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# Pretty As A Picture.... Sierra Madre's Valentine Day Wins









Sierra Madre's 91st entry into the Tournament of Roses Parade took home top honors. This year the float won the Princess Award - The Most Beautiful Float Shorter Than 35 Feet. It also set a new record for the most varieties of roses for the parade. This year's entry contained 90 varieties of roses. The previous record was 50. The ride down the parade route was not all smooth sailing. Graffitti from a float just ahead of Valentine's Day clogged the exhaust of the Sierra Madre float. Float engineers, who ride beneath the float unseen by the public, requested towing assistance. They shut down the engines to prevent the debris from damaging the floats engine. Parade officials did not fine the Sierra Madre float, as is customary whenever towing assistance is needed. The fine was waived because the malfunction was caused by another float. Engineers cleaned out 'the pipes' and the float was able to 'cruise' into Kersting Court for viewing, all by itself.

### The Search For A New Fire Chief Begins

Sierra Madre will begin the new year searching for a new Fire Chief to replace Roger Lowe who retires from the position later this month. Story Page 3

### Fritz Coleman Makes The Playhouse Rock!



The irrepressible KNBC 4 weatherman, Fritz Coleman returns to one of his favorite haunts, The Sierra Madre Playhouse, for an hour or so of hard hitting, side splitting, stand up comedy, as only Fritz can deliver. Don't miss this hilarious treat, to start your new year right.. laughing!

Sunday, January 13 at 2:30 PM and 7:00 PM

All seats: \$25 A "fun"raising event for The Sierra Madre Playhouse.

Call 626-256-3809

### SMRFA 2009 Float Design Contest Deadline Nears

It's not too late to submit your entry for the design of the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association's 2009 Float, but time is running out. Develop your concepts and put it on paper by Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Organizers recognize that the official Tournament of Roses Theme Announcement will occur after our due date, but are confident from the hints given at the annual Builder's Dinner the 2009 parade theme will center on "excitement" and "entertainment"

2009 Tournament of Roses Theme Hints: "Salute To Entertainment" or "Hats Off To Entertainment"

Design Guidelines:

- 1. Designs must be received no later than Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008, by 6PM at P.O. Box 603, Sierra Madre, CA 91025.
- 2. Design submissions need to take into consideration the Tournament of Roses 2009 theme.
- 3. Designers should consider the appropriate use of float riders, Sierra Madre Rose Princesses (2-4) and animation. Float designs should not exceed 55 feet in length or 18 feet in width.
- 4. The design contest is open to all ages (need not be a Sierra Madre resident nor a Sierra Madre Rose Float Association member). Designs developed by Groups, Art Classes or other organizations are gladly received. Designers are encouraged also to submit more than one design.
- 5. Please provide a title to the float design. Submission may include a written description of the concept's intent (no more than 100 words).
- 6. While only a very simple sketch is required to illustrate the concept, more detail can help in the decision process. (continued on page 3)

# Fire Guts Vacated Laundry Damages Other Stores

Shopping Area Has Been Subject Of Complaints By Neighbors

Photo and Story By Dean Lee

The smell of smoke lingered for several days in and around the Albertson's Shopping Center off Sierra Madre Boulevard and the owners of a number of stores were forced to close the result of a fire Sunday night. Valuables were removed from some remaining businesses after the incident destroyed an old Laundromat causing an estimated \$550,000 in damages.

Pasadena fire officials said they feared the fire could have spread to other businesses in the 3800 block of Sierra Madre Boulevard, so they cut into the roof and used firefighting foam Sunday night although the fire had already caused severe structural damage. (continued on page 3)

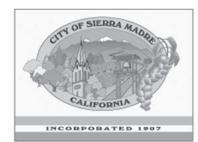




#### 5-Day Forecast for Sierra Madre, Ca. Longitude W118.0, Lattitude N34.2

Lows 40s Hi 50s Saturday Rain Sunday: Rain Hi 50s Lows 40s Monday: Rain HI 50s Lows 40s Hi 60s Lows 40s **Tuesday:** Sunny Wednesday: Sunny Hi 60s Lows 40s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



#### City of Sierra Madre January Events

11 - Travelers & Collectors - 7:30 pm - Council Chambers 12 - Walk with the Mayor - 9:00 am - Kersting Court 14 - Author's Night - Merrill Joan Gerber - 7:00 pm - Sierra Madre Public Library 17 - "Third Thursday" Book Club - 11:00 am - Sierra Madre Public Library 17 - Senior Adventure Morongo Casino & Outlet Mall - 9:00 am - Depart Hart Park House 19 - YAC Day of Troy - 8:30 am - Depart Community Recreation Center 26 - Healthy Family Fun Dog & People Walk - 9:00 am - Sierra Vista Park 26 - Arts Commission Norton Simon Excursion - 1:30 pm - Meet at Norton Simon (MUST preregister)

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

#### **NEW! Sierra Madre Coordinating Council**

The goal of the BRAND-NEW Sierra Madre Coordinating Council is to foster and facilitate, coordinate and promote programs and events in Sierra Madre. This is a chance for representatives from clubs, non-profit organizations, schools, city departments, and businesses to meet once a month and share upcoming programs, projects and events. The first meeting of the Sierra Madre Coordinating Council will be **Tuesday**, **January 8**, **2008**, **from 12 noon - 1:00 pm** at the Youth Activity Center, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Subsequent meetings will be the first Tuesday of the month.

\$10/ person, includes lunch. Bring your calendar and flyers about your upcoming programs and events! For more information, please contact the Community & Personnel Services Department at 626-355-5278 or <a href="mailto:city@ci.sierra-madre.ca.us">city@ci.sierra-madre.ca.us</a>.

# he-78th-Wine-and-Cuisine-Tasting-MADRO Friends Library the Tickets available at: To order by mail, please make The Friends of the Music by Eric Byak Sierra Madre Library P.O. Box 334 Savor The Flavor ierra Madre, CA 91025-0334 Many Local Restaurants

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CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL

Last Day January 11, 2008 Call 888-336-6100 or 626-355-7135

### 38th ANNUAL WINE **&CUISINE TASTING**

"Celebrate Good Friends" is the theme for the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library Cuisine and Wine Tasting at Alverno's historic Villa. Scheduled for Friday, Feb. 22, 2008, 7pm-9: 30 pm, guests have the opportunity to mingle with old and new friends, and celebrate our local library.

The Cuisine and Wine Tasting is one of the Friends' major fund-raisers. Annually, the Friends contribute in excess of \$50,000 to support library services and programs, add new acquisitions and additions to collections, and make improvements to the building and grounds.

Tickets are available at the Sierra Madre Library, and these local Savor the Flavor, businesses: Arnold's Frontier Hardware and Gifts, Angels Everywhere, and Sierra Madre Books.

Priced at \$60.00 in advance, tickets make a wonderful holiday gift for family, friends, businesses, and clients. Tickets can also be purchased at the door for \$65.00 on the day of the event, and include wine and cuisine tasting choices from over 20 restaurateurs and 50 vintners, as well as live entertainment by Eric Byak. Gourmets will love the new introductions from vintners while enjoying featured artwork by local artists.

Please plan to join us for this exciting sell out" event!

### WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

#### Pasadena Farmer's Market

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



*Café 322* Sunday Nights

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

#### Beantown

45 N. Baldwin Time for Ice Cream (626) 355-1596

Lucky Baldwin's 21 Kersting Court (626) 355-1140

Mary's Market 561 Woodland Drive (626) 355-4534

New Day! The Harvey Hyde Show

Every Thursday 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Hard-hitting, high impact sports talk radio KSHP Las Vegas - 1400 AM

Live! from **BURGER CONTINENTAL** 535 South Lake Avenue Pasadena

#### GARDEN CLUB MEETING

"Making Wreaths With Succulents" will be the program subject presented at the Sierra Madre Garden Club's dinner meeting on Monday, January 14 at 6:30 pm.. The meeting will be held at Memrial Park Hart Senior Center, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. The public is invited.

Beverly Harris, an Arboretum volunteer will be program presenter.

A delicious catered dinner will be served at \$8.00 each. Call 626-3355-0606 for reservations.

### **Travelers & Collectors Series**

On Friday, January 11, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. the Sierra Madre Public Library's "Travelers & Collectors" continues its 2007-2008 series in the City Council Chambers at Sierra Madre City Hall when John and Marie Meursinge present their program "Arizona: Cactus, Caves, Cowboys, and Copper Mines".

The media/narrative event is free and open to the public through a donation by the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library. Seating is limited: first come, first served.

Sierra Madre City Hall is located at 232 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre. For further information on Library services and programs please use the Library's web site at www.sierramadre.lib. ca.us or call the Library at (626) 355-7186.

### **STARTING A NEW BUSINESS?**

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# Sierra Madre Notices As posted by the City Clerk

#### City of Sierra Madre NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

Citywide To:

The City of Sierra Madre From:

ORDINANCE No. 1273, Adoption of Building Code Standards Subject:

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Government Code Section 50022.2, that on December 11, 2007, the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre did adopt the following Ordinance:

#### ORDINANCE No. 1273

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 50022.2, THE 2007 CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24 - THE 2007 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, MODIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONS AND AMENDING THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE.

The following members of the City Council voted in favor of the adoption of the Ordinance: Mayor Joffe, Mayor Pro Tem Mosca, Council Members Buchanan, Watts,

A certified copy of the Ordinance, as adopted, is available for public inspection at Sierra Madre City Hall, City Manager's Office, 232 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard, Sierra Madre, California, 91024.

By Order of the City Council,

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This Ordinance authorizes the new codes and amendments effective on January 1, 2008, and therefore, is being adopted as an urgency Ordinance.

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# Rose Parade Floats

By Rich Johnson

Sorry to all those Altadeneans I left out of last weeks column. Anyway, anyone remember the name of Monty Python's first computer game? It came out in 1994 and the name was taken from a line in the movie "Life of Brian". Give up? The game is entitled, "Monty Python's Complete Waste of Time."

That game came to mind this year as I was watching the Rose Parade. (By the way, does anyone else miss Stephanie Edwards?) All the effort put into those floats which have a shelf life of little more than a week. Could this be a monumental waste of time? One source said it takes about 60 volunteers working 10 hours a day for 10 days to finish a float. That's just the covering the float part. Gosh, that's 6000 hours just to put the flowers on one float. And they say there are more flowers on one float than most florists sell in five years. The Rose parade rules state that all floats must be covered "with flowers or other natural botanical materials." Now the flowers are put on in three distinct ways. First, the ones that will die instantly must be mounted in tubes of water so they will last through the parade. Secondly there are those that don't need the water. They are stuck into floral foam on little metal stick pins. Of course then there is the big job. That's the third manner in which the petals are all plucked from the flowers and individually glued onto the floats. Interestingly the floats look like big paint-by-number telling volunteers to

put what flowers where. I guess that makes sense. Anyway, process is called petaling". And did you know

that no self respecting float builder would be without his or her kitchen blender. No, not for margaritas for the volunteers. They use the blenders to grind up the dry flowers into powders. Those powders come out in a variety of colors and are used for shading.

The people who know these things tell us flowers come from almost everywhere in the world with the possible exception of Antarctica (That is until global warming kicks in). And if you think about it the flowers all need to get here at about the same time. They are trucked in via big

So, there were 46 floats in this year's parade. At 6000 hours of effort per float that adds up to 276,000 hours to decorate all the floats. A complete waste of time? Not on your life. Beauty for beauties sake. I have a couple of suggestions though. Lets devote one float to artificial flowers. Why not? And while we're at it how about NORML sponsoring a float? Those are the legalize marijuana people. They could have 60 stoned people decorate the float anyway they want to. Lets see if smoking dope really enhances your creativity. It would certainly be memorable.

**2009 Float** (cont. from page 1) Design Rules:

1. Designs must be submitted on an 8 ½ X 11 "Theme Draft Form" in black & white pencil. No color drawings or oversized drawings will be accepted.

2. Designs submitted to the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association will become the property of the Association and may be modified by the Association to achieve construction and floral requirements.

3. Designers will be required to sign a Design Release form certifying the originality of their design and assigning those design rights to the Sierra Madre Rose Float

4. The designer(s) may be asked for consultation.

The designer understands that he/she will receive no compensation, monetary or otherwise, for the use of the design and that the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association, City of Sierra Madre and/or the Pasadena Tournament of Roses have no obligation of any kind towards designer(s).

