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Volunteer Ham Radio Operators Lend A Helping Hand

Volunteer Club Provides Extra Help For The City



Allen Wolff and members of Sierra Madre's Ham Radio Operators Club

By Dean Lee

this story. A crackle came through Sierra Madre Emergency Communications Team leader Allen Wolff's radio, "Police have found a small child wearing a green dragon suit." The operator announced, "He is on his way to the information booth and we will have further information there."

Wolff explained the situation. "Well right now what we have is a lost child so what we're hoping is that someone will see us. That's why we keep waving the flashlight, and they'll ask. We want to look for someone that might look confused, disoriented or lost."

Later... "Matthew's dad has been found," came over the radio as Wolff shows up at the information booth. "So there you have it," he said as an obvious frantic

Any reasonable person might immediately think it difficult to get lost wearing a bright green dragon suit complete with spiked scales and a long pointy tail but among thousands of vampires, skeletons, witches, princesses, Star Wars droids and what ever else people could think up, getting lost on Halloween was not so unusual, in fact it happened while interviewing for

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Ad Hoc Committee Report To Recommend Utility Users Tax To Council

By Dean Lee

Sierra Madre's Ad-Hoc finance committee met for the last time Thursday night, sending a unanimous recommendation to the city council - double the Utility User Tax. This recommendation was agreed upon by all even though the committee had doubt that doing so would cover the city's current projected budget shortfall. A raise in the UUT could generate as much as \$1.5 million yearly, according to the committee's final report.

The report also says that a little under \$2 million is needed for police and ambulance services. The pending Police Officer's Association Initiative alone has been estimated to cost as much as \$1.3 million according to the report.

Committee member Tom Janzen suggested the council place on the next available ballot, after the UUT, another measure for a parcel tax to cover the extra costs. The original language, underlined and later amended by councilmember and chair of the ad-hoc committee John Buchanan, stated, "If public safety services are not funded with additional revenue, the city will be forced to shut down services."

Some took this original wording to mean that, no matter what, even if the UUT passed, the city could still lose the library, senior or youth services. Buchanan said the report should more clearly reflect that cuts in city services might be necessary.

City Manager Elaine Aguilar said the council packet needed to be sent out that night and asked if the committee wanted to wait to send the council a revised report. They said no, but agreed an update should be sent Tuesday. Monday is a holiday and City Hall is shut down every other Friday.

Committee members Jansen, Scott Hood, Dennis Keegan and Mike Comer, all at one point or another, said the recommendations should not include a sunset clause, which would require having the UUT reviewed every five years. They did, however, agree that the council should review and explain the UUT level needed, ranging from 0 to 12 percent.

"If we know the money will always be needed then I don't see a need," Jansen said. "We should avoid repeating the uncertainty that surrounded measure F."

Buchanan agreed, even though every resident who spoke said removing the sunset clause was a fatal mistake that could lead to disapproval by the voters. To the surprise of many, only three residents showed up and stayed throughout public comment.

Longtime resident Fay Angus suggested a flat library tax could free up money in the general fund. "I think, \$100 or even \$150, people

would go for that," she said. "People want their beloved library." She also expressed adamant opposition to any parcel tax saying, "There is no possible way it could be fair."

City Clerk Nancy Shollenberger also opposed any parcel tax, and said a sunset clause should stay. Shollenberger announced this week she plans to seek re-election in April during the same election as the UUT. Buchanan and Councilmember/Mayor Enid Joffe will also both be up for re-election in April. The Mayor's position rotates each year among the five elected members of the City Council.

In the recommendations, the committee also agreed to say that a minority of the body thought the creation of a parcel tax was the better way to go, even though it required a 2/3 vote. Janzen said people would support it as long as they knew what it was for. The tax would be based on 2.5 cents per square foot and has a potential of generating \$1.8 million, \$300,000 more than the UUT, he said.

Other parcel tax proponents said the amount could be raised to cover all of the funds needed. Fay Angus pointed out the largest flaw in the tax, reiterating that "religious institutions are likely excluded from tax," as stated in the report. She also pointed out that some of the largest property holders in town are churches.

At the last minute, Buchanan brought up the idea of adding an advisory vote, saying that voters should decide how much and where the money goes, similar to the advisory attached to South Pasadena's UUT measure which passed Tuesday with 53 percent of the vote in that city.

"It should be something like measure 'AV'," he said.

He later pointed out that South Pasadena's advisory vote itself got 75 percent approval.

"Obviously people wanted to make sure where the money was going, even if they might not [have] supported it," he said. (See related Pasadena story on page 4.)

The committee also unanimously supported advising the council to adopt a "Citizen's Budget Oversight and Advisory Committee." The citizen committee should evaluate how city services can be delivered more economically or efficiently, Buchanan said.

Both committee and council members Kurt Zimmerman and Buchanan abstained from the final vote on the recommendations, saying they wanted to stay impartial when the report came in front of them at next Tuesday's council meeting. Joffe sat quietly in the back of the chambers throughout the two hour long finance meeting.

Note: The City of Pasadena will be putting a Utility User Tax on the ballot next year. See story on page 4.



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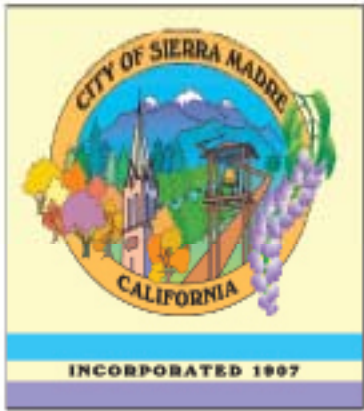
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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



City of Sierra Madre November Events

- 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 - 6:30 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.

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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.

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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

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I Love Sierra Madre

By Rich Johnson



Imagine this. Two of my cousins flew out last weekend from Minnesota just to see me in the play, “The Good Doctor.” (Hope they don’t send me a bill!) Well, while they were here I took them on a short little shopping tour of downtown. They even made purchases from four of the little boutique shops. Needless to say my cousins proceeded to fall in love with our little slice of heaven.

I’m relatively sure the sticker shock on the price of housing will keep Joe and Dawn from following Horace Greeley’s dictum “Go west young...”. Nevertheless their enthusiasm toward Sierra Madre inspired me and reminded me of an antique plate my mom had on the wall of our dining room. Viewed from across the room the plate looked magnificent. Rich, glorious colors, interesting design, and a beautiful country setting. However, when you got real close to the plate you discovered there were thousands of little cracks and scratches invisible from any distance. I think many of us have been standing too close to the decorative plate we call Sierra Madre. We have trouble seeing the overall beauty, as we get caught up at all the little cracks and scratches. Maybe it’s time to take a step back and enjoy our town for its beauty. I just happen to have the perfect solution. Make your way downtown, say to Kersting Court around dusk, and just mill around. Have dinner at one of the fleet of restaurants, dessert at Coldstone’s and a brew at the Pub, or whatever’s brewing at Bean Town, Starbucks or Steamers. Then sit outside and solve the world’s problems with whoever else happens to be outside. For the purposes of this excursion, don’t try to solve Sierra Madre’s problems. Leave that for the people sitting around Old Town Monrovia.

Restaurant Report: I finally made it to Lozano’s restaurant on North Baldwin here in Sierra Madre. And again, I was fortunate enough to have the talented, brilliant and beautiful Loretta Weeks join me. We had great service by server Michelle. We quickly learned Michelle was the mother of four boys so I kept waiting for her to correct my table manners or rap my knuckles, but she proved graciously reserved. Yours truly, Brutus Carnivorous, ordered the Rib Eye (the manly thing to do). Loretta, always so classy, ordered an exotic vegetarian dish called Roasted Vegetable Chilaquiles (a vegetable tortilla casserole). Oh, my gosh. We sampled each other’s fare and, as good as the rib eye was, the Chilaquiles was extraordinary. What’s more, nothing I could do or say could get Loretta to trade with me. For goodness sakes, go to Lozanos and order the Chilaquiles. And if you get lucky enough to have dinner with Loretta in the future, order what she orders.

Finally, I would love to hear what you like about Sierra Madre. Email me, and I just might mention it next week ... rich@versatape.com.

Community Calls for Civic Investment in School System

By Teresa Baxter

Civic leaders and community organizations Nov. 4 invited model cities from around the state to partake in a public forum offering examples of successful measures taken to create a positive city-school partnership. They met at the Pasadena Senior Center. Guest speakers included Burbank City Manager Mary Alvord, Santa Monica-Malibu School Board member Ralph Mechur and Hydra Mendoza from the San Francisco Mayor’s Office, who is also a Board member of the SFUSD.

Local dignitaries were also on hand to present the current steps being taken to engage every resident of Pasadena, Altadena, and Sierra Madre that has a stake in the success of the Pasadena Unified School District and the children it serves. It was the consensus of most of the speakers is that it does indeed take a village to guarantee student achievement.

