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## Shollenberger Returns To City Hall

By Dean Lee

The city council took a long awaited step Tuesday night, settling a controversy that has been plaguing the city for a couple of years. Nancy Shollenberger, the elected city clerk for the last 24 years, will again resume the responsibility of recording the minutes for council meetings as required by state law, but not before a heated debate over how much she should be paid.

After failing to come to consensus several times, the council finally agreed, with Mayor Enid Joffe casting the deciding vote, to pay Shollenberger \$650 a month stipend for her clerical duties, including the minutes. She would also receive \$250 a month and \$6,500 for overseeing each election. This is the same amount that was paid under previous administrations.

With a role call vote, and with Council member Don Watts abstaining, Council members John Buchanan and Kurt Zimmerman voted in favor of the motion. Council member Joe Mosca voted “nay” and the tension could be felt as the 75 residents in the chambers held their breath. Joffe nodded her head saying, “Aye,” and the meeting suddenly erupted in celebration.

Zimmerman said he would also allocate his stipend of \$250 to Shollenberger bringing her monthly total to \$1,150. Zimmerman has never accepted the \$250 since being elected. By so doing, the city clerk will be paid the amount she originally asked of the council several years earlier.

Shollenberger thanked the residents for supporting her and after a quick discussion with City Attorney Sandra Levin outside the chambers she said at the first meeting in February she would resume taking the minutes.

Joffe’s vote came to as a surprise to many as she had voted no previously saying she did not think the city clerk should perform certain duties including the minutes. By law the position oversees all the functions for that office according to Levin. Joffe had asked if that included taking the minutes. Levin responded yes.

Mosca had also repeatedly said that he did not think the city clerk, whomever that might be, should be doing work they cannot oversee. He also said no elected official in the city should get more than the \$250 stipend each of them get.

While voting nay on the first failed motion introduced by Zimmerman, giving the city clerk \$1000 a month stipend Mosca said, “No public official should get \$21,000 a year.”

Prior to that Mosca had asked if that was the correct amount, to which Zimmerman replied, “if that’s what it is, then yes, that’s what my motion is asking for.”

One resident fired back at Mosca from her seat saying that the reason why Shollenberger was elected was so they [other council members and city officials] could not govern what she does. Joffe tried to regain control of the meeting a number of times as the rowdy crowd shouted insults and chattered among themselves.

During public comment all residents were in full support of Shollenberger as former Mayor MaryAnn MacGillivray repeatedly answered questions, “because you now have a problem,” in what seemed to both Joffe and Mosca as a contradiction to her pervious position as she sat on the council in 1996.

“It worked then.” MacGillivray said. “I think what you need to do is go back to what works.” She said that meant not having staff take the minutes.

Mosca then asked why she did not support giving Shollenberger more than the \$250 back then but now she thought Shollenberger deserved more money.

MacGillivray shot back saying, “because you now have a problem,” referring to inaccurate or missing minutes being taken for the last several months. Joffe said the best record they had was the video being recorded even though Levin had said legally the written minutes were the only record that would stand up in court. She said the video could only be used for verification of the minutes.

Levin also clarified what taking the minutes required. “The minutes are not transcripts and are not meant to capture everything,” she said, “You could just take action minutes.” Levin noted that only the council’s actual vote could be recorded and is a common practice in larger cities.

Others said it was an insult to them having Shollenberger’s elected duties taken from her. An excerpt was read from an Oct. 13 2003 meeting in which resident Raymond Garubo said, “I caution you that the principle of checks and balances upon which this great nation was founded, are in jeopardy if you decide to transfer some of the duties of our elected city clerk to a, I’m sure, very qualified, but unelected employee.”

That exact situation was what Zimmerman said he was trying to correct by putting the matter on the agenda

More comment by Garubo was also read, “The small savings of salary proposed to you is actually a very high price you are asking the people to pay, for it was they



Sierra Madre Clerk Nancy Shollenberger

who elected the city clerk for the statutory duties she said she would perform for them. You are usurping the power of the people of Sierra Madre; the people you also serve, by any action that erodes the independence of a fellow elected official.”

Shollenberger said she knew the city had been violating state laws since that time. She was also concerned that the city’s 700 forms were not being filed through her. She said at the time she did not know for months that Planning Commissioner John Hutt had resigned, let alone, make sure the correct forms were sent to the Fair Political Practice Commission as required by law.

City Manager Elaine Aguilar said that she had been doing some of that work until they found a replacement for Debbie Humphrey who was the assistant to the city manager. (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. 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.



Fire guts abandoned laundry.

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 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.

## Sierra Madre City Treasurer Richard Mays Will Not Seek Another Term

By Susan Henderson

To the surprise of many, Richard Mays, Sierra Madre’s City Treasurer will not seek re-election to the office. As treasurer Mays was responsible for developing and overseeing an investment policy for Sierra Madre and reporting quarterly cash and investment activity to the City Council.

One of the few elected officials that did not draw a lot of public criticism, his announcement opened the door for additional candidates on the April ballot.