6. Submitted designs are not returnable.

7. Mail all designs to:

Sierra Madre Rose Float Association P.O. Box 603 Sierra Madre, California 91025

For further information, please call the Sierra Madre Rose Float Barn at 626-355-7005, leaving a message on the answering machine. We will return you call as soon as possible. Submission forms available at www.sierramadrerosefloat.org

**FIRE** (from page 1) Nearby Albertson's was evacuated when fire fighters said they got a call around 8:40 p.m. reporting a storefront on fire. Albertson's was never in danger they said, having fire resistant walls. About 20 employees stood outside watching as television news crews showed up to cover the situation.

Sierra Madre Boulevard had been blocked off until after 11 p.m. although fire fighters said the fire

was knocked down by 10 p.m.

The owner of Pasadena Home Healthcare next door pleaded with fire officials to let him in to get important payroll records. He was denied after firefighters said the building was unsafe. A short time later the owner left according to Arcadia fire.

Engine 37 of the Pasadena Fire was first on scene although later over 50 firefighters were summoned from as far



Fire guts abandoned laundry. away as Burbank and Glendale. Arcadia. The Arcadia Fire Department used a ladder truck to get onto the roof.

Nearby neighbors said the closed Laundromat was being used as a storing facility and boxes, chairs and other furniture could be seen packed inside. At press time unconfirmed reports said arson investigators had shown up Monday looking over the burned area.

### Next Fire Chief To Be Selected Under New Guidelines

When Roger Lowe hangs up his hat review the applicants and narrow the as Fire Chief later this month, his choices further. successor will be selected under a new set of guidelines. It will be the first time, forwarded to the city manager who will according to sources, that the Chief will make recommendations based upon the not be soley selected by the rank and file rankings, to the City Council. The council firefighters.

in 2005, calls for a four stage selection be ranked, etc. were being worked on at process. According to City Manager city hall at press time. Elaine Aguilar, all applications will be credentials will play an important part.

applications will be sent to a panel of volunteer firefighter. outside fire professionals. This panel will

From there, the applications will be will then make the final selection.

The new process, adopted by the city Logistics such as the timeline, criteria to

This will also represent the first time for given to the rank and file for ranking. as long as anyone can remember, that the Among the criteria, experience and Chief is not leaving at the invitation of the rank and file.

Once the rank and file have ranked the Lowe retired from the position of Chief candidates, the top ranked candidates' however, he will continue to serve as a

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#### DATE SET FOR JOHN GRIJALVA MEMORIAL

January 26, 2008 has been set as the date for the Memorial Service celebrating the life of long time Sierra Madre community leader, John Grijalva.

Grijalva, who passed away in December, is best remembered for being the catalyst behind the creation of the Veteran's Memorial in Hart Park. Details to follow.

## SENIOR HAPPENINGS...By Pat Birdsall

FYI: Just Say No to Credit Cards

Do you want to block the flurry of "pre-approved" credit card offers? Consider opting out." Call the toll-free number 1-888-567-8688 or visit www.optoutprescreen. <u>com</u>. Both are operated by the three major credit bureaus and are free of charge. You'll have to provide your name, address and social security number, information that will be "used only to process your request to opt out," according to the Federal Trade Commission website. Opting out lasts for five years unless you follow up with a written request to make it permanent. If you have joint credit with a spouse or a partner, you both have to opt out. You still may get offers from charities, alumni associations and companies you do business with, such as your current credit card company. If you change your mind and want a new credit card, you can always reverse the procedure and "opt in." AARP Bulletin - November

**~Helpful Hints~**\*To remove burnt-on food from a pot, put it in the freezer for a couple of hours. Remove and wash it out as you normally would.

\*Put photographs that are stuck together in the freezer for 10-12 minutes. Gently break apart using a butter knife.



# Recipe of the Month: **Slow-Cooked Chili**

\* 1lb lean ground beef or ground turkey

\* ½ lb bulk Italian pork sausage \*1 medium onion chopped (1/2 cup)

- \* 1 can (28 oz) whole tomatoes undrained
- \* 1 can (15 oz) tomato sauce
- \* 1 tsp sugar \* 1-1 ½ tsp ground cumin
- \* 2 tsp chili powder
- \* 1 tsp dried oregano leaves
- \* 1 can (15 oz) spicy chili beans, undrained <sup>4</sup> 1 can garbanzo beans, **or** kidney beans, drained & rinsed
- \* Sour cream, if desired \* Sliced green onion, if desired 1- In 10" skillet, cook beef, sausage and onion over medium high heat 5-7 minutes,

stirring frequently until beef is thoroughly cooked, drain.

2- In 3-4 quart slow cooker, mix beef mixture and remaining ingredients except sour cream and green onions.

3- Cover: Cook on Low heat setting 7-8 hours. Top individual servings with sour cream and green onions.

6 servings (Pillsbury)

# May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions!

-Joey Adams

~ For Your Funny Bone~

Mom was getting swamped with calls from strangers. The reason? A medical billing service had launched an 800 number that was identical to hers. When she called to complain, they told her to get a new number. "I've had mine for twenty years," she pleaded. "Couldn't you change yours?" They refused. So Mom said. "Fine, from now on I'm going to tell everyone who calls that their bill is paid in full." The company got a new number the next day. K. Drake- RD



Activities: Unless listed differently, all activities are at the

*Hart Memorial Park (Senior Center)* 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre

**Lunch Program:** Monday-Friday- Call (626) 355-0256 to reserve the day before. Suggested donation \$2.00 for seniors, others - \$3.75.

Free Strength Training Class with Lisa Brandley Monday: 1:00- 1:45 PM

**Tuesday:** Bingo: 1:30-3:30 PM .25c per card Yoga: 5:00 PM-

Instructor, Andrea Walsh- \$5.25 for seniors Wednesday: Open

Thursday: Game Day- 1:30- 4:00 PM Poker, Scrabble, Cribbage, Chess, Checkers, Backgammon, Pinochle, you name

it. Yoga: 5:00-6:30 PM- For seniors and others who want to go slowly (can be done in a chair) Instructor: Andrea Walsh \$5.25 for those 50 & over- \$7.00 for those under 50. To register call (626) 355-7394

Friday: Ping-Pong- 2:00-4:00 PM- Not tournament, just for fun. Aerobics for Active Seniors- 3:00- 4:00 PM at the Community Center- 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.-

\$34.00 for an 8 week course Instructor: Bonnie Smithson Call 355-5278 to enroll.

**Saturday:** Senior Club for those 55 and older- Brown bag lunch at 11:30AM Bingo: 12:30 PM .25c per card

**Meals-On-Wheels:** Meals are delivered to homebound seniors through the YWCA Intervale lunch program M-F with frozen meals for the weekend. \$2.00 suggested donation per day. Call Susan Garcia at (626) 960-3773

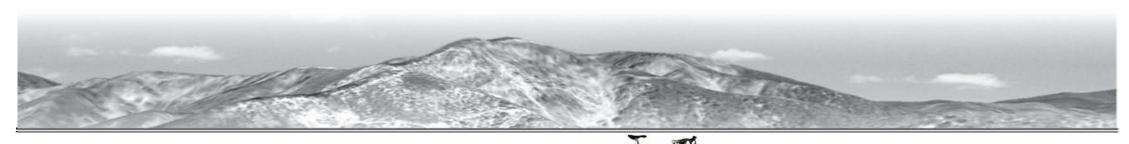
### **Monthly Excursions:**

January 17: Morongo Casino & Outlet shopping \$20.00 February 21: Griffith Observatory- Details to be announced

For reservations call Susan Clifton at (626) 355-7394 or stop by and see her at the Hart Memorial Park House- 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM- Monday-Thursday

Blood Pressure Clinic Returns! The Sierra Madre Paramedics will do blood pressure readings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 10:30-11:30 AM

Free Consultation with Pasadena attorney Geoffrey Chin- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month-10:00 AM- Noon-Appointments are a must. Call Susan Clifton at (626) 355-7394. Conflicting court schedules can occasionally cause cancellations.



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# A Rose Filled Day Of Floats And Protests

By Dean Lee

The 119<sup>th</sup> Rose Parade Tuesday will go down in history this year some say, for nothing more than the perfect weather and not for the heavy police presence or political climate.

The only complaints from the estimated 1 million parade goers who camped out along the 5.5 mile route to see up close floral covered tigers, clowns, space aliens —complete with a Roswell UFO— or listen to marching bands and see a wild west stunt show atop one float, was the cold waiting at 3 a.m.

Other than that, it was 74 degrees by 10 a.m. when the last float rounded Orange Grove headed down Colorado Boulevard. The Parade kicked off at exactly 8



Protesters in front of China Olympic Float



Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard



Trader Joe's float "Getting There is ALL the Fun" part car/train/plane

a.m. with a pre parade show that only a handful of the people witnessed in person.

This year lacked a good number of tall floats with the exception of a larger than life Native American chief holding a peace pipe. That dwarfed city light polls as it went by. Built by Phoenix Decorating Co, the Farmer's Insurance float won the National Trophy for Best Depiction of Life in the USA, Past Present or Future.

There was no shortage of decorated lions or tigers on the floats and, although the Parade's theme was Passport To The World's Celebrations, some took that, "one step beyond."

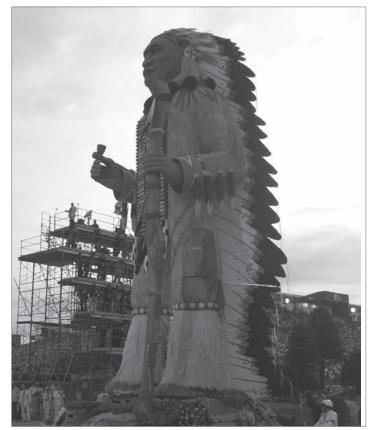
Three huge bug eyed, green, space creatures sat looking at the crowd from their flying space disc, "confused," on New Mexico's float celebrating the Roswell UFO Festival. The float was complete with a "Jetson's space port" implying that someday Roswell may become an intergalactic stop for traveling space aliens.

Not everyone was happy with the float's design and a number of reports said there were demands that it be changed. Others thought it was a joke. Internet posts on local websites called it "embarrassing to

the state and a waste of money." Others said, in favor of the spaced theme, that it represented the state in the space and atomic race.

Back on earth, well-known Food Network Chef Emeril Lagasse was this year's Grand Marshal. Lagasse owns 10 world renowned restaurants throughout the country. He waved, along with his wife Alden and their two children, to fans from the 1910 Pierce-Arrow Model 48 they were riding in. Only 17 of these cars are known to

The Sweepstakes Trophy for the "Most Beautiful Entry With Outstanding Floral Presentation and Design" went to Rainbird International, celebrating India's heritage of weaving water into cultural celebrations. The float featured a number of Bengal tigers decorated in orange



The National Trophy for best depiction of life in the USA, Past Present or Future.

strawflower, black onion seeds, yarrow pampas grass and cordon blossoms.

"The Most Beautiful Float Shorter Than 35 Feet" was awarded to The Sierra Madre Rose Float Association for "Valentine's Day" and given the Princess' Trophy. As part of the theme there were 294 hearts hidden among two sets of lovers in swan boats. The float also used 90 varieties of roses, the most ever in the parade's history.

Of the 18 equestrian units the most unique was the American Miniature Horses. None of the horses pulling eight drivers with two-wheeled carts were over 38 inches tall.

There were 23 marching bands and USC got an standing ovation by some as they played their fight song "Fight On." USC won the Rose Bowl game later that day defeating Illinois 49-17.

New PUSD superintendent, Edwin Diaz and his wife road in the parade for the first time as guests of Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard and his wife Claire. They rode in a 1911 Pope Hartford seven-passenger touring car.

Bogaard waved to parade goers but at times looked down as protesters shouted insults at him over what they said, was his involvement in bringing a Chinese float to the parade. Although some protesters threatened to disrupt the event only one person was arrested for trying.

Police said Andrew Koenig was later cited and released for unveiling a banner in protest of China's Human Rights record as the China Olympic float went by. The banner blocked others view. In the weeks leading up to the parade, human rights leaders had voiced concerns about the city allowing the float.

Just days before the parade, talks between the city and the Chinese float protesters over

a compromise to allow a torch relay before the parade broke down. The city said safety was an issue while activists maintain their constitutional rights were violated when the city would only allow a single runner in the dark that they claimed no one would see.

Reports conflicted as to what really happened when the float representing the 2008 Beijing Olympics with an ancient Chinese Temple and the five official mascots for the games rolled by. Some said they heard only cheers for the float while others saw banners decrying "The Beijing Olympic Float of Shame."

One thing was certain. Protesters handed out thousands



American Miniature Horses.

of single paged newspapers with a foldout of the Olympic rings mocked as handcuffs. In the press area a few people were seen holding them up. The night before the parade the China float was not part of the regular lineup as it was being guarded from feared sabotage. It was, however, part of the post parade float viewing and two protesters held a banner all day denouncing it. Tournament of Roses officials only asked that they keep the protest peaceful but at times people yelled, "Go back to China," as they walked by taunting them.

