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Chief Hangs Up His Hat After Years Of Service Roger Lowe Will Retire In January



Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department Chief Roger Lowe (center) at a recent city council meeting where he was honored. D. Lee/MVO

Sierra Madre Fire Chief, Roger Lowe announced Friday morning, in a letter addressed to Mayor Enid Joffe, that he would step down as head of the department on January 16, 2008 during a regularly scheduled council meeting.

Joffe said this was a longtime coming. "He told us even before the paramedic program was in place that we wasn't going to be around for much longer and so we should be looking for someone to oversee it," Joffe said.

City Manager Elaine Aguilar said the city would immediately begin looking for a replacement and hoped the position would be filled by Lowe's last day. "We got out the books and documents today to see what the

procedure is," Aguilar said. "Our plan is to make sure there is no lapse in filling the position so the transition goes smoothly."

Assistant Chief Stephen Heydorff said that Lowe was not completely leaving the department. "He said he's sticking around just not as chief." Since Lowe has been a member of the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department for at least twenty years, many feel that by staying in the department, his experience would be helpful in hiring a new chief.

Chief Lowe had gone on vacation with his family and could not be reached for comment.

As Chief, Lowe was responsible for the department's daily operations, the administrative functions and its response capabilities. He supervised the assistant chief, two battalion chiefs, the fire marshal, six captains, six engineers, and 30 firefighters according to the city official website.

Although his position is paid, the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department is considered the last, and only, all volunteer fire department in Los Angeles County. However, the need for more volunteer firefighters is a challenge nationwide. As recently as this week, one of the national morning shows ran a segment on the subject of the shortage of volunteer firefighters.

Lowe's daughter, Kristine is a Captain in the SMVFD as well as a high school teacher. Staff/MVO

Developer's Woes Have City On Alert

By Dean Lee

Although new information surfaced this week in a long history of trouble surrounding 1 Carter and Stonehouse Homes developer Dorn Platz & Co, city staff said a 30-day notice given to them - with the possibility of foreclosure against a mixed use Altadena property - by Los Angeles County, most likely would not affect any Sierra Madre projects currently underway.

City Manager, Elaine Aguilar, said the main difference between Sierra Madre projects being financed by Platz and others, such as Altadena's Lincoln Crossing, The Ambassador West project in Pasadena, and even The Round in Beaverton Oregon, is that none in Sierra Madre are redevelopment projects, so the city has no financial involvement.

Associate Planner, Jae Hill, said the city only works to overlook the permit processes and city codes, "We're not financing any of it." We do hold bonds for water and other things but they get that back when the project is completed." He said because it is a flood control area, L.A. County does inspect it and would do so before the project is deemed complete. The project is long overdue.

He also said the city usually does

not mandate when a project must be completed, although he added that, "this project probably should have been completed by now. I'm sure it's in their interest to have it done as soon as possible. If there is a date to complete the project, that would have had to be a condition of approval. I don't think it was."

Hill said high fire danger has stopped the current 90-day grading process at 1 Carter. A city ban during Red Flag warnings does not allow heavy equipment to be used on those days. He said they did not know when grading would be complete.

The Lincoln Crossing project is also more than a year behind schedule and some say that another Platz financially backed project, a 24-Hour Fitness Center at 125 North First Avenue in Arcadia, is also behind schedule although the fitness center is open. Lincoln Crossing also has a 24-Hour Fitness Center that is open as does the Beaverton Round. Earlier this month, in yet another snag for the developer, Pasadena city staff said Standard Pacific Homes had pulled out of The Ambassador West project, forcing Dorn Platz to find another builder in order to move that project forward. Claims have alleged contractors had pulled out of the project because of non-payment.

In January, a lien placed on both the 1 Carter and Stonehouse Properties by S.E.C. Civil Engineering, (cont. page 3)



The holiday season has officially begun and in Sierra Madre all eyes were on Kersting Court and downtown merchants last weekend. Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, festivities included the lighting of the Christmas Tree and Menorah. Kris Kringle rode into town on a horse drawn carriage and Mayor Enid Joffe, who admitted she hadn't yet had time to "by her Thanksgiving turkey", officially welcomed the bearded wonder to town!

Photos by D. Lee/MVO

Dickens Of A Village Kersting Court Becomes The Center Of Attention



'We Didn't Do It'

Polling Begins For Police Initiative - City Not Responsible

Sierra Madre residents were recently surprised when they received an anonymous telephone call soliciting information on their feelings toward the Sierra Madre Police Officers Initiative that will go before voters in April. Several citizens contacted this paper questioning who authorized such a poll. The survey started on November 14th and Elisa Weaver, Sierra Madre's Public Information Officer, quickly issued a press release indicating that the poll was not commissioned by the city. The union representing the police officers acknowledged that they are responsible.

Many who received the calls were annoyed that the caller id was not a functional telephone number.

Police Officers in Sierra Madre are the lowest paid in the San Gabriel Valley. The measure would require the city to guarantee that police are paid at least as much as the lowest paid department in the valley. However analysts have predicted dire consequences should the measure pass. In an effort to address the potential financial crisis, Mayor Joffe appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to find revenue sources to fund the cost of the pay increase if the initiative becomes law. The committee has recommended a User Utility Tax increase to offset that expense and should the council follow that recommendation, approval of the tax will also be on the April ballot.

To read the complete text of the initiative, go to the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com/docs_forms/files/analysis_police_initiative.pdf. Copies of this analysis can also be found at the Sierra Madre Public Library and City Hall.

S. Henderson/MVO

Planning Commission To Consider Recommendation Rejecting Sale Of Parking Lot Existing Howie's Market Development Plans Would Change

By Dean Lee

Just days after a large amount of Tuesday's city council meeting was spent discussing how public comment is governed in relation to closed sessions, questioning the sale, price and terms of the Baldwin Avenue Parking lot to Montecito Development Group, the city will now hold a public hearing Dec 6. related to this sale.

The city released Thursday - **see public hearing notice page 10** - details concerning the request to develop the former Howie's site. The Planning Commission is set to take public input concerning demolishing the market on the 14 East Sierra Madre Boulevard location, to be replaced with a 72-unit mixed-use development.

The 8,200 square foot commercial/retail complex is set to include 194 parking spaces, but only by first removing and using the existing city owned parking lot.

Resident Fay Angus questioned the

council for 15 minutes, about the negotiations before Mayor Enid Joffe politely asked her to stop, but not before she made a number of remarks, including asking if the parking lot was deemed surplus or whether it had been put up for sale on the open market. Joffe said she was only asking that Angus respect the established time limit for public comment, something Angus exceeded by at least 10 minutes.

It will be recommended at next month's meeting that this application be denied, according to city staff. The project relies on the use of the city owned parking lot and staff said "the city does not intend to participate in this development proposal as submitted."

Angus said both her questions should have been addressed by the council, but legally the council could not, uttering them in an awkward situation.

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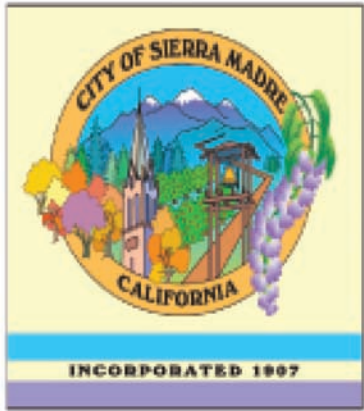
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Wednesday:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s	Morning Fog

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.

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

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THIS WEEK

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20 Year Old Classifications
- 4** Cities and Schools
Queen of Doo Dah
Burbank Airport Extension
- 5** Police Blotter
Fire Safe Council Tips
SMEAC Did You Know?
Word Puzzle
- 6** The Ghosts of
Thanksgivings Past
Holiday Decorating
- 7** USC Bound
Trish's Truth
PCC Stages Mock Disaster
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A Little Open Space For All
- 12** Jeff's
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Inside Out
- 13** Peter Dills: Table For Two
Chris Bertrand: One Of A Kind
- 14** LaSalle Beats Azusa
Stanley Talks Turkey

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Council Red Flag Patrol.
Call 355-0741, 7135 or 9530 or email:
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Save The Date December 6

Bob Eklund, Columnist in
this paper will sign copies
of his new book,
"First Star I See Tonight"
at the
Sierra Madre Book Store

**Sierra Madre
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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

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American Heritage Girls Informational Meeting Tuesday, December 4th Pasadena First Church of the Nazarene



Local American Heritage Girls at the Forest Lawn Memorial Park Veteran's Day program

You may be thinking that you've never heard of American Heritage Girls! This wonderful Christ-centered organization is a scouting program for girls in Kindergarten through 12th grade where girls earn badges doing age-appropriate activities in numerous areas of interest such as outdoor skills, family living, science and technology. The American Heritage Girls program seeks to develop the whole child - physically, mentally, and spiritually. Activities include camping, community service, patriotic salutes and father-daughter events. AHG also stresses the importance of service to the community through projects such as participating in the annual "Make a Difference" Day. AHG provides thousands of service hours each year, touching individuals around the world.

Here is what First Lady of the United States, Laura Bush, has to say about American Heritage Girls:
"American Heritage Girls provides great opportunities for girls to enjoy outdoor adventures, patriotic and religious programs, skills and leadership training, community service, and a great sense of belonging. I commend the adult leaders who are committed to the mission of 'building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country.' And I commend the girls who strengthen their own lives and the lives of their friends through their enthusiastic and loyal participation."

Now that you have some idea of what American Heritage Girls is about, an opportunity to learn more is coming up Tuesday, December 4 at 7 p.m. at Pasadena First Church of the Nazarene, 3700 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena, in their Gilmore Hall facility for families interested in being part of American Heritage Girls. This informational meeting will be facilitated by the AHG National Executive Director, Patti Garibay. Refreshments will be served. RSVP to ahgpsadadena@yahoo.com, or call (626) 797-0611. The American Heritage Girls website is: www.ahgonline.org Submitted by Deanne Davis



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Why They Love Sierra Madre

By Rich Johnson



“I hate small towns because once you’ve seen the cannon in the park there’s nothing else to do.”

Anybody care to guess what famous person said that? I’ll give you a clue. It’s a comedian who is currently not living. And hasn’t been living for a number of years. Anyone who comes up with the answer (there should be a flood of answers if you are a googler or yahooer) will have their name tossed in a hat. I will draw the name out of the hat. The winner will receive some gift to be determined by our judges (which would be me). All others will have their names listed in next week’s column. Disclaimer: The decision of the judges is final. Void where prohibited. Some assembly may be required. Two “AA” batteries included.

I got a couple of responses to my article on Sierra Madre. The newspaper just came out and not many people have responded yet. So, I will continue this article next week if I get more responses.