Mendoza opened the forum by sharing that the City of San Francisco has been proactive in forming a joint effort with the SFUSD by combining forces to enact the Partnership for Achievement.

“There are a lot of things we have been doing and so much of it is based on relationship and understanding each other’s side,” said Mendoza. “We’ve really taken a partnership approach as a city to talk about the priorities of the school district.”

Burbank’s City Manager, Mary Alvord, reaffirmed that it takes long-term goals, stating, “The elected come and go but at the end of the day it is all about the kids. What is unique about Burbank is that we have chosen to make the focus on the children,” she said. The City of Burbank gives BUSD



Mayor Joffe speaks on panel calling for more investment in our schools.

grants as part of Youth Endowment Services (YES) program. Since 2002, the money from these grants has largely been used revamp athletic facilities. The city has also awarded all middle schools with a grant to prevent bullying and violence on campuses. The grant enables schools to conduct a variety of activities that promote mutual respect and civility. Alvord’s glowing report prompted the moderator, USC Professor Manuel Pastor to humorously add, “This is not supposed to be an initiative to move to Burbank.”

Sierra Madre Mayor, Enid Joffe added a local perspective by sharing that the city of 11,000 and their school district has received funding from a library grant given by the federal government to establish Internet communication and enabled electronic capability.

“We also have a youth master plan that has been able to measure the reduction in bullying, truancy and lots of negative behaviors,” said Joffe. “This is the kind of town that we are.”

Altadena Town Council member Keith Gibbs stressed the importance of unification in the community. He implored that most events

should be standing room only with parents because it would be in the best interests of the children and the community.

“We have to come together to make this state work. You can’t sit at home and say I want something to happen and do nothing about making it happen,” Gibbs said. “We need to support each other.”

Pasadena Vice-Mayor Steve Haderlein added that community involvement is at levels never seen before.

“The City of Pasadena’s most efficient use of knowledge is to provide the services and the backbone of the day to day,” said Haderlein. “We are all [as a community] valued.”

Then, PUSD Superintendent Edwin Diaz spoke, without notes, extemporaneously about his goals for PUSD regarding civic involvement. “This discussion is so important at this time in regards of engaging the whole community,” he said.

HAM OPERATORS (cont. from pg. 1)

dad held his crying son.

“So the dragon was Matthew and his dad somehow found his way up here, a happy ending quickly.” Wolff said his call letters KC70 are federally licensed. He also refrained from calling the all volunteer, 18 member team, “a club.” Years ago they all “just came together,” he said. “We all had to take a test and anybody that wants to join can, but as I said before we are all registered with the FCC.”

Wolff quickly made clear how ham radio operators differ from radios used by fire or police. “They operate on frequencies we operate on bands,” he said. “Police, taxicabs, radio stations, they are all assigned a frequency.” A band is a range of frequencies, he explained.

Now retired, Wolff said he had taught classes in the city on ham radio operations for years. “There are three classes of ham radio operator’s licenses. Each one of them giving different privileges, the lowest is Technician, the middle is General and the top class is Extra Class.”

Licenses are renewed every 10 years he said boasting that he had been an Extra Class for years, “I’m allowed to operate on all ham radio frequencies allocated by the FCC,” he said.

Another call came over his radio asking if anyone had reported seeing a

baby blue Winnie the Pooh sweatshirt. “That’s what we deal with,” he said. “We are the eyeballs tonight but we are not the police,. What we are is a supplement them.” All police, fire, paramedics and his team members were given strategic event plans for the night and his job was to pace the street.

Wolff also said team members humbly helped people through crosswalks and other situations as they were stationed at both ends of the 100 block of East Alegria. Police estimated, Halloween night, 7,000 people had visited the street by night’s end although a number of residents said there is usually well over 10,000.

You might not see them during the many city festivities but Wolff said but they are the essential communications for a number of other events including the 4th of July parade, the Wisteria Festival and the Mt. Wilson Trail Race. Each event has very different problems and needs he said.

“The trial race, we might radio for help for an injured runner, you can’t use cell phones up the hill. At the Wisteria Vine we make sure the busses run and that people get picked up and dropped off.”

“Here tonight we are looking for lost children and reuniting them with their families.”

TRAVELERS & COLLECTORS SERIES

On Friday, November 16, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. the Sierra Madre Public Library’s “Travelers & Collectors” continues its 2007-2008 series in the City Council Chambers at Sierra Madre City Hall when Rafael Mirasol presents his program “Italy with Kids”. In addition to discussing notable sites, Mr. Mirasol will be sharing tips on how to plan a trip and handle the challenges of traveling abroad with children.

The m event is free and open to the public through a donation by the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library. Seating is limited: first come, first served. Sierra Madre City Hall is located at 232 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre. For further information on Library services and programs please use the Library’s web site at www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us or call the Library at (626) 355-7186.



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City of Sierra Madre

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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.

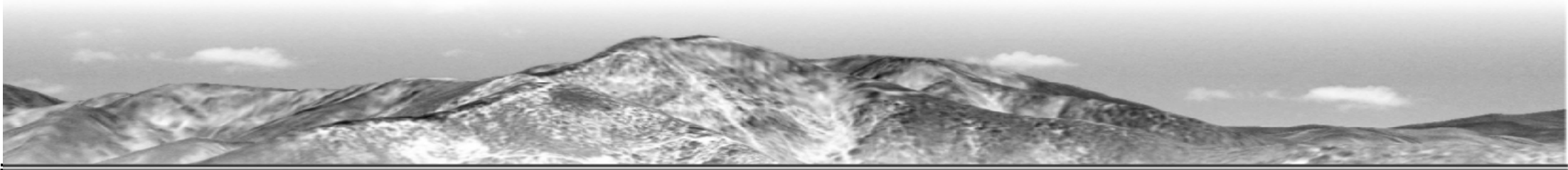
DATE AND TIME OF HEARING	PLACE OF HEARING
City of Sierra Madre City Council meeting Tuesday, November 13, 2007 (Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.)	City of Sierra Madre City Council Chambers 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024

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

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



MountainViews-ObserverPASADENA

Pasadena Set To Vote Next Year On Utility User Tax

Similar UT Measure Narrowly Passed In So. Pasadena

By Dean Lee

All eyes were focused on South Pasadena Tuesday when 53.47 percent of the voters said yes to a utility tax increase of three percent. The cities of Pasadena and Sierra Madre paid particular attention as they also have User Utility Tax measures going before the voters in 2008.

South Pasadena's also had an advisory Measure AV which was of particular interest to Sierra Madre where city officials are bracing for an uphill battle. Measure AV asked: "If the 3% increase in the Utility User's Tax is approved, should not less than 65% of the funds generated by the increase be expended for..."

Shocking to some was the fact that 75 percent of the voters said yes to the advisory measure, meaning 21 percent said no to the tax but yes to where they wanted it to go. According to Sierra Madre city council members any advisory measure on their ballot in April would mandate that all the UUT funds would go to police and a newly created paramedic program.

In Pasadena, the city council unanimously agreed on Monday night to set their own similar UUT Measure D for a special February 5, 2008 election. However, this was not before first declaring an emergency deeming that the city could lose \$10.4 million in vital funds for city services such as their own police and fire if language in the existing UUT was not changed to keep up with current codes.

The special election will cost Pasadena a surprising estimated \$450,000 compared with \$30,000 for a regular election.

Critics of Measure D have already opposed the language used saying it's misleading. The measure was written by former Sierra Madre City Attorney Michael Colantuono and states that the UUT ordinance will be updated to treat taxpayers equally regardless of technology used. Some considered this the first move towards a tax on the internet if the federal government were to ever lift a ban currently in place.

The need for a special election had been criticized previously although no public comment was given at Monday's meeting.

Pasadena City Manager Cynthia Kurtz said their intention was not to tax the internet. An internet tax ban, first approved in 1998 and twice renewed, was set to expire Nov. 1st, just one week

after the UUT was brought before the council. Last week a bill passed the U. S. House of Representatives unanimously extending the moratorium again for another seven years. The bill now waits for President Bush's signature.

Kurtz said the changes reflect new wireless technology and cell phones.

At Monday's meeting Pasadena council member Steve Haderlein asked Kurtz how "low income" families would be treated under the new UUT. "It is (regarding low income) a different definition being used right now for the UUT than is used with some of the other programs that the city offers low income, senior and disabled reductions or waivers for." Kurtz said. "We think it's appropriate to look at that and bring something back."

She also said any adjustment would have to be amended in the city code but did not say what amount defines low income. A low income code amendment will come back to the council at their Nov.19 meeting. Kurtz said the later date was set not to confuse it with the ballot initiative.

According to Citizens for Responsible Government, a group set to defeat the measure, Pasadena's low income exemption limit is \$12,000 per household.

Councilmember Margaret McAustin questioned UUT annual audits. "It is not entirely clear to me, independent audits of what?" she asked. "Are we auditing tax, are we auditing the fund? When I read this it's missing those last few words."