Because of the timing of his decision, the deadline for candidates filing is extended until January 16th.

According to the city clerk, two people have taken out nomination papers for the position. George Enyedi, a longtime residents and civic leader will run for the vacated office. Salvatore Tesoro, III, has also taken out nomination papers for the seat.

In other election news, former mayor MaryAnn MacGillivray will run for the city council. This brings to total number of people who have expressed an interest in the council to six. Incumbents Enid Joffe and John Buchanan will face challengers Kevin Paschalle, Bill Tice, Thomas Roberts and MacGillivray.

## The Search For A New Fire Chief Begins

**Selection To Be Made Using New Guidelines**

When Roger Lowe hangs up his hat as Fire Chief later this month, his successor will be selected under a new set of guidelines. It will be the first time, according to sources, that the Chief will not be solely selected by the rank and file.

The procedure, adopted by the city in 2005, calls for a four stage selection process. According to City Manager Elaine Aguilar, all applications will be given to the rank and file for rating. Among the criteria, experience and credentials will play an important part.

Once the firefighters have rated the candidates, the top ranked candidates’ applications will be sent to a panel of outside fire professionals. This panel will

review the applicants and narrow the choices further.

From there, the applications will be forwarded to the city manager who will make recommendations based upon the ratings, to the City Council. The council will then make the final selection.

Logistics such as the timeline, criteria to be rated, etc. were being worked on at city hall at press time.

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

Lowe retired from the position of Chief however, he will continue to serve as a volunteer firefighter.

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# Weather Wise

## 5-Day Forecast for Sierra Madre, Ca.

Longitude W118.0, Latitude N34.2

|            |       |        |          |
|------------|-------|--------|----------|
| Saturday:  | Sunny | Hi 60s | Lows 40s |
| Sunday:    | Sunny | Hi 60s | Lows 40s |
| Monday:    | Sunny | Hi 60s | Lows 40s |
| Tuesday:   | Sunny | Hi 60s | Lows 40s |
| 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](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com).

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### SAVE THE DATE

January 26, 2008 is the date for the Memorial Service celebrating the life of long time Sierra Madre civic 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.

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| 5                      | SMEAC: Did You Know? Resolutions Police Blotter                |
| 6                      | One Of A Kind Starting Your Business Parade Protests           |
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### Youth At Risk Forum

Wednesday, January 16  
See Details Page 7  
or call 355-1428

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





Counter-clockwise from top: A rarely seen twosome - the float's engineer & controls operator who ride beneath the float; Before the float heads to Pasadena, it stops in Kersting Court for residents' final approval. (Photos by S. Henderson/MVO. Award Winner "The Most Beautiful Float Shorter Than 35 Feet", Valentine's Day, was adorned by cyclists dressed for the turn of the century. (Photo by Dean Lee); The Princesses and their escorts can be seen riding on the swans and the float moves along the parade route. (Photo by Jacqueline Truong).

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. Graffiti 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.

## Sierra Madre Notices

### As posted by the City Clerk

City of Sierra Madre

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

To:

Citywide

From:

The City of Sierra Madre

Subject:

ORDINANCE No. 1273 U, Adoption of Building Code Standards

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 U**  
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.

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

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, and Zimmerman.

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,

  
ELAINE AGUILAR  
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# Headline Grabbers

By Rich Johnson

A year ago, a friend and I made our first excursion to New England to see the leaves change color. The trip was magnificent. The local New Englanders even have a name for those of us who go there. We're called "leaf peepers." If you ever get the chance...be a leaf peeper! I would recommend traveling the second week of October.

Outside of wonderful traveling memories, I have a couple hundred pictures and one headline to cherish. Headline? What's that? Well, I'll tell you. My friend and I were sitting in a wonderful little coffee shop in North Conway, New Hampshire. I picked up the local, small town newspaper (sound familiar?) and proceeded to laugh hysterically. There, staring out at me was a headline (not meant to be funny) but hilarious. The story was about some construction taking place in downtown North Conway. The headline read, "Building Collapses During Demolition." Ya think? The point of the story was the contractors misjudged where the building was going to fall and it fell out into the street. Didn't matter. The headline was too funny and I was going to send it to Jay Leno. I did and people have told me he shared it on his late night show (It's past my bedtime.)

I have collected screwy headlines over the years. Let me share a few of my favorites:

"Tokyo Train Crash! Four killed; Three Seriously" (Fortunate for that one who was killed but not seriously.)

"Nine Volunteers Put in New Church Furnace"

(I guess there was a wood and coal shortage that year.)

"Man Found Dead in Cemetery" (What else can I say.)

"Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures" (That must have been before global warming.)

"Stolen Painting Found By Tree" (I wonder what reward the tree got.)

"Panda Mating Fails: Chief Veterinarian Takes Over" (Lets just not go there.)

"Plane Too Close to Ground, Crash Probe Told" (That will do it every time.)

"Mayor Says D.C. is Safe Except for Murders" (Well, if that's all.)