There were a number of floats people did enthusiastically cheer for including, a 35-foot-tall Dodger Player coming out of a grand slam swing and, an innocent looking truck on Honda's float that morphed into a rocket complete with real flames shooting out the afterburners.

# 35 Tons Of Trash Disappear Overnight

By Dean Lee

By noon Tuesday Colorado Boulevard was a mess.

"This couldn't be Pasadena" an unidentified parade goer said walking down the street of an unrecognizable Old Town. Every window was boarded up and discarded things from lawn chairs, fire pits to Styrofoam containers, lie everywhere minutes after the last float journeyed down the street.



"I hate to give a number

because it varies year to year but it's about 35 tons of trash left behind from the 24 hour period" said Martin Pastucha Director of Public Works.

Pastucha added from what he saw this year it looked lighter than normal.

According to Arlington Rodgers of Public Works, the average person throws away 4.2 pounds of garbage a day. Using that 16,600 people would have been on the parade route since starting Monday at noon when police first allow spectators to claim their spots. The bulk of parade goers show up the morning of staff said. Each year event organizers estimate 1 million people line the street.

In what he called the restoration process Pastucha said they go though a series of steps to clear the street. He said they first pick up all of the solid stuff from the route.

"The first people you probably saw were picking up the solid stuff, furniture, the big items," Pastucha said. "Something you could hit with a car and cause some damage. So what's left is pretty much just paper."



He said this is to make sure the roadway is safe to get traffic thru. Rodgers added that they also put out hot coals left from fire pits that could become a fire hazard.

Rodgers said a crew of 65 city workers first walks the street.

According to Pastucha's they wait until 10 p.m. to allow the crowds to die down. "With a million people trying to get out of the area it makes it

very difficult to get in there," he said. "So we wait."

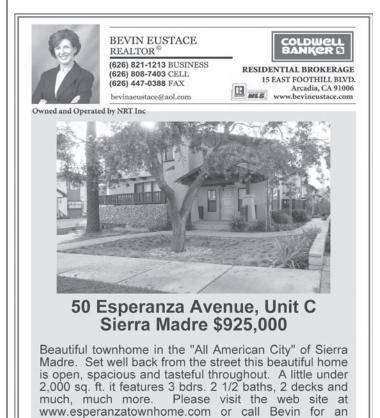
Rodgers noted that PW then push all the trash off the sidewalks into the street using everything they have from brooms to leaf blowers. "Once they get it into the street it's loaded into the trucks," he said.

The last process Pastucha mentioned was when water trucks and street sweeper come down the street. By 6 a.m. the next day it's all gone he added.

In addition to picking up the trash the department is also responsible for taking down and putting up all the traffic signals so the floats can go by and well as being responsible for all the barricades. They use over 2,000 of them he said.

Pastucha said that over the years the number of larger stuff such as furniture has gone down. There has been more of an awareness but added that it's difficult to regulate how much stuff people can bring when they are trying to live on the street comfortably for a 24 hour period.

The collection job is tough and all those involved should be more recognized by the public for what they do.



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#### **Puzzle For You**

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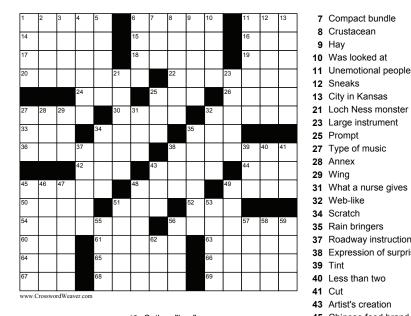
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#### Answers To Last Week's Crossword

# Happy New Year Sierra Madre

The Best Is Yet To Come

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# SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During the week of Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, to Saturday December 29<sup>th</sup> the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 238 calls for service.

#### Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>:

12:04 a.m. - Domestic Violence arrest, Sunnyside north of Grandview Ave. Officers responded to a report of a man and woman arguing in the street. Upon arrival, officers determined that the man had struck his wife. Paramedics responded for treatment of the injuries. Officers arrested the man for felony spousal battery and booked him at Pasadena jail.

1:22 PM - Vandalism/graffiti, 00 block Suffolk Ave. A resident reported graffiti written on the side walk. The word "BYRD" was written in black felt marking pen in front of 31 Suffolk Ave. The damage was reported to the public works department

11:32 PM - Arrest, Foothill Blvd and Rosemead Blvd. A driver was stopped for a traffic violation, unsafe left turn. A records check revealed the driver, a San Gabriel resident, had no driver's license. The driver was arrested and released on a written promise to appear.

#### Wednesday, December 26th:

2:01 AM - Arrest, 3800 block East Foothill Blvd, Pasadena. Officers stopped a car for an equipment violation, non-working stop lights. During the investigation the driver, a Rancho Cucamonga resident, was driving on a suspended/revoked driver's license. The driver was cited for the stop lamp violation and released on a written promise to appear.

3:21 AM – Arrest, 3800 block Arbolada Ave. An officer stopped a driver for expired registration tabs. During the investigation, a records check revealed the driver was on parole and driving on an expired driver's license. The driver was under the influence of a controlled substance and in possession of a concealed weapon. The driver and other passenger were taken into custody and transported to the Sierra Madre Police Department. The driver was transported to the Pasadena jail for remand while the juvenile female was detained until released to her parents.

11:08 AM - Arrest, East Sierra Madre Blvd and Sierra Place. A car was stopped for an equipment violation. A records check revealed the driver; a resident of Los Angeles was operating the vehicle on a suspended/revoked driver's license. The driver also had an outstanding traffic warrant for his arrest. The driver was arrested and transported to the police station where he was booked and released on a written promise to appear.

#### *Thursday, December 27th:*

11:38 PM – DUI arrest, Foothill Blvd and Baldwin Ave. Officers stopped a car for a traffic stop for excessive speed. During the investigation the driver, an Altadena resident, was determined to be under the influence of alcohol and in possession of marijuana. The driver was arrested and taken to Pasadena PD for remand, then cited and released.

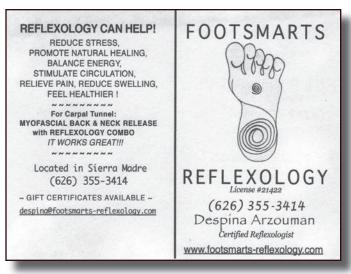
#### *Friday, December 28th:*

11:16 PM – DUI arrest, 600 block W. Alegria Ave. A car was stopped for a vehicle code violation. During the investigation it was established that the driver, a Mar Vista resident, was under the influence of alcohol. A records check revealed the driver's license was suspended/revoked and he had an outstanding warrant. The driver was arrested and transported to the Pasadena jail for remand.

#### Saturday, December 29th:

2:48 AM - DUI arrest, Michillinda Ave and Colorado Blvd. Officers stopped a car for a vehicle code violation, false registration. A records check revealed the driver was operating the vehicle on a suspended license. During the investigation the driver, an Altadena resident, was determined to be under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

2:17 PM - Vandalism, Bailey Canyon parking lot. A visitor reported his two front tires slashed and the driver's side doors scratched. The truck was parked this morning, 12/29 at 10:00 am and upon his return this afternoon, 12/29 at 2:00 pm he discovered the damage. The replacement of the two tires was estimated at \$400.00.





Environmentally Speaking,

# Did You Know?

# One Resolution At A Time

Taken one at a time, resolutions aren't that overwhelming and therefore are easy to keep. If you make no other this year, please pledge to make an impact with this one...

#### Say no to paper and plastic...

When you bring your own reusable bags to stores, you:

\* Save wildlife: Hundreds of thousands of sea turtles, birds, whales and other marine mammals die every year from eating plastic bags mistaken for food. \*Save trees: It takes 14 million trees to make all of the paper bags the United States uses in one year.

\* Reduce Waste: An estimated 4 billion plastic bags end up as litter each year globally-- enough to circle the earth 63 times tied end to end!

Reduce our dependence on oil: About 12 million barrels of oil are required to make the 100 billion plastic shopping bags used in the United States each year.

We can all make a big difference with virtually no effort. Is there anybody too busy not to try?

#### ~ REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE~

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Your thoughts and comments are welcome...

# One Of A Kind:

Featuring unique homes & gardens and the people who create them

Photos and Story By Chris Bertrand

Asian Influenced Mid-Century Overlooking The Rose Bowl

Just a hop and a skip from I-210's Windsor exit lies a lane, tucked away from the hubbub of Pasadena. Aptly named La Cresta Drive, it runs along the northeast rim of the Rose Bowl, affording expansive views from nearly every room of this single level,

Its only owner spent 50 years in this abode, and family lore suggests it was designed by a student of Frank Lloyd Wright. Certainly, Wright's influence is evident, particularly in the striking, stained glass block design partition in the living room. The colors and style of the glass pay homage, at the least. The sleek, clean lines of the bedrooms' built-in furniture brought my mind's eye back to the Wright exhibit I helped docent in 1990's Seattle.

The single level design offers an open floor plan in the living spaces, with expansive walls of glass



Front Door



Living Room

outdoor enjoyment. The sprawling layout makes it feel much larger than its 2238 square feet. The living room can easily accommodate a grand piano plus large-scale furnishings. The private quarters can close off for maximum privacy, and include the family room and master bedroom suite with stunning views, two additional bedrooms and two baths. Shoji screens can cover the windows, above the wall of built-in furniture, sliding into place in the master bedroom for light and privacy control. They add to the clean lines and Asian feel. Down below, a fenced dog run and stairs lead to a large level area for recreational use or to be left as green

opening onto a covered patio, for sheltered

La Cresta Drive itself offers some pluses that rank high in my book. Complementary yet different

home styles and ages give the lane character and a custom signature. Underground utilities make the street feel more open without the distraction of wires above, and artistic street lighting generates a distinctive flavor.

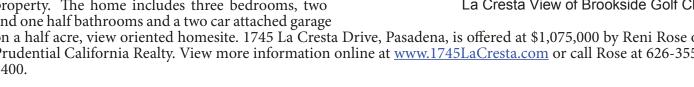
The wrought iron front gate and front door mimic each other's cubic design and flow easily into the stained glass living room partition. Asian influence still speaks out in unusual dwarf bamboo ground cover, mugho pine and hardscape art and stone placement of the front yard.

The low slung design of the home hugs the rim of the Rose Bowl, allowing the views to take center stage. The lush green golf turf of the Brookside Country Club peeks through the trees below, with the far rim of the Bowl and tree-studded foothills creating a dramatic backdrop. Further beyond you can even see the football stadium and the bridge's graceful architecture.

Easy access to the Rose Bowl offers a wide array of recreational activities in addition to the golf. You're just a short distance from hiking, biking, rollerblading or just savoring an evening's stroll around the Rose Bowl.

With a dose of imagination and updating, this home could join several others on the drive as a showcase property. The home includes three bedrooms, two

and one half bathrooms and a two car attached garage on a half acre, view oriented homesite. 1745 La Cresta Drive, Pasadena, is offered at \$1,075,000 by Reni Rose of Prudential California Realty. View more information online at www.1745LaCresta.com or call Rose at 626-355-



Know of an interesting home, garden or person who helps create them, that might be of interest to our readers? Contact me at <u>C.Bertrand@MVObserver.com</u>. Thanks!

La Cresta View of Brookside Golf Club

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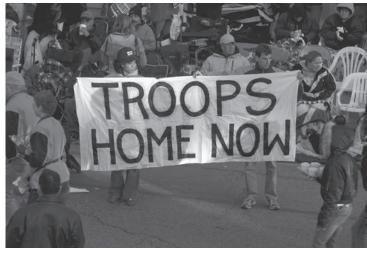
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Coalition

# A Protest After The Parade

By Teresa Baxter Photos By Jacqueline Truong

substantial With controversy surrounding this year's Rose Parade in regards to human rights and the appearance of a float from China promoting the upcoming Olympics, a separate group with a different message successfully pulled off a protest—after the parade eliciting cheers and jeers from the crowds leaving Colorado Blvd.



The White Rose Coalition, under the guidance of peace activist Peter Thottam There was no shortage of political protests at the Rose united Parade prompting concern that the parade was being from the Los Angeles exploited because of the international media exposure. National Impeachment Center, CODEPINK,

the Backbone Campaign, Troops Out Now Coalition, World Can't Wait and other similar organizations as they advanced behind the final float in a march that ended up at the rear steps of Pasadena City Hall, culminating with a speech from Cindy Sheehan of the Camp Casey Peace Institute, calling for the impeachment of George W. Bush and Dick Cheney for high crimes and misdemeanors, and to end U.S. occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan.