Kurtz said the council had discretion over what was to be audited. "What we found in talking to people was, they wanted to know whether the expenditures from this fund would be audited." She explained. "It's not the only thing, we can audit revenue coming in, service providers collecting the tax on our behalf."

According to Pasadena city staff, the lowest UUT rate in California is 1 percent and the highest is 11 percent. Sierra Madre's ballot measure calls for 12 percent thus, if passed, may become the highest rate paid in the state. Pasadena's UUT varies from 7.67 percent to 9.40 percent depending on the utilities and would stay the same.

In both Pasadena and Sierra Madre the UUT needs only a simple majority to pass.



Arts Bus & Dial-a-Ride Drivers Threaten Strike

By Dean Lee

A possible bus driver's strike announced Monday by Teamsters at Pasadena's regular city council meeting not only has Arts Bus riders on alert but the company in question, First Transit, just acquired LaidLaw who operates the Dial-a-Ride services for a number of San Gabriel cities including Sierra Madre.

The acquisition was so quick; some Dial-a-Ride drivers said they don't know who they work for. "That's a good question?" a Sierra Madre Gateway Coach driver said. "We were just notified of the merger but I don't know if this bus is operated by First Transit yet or not."

Eric Tate the business representative for the Teamsters Local 848 said 41 Pasadena drivers were given a final contract offer from First Transit a week ago, to which all but one driver turned down Sunday night.

The drivers said if negotiations could not be met they would strike asking for the city to end its contract with First Transit.

"My reason for coming tonight is to advert a strike from happening in the city of Pasadena," Tate said. "First Transit is a contractor known for tying to push substandard wages off on their employees."

He said they were asking that a clause, "terminate for convenience," in the city's contract with First Transit be enacted giving the transit operator 90 days notice

One bus rider spoke on behalf on the drivers saying the invisible work they do should be acknowledged and that the city should stand for "quality of life."

"It really would be sad to see the city suffer for something that could be diverted." She said.

Pasadena City Manager, Cynthia Kurtz said the city had been notified by First Transit who was prepared if the labor dispute ended in a strike.

"We would not be able to intervene in their labor negotiations," she said. "They have assured us they have a plan to allow



Photo By Teresa Baxter

us services."

A driver said their contracts, as well as the one offered, still makes them the lowest paid transit operators in Southern California. The deal turned down was so ridiculous Tate said none of them wanted to repeat it.

A driver later said they were offered a base pay of \$9.25 per hour with a 25 cent annual raise.

Kurt said the city's contract was a flat fee but should be covered by the city's living wage ordinance. "That's something we could look into," she said. "We could definitely look into whether these wages meet our standards."

The drivers also claimed some of the city's busses were unsafe although Pasadena city staff said they are all check by driver daily before going out as well as having to pass State CHP mandated inspections annually.

Sierra Madre Community and Personnel Services Director, Michelle Keith assured residents that any strike would not directly affect services in Sierra Madre. The cities drivers themselves said none of them are a part of any union so a strike would be impossible.

One Sierra Madre bus driver said, "It's the drivers that are going to lose, we live paycheck to paycheck and in the strike last year, it went on so long because First Transit is able to pull drivers from all over the country. These drivers can't afford to have it go longer than a few days."

Local Coffee Roasters: There's No Place like Jones

By Teresa Baxter

Jones Coffee Roasters has been a part of the Pasadena caffeine scene since 1994, but with conglomerate shops located on virtually every street corner it can be easy to overlook this hometown gem. Jones not only serves the best brew around, they are also the grower, roaster and importer of their premium specialty coffees.

Mireya Jones oversees the business along with her son, Chuck. Mireya's passion for coffee was inherited from growing up on the family-owned coffee farm in Guatemala that has spanned three generations. The Finca Dos Maria plantation has a reputation supporting humane working conditions and environmentally-friendly farming practices. Originally, the farm only sold their beans to Europe, prior to the coffee craze that took hold of the U.S. in the 1990s.

"Then my father suggested we see what we could do in the Unites States," she said. "I was raised on the coffee estate and was very excited about bringing it here."

It was a slow building process due to the fact that many were not aware, at the time, that coffee came from anywhere but Columbia. It was through the efforts of her sons Larry, Jr. and Chuck that their family finca (farm) eventually earned recognition as one of the "Best of the Bean" by the LA Times, in 2006.

Jones Coffee Roasters currently supplies Caltech with all of their coffee needs on the campus. Chuck shares that at first the students created a minor uproar on with school administrators. They asserted that the venues were not following the trend of progressive campuses to sell only fair trade coffees that provide a dignified living wage



Owner Mireya Jones

Photo By Dean Lee

for the farmers and their families.

"The students did not understand that estate coffees follow the same principles of fair trade and sustainable farming practices," said Chuck. "We have employed families for generations, supplied housing and have provided a learning institution on the plantation."

Mireya does not limit her passion for life solely to the coffee industry. She has dabbled in to many successful pursuits including stints as a radio broadcaster, an allied medical worker and events coordinator. Altruistically, she has served on the LA Philharmonic and USC Medical Center boards. More recently she has chosen to volunteers for organizations that benefit from her expertise.

"I was very politically involved in the last few years and I sort of got away from where I wanted to be which is here [at the store]," she said. This also allows her the time to be involved in mentor program that assists women from Central America that are a part of the industry. It is one of the most enlightening things that she has ever done, she shared.

Jones Coffee Roasters is located at 537 S. Raymond Ave., in Pasadena.

Owners Re-Open Burger Continental

Fire Officials Had Declared Landmark A Total Loss



Photo By Teresa Baxter

Despite assessments that had declared the restaurant a "total loss" and predictions that the 'People's Landmark' would never be the same, Burger Continental has re-opened. A beloved Pasadena area hangout, and home to Harvey Hyde's weekly radio broadcasts was only out of action for a week. The restaurant is so popular that while a reporter for this paper was gathering facts less than 24 hours after the fire, 40-50 patrons came by with their condolences, well wishes and questions about when the restaurant would reopen. The fire, which damaged part of the ventilation system and kitchen, was no deterrent for die hard fan's of the eatery. The restaurant has resumed regular business hours, seven days a week. For more information or a look at their menu, go to: www.burgercontinental.com

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Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council

TIP OF THE WEEK

From Caroline Brown

The Angeles National Forest and the Mt Wilson and Bailey Canyon Trails reopened, November 8, 2007, after having been closed for two weeks. It is important for the public who uses these areas to have access to them when high fire alerts are over so that people will understand and respect the restrictions when they are in force.

Some of the cooler, foggy mornings that proceeded the opening, led people to think they could go hiking again. We have to remember that these conditions for the most part made it just better fire fighting weather. There are still fire fighters on the line in the Santiago Canyon area.

Richard Halsy, director of the California Chaparral Institute in San Diego, was the guest speaker at the recent So. Calif. Chapter of the American Society of Foresters. His admonition to us all: Make your home fire proof. The chaparral ecosystem is there as nature intended. Brush directly under your control can and should be correctly modified, but learn what you need to know and act on it in making your structure as fire proof as possible.

Look on line at www.firecenter.berkeley.edu and link to toolkit or home assessment and you will get a look at how to reduce the vulnerable parts of your home.

There will be no regularly scheduled Fire Safe Council meeting in December. 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.



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- * Nearly half of all the energy used in our homes is wasted. It goes "out the window," or through the attic, cracks or other leaks, in the form of heat-or, in summer, air conditioning-lost to the outside.
- * Attic insulation can save 5% or more on heating costs-15% on air-conditioning costs (depending on the climate).

Simple Things to Do:

- * If there is no insulation in your home, you're costing yourself and the environment a fortune. If you do have insulation, check to see if you have enough. Have an "energy audit" to find the heat leaks in your house or apartment. If you are a do-it-yourselfer, this can range from simply going around the window frames and sashes of your house with a lighted candle (if the flame flickers, you need caulking or weather-stripping) - If you are not, the utility companies usually do this at no charge. Give them a call...

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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 promises 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 and 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.