I hope you are all having a wonderful New Year. By the way, I have made a pledge to never mention the Nano Café ever again beginning this summer. Of course, that's because they are changing their name sometime this spring. So, if you are feeling particularly clever go in and ask Oscar for a contest form. That's right, they are having a contest to figure out what to name the restaurant. You can either vote on three possibilities or suggest your own. There will be two winners. One with the winning name and another drawn randomly. The prize is a one hundred dollar gift card for, well, you know, the Nano Café or whatever its called.



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Humphrey had also been taking the councils minutes.

Don Watts had said that he did not understand Shollenberger duties asking that the issue be put off until after the April 8 election, something no one agreed with. He said he did know enough to vote and abstained to the shock of the audience.

Shollenberger said she is running for reelection April 8 noting that the last day to file was Friday.

## 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.com](http://www.optoutprescreen.com). 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 '07

## ~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
  - \* 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.

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

**Tuesday:** Bingo: 1:30-3:30 PM .25c per card Yoga: 5:00 PM- Instructor, Andrea Walsh- \$5.25 for seniors

**Wednesday:** Open

**Thursday:** Game Day- 1:30- 4:00 PM Poker, Scrabble, Cribbage, Chess, Checkers, Backgammon, Pinochle, you name it. Yoga: 5:00-6:30 PM- For seniors and others who want to go slowly (can be done in a chair) Instructor: Andrea Walsh \$5.25 for those 50 & over- \$7.00 for those under 50. To register call (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

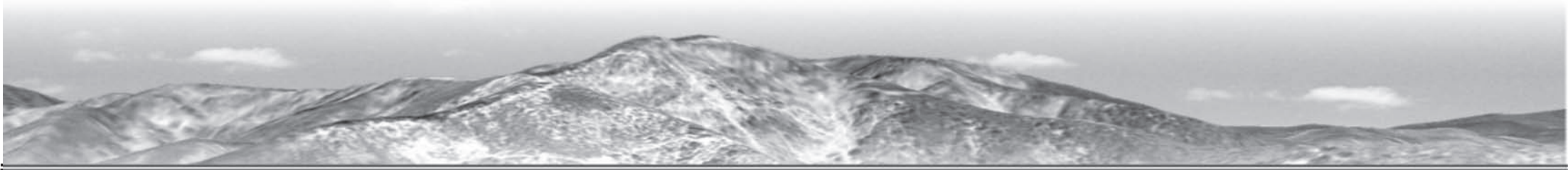
**February 21:** Griffith Observatory- Details to be announced

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.





# MountainViews-Observer PASADENA



## Kurtz Last Day

By Dean Lee

There was nothing strange about Monday night's Pasadena city council meeting unless you stayed to the end when many of the city's staff said goodbye to longtime City Manager Cynthia Kurtz.

Her resignation, announced in October, took effect Tuesday two weeks before she joins Planning Company Associates on Jan. 22. Monday night was her last meeting since being appointed to the position in 1998.

"I've said this before and I can't say it any different, I mean that sincerely, it has been a privilege to work for the city for over 20 years and a privilege serve as your city manager," she said holding back tears. "There is no way to explain the feeling that leaves you with."

She then added, "And yes I'm to try and hold it together... We have problems, we have things we need to work on but we are a great city and it's because of this executive team." Former Pasadena Police

Chief Bernard Melikian who will now stand in as interim until her replacement is found thanked her saying she had got him through some tough times.

"I can remember sitting discussing a lawsuit on your patio on a Sunday afternoon when I was afraid I had perhaps cost the city a lot of money and you said, no, we're going to go do this," Melikian explained. "And we did and we won and that was because of you."

Earlier he had joked, "We all knew that the only way we were going to get Cynthia to sit and listen to us say nice things was to grab the public comment section at the end of the meeting or she would have slipped out of here." Kurtz oversaw 11 departments, 2,300 employees and the city's operating budget of more than \$500 million.

Planning Company Associates specializes in land use and transportation programs for major development projects. Kurtz will be vice president of the sustainable community department at the firm according to city staff.

## Pasadena's 2008 State of The City Event is Jan. 17

"Vital Connections" is the theme of Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard's 2008 State of the City event Thursday, Jan. 17, at 6:30 p.m. The event will take place in the new locker room complex at the Rose Bowl Stadium, 1001 Rose Bowl Dr.

From 6:30 to 7 p.m., Pasadena Conservatory of Music's Youth Guitar Orchestra will perform while guests visit with each other and stop by information tables featuring the programs and services of various city departments. A special exhibit from Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, will be on display.

The program will begin at 7 p.m., with Vice Mayor Steve Haderlein serving as master of ceremonies. The colors will be posted by the Pasadena Fire Department Honor Guard followed by a special performance by Los Angeles Children's Chorus.

A video presentation will highlight the accomplishments of the past year in Pasadena, followed by the mayor's address.

Bogaard will provide updates and future plans regarding economic development, green building practices, city/school district



Mayor Bill Bogaard

partnerships, youth development, healthy living, housing affordability, investment in infrastructure, and more.

Refreshments will be provided by The Lemonade Brigade, a program in which high school students learn to run a business.