According to Thottam, the White 🛭 Rose Coalition stems White the from Rose Society that was founded by five students and one professor in 1942 Germany, and was a Nazi resistance group founded in an effort to stop the Third Reich's militarism and

destruction of the German constitution.

"They spent eight



movement. Marchers from CODEPINK represented a women-initiated grassroots peace and social justice movement working to end the war in Iraq, stop new wars, and redirect government resources into healthcare, education and other life-affirming activities. "Women know the price of war; when we go to war there is no winner," said CODEPINK Co-founder, Jodie Evans. The organization currently has 150,000

members. "Since we have gone to Iraq we have destroyed a country and the people that have carried it the worst are the women of Iraq and the women of the United States." Much of the credit behind the protest was given to an initiative set in Congress by

Dennis Kucinich (D-OH) when he declared that "Impeachment may well be the only remedy which remains to stop a war of aggression against Iran."

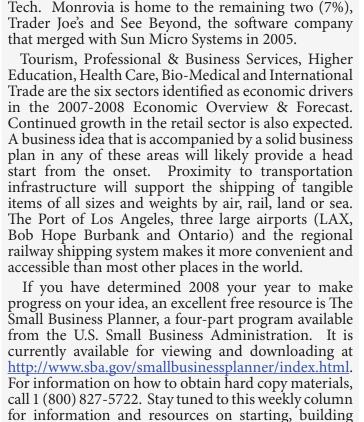
Currently, Cindy Sheehan and her peace movement plan to run against Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)—who is also Speaker of the House—in the next election. Most of the protestors felt that Pelosi has failed to

the war. "Pelosi is not holding George Bush and Cheney accountable. She is the

Speaker of the House and Congress STOP has the power of the purse strings," said tening Sheehan. "When they keep funding the war, they're paying for it." True peace has to start inside us and

is not just an absence of war. Because even when our country is at peace we're still preparing for war, building bombs, tanks and training soldiers. So, true

peace is using integrity, intelligence and honesty so solve world problems, she said. "Even at Christmas people say 'Peace on Earth' but don't know what's really happening," said Sheehan. "Here our country has killed over a million innocent Iraqis and thousands of American soldiers. The surge isn't working, it's just hype."



It's Just BUSINESS

in Northwest San Gabriel Valley

By La Quetta M. Shamblee

A New Weekly Column covering business

Starting Your Business

No Need to Wait, It's 2008

Will 2008 be the year that you finally put some action behind the dream of starting your own business? Are

you ready to proceed with the development of an

idea that has danced around in your head for years?

Do you have what it takes to join the ranks of other

daring entrepreneurs who've taken the plunge into the

adventurous world of entrepreneurship? This may well be one of the best times to put your thoughts into

action, considering that the outlook for business start-

ups, investments and expansions in the San Gabriel

Collectively, small businesses have a huge economic

impact. Almost 75% of all SGV businesses have one to nine employees. The geography and technical resources

available to the foothill communities positions resident

entrepreneurs for tremendous economic opportunity.

Proximity to the Port of Los Angeles, LAX and other regional airports makes this region an ideal location for engaging in international commerce that involves tangible goods. Opportunities to establish viable

web-based businesses are virtually unlimited. As you

prepare your plan to lay the necessary groundwork for a successful launch, it is important to learn as much

as you can about the local business landscape. A few

highlights from the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership's 2007-2008 Economic Overview &

SGV is home to slightly more than 42,400 businesses.

One of five, or 20%, are located in two Mountain

View-Observer cities, with Pasadena dominating the

number one spot with the largest number of business

establishments at 5,829 (14% of the total). Arcadia is

in the number two spot with 2,387 (6% of the total).

International, national or regional headquarters for some twenty-nine corporations with annual revenues

in excess of \$200 million are located in SGV. Eleven

(38% of the total) are located in two MVO cities.

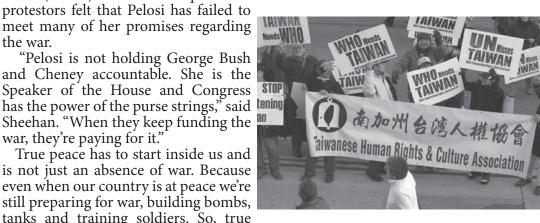
Pasadena is host to nine (31%), including corporate

giants Avery Dennison, Indy Mac Bancorp and Tetra

Forecast are noted in the following paragraph:

Valley (SGV) region is very promising for 2008.





months doing what we are doing today, handing out fliers" said Thottam. "In an



Alverno, Arroyo Pacific Academy, La Salle, Maranatha, Pasadena High School, St. Francis, Sierra Mesa Middle School, The Barnhart School, The Gooden School, Field Elementary, Sierra Madre Elementary School, Bethany Christian, St. Rita's, Wilson Middle School, Odyssey Charter School, Norma Coombs Alternative School, Weizmann Day School and the PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

### PUSD All Stars Take The Show On The Road All Star Band Performs in London's New Year's Day Parade

New Year's Day 2008 arrived eight hours earlier for the members of the Pasadena Unified School District's All Star Band and their adult companions. The group, lead by PHS and All Star Band Director David Miller, was in Great Britain where they marched in the London New Year's Day Parade

Despite occaisional rain, the 90 students from Blair, Muir, Marshall and Pasadena High Schools, 'strutted their stuff' under "Westminster Abby and Big Ben" according to reports from observers recieved via the





The march began at the House of Parliament and Big Ben, proceeded through Piccadilly Circus and ended near Buckingham Palace.

The All Star Band, which marched in the 2005 Rose Parade, also had the opportunity to tour London during their 7 day trip.

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# TRISH'S I Love To Write By Trisha Collins

I love to write. Writing is one of my passions that began, like many others, at home at a young age. Five or six years old, in fact. I remember writing in my first journal; it was Winnie the Pooh, to be exact, and I wrote about the simplest things. Little things like whether it rained that day, or how many stickers I had won at school. But even in the first grade I knew that writing was something that I simply enjoyed doing. I enjoyed it so much that I kept writing, more and more. Pretty soon that little Winnie the Pooh journal was all filled up. Filled up with all my thoughts, dreams; memories. I remember writing my last word on my last page thinking, "What do I do now? Is this the end of it all? Does the journaling stop here?" But of course it didn't. Oh no, I made sure I immediately found a new journal and started filling it up to with anything and everything I desired. You see, this was my journal. All mine. And when you're a small child, you really don't have much to call your own. But my journals... well, I owned them, and I took a lot of pride in that.

I stress the importance of the fact that I own these journals very much. And when you own something, one must (or should) ask permission to view it. I've never given anyone permission to view my journals, and I trust that because it is known that they're mine, no one has. My journals are like my life. Not in the sense that all I do is write in my journal all day, but that each page of the notebook tells about me, my life, and how I live it. Opening one of my journals is like opening up my mind. That's one reason (out of many, and there are a lot) why I love journaling so much. In your own personal notebook, you write whatever you want. You don't have to beat around the bush with things, speak your mind! No one's there to judge you or what you think. In society today, people aren't really permitted to just "tell it like it is" all the time. So in my journal, I make sure that I do just that. A lot of things that I have to keep inside are released in my journals. It's wonderful, absolutely wonderful to be able to truly express how you undoubtedly feel without worry of what others will think, or how they might react. In my

And in a way, well, this column is like a journal for me. I love to write (or type) for you all because I can write and actually have people read it. Read my thoughts on things, how *I* view life. So thank you. Thank you for all the support and understanding. I feel that the bond between the writer and reader is a very important one. Though I may not know all of you reading this right now, you are in fact reading it, strengthening our invisible bond. Maybe someone out there will read this and possibly be inspired to start a little journal. Maybe they'll write as many as 17 in 9 years, as I have. Maybe they'll write about their dreams and aspirations. Those dreams could become a reality and change their city, their country, the world. And maybe that's me. Not changing the world, but changing one person at a time with my column and my views.

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Susan Henderson

#### 10 Things I Intend To Live By In2008

I'm not one big on New Year Resolutions because I work on self-improvement every day of my life. However, living has a funny way of making you change your ways. I've decided that maybe this year I do need a list of resolutions so that I can

post them right over my computer.

You see, unlike anything that I have ever done or accomplished in my entire life, publishing this newspaper is one hell of a challenge. It tests every aspect of my being - my integrity, my right to privacy, my creativity, my management skills, my sensitivity, and my patience. Yes, my patience. Trying to produce a product each week that will appeal to the masses works on my one last nerve. Nevertheless, with a new year comes new resolve. So, rather than walk away, I have created an aid to help me stay focused. Below are listed 10 Personal Commandments of Surviving 2008 that will guide me and this paper. If you are interested, here they are:

- 1. I shall not listen to no one word uttered by a person who does nothing but criticize everyone and everything.
- 2. I shall remove myself from situations created by people who are angry with the world and want to attack everything.
- 3. I shall totally ignore the naysayers who have 1001 reasons why this paper should not exist.
- 4. I shall definitely spend more time with my family.
- 5. I shall play more golf.
- 6. I shall not entertain the thought of retaliating against the one person on the entire planet that had the unmitigated gall to call me 'lazy'. I have accepted that they are simply crazy and/or jealous and require professional help.
- I shall keep an open and objective mind when managing this publication.
- 8. I shall not apologize for my personal opinions and political choices.
- 9. I shall continue to show my appreciation for those who support this paper.
- 10. I shall keep the presses running!

I guess there really are 11 things, because I will definitely keep my sense of humor!

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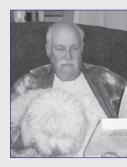
Contributors of the following political persuasions to participate in periodic coverage of the upcoming Presidential Election:

1 Republican 1 Green

1 Democrat 1 Libertarian

1 Independent

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# Stuart Tolchin On... And Then One Day..

about a legend I have heard repeated so many stature challenged people lived munchkins in the film, the "Wizard of OZ" and after the conclusion of the film they settled in Sierra Madre because they villages. He was familiar with the legend but really could not confirm its truth.

Afteradayofpleasantpresentexchanging I googled Sierra Madre on my daughter's computer and read over the history of our pastoral utopian sanctuary. I found nothing about the existence of the "little people" but in the midst of information about the construction of libraries, churches, and Masonic Temples I noticed that in 1925 a Japanese community facility was constructed. I was surprised by this as I had never heard of a Japanese community existing within Sierra Madre. I continued reading about the town and came upon an interesting sentence. "On May 19, 1942 the entire Japanese Community of Sierra Madre was removed and relocated to Tulare County." That's right- people who had obviously lived here for decades were simply taken form their homes and placed in an internment camp.

internment camps existed in California. In fact I didn't know of their existence until I read the Karamatsu decision in my second year of law school. This decision, for those of you who are uninformed of this infamy, is the decision written I believe by Justice Black, the great defender of Constitutional Civil Rights, which found nothing wrong with the California Law requiring that Japanese people (Japanese-American people born here in the good ol' USA) be taken from

writing their homes and placed in detention this column on camps. Their property confiscated – all Christmas Day and for the crime of being born of Japanese all in all it's been a heritage. Forty one years ago I was very nice holiday. enraged in law school and now I'm This morning as I took my customary enraged again. Since law school I've read dawn walk around the canyon circle I about the detention camps and learned ran into a neighbor that has been living that friendly near-by Santa Anita was a up here for seventy years. I asked him distribution center where people were held, forced to live in stalls in the barn, many times. The story goes that Sierra sometimes for months until they were Madre Canyon was for a period of time moved elsewhere. I've seen the exhibits called "Little People's Village" because in the Japanese-American Museum on First Street in downtown LA and I've in the canyon. These people had been visited Manzanar on Highway 395. So it's brought over from Germany to play the not like I'm ignorant about it anymore, it's just that something about it taking place right here where I've lived the past thirty years has stabbed me like a knifewere reminded of their alpine European wound. My bubble has been pierced, the fairy tale is over.

> Surprise, people do terrible things to one another – and they do it over and over. What great conclusion can we draw from this? One of the painful statements made to me about my column was by an old girlfriend who told me to stop pretending that I was some sort of Wiseman – "You are not a Wiseman" she said. She's right, I am not a Wiseman, and most of us aren't. Anyway, what could a Wiseman say? Maybe something like, 'just do the best you can to be caring and loving and open but try not to close your eyes to the pain of this world - really it won't go away but do the best you can.'

> I don't know if this is wise or not – but let's at least notice what goes on around us and what's happened before and try not to make the same mistakes again - but keep our eyes open.

Well I feel a little better even though I'm more aware now that Sierra Madre Look, it's not like I didn't know that is just a part of the world and not an escape from it. Really, I know we're all attached to everything – maybe that's the message – what good we do in our lives permeates to the rest of the planet and might make it a better place. Let's at least try and follow the Hippocratic Oath and first do no harm. That's a good start and a good enough ending - I think.