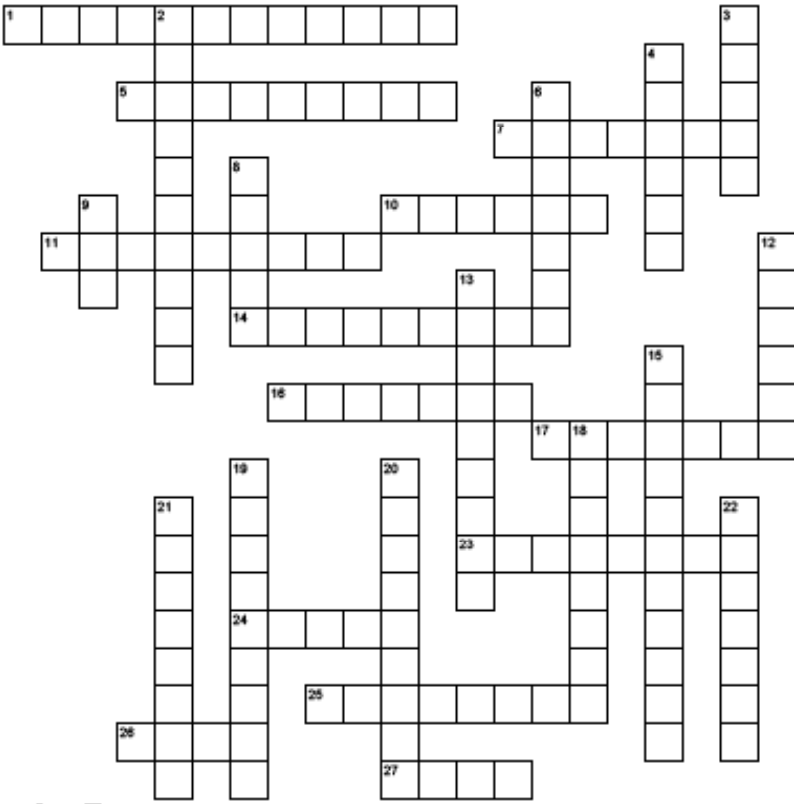
Saturday, November 3rd:

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 discovered 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.

It's A Dickens Of A Village

Sierra Madre Kicks Off The Holiday Season



ACROSS

- 1 Dickens' Great
- 5 Charles' birthplace. No primaries there and it is definitely not New
- 7 His friends never called him Chuck
- 10 These celestial beings are Everywhere
- 11 Not really ancient but an age long ago
- 14 A cup of this hot drink will make your day.
- 16 Kris's name rhymes with Pringle
- 17 He won't say Bah Humbug this week
- 23 Iris _____ Boutique
- 24 It was the best of and the worst of
- 25 Bev runs this Chamber of _____
- 26 You'll Go There More Than _____ Upon A Time
- 27 It's white and cold and falls from the sky except in Sierra Madre

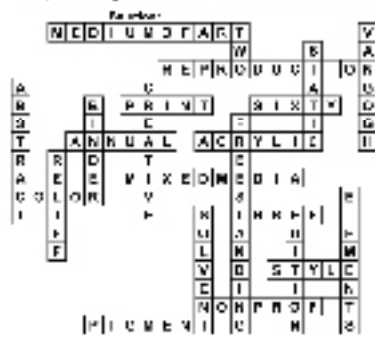
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- 3 The buggy needs one
- 4 This revolution was the setting for a Dickens tale
- 6 The character of Sierra Madre
- 8 Allison's Southern California _____ Theatre
- 9 He was an orphan
- 12 Now you might just yell, "Listen Up"
- 13 Frank's Gallery in town
- 15 Neil Vance _____
- 18 Cinderella wasn't the only who rode in one
- 19 Shop here and you will have better
- 20 This Tree Gets All Gussied Up For The Holidays
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Arts & More

Altadena’s Art Deco Elementary School ...

Photos and Story
By Virginia Olive Hoge

Some things in life aren't fair, and one of them is that tiny Altadena, California has not one but two beautiful Art Deco architectural masterpieces: Eliot Middle School and Altadena Elementary School.

It is to the latter this column is devoted, though I promise to write about Eliot later. This beautiful Altadena Elementary school was built in 1915 by the architectural firm Marsh, Smith and Powell (which specialized in educational institutions and designed, among other buildings, Hollywood High and Barnum Hall in Santa Monica) in the Art Deco style - one of the most “optimistic” of architectural genres. The style began in reaction to the high optimism of the early twentieth century, when there were so many truly important developments in science and technology, which made the future look so full of promise. Architecture of the period was pressed to look “modern” and this freedom allowed many architects to be more inventive than they had ever been. Artistic inspiration was drawn from geometric sources, borrowing imagery from sources such as machinery and ship design.

There is something indescribably “ship-like” about Altadena Elementary, and the design is a pre-cursor to the Streamline Moderne style of the 1930’s; you feel it walking towards the main octagonal portico with its beautiful deco grillwork. It is important to remember that the Art Deco style was seen as the “latest” thing for a city witnessing, on Mount Wilson, the field of astronomy taking massive, unprecedented leaps forward with discoveries and developments that were attracting world-wide attention (and visitors to the city from all over the world, many who stuck around). One of the most striking elements of the design of Altadena Elementary (and Eliot) is the horizontal red brick-work, set in snowy white concrete that creates such an interesting, graphic effect in each building. The planning of this brick design work is done to aesthetic precision, and yes, it is very modern! Interestingly, the design is so good that it remains “modern” even to today’s eyes.

It is also important to remember that this was not the first “new” architectural style seen in the area. Arts and Crafts (a “new”



movement in the late 1900th century) has many representatives in architecture seen here as well. But certainly, this was the first “modern” architectural style, and despite the relatively short life of the Deco movement, so many treasures were left from it.

The school’s interesting details are many, so I urge you to call the school and ask for a tour; you will be glad you did! When there, check out the high-ceilinged hallways or the classroom window design (some of the original interior elements have been altered, but some remain). Also, don’t miss the 1915 school bell timer encased in its original wooden box in the front office, still operational!



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Local Maestra Earns Bravas From Women In Theatre

PASADENA, Calif. Conductor Rachael Worby is used to taking a bow to bravos after a performance of The Pasadena POPS, the orchestra she has served as Music Director since 1999. But on Saturday, October 20, in honor of National Arts Awareness Month, **the *maestra* received applause for her ‘performance’ as a supporter of the live theatrical arts in greater Los Angeles when Women in Theatre presents her with a Red Carpet Award** at a special luncheon at the Castaways Restaurant in Burbank. Award presenters will include director and choreographer Cate Caplin, actress Wendie Malick, and singer Marianne Murphy.

“We are so excited to be able to recognize and honor Rachael as one of our Red Carpet Awardees this year,” says Talmadge Ragan, President of Women in Theatre. “The judging committee selected her to receive the award this year because she exemplifies the spirit of our mission with Women in Theatre and she sets a sterling example of achievement.”

Joining Worby as award recipients are a diverse group of women from a variety of fields who share one interest, to vigorously and tirelessly promote the arts. Honorees include: Sharon Graine, writer and director; Robin Lithgow, Elementary Arts Coordinator for Los Angeles Unified School District; Beverly Sanders, actress; Estherleon Schwartz, cantor and founder of Voices of Hope; Jenny Sullivan, actress and director; Penelope Torribio, master puppeteer and singer-songwriter; Gloria Watts, children’s theater director; and Lisa Wolpe, Artistic Director of the Los Angeles Women’s Shakespeare Company.

“When I learned that I’d been selected to receive a Red Carpet Award, I was thrilled,” recalls Rachael Worby. “It’s always gratifying to have your hard work recognized. But when I saw who my fellow recipients were, I felt this overwhelming sense of humility. These are such illustrious women, working veritable miracles in our community on a daily basis. I’m honored to share this award with them.”

Worby may not be giving herself quite enough credit. Under her guidance, The Pasadena POPS has not only tripled the number of its performances from four to twelve – with performances on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings throughout the summer at Descanso Gardens in La Canada Flintridge – but dramatically increased its reputation for artistic excellence.

As Robert Thomas, music critic for the Los Angeles Newspaper Group recently remarked, “The evening was also pure Worby...In an excruciating format (musicians will tell you that an entire program of short pieces is much harder to play well than a Mahler symphony), the orchestra delivered sharp, sensitive playing throughout the evening.” The Los Angeles Times has hailed Worby – who is also Artistic Director and Conductor of the American Music Festival in Cluj, Romania, and



Rachael Worby

Laureate Conductor of the Wheeling West Virginia Symphony Orchestra – as “inspiring and accessible.”

Worby has earned equally enthusiastic accolades for her expansion of The Pasadena POPS’ education programs. These include: Let Music Ring, an intensive three-year program for underserved children at Middle Schools in Pasadena and Los Angeles County that brings POPS musicians and their conductor back each month to the same school to interact repeatedly with the same children; Exploring Music at the Sycamores, a year-round program especially tailored for the boys at The Hathaway-Sycamores residential treatment center, providing them with lessons in music and life-enriching experiences; and Side by Side by Symphony, a mentoring program for aspiring young musicians that provides a side-by-side rehearsal and performance experience with professional musicians.

“Too often people tell children to hang onto their dreams. But dreaming is not enough,” says Worby. “You can only keep a dream alive with extremely hard work. So, I work to inspire the children by teaching them discipline and the reward that comes from setting a goal, then doing what it takes to reach it.”

Judging by the awards she has won in addition to the Red Carpet Award, Worby practices what she preaches. She has been honored with the Spirit of Achievement from Albert Einstein College, the Women of Excellence award from the YWCA, a Doctor of Humanities from Marshall University, a Doctor of Letters and the Presidential Medal of Honor for her consummate lifetime achievements from Claremont University. In 1994, she received a Presidential appointment to the National Council of the Arts and, in 1990, was nominated for an ACE Award for programs she created, narrated and conducted for the Disney Channel.