Park in Lot F at the stadium and enter through Gate A. The event is free and open to the public. Spanish interpretation will be provided.

The program will be televised at 9 p.m. on Jan. 17 via tape delay on 55 KPAS, the city's cable television channel, and via streaming video on the Internet at [www.cityofpasadena.net](http://www.cityofpasadena.net) (click on City News). A replay schedule will be announced.

For more information call (626) 744-4755.

## Central Arroyo Stream Restoration Project Set

Stream habitat enhancements, runoff treatment and devices that prevent trash from polluting streams are among the components of a \$2.5 million project that will turn the Central Arroyo into a model for cleaning up waterways in urban areas.

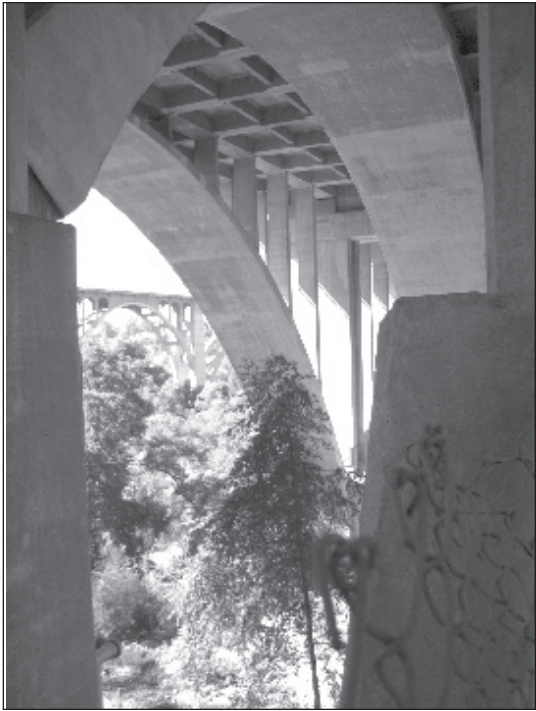
The Central Arroyo Stream Restoration Program begins this month with a public ceremony Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 3 p.m. at the Parker Mayberry Bridge below the Colorado Street Bridge.

During the event, Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard and Arroyo Seco Foundation volunteers will plant the first of many new trees planned for the Central Arroyo while visitors watch from the bridge above. Two aquariums will be placed on the bridge, each with two native Arroyo Seco fish species that will be reintroduced to the stream: a trout and an Arroyo Chub. Visitors will also have an opportunity to sign up to volunteer for the restoration program.

Parking will be available at Desiderio Army Reserve Center at the corner of Arroyo Boulevard and Arroyo Drive, directly under the Colorado Street Bridge.

The Central Arroyo Stream Restoration Program is a watershed management effort that includes restoration of 20 acres of the Arroyo stream north between Devil's Gate Dam and the Colorado Street Bridge, removing invasive non-native plants, and cleaning up storm water flowing into the Arroyo. The parking lot at the south end of Brookside Park will be enhanced with trees and landscaped areas designed to clean up runoff, and the equestrian trail through the area will be improved.

A major goal of the project is to restore stream and habitat conditions for the reintroduction of the Arroyo Chub, a native fish that once lived in the Arroyo Seco stream.



Underneath the Colorado Street Bridge.

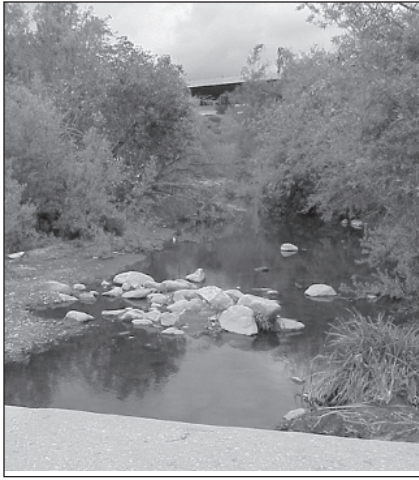
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A partnership of the city of Pasadena and Arroyo Seco Foundation with funding provided by the California Water Resources Control Board, the Central Arroyo Stream Restoration Program will educate other government agencies on the best methods to clean up streams and rivers in urban areas. Design and construction services are provided by CDM, a nationally respected engineering firm.

The stream and parking lot improvements complement Pasadena's Central Arroyo Master Plan (CAMP) efforts now underway. Designed to restore natural park areas and facilities, CAMP has already implemented several projects including 20 acres of habitat and stream restoration, the new John Crowley Trail along Salvia Canyon Road, restoration of picnic facilities and five trails leading into Brookside Park, a new fitness trail and a new playground in Brookside Park.

The next projects to be implemented from CAMP include an additional new children's playground in Brookside Park, ongoing rehabilitation of historic stone walls and paths, and improvements to the recreational loop around the Rose Bowl.

For more information about the Central Arroyo Stream Restoration Program call (626) 304-3417.



Central Arroyo Stream Photo courtesy City of Pasadena

## The Aftermath: Making 35 Tons Of Trash Disappear Overnight

By Dean Lee

In less than an hour after the Rose Parade, Colorado Boulevard was a mess.

