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Part Three In The Series On Candidates for Office In Sierra Madre, April 2008

On The Ballot: Sierra Madre City Council

On the General Municipal Election ballot in April, Five candidates are running for City Council. Two of the candidates are incumbents, Enid Joffe and John Buchanan; One candidate, MaryAnn MacGillivray has previously served on the council. One candidate, Bill Tice, has waged two previous campaigns for a seat and Kevin Paschall, who is running for the first time.

CANDIDATE “EAGLE” BILL TICE: “I Really Like To See Things Work”

By Susan Henderson

This year’s Municipal Election won’t be the first time Bill Tice’s name will appear on the ballot. A former Tree Commissioner and resident of Sierra Madre for most of his adult life, Eagle Bill has decided once again to throw his hat into the ring hoping that the third time will be a ‘charm’. “I love this city. I would be a dedicated councilman”, says Tice in a recent interview. Tice feels that changes must be made in the way the council operates, starting with the “Show ‘N Tell” that each council member goes through at the start of meetings. He also would like to see the council bring closure to items brought before them. He cited the incident on Hermosa last year where the parents of a child who was nearly hit by a car asked for a stop sign/ and or speed bump. “All they had to do was put up a stop sign”, says Tice. Instead, nothing was done.

Although he wants to see changes, he speaks well of the jobs that the City Manager, Elaine Aguilar, Community Services and Personnel Director Michelle Keith, whom he says “solves problems”, and the Public Works Director, Bruce Inman are doing. But he says, “We’ve lost some good people at City Hall this year, too”, referring to the recent departure of Steve Pock from the Planning Department. Tice also speaks highly of Councilman Zimmerman and “will probably vote the same way he does.” A familiar sight at the microphone during council meetings, Tice takes any criticism of him in stride. “When I am away, they miss me.”

Bill credits himself with being one of the residents who started the campaign against 1 Carter. In fact, it was that protest that earned him the nickname of “Eagle” Bill. During the protest he gave other like minded citizens an Eagle pin, a symbol to remind people of the wildlife habitat that would be destroyed.

Although he does not like raising taxes, he supports Measure U, Sierra Madre’s User Utility Tax initiative.

Another concern Tice has is regarding building restrictions in areas other than the hillsides. “I’d like to see set backs and height limits in the other residential areas.”

A very spiritual man, Tice and his wife Yoko have resided in the city since 1979. They raised two sons in Sierra Madre. He says marriage and family make you pause for reflection. While speaking of his religious beliefs he added, “I’d like to see prayer at the council meetings. He calls the current council, “secular humanists”.

‘Eagle’ Bill Tice is running his own campaign without any frills. For additional information contact him at 626-355-4678.

Real Friends Raise Money

Friends Of The Sierra Madre Library’s 38th Wine & Cuisine Tasting Fundraiser Was Um, Um Good!



Sierra Madre’s Restaurant Lozano’s gourmet treats were served by owner Gilbert’s (far right) sons, Maximillian, Alexander and Dashiel (tripletts) and Olivier. Photo by S. Henderson

Cold, sometimes wet, weather did not stop the supporters of the Sierra Madre Public Library Friday evening as they came in large numbers to Friends Of The Library Event, and attendees were well rewarded for their contributions with an evening of great food, great wine, and great entertainment.

The Wine and Cuisine is one of three fundraisers held annually by the ‘friends’ to provide financial support for the Library.

Kelli Strubinski served as this year’s chairperson. Over 50 vintners and restaurants participated.

SIERRA MADRE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS BACK MEASURE U

At its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighter’s Association voted to support Measure U, also known as Safety Measure U, and then in a second vote decided to contribute \$2500 to the committee formed to help pass the measure.

“It is essential that this measure pass” said Battalion Chief Bob Burnett, who was asked to speak to the members about Measure U by SMVA President Bill Messersmith. Burnett, a member of the Safety Measure 4 U committee, noted that without the Measure, there is currently no funding in place for the City’s Paramedic Program beyond 2009, as only the program’s first two years of operation were funded by the City’s recent sale of a Fire Station in the Sierra Madre Canyon.

Members of the Association also signed up to walk the City to help educate voters about the measure, or to place signs in their yards in support of the measure.

Messersmith, who co-chairs the “Safety Measure 4 U” committee with Sierra Madre Police Officer John Ford, had asked the group to consider making a substantial contribution to the committee, and the motion by Burnett to contribute \$2500 was passed unanimously. With its donation, the SMVFA became the pro Measure U committee’s largest single donor. Most of the previous donations to the committee had been made by Committee members.

The Committee will use the funds to pay for lawn signs, campaign brochures, a website which is currently in development, and other costs associated with the campaign. The election at which the measure will be placed before the voters will take place on April 8th.

Measure U has received unanimous support of the sometimes divided City Council, which voted 5 – 0 in December to place the initiative on the ballot, and which worked together to craft the “Argument For Measure A” that will appear on the Sample Ballot. There was no “Argument Against Measure A” submitted for inclusion on the sample ballot. The Measure has also been endorsed by the Sierra Madre Police Officer’s Association, which has withdrawn its support of an initiative that it had previously placed on the ballot, in order to back Measure U.

Also at the meeting, the SMVFA approved a donation to the Mt. Wilson Trail Race Committee, and a donation to again fund a summer Children’s Program at the Sierra Madre Public Library.



A Sierra Madre Treasure: Whalen’s Sculpture Garden

Take a walk with contributor Chris Bertrand through the one of a kind, Whalen’s Sculpture Garden located in the northeast corner of Mountain Trail and Carter.

Residents Cathy Flammer (standing) and Debbie Henderson pose by the Whalen Fountain.

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B.la

Sierra Madre has a new gift shop in town. B.la is a unique gift and card shop located at 24 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Owner Debbie Doumitt cuts the ribbon held by her daughters Hannah(left) and Isabella (right) while city manager Elaine Aguilar assists.

The shop will be open Tuesday-Saturday from 10-5.



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For more information call: 626-355-7135 or go to www.cityofsierramadre.com

Sierra Madre Community Calendar
February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7Coordinating Council Noon YAC Senior Commission 3:00 CC Planning Commission 7pm CC	8Travelers & Collectors 7:30 CC Rafael Mirasol presents his program "April in Paris with Kids".	9Walk With The Mayor 9:00 am Kersting Court
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Legend: CC = Council Chambers CH = City Hall HPH = Hart Park House YAC = Youth Activities Center SEM = SM Elementary School

COMEDY TALENT FUN EVENING FOR CIVIC CLUB
By Phyllis Chapman

Sierra Madre Civic Club invites you to enjoy an evening of entertainment at The Ice House Comedy Club in Pasadena. For over 40 years, The Ice House has been in the forefront of showcasing comedic talent. "It is a hoot of an evening you can enjoy with spouses, friends and adult children 18 and over," says Ways and Means Co-chair, Jean Coleman. You make your own reservations for a date of your choice, except for 9:00 p.m. Saturday show and some special shows. The show schedule is on their website, or call 626-577-1894. There is a two-drink minimum, including non-alcoholic ones, and a limited food menu, but no limit on laughter. Tickets are \$20 each purchased from Coleman. You then call The Ice House and make your own reservations. On your chosen night, you turn your tickets in at the ticket office. For tickets and more information, call Coleman at 626-355-9216. Proceeds support club philanthropies.

