence to leave early and therefore avoid these dangers.

Thermo-Gel users also draw down about 50% less water volume in total, and are not continuously pulling down the water pressure needed by first responders to fight the fires that approach a neighborhood.

Homeowners apply Thermo-Gel by connecting it with a garden hose with a special eductor provided in the kit. The kit supplies enough product for the average single-family home, and takes about 30 minutes for most homeowners to apply to the home and surrounding vegetation. At \$349.00 per kit, that’s less than 10 cents per square foot of coverage, and less than \$10.00 per month of life safety and structure protection over the product’s three year shelf life.

Homeowners who do not have time to apply the product themselves, and even if they have applied it, should leave the bottles and eductors in plain view. That way, fire fighters may apply it for you, or re-hydrate your application if the fire has come back on another day. The product is rehydrated with a light water mist, again providing hours of protection. At the end of the crisis, it washes down with a heavy stream of water, and is environmentally sound. It will not harm fish or animals and does not accumulate in the soil or run-off.

“My marketing flyers for Thermo-Gel this season start with the words ‘Firestorm? Get Out of Dodge!’” says Kelcy. “I can’t tell you how delighted and grateful I am that Sarah’s home was one of those saved, and that her comments support my points about life safety. It’s not just that we have to put a cooling break and between our homes and the fires, but we have to BREAK the emotional barriers down that typically prevent people from leaving when they should, and give them the confidence to leave early. That way, many more homes, and lives, can be saved.”



Thermo Gel is available through the Sierra Madre Fire Safe Counsel. For more information call 355-0741 or E-mail: smfiresafecouncil@hotmail.com



City of Sierra Madre

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To: Citywide

From: The City of Sierra Madre

Subject: FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 1273 OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING VARIOUS BUILDING CODE AMENDMENTS.

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to review an ordinance amending the UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, 1997 EDITION and adopting by reference the 2007 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE, and amendments thereto; the 2007 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE, and amendments thereto; the 2007 CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE, and amendments thereto; the 2007 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE, and amendments thereto; the UNIFORM SWIMMING POOL, SPA AND HOT TUB CODE, 2006 EDITION, and amendments thereto; the CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE, 2007 EDITION; the 2007 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, and amendments thereto; and amending portions of TITLE 15 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre

City Council meeting

Tuesday, **November 13, 2007**

(Meeting begins at 6:30 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 City Council will hear them with respect thereto.

PROJECT LOCATION:

Citywide; in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

By Order of the City Council

Anne McIntosh,

Interim Director of Development Services

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LEGAL NOTICES

City of Sierra Madre
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To: City-wide
From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 1272, AMENDMENT AND ADOPTION OF THE 2007 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE AND THE 2006 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE.

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that on November 12, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. or soon thereafter, the Sierra Madre City Council will conduct a Public Hearing, to hear testimony regarding the proposed adoption of Ordinance 1272, an amendment to Section 15.24 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code regarding the amendment and adoption of the 2007 addition of the California Fire Code and the 2006 International Fire Code.

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Posted: October 27, 2007

By Order of the City Council

Elaine Aguilar, City Manager

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
City Hall
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024
Posted: October 3, 2007

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Phone: (626) 355-7135
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410704DV File No. 06-20072288713 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: COMERCIAL DE SEGUROS AND PROFESIONAL SERVICES, 9901 Paramount Blvd #105 Downey, CA 90240. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Adela Filgueres 9901 Paramount Blvd #105 Downey, CA 90240. 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 Oct 01, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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410705MG File No. 06-20072295779 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: ESPINOZA'S AUTO BODY, 1516 Hayes Ave Long Beach, CA 90813. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Luis Espinoza 1516 Hayes Ave Long Beach, CA 90813. 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 Oct 05, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/05/2007.

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410706MG File No. 06-20072295311 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: MDR PAINTING, 3728 E. 14th St Long Beach, CA 90804. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Michael Dominic Ray 3728 E. 14th St Long Beach, CA 90804. 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 Oct 05, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/01/2006.