"This couldn't be Pasadena," an unidentified parade goer said as he walked through an unrecognizable old town. Every window was boarded up and discarded things from lawn chairs, fire pits, and styrofoam containers lie everywhere. And this was just 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



you could hit with a car and cause some damage. So what's left is pretty much just paper."

The large items are a priority to make sure the roadway is safe and traffic gets through. Rodgers added that they also put out hot coals left from fire pits that could become a fire hazard.

A crew of 65 city workers walks the street in the process.

"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 said they 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 noted was when water trucks and street sweepers come down the street. By 6 a.m. the next day it's all gone he added.

In addition to picking up the trash Public Works is also responsible for taking down and putting up all the traffic signals so the floats can go by and installing and removing all of the 2,000 barricades.

According to the workers, the collection job is tough and all involved should be recognized by the public for what they do.

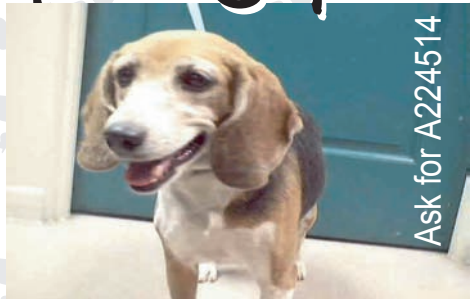


from what he saw this year it looked lighter than normal.

According to Arlington Rodgers also of Public Works, the average person throws away 4.2 pounds of garbage a day. Each year event organizers estimate 1 million people line the street, with approximately 16,600 camping overnight from noon the day before.

In what he called the restoration process, Pastucha said they go through a series of steps to clear the street. "The first people you probably saw were picking up the solid stuff, furniture, the big items, something

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SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During the week of Sunday, December 30<sup>TH</sup> to Saturday January 5<sup>th</sup> the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 296 calls for service.

Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

5:06 PM – Attempted commercial burglary, 561 Woodland Drive, Mary’s Market. Suspect(s) tampered with the front door. The lock to the main door was loose and the door frame was chipped at the handle.  
10:32 PM – DUI arrest, 00 block Suffolk St. Officers stopped a car for failing to stop at a posted stop sign. The driver, a West Covina resident, stated she just left the Buccaneer Bar. The driver was determined to be under the influence of alcohol and or drugs. She was arrested and taken to Pasadena PD for remand.

Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

12:21 AM – Assault with a deadly weapon, 600 block E. Orange Grove Ave. Officers were dispatched to an emergency 911 call of a fight in-progress. Upon arrival, officers found several hundred party goers, mostly under 20 years old. A 19 year old male guest sustained multiple injuries to his face and head after being beaten by a group of party goers.  
Officers asked for emergency assistance from the Arcadia and Monrovia Police Departments. As additional police officers arrived, most party goers fled. The injured man’s friends took him to a local hospital after he declined paramedics’ treatment.  
The Monterey Park Asian Gang Task Force assisted the SMPD in identifying possible suspects.

The resident party host was the 19 year old son of parents who were overseas. Officers found hundreds of empty beer bottles strewn about the property, an illegal deadly weapon, and several homemade cloth-wrapped “Tiki” torches that had been dipped in kerosene. The investigation is continuing.  
12:39 AM – Battery, 300 block W. Montecito. A resident called police after a neighbor and his guests got into a fight with an unwanted guest at her party. At least one young male adult received head injuries. The victim and neighbor witness were uncooperative with police and declined to assist in identifying the suspect. Arcadia PD responded to handle the call.

9:08 PM – Domestic violence, 00 block Windsor Lane. A resident reported hearing a woman screaming for help from the area of Montecito Ave Windsor Ln. Upon arrival, officers found a man and woman fighting. Both were San Diego residents. Officers arrested both the man and woman for felony spousal battery and transported them to the Pasadena jail for booking.

Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:54 AM – Residential burglary, 600 block East Grandview Ave. A resident called to report his home was burglarized. The burglary occurred between Sunday, 12/23/07 and Wednesday, 1/2/08. No inventory of loss estimate was available.

Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

7:44 PM – Vandalism/graffiti, Santa Anita Canyon Rd. A patrol officer reported graffiti to two of the concrete road barriers on Santa Anita Canyon Road. The damage consisted of the word “DERM” and the letters “SBK” sprayed in red paint on the barriers’.


Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>


8:07 PM – Arrest, 700 block West Montecito Ave, A driver was stopped for a traffic violation. A records check revealed the driver, a Bellflower resident, had a warrant for his arrest. The driver was arrested and released on a written promise to appear.

Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

1:21 PM – Grand theft, 200 block South Canon Ave. A resident called to report two deliveries of plywood pallets were stolen from his construction site. The pallets were last seen Friday, 1/4 and discovered missing Saturday 1/5. The loss was valued at \$9000.00.

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# 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, 1957 home.

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

opening onto a covered patio, for sheltered 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 space.

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](http://www.1745LaCresta.com) or call Rose at 626-355-8400.