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Pasadena Farmer's Market

Every Saturday to 12:30 p.m.
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 Sierra Madre (626) 355-1596

Lucky Baldwin's

21 Kersting Court Sierra Madre (626) 355-1140

Mary's Market

561 Woodland Drive Sierra Madre (626) 355-4534

New Day!

The Harvey Hyde Show

Every **Thursday** 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Hard-hitting, high impact sports talk radio KSHP Las Vegas - 1400 AM
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Saturday:	Showers	Hi 50s	Lows 50s
Sunday:	Showers	Hi 60s	Lows 50s
Monday:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 60s
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Wednesday:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 60s

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SENIOR HAPPENINGS...By Pat Birdsall

FYI: Cardiovascular diseases, including stroke, are our nation's No. 1 killer. To urge Americans to join the battle against these diseases, since 1963 Congress has required the president to proclaim February "American Heart Month."

FREE HEALTHY HEART FAIR

Methodist Hospital of Arcadia
Saturday, February 23 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Free heart healthy screenings, physician speakers, important medical education, prizes and fun! General reservations are **not** needed. Reservations are needed for the cholesterol panel test. The fee for this test is \$20.00 and is by appointment only, prior to the heart fair on February 19 and 20. Call (626) 574-3692 to register for the cholesterol panel test *only*.

Special Alert...We are currently in the Medicare open enrollment period, which began January 1, 2008, and ends March 31, 2008. During this period you can make changes to your Medicare insurance with the exception of your Medicare D (prescription) plan. For information or to make changes, call the community insurance info line at (626) 574-3733.

~Helpful Hints~

You may substitute up to 50% applesauce or fruit puree in place of oil when you bake to reduce fat content, i.e.: 1 c. oil called for in recipe, use ½ c. applesauce or fruit puree.

Recipe of the Month:
Corn Chowder

- 1 Tbs Vegetable oil
- 1 small onion, coarsely chopped
- 2 packages (16 oz. each) loose- pack frozen whole-kernel corn thawed, *divided*
- 2 cups water
- 3 chicken flavor bouillon cubes
- 1 can (12 fluid oz.) Evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper
- ½ tsp chopped fresh rosemary
- 1 Tbs chopped fresh basil (optional)

Directions:

Heat oil in large saucepan. Add onion; cook, stirring occasionally, until tender. Add *4 cups* corn; cook, stirring occasionally until tender. Add water and bouillon; cook, stirring frequently, for 15 minutes or until corn is very soft. Place corn mixture in a blender or food processor; blend until smooth. Return to saucepan. Stir in *remaining* corn, evaporated milk, bell pepper and rosemary. Cook, stirring frequently, for 10 minutes or until chowder is thick and bell pepper is tender. Season with salt and ground black pepper, if desired. Garnish with basil. Note: For a Southwestern-style twist to this recipe, add 1 can (4 oz.) diced green chiles with the bell pepper. Eliminate rosemary; stir in 1 tsp chopped fresh cilantro. Garnish with cilantro leaves instead of basil Yields 4 servings (Nestle)



~ For Your Funny Bone~

My high school English teacher was well known for being a fair, but hard, grader. One day I received a B minus on a theme paper. In hopes of bettering my grade and in the spirit of the valentine season, I sent her an extravagant heart-shaped box of chocolates with the pre-printed inscription: "BE MINE." The following day, I received in return a valentine from the teacher. It read: "Thank you, but it's still BE-MINUS." B. Wilcox, RD

~Quote~

Love makes your soul crawl out from its hiding place. ~ Zora Neale Hurston



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. **Beginning again on March 14**; 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 Meeting at Noon. 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. **New Number:** Call Susan Garcia at (626) 960-3773

Monthly Excursions:

February 21 Griffith Observatory- \$12.00 per person 11:15-5:00 PM

March 20 Palm Springs Follies- open until filled or Feb 21st, whichever comes first \$53.00 per person 8:30 AM- 6:30 PM

April 17 Los Angeles Zoo & Autry National Center 9:00 AM- 6:00 PM
Cost being estimated at press time

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 2nd Tuesday of each month from 10:30-11:30 AM

Free Consultation with Pasadena attorney Geoffrey Chin- 2nd 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.



Did I Really Say That?

By Rich Johnson

Is Michelle Obama a politician? She is campaigning for her husband. But she hasn't, to my knowledge, ever run for office herself. So, maybe she qualifies as a junior politician. As do all the other spouses of the candidates, with the obvious exception of William Jefferson Clinton. No question, he is a bonafide politician.

Anyway, Ms. Obama recently made the following misstatement: *'For the first time in my adult lifetime, I am really proud of my country.'* She probably wishes she hadn't put it quite that way. We've all said things we either instantly or later regretted. The difference is, Ms. Obama has every media outlet in the world following her every word. Yikes!! It certainly merits an "oops". And it's fun to watch the backpedaling by her 'handlers'.

Misstatements are nothing new. Slips of the tongue are always great, particularly when said by politicians themselves. I thought I might share a few of the really fun ones.

Presidents, for example, are no strangers to the misspoken word.

"Our enemies are innovative and resourceful, and so are we. They never stop thinking about new ways to harm our country and our people, and neither do we."

George W. Bush

"I have opinions of my own - strong opinions - but I don't always agree with them."

George W. Bush

"We have had triumphs, we have made mistakes, we have had sex...uh, setbacks."

George H. W. Bush

"Facts are stupid things."

Ronald Reagan (meaning to quote John Adams and say, 'Facts are stubborn things'.)

"Now we are trying to get unemployment to go up, and I think we are going to succeed."

Ronald Reagan

Vice Presidents are particularly good at making notable statements.

"During my service in the United States Congress, I took the initiative in creating the Internet."

VP Al Gore

"I apologize for lying to you. I promise I won't deceive you except in matters of this sort."

VP Spiro Agnew

The African American governor of Virginia, L. Douglas Wilder once said, *"The first black president will be a politician who is black."*

Marion Barry, often times Mayor of Washington D.C. once famously said, *"Outside of the killings, we have one of the lowest crime rates."*

But I have saved the best for last: Vice President Dan Quayle is the undisputed king of misstatements. Here are a few of his best:

"It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it."

"One word sums up probably the responsibility of being vice president, and that one word is, 'to be prepared'."

"We're going to have the best-educated American people in the world."

"Republicans understand the importance of bondage between parents and children."

So, let's sit back and enjoy the campaign season. I must say I am proud of our country too. There is a very good chance our next president will be a Woman or African American. Whether or not you support either of them is irrelevant. To me it means, "We've come a long way, baby."

And that makes me proud.