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# LEGAL NOTICES

City of Sierra Madre

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To: Mountain Views Observer From: The City of Sierra Madre VARIANCE 07-04, 294 Old Ranch Road Subject: Applicant: Byron Banks

1422 Palm Street Altadena, CA 9001 The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the

Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider a request to construct an addition of 106 square feet to an existing residence at 294 Old Ranch Road, which will cause the residence to further encroach into required front and rear setbacks The proposed front yard of five feet, is less than the twenty-five required by Section 17.20.050 of the Municipal Code. The proposed rear yard of six feet nine inches feet is less than the fifteen required by S.M.M.C Section 17.20.057. The proposed side yards are existing nonconforming, and the project includes one uncovered parking space on the eastern side of the house.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre Planning Commission meeting Thursday, <u>January 17, 2008</u> (Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.)

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

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

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

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

**APPEAL:** The decision of the Planning Commission is subject to a 14 day appear period to the City Council. If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the Planning Commission in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Development Services Department at (626) 355-7135.

By Order of the Planning Commission,

Anne Browning McIntosh, AICP Interim Development Services Director City of Sierra Madre

COURTESY NOTICE of COMMUNITY MEETING AND SITE VISIT

on Saturday, January 19, 2008 To: Property Owners within a 1000 foot radius of either the proposed Stonehouse Project or the One Carter Project and All Persons Requesting Notice

The City of Sierra Madre From: **Subject:** Site Tour for the Stonehouse Project's proposed 22-lot subdivision; and Community Meeting

regarding Settlement Proposal affecting the **Stonehouse and One Carter Projects** 

SITE VISIT: Dorn-Platz, the project applicant, will host an escorted walking tour of the Stonehouse site for their proposed 22 lot residential subdivision at 1935 Stonehouse Road on Saturday, January 19, 2008.

At 9:00 am, a walking site tour will leave from the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Station located at 1901 Stonehouse Road, Sierra Madre, to walk the project area accessed from Stonehouse Road.

At 10:00 am, a walking site tour will begin at the project area accessed off of Grandview Avenue.

At 11:00 am, a walking site tour will begin at the project area accessed from Camillo Avenue.

Participants must be able to walk on the undeveloped private property, as no accommodations are available. There will be a shuttle to take people who are unable to walk the distance from one tour to the next. Hiking or sturdy shoes and clothes are appropriate for the tour.

**COMMUNITY MEETING**: Following the tours and a break, the Sierra Madre City Council will hold a special Community Meeting at the Search and Rescue Station, 1901 Stonehouse Road, Sierra Madre, CA 91024, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 **p.m.** to discuss the project, review the proposed litigation settlement and receive input from the public.

Please RSVP if you plan to participate in the escorted tour and the community meeting or to request a seat on the shuttle by contacting the Development Services Department at (626) 355-7135. For further information, please visit the City's website at <a href="http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/index.php?mod=stonehouse">http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/index.php?mod=stonehouse</a> or contact the Development Services Department at (626) 355-7135.

By order of the City Council,

Donna Butler,

Interim Director of Development Services

# LEGAL NOTICES

# 010801DS File No. 20080015793 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

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

ART NAILS 3100 E. Imperial Hwy L9 Lynwood, CA 90262.

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Ctii

3100 E. Imperial Hwy L9 Lynwood, CA 90262. 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 Jan 03, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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01/10; 01/17; 01/24 and 01/31, 2008 010801DS

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The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: 30312 CHESTER MORRISON WY

8300 Quimby St Paramount, CA 90723.

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) LOS DOS SIMIENTOS 8300 Quimby St Paramount, CA 90723. The business is conducted as: A CORPORATION. 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 Jan 03, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or

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#### 010803RC File No. 20072844994 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: 469 W. K ST

8300 Quimby St Paramount, CA 90723.

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) LOS DOS SIMIENTOS CORP 8300 Quimby St Paramount, CA 90723. 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 Dec 27, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or

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#### 010804M File No. 20072843687 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY FLEA MARKET, 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY SWAP MEET

17033 Lakewood Bellflower, CA 90706.

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Darryl Fisher 17033 Lakewood Blvd Bellflower, CA 90706. The business is conducted as: AN INDIVI-DUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Jan 03, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or

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010805M

#### File No. 20072767596 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: YUM YUM DONUTS FRANCHISE #9352

540 S. Gaffey St San Pedro, CA 90731.

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Elvira Gudino 1431 Cedar Ave Long Beach, CA 90813. The business is conducted as: AN INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Jan 03, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or

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or common law (See section 14411 at seq. Business and Profession Code) First filing: 01/10; 01/17; 01/24 and 01/31, 2008 010805M

# 010806M File No. 20080015016 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing EB COMPUTERS, INC, 4815 S. Santa Fe Ave

Vernon, CA 90058. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) EB COMPUTERS, INC. 4815 S. Santa Fe Ave Vernon, CA 90058. 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 Ångeles County on Jan 03, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business

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under the fictitious business name or

#### 010807RC File No. 20072856568 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: ALS CONCRETE CUTTING CORING

160 E. Pasadena St Pomona, CA 91767.

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Jack Cardona Armenta Jr. 160 E. Pasadena St Pomona, CA 91767. 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 Dec 28, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or

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#### 010808RC File No. 20072856960 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: NORWALK SEWING & VACUUM

14529 S. Pioneer Blvd Norwalk, CA 90650.

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) NORWALK VACUUM CLEANER & SEWING MACHINE, INC., 14529 S. Pioneer Blvd Norwalk, CA 90650. 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 Dec 28, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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#### 010809RC File No. 20080005422 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT The following person (s) is (are) doing

business as: CHARADES NIGHT CLUB 18530 Hatteras St #124 Tarzana, CA 91356.

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Steven Dyer 18530 Hatteras St #124 Tarzana, CA 913564.

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 Jan 02, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business

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#### 010810MG File No. 20080005815 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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

SHOLA 1133 Green St Glendale, CA 91205.

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) SHOLA, INC., 1133 Green St Glendale, CA 91205. 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 Jan 02, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above

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010811MG File No. 20080007244 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: UNIVERSAL INSURANCE 10054 Alondra Blvd Ste 203

Bellflower, CA 90706. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Elizabeth Gamez 10054 Alondra Blvd Ste 203 Bellflower CA 90706. 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 Jan 02, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above

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#### 010812RC File No. 20080006171 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person (s) is (are) doing UNIVERSAL SANDBLASTING

13969 Foster St Baldwin Park, CA 91706.

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Jesus H. Garcia Jr. and Maria M. Banuelos Garcia 13169 Foster St Baldwin Park, CA 91706. The business is conducted as: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. 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 Jan 02, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/02/2008.

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101/10; 01/17; 01/24 and 01/31, 2008 010812RC 520701RC File No. 20072833527 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

# The following person (s) is (are) doing

business as: J.D. X-RAY AND IMAGING CENTER 301 W. Lake Ave Ste 810 Pasadena, CA 91101.

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Joinda (U.S.A) Inc. 1203 S. Marguerita Ave. #I Alhambra, CA 91803.

he hue 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 a crime.) This statement filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Dec 26, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/05/1995.

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#### 520702RC File No. 20072833721 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing

business as: VIMAGRO JANITORIAL SERVICES Maywood, CA 90270.

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Delia Sanchez 4425 E. 57th St.

Maywood, CA 90270 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 Dec 26, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business

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520702RC 520703RC File No. 20072844994

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: MARTIN CLEANING CARPET 12723 Kalnor Ave

Norwalk, CA 90650. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Martin Rafael S. 12723 Kaľnor Ave Norwalk, CA 90650.

The business is conducted as: AN INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.)

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520703RC 520704RC File No. 20072843687

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: FRV GLASS AND MIRRORS

Lynwood, CA 90262. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Felix Ramos

11512 Virginia Ave

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Lynwood, CA 90262. The business is conducted as: AN INDIVI-DUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Dec 27, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business

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#### 520705RC File No. 20072767596 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT The following person (s) is (are) doing

business as: EL PESCADOR BAR & GRILL 501 E. Albertoni St Carson, CA 90745. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) El Pescador, Inc 8255 Firestone Blvd Ste 202 Downey, CA 90241.

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 Dec 27, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business

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name or names listed above.

520705RC

#### 520706RC File No. 20072843227 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as GREAT AMERICAN REAL ESTATE

& LOAN 11639 Bos St

Cerritos, CA 90703. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Paul Okeleke Osaji 11639 Bos St

Cerritos, CA 90703.
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 Dec27, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/01/2006.

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#### 520707MG File No. 20072845347 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT The following person (s) is (are) doing

business as: SUPERIOR DONUT 13532 Lakewood Blvd Bellflower, CA 90706. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Bunlak Lay and Soly Ouk 7224 Birch Tree Place

Fontana, CA 92336. 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 Dec 27, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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# 520707MG File No. 20072845347 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: SUPERIOR DONUT 13532 Lakewood Blvd Bellflower, CA 90706.

Full name of registrant (s) is (are)

Bunlak Lay and Soly Ouk 7224 Birch Tree Place Fontana, CA 92336. 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 Dec 27, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or

names listed above.

NOTICE-The Fictitious Name
Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 at seq. Business and Profession Code) First filing: 01/03; 01/10, 01/17 and 01/24, 2008 520707MG

#### 520708MG File No. 20072845049 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: VANITE HAIR IMPORTS AND SALON, VANITE HAIR IMPORTS, VANITE HAIR SALON 2425 Purdue Ave #303

Los Angeles, CA 90064. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Michael Williams 2425 Purdue Ave #303 Los Angeles, CA 90064.

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 Dec 27, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above 11/01/2006.

NOTICE-The Fictitious Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 at seq. Business and Profession Code) First filing: 01/03; 01/10, 01/17 and 01/24, 2008 520708MG

#### 520709MG File No. 20072845576 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: REAL ESTATE CONSUMER GROUP 15507 S. Normandie Ave #221 Gardena, CA 90247.

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Kruewan Spiva 1141 Teton Street

Gardena, CA 90247. 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 (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious

County on Dec 27, 2007. The registrant business name or names listed above. NOTICE-The Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 at Business and Profession Code)

First filing: 01/03; 01/10, 01/17 and 01/24, 2008 520709MG

#### 520710MG File No. 20072846082 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: CODE 3 MESSENGER SERVICE 4140 Workman Mill Road #78

Whittier, CA 90601. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Tom Leo Chavez 4140 Workman Mill Road #78

Whittier, CA 90601.
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 Dec 27, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. NOTICE-The Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 at seq. Business and Profession Code) First filing: 01/03; 01/10, 01/17 and 01/24, 2008

#### 520711MG File No. 20072844067 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT The following person (s) is (are) doing

business as: ELENA'S JUMPERS 7826 Puritan St Downey, CA 90242. Full name of registrant (s) is (are)

Aileen Laureano 7826 Puritan St Downey, CA 90242. 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 Dec 27, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. NOTICE-The Fictitious Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious

Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 at seq. Business and Profession Code)

First filing: 01/03; 01/10, 01/17 and 01/24, 2008 520711MG

520712MG File No. 20072844067 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: ALEGRE FOODS – THU LE 1750 East Ocean Blvd #1109 Long Beach, CA 90802

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Thu 9282 Oasis Ave

Westminster, CA 92683.
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 Dec 21. 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/16/2007.

Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 at seq. Business and Profession Code) First filing: 01/03; 01/10, 01/17 and 01/24, 2008

# FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

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

29038 Poppy Meadow St Canyon Country, CA 91387.

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Joseph S. Winter 29038 Poppy Meadow St Canyon Country, CA 91387. The business is conducted as: name or names listed above.

NOTICE-The Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, Anew Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 at seq. Business and

510702RC File No. 20072804705

STATEMENT The following person (s) is (are) doing

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Jeoffrey L. Maldonado, Harut Akseralyan and Luis Castellon 697 ½ E. 46th St Los Angeles, CA 90011. The business is conducted as: business under the fictitious business

name or names listed above. NOTICE-The Fictitious Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. Anew Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law See section 14411 at seq. Business and

STATEMENT

23611 Ronan Ave Carson, CA 90745. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Fabian Rodriguez 23617 Ronan Ave Carson, CA 90745. 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 Dec 18, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or

names listed above.

NOTICE-The Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. Anew Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal. State, or common law (See section 14411 at seq. Business and Profession Code) First filing: 12/22; 12/29, 2007; 01/05 and 01/12,

510703AU 510704AU File No. 20072761459 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

business as:

CA 90638. The business is conducted as: AN INDIVI-DUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Dec 17, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. NOTICE-The Fictitious Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. Anew Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law

PACIFIC CARPET CLEANING 13109 Woodridge Ave La Mirada, CA 90638.