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410707DV File No. 06-20072295698 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: FAMILY CARE, INC. 31587 Alta Vista Dr Redlands, CA 92373. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Amador M. Molina 31587 Alta Vista Dr Redlands, CA 92373. 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 Oct 05, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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MV0001001 File No. 2007242399 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: LOTUS HENNA, 2888 E. Walnut No. 12, Pasadena, CA 91107. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Paula Broussard, 2888 E. Walnut No. 12, Pasadena, CA 91107. The business is conducted as: AN INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on October 23, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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MV0001002 File No. 20072451203 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: QUALITY MAINTENANCE REPAIRS AND GARDENING, 620 Spring Point Drive, Bradbury, CA 91010. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Warren Taylor, Jr. 620 Spring Point Drive, Bradbury, CA 91010. 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 October 30, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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44701DV File No. 06-20072451466 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: WKGELECTRIC, 520 W. Fernfield Dr Apt D Monterey Park, CA 91754. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Wilfredo Palacios Abrego, Kervy Abrego and Gerson Abrego 520 W. Fernfield Dr Apt D Monterey Park, CA 91744. The business is conducted as: CO-PARTNERS. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Oct 30, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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440702DV File No. 06-20072402260 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: JC GRAPHICS, INC., 4628 Whitewood Ave Long Beach, CA 90808. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) JOEY & JC CORPORATION, 4628 Whitewood Ave Long Beach, CA 90808. 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 30, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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440703DV File No. 06-20072442935 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: DRAGON EXPRESS, 1301 E. Rosecrans Ave #109 Compton, CA 90221. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Frankie Quoc Lam 1301 E. Rosecrans Ave #109 Compton, CA 90221. 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 Oct 29, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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440704DV File No. 06-20072431591 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: ACTIVE PLUS, 1617 Allesandro St #201 Los Angeles, CA 90026. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Robert William Mark 1617 Allesandro St #201 Los Angeles, CA 90026. 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 Oct 26, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2006.

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440705DV File No. 06-20072431536 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: SY SPORTS, 7860 Paramount Blvd #c30 Pico Rivera, CA 90660. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Young Taek Yun 7860 Paramount Blvd #c30 Pico

City of Sierra Madre
COURTESY NOTICE

To: Property Owners within a 300-foot radius
From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 07-09 (120 WEST SIERRA MADRE BOULEVARD)

Applicant: Pacific Pantry, LLC
320 North Halstead Street, Suite 140B
Pasadena, CA 91107

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 make physical improvements to the structure and open a restaurant with an "on-sale" liquor license at 120 West Sierra Madre Boulevard. Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 17.37.020, approval of a Conditional Use Permit by the Planning Commission is required whenever there is a conversion of uses and/or physical alterations to the property within the Downtown Overlay Zone.

DATE AND TIME OF MEETING

City of Sierra Madre
Planning Commission meeting
Thursday, November 15th, 2007
(meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.)

PLACE OF MEETING

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: 120 West Sierra Madre Boulevard is in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

APPEAL: The decision of the Planning Commission is subject to a 10-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 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
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440711DV File No. 20072467520 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: INTEGRITY PARTNERS REAL ESTATE AND MORTGAGE GROUP, INTEGRITY PARTNERS REAL ESTATE GROUP, INTEGRITY PARTNERS MORTGAGE GROUP, 42 W. Pleasant St Long Beach, CA 90805. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Steven W. Trotter 42 W. Pleasant St 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 Nov 01, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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440712DV File No. 20072469390 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: AXXESS FUNDING, 901 Corporate Center Dr Ste 401 Monterey Park, CA 91754. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) JL INVESTMENTS, INC., 901 Corporate Center Dr Ste 401 Monterey Park, CA 91754. 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 Nov 01, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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440713DV File No. 20072469391 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: PLANTINUMHF.COM, 901 Corporate Center Dr Ste 401 Monterey Park, CA 91754. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) JL INVESTMENTS, INC., 901 Corporate Center Dr Ste

401 Monterey Park, CA 91754. 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 Nov 01, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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440714DV File No. 200724440013 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person (s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious name: JNB PROPERTIES, 17212 Pacific Hwy #A Huntington Beach, CA 90. The name of registrant(s) is (are) Anthony Ortiz 7685 E. Silver Dollar Ln Anaheim Hills, CA 92808. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on N/A. Original File #20062214114. 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 29, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) ended to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/29/2007