2008 Wistaria Festival Countdown

Docents Committee Chair Named

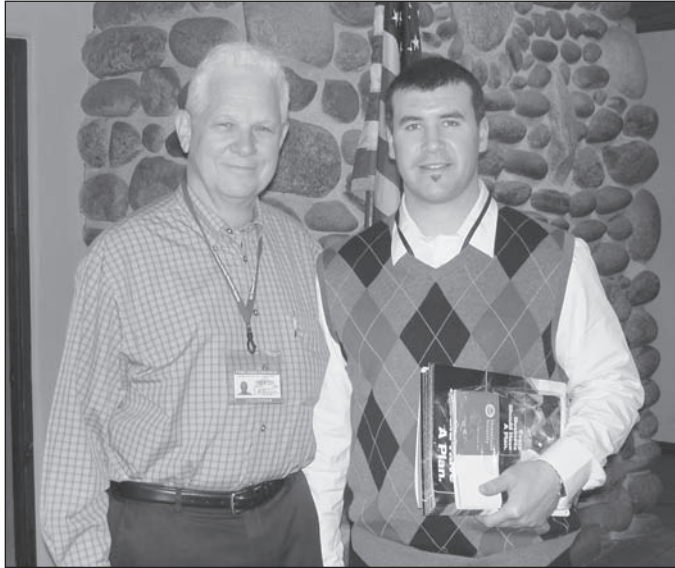
Lisa Spigai-Perez, who teaches at Sierra Madre School and who also sits on the Board of Directors for the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce, the Community Arts Commission, and the Mt. Wilson Trail Race Committee, has been selected to Chair the Docents Committee for this year's Wistaria Festival.

Spigai-Perez, known for emceeing the City's Halloween Costume Contest each year, and for doing an "unbelievable" job of announcing the Mt. Wilson Trail Race. She and former Docent Chair Halcyon Koerber are working together to make sure this year's event runs as smoothly as year's past. More than four thousand people are expected to view the vine on Sunday, March 30th, and a crew of nearly sixty docents, many of them veterans who return year after year, will be on hand to educate the crowds about the world's largest blossoming plant, as certified by the Guinness Book of World Records.

Town Historian Phyllis Chapman will again lead a day of training for the volunteers, many of whom are Sierra Madre Civic Club members, teaching them the finer points of the history of the vine and the festival. Nearly two dozen Civic Club members have already signed up for this year's event, with nearly six weeks still to go. Also among the volunteers are usually several members of the City Council, students from local high schools, and members of several other local organizations, including The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library, The Woman's Club, Kiwanis and Rotary.

Spigai-Perez will oversee operations at the two properties on the day of the event, but will also spend numerous hours on the extensive planning that will take place before then. Along with many other duties as the Docent Chair, she will meet and coordinate with the two property owners to make sure everything is done to their satisfaction, recruit volunteers, position docents at several points of interest throughout the properties, coordinate the selection, acquisition and placement of floral arrangements throughout the grounds, make sure each docent has their "information sheet" designed to answer any question viewers might have, coordinate several shifts of volunteers, set up and tear down the informative posters, and generally make sure everyone has a good time. If you'd like to volunteer as a Wistaria vine docent, find out more information about the Wistaria Festival, or obtain tickets for the bus ride to and from the vine, contact the Chamber at (626) 355-5111.

Common Bond



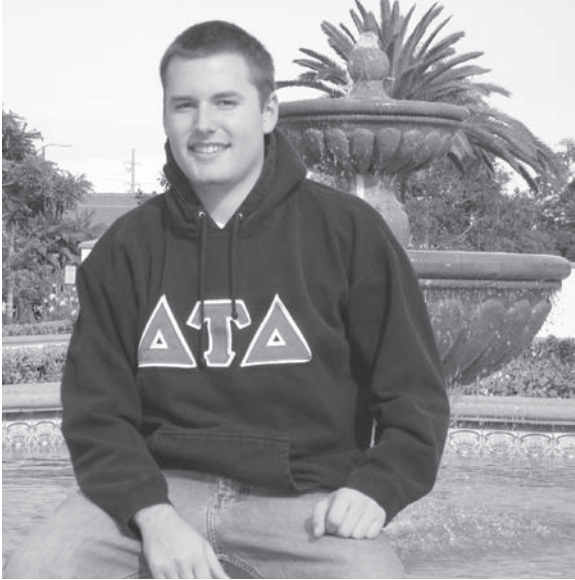
Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council leader, Mike Kinney chats with FEMA Regional Representative Patrick Kenney after a presentation on Emergency Preparedness sponsored by the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce recently.

La Salle Alumnus, Jeff Jahnke '04, Helps Create Foundation for College-Age Cancer Patients.

Pasadena, CA - Imagine you are a young, healthy, vibrant, carefree college student, and all of a sudden your world shatters around you when you are diagnosed with cancer. Now imagine how you are going to pay your college tuition and mounting medical bills, let alone balance your treatment schedule with your course schedule. But this is not a fantasy. This is exactly what happened to one of Jeff Jahnke's friend during his sophomore year at the University of San Diego. In the fall of 2005, Jeff's Delta Tau Delta fraternity brother was diagnosed with Stage III-B Hodgkin's Lymphoma. In order to help their brother and show their solidarity, Jeff and his fraternity brothers organized a head-shaving auction in front of the University Center on USD's campus and raised more than \$4,000 for their brother. When Jeff and his fellow fraternity brother, Scott Chesrown, saw the success of a simple head-shaving event, they were inspired to take their cause to the next level. Jeff remembers the two of them thinking, "If we were this successful helping one person, imagine what we could do for other undergraduates affected by cancer across the nation." Both Jeff and Scott knew that they needed to make themselves a legitimate organization in order to get serious money behind their initiative and thus, "Bleed Purple" was born, (Purple is the official Fraternity Color). Beginning in the spring of 2006, Jeff was the man behind the pen throughout the application process to make Bleed Purple a 501c3, a tax exempt organization. It was a lengthy and time consuming process but, when Scott handed him Bleed Purple's 501c3 certificate in November 2006 Jeff was ecstatic. He thought, "A year ago we were shaving heads in front of the University Center and now we are an official non-profit organization. We can really take this big and make a difference!"

Upon receiving non-profit status, the founders of Bleed Purple at USD wrote a letter to the Delta Tau Delta International Fraternity Headquarters in Fishers, Indiana, about their organization and how it was created by Greeks for Greeks on an undergraduate level. They outlined how chapters across the nation could get behind it because everyone knows someone who has been affected by cancer. It just so happened that Delta Tau Delta International was in the planning stages of their Sesquicentennial Celebration and was looking for a Fraternity-wide community service project that could be undertaken by chapters across the nation. They agreed that Bleed Purple was the perfect fit. Currently, every single Delt Chapter across the nation is working on a campaign to support Bleed Purple and a goal of \$150,000 has been set for 2007-2008. Jeff is excited about this national endeavor and is anxious to see Bleed Purple grow and flourish. He knows this period of time is for spreading awareness and raising money but he can't wait to get back to giving out money to deserving cancer patients. "Right now we need to get the word out about our cause to cancer victims on college campuses across the nation. It is great that everyone is raising money for Bleed Purple but it's not complete until we can get the word out so that those with cancer know where they can go to get help," Jeff said.