NOTICE-The Fictitious Name

520712MG 510701RC File No. 20072804508

STATEMENT

INTERNATIONAL CHILE PEPPER CARTEL

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 Dec 20, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business

Profession Code) First filing: 12/22; 12/29, 2007; 01/05 and 01/12,

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

SEVEN 42, SEVEN42 CLOTHING, SEVEN 42 APPAREL 697 ½ E. 46th St Los Angeles, CA 90011.

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 Dec 20, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact

Profession Code) First filing: 12/22; 12/29, 2007; 01/05 and 01/12,

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

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Ron Putt 13109 Woodridge Ave La Mirada,

MountainViews-Observer 37 N. Auburn Avenue #7 Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024 Office: 626.836.5100 Fax: 626.609.3285 **WWW.MV0bserver.com** 

# LEGAL NOTICES

(See section 14411 at seq. Business and Profession Code) First filing: 12/22; 12/29, 2007; 01/05 and 01/12.

51705MG File No. 20072767596 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: SOUTH BAY BUMPER REPAIR

115 W. Market St #5

Long Beach, CA 90805.
Full name of registrant (s) is (are)
Wareen Jack Anderson 115 W.
Market St #5 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 De 17, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/17/2007.

Fictitious NOTICE-The Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 at seq. Business and Profession Code) First filing: 12/22; 12/29, 2007; 01/05 and 01/12, 2008 510705MG

#### 510706MG File No. 06-20072766561 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: N AND G ENTERPRISES

1851 Strathmore Ave San Gabriel, CA 91776.

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Nick A. Losoya 1851 Strathmore Ave San Gabriel, CA 91776. 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 Dec17, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

listed above on 06/10/2007. NOTICE-The Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 at seq. Business and Profession Code) First filing: 12/22; 12/29, 2007; 01/05 and 01/12,

# 510707MG File No. 06-20072756306 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: HENEAR, SETEPO, MOZU

21027 Quail Run Dr. Walnut, CA 91789. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Muli Suryadinata 21027 Quail Run Dr Walnut, CA 91789. 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 Dec 14, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or

names listed above.
NOTICE-The Fictitious NOTICE-The Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 at seq. Business and Profession Code) First filing: 12/22; 12/29, 2007; 01/05 and 01/12, 2008 510707 AU

510707AU 510708MG File No. 20072767603 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME The following person (s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious

BUMPER RESCUE 115 W. Market St #5

Long Beach, CA 90805. The name of registrant(s) is (are) Warren Anderson 115 W. Market St #5 Long Beach, CA 90805. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 10/11/2006. Original File #2006-0602263260. 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 Dec 17, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) ended to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

listed above on 12/17/2007 NOTICE-The Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 at seq. Business and Profession Code) First filing: 12/22; 12/29, 2007; 01/05 and 01/12, 2008 510708MG

510709MM File No. 06-20072732393 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: MEDRANO ASSOCIATES-SHAKLEE DISTRIBUTORS

492 N. Garfield Ave Montebello, CA 90640.

Montebello, CA 90040.
Full name of registrant (s) is (are)
Martir A. Martir A. Medrano 492
N. Garfield Ave Montebello, CA
90640. 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 Dec 12, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above 12/12/2007.

NOTICE-The Fictitious Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 at seq. Business and Profession Code) First filing: 12/22; 12/29, 2007; 01/05 and 01/12,

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500701MG File No. 20072705779 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME The following person (s) is (are) doing

business as: FAST-FIX JEWELRY REPAIR 346 Lakewood Center Dr Lakewood, CA 90712.

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Carlos A. Ramirez 346 Lakewood Center Dr Lakewood, CA 90712. The business is conducted as: AN INDIVIDUAL. 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 Dec 10, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

listed above 12/07/2007. NOTICE-The Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 at seq. Business and

Profession Code) First filing: 12/15; 12/22; 12/29, 2007 and 01/05, 500701MG

500702AU File No. 20072706298 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: SANCHEZ AUTO CENTER 7474 Firestone Blvd

Downey, CA 90241. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) SANCHEZ AUTO CENTER, LLC 7474 Firestone Blvd Downey, CA 90241. The business is conducted as: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Dec 10, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or

names listed above.

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

12/15; 12/22; 12/29, 2007 and 01/05, 2008 500702AU

500703AU File No. 20072704413 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT The following person (s) is (are) doing

business as: COMPTONGUTTER RECORDS

625 W. Laurel St Compton, CA 90220. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Gregory Acklin 625 W. Laurel St Compton, CA 90220. The business is conducted as: AN INDIVI-DUAL. 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 Dec 10, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or

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

12/15; 12/22; 12/29, 2007 and 01/05, 500703AU

500704AU File No. 20072704216 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing NATIONAL BUSINESS SUPPLIERS 11100 Sepulveda Blvd

Mission Hills, CA 91345. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Shannon Geason 11100 Sepulveda Blvd Mission Hills, CA 91345. The business is conducted as: AN INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information is the statement in 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 Dec 10, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business

name or names listed above. NOTICE-The Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 at seq. Business and

Profession Code) First filing: 12/15; 12/22; 12/29, 2007 and 01/05,

500705AU File No. 20072704308 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT The following person (s) is (are) doing

business as:

GENARO'S UPHOLSTERY 11411 Paramount Blvd Downey, CA 90241.

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Genaro De La Rosa 11411 Paramount Blvd Downey, CA 90241. 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 De 10, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

NOTICE-The Fictitious Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 at seq. Business and Profession Code) First filing: 12/15; 12/22; 12/29, 2007 and 01/05,

500706MG File No. 06-20072705257 **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME** The following person (s) is (are) doing

NETWORK-ONE INTENATIONAL DOCUMENT SIGNING SERVICE 6709 La Tijera Blvd #130

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) NETWORK-ONE INTERNATIONAL, INC., 6709 La Tijera Blvd #130 Los Angeles, CA 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 Dec10, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business

The following person (s) is (are) doing

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Juan Carlos Cisneros 3845 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St Los Angeles, CA 90063. 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 Dec 10, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or

names listed above.
NOTICE-The Fictitious

The following person (s) is (are) doing

Los Angelss, CA 90035.

information in this statement is true as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.)
This statement was filed with the

names listed above 12/10/2007. NOTICE-The Fictitious

Name 2008

business as: N E T W O R K - O N E I N T E R N A T I O N A L INVESTIGATIONS, NETWORK-ONE INTERANTIONAL TRAVEL,

Los Angeles, CA 90045.

under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/10/1992. NOTICE-The Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 at seq. Business and Profession Code) First filing: 12/15; 12/22; 12/29, 2007 and 01/05,

500707MG File No. 06-20072705517 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

CISNEROS 99 CENTS DISCOUNT

3845 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St Los Angeles, CA 90063.

Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 at seq. Business and Profession Code) First filing: 12/15; 12/22; 12/29, 2007 and 01/05

500708AU File No. 20072706686
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
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business as: CARDINALE'S TRAVEL 1420 S. Bedford St Ste 306

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Stefania Roberts 1420 S> Bedford St Ste 306 Los Angeles, CA 90035. The business is conducted as: AN INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all and correct. (A registrant who declares County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Dec 10, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or

Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 at seq. Business and Profession Code) First filing: 12/15; 12/22; 12/29, 2007 and 01/05, 500708AÚ

500709AU File No. 20072743556 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

**STATEMENT** The following person (s) is (are) doing

business as: EDEN NAIL SPA SALON 1251 N. Grand Ave Walnut, CA 91789.

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Van Nguyen 1251 N. Grand Ave Walnut, CA 91789. 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 a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Dec 13, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above

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500710EN File No. 20072731685 STATEMENT OF
ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person (s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious name: ANGELA'S 99c PLUS

7301 S. Compton Ave #8 Compton, CA 90001. The name of registrant(s) is (are)

Guillermo Lana and Reymundo Rincon 3732 Weik Ave Bell, CA 90201. The business was conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 01/31/2006. Original File #2006-060229973. 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 Dec 12, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) ended to transact business under

the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/12/2007
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business as: ZAMBRANO'S PAINTING SERVICE 4651 E. 60<sup>th</sup> St #d

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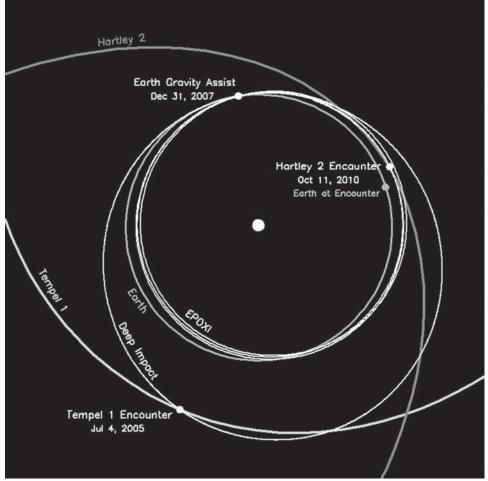
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# Deep Impact Spacecraft Zoomed Past Earth On New Year's Eve

Photo by Aaron Dominguez

THIS NEW YEAR'S EVE, a team of space scientists based at the University of Maryland celebrated a holiday in a way that few can match, when their Deep Impact spacecraft "buzzed" the Earth on a flyby that marked the completion of one mission and the beginning of a new journey that will take the craft out to comet Hartley 2 over the next  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years.



After its encounter with Tempel 1 (green arc), the Deep Impact spacecraft, now called EPOXI, continued in its orbit (yellow ellipse) around the sun that will bring it past Earth late this year. Along the way, there have been some trajectory correction maneuvers (TCMs) to adjust the spacecraft's path so that after the flyby it will be in an orbit (white circles) that will intersect with comet Hartley 2 (red arc) in 2010. During the flyby, the spacecraft will experience a gravity assist from Earth (blue circle) that will steal some of the orbital energy from the spacecraft, changing its orbit from the yellow path to the white one. Additional Earth flybys in 2008 and 2009 will refine the orbit even further.

2007 Earth Flyby Image Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech/UMD/GSFC/Tony Farnham

In 2005, the Deep Impact team, led by Maryland astronomer Michael A'Hearn, celebrated July 4th by smashing a probe into comet Tempel 1 to give the world its first look inside a comet.

The trip to Hartley 2 is one part of a new two-part mission for the team and its Deep Impact spacecraft. During the first six months of the journey, the Extrasolar Planet Observations and Characterization (EPOCh) mission team will use the larger of the two telescopes on the Deep Impact spacecraft to search for Earth-sized planets around five stars selected as likely candidates for such planets. Upon arriving at the comet, the Deep Impact eXtended Investigation (DIXI) team will conduct an extended flyby of Hartley 2 using all three of the spacecraft's instruments (two telescopes with digital color cameras and an infrared spectrometer).

The team is using the flyby of Earth to calibrate the spacecraft's instruments for the new mission and to "slingshot" it on the way toward Hartley 2.

On December 29, two days before its close flyby of Earth, the Deep Impact flyby spacecraft made observations of the moon to calibrate its instruments for its new mission. Some calibrations are obtainable only on a bright, large source like the

More information about the mission can be found on the University of Maryland's Newsdesk Web site: http://www.newsdesk.umd.edu/scitech/release. cfm?ArticleID=1564

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A COMET-PROBING SPACECRAFT LIKE DEEP IMPACT would have been unthinkable just 50 years ago, when the United States was scrambling to launch its first orbiting satellite in response to the Soviet Union's Sputnik I on October 4, 1957. I was reminded of this last night while watching a PBS NOVA episode on the space race of the 1950s, "Sputnik Declassified." Looking back from my 21<sup>st</sup>-century perspective, it seems incredible that no one in that era could see what was happening as anything more than a victory for "their side" or "our side." They could not see it as a coming-of-age for the human race as a whole, nor could they have foreseen that in just 50 years an American and a Russian would be having dinner together in an International Space Station, looking down on their common "home planet."

Writing this on the first day of 2008, I look forward to a year rich in new discoveries in space and astronomy. One upcoming milestone in planetary outreach will occur on May 25, when the Phoenix spacecraft is scheduled to land near the north pole of Mars—carrying the first library (courtesy of the Pasadena-based Planetary Society) to another planet.

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By the dawn's grey light Not much is happening yet But it's just begun.

The sunrise etches, In exquisite reds and blues, Horizons of light.

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If you'd like to learn more, you can contact Bob at <u>b.eklund@mvobserver.com</u>.

(The poems in this column are from the book "First Star I See Tonight" and the forthcoming book "Winds Aloft," and are copyrighted by Robert L. Eklund.)