La Cresta View of Brookside Golf Club

Know of an interesting home, garden or person who helps create them, that might be of interest to our readers? Contact me at [C.Bertrand@MVObserver.com](mailto:C.Bertrand@MVObserver.com). Thanks!

## It's Just BUSINESS

A New Weekly Column covering business  
in Northwest San Gabriel Valley

### Starting Your Business

No Need to Wait, It's 2008

By La Quetta M. Shamblee

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 Valley (SGV) region is very promising for 2008.

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 & Forecast are noted in the following paragraph:

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 Tech. Monrovia is home to the remaining two (7%), Trader Joe's and See Beyond, the software company that merged with Sun Micro Systems in 2005.

Tourism, Professional & Business Services, Higher Education, Health Care, Bio-Medical and International Trade are the six sectors identified as economic drivers in the 2007-2008 Economic Overview & Forecast. Continued growth in the retail sector is also expected. A business idea that is accompanied by a solid business plan in any of these areas will likely provide a head start from the onset. Proximity to transportation infrastructure will support the shipping of tangible items of all sizes and weights by air, rail, land or sea. The Port of Los Angeles, three large airports (LAX, Bob Hope Burbank and Ontario) and the regional railway shipping system makes it more convenient and accessible than most other places in the world.

If you have determined 2008 your year to make progress on your idea, an excellent free resource is The Small Business Planner, a four-part program available from the U.S. Small Business Administration. It is currently available for viewing and downloading at <http://www.sba.gov/smallbusinessplanner/index.html>. For information on how to obtain hard copy materials, call 1 (800) 827-5722. Stay tuned to this weekly column for information and resources on starting, building and managing your business.

## A Protest After The Parade

By Teresa Baxter  
Photos By  
Jacqueline Truong

With substantial 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 Parade prompting concern that the parade was being exploited because of the international media exposure.*

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



effort to tell the Germans that their constitution was being subverted" Sadly, the students were executed shortly after their identities became known, he said. The White Rose Coalition was named in honor of that German resistance 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 meet many of her promises regarding the war.

"Pelosi is not holding George Bush and Cheney accountable. She is the Speaker of the House and Congress has the power of the purse strings," said 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."





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## 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 and Festival.

Despite occasional 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 received via the



internet.

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.

Photos by Mark Lansdown  
Courtesy of Joyce Wedsetoft and Katherine Pergason

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## TRISH'S I Love To TRUTH 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 journals, I do me.

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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Presented by Henry van Oudheusden

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The traditions of the community newspaper and the concerns of our readers are this newspaper's top priorities. We support a prosperous community of well-informed citizens. We hold in high regard the values of the exceptional quality of life in our community, including the magnificence of our natural resources. Integrity will be our guide.



Member



Susan Henderson

### 10 Things I Intend To Live By In 2008

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 keep an open and objective mind when managing this publication.
7. I shall not apologize for my personal opinions and political choices.
8. I shall continue to show my appreciation for those who support this paper.
9. I shall keep the presses running!

10. *I will definitely keep my sense of humor!*

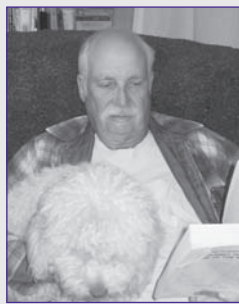
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Contributors of the following political persuasions to participate in periodic coverage of the upcoming Presidential Election:

1 Republican 1 Democrat  
1 Green 1 Libertarian

1 Independent  
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### Stuart Tolchin On...LIFE And Then One Day..

I'm writing this column on Christmas Day and all in all it's been a very nice holiday. This morning as I took my customary dawn walk around the canyon circle I ran into a neighbor that has been living up here for seventy years. I asked him about a legend I have heard repeated many times. The story goes that Sierra Madre Canyon was for a period of time called "Little People's Village" because so many stature challenged people lived in the canyon. These people had been brought over from Germany to play the munchkins in the film, the "Wizard of OZ" and after the conclusion of the film they settled in Sierra Madre because they were reminded of their alpine European villages. He was familiar with the legend but really could not confirm its truth.

After a day of pleasant present exchanging 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 from their homes and placed in an internment camp.

Look, it's not like I didn't know that 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

their homes and placed in detention camps. Their property confiscated - all for the crime of being born of Japanese heritage. Forty one years ago I was enraged in law school and now I'm enraged again. Since law school I've read about the detention camps and learned that friendly near-by Santa Anita was a distribution center where people were held, forced to live in stalls in the barn, sometimes for months until they were moved elsewhere. I've seen the exhibits in the Japanese-American Museum on First Street in downtown LA and I've visited Manzanar on Highway 395. So it's 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 knife-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 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.

S. Tolchin@mvobserver.com

## LEGAL NOTICES

### City of Sierra Madre

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**To:** Mountain Views Observer  
**From:** The City of Sierra Madre  
**Subject:** VARIANCE 07-04, 294 Old Ranch Road  
**Applicant:** Byron Banks  
1422 Palm Street  
Altadena, CA 9001

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider a request to construct an addition of 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, **January 17, 2008**  
(Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.)