Looking back, Jeff is the first to admit that service wasn't something he did or thought about doing before he entered La



Salle as a freshman in the fall of 2000. "Participating in Founder's Week and the service I did through my religion classes is what got me out into the community doing service, and I realized that a lot of people need help. The Lasallian motto, Enter to Learn-Leave to Serve kept going through my mind and service became one of my values, one of my main-core principles. It was something I wanted to do on my own time, not because I had to do it for a class." Jeff believes had he not gone to La Salle and been encouraged to participate in service and seen the difference that just one person can make his leadership behind Bleed Purple would not have come about. "My

La Salle experience set me on the right course to think about how big this organization, Bleed Purple, could get and how many people could be helped."

By the time Delta Tau Delta's Sesquicentennial Celebration is complete next summer, Bleed Purple will be a nation-wide organization that will be helping undergraduates who are battling cancer on college campuses all across America on a much wider level. Currently, Jeff sits on the Board of Directors for Bleed Purple and serves on the committee that reviews the grant applications and selects the recipients. This past summer Bleed Purple gave out four grants- two students in Florida, one student in Ohio and the last to their fellow brother battling Hodgkin's. Even with his college graduation quickly approaching in May of 2008, Jeff plans to stay actively involved with Bleed Purple getting other Greek organizations involved, both fraternities and sororities, and helping to develop and implement fundraising campaigns at the national level to ensure the constant growth of the foundation. "I enjoy getting to give out the scholarships to those who need them. It is personally gratifying to be helping people who are just like me in some ways, a college student balancing studies and a social life, but at the same time battling a fight for their life against cancer."

John Blackstock/LaSalle

NOTICE OF PREPARATION AND PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING NOTICE

Project Title: STONEHOUSE PROJECT EIR

Lead Agency: City of Sierra Madre Development Services Department

Address: 232 West Sierra Madre Boulevard
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

City Contact: Donna Butler
Phone: (626) 355-7135

The City of Sierra Madre (City), as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has determined that it will prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Stonehouse Project described below. The City will prepare the EIR in accordance with CEQA, implementing guidelines ("Guidelines"), and City procedures. The purpose of this notice is to advise and solicit comments and suggestions regarding the preparation of the EIR, environmental issues to be addressed in the EIR, and any related issues, from interested parties other than potential Responsible Agencies, including interested or affected members of the public.

The City of Sierra Madre prepared an Initial Study for the proposed project on January 15, 2008 and is currently available for public review. The Initial Study was prepared in accordance with the City's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Initial Study determined that the proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment, and therefore, and EIR is required. Copies of available project materials may be reviewed or obtained from the City address shown above.

Project Location. The project site is located at the base of the San Gabriel Mountains within the northeastern portion of the City of Sierra Madre. The 102.56-acre project site, currently known as the Heflin Estate, is located north and west of Stonehouse Road with approximately 400 feet of frontage on the north side of Grand View Avenue. The site is bounded on the north by the San Gabriel Mountains, on the west by residences at the terminus of Camillo Street, on the south by Grand View Avenue, and on the east by residences along Liliano Drive in the northeastern area of the City of Sierra Madre. The northern portion of the site is in natural open space and is contiguous with the undeveloped southern face of the San Gabriel Mountains. The project site is located entirely within the Hillside Management Zone ("HMZ").

Project Summary. The proposed project involves the subdivision of 24.67 acres of the 102.56-acre project site into 22 single-family lots. The subdivision proposes to use only the lower one-third of the property to create 22 residential lots ranging in size from approximately 15,000 square feet up to 2 acres, two private roads, and a debris basin within the 1989 Hillside Management Zone ("HMZ") boundary. Over two-thirds of the property would remain open space. No homes are currently proposed, however it is expected that the subdivision would eventually be developed on a lot-by-lot basis. Twenty-one new dwelling units will be constructed on the site, resulting in a net increase of 18 units. The project would also require the construction of an earthen debris basin within the 1989 HMZ boundary. It is proposed that the combination debris/detention basin would be constructed in the canyon east of lot 12 and north of lot 13. This basin would be sized to store a debris potential volume of 18,600 cubic yards, the volume required for detention.

The Heflin House and its associated grounds would be retained and would continue to be accessed from the terminus of the Camillo Street in the west-central portion of the property while the three rental units located downslope near Grand View Avenue would be demolished.

NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP) PROCESS

The purpose of this notice is to advise and solicit comments and suggestions regarding the preparation of the EIR, environmental issues to be addressed in the EIR, and any related issues, from interested parties other than those noted above, including interested or affected members of the public. The Notice of Preparation and Initial Study are available at: City of Sierra Madre Development Services Department, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024, City of Sierra Madre Public Library, 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024, and the City website: www.cityofsierramadre.com.

All parties that have submitted their names and mailing addresses will be notified as part of the current project's CEQA review process. If you wish to be placed on the mailing list or have any questions or need additional information, please contact the person identified above. The City will accept written comments from Agencies and interested parties regarding this notice through the close of business on March 7, 2008. These comments should be submitted to: Donna Butler at the City address shown above.

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

A Public Scoping Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 19, 2008**, to address the project identified in the Notice of Preparation. One meeting will be held at 6:30 PM in the City Council Chambers at the above address. Any interested parties may attend to gain a better understanding of the project and to identify additional environmental issues of concern.

BARGAIN BOOKS TABLE AT SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library Will have a "Bargain Books Table" inside the Library during the Library's public open hours. Featured subjects will include Fiction, Mysteries, Biographies, Children's and specialty books, all in good condition. All books will be sold at the bargain price of \$1.00.

Monday, February 25 – Saturday, March 1, 2008

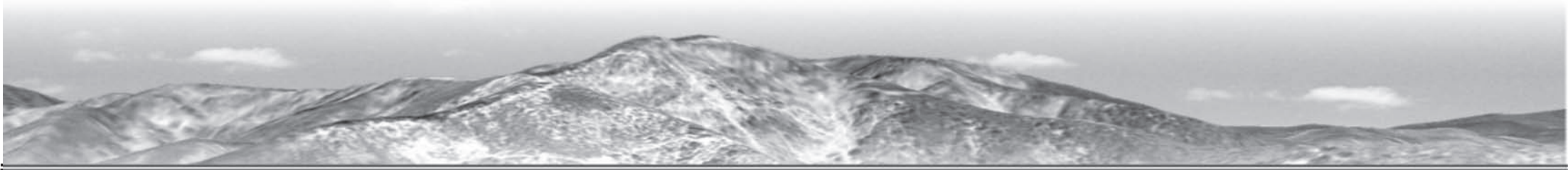
The Sierra Madre Public Library, located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre, is open Monday through Wednesday from Noon to 9 p.m., Thursday and Friday from Noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For further information on programs and services please visit the Library's web site at www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us or call (626) 355-7186.

These every-other-month book sales sponsored by The Friends help provide funding for Library resources and programs.