“But the greatest award, by far,” says Worby, who often describes herself as ‘a chick with a stick,’ “is successfully sharing with others what Leonard Bernstein, a musician I admire more than any other, called the gift and joy of music.”

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PUSD Board Budget Study Underway

By Teresa Baxter

In the initial step required to formally formulate a set budget for the upcoming year, Interim Assistant Superintendent Michele McClowry presented a budget assumption to provide focus during the Board's budget development process.

In a sense, the Board is predicting, or assuming, the school district's future economic condition based on preliminary revenue projections, budget guidelines and assumptions, enrollment projections, while also discussing issues related to staffing and potential budget reductions.

According to McClowry, the budget is meant as a means to support the goals and objectives of the Governing Board in providing the best possible educational programs for all students. It is a lengthy process with the results not being made to the public until June 2008, at which time it will be refined into what the Board agrees to approve and adopt.

Most projections were met with approval with the exception of the amount allotted and provided regarding students with special education needs. McClowry shared that she intended to analyze the whole Special Ed program so that it may meet a support service level at the same amount as in the prior year if at all possible.

Superintendent Edwin Diaz went on to assert that increased funding is needed to maintain the program, stating "We can't [meet expectations] with the amount given by the State, it costs more than you get." Board member Renatta Cooper also brought to light the recent escalation of children born with autism that will need increased attention in the future educational process and the funding needed to meet those needs. According to a recent study, ten years ago autism was diagnosed in 1 out of 10,000 children and considered a rare disorder. Today, autism is diagnosed 1 out of 150 children—a growing epidemic with no known cure.

PCC Board Elects New Trustee

By Teresa Baxter

In a race that pitted sage wisdom against youthful enthusiasm, the impeccable public service record of one candidate edged out the up-and-coming future hopeful for the coveted seat on the Board of Trustees at Pasadena City College.

Former four-term Pasadena Council member and mayor, Bill Thompson was elected over PCC alumni, Charles Nelson. Thompson's current posts also include chairing both the volunteer Rose Bowl Aquatics Center Board and the Entrepreneurial Board of the Rose Bowl Operating Company. Thompson is still an active intellectual-property attorney in Los Angeles.

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.

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Phyllis Vandeventer Honored

By Candace Siegle

Alverno High School math teacher Phyllis Vandeventer has received the Youth Science Center 2007 Service Award for building the vision, mission, and policies that have made the YSC summer program such a success. As head of the program in Hacienda Heights since 1995, Ms. Vandeventer's creative program has enriched the lives of thousands of children throughout the San Gabriel Valley and sparked their interest in the sciences.

At the awards and gala celebration, Ms. Vandeventer received commendations from the California State Assembly, Los Angeles County, the State Board of Equalization, and the Diamond Bar City Council as well as the YSC Service Award.

Ms. Vandeventer often calls on Alverno students to help promote and explain science to younger kids at Science Center booths at such Pasadena-area events as the Arcadia Water Festival, where Alverno girls showed youngsters how to properly handle

snakes, bearded dragons, tarantulas, and other interesting creatures.

While chair of the Alverno Math Department, Ms. Van expanded department offerings to include statistics and finite math, as well as strengthening the high school's program to offer students the option to complete five years of math in four years. She moderates the Gaming Company Club, where students play strategy games such as chess. Of course, while having fun they are learning logic and strategies of how to solve math problems!

Phyllis Vandeventer earned her BA in mathematics and her M.A.T. in the teaching of mathematics from UCLA. She also holds certificates in programming in C, and microcomputer communications from Mt. San Antonio College.

A popular teacher at Alverno, Ms. Vandeventer also received the Teacher of the Year Award from Sierra Madre Rotary last May. She loves music and plays violin in both the La Mirada and Bellflower Symphony Orchestras.

TRISH'S TRUTH Is Thanksgiving More Than Just a Holiday?

By Trisha Collins

It seems like there are certain things, or customs, that happen each Thanksgiving holiday. Like how somewhere, a little kindergarten class is going to put on a play where half the class dresses as pilgrims and Native Americans, while the others are left to be the foods and utensils. Families all over will be going grocery shopping for all the mouth-watering food they'll prepare. You'll find countless mothers across the country spending days on trying to perfect the turkey and getting the stuffing just right. In one school or another, kids will be making paper turkeys from tracing their hands and teachers will mysteriously turn up absent days before the four-day weekend.

Then there's the day before Thanksgiving. Oh what a hectic and frightful day that always is! Markets are overflowing, and you can't find a turkey to save your life. Shoppers can be seen racing to get that last can of cranberry sauce and the last apple pie on the shelf waiting just for them. And then finally, the actual Thanksgiving Day comes. All over you'll find people expecting guests, finishing cleaning up the house, putting the last few touches on the food. Later, relatives arrive, grandparents, cousins, aunts, uncles, and close friends. Everyone can be seen in rooms laughing, enjoying each other's company, and of course, overeating.

Though the Thanksgiving holiday is pretty busy and sometimes chaotic...I love it. I love how on Thanksgiving you can watch reruns of Charlie Brown's Thanksgiving from dawn until dusk. I love watching the Macy's Parade even though I'm a little jealous that it's usually snowing there and never here. I love how everyone just seems nicer on Thanksgiving, people just seem to be much more friendly. I also love all the Thanksgiving sales at the mall! Besides, what do you think that 4-day weekend is for, anyway? So people like me can have plenty of time to save a couple pennies at the mall around the Thanksgiving holiday, of course! And who can forget the football? Not exactly one of my favorite parts of Thanksgiving, but it's almost as symbolic as the turkey itself. It's just another family-bonding time where family members can crowd around the biggest T.V. in the house, whooping and hollering for their favorite team.

When this Thanksgiving rolls around, I hope you take a little time out of your busy schedule to acknowledge all the blessings that surround you. Most simple things we tend to take for granted, so why not put this Thanksgiving into literal terms, show your appreciation to someone and give thanks.

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Principal: Joanne Harabedian
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Principal: Gayle Bluemel
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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.

<u>DATE AND TIME OF HEARING</u>	<u>PLACE OF HEARING</u>
City of Sierra Madre City Council meeting Tuesday, November 13, 2007 (Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.)	City of Sierra Madre City Council Chambers 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024

All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.
Posted: October 27, 2007

By Order of the City Council
Elaine Aguilar, City Manager

City of Sierra Madre
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To: City-wide
From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: **SECOND 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.**

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By Order of the City Council,
Elaine Aguilar, City Manager

MVO001001 File No. 20072422399
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.
NOTICE-The Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 at seq. Business and Profession Code) First filing: 11/1; 11/8; 11/15 and 11/22, 2007
MOV001002

MVO001002 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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MOV001002

44701DV FileNo.06-20072451466 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: WKG ELECTRIC, 520 W. Fernfield Dr Apt D Monterey Park, CA 91754. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Wilfredo Palcios 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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440701DV

440702DV FileNo.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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440702DV

440703DV FileNo.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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440703DV

440704DV FileNo.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.
NOTICE-The Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 at seq. Business and Profession Code) First filing: 11/03; 11/10; 11/17 and 11/24, 2007
440704DV

440705DV FileNo.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 Rivera, CA 90660. The business is conducted as: AN INDIVI-DUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Oct 26, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.
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440705DV

440706DV FileNo.06-20072431537 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: JOO COLLECTION, 1031 S. Maple Ave #Alley Los Angeles, CA 90015. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Bong Jou Shin 5310 Falls Way Apt H Buena Park, CA 90624. 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) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.
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440706DV

440707DV FileNo.06-20072468885 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: LOS NORTENOS, 3207 E. Pico Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90023. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Imelda Sandoval 3207 E. Pico Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90023. 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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440707DV

440708DV File No. 200724687
The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: SY SPORTS,

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.

<u>DATE AND TIME OF MEETING</u>	<u>PLACE OF MEETING</u>
City of Sierra Madre Planning Commission meeting Thursday, November 15th, 2007 (meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.)	City of Sierra Madre City Council Chambers 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024

All interested persons may attend this meeting and the 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
Interim Director of Development Services

City of Sierra Madre
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To: Citywide
From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: **SECOND 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.

<u>DATE AND TIME OF HEARING</u>	<u>PLACE OF HEARING</u>
City of Sierra Madre City Council meeting Tuesday, November 27, 2007 (Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.)	City of Sierra Madre City Council Chambers 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024

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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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440710DV

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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440711DV

440712DV File No. 20072469390 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: AXCESS 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 CORPO-RATION. 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

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 CORPO-RATION. 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

440714DV FileNo.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
NOTICE-The Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common election 14411 at seq. Business and Profession Code) First filing: 11/03; 11/10; 11/17 and 11/24, 2007
440714DV

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 Shirl 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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FIRST LIGHT

Monrovia High School's Juan O. Escaño Sr. Astronomy Research and Education Center Brings New Life To Observatory

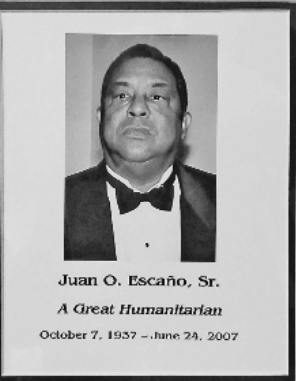


"FIRST LIGHT" IS THE TERM ASTRONOMERS USE for the "opening night" of a new telescope. For the Mount Wilson 60-inch, it was December 8, 1908. For the 100-inch Hooker Telescope, it was November 2, 1917. And for Monrovia High School's new 12-inch, it was November 1, 2007.