A single mom wrote me: “My son and I lived in a not-so-nice part of Pasadena. A typical night in our neighborhood included gun shots, yelling and a helicopter or two in pursuit of bad guys. I needed to find a Shangri La for the two of us. I remember it was December, and my son and I needed something to do so we headed up to Sierra Madre to “The Dickens’s Village Street Festival”. We knew from the first stroll down the streets that this was to be our new home. This quaint little bedroom community had all the whistles and bells of any small town. How we ended up here is another story, and it happened in stages. Just know that three years ago, the first night my son slept in his bed here in Sierra Madre, he slept 10 hours straight!! And so did I!!”

I got another response from a guy with a slightly less poignant reason for loving Sierra Madre. He wrote, “I love many things that are here in Sierra Madre. I also love Sierra Madre for one thing that is not here. Cockroaches!” Kinda gets you right here. (No, a little lower.)

Other reasons I like Sierra Madre: You can stop and get a cup of coffee on your way to getting coffee. If I want to load up on junk food I HAVE to leave town. If I want to see what happened to all the hippies from the 60’s I just take a drive up into the canyon. The absence of stop signals. By the way, my friend from Manhattan can’t believe there are 4-way stops. She said they would never work in New York. Bang, bang, bang, bang.

Write me at rich@versatape.com with your passions toward our fair town.

RECOMMENDATION (cont. from page 1)

City Attorney, Sandra Levin did not explain clearly why. She said both the open and closed aspects of the meeting constitute one session. Others had also said anything other than the bargaining price should have been discussed in public.

The council is restricted from discussing items not on the agenda, Levin said.

Under The Ralph M. Brown Act, prior to closed session on real estate negotiations, the council must hold an open and public session which identifies the real property or properties and the negotiators, something Levin said they did by simply posting the agenda.

Angus said Joffe, before going into the closed session, was unaware that the public could comment and that City Manager, Elaine Aguilar, had to consult with other staff. But in the end, Angus said she was allowed to comment at 5:30 p.m., although she felt as though no one was listening since no one knew they could speak and it was not televised.

The Brown Act is aimed at the public’s right to know by governing how open public meeting are held and it is referenced at the bottom of each of the city councils agendas.

All city officials must go through AB 1234 ethics training every two years, which includes the Brown Act. As Last year, then City Attorney, Michael Colantuono, gave the training,

Council member John Buchanan said “community communications,” could be stated more clearly on the agenda. Levin said she would draft a “public comment clause” to be placed at the top of all council agendas. “I’ve been around here enough,” she said. “I think I can take a stab at it.”

The discussion ended with Joffe simply saying the city made no decision, in closed session, over the Baldwin Parking Lot, something many said she could have done earlier.

Sierra Madre City Council Notes

Updating 20-Year-Old Employee Classifications Put Off In Wake Of Lawsuit - UUT Discussed

The Ad-Hoc Finance Committee sent their recommendation of doubling the Utility User Tax through an April ballot measure the matter was to be discussed at Tuesday night’s city council meeting. However, it came as a surprise to some that most of the meeting focused on unforeseen bickering regarding a pulled consent item and a possible lawsuit over outdated employee classifications.

Community and Personnel Services Director, Michelle Keith set the stage for the night by saying the city was being sued, but only after a consent item was pulled questioning the cost of updating the classification for all 65 city employees.

Councilmember Kurt Zimmerman, early in the meeting, questioned the \$36,545 rate charged for using Emeryville based consultants, Koff & Associates. Inc. It was also asked if a consultant could be found closer than Northern California. Zimmerman also asked that the consultants present their case in person to the council something Keith said they most likely would also charge for.

“I think we should see if they would be willing to come down,” Zimmerman said. “If not, we don’t use them, its that simple.”

Without going into much detail Keith explained that the city was responsible for providing certain accommodations, especially for person with disabilities, when requested even if the persons are not city employees, but applicants.

Mayor Pro Tem Joe Mosca said the city should look at saving money by having the city do the updating classification work and not use consultants at all, something both Keith and City Attorney, Sandra Levin, strongly advised against. Keith also said that if that was what the council wanted she would have to devote all of her time solely to that task for months to come.

Don Watts, along with others, asked if the issue could be put off, studied, and then discussed later. City Manager Elaine Aguilar said the issue would be continued the first meeting in December.

Resident Carline Brown suggested contacting other nearby cities such as Arcadia, Monrovia or others similar to Sierra Madre and see who they used, or whether the city could piggyback by using one consultant for multiple cities.

Keith said she had already done just that and all nearby cities were either in the middle of doing their own study or had already finished. Most updated their classifications every five years.

Councilmember John Buchanan said the updates were essential. He said money saved would be quickly used on any lawsuits against the city. The \$36,000 was a drop in the bucket he said a number of times.

The meeting later shifted to taxes.

Little was added to the finance committee final report and Joffe simply went over the committee’s recommendations point by point. Most council members agreed they should keep a sunset clause and also add an advisory measure on the ballot as a way to make clear what the 6 percent hike would be used for. They also agreed that sewer and cable should be added to the UUT.

The Council estimated that by increasing the UUT could bring in \$1.5 million in badly needed funds. The finance committee said a little under \$2 million is needed for police and ambulance services. The city’s pending Police Officer’s Association Initiative alone has been estimated at \$1.3 million according to their final report.

The night ended with Levin advising some council members against discussing further a report on a Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map saying it could appear as a possible conflict of interest even though nothing was being voted on. Levin said nothing more and the item was set to be heard at a later time. Staff/MVO

Mike Simmons to Speak on Mount Wilson’s Solar Observing

Altadena Library Sunday, November 25, 2007

The Mount Wilson Observatory Association (MWOA) invites the public to join them at their Annual Meeting, 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 25, at the Altadena Public Library. MWOA Vice President Mike Simmons will speak on “A Century of Solar Observing at Mount Wilson Observatory.”

The talk will highlight major discoveries in solar astronomy made at Mount Wilson, beginning with the completion of the Snow Telescope in 1905. Specific examples include the proof of the existence of magnetic fields in sunspots in 1908 (Hale); the five-minute oscillations on the Sun (Leighton); and modes of oscillations that allow accurate solar models (Ulrich). Simmons will also discuss long-term projects—something

Mount Wilson has always excelled at—such as the atlas of the solar spectrum showing Zeeman splitting (Ellerman). Important instrumentation used in the Mount Wilson solar programs, such as the solar magnetograph, will also be described.

Refreshments will be available at 2:00 P.M. Prior to the talk, there will be a brief business meeting in which the membership will elect three of the nine MWOA Board of Trustees members. The 3-year terms of Shirley Burt, Bob Eklund, and Don Nicholson are up for renewal this year.

The Altadena Public Library is located at 600 E. Mariposa Street in Altadena, two stop signs west of Lake Avenue at the corner of Mariposa and Santa Rosa Avenue (“Christmas Tree Lane”).

Exit the 210 freeway at Lake Avenue in Pasadena and go approximately 2.5 miles north to Mariposa Street in Altadena. Turn left on Mariposa, go to the second stop sign, turn left on Santa Rosa, and turn into the parking lot at the first driveway on your right. The lecture is in the library’s Community Room.

MWOA is a public-membership support group for the Mount Wilson Observatory, a major astronomical research facility located in the San Gabriel Mountains. MWOA’s goals include improving the public’s awareness of this observatory’s rich history and ongoing scientific and educational programs. For information about MWOA membership, call Don Nicholson at (310) 476-4413.



Volunteer Activities:

The lovely fall weather makes working in the barn very pleasant. We are gearing up in deco, and can use volunteers as we check our supplies and start prepping dry materials. I am starting to schedule groups to come in, and would like to bring in the younger children earlier on when things are not so hectic. I will make myself available outside the normal float hours to give the kids a good experience, so if you know of any groups of any ages have them contact me through the barn phone (626-355-7005). Bonnie Colcher

Construction Barn Hours:
Thursday & Friday Evenings
6 pm till 10 pm.
Saturdays & Sundays
10 am till 5 pm.

ALERT (cont. from page 1)



Photo By Dean Lee

was lifted. The lien named, One Cater LLC, Cathy Teegarden and Dorn Platz. A number of similar liens have been placed against Dorn Platz properties, including one from a cement contractor owned \$350,000 for work done at Lincoln Crossing. Information regarding the liens placed at 1 Carter and Stonehouse were not readily available.

March 3, the latest of a number of tax liens placed, was filed against Dorn Platz & Co. attaching the lien to all property owned by them for nonpayment of back taxes totaling \$145,893.69 during 2005.

This newspaper, as well as others, have all reported Greg Galletly, Dorn Platz’s president, to be unavailable for comment. At press time phone calls had also still not been returned.

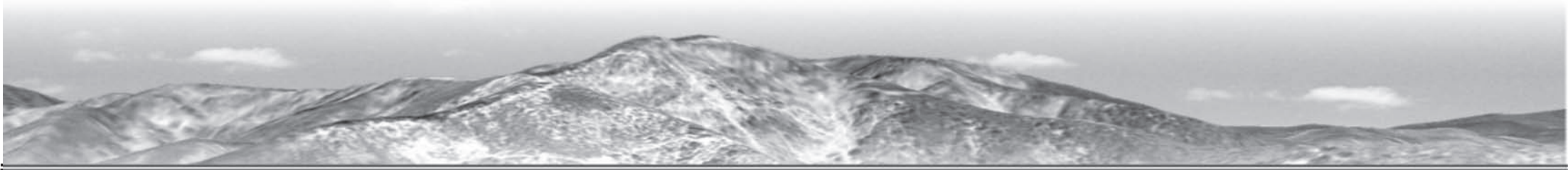
The Beaverton Valley Times in Oregon had reported in August that construction liens filed by contractors against Dorn Platz working on The Round have totaled \$135,000,000.

In a letter given to Dorn Platz July 20, from attorney Douglas Cushing of Jordan Schrader Attorneys at Law, it claimed the developer failed to make payments on \$31.5 million for the sale of property at The Round. A lawsuit followed.

The Beaverton Valley Times also reported that in September a motion had been filed to dismiss the lawsuit for the owed debt after ownership of the property was transferred to DB Beaverton Holdco LLC from DPP Beaverton Holdings, the local entity handling Dorn Platz financing.

Aguilar said if Dorn Platz was to abandon the 1 Carter property immediately it could become a flood problem and the city’s Public Works would then have to secure the site by sandbagging. She also said the site would have to be secured and police would have to step up patrols against potential vandals.

She said it was very unlikely that would happen and if anything, she said, the property would simply be sold to someone else. Dorn Platz is partnered with John Lang Luxury Homes in developing the 1 Carter site.



MountainViews-Observer PASADENA

Rail Line Extension Pasadena To Bob Hope Airport Possible

By Dean Lee

With millions expected to travel over the next few days it seemed only fitting someone on the Pasadena city council would discuss the issue of transportation even if it was not on Monday night's agenda prompting the city attorney to ask a number of times they stop.

But after the spur-of-the-moment whirlwind of a conversion ended a number of proposed public transportation projects emerged, everything from a proposed Gold Line extension to Bob Hope Air Port in Burbank to an express bus line running from Sierra Madre Villa station to LAX stopping at the Pasadena Convention Center.