The Mountain Clymer By Kim Clymer-Kelley Calamity Jane (Pt.2)

My propensity for somehow getting myself into somewhat humorous but detrimental circumstances continued to plague me throughout my life, eventually following me up to the pack station. It is not a good blight to have upon you in such surroundings. The potential for disaster is everywhere when dealing with large animals and when living and

working in the forest. The first time this curse came to haunt me at the station really took me by surprise. We had just returned from packing some stuff into the canyon and were unsaddling the animals and putting them away for the day. While Xoxa and I were busy with one of the other animals, the mammoth donkey, Bonnie, who is an extremely clever animal and nearly 800 pounds, managed to until herself from the hitching rail (she was very good at that) and then headed out of the gate and into the picnic grove. We frequently, for various reasons, ended up having to chase escapees around the flats to bring them home where they belonged. It was kind of a game with them, and they surrendered easily...usually. On this particular day, Bonnie stopped right outside out gate and began grazing on a little hillside along the paved path between the station parking lot and the public restrooms just outside the gate. I walked out the gate and approached her slowly, sweet talking her as I neared, in hopes that she would not take off running. She did not. I went around to her left side, which fortunately was on the uphill side of the hill, and took hold of her lead rope that hung from her halter. She nudged me with her nose, I petted it and continued to talk to her as I tried to lead her forward off the hill and onto the path below. I think to show me who was in charge here, she leaned her neck into me and gave me a little push and then started to turn in my direction pushing me along with her as she turned. I ended up on her downhill side leaning most of my weight into her trying to keep from getting pushed too hard and forced into taking an off-balance step downhill that would further injure my already badly damaged knees. As I leaned into her, she gave me one more hard nudge that sent me down the hill and crashing onto the walkway below, landing on my side and bumping my head. With my weight suddenly gone from her side, she lost her balance and she too toppled over and landed right on top of me. Every vertebrae in my back cracked loudly as she landed on me, and every bit of air was knocked from my lungs. I tried to take a breath but her weight on me made It nearly impossible. Fortunately I took in enough to scream. "Get her off of me!!!" No one heard. I took another breath. "HELP!!! Xoxa!!!! GET HER OFF OF ME!!!" Unfortunately (in this case anyway), Bonnie has a habit of freezing when she feels that she is in an undesirable situation...a habit that has saved her when things go wrong on the trail, but not a good one to have at this moment. Any time when she had fallen while packing, she would just lie perfectly still and sweat profusely until someone could help her out of danger. I had always been grateful for that habit, but now, since I had an 800 pound sweaty donkey on my back, I sure wished that she would make an exception to her rule from time to time. I continued screaming for help as loud as I could with so little air in my lungs. Finally Xoxa, who was engaged in conversation with a station visitor at the other end of the parking lot, heard me. They both came running. They analyzed the situation trying to figure out which direction they should pull her so that she would not end up stepping on me as she got to her feet. "She's squishing me!!!" I said in a panic with my back cracking a little more as I exhaled each word. They grabbed Bonnie's rope and pulled at her. She refused to budge, but rather just sat motionless on my back and continued to sweat. The visitor went around behind her and gave her a swat on the butt as Xoxa continued to pull her rope forward and to the side a bit to direct her

safely off of me. Finally, she slowly took her weight off of my back and got to her feet. I got up slowly, took a deep breath and assessed the damage. My ribs hurt when I breathed deep, the palms of my hands were skinned, my head had a huge knot on it, and my clothing was soaked with donkey sweat. I'm not sure how long she would have laid there on me had she not been coaxed to her feet. I was fortunate that there were people around to help. It seems like someone must be watching over me and giving me just enough rope to allow me to get into trouble so that I learn the lessons I need to learn without doing too much harm

to myself, Another time that someone had to have been keeping an eye on me was when I decided to test out my new saddle I had purchased at an auction. It was an Australian saddle...kind of a cross between the formal English saddles that I had always ridden as a child and the western ones I used at the station. The Aussie saddles have a horn so I could wrap the donkey's lead rope around it, but the rest of the saddle's design is more like the that of an English saddle...lighter and with shorter stirrups so that I could ride in the English style of riding that I enjoyed. It was the best of both worlds. Unfortunately when I purchased it, it was missing the cinch strap...the strap that passes under the horse's belly and holds the saddle tightly on the horse's back. Since Australian saddles are somewhat hard to come by and are a little different than the English saddles, it was a piece that was difficult to find in the local tack store. I had to buy an English cinch and make some alterations. I trimmed a little off of each side of the end of the strap to make it narrow enough to fit through the buckles that were smaller than those on an English saddle, and I had to poke a few extra holes in the strap that was slightly too long...quite clever and handy of me, I thought. To test out the new saddle, I decided to use it for a short trip into the canyon that I had to make with the pack string. I saddled my horse Jake (an adorable but somewhat high strung flea-bit grey Arab) and a few of the donkeys, loaded their saddle bags, and headed into the canyon. After a short while, I noticed that the saddle had been pulled a little to one side by the donkey's constant tugging on the lead rope I had wrapped around the horn. I held the horn and rocked my body to the side to straighten it out and continued down the road. Again the saddle worked its way over to one side and again I had to stop to adjust it. The entire trip down the hill and into to the canyon was spent making adjustments to the saddle every few minutes...it got really annoying. By the time I reached my destination, I was fed up and the saddle was leaning way off to one side once again. I pulled up along side a big pile of boulders to dismount, but before doing so, with frustration and irritation motivating me, I grabbed the horn once again and jerked my body sideways as hard as I could to straighten out the severely tilting saddle. As I did so, the saddle spun completely around Jake's mid-section dumping me on the adjacent boulders, but, leaving my foot still lodged in the stirrup Startled by me being dumped to the ground, Jake bolted sideways a step dragging me with him and off of the rocks. As I thumped to the ground, he noticed that he had something following him and hanging from him, which only served to startle him more, so he continued to dance around nervously as I tried to free my foot. Finally my shoe came off, releasing me from the stirrup. I stood up, grabbed my shoe and Jake's reins and calmed him down enough to get the saddle off of him so that I could resaddle and cinch him up better. Aside from a few bruises, I was unscathed but was very glad that there was no one around to witness that calamity...I would never have lived it down. It certainly served to teach me to take a deep breath before taking action...especially when large animals are involved.

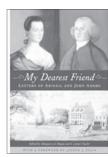
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# The Book Reports By Jeff Brown

### My Dearest Friend: Letters of Abigail and John Adams

by Abigail Adams, John Adams, Joseph J. Ellis, and Margaret A. Hogan (2007)



The relationship between one of early America's most important couples is chronicled in this book with more than 1,100 letters written over a 40-year time span. It begins with the 1762 courtship letter to the 17 year-old Abigail from 26 year old John Adams, and ends with the last surviving letter plus one final letter by John about Abigail's death in 1818 to his son, John Qunicy Adams. Nearly every letter is printed as it was written. The letters give modern Americans an extraordinarily personal view of our country's founding. The letters are personal, yet also deal with national and world issues. Hogan states, "You really get a sense of what

it was really like during the Revolution, emotionally, physically, and intellectually," A wonderful look back to the beginning of our country. The book was a two-year project of editors who are from the Massachusetts Historical Society, where the Adams Papers are kept.

#### The Dirt on Clean: An Unsanitized History

by Katherine Ashenburg (2007)

She spent 4 years of research and looked thru many journals, travel diaries and other accounts for an historical and cross cultural look at habits of cleanliness. There are vast cultural differences and approaches. The early Egyptians were very clean. The Romans scraped their skin to clean it. During the Renaissance, kings and queens rarely bathed? Early Christians saw bathing as a form of hedonism. The French always liked strong odors in food and in bodies. Most people didn't use soap until the late 19th century? Ellis Island was full of showers to teach the new immigrants cleanliness. Cleanliness is next to godliness, an American



saying. Different groups have more sweat glands. Perfume preferences changed. Americans, writes Ashenburg, were as filthy as their European cousins before the Civil War, but the Union's success in controlling disease through hygiene convinced the citizens that cleanliness was patriotic and progressive. An interesting and fun to read book!

Recommended by Jack Reacher

The Most Dangerous Animal: Human Nature and the Origins of War by David Livingstone Smith.

This book looks into the psychological, evolutionary, and anthropological reasons why war has continued to exist as a human compulsion. We are very social, the struggle is over limited resources, and one way to do it is to kill the competition. We are more ready to do damage to people outside what we think is our own group. In the 20th century alone, humans killed over 100 million of their own

We must see ourselves as we are if there is to be any hope to change this behavior. An honest and thoughtful look at ourselves. The author is a Professor and co-founder of the Institute of Cognitive Science and Evolutionary Psychology at the University of New England.

For Book or DVD recommendations email me at Jeffspics1@gmail.com

### Scene One - Take One DVD Review

The Amazing Mrs. Pritchard (2006)

In this recent BBC miniseries, supermarket manager Ros Pritchard, who is fed up with politicians, runs for Parliament, captures the votes of a disillusioned populace, wins, and eventually is elected Prime Minister. Like a English version of West Wing. Fast paced, interesting and a look into British politics.



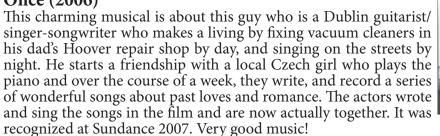
#### Freedom Writers (2007)



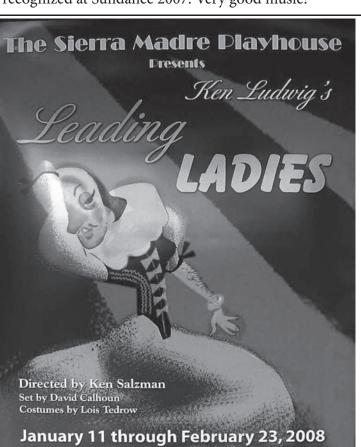
This is a moving drama based on true events. Hilary Swank stars as a teacher who inspires her troubled students. While studying works such books as *The Diary of Anne Frank*, and knowing that her students have a story to tell, she encourages them to keep a daily journal of their thoughts, and difficult lives. After sharing their stories with each other, they see their shared experience for the first time and open up to the idea that there are hopeful possibilities in life. Scott Glenn, Imelda Staunton and Patrick Dempsey co-star. Very good from a best selling book!!

Recommended by Dave at 300 West Salon

Once (2006)







English actors Jack and Leo are down to doing Shakespeare on the Pennsylvania Moose Lodge circuit when they hear that a dying matron is seeking her two long-lost English relatives to inherit her fortune. The opportunity is perfect-until they learn the relatives are her nieces.

Ticket Prices: Adults: \$20 Seniors 65+: \$17 Students under

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#### BIRD'S EYE VIEW By Pat Birdsall

# Jack Frost Comes a Nipping

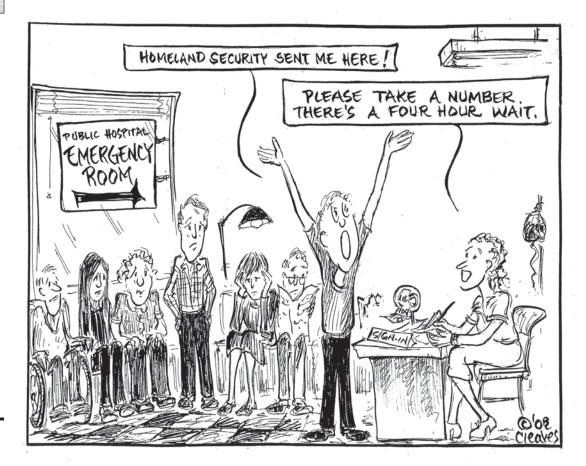
On New Year's Day the television news stations ran the obligatory stories—the first baby born, the Rose Parade, the Polar Bear Club. The Polar Bear Club! Yikes... These people dive into 32 degree water with air temperatures about the same. It can't be just a coincidence that the Psychiatrists of America hold their annual convention at the same time could it? I think Jack Frost is nibbling more than just

Personally, I don't need a scientific weather report or validation from Dallas Raines to tell me that the temperatures are plummeting. "Plummeting," by Southern California standards of course. It's a cold winter to me when I get out the seldom-used flannel sheet set from the top shelf of my linen closet. They are in wonderful condition as I only seem to use them every four years or so. The design is so "yesterday," but who cares? They feel wonderful! As I have mentioned before, as long as I remember not to wear my flannel pajamas while slipping in between flannel sheets, I'm okay. I'm convinced that that's how Velcro came into being.