EPIC SILENT ADVENTURE FILM

Grab your cutlass and climb aboard for a night to swashbuckle. The Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society is presenting the sixth in its silent film series, featuring the 1926 "The Black Pirate" starring Douglas Fairbanks. This will be held Sunday, March 2, 6:30 pm, at the Masonic Lodge, 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., in Sierra Madre.

Tickets are \$20 each, with \$15 being tax deductible. For tickets and more information, please call 626-355-3905. Proceeds support the Society's book project - publishing a history of the City of Sierra Madre. Free refreshments will be served.



MountainViews-Observer PASADENA

Pasadena Hosts Tour of California Finish

*Largest cycling race in the U.S.
modeled after the Tour de France*

Racers for this year’s Amgen Tour of California are expected to arrive at the Rose Bowl for the final stretch of the race at approximately 2:30 p.m. Sunday and finish close to 3:30 p.m. a spokesperson for the race said Friday. The last leg of this eight-day professional cycling road race will begin in Santa Clarita at 11 a.m.

The last seventh stage of the race is 93.4 miles of the total 650-mile course from Palo Alto-Stanford University to Pasadena

The race goes though 14 California cites and last year organizers said 1.6 million fans lined the streets. They said this year more people are expected.

As racers position for the finish, they will take five counterclockwise laps around the Rose Bowl

first entering Pasadena along Commonwealth and Berkshire streets and then descending into the Rose Bowl off Linda Vista Avenue.

An award ceremony will immediately follow the race.

This is the first year the race ends in Pasadena and both Mayor Bill Bogaard and Senator Jack Scott are expected to simi-join the last 30 miles of the race as part of a special and distinct Chairman’s Ride with Kevin Sharer CEO of Amgen.

The Chairman’s ride will start at 9:45 a.m. race day if weather permits. Bogaard and other’s will arrive at the Rose Bowl around noon a spokesperson for the city said.

Bogaard himself is an avid cyclist participating in a number of long distance bike rides.



Starting point Cyclists endure 96.8 miles from Sausalito to Santa Rosa
Photo by MaryAnn Pacula, courtesy of Wills Communications

The Race In Brief

Race Kicks Off to Enthusiastic Crowd in Palo Alto

The 2008 Amgen Tour of California started on a high note Sunday in Palo Alto when World Champion Fabian Cancellara (SUI) of Team CSC bested a world-class field containing nine World Champions to claim victory on a fast, flat course lined shoulder-to-shoulder with cheering fans. The enthusiastic crowd cheered on the cyclists as they made their way from downtown Palo Alto to Stanford University.

Completing the 2.1-mile course with a record time of 3:51.21, Cancellara will begin day two of the race wearing the yellow Amgen Leader’s Jersey when Stage 1 takes the riders from Sausalito to Santa Rosa on Monday morning.

Stage 1

Record crowds were on-hand Monday for Stage 1 from Sausalito to Santa Rosa, culminating with a climactic finish in downtown Santa Rosa as Juan Jose “J.J.” Haedo (ARG), of Team CSC, sprinted to an impressive win, his fifth stage win in the Amgen Tour of California (2006-2008), ahead of Gerald Ciolek (GER), of High Road, and Heinrich Haussler (GER) of Gerolsteiner.

“The final 60km (40 miles) of the race were very fast; I barely made it to the finish. That was a really hard part for me,” said Haedo, Stage 1 winner. “Everyone was really fast today, but when you see the last 200 meters, you go as hard as you can and don’t look back. We have a lot of good sprinters in the Amgen Tour of California, really a good level of competition.”

Stage 2

The second stage saw the emergence of a young star in Tyler Farrar (USA) of Slipstream Chipotle Presented by H30 and the return of old warrior in Mario Cipollini (ITA) of Rock Racing. But the wet and slippery streets of the State Capitol belonged to 2005 World Champion and Belgian superstar Tom Boonen (BEL) QuickStep, who claimed today’s stage victory. Stage 2, which took cyclists from Santa Rosa to Sacramento, finished in front of record crowds, taking the total attendance number for the first three days of the race to 425,000, with five days left to go. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger was on hand at the official post-race ceremonies to help award the jerseys.

“The Amgen Tour of California is a wonderful experience for California and is great for our tourism,” declared Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger after Stage 2, where he helped present leader jerseys. “The Amgen Tour of California showcases the state, which has some of the most beautiful places in the world. Thank you to the enthusiastic crowd for being here and being such great fans.”

Stage 3

After completing one of the most challenging and defining stages Wednesday which included the brutal Mt. Hamilton (Hors Category) and Sierra Road (Cat. 1) climbs, cycling’s new generation shined again as 21-year-old Robert Gesink (NED) of Rabobank took the stage win. While Santa Rosa California resident Levi Leipheimer (USA) of Astana was outsprinted by Gesink for the stage win, the defending champion none-the-less gained the event’s overall lead. As the one of most difficult stages in the 2008 Amgen Tour of California, the 103-mile Stage 3 course from Modesto to San Jose featured 165 turns and two critical climbs that separated the pack.

“This win is really great for me because the field of riders is very competitive in the Amgen Tour of California,” said Gesink. “Today was a really big win for our team; we were strong as a team today.”

Stage 4

Six-time Canadian National Road Champion Dominique Rollin (CAN) of the Toyota-United Pro Cycling Team made history Thursday as he powered away to an impressive solo victory in Stage 4. Weather hammered the peloton for nearly seven hours as the stage took riders down the California coast from Seaside to San Luis Obispo on an impressive and challenging course. Defending champion Levi Leipheimer (USA) of Astana was able to retain the overall lead and will wear the Amgen Leader Jersey going into the individual time trial in Solvang tomorrow.

“Last time I raced in such tough weather, I won the stage,” said Rollin, referring to a stormy day in Quebec’s 2005 Tour de Beauce. “The worse it is, the better I am. When the wind came, I said keep it coming.”

Stage 5

Stage 5 was dominated by Levi Leipheimer (USA) of Astana for the second consecutive year. Besting David Millar (GBR) of Slipstream Chipotle Presented by H30 by 29 seconds, Leipheimer further built on his overall lead in the 2008 race and will wear the Amgen Leader Jersey going into Stage 6 tomorrow.

Moving into second and third were Slipstream Chipotle Presented by H30 riders David Millar and Christian Vande Velde (USA), respectively.

Stage 6

The finish to Stage 6 included an exciting bunch sprint to the finish line. After a review by race officials, Luciano Pagliarini (BRA) of Saunier Duval-Scott was determined to be the stage winner, followed closely by Juan Jose “J.J.” Haedo (ARG) of Team CSC and World Champion Paolo Bettini (ITA) of Quick Step. Levi Leipheimer (USA) of Astana retained the overall lead heading into the final stage of the race.