Councilmember Sid Tyler said a current study by Nelson Nygaard Consulting looked at an extended bus system through the three cities,

Burbank Glendale and Pasadena, to Bob Hope Air Port. He then said the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments furthered the idea by saying it should be light rail.

He also added that the study said public transpiration to Bob Hope Airport was sorely lacking. The idea he said was to connect the Pasadena Del Mar Station with the airport.

"Bob Hope Air Port, as close as it is to downtown Burbank, lacks a strong and dedicated transit connection," He said. "The Idea here is to find ways it which to make it possible for people to use transit between the three cities and the airport

Tyler said a team from the Construction Authority looked at the feasibility of running a rail line down the north side of the 134 freeway into the rail line at San Fernando Road.

He said the exact same thing had been done out to Ontario Airport, "in six months this could be a real possibility."

He said the first of the transit studies would look at where people work and how they get to and from employment, "as opposed to let's say going shopping in Burbank or Glendale."

Tyler also said the MTA was going to study the origins of trucks in and around the Pasadena freeways.

Councilmember Steve Madison asked if they planned another freeway

though Pasadena saying that was something he would appose. Tyler said he did not know.

City Manger Cynthia Kurtz also said a new city run bus program, where passengers could check in baggage in Pasadena, was scheduled to start right away although she gave little details. She said it would only stop at Sierra Madre Villa station and the Paasadena Convention Center. "When you get there all you will need is your boarding pass," she said.

Pasadena Fall Art Show



Earlier this month the Pasadena Fall Art Show returned to its roots at Centennial Square. The festivities took place on Holly Street and Garfield Ave. in front of Pasadena's City Hall, featuring over 100 fine arts and crafts displays, an international food court, a children's art and amusement area and live entertainment.

Photo by T. Baxter/MVO

Looking to Better City-School Partnerships

By Teresa Baxter

A Special Joint Meeting of the Pasadena City Council and the Pasadena Board of Education took place last Tuesday in response to community organizations calling for civic investment in the school system. Previously, the Pasadena Senior Center hosted model cities from around the state as examples of positive city-school partnerships.

Pasadena Vice-Mayor Steve Haderlein opened the meeting by providing a synopsis highlighting past support and funding given to the Pasadena Unified School District by the city. An exciting fact that came out of the previous meeting is that Pasadena's support of PUSD is on par with Burbank, which was one of the examples cited as a model by the organizers of the Nov. 4 event, he said.

Haderlein provided documents showing that in the fiscal year of 2008 the City of Burbank will support the Burbank Unified School District with \$2,269,167 in services, while similarly sized Pasadena will support the PUSD with \$6,755,000 in services.

"As models for partnerships between cities and school districts develop and grow, the City of Pasadena remains open to learning about and investigating best practices that can be incorporated here," stated Haderlein. "There are many ways cities can creatively support their local school districts. Both the City of Pasadena and PUSD are exploring these opportunities while expanding and deepening our existing partnership."



Mayor Bill Bogaard and Superintendent Edwin Diaz Photo T Baxter/MVO

The meeting was then opened up for public comment with many participants stepping forward in support of the joint venture, with the exception of Pasadena City College's Board of Trustee member Jeanette Mann. Mann questioned the lack of representation of PCC on the panel, an observation that elicited supportive applause from the crowd. When you talk about public education you really should be including Pasadena City College, she said. Mann added that PCC was present at the previous forum but was not formally recognized.

"We really don't understand why the one piece of public education which is nationally recognized as one of the

top community colleges in the whole United States and which is eager to reach out to the students of PUSD is often forgotten," said Mann. "But that's okay, I'm just here to say were ready...and we'd like to be part of this because [PCC] has lots to offer."

In looking to the future Superintendent Edwin Diaz proposed that a master plan be created after the first of the year in support of the liaison with the City of Pasadena.

"I'd imagine that we would have a sketch in sometime in February or March to at least identify two or three areas of critical need," said Diaz. "And then from that I think we'll continue to develop more specific areas of need."

Horsfall, Murphy and Pindroh, CPA's, Agree To Sponsor The Pasadena POPS & The Pasadena Symphony

PASADENA, Calif. It probably shouldn't come as surprising news that a certified public accounting firm - Lucas, Horsfall, Murphy and Pindroh LLP, (LHMP) - has become the first corporate sponsor to make sure that its 'accounts', as a corporate sponsor of The Pasadena Symphony Association (PSA), are equally balanced between the PSA's two orchestras, The Pasadena POPS, under Music Director Rachael Worby, and The Pasadena Symphony, under Music Director Jorge Mester.

LHMP is now an Orchestra level sponsor with The Pasadena POPS and a Virtuoso Level sponsor with The Pasadena Symphony, says Tom O'Connor, Executive Director of The Pasadena Symphony Association.

"LHMP has been a sponsor of The Pasadena Pops since 2002," O'Connor explains. "And, needless to say, we're thrilled that the firm is now a sponsor of The Pasadena Symphony as well.

Elizabeth Fieux, Director of Corporate Relations adds, "This wonderfully generous gift will benefit not only the Pasadena Symphony Association - which is now the 7th largest music organization in California - but LHMP too. The firm will receive recognition year round - in the winter from The Pasadena Symphony and in the summer from The Pasadena Pops."

But for Glenn Wallmark, Partner, the benefits for LHMP extend beyond public acknowledgement for the firm's generosity. "I am very much moved by music," he says. "The marriage of these two important Pasadena organizations can bode nothing but good for the future of marvelous music in our area and for the fans and supporters of both orchestras. For my firm, and myself, it is very satisfying to be a supporter of one of this community's premier cultural institutions."

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By Teresa Baxter

Perseverance proved to pay off for sword dancer "Naughty Mickie" as she took the stage at the American Legion Post 280, in Pasadena, on Sunday to claim her crown as this year's reigning queen of the irreverent and offbeat Doo Dah Parade. Mild-mannered reporter by day, Michelle Mills' has been trying out for the coveted title for the past seven years, placing as 1st runner-up in the last five.

With the beer flowing freely there was a vibe of debauchery that was prevalent among the crowd of revelers, media and the panel of judges. Emcee Acid Andrew, the self-proclaimed "Dude of Doo Dah" set forth the few rules of the competition prior to the talent display of the fifteen hopefuls.

"First of all you must



Mills as "Naughty Mickie"



be a woman to be queen, second of all you can also be a man," he said.

"However, no wagering is allowed. So if you give me money, that won't help anyone but me, and I'm in favor of that."

This set the tone for the auditions that featured a soulful Jennifer Hudson-esque singer, the Swami from El Monte, a Marilyn Monroe look-a-like, along with the crowd pleaser and guitar shredder, Eric(a) Valentine, who eventually went on to become 1st runner-up, a position that would give him the crown if Naughty Mickie somehow cannot fulfill her duties.

"The top two runners-up were very close...Eric(a) plays a mean guitar but in the end Naughty Mickie won the judges hearts after many years of coming in second place," said Parade spokesperson Patricia Hurley. "She had the sparkle and she feels like a queen of Doo Dah. Her experience with those

crazy judges certainly helped show her great sense of humor."

The 31st Occasional Doo Dah Parade will be held on Sunday, Jan. 20 in historic Old Town Pasadena and will feature many new entrants along with crowd favorites Claude Rains & the 20-man Memorial Invisible Man Marching Drill Team, The BBQ & Hibachi Grill Team, Men of Leisure Synchronized Nap Team, Snotty Scotty and the Hankies and the Spawn of Captain James T. Kirk.

Queen Mills is proud to represent Pasadena during the parade and plans to share the joy of Doo Dah everywhere she goes. Her advice to future queen contestants is simply to "be yourself, have a great time and enjoy the experience."

Mills is a features reporter for the San Gabriel Valley Newspaper Group.

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

The University of California Extension has held several workshops on FIRE SAFE LANDSCAPING. We did not get the date for the one near Sierra Madre in time to notify the public. However, go online for information you can use to make your landscape as fireproof as possible by asking for the free cope of the SAFE Landscapes 2008 Calendar and Guidebook: http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/Natural_Resources/Wildland_Fire.htm

If the mountains and canyons miles away from your home are on fire, there is no brush way out there that you have any control over. However, remember that precluding the entry of wind blown embers into your home is completely under your control. Look on line at www.firecenter.berkeley.edu and link to Toolkit for Home Assessment. There you will answer a questionnaire about your home, get a score and directions on how to reduce the vulnerable parts of your home.

The will be no regularly scheduled Fire Safe Council meeting in December. For more information contact the Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council at 355-0741 or 355-9350.
E-mail: smfiresafecouncil@hotmail.com



Environmentally Speaking,
“Did You Know?”
Have An Eco-Friendly Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day is an American holiday that is loaded with tradition, so why not start a new tradition in your family by making Thanksgiving an eco-friendly celebration from start to finish? Here are a few tips to help you capture the spirit of the original Thanksgiving by making your holiday celebration eco-friendly. You will have reduced your impact on the environment, and that is something for which everyone can be thankful.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Reduce the amount of waste you produce by buying only as much as you need and choosing products that come in packaging that can be recycled. Carry reusable bags when you do your shopping, and use cloth napkins that can be washed and used again. Recycle paper, and all plastic, glass and aluminum containers. If you don't already have a compost bin, use your Thanksgiving fruit and vegetable trimmings to start one.

Buy and Eat Locally Grown Food

Locally grown food is good for your table, your health and the environment. It tastes better than food that has to be grown and packaged for maximum shelf life, and requires less fuel to reach store shelves.

Make Your Meal Organic

Organic fruits, vegetables and grains are grown without chemical pesticides and fertilizers: organic meat is produced with out antibiotics and artificial hormones. The result is food that is better for your health and good for the environment. Organic farming also produces higher yields and, increases soil fertility, prevents erosion, and is more cost-effective for farmers.

Celebrate at Home

Thanksgiving weekend is one of the heaviest for highway travel in the United States. Skip the stressful holiday travel and celebrate an eco-friendly Thanksgiving at home. Invite some neighbors.

Say Thank You

Whatever else you do on Thanksgiving, make it a time to say thank you to the people in your life who matter most and, if possible, to spend time in their company. Life is short, and many of the best moments in life are those spent with friends and family. If distance or circumstances prevent you from spending Thanksgiving with some of the people you love, call, email or write them a letter to tell them why they mean so much to you and that they make your world a better place. (about.com)

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SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During the week of Sunday, November 4th, to Saturday November 11th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 239 calls for service.

Sunday, November 4th:

1:23 AM – DUI arrest, 100 block Esperanza Ave. Officers stopped a car for erratic driving. During the investigation the driver was found to be driving under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

12:30 PM – Vandalism, 00 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. A resident reported her car driver’s and passenger side mirrors were broken. The damage occurred between 7:00 pm Saturday, 11/3 and 10:30 am Sunday, 11/4. No repair estimate was available.