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440715DV File No. 20072450853 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person (s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious name: NATHAN'S AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR, 951 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd Long Beach, CA 90813. The name of registrant(s) is (are) Sydney Meth 5711 Shrir St Cypress, CA 90630. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 02/12/2007. Original File #2007-0304140. 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 30, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) ended to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/30/2007

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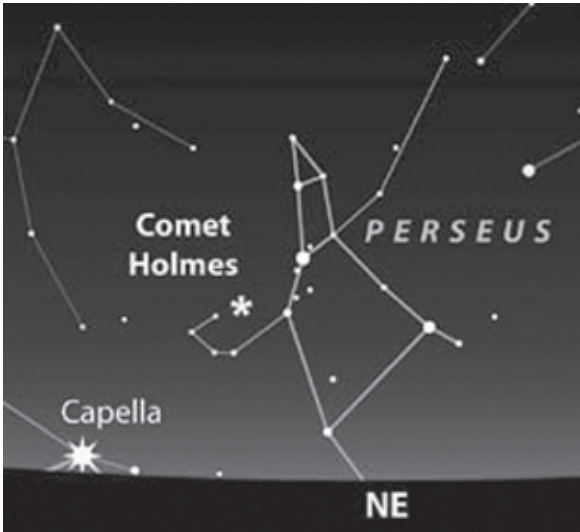
With Bob Eklund

MYSTERY COMET EXPLODES INTO BRIGHTNESS

A ONCE-FAINT COMET has made a sudden leap from obscurity to center stage. Comet 17P Holmes, now visible to northern hemisphere residents, increased its brightness by a factor of one million in late October, going from magnitude 17 to 2. This means that it is currently visible to the unaided eye as well as binoculars and telescopes, offering a unique viewing opportunity for sky watchers. “This is a terrific outburst,” said Brian Marsden, director emeritus of the Minor Planet Center, which tracks known comets and asteroids. “And since it doesn’t have a tail right now, some observers have confused it with a nova. We’ve had at least two reports of a new star.” The comet could fade in a matter of days or weeks, so astronomers recommend that viewers take a look now.

Comet Holmes is located in the constellation Perseus and is visible for most of the night. In appearance, it resembles a fuzzy, yellowish star. Sky charts showing where to look for the comet are online at <http://www.skyandtelescope.com/observing/home/10775326.html> and <http://www.space.com/spacewatch/071025-comet-holmes.html>.

Amateur astronomer Edwin Holmes, who was looking at the Andromeda galaxy at the time, discovered Comet Holmes in 1892. The comet has presented a mystery to astronomers ever since. It likely was undergoing a similar outburst when discovered, since it reached 4th magnitude and was faintly visible to the unaided eye. After fading, it brightened again by a factor of 100 in January 1893 before fading again for good.



The comet orbits the Sun once every 7 years at a distance of about 200 million miles (compared to Earth’s 93-million-mile orbit). As a result, it was re-observed in 1899 and 1906 before being lost for nearly six decades. Based on a prediction by Marsden, the comet was recovered in 1964.

“Since then, it’s been behaving well—until now,” said Marsden.

On October 23rd, the comet was a dim 17th magnitude, 25,000 times too faint to be seen with the unaided eye. One day later, it had brightened to 7th magnitude, and the most recent observations peg it at magnitude 2 to 3. (Going from 17th to 2nd magnitude

means that the comet has become a million times brighter. In the brightness scale used by astronomers, the magnitude number is inversely proportional to the brightness, and a change of five magnitudes represents a change of 100 times in brightness.)

“When the Deep Impact probe hit Comet 9P Tempel, there was almost no change in brightness,” said Marsden. “This outburst by Comet Holmes is extreme!”

Indeed, the outburst has left experts scratching their heads. How could a tiny comet, whose nucleus is no more than two miles across, grow so bright so fast? Perhaps a crack opened in the comet’s surface, exposing fresh ice to the sun and causing an explosive eruption of dust and gas. No one knows for sure. Undoubtedly, professional astronomers will be studying it closely in the weeks to come.

If you’d like to learn more, contact Bob at beklund@mvoobserver.com.