Tour of California Notable Riders

World Champions:

- Paolo Bettini (ITA), Quick Step
- Tom Boonen (BEL), Quick Step
- Bradley Wiggins (GBR), High Road
- Fabian Cancellara (SUI), Team CSC
- Oscar Freire Gomez (ESP), Rabobank
- Gerald Ciolek (GER), High Road
- Dmytro Grabovskyy (UKR), Quick Step

Olympic Medalists:

- Paolo Bettini (ITA), Quick Step
- Bobby Julich (USA), Team CSC
- Bradley Wiggins (GBR), High Road
- Bradley McGee (AUS), Team CSC

National Time Trial

Champions (by country):

- Vladimir Gusev (RUS), Astana
- Edvald Boasson Hagen (NOR), High Road
- Fabian Cancellara (SUI), Team CSC
- Gustav Larsson (SWE), Team CSC
- David Millar (GBR), Slipstream Chipotle Presented By H30
- David Zabriskie (USA), Slipstream Chipotle Presented By H30

National Road

Champions (by country):

- Levi Leipheimer (USA), Astana
- Fabian Wegmann (GER), Gerolsteiner
- David Millar (GBR), Slipstream Chipotle Presented By H30

American Race

Champions:

- Levi Leipheimer (Astana), 2007 Amgen Tour of California
- Janez Brajkovic (Astana), 2007 Tour de Georgia
- George Hincapie (High Road), 2007 Tour of Missouri
- Chris Horner (Astana), 2003 Tour de Georgia

Top 2007 Amgen Tour of California Notables:

- Levi Leipheimer (Astana): Prologue; individual time trial; first overall
- Juan Jose Haedo (Team CSC): Stage 2 and 6; first overall in sprint classification
- Robert Gesink (Rabobank): First overall Best Young Rider
- Danny Pate (Slipstream Chipotle Powered By H30): First overall Most Aggressive Rider
- Jens Voigt (Team CSC): Second overall; stage 3
- Paolo Bettini (Quick Step): Stage 4
- Ivan Dominguez (Toyota-United Pro Cycling Team): Stage 7
- Fred Rodriguez (Rock Racing): Tenth overall in sprint classification
- Bobby Julich (Team CSC): Fourth overall
- Team CSC: Defending team champions (2006 and 2007)

For more information about the 2008 Amgen Tour of California, as well as a nightly viewing schedule on VERSUS, please visit www.amgentourofcalifornia.com. *Riders are subject to change

Ways To Get To The Race

Shuttle

Old Pasadena and One Colorado will provide a Free Trolley Service to the Finish Line at the Rose Bowl between 11 am – 6 pm. The shuttles will depart from Holly Street Metro Station to the Rose Bowl every 25 minutes.

Bicycle Valet

Metro and the Los Angeles Bicycle Coalition will host Free Bicycle Valet Parking at the Finish Line between 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in lot K.

Parking

Parking is available at the Rose Bowl Stadium parking lots. The lots

open at 9:00 a.m. Car parking will be in Lots H & I at \$10 per vehicle and RV Parking will also be available in Lot F at \$50 per RV.

Street Closures

There will be traffic delays around the Rose Bowl between 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. During the race, Rose Bowl Recreational loop will be closed to general use for pedestrians and cyclists. Anyone needing to access the Rose Bowl should use Arroyo Blvd. (south of Seco St.). For more information about street closures and the bike route for the Amgen Tour of California, please visit www.pasadenacal.com/ATOC.

Health Net Lifestyle Festival

When you’re at the Finish Line, make sure to stop by the Free Amgen Tour of California Health Net Lifestyle Festival. Running from 12:30 PM to 5:30 PM on February 24, right near the finish line at the Rose Bowl Stadium, The Health Net Lifestyle Festival will feature; A health & fitness expo; Cancer awareness education; Cycling vendors selling gear; Family activities; Bike safety information; Food, entertainment as well as informational and vendor booths.

Fitness Challenge Kids Zone

Also at the Finish Line, the Fitness Challenge Kids Zone will be the perfect gymnasium for all children to explore their talents in tennis, soccer and football, while also renewing bike safety tips and taking a turn in the Bounce Houses.

Activities include, free tennis lessons by the United States Tennis Association and how to throw a football from the Los Angeles Avengers Arena Football team. The Chivas Soccer team will also host a soccer clinic and bicycle safety tips will be offered at the Bike Rodeo provided by the City of Pasadena.

New Zoning Code for Bicycle Showers Possible

By Dean Lee

The city’s Transportation Advisory Commission will once again discuss the possibility of a zoning code requirement for bicycle showers and bike parking facilities citywide. The change would include both new multi-family residential and nonresidential projects over 75,000 square feet. The meeting comes after failing early this month to send recommendations to the city council.

At their last meeting February 7, the commission’s chair, Vince Farhat said they held the item over to discuss a number of issues including to what extent the zoning should apply.

Farhat said last week they wanted more information on both retail business and restaurants to see if the new zoning should cover them as well. He said they also wanted to lower the threshold to 50,000 square feet.

Staff recommended the limit be set at 75,000 square feet because that figure was recently adopted as the threshold for projects under the cities

Trip Reduction Ordinance. The new zoning would require one shower and four lockers, per gender for all new projects.

The recommendations would also affect any existing building that adds more than 25,000 square feet and the building is then either over 75,000 square feet or would be as a result of an addition.

Institutional uses such as colleges, schools and churches under the new guild lines would be reviewed as part of their Conditional Use Permit or Master Plans.

Transportation Administrator Bahman Janka said the zoning is intended to encourage bicycle commuting as outlined in the city’s General Plan.

Leading by example, city hall for years has had a showering facility capable of accommodating about 350 commuters although only a handful use it on a regular basis said Planner Mark Yamarone. He said the city is currently in the process of working to get more employees out of their

cars.

He also said many more employees use the showers during the summer months when the weather is good. He added those who do use it more than three times a week.

The showers were funded though a grant of the Air Quality Management Board four or five years ago he said. After renovation of city hall last year the showers were relocated to the basement.

They are still not fully completed and will be retrofitted with lockers he said.

“We’re right now kind of upgrading as we go,” Yamarone said. “Right now folks bring their cloths with them shower, change and go.”

He also said they planned to put in benches.

The city hall showers facilities serves the Planning Department, Library, and the Transpiration Department as well as city hall. He said all city maintenance yards and police have their own commuter showers.

The city’s trip reduction ordinance requires that businesses achieve an average vehicle ridership (AVR) of 1.5 within one year, 1.75 within three years for those sites within Transit Oriented Development Areas. City



Hall itself is located in this zone.

According to city staff “a work site with an AVR of 1.5 would have 66 vehicles arriving for each 100 employees (100/166 = 1.5.) To achieve an AVR of 1.75, 43 percent of the employees need to commute to work in a mode other than driving to work alone.”

The city council Monday night is set to vote on an ordinance amending the Trip Reduction Ordinance, lowering the limit from 100,000 square feet to 75,000.

Staff said the bicycle showers and bike parking facilities should go in front of the council in April.

The cities of Seattle, Fremont, Palo Alto and San Francisco all have similar zoning requirements for bicycle showers.