Monday, November 5th:

4:12 PM – Auto burglary, 300 block North Baldwin Ave. A resident reported the passenger window of her car smashed and her purse (wallet, credit cards: Chase, Wells Fargo, cash and driver’s license) were stolen. The crime occurred Monday, 11/5 between 2:00 pm and 4:10 pm. The total loss was estimated at \$424.00.

Tuesday, November 6th:

12:16 AM – Traffic stop, 300 block North Baldwin Ave. A vehicle was stopped for a minor traffic violation. During the investigation the female adult passenger dropped a baggy from her shirt. Further investigation revealed the baggy contained cocaine. The adult female subject was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

2:37 PM – Vandalism/graffiti, 400 block West Montecito Ave. A resident reported graffiti, black letters “SMG” sprayed on the sidewalk. The damage was discovered 10/31, but not reported to the police until today. No estimate was available for repair.

Thursday, November 8th:

6:14 PM – Stolen vehicle report, 700 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. A resident reported his beige Subaru GL wagon stolen. The Subaru, DP64172 was stolen between 5:55 PM and 6:14 PM. The car was unlocked and the ignition key was left in the center console.

Saturday, November 10th:

8:55 PM – DUI arrest, Baldwin Ave and Orange Grove Ave. Officers stopped a car for a minor equipment violation. During the investigation the driver was found to be driving under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

A Thankful Thanksgiving

Sierra Madre 2007

ACROSS

- 5 We appreciate their bravery
- 6 The leaves change colors for this
- 7 Something that we all should be
- 8 Loving, _____ hands will prepare your food
- 9 Mr. Fire Safe Mike
- 12 Pumpkin or Apple
- 14 Our Men and Women In Blue
- 17 Chickens are pretty _____ on Thanksgiving
- 19 This president made it a National Holiday
- 20 This president liked the fourth Thursday
- 22 No. 2 in the Firehouse
- 25 He's already in town
- 26 This can't be lumpy
- 27 You won't get sauced with this

DOWN

- 1 Wild Parade
- 2 Sierra Madre couldn't live without them
- 3 Early Colonists
- 4 These servants deserve our thanks
- 10 Under your chin or in your lap
- 11 After dinner you may be ready for this
- 13 This Edward wrote an account of the first Thanksgiving
- 15 Dad will need a big knife to...
- 16 What women do the day after
- 18 Many will _____ relatives
- 19 You picked a fine time to leave us Roger
- 21 A Big Bird
- 23 A short prayer just before _____
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A “LOOK IN” TO HOW DESIGNERS DECK THE HALLS

40th Annual “Holiday Look In Home Tour and Boutique” December 1 and December 2

PASADENA, Calif. Local retailers may believe that Back to School marks the start of the holiday season but, for thousands of Southern Californians, the holidays don't officially kick off until the first weekend in December – when the Women's Committee of The Pasadena Symphony holds its annual Holiday Look In Home Tour and Boutique on Saturday, December 1 and Sunday, December 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. “It's like walking through a holiday wonderland,” says Sue Shieff, Chair of this year's event. “I am always amazed by the creativity and artistry of the florists who decorate the homes. It takes your breath away, how fresh and lovely everything looks.” Shieff is alluding to the fact that the florists work their magic solely with fresh greenery, garlands and flowers. Nothing artificial is used. Florists participating in this year's 40th Holiday Look In Home Tour are: Jacob Maarse Florists, Mary Falkingham Floral Design, Tommy Farmer Studios, and Leonora Moss, owned by Judith Brandley and Lorie Westmoreland. Each has responsibility for decorating one house. “They match the holiday décor to the style of the house,” says Teena Pitts, co-chair of the event. “So every home is truly unique.” This year's tour will be an especial treat because all four homes are architecturally significant gems. G. Lawrence Stimson, renowned architect of the Wrigley Mansion, designed two of the houses. Another, architect Seymour Locke designed especially for his own family, while the fourth home on the tour, “The Wisteria House,” was built in 1911 by the Milwaukee Building Company. Styles range from Craftsman and Colonial Revival to Mediterranean. Shoppers looking to avoid the crowds and congestion at the malls may also want to visit the Holiday Look In Boutique. This year's boutique, which will take place at the Pasadena Senior Center in Pasadena, will offer an array of one-of-a-kind, extraordinary gift items, from food to fashion accessories. Nor is it necessary to purchase a ticket to the tour to visit the Boutique. All shoppers are welcome.

“It's a gift buyer's paradise. And, more than likely, you'll find something for your own stocking, too,” says Shieff with a smile. “I know I always do.”



Proceeds from this event raise funds not only for The Pasadena Symphony Association's concert season – which includes performances of The Pasadena Symphony at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, under Music Director Jorge Mester, as well as concerts under the stars presented at Descanso Gardens in La Canada by The Pasadena POPS, under Music Director Rachael Worby – but a medley of educational and community engagement programs throughout Southern California. Education programs sponsored by The Pasadena Symphony Association include: the free Musical Circus for toddlers; TEMPO! and TEMPO! 3 – “Teaching the Essentials through Music Participation and Observation” – in over half the elementary school classrooms in Pasadena Unified School District; the Science of Sound, an intensive three year curriculum for middle school children in Los Angeles Unified School District and Pasadena Unified School District; a special music program at Hathaway-Sycamores where conductor Rachael Worby and various POPS musicians share their love of music with the boys at the residential treatment center; and the Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestra, PYSO Chamber Ensemble and PYSO Wind Ensemble, which attract young musicians from throughout Southern California. Aspiring middle and high school aged musicians can also audition to participate in Side-by-Side-by-Symphony, a side-by-side rehearsal and performance experience with The Pasadena Pops. Adults benefit from a full menu of musical fare as well. Their options range from Clazzical Notes – a free evening of jazz, classical music and discussion among the musicians – to Clásica, Las Raíces de la Música/ Folklorica, tradicional y clásica, which will debut on Monday, December 3, at the Autry National Center in Burbank, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. A pre-concert lecture series, Insights, is also sponsored by the orchestra. “Beginning in the summer, every member of the Women's Committee puts in a lot of hard work and many long hours to make the Holiday Look In Home Tour a reality,” says Shieff. “But we do so willingly because we believe in the great work The Pasadena Symphony Association does for our community – whether this involves presenting world class performances of great music in a concert hall or working one on one with a child in a classroom.” Tickets for the Holiday Look In Home Tour and Boutique are available for \$25 until November 25 and for \$30 after that date. Tickets may be purchased at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium box office; by writing to the Women's Committee at P.O. Box 51053, Pasadena, CA. 91115-1053; or by calling 626.793.7172, ext. 11. Established in 1928, The Pasadena Symphony Association is committed to providing orchestral performances of the highest quality and to benefiting the community through its music, education and outreach programs. The Pasadena Symphony is currently performin monthly, October through April, at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, located at 300 East Green Street in Pasadena. Concerts begin promptly at 8 p.m., with a free pre-concert lecture series “Insights” taking place in the auditorium at 7 p.m. An additional concert featuring three piano concertos by Mozart will take place March 16 at 2 p.m. at Cal State Northridge. For more information about The Pasadena Symphony, visit its website, www.pasadenasympphony.org. For more information about The Pasadena POPS, visit www.pasadenapops.org.



The Ghost of Thanksgivings Past Deanne Davis - November 20, 2007

The Festive Bird is in the stove,
It's time now for a nap.
I laid me down and closed my eyes,
And on the window heard a tap.
It's far too soon for guests to come,
I need a little peace!
The stuffing's ready, cranberries chillin',
Pies overflow with pumpkin fillin'.
The tap just keeps on at my window,
But I'm not gonna look!
There's nothing more for me to do,
This is one tired and sleepy cook!
So I snuggled deep down in my afghan,
And turned my head the other way.
I don't care who's at the window,
They can tap all day!
So off I went to slumberland and dreamed a lovely dream,
Of a kitchen, clean and washed and spotless,
everything so bright.
Oh! But then I dreamt a dreadful dream,
That made me scream with fright.
The tapping at my window,
More insistent grew.
And what was out there tapping,
I'll try to describe to you.
The Ghost of Thanksgivings Past,
A turkey that was huge!
Tapped an enormous beak at my window,
And gobbled.... “Je accuse!”
“Forty Thanksgivings,”
the turkey said,
“Since you walked down the aisle.
Forty turkeys you've served up, with sweet potatoes
and a smile.”
“Forty turkeys come and gone,
And still your gravy's awful!
And the year the turkey hit the floor!
That should be declared... unlawful!”
“Most of them were nicely done, I'll give you that,” he said.
“But some were cooked so badly,
you should have ordered Chinese instead!”
What an awful dream, I thought, as I cowered in my bed.
The Ghostly Turkey wasn't finished,
With his accusations many.
And I, offering excuses,
Discovered I hadn't any!
But then he smiled and said to me,
“Your crimes are all forgiven!
For those who've gathered at your table
Have rejoiced and laughed for hours.”
“We turkeys relish meals like these,
They are as sweet as summer flowers!
Enjoy today, with friends and family gathered 'round
your table,
Give thanks for health and joy and peace....
And then share this Thanksgiving fable!”
Then with a last gobble...gobble, the Ghost of
Thanksgivings Past,
Flew up and away...
And I heard him exclaim, ere he flew out of sight....
Happy Thanksgiving to all....
And for heaven's sake, learn to make better gravy!



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La Salle's Kara-Leigh Huse Is USC Bound



/From left to right, front row./ Jennie Jacobson-Huse, Kara-Leigh Huse, William Huse. Back row, La Salle Swimming Head Coach, Billy Williams, LaSalle Athletic Director, John Matheus, Commerce Aquatics Water Polo Head Coach, Gabriel Martinez.