#### PLACE OF HEARING

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

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

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

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

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

By Order of the Planning Commission,

Anne Browning McIntosh, AICP  
Interim Development Services Director

### 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

**From:** The City of Sierra Madre  
**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 <http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/index.php?mod=stonehouse> or contact the Development Services Department at (626) 355-7135.

By order of the City Council,

Donna Butler,  
Interim Director of Development Services







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(See section 14411 at seq. Business and Profession Code) First filing: 12/22; 12/29, 2007; 01/05 and 01/12, 2008 510704AU

**51705MM 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) **Warren 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 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.

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**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 Dec 17, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/10/2007.

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**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.

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**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

name: **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.)

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**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. 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.

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**500701MG File No. 20072705779 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

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.** 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) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above 12/07/2007.

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**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.

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**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 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.

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**500704AU File No. 20072704216 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

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

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**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 Dec 10, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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**500706MG File No. 06-20072705257 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

The following person (s) is (are) doing 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 I N V E S T I G A T I O N S , N E T W O R K - O N E I N T E R N A T I O N A L T R A V E L , N E T W O R K - O N E I N T E R N A T I O N A L D O C U M E N T S I G N I N G S E R V I C E** 6709 La Tijera Blvd #130 Los Angeles, CA 90045. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) **NETWORK-ONE INTERNATIONAL, INC., 6709 La Tijera Blvd #130 Los Angeles, CA 90045.** 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 10, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/10/1992.

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

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: **CISNEROS 99 CENTS DISCOUNT PLUS** 3845 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St Los Angeles, CA 90063. 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.

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**500708AU File No. 20072706686 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: **CARDINALE'S TRAVEL** 1420 S. Bedford St Ste 306 Los Angellss, CA 90035. 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 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 12/10/2007.

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**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 of 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 12/11/2007.

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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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**500711EH File No. 20072729914 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: **SYLVIA'S AUTO REGISTRATION** 384 E. Orange Grove Blvd #202 Pasadena, CA 91104. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) **Sylvia Lopez Aguirre 384 E. Orange Grove Blvd #202 Pasadena, CA 91104.** 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) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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**500711EH File No. 20072731893 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: **ZAMBRANO'S PAINTING SERVICE** 4651 E. 60<sup>th</sup> St #d

Maywood, CA 90270. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) **Carlos O. Zambrano 4651 E. 60<sup>th</sup> 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 12, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above 01/2002.

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**500712ED File No. 20072719144 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: **COUNTYWIDE PUBLICATIONS** 12631 E. Imperial Hwy Ste A-219 Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) **DUQUE FINANCIAL CORPORATION** 12631 E. Imperial Hwy Ste A-219 Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670. 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 12, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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**500713ED File No. 20072719205 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: **CROSPETE SPORTS, CSI INDUSTRIES** 15235 Caravaca Rd La Mirada, CA 90638. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) **Tom Kim 15235 Caravaca Rd La Mirada, CA 90638.** 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 11, 2007. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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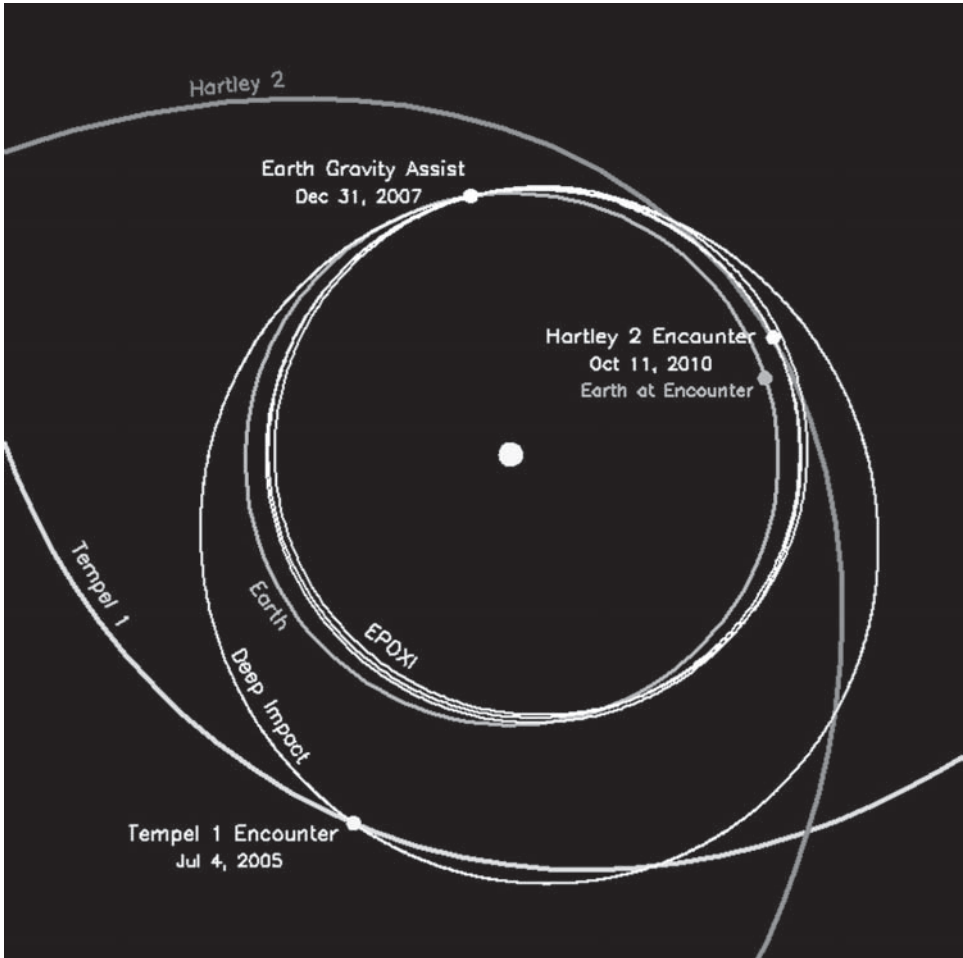