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

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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.
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November 15	Solvang- Shopping and lunch on your own -\$20.00
December 20	Candlelight Pavilion in Claremont- Christmas show and lunch \$59.00

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Does Anyone Know What Time It Is?

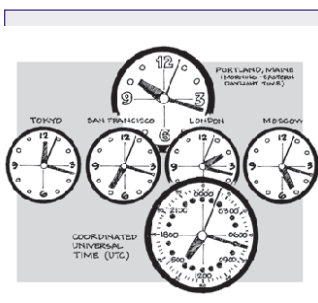
By Hail Hamilton

Twice a year I’m reminded of that old Chicago song, “Does anyone know what time it is?” It also reminds me about some things I learned in college. In U.S. History I learned that time zones were devised in the 19th century to make the railroads safer. In Physics I learned about Heisenberg’s “Uncertainty Principle” and Einstein’s “Theory of Relativity”—that time is very much a function of place and place is very much a function of time.

Starting in 2007, daylight time begins in the United States on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November. On the second Sunday in March, clocks are set ahead one hour at 2:00 a.m. local standard time, which becomes 3:00 a.m. local daylight time. On the first Sunday in November, clocks are set back one hour at 2:00 a.m. local daylight time, which becomes 1:00 a.m. local standard time. These dates were established by the U.S. Energy Policy Act of 2005, Pubic Law Number 109-58, 119 Statute 594 (2005). They are sometimes called “summer time and winter time”. More often they are referred to as “Daylight Standard Time” and “Daylight Savings Time”.

It’s important to remember that not all places in the U.S. observe daylight time. In particular, Hawaii and most of Arizona do not use it. Now that’s confusing. No wonder Californians refer to people from Arizona as “Zonies”. And if things weren’t confusing enough, in 2006 Indiana suddenly decided to betray its allies in Hawaii and Arizona joining the rest of us “Standard Timers”. See what I mean—Standard Time does sounds a lot like the “Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle” and Einstein’s “Theory of Relativity”.

In 2007, daylight time begins on March 11 and ends on November 4 (New law goes into effect). In 2008, daylight time begins on March 9 and ends on November 2



What Time is it in elsewhere?

Many other countries observe some form of “summer time”, but they do not

necessarily change their clocks on the same dates as the U.S.

Daylight time and time zones in the U.S. are defined in the U.S. Code, Title 15, Chapter 6, Subchapter IX—**Standard Time**.

Finally, Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) is a high-precision [atomic time standard](#). UTC has uniform seconds defined by [International Atomic Time](#) (TAI), with [leap seconds](#) announced at irregular intervals to compensate for the [Earth’s](#) slowing rotation and other discrepancies. Leap seconds allow UTC to closely track [Universal Time](#) (UT), a time standard based not on the uniform passage of seconds, but on the Earth’s angular rotation.

[Time zones](#) around the world are expressed as positive or negative offsets from UTC. Local time is UTC plus the time zone offset for that location, plus an offset (typically +1) for [daylight saving time](#), if in effect.

If I’ve confused some of you more than you were about time, I apologize. I’m just a writer, not a scientist; my job is to simplify and make understandable the complex and unintelligible. I try my best but sometimes I fail. If you’re still really confused, call the physics department at Cal-Tech. I’m sure they can answer the rhetorical question posed by the Chicago song I alluded to earlier—I’m sure they can tell you what time it is!

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Recipe of the Month:

After-Thanksgiving Turkey Wrap Up

- ¾ cup cranberry sauce, drained
- 1 tablespoon cream cheese, softened
- 5-10 drops red pepper sauce
- 6 soft taco flour tortillas (8-inch)
- 3 cups thin strips roasted turkey
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 ripe firm avocado, sliced into 12 portions

Combine cranberry sauce and cream cheese. Use two tablespoons cranberry mixture per tortilla, spreading to within 1-inch of edge of tortilla. Top each tortilla with ½ cup turkey and season with salt and pepper. Place 2 slices of avocado in a line down center of tortilla and roll up jellyroll fashion. Place seam-side down and slice in half with serrated knife. Serves 6 (These wraps can be made & covered with plastic up to 4 hours before serving) [melindalee.com](#)