Pasadena, CA - La Salle High School senior, Kara-Leigh Huse has signed a National Letter of Intent to attend the University of Southern California on an athletic scholarship for water polo. Kara-Leigh, a varsity starter since her freshman year, has earned four varsity letters in both water polo and swimming. "Kara-Leigh, is an amazing player and is our two-meter defender and absolutely is the defensive anchor," said Stephen Aguayo, La Salle's head water polo coach. "We are blessed to have her," he continued. "I love La Salle and the closeness of the team," said Kara-Leigh. "In my freshman year I had a chance to transfer to another school with an established water polo program, but I really liked the academics here and it was fun to be part of a new program. The boys team has been playing since the 1960s so this was a big deal for the girls," She said. Kara-Leigh started as a freshman on La Salle's first ever girls water polo team in 2005 and led the Lancers to the Prep League Championships in 2006 and 2007. She was All-CIF First Team, Division IV, in 2007 and All-CIF 2nd Team, Division

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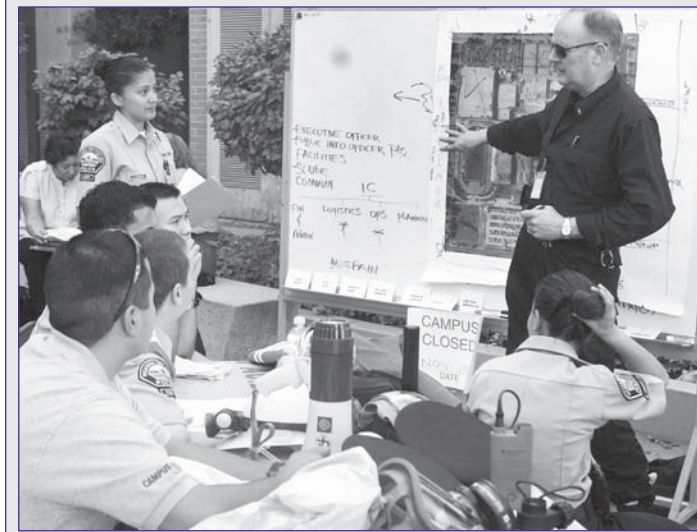
III in 2006. This amazing Prep League MVP also holds the CIF all-time record for most goals scored in a game (14), 2005, most goals scored in a season (166), 2006, and career goals scored, (437) after her junior year. She hopes to augment these records and lead the Lancers to another league championship in 2008. Kara-Leigh, a true scholar athlete, was heavily recruited by UCLA, Cal and USC. "Choosing a college to attend was definitely the hardest decision of my life," she said. "At La Salle, the girls are a real team...a family. I wanted this in college too. I literally cried all night before I chose USC. I loved the players and the program at both Cal and USC, but Southern Cal has been in the NCAA water polo championships more recently than Cal, and it also has an excellent school of art, so I chose USC." Kara-Leigh hopes to major in art or business at USC. On the Lancer Swim Team, the two time All CIF swimmer swam the breaststroke, 200 freestyle and 400 relay. She has helped set the La Salle record in the 400 relay twice in her career. "She would do anything to help others train in the pool. That's the kind of generous athlete that she is," commented La Salle's head swimming coach, Billy Williams. Kara-Leigh is also a member of the highly regarded Commerce Aquatics Water Polo Team that won gold and silver medals in the last two National Junior Olympic Games. Out of the pool, Kara-Leigh is an avid artist and takes AP art classes. She is a member of CSF, (California Scholarship Federation) and Helping Humanity. As a member of Helping Humanity, one of La Salle's community service clubs, she says she enjoys doing community service because it lets her give back to the community that has been so generous to her. Last year the Lady Lancers Water Polo team went undefeated in league play and finished first in the Prep League. This year, the squad will defend that title and hopes to capture a CIF Championship in Division IV. The team will be led on both ends of the pool by seniors Kara-Leigh and Olivia Hoffman, and junior Ali Don. With an experienced senior core and many young and talented players in the pool, the Lancers expect to defend successfully their Prep League title.

PCC Stages Mock Catastrophe

Photos By Daniel Bellis



Last Wednesday Pasadena City College sponsored a Campus and Personal Safety forum that brought together several local organizations with a message of preparedness in the event of a natural or unexpected disaster. The JPL Fire Department Search and Rescue and the Los Angeles County Bomb Squad were among the attendees giving demonstrations of what goes on behind-the-scenes during rescue efforts. To add a twist of reality PCC Police Lt. Brad Young staged a "situation simulation" to test the response time of the Cadet program's PCC Emergency Operations Center. In a scenario explained by Young, "At approximately 10 a.m. a spark from an overhead welding project descended on top of a propane tank causing it to explode. The blast was devastating, causing loss of life, serious injuries, infrastructural damages and secondary reactions from other chemicals in the vicinity." The Cadets promptly set up an Incident Command Center and took to their designated positions in handling the mock crisis. The California Partnership for Safety and Preparedness was also on hand to give out pointers on what needs to be done in the event of a tragedy. "We go to schools to offer a curriculum that is tailored to the community based on primary concerns in the event of fires, earthquakes or terrorist attacks," said Program Coordinator Marisa Ronstadt. "Our program is simple to implement and well within the standards set by the State of California."



The Team SAFE-T program was tested for effectiveness by UCLA's Center for Public Health and Disasters and is endorsed by California First Lady Maria Shriver, Honorary Chair of the "Be Smart, Be Responsible, Be Prepared, Be Ready!" campaign.

-Teresa Baxter/MVO

TRISH'S TRUTH "We're All Winners" Mister Rogers - Fact or Fiction?

By Trisha Collins

"All you need to do is your best, and you've won in my book..." King Friday said, a memorable puppet from the T.V. show, Mister Roger's Neighborhood. Words spoken with good intentions, but ending up with a generation containing "not-so-good" results. Millennials. When I first heard this word I immediately thought of aliens or something. But CBS's 60 Minutes described millennials as people that were born between 1980 and 1995. The millennials are the new generation of technology, the generation in which gadgets have almost become an extension of their bodies. (It's true, think back to a time where you walked down the street and no one had iPod earphones hanging from their pocket or a Bluetooth in their ear...can't remember? Me neither...) So, what does millennials have to do with Mister Roger's Neighborhood? Well, turns out that some people are blaming the millennials' "all-too-casual" behavior in the workplace on "everyone's favorite neighbor". This generation of young people are slacking in the corporate offices, wanting to "...roll into work with their iPods and flip flops around noon," says Morely Safer from CBS news. All over, managers and business owners are complaining about their laid-back attitude towards work. It's unfortunate, but simple: Millennials want everything to revolve around them. Now, I am a member of the Millennials, fitting the description almost to a tee. And I agree that work just isn't the priority of late teens and people in their early twenties. Who is to blame for all of this? The public and managers blame the parents, and the parents blame a children's T.V. show. "You've got a guy like Mister Rogers, Fred Rogers on T.V. He was telling his preschoolers, 'you're special'...And he meant well. But we, as parents, ran with it...you're special'. And for doing what? We didn't really explain that," says Wall Street Journal columnist, Jeffrey Zaslow. The bottom line is that parents are putting too much emphasis on the fact that their child is special. Parents, Little League Coaches, and teachers are all giving out too many awards for just trying something. They aren't setting high expectations for their kids. The common phrase, "we're all winners" is giving children the impression that you don't even have to try something, you can still be a winner. Plain and simple, the "we're all winners" idea just isn't practical and relevant in the real world. In order to achieve something, you've got to make more than an effort, do more than just try. The millennial employees have got it in their heads that when going to work, "...they will automatically win, and they'll always be rewarded, even for just showing up..." reports Mary Crane, who offers crash courses for millennials entering the workforce. I don't think that all this should be put on Mister Rogers, the man who invited us into his cozy home and the Land of Make-Believe countless mornings and afternoons. He had the right idea, all of us are special and unique in our own way. I wouldn't blame the "easiness" in the workforce on Mr. Rogers, the speaker, but on the parents and children, the listeners that took his simple phrases to heart. After all, all he wanted was for us to "...put as great an emphasis on the nurturing of the human personality as we can."

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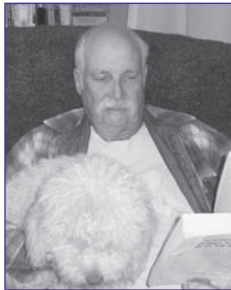
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OPINION



Stuart Tolchin On.... LIFE Immortal Schmutz

I don't know about you, but for me, my mind and body are usually in very different places. I am generally unaware of this phenomenon, along with most other, until I actually attempt to locate something – like my keys, or the pen I just used, or the book I was just reading. All at once my mind and body unite with a conveyance of stress. Oh my God, where are my car keys. Help, I'm stranded!

It is usually this STRESS that brings me back (or forward) to the present and enables me to try and lift myself from whatever pit of forgetfulness I have unwittingly placed myself. Once they are together my body and now present mind can team together and try and find whatever it is that I have lost – I forget now what it was.

In any case, it's the utility of the dreaded STRESS that got me thinking about the function of seemingly negative entities. The first I'll mention is schmutz – that's Yiddish for dirt and includes generically all kinds of slime, filth. Germs, or more scientifically, bacteria, are by far the most abundant organisms on the Earth. There are more of these single cell dynamos in your (or my) intestinal tract than there have ever been humans on the planet. Without specifically talented bacteria, we humans would be unable to extract vital nutrients without the bacteria in our guts. Furthermore, as far as science can tell, bacteria are immortal organisms. Yep, contrary to humans and just about every other living thing, there is no death programmed into the life cycle of bacteria. As you probably know, the fate of most living cells is much like the familiar life story of baby teeth. It is programmed that at some point in their life, all cells will outlive their usefulness, alas – but not the very simple one-celled bacterium. Sure, they can be killed by boiling or starvation or outrageous taxes (just kidding) – but they don't have to die. We do – or at least at our physical bodies do. We can talk about more spiritual matters at some other time.

Pretty interesting stuff. Not only do bacteria help to keep us alive, they themselves are possibly able to live forever, thus achieving the ultimate human dream.

Let's get out of the intestine and move to a somewhat more refreshing atmosphere. The point, I think, is that understanding requires a consideration of positive and negative. If you can't remember this, it's a good idea not to try and jump-start your battery. If you feel strongly about something, try viewing it from another perspective – just turn it over. If, after reading this column, you don't like it, try reading it again in another space. If you liked the column, forget everything I said and just look forward to reading my next effort. See what I mean? The basic rule is that there are no rules.

Try raw sunflower seeds as a snack --or don't.

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City of Sierra Madre Notice Community Arts Commission Unscheduled Vacancy

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

COMMUNITY ARTS COMMISSION

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

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

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

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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November 22, 1963—A Remembrance

By Hail Hamilton

This year Thanksgiving falls on November 22nd, the anniversary of the assassination of JFK. Everyone my age remembers their exact whereabouts on Friday, November 22, 1963 when it was announced on radio and TV that President Kennedy had been shot in Dallas, Texas. That day was not unlike December 7, 1941 or September 11, 2001. It shocked the nation to its core as only seminal events in history can. I have reminisced with many friends and other people about that day, and they all can account for their exact whereabouts 44 years ago! The assassination of JFK and the end of Camelot were forever seared in our collective memories.

I remember that long chilly November weekend just before Thanksgiving when no one was feeling very thankful. It was as though someone had ripped out the collective soul of America. In a split second all was changed. No longer were John Fitzgerald Kennedy and Jacquelyn Bouvier Kennedy the youthful king and queen of Camelot. In that instant, all the reins of power of the United States of America were turned over to Lyndon Baines Johnson.

It was a sad and gruesome weekend. Everyone was glued to their television sets. The whole world turned upside-down. There was the arrest and murder of the JFK's alleged assassin Lee Harvey Oswald—live on TV for the whole world to see. There was Jack Ruby who said he killed Oswald to save Jackie from having to testify at his trial. There were already rumors of a Mafia-CIA-Cuban conspiracy.