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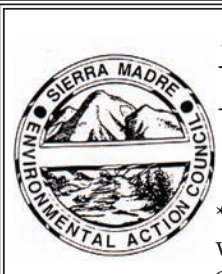
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Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OBSERVATIONS


From Caroline Brown

The Sierra Madre chapter of the California Fire Safe Council meets the first Monday of each month in the City Council chambers. On March 3, 2008 the program will be: The Need for a Home Owner Fuel Modification Program.

Richard Halsey, Director of the California Chaparral Institute, located in the San Diego County, has been at the forefront of the discussion of loss of homes and fuel modification since the second series of disastrous fires in San Diego County, October 2007. "Fire will exploit the weakest link . . . managing wildland fuel near homes is critical but only part of the solution." Fuel modification and ember exclusion are two parts of the picture that the homeowner has control over. You can learn more of the efforts of this organization at: www.californiachaparral.org and www.sdfiresafety.org

For more information contact SMFSC at 355-0741 or 355-9350. Please e-mail us at smfiresafecouncil@hotmail.com as we want to have contact with as many Sierra Madre residents as possible.

We have a palette of Thermo-gel fire protection kits available on consignment via a distributor in Arizona. It arrived during the height of the fire storms in October/November. Call 355-0741.



Environmentally Speaking, Did You Know? EcoQuiz No. 2


How much waste does the United States produce every day?

American businesses, individuals, and institutions produce about 4.5 pounds of trash per person per day (about 245 million tons in 2005), which is two or three times as much as a typical western European. Our household waste has more than doubled since 1980. That's not just a big pile of trash; it's a major greenhouse gas contributor. The EPA estimates that a 10% increase in recycling would reduce annual carbon emissions by 24.5 metric tons, equal to a year's emissions from 15 million households. In the United States, landfills account for the lion's share of methane—a much more potent greenhouse gas than carbon. **(This does not count the greenhouse gas emissions created by making and transporting all those trashed items.)**Tapping this methane for energy is increasingly common, but we need to reduce what we send to landfills in the first place.

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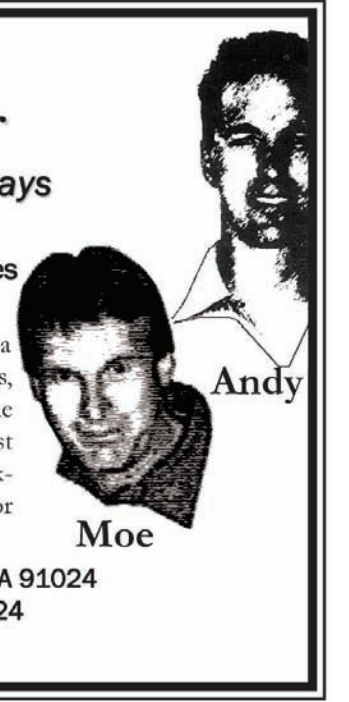
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SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During the week of Sunday, February 10th to Saturday February 17th the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 237 calls for service.

Sunday, February 10th:
12:58 PM – Theft, 500 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. A resident called to report her yellow Cannondale bicycle was stolen from the carport area of her apartment. The bicycle was last seen at 5:30 pm Friday 2/8 and discovered missing at 10:00 am Sunday, 2/10. The bicycle was valued at \$150.

Monday, February 11th:
10:06 AM – Vandalism, Bailey Canyon Park. A resident reported graffiti in Bailey Canyon Park. Officers found the letters, “SM” spray painted on an electrical box, and other graffiti in black, gold and blue. The damage was done between 10:00 am Friday, 2/8 and Monday 10:06 am Monday, 2/11. No cost estimate for repair was available.
10:46 AM - Vandalism, 695 West Sierra Madre Blvd, United Methodist Church. Suspects used markers to write letters in several locations in the church parking lot. The damage occurred between 5:00 pm Friday, 2/1 and 9:30 am Sunday 2/10. No dollar estimate was available.

Friday, February 15th:
2:13 AM – Arrest, 300 block Olive Tree lane. Officers responded to what turned out to be an unfounded attempted auto theft report. During the initial investigation, officers determined that the resident was under the influence of a controlled substance. The resident was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance and taken to the Pasadena jail for remand.
11:54 PM – Hit and Run traffic collision, Santa Anita Ave. and Arno Drive. A resident reported damage to the Chantry Gate. Upon arrival officers found the gate open and damaged. The gate appeared to have been rammed by a vehicle, which fled prior to the officer's arrival. The damage occurred between 10:55 pm and 11:54 pm Friday, 2/15. No repair estimate was available.

Black History Month

'Lest We Forget


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ACROSS

- 4 The most notorious football player
- 5 This black woman ran for President twice.
- 9 This president vetoed the Civil Rights Restoration Act but Congress overrode his action.
- 10 This tax kept poor blacks from voting
- 13 Her novel, Uncle Tom's Cabin, stirred up anti-slavery sentiment
- 14 Rights that a nation's inhabitants enjoy by law
- 16 This republican was the first black US Senator in modern times
- 17 A graduate of Jefferson High School in Los Angeles, he became the first African American to win the Nobel Peace Prize in 1950

DOWN

- 1 The Great Emancipator
- 2 This history maker hails from Pasadena
- 3 Dr. King's Letters From A Birmingham
- 6 Garrett _____ invented the one thing Sierra Madre does not want, a Traffic Light
- 7 No more back of the bus for her
- 8 This late Supreme Court Justice had two sons, one is a lawyer, the other is the former director of the US Marshall's service.
- 11 Not slaves
- 12 No relation to the late Tatiana but the world's No. 1
- 15 Number of African American US Senators
- 16 The first one of these signed the Civil Rights Restoration Act into law.



Mount Wilson Trail Race

Saturday,
May 24, 2008

This is your chance to achieve an impressive athletic feat and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the race, which started in 1908, making this the second oldest trail race in California.

To help you get started, Coach Eric LeClair and Elite Fitness Bootcamp/TEAM Crossfit will be offering free Saturday morning Trail Training. Sessions begin in Kersting Court each Saturday at 7:00 a.m.

To Register get your entry form at the Sierra Madre Community Recreation Center, City Hall, Run With Us-Pasadena, Lucky Baldwin's Delirium Café and Café 322. All entries are due by Monday, May 12, 2008. This race will be sold out, so get your entry in early!

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Photos and Story By Chris Bertrand

Howard Whalen Sculpture Garden

I got a call from Hope Smith, a local travel agent and avid hiker, last month asking about an interesting, somewhat overgrown garden at the northeast curve of Mountain Trail and Carter in Sierra Madre. She had peeked in from the street and was intrigued. After several inquiring emails, my own editor, Susan Henderson, gave me the lead to foundation members of the Howard Whalen Sculpture Garden.

It turns out Whalen (1913-1982), a founder of Sierra Madre's Creative Arts Group, was a many-faceted artist who once lived and sculpted prolifically in terra cotta on the site. Whalen also wrote plays, was a GI cartoonist during World War II, acted in plays, movies and television commercials (though he never owned a television himself), created sets for plays and even playbills.