Photo by Aaron Dominquez

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

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 2½ 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 moon.

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 [b eklund@m vobserver.com](mailto:b eklund@m vobserver.com).

(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 Calamity Jane (Pt.2)

By Kim Clymer-Kelley

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 untie 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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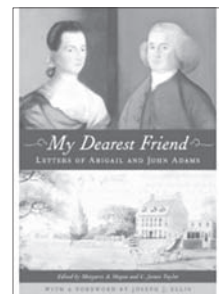


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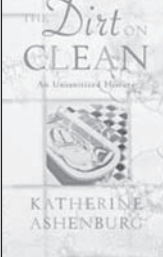
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**My Dearest Friend: Letters of Abigail and John Adams**  
by Abigail Adams, John Adams, Joseph J. Ellis, and Margaret A. Hogan (2007)



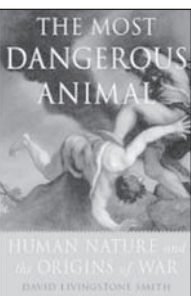
The relationship between one of early America's most important couples is chronicled in this book with more than 1,100 letters written over a 40-year time span. It begins with the 1762 courtship letter to the 17 year-old Abigail from 26 year old John Adams, and ends with the last surviving letter plus one final letter by John about Abigail's death in 1818 to his son, John Quincy 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 20<sup>th</sup> century alone, humans killed over 100 million of their own kind.

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.


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## 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.



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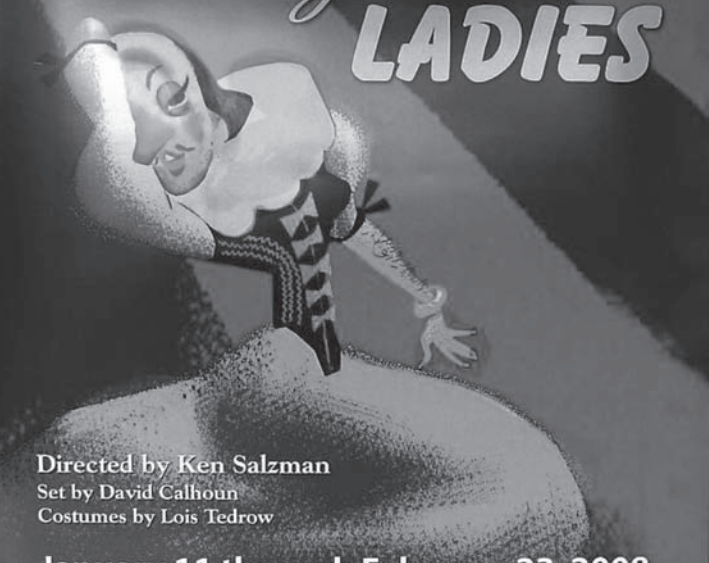


*Recommended by Dave at 300 West Salon*  
**Once (2006)**  
This charming musical is about this guy who is a Dublin guitarist/singer-songwriter who makes a living by fixing vacuum cleaners in his dad's Hoover repair shop by day, and singing on the streets by night. He starts a friendship with a local Czech girl who plays the piano and over the course of a week, they write, and record a series of wonderful songs about past loves and romance. The actors wrote and sing the songs in the film and are now actually together. It was recognized at Sundance 2007. Very good music!



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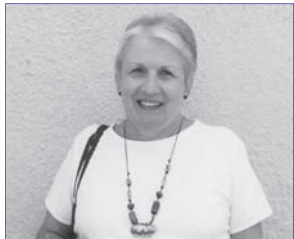
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## BIRD'S EYE VIEW

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 their noses.

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!



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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 pm.

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.

Give me your thoughts, opinions, and suggestions. Why Not? Maybe you can guilt me to coming to your Super Bowl Party!!!

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# SPORTS

## Back Page Journal



### TiVo JUNKIE ? 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 fast-forward 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 slow-motioning 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 by....

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## 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?

*"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 of applause....

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....



Santa Anita Legend Eddie Logan

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