And throughout it all we watched Mrs. Kennedy and her two children, escorted by Robert F. Kennedy and the rest of the Kennedy clan attend JFK's funeral and walk in the procession down Pennsylvania Avenue. The president's casket mounted on a caisson followed by the rider less horse with the boots turned backwards and upside down in the stirrups. We watched as thousands of mourners shuffled by the dead leader's casket in the Capitol Rotunda. Finally, we witnessed JFK's burial at Arlington National Cemetery and the lighting of the Eternal Flame in his honor.

Looking back it is difficult to discern the reality of what occurred. The assassination of JFK, however, demonstrated how a man elected to our highest office could be removed by conspiratorial means. Yes, I believe the murder of President Kennedy at high noon in Dealy Plaza in view of hundreds of witnesses was an act of high treason, and I believe the gun shot that killed Kennedy was the result of a well orchestrated conspiracy.

Who the actual conspirators were may never be known. Whether Oswald was a part of it or just a "patsy" as he claimed is uncertain. But one thing is certain. On that chilly November day in Dallas, the President of the United States was gunned down in broad daylight in what most Americans now believe was a coup de tat—the violent overthrow of the government of the United States of America.

Memories fade but I still remember Kennedy's words on June 10, 1963 to an audience at the American University announcing the start of talks on a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty with the Soviet Union and a US moratorium on atmospheric nuclear tests:

"...let us not be blind to our differences—but let us also direct attention to our common interests and to the means by which those differences can be resolved. And if we cannot end now our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity. For, in the final analysis, our most basic common link is that we all inhabit this small planet. We all breathe the same air. We all cherish our children's future. And we are all mortal."

So I end this remembrance with these humble lines:

November, November a month to remember the end of Camelot,
Remember, remember the 22nd of November, the gun shot, treason and plot,
I know of no reason why the gun shot treason should ever be forgot.

City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

To: Mountain Views - Observer Newspaper
From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: **Vesting Tentative Tract Map 06-03, Conditional Use Permit 06-26, Variance 07-01, and Joint Use Parking Agreement 07-01**

Applicant: Montecito Development Group
412 Olive Avenue #165
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

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 develop a mixed-use project consisting of 72 residential dwelling units and approximately 8,200 square feet of commercial/retail space with 194 parking spaces, along 14 East Sierra Madre Boulevard. All existing structures on the site will be demolished. It will be recommended that the Planning Commission deny this application as the project relies on the use of a City parking lot as part of the project and the City does not intend to participate in this development proposal as submitted.

DATE AND TIME OF MEETING

City of Sierra Madre
Planning Commission meeting
December 6th, 2007
(meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.)

PLACE OF MEETING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council Chambers
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

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

PROJECT LOCATION: 14 East Sierra Madre Boulevard; in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

APPEAL: The decision of the Planning Commission is subject to 14-day appeal period to the City Council. If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the Planning Commission in court, one may be limited to raising 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

LEGAL NOTICES

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.

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that on November 27, 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.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING PLACE OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre City of Sierra Madre
City Council meeting City Council Chambers
Tuesday, **November 27, 2007** 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
(meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.) Sierra Madre, CA 91024

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

By Order of the City Council,

Elaine Aguilar, City Manager

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: HARRY TWOMBLEY TRUCKING, 15502 Grovehill La Mirada, CA 90638. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Harry Gharrett Twombley and Maria Lopez Sermeno 15502 Grovehill La Mirada, CA 90638. The business is conducted as: HUSBAND AND WIFE. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Oct 25, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above 09/29/1996.

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430712AN File No. 200723294633
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: GO ACE IT, 411 Kellon Ave #232 Los Angeles, CA 90024. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Ori Lev and Patrick Suh, 411 Kellon Ave #332 Los Angeles, CA 90024. The business is conducted as: A GENERAL PARTNESHIP. 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 22, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above 10/10/2007.

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430713MM File No. 20072385526
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: LUXENTI, LUXENTI PHOTOGRAPHY, FOTOS LUXENTI, LUXENTIS FOTOR, LUXENTI PORTRAITS, LUXENTI SPORTS PHOTO, LUXENTI WEDDING FOTO, FOTOS CHAVARRIA, 1729 N Avalon Blvd Wilmington, CA 90744. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Jose Salvador Chavarria 1729 N. Avalon Blvd

Wilmington, CA 90744. The business is conducted as: HUSBAND AND WIFE. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Oct 19, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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File No. 20072422399
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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

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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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44701DV File No. 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 Palacios Abrego, Kervy Abrego and Gerson Abrego 520 W. Fernfield Dr Apt D Monterey Park, CA 91744. The business is conducted as: CO-PARTNERS. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Oct 30, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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44702DV File No. 06-20072402260
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: JC GRAPHICS, INC., 4628 Whitewood Ave Long Beach, CA 90808. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) JOEY & JC CORPORATION, 4628 Whitewood Ave Long Beach, CA 90808. The business is conducted as: A CORPORATION. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Oct 30, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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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.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING PLACE OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre City of Sierra Madre
City Council meeting City Council Chambers
Tuesday, **November 27, 2007** 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
(Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.) 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

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

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

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: DRAGON EXPRESS, 1301 E. Rosecrans Ave #109 Compton, CA 90221. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Frankie Quoc Lam 1301 E. Rosecrans Ave #109 Compton, CA 90221. The business is conducted as: AN INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Oct 29, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: ACTIVE PLUS, 1617 Allesandro St #201 Los Angeles, CA 90026. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Robert William Mark 1617 Allesandro St #201 Los Angeles, CA 90026. The business is conducted as: AN INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Oct 26, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2006.

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

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: SY SPORTS, 7860 Paramount Blvd #c30 Pico Rivera, CA 90660. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Young Taek Yun 7860 Paramount Blvd #c30 Pico Rivera, CA 90660. 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 File No. 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

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440707DV File No. 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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440708DV File No. 200724687
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

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440711DV File No. 20072467520
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: INTEGRITY PARTNERS REAL ESTATE AND MORTGAGE GROUP, INTEGRITY PARTNERS REAL ESTATE GROUP, INTEGRITY PARTNERS MORTGAGE GROUP, 42 W. Pleasant St Long Beach, CA 90805. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Steven W. Trotter 42 W. Pleasant St Long Beach, CA 90805. The business is conducted as: AN INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Nov 01, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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440712DV File No. 20072469390
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: 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

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440713DV File No. 20072469391
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: PLANTINUMHF.COM, 901 Corporate Center Dr Ste 401 Monterey Park, CA 91754. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) JL INVESTMENTS, INC., 901 Corporate Center Dr Ste 401 Monterey Park, CA 91754. The business is conducted as: A 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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440714DV File No. 200724440013
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT
OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person (s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious name: JNB PROPERTIES, 17212 Pacific Hwy #A Huntington Beach, CA 90. The name of registrant(s) is (are) Anthony Ortiz 7685 E. Silver Dollar Ln Anaheim Hills, CA 92808. The business was conducted by

Looking Up



Photo by Aaron Dominguez

With Bob Eklund

IN A GOOD ORBIT

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT how lucky we are that Planet Earth has an orbit that keeps it 93 million miles from the Sun?

Of the 200 or so planets that have so far been discovered orbiting other stars, nearly all of them are either too far or too close to their “sun.” As a result, these planets tend to be, like the bowls of porridge tasted by Goldilocks, either too hot or too cold—at least for the comfort of creatures like us.

One exception may lie in a system of five planets orbiting the star 55 Cancri, which is located 41 light-years from the Earth and has nearly the same mass and age as our Sun. Discovery of the fifth planet in this system was announced Nov. 6. It gives this star the record for the number of confirmed extrasolar planets orbiting in a planetary system.

Researchers discovered the fifth planet using the Doppler technique, in which a planet’s gravitational tug is detected by the wobble it produces in the parent star.

“It is amazing to see our ability to detect extrasolar planets growing,” said Alan Stern, associate administrator for the Science Mission Directorate at NASA Headquarters, Washington, D.C. “We are finding solar systems with a richness of planets and a variety of planetary types comparable to our own.”

The newly discovered planet weighs about 45 times the mass of Earth, completes one orbit every 260 days, and may be similar to Saturn in its composition and appearance. Its location places the planet in the “habitable zone,” a band around the star where the temperature would permit liquid water to pool on solid surfaces. The distance from its star is approximately 116.7 million kilometers (72.5 million miles), slightly closer than Earth to our Sun, but it orbits a star that is slightly fainter.

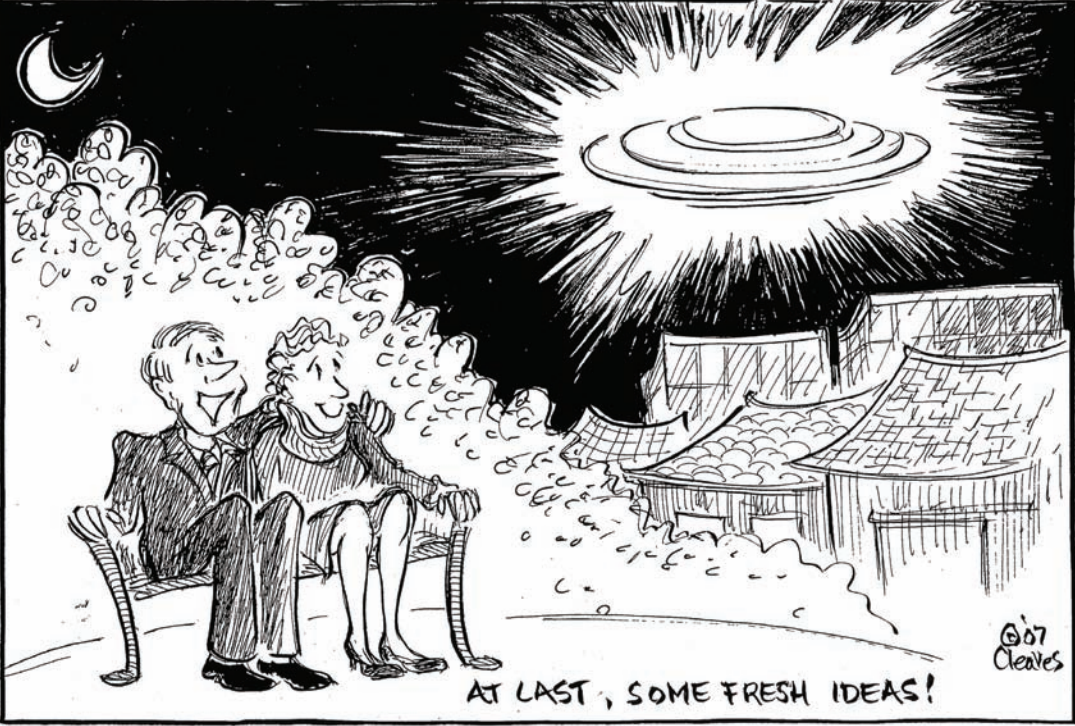
“The gas-giant planets in our solar system all have large moons,” said Debra Fischer, an astronomer at San Francisco State University and lead author of a paper that will appear in a future issue of the Astrophysical Journal. “If there is a moon orbiting this new, massive planet, it might have pools of liquid water on a rocky surface.”