~ For Your Funny Bone~

A young man named John received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every word out of the bird’s mouth was rude, obnoxious and laced with profanity. John tried and tried to change the bird’s attitude by constantly saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to “clean up” the bird’s vocabulary. Finally, John was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. John shook the parrot and the parrot got angrier and even ruder. John, in desperation, threw up his hand, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer. For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute. Fearing that he’d hurt the parrot, John quickly opened the door to the freezer. The parrot calmly stepped out onto John’s outstretched arms and said, “I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I’m sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behavior.” John was stunned at the change in the bird’s attitude. As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behavior, the bird continued, “May I ask what the turkey did?” **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

~ Helpful Hint~

The holiday season has arrived, parties will abound, and wine will be spilled. To remove the wine satins, liberally apply club soda to spill, then sponge up soda and wine. Cheers!

Jeff's Pics

The Book Reports

Sierra Madre's Own Resident Writers!!!

Merrill Joan Gerber

Merrill Gerber has lived in Sierra Madre coming up on forty years. Her new novel *The Victory Gardens of Brooklyn* comes out in November. Mrs. Gerber is a prize-winning author who has published 7 novels, collections of short stories, and young-adult titles, as well as guides for writers, a travel memoir, and personal essays. Her short stories have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic*, *Mademoiselle*, *Redbook*. She teaches fiction writing at Cal Tech. Some other titles are *Glimmering Girls: A Novel of the Fifties*, 2005, *Anna in the Afterlife*, 2002, *The Kingdom of Brooklyn*, 1992. A New York Times Book Review wrote, "Mrs. Gerber's supple prose takes us right inside her characters' minds, sometimes funny, sometimes frightening, always absorbing and believable." Her web site is www.cco.caltech.edu/~mjgerber.

Joe Scalzo

A Voyageur press review states "Joe Scalzo's four decades of racing passion have taken him around the world and resulted in 13 books, thousands of magazine and newspaper features, and a wide reader following as one of the sports' most original and insightful chroniclers!" Some of his titles are: *Racing, City of Speed: Los Angeles and the Rise of American Racing* (2007), *Grand National: America's Golden Age of Motorcycle Racing* (2004), *Indianapolis Roadsters*, 1952-1964 (1999), and *The Bobby Unser Story* (1979). Beautifully done books about the racing world!!

Mr.Scalzo is currently working on a book about Mickey Thompson, famous racing legend, who was murdered in his home in Bradbury.

Fay Angus

Mrs. Angus is a wonderful writer and speaker and has lived here for many years. Her books are available at the Sierra Madre Library. Her titles include *The Catalyst*, *How To Do Everything Right And Live To Regret It: True Confessions Of A Christian Woman*, *Running Around In Spiritual Circles*, *The White Pagoda*.

Karen Maezen Miller

Mrs. Miller is a mother, wife, writer and Zen Buddhist priest. She began her Zen training in 1993. She is the author of *Momma Zen: Walking the Crooked Path of Motherhood*. A great book about motherhood, Zen wisdom and attentive living! Her web site is <http://www.mommazen.com>.

Susan Lendroth

Susan is a children's book writer. Astronaut Buzz Aldrin said, about Susan Landroth's book, "Why Explore takes us on a journey through history, showing how this very urge to explore the unknown has helped shape human destiny. Perhaps this book will inspire the next generation of explorers." Beautifully illustrated!


Mike Todd

Mike has illustrated and written children's books, plus others. *Monster Trucks*, *What Will You Be for Halloween?* *The Silverville Swindle*, *Start Your Engines*, *The Pain Tree!*, *Whatcha Mean*, *What's a Zine?* His illustrations have appeared in magazines such as Spin, Rolling Stone and in Art galleries! Owen Phillips of the New Yorker said, "Mike Todd is among the most original illustrators working today!!"

Jonathan T. Scott

His book is called *Fathering From Love: How to Rediscover One of Life's Greatest Treasures*. John Grey, author of *Men are From Mars, Women are From Venus*, says about the book, "A helpful and practical guide for fathers and mothers to connect with their children. You will find hundreds of messages that children want to hear from Mom and Dad!"