At a ceremony in the high school's main lobby that evening, the refurbished observatory was dedicated and given the name "The Juan O. Escaño Sr. Astronomy Research and Education Center." Mr. Escaño's son, Juan O. Escaño, recruited a number of co-sponsors to equip the observatory, and their joint contributions are valued at between \$250,000 and \$500,000.

Escaño, a television producer, was filming a Spanish-language home-improvement series in Monrovia last April and learned about Monrovia High School's efforts to refurbish an observatory that had been created on its campus several decades ago. He decided to raise the funding and equipment to create a high-quality, state-of-the-art observatory for the high school as a legacy project for Monrovia and a fitting tribute to his father, who died June 24.

In addition to its main instrument—a Meade 12-inch LX200 RC telescope with high-end accessories (including a CCD camera)—the observatory has new floors, new paint, fiber-optic wiring, inlaid wood paneling, and two additional telescopes.



Juan O. Escaño, Sr.
A Great Humanitarian
October 7, 1957 – June 24, 2007

Escaño pointed out that the new equipment gives the observatory the ability to transmit and receive images at high speed. Fiber optics will allow images from the telescope to be flashed on a screen in the school auditorium, where hundreds of students can view them. "This will give us the opportunity," said Escaño, "to home-grow the next Kepler or Galileo."

LAST WEEKEND'S CHANGE TO STANDARD TIME has given me a whole new perspective on morning. Before the time-change I was waking up regularly around 7:00 (without an alarm clock). Now, 7:00 has become 6:00—but my body's internal clock thinks it's 7:00, and wakes me up. Should I roll over and try to go back to sleep for an hour? Not if I listen to the classic Persian poet Rumi. He said, "The morning breeze has secrets to tell you. Do not go back to sleep."

So I've decided to become a 6:00- instead of a 7:00-riser. I'm enjoying watching the dawn, and the sun coming up, and my thoughts seem a bit fresher and more interesting than they do later in the day. The air actually smells fresher, too, and it's nice and quiet in that hour before most people get started. However, to get enough sleep, I guess I'll also have to go to bed an hour earlier, and maybe skip the late-night news shows on PBS. That's the hard part.

FALL: SLOW TIME

After the time change:

Waiting for time to happen

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If you'd like to learn more, you can contact Bob at b.eklund@mobserver.com.

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LET US CATER TO YOU



Kim Kelley shares her stories about the real fires and near misses in Big Santa Anita Canyon Pat 1 of 2

With all of the wildfires in the news lately, I am reminded of what it was like living under the constant threat of a forest fire ravaging our canyons and mountains. The Big Santa Anita Canyon has not experienced a fire since the fire of '53. That fire, known as the Monrovia Peak Fire, swept through the canyon and destroyed many cabins and Hoge's Camp...one of the last trail camps in the canyon. Pack Station owner Bill Adams, caught off guard by the speed at which the fire spread, was forced to evacuate the station in the middle of the night leaving behind all of his belongings and the pack animals. He led them all to the safety of the upper corral and prayed for the best. The fire raged up the hill below the north side of their house...miraculously jumping all of the structures...and continued up the hill on the south side, taking out all of the growth on the hillside and along the perimeter of the corral. All of the animals escaped harm, except for a few ember burns on some of their backs....close call. Since then all of the forest in the canyon and around the station has regrown. The many stories I had heard of that fire haunted me every fire season...especially when the Santa Anas roared through the station. From my home I could hear the winds howl through the canyon toward the south and then somehow change direction and come barreling over the hillside adjacent to the house in a northerly direction with the sound of an oncoming train. It would rip across the parking lot, taking down huge branches and sometimes even trees, stirring up enough dust to make the nearby barn barely visible. These were the winds that fanned the '53 fire and made it move so quickly. The cabin owners of the canyon take great care of the canyon and are very conscientious about maintaining "defensible space" around each one of the cabins. It was this attention to safety that kept a recent cabin fire

from taking the rest of the canyon with it...amazing considering the extremely dry years we have had and with the canyon being so overgrown and dry.

In the time I spent at the station, there were several potentially disastrous situations involving fire that immediately come to mind...ones that well illustrate how inevitable it is, when an urban population exists in such close proximity to the wilderness, that human error (or stupidity) will cause such disasters. Every weekend scores of city folks descend on the canyon. Most are relatively well-seasoned outdoors people, but there are some who come for the adventure and to party. They have no clue what is considered respectful and appropriate behavior for such a sacred location...no clue about the dangers of a wilderness area...no clue as to what a threat humans are to such a place...it is merely an extension of the streets or of their own backyard...a playground that poses no more threat to them than Tom Sawyer's Island in Disneyland. There were two near disasters at Chantry while I was there...the first was caused by a careless smoker casting away a butt into the brush near lower parking lot. My son came running into the pack station lot screaming fire. It was a dry fall evening and the fire station personnel had left for the day. We called the Sierra Madre Police and reported it. With no fire hose long enough to fight it with, we gathered all of the garden hose at the station and hurried them over to the fire-house. We combined them with those found around the station, hooked them all together and stretched them out just long enough to reach the edge of the quickly spreading fire. It was rapidly consuming the brush in the area, had ignited one small tree, and now had flames that were leaping about thirty feet in the air. We were just ready to turn the hose on when we saw the fire engine from Sierra Madre coming up the road. The fire was nearly out when the county trucks arrived. They sent the usual hook and ladder, pumper, urban search and rescue truck, several ambulances, and a bevy of sheriff cars...followed soon by a helicopter swooping in to check on things...this was the normal response to any emergency in the canyon...anything from a fire such as this to a broken ankle to someone feeling faint after hiking "cardiac hill".

Another close call happened late one evening after we had fed the animals and put them to bed for the night. We were up watching television when one of us got up and saw flames leaping up from the lower picnic grove...right outside the gate to the pack station. We ran out of the house and over to the where we saw the fire. A huge bonfire had been built in the steel barbeque and on the cement pad around the base of it. A man was feeding it with enormous branches that extended out of the fire and off the edge of the cement over the dry grass and leaves that covered the ground.

"What the #@\$\$ are you doing?" we screamed at the startled man. "Put that out!!! Are you crazy???" In a feeble attempt to douse the fire, he turned and emptied his bottle of Sprite on the towering flames. Patrick ran to the barn to grab the big silver water fire extinguishers...they are best for brush-type fires. He arrived with them and emptied them on the fire, reducing its size to something much more manageable. He left and returned with a bucket, which he filled at a nearby faucet. The man responsible for the blaze stood puzzled (and of no help whatsoever) as we kicked dirt on the embers on the ground and stomped out hot spots on the cement pad. "That was the stupidest thing I have ever seen," I scolded, and the others joined me in reprimand.

"No English," the man replied, "No English." Good thing, I guess...we were not being kind.

There were two other fires; one was a small one along the road about a third of the way from the top. It was contained to a few acres and again was probably caused by a careless smoker. The second



The recent spate of Southern California Wildfires has reminded all of us how vulnerable and precious our canyons are. The above photo is from one of several San Diego county fires this year. Photo Courtesy of SDSU

one we encountered on the way down the mountain one morning. We saw smoke and then flames as we descended the road. Each time we rounded a bend we got a better picture of what was happening. As we came around a bend about a half-mile from the bottom we saw a complete little ravine engulfed in flames. As we reached the straight-away above the debris basin near the bottom we saw a car burning on the side of the road. A Sierra Madre city worker in a golf cart was putting on his fire coat and radioing in the fire. When we drove past the burning car we could feel the heat from the fire instantly heat up the interior of our car. Worried that I might need to return to the station to move the animals to safety if the fire got out of control, we decided to just run down to McDonalds to pick up some lunch and return to see what would happen. The first trucks to arrive passed us on our way down Santa Anita Avenue. We were only gone 15 minutes at the most, but when we returned, every emergency vehicle within miles was already at the gate and on the road. In the air were helicopters dropping water and large cargo jets dropping foscheck. We sat at the gate and watched as men from the Azusa Canyon fire camp arrived and marched, shovels in hand, up the road to the fire. Within an hour and a half it was mostly out...confined to only forty-some acres...though it looked like a lot more. When we were finally allowed to drive the road back to the station it was almost dark. We drove through what looked like a war zone...there were dirt, mud, water, debris and glowing hunks of wood all over the road. The guard rails were off their posts which still stood along the road, the tops of each in flames or glowing like tiki torches lining a walkway. Fire hoses were still stretched across the road in several spots and trucks and men continued their cleanup and check for hot spots. It was an amazing job that they did...an incredibly quick and full-blown response that saved our canyon. The car that started the fire turned out to be stolen and set on fire by two young men from the city...they were caught by the Sierra Madre police when they returned to check out the damage a few days later. Another example of what can happen when the perils of city life encroaches on wilderness.