Fischer and University of California, Berkeley, astronomer Geoff Marcy, plus a team of collaborators, discovered this planet after careful observation of 2,000 nearby stars with the Shane telescope at Lick Observatory located on Mt. Hamilton, east of San Jose, Calif., and the W.M. Keck Observatory on Mauna Kea, Hawaii.

“Discovering these five planets took us 18 years of continuous observations at Lick Observatory, starting before any extrasolar planets were known anywhere in the universe,” said Marcy. “But finding five extrasolar planets orbiting a star is only one small step. Earth-like planets are the next destination.”

For visuals depicting the new planet, visit: <http://www.nasa.gov/audience/formedia/telecon-20071106>

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



A Little Open Space for All

by Alison Snow-Wesley

Saturday, November 3rd, celebrated the groundbreaking for Sierra Madre’s newest pocket park, the Milton and Harriet Goldberg Recreation Area, located at the SW corner of Sunnyside and Ramona Avenues. I was in the audience that morning and was rendered tearful with glee. First, my gloriously happy childhood flooded through my memory as Michael Goldberg, Milton and Harriet’s son and one of my close childhood friends, regaled us with a tale of elaborate fort building he and his neighborhood friends had enjoyed on this exact site almost 60 years ago. Though not a part of that particular episode, I recalled many others, as I and all the children of town at the time had the unrestricted pleasure to play on the Goldbergs’ vacant lot. Our imaginations were fertile and the resources to bring these worlds to life were so accessible that our lives were grand (except for the few spankings, as Michael told, that occurred now and then when unexpected consequences followed our “inventions”).

Our play was a kind children hardly know these days. There was natural, open space for us to explore and create in, where property was not destroyed and parents’ eyes were not glued to our every movement for fear of our safety. Our free time was spent OUTDOORS climbing, digging, running, building, and collecting Nature’s wonders by the pocket and net full. Milton and Harriet Goldberg believed so entirely in this human need for access to nature and open space that they purchased 3 lots when they first came to Sierra Madre, 1 to build on, and 2 to keep as open space that, in Milton’s words, “would be restorative, rejuvenating and restful to the soul.” Thanks to their children, the Goldberg’s legacy will live on for more to partake of and enjoy as I had the chance.

My tears of glee swelled also for the reason of pride I felt that day. As Roberta Goldberg Braun so sensitively

reiterated during the ceremony, “it takes a village to raise a child.” These were words her father had been told by a Masai game warden and quoted to Roberta 20 years before Hillary Clinton reminded us of their relevance. Roberta created her own proverb by adding, “it takes 18 months to raise a park.” I was so proud of my generous friend, and my community whose City Council, civic clubs, and many private citizens shared Milton Goldberg’s wisdom and vision and have worked so hard to preserve his legacy. Many thanks and compliments are due the Goldberg-Braun family, the City of Sierra Madre, the Sierra Madre Firefighters Assoc., the Sierra Madre Rotary Club, and the Sierra Madre Community Foundation for their commitment to this cause.

A most poignant scene during the ceremony added sublime evidence for the call to preserve open space. While we adults sat in polite reserve acknowledging the grand efforts made to catapult this project forward, a small group of children spontaneously “took the hill” of fresh dirt mounded there and instinctively began to play almost exactly as Michael had described of himself and his friends over 60 years ago. It became ever so much more clear to me on that morning that mankind’s need for open space to reflect, create and relax in could not be greater than it is today.

Please take note that the ground has only been broken and the project is still in need of funds to reach completion. By the end of November, \$20,000 must be raised to match grant funds from the state Land & Water Conservation Fund. If you haven’t already, please consider making a donation to this wonderful project that will benefit us all for, hopefully, time immemorial. Make checks payable to the SMCF/c/o Goldberg Park and send your donation to Sierra Madre Community Foundation, c/o Goldberg Park, PO Box 716, Sierra Madre, CA 91025.



The Mountain Clymer

On Giving Thanks This Thanksgiving



On this day of Thanksgiving, it is a good time for all of us to stop and count our blessings, and to make a promise to ourselves to do this on a more regular basis. We need to train ourselves to slow down a bit and take the time to make sure that we recognize each and every gift we are given no matter how small it is and no matter how busy we are.

You do not have to believe in a higher power or be a religious person to give thanks. You can simply stop for a moment, acknowledge whatever it is that has brought you peace, or joy, or pleasure, or contentment, or insight, or good fortune, or filled a need or desire that you had...stop and say “Thank you.” Just utter the words...to a specific person or thing...or just throw them out there into the universe to whatever or whomever it is that you feel needs to hear them. It does not matter as long as they are heartfelt and as long as they are spoken...silently, aloud, or somewhere in between.

Giving thanks is invaluable to the human spirit. It is humbling. It is acknowledging that we are in some way indebted to someone or something. It reminds us that we do, in fact, need something outside of ourselves from time to time, to make our life complete, to make it easier, or to make it better. By remembering to take time to be grateful for what we have been given, we become more and more aware of how fortunate we are and will then be able to notice more easily and more frequently when others are less fortunate and may need help. We will become more compassionate and giving ourselves. We will become more positive in our attitude and in our actions.

So next time someone you love touches you and you feel their warmth...the next time you are moved by the sight of a sunset full-blown...the next time you find a penny on the sidewalk...the next time you stop to watch a hawk fly over a canyon or a mother deer and her new fawns pass by...the next time someone lets you cut in line when you are in a hurry...the next time you bite into a really sinful piece of chocolate...the next time someone gives you a smile that picks up your spirits at just the right moment...stop...recognize it for the gift that it is gift...appreciate it...and say “Thank you.”

Then maybe find someone to share it with.

Thank you, Susan Henderson for allowing me to have this space in your paper. Thanks to all of you in this incredible community who have ever read what I write here. Thank you for all of my family and friends who have encouraged me to write. And especially thank you for all of the wonderful adventures, experiences, people, and lessons that I have been blessed with in my life
Peace, Love, Happiness and Health to you all and Happy Thanksgiving...LETS’ EAT!!!
Kim

Assignment:

Here is a thanksgiving assignment for all of my readers. Think of three big things in your life that you are thankful for and three little things that you are thankful for. Write them down in an email to me (kimeelyun@aol.com) and I will publish them in my column next week....kind of like sending your thanks out into the universe.

My List: Big things I am grateful for:

My beautiful family and friends (two and four-legged)
Having only wants, not needs
The beauty and peace I find in our Mother Earth

Little things that I am grateful for:

Bean Town
Reliable transportation
Quiet moments

“With one mind we address our acknowledgement, respect, and gratefulness to all the sacred Cycle of Life. We, as humans, must remember to be humble and acknowledge the gifts we use so freely in our daily lives.” --Audrey Shenandoah, ONONDAGA

“Let us be grateful to people who make us happy: They are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.” -- Marcel Proust

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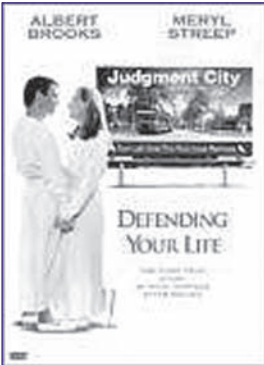
The Book Reports

Soldiers’ Angels: May No Soldier Go Unloved by Jeff Bader (2007)

Jeff Bader says about his wife, “Patti Patton Bader has the heart of Mother Teresa, the motivational mastership of Vince Lombardi .She was brought up as an army brat; the great niece of the famous World War II General George S. Patton, daughter of decorated Vietnam Veteran Lt. Colonel David W. Patton, and sister of Iraqi War Veteran David Patton. When her son Brandon was sent to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom in the spring of 2003, she decided to send him at least one care pack-age a day and keep a blog of the events that occurred in Iraq and Afghanistan as an electronic scrapbook for Brandon when he returned. What started out as a mother’s small commitment to her son has now turned into Soldiers Angels, an all volunteer organization with more than 150,000 members who aid and assist millions all over the world. Soldiers Angels sends care packages and letters of encouragement to those in the field, provides first response backpacks and blankets of hope to the wounded, voice-activated laptops to soldiers who have lost their hands, arms or sight, and living trees to the fallen hero’s families who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. Patti has received numerous awards, accommodations, certificates and tons of letters of appreciation from soldiers, airmen, sailors, marines, family members, doctors, nurses, field commanders, sergeants, colonels, generals, the Surgeon General of the Army, the Secretary of Defense and the President of the United States. Her newsletter raises several millions of dollars a year in donations. She takes not even one dime for compensation and does all of this from her bed with a laptop computer, a big screen TV and a cell phone. Patti has Hepatitis C and fibrosis of the liver and is often confined to her bed. She is in extreme pain most waking hours. I should know - I’m her husband. My wife is an amazing example of selflessness, patriotism, caring and dedication. Like an angel, she has anonymously and thanklessly touched the lives of many people she doesn’t know. She works from the time she gets up in the early morning to the time she falls asleep from exhaustion late at night. Patti Patton Bader is a true American patriot. This is her story and the story of the founding of Soldiers Angels.” Many of the pages of Soldiers’ Angels-”May No Soldier Go Unloved” are devoted to letters back home from the soldiers who are receiving the goodness of their angels as well as moving heartfelt letters of the relatives of soldiers. If you want to help or “adopt” a soldier their web site is <http://soldiersangels.org>.

Jeff Bader will speak at Sierra Madre Books on Nov. 21st at 7 pm (836-3200)

Scene One - Take One DVD Review



Defending Your Life (1991)

Albert Brooks wrote, directed, and stars in this philosophical comedy about a man having a difficult time in the afterlife. After Daniel Miller (Albert Brooks) is killed as he crashes his new BMW, he’s transported to “Judgment City,” where he meets the love of his life, Julia (Meryl Streep). However, Daniel needs to make a case for himself about his life on Earth before he can ascend to Heaven with Julia. He tries to explain the positive things he’s done, but realizes that Julia may be a bit too good for him. Great cast includes Rip Torn and Lee Grant! Very funny, romantic and creative movie!

Somewhere in Time (1980)

In this very romantic fantasy film, an older woman approaches playwright Richard Collier (Christopher Reeve) and puts a pocket watch into his hand whispering, “Come back to me.” A few years later, Collier becomes obsessed with a picture of an early 1900s actress (Jane Seymour) he sees at a fancy old hotel and discovers that she’s the woman who gave him the watch. Collier then tries somehow to be reunited with her! Beautiful music, nice locations and unforgettable film!!



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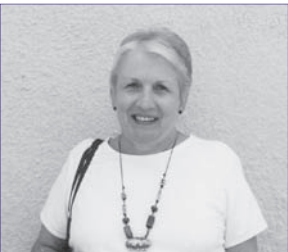
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BIRD’S EYE VIEW

By Pat Birdsall

Putting The Thanks In Thanksgiving

The editor of this nifty little paper has again suggested that perhaps our columns should be holiday oriented. Since the holiday this time is Thanksgiving, I found this extremely difficult on a personal level.