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BIRD'S EYE VIEW

By Pat Birdsall

Life In The Social Slow Lane Of A Meat And Potatoes Eater

To categorize the food I consume as bland would be a gross understatement. Just ask anyone in the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club. My diet basically consists of meat and potatoes with perhaps a small portion of the obligatory vegetable du jour thrown in. I seem to eat salads only quarterly, perhaps because of my banking background. I was born in Brooklyn, New York to Irish parents- need I say more? Spicy was not a word in my culinary vocabulary until we moved to California. Actually, it's still not in my vocabulary and I've been here for 56 years. The spiciest thing I have been known to eat without being forced would probably be beef fajitas, and they didn't actually elicit smoke signals. I decided to get adventurous once and I tried a piece of garlic cheese bread. Sadly I was in my mid-forties at the time.

An example of my gastronomical deficiency would be this...A can of Easy Cheese and Sociables crackers are considered hors d'oeuvres at my house. My poor son is socially stunted as a result. There is the other side of the coin however. When I am invited to a soiree at someone else's home, if they serve anything other than shrimp cocktail or weenie franks on a toothpick, I have to feign having had a really late lunch and saying, "Gosh, everything looks wonderful but I just couldn't eat another bite."


I think there is a possibility that picky eating is a genetic condition. My grandson Tully was here this past summer and I served him a small plate of seedless watermelon. He proceeded to make a face and remove the itty-bitty, teeny-weeny yellow seeds from the pieces before he would take a bite! Alas, the fruit doesn't fall far from the tree syndrome.

I was going to list the things I don't eat, but space constraints won't allow me to do that in detail so just briefly; I don't eat sushi, Mexican food, Greek or Thai food. I like spaghetti and meatballs, but not pizza, and eat nothing with cheese of any kind on it. I like chicken chow mien but hate teriyaki sauce. I think you get the idea. After reading this you just know that my phone isn't ringing off the hook with luncheon or dinner invitations.

Did I mention that I also like SPAM? I found it interesting to read that hunters and fisherman in Alaska take SPAM along with them on their outings because it doesn't freeze. How's that for a frightening thought. I may have to rethink including that in my food group options. Well, ta ta...I'm off to Wendy's to get a double cheese burger and fries. You'll recognize me; I'll be the one eating by myself. Go figure.

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Since Dr. Toru Abo published his book, "Immune Revolution" in 2003, there has been a sea change in health care treatment in Japan, and moving outward around the globe. An internationally respected immunologist, Dr. Abo's observations on the effects of Sympathetic and Parasympathetic Nervous Systems imbalances, which control the immune system, have been revolutionizing health care, particularly in the area of cancer.

Most of us think that care of the immune system means keeping our vaccinations "up to date." But did you know that vaccines, targeted at sensitizing lymphocytes so that they are better able to protect us from potential invasions, affect only 35% of your entire immune system? And that this system, associated with life and death survival issues in the outside world, is regulated by your Sympathetic (tension / adrenaline) Nervous System? And that life and death issues settle in the brain stem and the amygdala? This is the system that keeps us alert, aware, and ready to defend ourselves at the speed of light (or close to it) in order to survive in the world.

So, if all the vaccines only boost capabilities of 35% of our immune system, what's going on with the other 65% ? Well ... that 5% is the entire immune system's "Admin" department. These macrophages control the production of the 35% lymphocyte "battlefield troops" that kill the invaders. The other 60%, directed by the Parasympathetic Nervous System, are the granulocytes - the battlefield medics, the field hospitals, logistics supporters (food, supplies, transportation, latrine duty, garbage can cleanup) that can be translated into performing the life supportive functions of digestion, absorption, transportation, distribution, cellular repair (healing), and elimination. This is an even more energy intensive system than the battlefield troops ... but because it usually functions quietly in the background, is overlooked and ignored because it occurs during "down time," sleep cycles, relaxation, and usually is so seamless. In any regular army, it takes 9 support staff for each man in the field - or a 9:1 logistics support ratio. Our immune system is much more efficient, requiring a bit less than a 1.9:1 ratio.

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The True Goodness of Halloween

Doug and Heather Parker Create Memories That Will Last A Lifetime

By Susan Henderson Pumpking Photos Courtesy of The Parkers

It was hard to miss the Halloween spirit in Sierra Madre. It was everywhere. The joy and happiness of the children was contagious. Laughing ladybugs, spiders, witches, warlocks, cupcakes and more filled the streets of our town. Joy was truly in the air and goodness was everywhere, especially at 145 E. Alegria.