Another close call happened late one

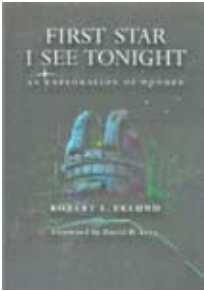
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The Book Reports

First Star I See Tonight: An Exploration of Wonder

by Robert I. Eklund (2007)

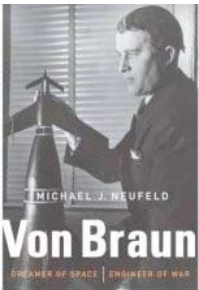


In this brand new publication, Amateur Astronomer Robert Eklund invites the scientist and poet to set aside their differences for a night-to come outside, stand very still as the sun sets, feel the earth turning eastward, be dazzled by a moonrise, catch a falling star, walk with the constellations, ride a rocket to Jupiter and finally look back at the Home Planet with new eyes. In poetry, prose and picture the author, along with illustrator Virginia Hoge, has written about his love for the heavens. David Levy, co-discoverer of the Comet Shoemaker-Levy writes, “In his marvelous book, Bob Eklund follows the tradition of those few writers who don’t tell us how to appreciate the sky, but why we must.” As to why Mr. Eklund wrote this book, he states, “I write for all who love the starry night. And even the stormy night full of raindrops and snowflakes. The beauty of these things is never far from us.” Mr. Eklund was raised among astronomers on the Yerkes Observatory grounds as both his Grandfather and mother worked there. He currently helps with education and public outreach at the Mount Wilson Observatory and writes the weekly Astronomy column in this paper. This book is for anyone who loves the night sky and its wonders.

Von Braun: Dreamer of Space, Engineer of War

by Michael J. Neufeld (2007)

This is a new comprehensive biography about Von Braun, which covers his life and his influence on space exploration. Wernher von Braun (1912–1977), was the chief rocket engineer of the Nazi Reich, and was involved in the creation of the V-2 rocket that caused major destruction in Europe during World War II. Following the war, von Braun and many of his colleagues surrendered to the Allies. A few went to the Soviet Union and helped develop the rockets that brought forth Sputnik. Von Braun and a few others came to the United States and became majors developers of the rockets in the U.S. space program. Author Michael Neufeld is chair of the Space History Division at the Smithsonian’s National Air and Space Museum.16 pages of photos!



Both Book Pics are available at Sierra Madre Books (836-3200)

Scene One - Take One DVD Review

Silverado (1985)

This sprawling well made Western stars Kevin Kline, Danny Glover, Scott Glenn and Kevin Costner as four unwitting unlikely heroes who cross paths on their journeys and eventually join forces against some very bad guys. Little do they know that the Town (Silverado), where their family and friends live, has been taken over by a corrupt sheriff and his murderous crew. It’s up to this sharp shooting foursome to save the town. Wonderful western directed by Lawrence Kasdan!



The Party (1968)



Blake Edwards wrote and directed this hilarious film about an Indian actor named Hrundi (Peter Sellers) who ruins an entire shooting day on an epic major film in which he’s cast as an extra. A secretarial error results in the accident prone Hrundi being invited to a big Hollywood party thrown by the studio chief. Follow some wonderful gags, misunderstandings and accidental destructive acts that make it a fun, unpredictable and enjoyable film. Wonderful location in a fancy 60’s house. The end is a bit of a letdown, but overall lots of fun!

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BIRD’S EYE VIEW

By Pat Birdsall

From the Comfort of Your Own Home

Pretty soon it won’t be necessary to leave the confines of our homes at all. In this, the age of computers, we can converse with one another via e-mail; pay our bills, order products such as clothing, books, movies and even groceries. Why, we can even meet the man or woman of our dreams without ever getting out of our chairs.

If it isn’t on the Internet it comes directly to our doors. Don’t know who to hire to trim those trees, re-pave your driveway or re-roof you home? Have no fear- several selections in the form of business cards will be tucked into every crevice of your front door. When you open it, the cards cascade around your feet. They land in the house, outside the house and all points in-between. If you’re lucky, a discount coupon for pizza will be among them so while you’re pondering who to hire for the tree trimming, the driveway and the roof, you can at least do so unencumbered by lunch preparations as the pizza will come straight to your door.

I understand that the Fuller Brush Company might be gearing up for door-to-door service once again, so no need to venture out for cleaning products. In addition to women, Avon is now using men to sell their beauty products door-to-door. When you hear the familiar “Avon calling,” it might be in a deep baritone. Somehow I have a problem with someone with hairy knuckles trying to convince me that one shade of lipstick is better than another. Although, come to think of it my mother had an Avon lady with a rather hirsute upper lip and she always wore gloves. Hmmm, I never thought that perhaps they were hiding hairy knuckles.

We don’t even need to leave our cozy confines for spiritual enlightenment if we don’t want to. Quite frequently that is also brought to our doors via a pair of well-dressed people with bibles at the ready.

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Where did I put my keys? My glasses? I know that word - but it just won’t get to my tongue ... What’s his / her name ? Is this just a “senior” moment? Or is it a beginning symptom of a more disturbing pattern - will I “get” Alzheimer’s?

The real question is, what am I feeding my brain? Sugar? Fast digesting carbs but not being physically active enough to burn them up as fast as they digest? Is my brain being clouded by medication side effects? You know ... the ones warning us “don’t drive” after taking this? What about those pain killers? Prozac? Valium? Antidepressants designed to alter the brain?

This summer I was introduced to a nutritionally dense, very absorbable liquid fruit juice that tasted a bit like blackstrap molasses. Shortly thereafter I learned (via home-made CD) about a mid-80’s gentleman with Alzheimer’s whose doctors had given him two weeks to live, and thus stopped his medications. The family arranged to put him in “a home for mom and dad,” because of the care needed. The owner asked the family if he could be given a three-ounce bottle of this liquid nutrition a day. Sure, why not? Well ... one week later he was more alert and eating. Two weeks later he was talking, then sitting up and walking. Continuous improvement, alert and smiling when family came to visit, enjoying short car trips, and, when the facility provider took him flying as part of the home’s enrichment program, wished he had learned how to fly years earlier. And he was given the opportunity to hold onto the controls and fly on his own.

Several years ago, when we the California Medical Board was investigating how to regulate alternative care providers (viz CA SB 577), Dr. Hyla Cass, MD, ND, Psychiatrist at Cedars-Sinai, testified. An expert on brain function, her testimony focused on the importance of proper nutrition for the brain. She, too, reported instances of reversing Alzheimer’s and dementia through simple dietary changes, with some supplementation, accompanied by gentle internal cleansing to support the body’s elimination processes. I was so impressed! A doctor testifying to the principles of exactly what I had become convinced were essential for health.

When my eyes or brain are fuzzy, I know I need more nutrients. Fresh veggies and fruits, no sugar or fast digesting carbs, more protein - mixed nuts are a good start. Since I’m not on any medications, I don’t have to deal with those side effects. But when I think that at my age most people are on at least 9 to 13 medications a day - all of which interfere with the body’s enzyme processes and reduce or cut off information between your body’s cells to the brain, what else can we expect?

Taking charge - knowing that what we put inside is what’s going to be reflected outside ... may you enjoy this holiday season by eating deliciously and wisely from the inside out.

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Monroe “Cottage”: Monrovia Founder’s First Home



The Monroes lived in a tent on the property while their “Cottage” was built in 1884.

hearsay. Debi Lee and I made a visit to the Monrovia Historical Museum on Palm, to see what they might have in documentation and history about their home and its builder, William N. Monroe.

We found a wealth of Monroe artifacts there, some framed copies of packing labels from Monroe’s fruit company, two books on Monrovia history (copies available for sale) and two charming and articulate octogenarian docents who brought the town’s history alive for us. A photo of the town in the late 1800’s shows their home with a young tree at the northwest corner, that could be the young fig or rubber tree (both have been mentioned) that grew to shade four homesites by the time it was removed in 2003.

According to the Monrovia Centennial Review book by Peter C. Ostrye from 1986, Monroe was one of four founders of the community, though not the first resident. After a Union Army stint leading to the rank of Major in the Civil War, he joined his father-in-law, Milton Hall, in the construction of several railroad routes in California, Utah, Texas and Mexico. When he “retired” from that venture and vagabond life in his mid-thirties, he set off to Los Angeles in 1875 for a settled down life of raising fruit and a family. In the process of deciding where to build a home, Monroe, always a mover and shaker, became active in Los Angeles business and political circles, though a brief interlude took him back to Texas for construction on Huntington’s Southern Pacific Electric.