As some of you may know, my son Chris has a rapidly advancing bone disease that affects his joints. When he was seven years old he had four hip surgeries and three years ago, at age 36, both hips had to be replaced. His elbows are fusing, and his knees are so bad that they both have to be replaced the first of next year. The icing on this very bad tasting cake is the news he just received- his ankles and heels are also disintegrating.

Seeing him in pain and thinking about his future filled with surgeries and struggle led me to feel negative and less than thankful. At the urging of a friend I forced myself to think about the positives and what there is to be thankful for. It was easier than I thought...

Chris always has a smile on his face and a sunny outlook on life despite all its obstacles. He’s the one who cheers me up. He has a three year old son Tully who brings joy into all of our lives. He has a fiancé who loves him unconditionally and helps him every step of the way. He has an employer who, when he came back from living in Philadelphia, happily rehired him knowing all about his physical condition - giving him full medical benefits to boot!

My son may have a tough road to hoe, but he is alive. A lot of parents are unable to say that. He’s not one of the 3,857 young people killed in Iraq. He hasn’t been irreparably damaged by a roadside bomb, nor mentally damaged from the heinous atrocities of war. In retrospect, I am very thankful indeed.

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... By Mary Carney

What’s That S/He Said?

There is no such thing as a “last class.” I was in a group with a member for whom that class marked a milestone ... and she was exulting that this was her “last class.” The instructor replied, “There is no such thing as a last class ... there is always more to learn about what you thought you already knew.”

Life-long learning became a reality in that moment. I read books for the gifts of life philosophy that underlay the surface story, and I’m continually taking classes, workshops, and seminars - and vowing no more ... and there is always “just one more”. And from each one comes at least one gem. Today’s “Daily Quote”, a Chinese proverb hit home. “The gem cannot be polished without friction.”

Have you ever really thought about how a diamond or sapphire or emerald or ruby is made to sparkle the way it does? Friction ... lots and lots of friction. Remove the rough matrix, sequential grinding (that creates heat) with ever finer grits to shape and position facets precisely, then finely polishing and buffing so the gem’s true brilliance radiates out under light through each tiny surface. No matter which way you turn that gem, beauty gleams through.

That’s the process for each of us ... we start out rough, and life “polishes us up.” We have experiences we don’t like - bullies, best friend betrayals, failing a test, losing a job/career/family. Leave off blaming “who/what did it to us.” Creator just arranged for a chunk to be whacked off to “wake us up” and pay attention. What just happened? And what’s to learn? Double-whack!! Another nudge - focus in more, stop automatically reacting. Triple whack ... how come I’m so sick?

What have I been doing - over the years? How am I handling my stress? Keeping it all to myself? Or giving myself the gift of “laying it down” for a bit, just as I would if I carried a backpack, while climbing a mountain. At some point, I’d stop and rest. Take that backpack off, stretch, sit down, take a deep breath - have a drink of water, have an apple, maybe take a little snooze. When ready, I’d pick that backpack up, adjust its weight for maximum comfort, and start out again. “It’s not the stress that’s the problem, it’s how long we carry it before we set it down” and take a breather.

So, if we’ve gotten seriously sick, that’s another “Whack” for us to pay attention, to listen up, to go deep inside and say, “Hummm ... I’ve done this, and that, and than, and oh, I’m so tired and discouraged because nothing’s working, I’m only a burden, and I don’t have a purpose.” Time to look for life energy elsewhere, because as we all know, “If you keep on doing what you’re doing, you’ll get what you’ve always got!

And the new mantra?

“Freshrawfruitsandvegetables darkgreenleafygreens wholegrainsseedsandnuts.”

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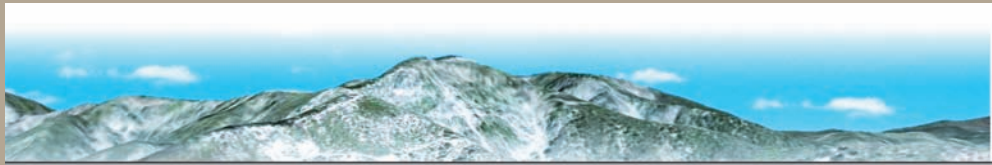
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Stories and Photos by Chris Bertrand

Once The Municipal Pool Locker Rooms Now The Monrovia Historical Museum!



I do love small town museums. I think I might even enjoy them more than the fancy big city museums. Well, maybe not more than the Met in New York, which I had my first opportunity to see this September. These small museums

definitely give a sense of where the priorities of the community fell “back when” and where they are today. Monrovia definitely qualifies as a town respectful and engaged in its historical roots. Numerous groups function to oversee and celebrate various aspects of preserving the city’s past, most particularly its many interesting, century old homes.



This museum is a “one of a kind” on so many levels! Have you ever heard of such a unique, inspired transformation of space usage? Until the 70’s, Monrovia enjoyed this site as the Municipal Pool Building, girls’ and boys’ locker rooms, showers, foot rinse tubs and all. Pictures in the lobby show old photos of bobbing heads, some in those impossible rubber caps we women used to wear. In fact, the recently renovated outdoor event venue, in the back was the former site of the pool. Now it’s a lovely setting backing to park land, perfect for a wedding or other large gathering, all 16,500 square feet of “beautifully landscaped gardens and manicured lawns” according to the city website, and includes a fountain and soft lighting from lamp posts. It can also be tented, as I saw during my visit.

Today the museum building is filled with an eclectic mix of historical artifacts, fragile newspaper archives from defunct periodicals, period displays and interesting oddities, like the extensive rock collection of a local dentist.

My docents, both active, engaging octogenarians were Louise Osbrink and Mary Finkle, who volunteer here on the third Thursday of each month, representing the museum. Their own personal memories were as much fun and interesting as the tour itself. Early on, Mary whipped out the 1939 edition of the Monrovia Duarte high school yearbook and pointed out her graduation picture. When the population was smaller, both communities shared the still-impressive looking school on Colorado. Finkle remembered the days of fruit orchards, where houses now stand. A smudge pot stands in the museum, once used to stave off an impending bout of citrus-damaging, cold weather in low lying orchards.



One display is from Pottenger’s Sanitorium, that once served tuberculosis patients then specialized in other lung ailments especially asthma, here in Monrovia until 1960. Not that long ago, those in ill health were often sent to these parts to take in the fresh air, and recover from what ailed them. Pottenger is also known for his study of the effects of increased raw, uncooked foods in better health, using donated cats.

A plethora of memorabilia from Monrovia’s founders and early residents includes a large collection of Monroe family artifacts. I enjoyed the juxtaposition of the nearly life size Monroe oil portrait with the photo of fairly recent Rose Parade queens from Monrovia.

I was amused at an old water and home heater display from days gone past. Though not TOO far past, as I have a friend in a historic apartment building in Sierra Madre, whose living room still sports the same model heater. We cruised slowly through antique doll collections, operator –run telephone exchange and old telephone displays, a wall of Monrovia’s significant women, oversize photograph reproductions of historic Monrovia scenes, including the train that ran to Los Angeles (only a few more years to wait for that to happen again!) and much more. The displays are well cared for, though a roof leak from the brief rain in late September wreaked a bit of concern for a display.

I spent an enjoyable hour, and didn’t see it all. You can see and touch things that would be verboten in bigger city museums, which makes it appealing for young children, and the child in me. I also found and purchased a photograph and history filled tome on Monrovia’s history, printed for their centennial in 1986. Finkle was disappointed the police exhibit was locked this time. There’s always my next visit!

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By Peter Dills



Happy Thanksgiving Thankful Thoughts

So what are you thankful for? I am sure your family and the health of not only you but friends. The usual list of pleasant thoughts. I am all for that. I am thankful that my 13 year old daughter doesn't drive and is pretty low maintenance. Ah enough of that. Let's talk Food!

Peter's Top Ten Thankful Thoughts

10. The invention of Sunday Brunch my choices.... Panda Inn, Red White + Bluezz and Mijare's.
9. The Margarita... It's gotta be Ranchero on Foothill.
8. BBQ. The real deal is of course Robin's Woodfire on N. Rosemead
7. I am thankful for Island's, yes a kid friendly restaurant that has put up with me a mine for years.
6. The Ritz Carlton and Houston's again a toss-up for the best service in town.
5. Shameless Plug.. Smart and Final for sponsoring my TV show the past three years.
4. I am thankful for the Rib Eye Steak at JJ's Steakhouse
3. The French Fries at Top's on Allen , none better
2. The Anti Pasta Salad at Domenico's, now that is good!!
Drum Roll Please
1. Crab Legs, they must be Gods gift to The Human Palate

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SPORTS



By Stanley J. Forrester

View From The Couch

THANKSGIVING 2007

When I think about Thanksgiving and sports I think about all the wonderful sporting events I have had an opportunity to see in my lifetime. Today we spend a lot of time knocking the professional sportsman. Part of the reasons that we do that is so often is because they are behaving like knuckleheads. That aside, I am thankful that I live in the Tiger Woods era coming so close to eras of Jack Nicklaus and Arnie Palmer. The King and the Bear prepared us well for the Tiger. I am thankful that he is an American that refuses to be placed in a box and demands that we see him as a golfer without the adjective of color. That we see this man chasing the record which just a few short years ago we thought would not be broken. In ten years he has accomplished more than most in a lifetime of golf. It is fun to watch him chase the Bear.

I am also thankful that television has allowed me to witness the demolition of tennis records by Federer. Sometimes when he is playing it seems that he has not broken a sweat. He moves with the grace and power of a large cat. He seems to know his opponent better than the opponent knows himself, for if there is a weakness he will expose it and take advantage of it. The man plays with the precision of a chess master and more likely than not, it is Federer who is saying checkmate at the end of the match.

I am thankful that I saw the one whom many have called the greatest player that ever put on a pair of sneakers - Michael Jordan in his prime. Many players have put a team on their back and carried them to new heights that seemed impossible. But Michael put an entire league on his back and brought it back to life. Some say he made basketball an international sport. There was no doubt in anyone's mind that Michael could dunk from half court - after all, the man could fly. When he was playing you never wanted to miss a game for that might just be the night that he would do something special, that might be the night when the talk in the office the next day would be "did you see it?" "Do you believe that he did that?" "How could he do that?"

I am thankful that television brought us Hank Aaron breaking the home run record. For unlike the debacle that we have witnessed this summer with Barry Bonds, Aaron played fair and square, he was a stand up man, a gentleman that helped erased from America's pastime an ugly scar. By breaking the home run record he made the baseball the sport of all Americans.

And, I am thankful that I in this time, for we have truly seen some great athletic feats.

Happy Thanksgiving from the couch, where I will be after eating too much turkey.
-Stanley

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