When Buddy Switzer started lining his driveway with pumpkins in 1971, I am certain he couldn't imagine what an impact it would have, especially on a young couple named Doug and Heather Parker who moved down the street a few years later. "We were definitely inspired by Buddy Switzer," recalls Heather. Looking out of her living room window on Halloween one would say that it was a tremendous inspiration. There were several thousand people lined up waiting patiently for the chance to walk the entranceway to her home, view the incredible displays and drink a cup of cider.

On each side of the walkway were pumpkins and squash carved in every conceivable configuration. There was a giant spider whose body was a pumpkin. There was a three tiered water fountain made primarily of pumpkins. There was an oyster shell with pearl - oh - they were pumpkins too. There was also Rupert's Son, 600 lb. squash who never made it to the weight and girth of his 700 pound dad. On the other side of the walkway were the remains of friends of Halloween. A bride and groom and lots of other creepy creatures. There was also a clever ad carved in a pumpkin paying homage to All Quality Painters who did the work on their beautiful craftsman.

The Parkers have lived in Sierra Madre since 1983 and moved to the south side of Alegria. "We knew it was a special street," recalls Heather. It was then that they met the Switzers and the Sutcliffe's. Donna Sutcliffe shared with Heather and Doug the history of Alegria and the mission of providing "a safe gathering place for her children." And so Doug and Heather joined in. At first they bought their pumpkins but in 1998 when Doug discarded the pumpkins after Halloween in the backyard as mulch and was



Heather and Doug Parker

surprised when they came up. He had started a crop of "mutant" pumpkins. It is from the descendants of that first crop that the pumpkins used to decorate the Parker home hail.

After his initial luck, Doug studied the art of growing pumpkins. He became somewhat of an expert in the development of Atlantic Giant Pumpkins. His first two weighed 150 pounds and he made the first 'eyes' that adorn his lawn.

Doug and Heather seemed to have perfected the art of how to mesmerize thousands. It takes a lot of work and commitment. In addition to the dozens of huge pumpkins that were transformed, Heather cooked apple cider. They served visitors 85 gallons of cider and over 100 pounds of candy. For years, they used to have a counter to keep track of how many visitors came to the house, however, it finally "blew up around 3,000."

The couple has been married 30 years and have two adult children, Kyle and Kirsten. For Halloween, brother Chris came all the way from Clayton, North Carolina to help Parker carve. It takes about seven hours for each the really big pumpkins. Parker's mom, Joann Parker of Arcadia was also on hand Wednesday night.

Doug is the Director of Energy Operations at Southern California Edison and Heather teaches fourth grade in the Mountain View School District.



Doug Parker and his brother-in-law Chris survey 600 lb. Rupertson (above) and Chris takes on the task of carving him. Literally thousands of visitors waited in line to see the magical handy work of the Parker family.

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By Peter Dills



Houston's Restaurant Pasadena

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As reviews, we like to use words to describe our meals - Scrumptious, Succulent, Superb, never better, and of course "The Best". Restaurants like to use words to describe their dishes - World Famous, Home Made and Fresh!!!! If it is home-made, I think the health dept would have something to say about the chili being made at The Chefs house and if it's World Famous, does that mean when I am in Athens, Greece, The Tour Bus Operator will ask me about the pies at Smitty's? I will digress.

The first few times I went to Houston's I was on the fence. First of all I remember it being a Velvet Turtle many years ago. It's a little dark inside and, man oh man, is it pricey!!! Let me say I think the entrees are on the expensive side, however the wine list is reasonable.

I have dined at Houston's at least ten times in the past year and I have to say that the overall experience has grown on me, to become one of my absolute favorite restaurants in the area at which to dine. Why? I find that the food is above average and the service is stellar (another "S" word) - - - you are greeted and seated, brought water, told the specials, brought drinks and your food, usually by different servers. This Houston's is a well oiled machine.