Upon his return, word was out that E.J. “Lucky” Baldwin was selling 30 acre parcels of his ranch. Monroe bought several, amassing 210 acres, and moved his family into a tent at the current 225 Monroe Place in 1884. A single story cottage was erected that year, and the family moved in. Only a year later, Monroe went on to build “The Oaks”, a grand residence on Primrose, and Monroe’s brother then moved into the cottage.

Along the way, pieces of the homesite were sold off, and the original street address one block south changed as the lot shortened to front on Monroe Place. Improvements ensued, including plumbing, gas, electricity, and a second story evolved. Since indoor plumbing was added later, the pipes and hot water heater run outside and on the perimeter, instead of up the core, as today’s homes often do.

When the time came to expand the cottage, the Lees were told by one Monrovia, the entire one story structure was raised to become the top floor of the current home, intricate roofline and all. The Monroe Historical Museum director was doubtful this was the case, yet I heard this story a couple of times when I mentioned the cottage to local history buffs.

The first floor now boasts 13 foot ceilings, with a mysterious “dead space” between the first and second floors. The Lees would love to see pictures of that first remodel, or any other photos of the home if anyone has them. Unearthing the fascinating details of earlier iterations of the structure will require some detective work, as much of the home has undergone updating several times. Word around town is that a local antiques collector owns the iron bed from the cottage’s early days. Likely, there are other pieces around, too.

The home the Lees bought in 2007 was already accepted into California’s Mills Act status. This act is a two-edged sword of tax benefit with use, maintenance and preservation restrictions. For a property tax incentive intended to preserve historical homes and the heritage of our communities, the homes require earthquake retrofitting, a historical plaque and strict guidelines on exterior changes to the home. Each individual community oversees the Mills Act homes within their borders, and rules and regulations vary from city to city.

The Lees have been on a steep learning curve for historic home maintenance and preservation, after their previous Connecticut home was of 1950’s vintage. Their electrician, Yiannis Arvanitidis, is a frequent visitor, slowly unraveling old crawlspace mysteries of electricians past. They’ve learned more than they probably wanted to know about earthquake retrofitting and cohabitating with local wildlife in the past few months. Each month new challenges arise to maintain or restore the grace and beauty of the past, while raising a growing family in the technology age. Despite the challenges, I don’t think they’d trade this special home for anywhere else in LA.

Have an interesting home garden or person who helps create them, that might be of interest to our readers? Contact C.Bertrand@MVObserver.com!

The Lees, new LA residents from Connecticut, decided to purchase a historic Monrovia home earlier this year. After months of search for just the right home, this one tugged at their heartstrings. With its 1884 construction date comes charm, history, tradition, several remodels and additions including indoor plumbing, plus a host of modern day challenges.

Much of what the Lees have learned about the Monroe “Cottage” comes from historical and heritage organizations, old photographs and just plain



Debi Lee examines framed fruit crate labels from Monroe’s company at Monrovia Historical Museum.

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By Peter Dills

Red White Bluezz



The deal that I made with the owner here at The Newspaper is that I can write about any restaurant that I want and that I would try to reach the flavor of my friends here in The Sierra Madre area. So, it might be that Red White + Bluezz has an ad somewhere near this column. But, I can also write about the slurpees at The AM PM if I so desired!!!

Red White + Bluezz is the ‘new hot spot’ of Pasadena. I find myself there at the bar at least once a month; it has a great vibe, nice bar, friendly service and pleasing jazz/blues music on most nights.

One of my favorite afternoons is enjoying a Sunday Brunch there. Le Cordon Blue Chef Brian Haskins has assembled a menu that is very ambitious. This is not a buffet but rather a sit down menu; I sampled four of there dishes. First up... The Pony Up, a 26 oz bone in rib eye with three eggs any style, simply scrumptious (\$45). Surf and Turf Benedict, served on toasted sour dough bread, with certified Angus Filet Mignon and Maine Lobster (\$29). The Tree Hug... Organic Yogurt served in a granola basket with fresh berries.(\$11). My favorite...Blue Corn Cakes, served with strips of bacon with wild berries (\$11). Yum, the bacon is worth the price of admission alone. Other entrees that looked appealing.....The Monte Cristo (\$16) and their signature omelettes at (\$14)

No gut wrenching champagne here, Red White + Bluezz offers seven or eight glasses by the glass. If you are into Bloody Mary’s, Red White +Bluezz offers a full bar. On my Sunday visit a trio was playing in the bar with the music piped out to the patio where we were sitting.
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By Stanley J. Forrester

OH YEAH!!! COLLEGE FOOTBALL

College football is the most exciting game played in American sports. Several nights ago I was T.V. channeling, (*In case you didn't know, the difference between channeling and surfing is that with channeling you must watch the show up to one commercial.*) Well I channeled upon a Mid-American conference football game between the Chippewa's of Central Michigan and the Broncos of Western Michigan. The last five minutes of the game was so exciting I was transformed back forty years to a screaming collegian. I was yelling for my team to get the ball and score or to stop the other team from scoring. These young men on both sides of the field had no quit in them. They took their lumps and blows and kept on trying. If I am not mistaken the lead changed four times within the last two minutes. And to show you what these guys were made of, the last play of the game Western Michigan needed to score. They did not but they kept the ball alive for thirty seconds trying to score. That football was tossed back and forward about six times.

After I finished watching the game I paused for a moment and thought about why we like college ball so much. Part of it is the excitement but a larger part is the pure sport. That is, these kids are playing their hearts out and not receiving any money. I say that not to devalue the fact that they are receiving a college education, which in and of itself is worth a lot of money both at the time of receiving and later in life.

But then, that lead me down another path. When there is an allegation that's proven that a player has accepted money the university takes a big hit. For instance, the rumors had been around a long time about Reggie Bush and family. I hope that Reggie is clean and did not accept any money or gifts. But what can he do about mom and step-dad? If they lived rent-free can the University be punished? I can see it now, Pete goes up to the Bush household and tells them that they cannot accept this house, they must move. Isn't that a bit of a burden to put upon the university? How would the coach know where the parents are living? If the NCAA has placed that responsibility on the university then each school will need a dean of "What's The Family Up To". I want to apply. The job will have to come with perks and a hefty expense account, how else will you be able to keep track of what the parents are doing? There will be a lot of traveling, I mean after all these kids come from all over the country. Then there will have to be some undercover work, you know snooping around to see if the poor kid's family is now suddenly driving upscale automobiles. But will the driving of a new car be a true indication of wrongdoing? The job will be difficult but I think I am up to the position. One other thing I want my salary for my new dean position tied to the salary of the head football coach at most schools and for those with top ranked basketball programs I want it tied to their salary.

Where there is true cheating on the part of the athlete then the university should take the hit, but the parents. That's too much, my thoughts from the couch.

PHS GETS CLOSE BUT MUIR TAKES TUSSLE 13-9

Commentary By Treavor Robinson, PHS Student

The Bulldogs of Pasadena High suffered a crushing defeat to the John Muir Mustangs. This cross-town rivalry 'has been played in the Rose Bowl, where legends have been made and found, for more then 50 years.'

On November 8, 2007, earlier in the day, the Pasadena Bulldogs had their last run through of plays as they got ready for the victory of Turkey Tussle. As the day went on the tension started to build up because you are usually so excited about who is going to win or lose. Not me and my friend Tyler. We knew who was going to win this year because we knew that one of the main stars, Michael Harrison also known as 'Trumpet' was a senior and he wasn't going to let the eleven year streak of losing ruin his whole year in football and in graduating.

As the time clocked 7:00 and John Muir kicked it off to Pasadena we knew that the Bulldogs were going to win the Victory Bell. So, as the first half ended Pasadena was finally up for once and up strong.

When the Bulldogs were going back to the locker room, my friends and I were talking about them - praying that they just stayed focus and would not get too cocky in the locker room. We didn't want them thinking that they had finished doing what they had to do, because has the night went on the Mustangs were going to get smarter with their plays and stronger on their defense.



Despite the loss, the PHS Bulldogs narrowed the gap. In 2006, the Bulldogs lost by 15 points. (pictured above) This year rivalry ended with only a four point difference. Photo courtesy PHS Athletics

So as the second half started and Pasadena kicks it off to Muir, we pretty much knew that the game was going down from there because a John Muir player ran the ball back to the fifty yard line. In the second half, Muir scored a touch down beating Pasadena by four. The final score was 13 to 9. This was a low scoring game on each side and hard fought hard. The defense for each school handled the offense of the other. It's just that Muir scored that early touch down in the second half giving them the victory.

Talking to people after the game every one was disappointed, but also proud on how our guys played the game of football. Although my friends weren't really disappointed because PHS is just just going to win in basketball, the parents where a little upset because if their son was a senior they where going to have to put up with the sadness of the losing of Pasadena High in the Turkey Tussle, again.

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