My house was built in 1924 and has no insulation, no central heat or air and no fireplace. (That sentence would send a shudder down a real estate salesperson's spine wouldn't it?) What it does have is a wall heater. I'm sure the flooring material is a little worn right in front of it because that's where I stand while warming myself. That's if the cats don't beat me to it. This is also the time of year that I look forward to taking toasty warm items from the clothes dryer and just hold them for awhile. Ahhh... Grabbing a hot zipper can sure ruin the moment though. I still have the scar tissue from the last time I did that.

Well, the conveyor belt of life is moving along at a fast clip. We have enjoyed/ endured Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Now, Hallmark Cards, the FTD Florists and the See's Candy Company are all waiting in the wings to guarantee that we have a guilt-free and blissful Valentine's Day.

Happy New Year!





# From the Inside Out

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# Nibbling For The New Year....

Looking back ... Looking ahead ... What changes will this new year bring?

Around the world there are all kinds of food customs that address and support our body's fuel intake needs ... early breakfast, the 10 am coffee / pastry break, 1 pm lunch, 4 pm nibble, the citified cocktail hour, and, in some cultures, dinner at 10

With all the eating I've been (not) doing, what's coming up for me is digestion. Twice in the last month my stomach has rebelled at what I've put in it. I'm starting to pay more attention, because my health starts with my digestion. Since I'm a "fundamentalist" who makes changes slowly, changing my eating patterns, especially while "cooking for two" plus "fitting in" to corporate work schedules, is a big challenge.

Too, there remains some early imprinting from an airline executive decades ago. He didn't understand why he was gaining so much weight ... he only ate one meal day - dinner - (just coffee for breakfast and lunch.) Like him, I've noticed that it's too easy to "get busy" on the computer as soon as I get up, which leads to skipping breakfast so I can "finish up just one more thing" before going on to the rest of the day - which sometimes leads to skipping lunch (I know better!) and thus a huge hunger by dinner - if I last that long.

During my nine years as a university food service manager, I and my body loved staff meal-times. Breakfast - 6 am; Lunch, 10:30 am; Dinner, 4:00 pm (student service started at 6:45 am, 11:15 am and 4:45 pm.) Just about the time I got the afternoon munchies, a meal break was scheduled so all staff could eat freshly prepared, from scratch, real food.

Now, if I use my crockpot wisely, we could eat between 4 and 5 pm instead of my 7 pm lovingly prepared from scratch dinner. No matter how I hustle, it takes me about an hour to clean fresh fruits and veggies; and then cook them (I know, I know ... Fresh veggies are the mantra, not cooked ones. But I like my food warm!) And, while I am comfy with fresh veggies lightly cooked in clear stock, my other half grumpfs if dinner isn't more "solid." Since we're taking natural health classes together, and this info is coming from someone other than me, his shifting awareness is giving me more flexibility and support for change - but it's still a challenge for me to change a lifetime of dinnertime preferences.

The most recent trigger for this proposed change? "Digestion stops at 9 pm." Ulp! That means any of my lovingly prepared dinner that hasn't yet been processed by 9 pm "stops in place" for about 10 hours, doing not so healthy things in my gut overnight, leaving me inadvertently imitating that overweight airline executive. Timing is everything, they say.

So my challenge for the coming year is revamping healthy dinners for two. Reducing portions a tad, increasing freshness, keeping the warmth and comfort I need, selecting more easily digestible ingredients. Better digestive enzyme support. Sometimes, you know, this "from the inside out" stuff is a real toughie. Anyone else want to "weigh in" on this?

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# TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

### Everyone's A Critic - Part 1

So I felt pretty bad about missing the last Observer get together, it was a party for the Sierra Madre Fourth of July Celebration. Our editor, Susan Henderson, had this great idea that we were all going to REPRESENT the paper by jamming into a car and having our own float. I had my own car in the parade and figured, why share? Well, the guilt never left me and so, when I was invited to this paper's Holiday Party, I figured this was the time to make an appearance and make 'nice' with my fellow staffers. One thing is for sure, there are a lot of critics out there. "Peter, how come you haven't done this or checked out that; or Peter, I have a friend that owns a restaurant; Peter, there are many great restaurants in Arcadia; how come ......" Okay, I get it now, and have a new list that's a mile long. So stick with us here at the paper and we will continue to offer un-biased reporting and reviews.

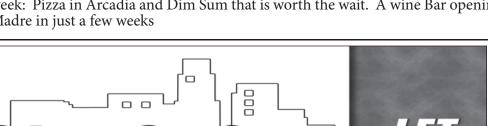
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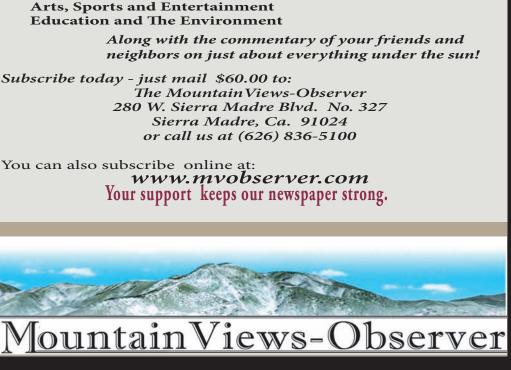
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# SPORTS

# Back Page Journal



# JUST SAY NO

By Brad Eastland, Sports Editor

I think TiVo has ruined basketball for me. Not college basketball. Don't watch it. When

I look at those sweet, blotchy, adolescent faces it makes me wish I, too, was young enough to have skin that blotchy. So I can't watch. No, I'm talking about the pros. The NBA. I've always loved the NBA,

all the way back to when Elgin Baylor was my hoops hero and the Lakers got my hopes up every year before losing to the Celtics. It was just part of growing up....sort of like tooth decay, or being made fun of in the shower in 7th grade by the 9th graders.

Over the years I ignored what people were saying about pro basketball, like how bad the officiating was and how they never called traveling, and how the superstars always get the calls slanted in their favor and it's on purpose. Bunk, I'd say. Nobody wants to hear that one of their favorite sports is structured as to be deliberately unfair, or that neither the players nor the officials are even competent. I was in denial.

Then I got TiVo. And the twin illusions of competence and fairness came tumbling down like a house of marked cards.

I started out innocently enough. Harmless experimentation. I'd fastforward through commercials. I'd push the 6-second-rewind button for an especially good shot. I'd employ the stop-action feature to slowly lower a ball into the basket, then push reverse to take the ball out of the basket, then push pause to freeze the moment and indeed Time itself, boldly declaring to no one at all, "This shot has not yet gone in. The score shall not change lest I decree it shall change. For I am master of this hardwood universe, and I alone control what transpires within this sweaty dimension." Naturally I started worrying about myself. But fellow TiVo-ers assured me I was fine, nothing to worry about. All harmless dalliances. It was all good.

I didn't know it, but I was hooked.

Soon I started experimenting with the harder stuff. Slow-motion. And I discovered that everything they were saying about pro basketball all these years was true. Everyone travels. Everyone carries the ball over. Everyone slides or even flat-out changes their pivot foot. All the time! It got to the point where I was slowing down every possession to see how many steps a guy would take on his way to the basket. Two, three, sometimes as many as four steps when you're only supposed to get one and a half. Was I hallucinating???

Which brings me to the other problem. Why don't pro refs call this stuff? In college, you so much as twitch your pivot foot and three whistles immediately rain down their disdain on you.

And the fouls! TiVo taught me that an offensive player must nearly commit manslaughter to pick up a charging foul. And I don't mean borderline calls, I'm talking about when a guy slashes into the lane and runs over a guy who is motionless and in position in plenty of time and the whistle blows and the ref calls blocking with a straight face, while the defensive player gets this look on his face like his rectal constipation has just taken a turn for the worse.

And yes, the superstars always get the call. With one notable exception. Kobe Bryant. I'm convinced that NBA referees have it in for the Kobester. He's the only superstar who is not allowed to drive the lane like a drunken schoolboy on a Friday night. Maybe it's backlash over that alleged rape thing in Colorado. Maybe they think he's too good, like with Wilt Chamberlain, and they figure like with Wilt if they called every legit foul committed against his person he'd shoot 35 free throws a game. I don't know. But TiVo has proven to me that I'm right.

Finally, there's my pet peeve in pro basketball, more obvious than ever thanks to TiVo technology; the head-fake-jump-forward play. You know the play I mean? If you head-fake a guy into the air it apparently means that you can jump forward and right into him, sometimes head first, and he gets called for the foul. It's so ridiculous! No matter how many times I hit the 6-second-rewind button, the call still gets blown. Which is impossible.

Which means that at least some of the incompetence in pro basketball isn't incompetence at all. It's actual POLICY. Yes, we've all been betrayed.

But even though I now know all this, I can't stop. I can't stop slowmotioning the head-fake-jump-into-the-airborne-guy plays. I can't stop replaying the traveling non-calls. I can't stop stop-action. I can't stop hitting the 6-second-rewind button. I can't stop the madness.

Don't wind up like me. Quit. Quit today. Quit cold turkey, it's the only way. You must find the courage somewhere deep inside your bowels to put the remote away when there's basketball on, reject TiVo, and stop. Just stop. Or you'll sink into the slow-motion abyss forever.

What you should use TiVo for is old westerns. The fight scenes. Slow 'em down with TiVo sometime. You'll be amazed at how far those punches miss

Got any local sports stories or cool sports observations for me?: b.eastland@ mvobserver.com



## IN A WORLD OF HORSE WHISPERERS, MEET THE 'LEATHER WHISPERER':

Story and Photo By Brad Eastland

When Eddie Logan was born on May 2, 1910, William Howard Taft was President, Ty Cobb was playing center field for the Tigers, World War I wasn't even on the Kaiser's radar screen, and the Titanic was still two years away from going down.

Now here it is 97 years later and Eddie is still with us. But even more amazingly, he still shows up for work every day at Santa Anita Park, where he holds court as the Arcadia racetrack's premier shoeshine attendant, a job he has held since the track opened on Christmas Day 1934.

Anybody out there know anyone else who has held down the same job for 73 years?



Santa Anita Legend Eddie Logan

"I don't recall ever missing a work day," says the irrepressible Logan, barely five feet tall but still spry, with a bounce in his step to match his still-strong handshake grip. "I was taught that if you say you're going to do something you better damn well do it."

Last Saturday at Santa Anita was a big day for Eddie. One of the featured races was the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Eddie Logan Stakes" for two-year-olds going a mile on the grass. Yankee Bravo, a handsome dark brown son of Yankee Gentleman, came from last place and thundered his way down the stretch to win going away, but the star of the race---and the day---was clearly Eddie himself. When track announcer Trevor Denman informed the crowd that the man presenting the trophy to Yankee Bravo's owners had been shining shoes on site for the last 73 years, a collective gasp was followed by a burst

Eddie bumped into Charles H. Strub in a shoeshine shop in Pasadena in 1932. "I'm building a new track, Eddie," said Strub, a dentist, adding that he wanted Eddie to work there. Two years later, when Santa Anita was finally finished and ready to go, he told Eddie, "I got you!" --- and over 100,000 pairs of expertly shined shoes later Eddie is still there, plying his trade. "Old Doc Strub spent five thousand dollars to build my shoeshine stand and get me the right equipment. That was big money back then!" Eddie says through his trademark huge grin.

Eddie admittedly doesn't remember names or faces as well as feet. But he remembers everything about one Charles S. Howard, the man who owned the legendary Seabiscuit: "Mister Howard had good leather," affirms Eddie, adding, as if he just shined them yesterday and not seven decades ago, With good leather, sometimes you only use water around the edges. You don't wash the tops. His shoes, I just cleaned 'em dry on top, then cream and wax."

A bit of a local legend himself, Eddie has developed a well-earned reputation as a quipster and purveyor of useful sayings. His favorite is, "Keep your mouth shut your eyes open and you might learn something." Fellow track employees are understandably fond of quoting Eddie. Another favorite of his co-workers is particularly relevant to his horse-obsessed clientele: "Don't wear your dress shoes into the horse's stall." Good advice.

But at the core of what makes Eddie Eddie is love of job and pride in craft. He understands that no two peoples' feet are the same. How does he know to shine one person's shoes differently from another? "The leather tells me," he says.

And he's still a bargain. The man charged \$2.50 a pair back in '34, yet only charges \$5 bucks today. So make sure to leave him a nice tip. Maybe he'll throw you back a quote or a quip you can use the rest of your life.

When asked about the secret of his longevity, Eddie was quick to reply: "I like horsemen. I like all the owners and trainers. They treat me good and with respect. My job keeps me young."

But nobody lives forever. So if you get the chance, get on over to Santa Anita and have the man they call "the foot man" take a crack at

your best pair of leather shoes. You'd better hurry. In thirty or forty years, he might not be with us anymore....

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