Let's talk about the food and prices. Let's start with The FAMOUS French Dip (\$18), usually the dish that I order while at Houston's - a Roast beef on French roll and definitely a must try. Barbeque Ribs (\$27) oven baked, comes with fries and cole slaw; rib fans will enjoy these. Are you a sushi fan? There are many choices on the menu and they tell me they sell a lot of sushi. But why go to a steak place for Sushi? When dining with a large party, someone might prefer it. Prices range from \$12 to \$16. I suggest the Seared Tuna Roll at \$16. On my next visit I'll order the Lump Crab Cakes at \$(market); when done right you can never go wrong with a crab cake. The desserts feature a Five Nut Brownie and an Apple Walnut Cobbler at (\$8) - both very sweet and tasty!! In surveying the wine list, I was impressed with Schramsberg at \$9 a glass and a Tantara Chardonnay at \$9 as well.

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SPORTS



By Stanley J. Forrester

View From The Couch

KOBE

The Lakers opened this season against the Houston Rockets and lost. It was a good game - they were not blown away. They made a great run to get back into the game and make it close. They did their best to make a game of it but as the song goes "sometimes your best just ain't good enough". Watching the game and listening to the reports on radio and TV regarding Kobe staying or going made me mad. The Lakers organization has been a first rate organization for so long it is hard to see the shambles that it has become. The press is playing the Lakers like a first year rookie. Think about it - when did this tirade start?

It was this summer when a Los Angeles Times reporter wrote a story about Kobe being the impetus of the of Shaq trade, that is if Kobe had not insisted it would never have happened. Bryant reacted, and thanks to that set of events it seems that we are about to lose a very exciting player. Or is the Buss Family using the press to play us fans like a first year rookie? Think about it! The season was about to start, the Lakers were in Hawaii playing a fun tune up game and Dr. Buss, whom we have not heard from during all of this turmoil takes the time to announce that Kobe could be traded. Why? What was the purpose of that? It added nothing but confusion to and uneasy peace. If the Lakers are to play to the best of their

abilities as a team they need the Kobe mess behind them. We know that when No. 24 puts on the uniform he comes to play, but other players may not have that type of concentration. This is a young team. You are asking them to face stiff competition and teams that have had set rosters for some time. The Lakers are trying to gel. So, what does management do? Not only do they pour oil on the fire but, they also light the match. It seems that the team's management do not want this confusion to go away.

The Buss organization was first rate. They treated their players with dignity and gave the fans hope. We always felt that we had a chance to win, not that we did win all the time. But we had a chance. Then there was the question of talent evaluation. No one was better than Jerry West. It seemed that he could always find a gem, someone that fit in the Lakers scheme, someone that added to the team.

This new Buss organization is a joke. If they are trading Kobe do it! Stop all the chatter in the paper. It serves no purpose other than it makes the fans mad and the players crazy.

On the couch about to turn in my application to manage the team! Comments? Write me at s.forrester@mobserver.com

34-6 Win Highlights La Salle Homecoming

By Story and Photos By John Blackstock



and Rettig tossed another two TDs to seal the victory.

During half-time, the Royal Court was presented and seniors Tariq Taylor and Susie Capoccia were named Homecoming King and Queen. Tariq is an active member of Helping Humanity, the Astronomy Club, Reading Leaders of Pasadena and is a La Salle Student Ambassador. Susie is an officer on the Student Life Council and an outstanding cross country and track distance runner.

In addition, 1999 La Salle graduate, J.R. Davidson, a remarkable football player and track athlete at both La Salle and Morehouse College, received the 10th Battalion Award. This award is given to former football players for their excellence in college athletics and contributions to their Alma Mater.

As a starting safety in his sophomore year at La Salle, J.R. was in awe of the responsibility the coach put on him. As a young man who had always dreamed of being a football player J.R. shined during his three year varsity career. As a senior receiver and running back, J.R. earned La Salle Hall of Fame honors for football. J.R. was also an asset to the track team during his four year high school career where he excelled in the 400 meters, the long jump, and 4x4 relay. However, his specialty was the triple jump where he continues to hold the school record with an effort of 44 feet, 1 and three-quarters inches.

At Morehouse College, J.R. was the number one triple jumper on the Maroon Tigers team where he averaged nearly 48 feet per jump with his all-time best jump at 48 feet, 9 inches. J.R. graduated from Morehouse in 2003 with a degree in Theatre Arts. A Pasadena resident, acting and film is what motivates him today.



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