Several avid aficionados of Whalen's sculpture work met me at the garden, offering their perspectives on his sculptures set amid the gently rising garden. Cathy Flammer, director of the garden, exudes

Whalen Circle Of Fire

great enthusiasm on the topic, an emotion seemingly typical of the flavor of what must have been quite the fan club.

Apparently, with the resurgence of interest in mid-century architecture, interest in the art of this period, like Whalen's, is experiencing a similar resurgence. Those in the know use terms like Post-Modern, figurative, and evocative to describe Whalen's style. Though my own personal art collection and tendencies veer toward traditional oils and water colors, I was particularly attracted to the piece named "Fire Dancers" and my eyes kept returning to it. Anyone who has ridden a packed train at rush hour can empathize with his "Straphangers", while a piece named "Apartment" seems to merge modern high rise living with the high altitude desert living of native Americans in the Southwest.

His techniques are unique in the use of oxides to produce unusual and unexpected effects on the terra cotta. Currently, about a dozen fairly large pieces dot the studio's front garden, interspersed with cactus, shrubs and lots of oxalis, while the studio remains, for now, a revered repository of many more remaining pieces.

The salon atmosphere of his home and studio was a hub for appreciative friends to discuss and share ideas art to theater to politics. Flammer noted that Whalen's devotees were so enamored, that one of them, Duane Waddell, actually purchased the home from Whalen's heirs. Whalen and Waddell, former owner of the Pasadena Playhouse, met in the Altadena production of an original play, and their friendship grew over decades.

Waddell says he and others experienced Whalen's passing as a great loss, and wanted the garden to be a dedication to his life and his work. In the 25+ years since his death, the home itself has been rented out, but the separately fenced garden remains for the enjoyment of Whalen's devotees. Waddell, who now lives about 200 miles away, indicates that rumors of an impending sale of the property are false. At one time, the garden was open to the public regularly on Saturdays, but "the collection is now under the purview and responsibility of the heirs," per Flammer..

Slowly, the Whalen heirs have generously dispersed many pieces to local museums, such as the American Museum of Ceramic Art in Pomona, to personal family collections and to the Sierra Madre Library. The library is currently working out the logistics of moving a Whalen fountain from this garden to the newly re-landscaped "front yard" of the library, according to Debbie Henderson, associate librarian in Sierra Madre. The Sierra Madre Civic Club here has arranged funding for professional art movers to move the fountain, "Apartment", "Straphangers" and "Fire Dancers" to the library soon, then install the fountain.

This new donation to the Whalen collection at this library, which already displays "Lion" and "Cactus in a Pod" inside their building, includes many items on loan from the heirs. Henderson commented that she is grateful the family is so cognizant of the Sierra Madre ties for Whalen's art, that it was made here in this little city, arranging that at least part of the collection should stay here in Sierra Madre. The library also received an extensive collection of Whalen's archives, which can be accessed by appointment through Henderson, by calling the library at 626-355-7186.

Jim Paul, another volunteer at the garden, has coordinated volunteer activities at the garden in the past, but a new heart pacemaker has restricted his active involvement currently. As Whalen's contemporaries age and pass on, it becomes harder to coordinate the maintenance and access, without younger interested volunteers and involvement, so every year it becomes more difficult to maintain the garden, especially with the recent torrential rains.

Flammer commented, "I think the term "awe" is abused these days, but when I look at the archives, I find it difficult to come up with few other terms when I see how much his friends and admirers lovingly built a remembrance to Howard's spirit and works. It makes me stop and think, 'What influence have I had?' Humbling, to be sure."

Whalen must have made quite the impression on many through his life and his works, to have so many drawn to honoring him and his work, so many years after his passing! I wish we could have met! At least we can peek appreciatively at this eclectic sculpture garden from the street on the next hike, or view many of the pieces when they are installed at the library!

For more information about the Howard Whalen Sculpture Garden, contact:
howardwhalensculptgdn@hotmail.com.

Sierra Madre Community Arts Commission Calendar of Events- March 2008

Monday, March 3 at 7 p.m. – Author's Night
WriteGirl at the Sierra Madre Youth Activity Center – Free Event 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

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Friday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. – City Hall Art Show Opening
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232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

The work of local watercolorist *Myra Epstein* has been chosen to adorn the walls of City Hall throughout the month of March. The public is invited to a free opening night reception to meet the artist and get an up close view of her work.

Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Trip to San Antonio Winery

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The culmination of the 4-week puppetry classes will be a puppet show performed by the students. "How the Elephant Got Its Trunk" begins February 22, and "The Tiger and the Lady" class begins March 21. For more information call the CAG office at 626-355-8350 or stop by at 108 N. Baldwin Ave, Sierra Madre.

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The Relevance Of Ghandi

The Son Of The Great Leader Speaks To Students At Pasadena City College



Rajmohan Ghandi, the gramdson of the late Mahatma Mohandus Ghandi

A near-capacity crowd filled the Saxon Auditorium at Pasadena City College last Thursday to hear Mahatma Ghandi's grandson speak about his grandfather's teachings. Rajmohan Ghandi presented a lecture, titled the "Relevance of Ghandi in the 21st Century", which was followed by an open forum that allowed questions from the audience.

The talk covered the author's new, monumental biography of his grandfather, "Ghandi: The Man, His People and the Empire", which is considered to be the first to give a complete and balanced account of Mahatma Ghandi's life. Rajmohan, who is also a professor at the University of Illinois, presented unprecedented insight and access to family archives and explored the evolution of his grandfather's teachings of non-violent resistance, while examining the relations between Muslims and non-Muslims.

"If you have a goal of social, political of racial justice are you going to attain that goal through violent or non-violent means," asked Rajmohan. "I feel that Ghandi still speaks to us to attain the levels of awareness brought by non-violence."

According to the curator of the lecture, Susie Ling, Mahatma Ghandi's ideals inspired many, including Martin Luther King and Caesar Chavez.

"PCC is extremely honored to host Professor Rajmohan Ghandi," she said. "With today's chaos in the Middle East and chaos in our neighborhoods, we need to listen again

to Ghandi's words and be reminded of the integrity of non-violent civil disobedience to bring about positive change."

Rajomohan, a peace activist, once served on the Indian Parliament. He also led the Indian delegation to the U.N. Human Rights Commission in 1990. He is currently in the South Asian Middle Eastern Studies program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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'Man of the House' Columnist To Help Scholarship Benefit



Author and columnist Chris Erskine (pictured) will speak at the Dollars for Scholars benefit luncheon of the San Gabriel Valley Alumnae Panhellenic on Monday, March 10 at the Santa Anita Golf Club in Arcadia. Net proceeds will be used to provide merit scholarships to young women high school graduates who opt to attend a four-year college or university. Reservations, at \$35, can be obtained by calling (626) 355-0643. Photo courtesy of Chris Erskine

Claiming to be in charge of his family and household, Chris Erskine, author and columnist writes of his experiences as "Man of the House". His humorous column appearing weekly in the Los Angeles Times, regales readers with episodes of his family's daily life. Erskine will share his learned insights as speaker at a benefit luncheon in Arcadia on Monday, March 10 in support of the efforts of San Gabriel Valley Alumnae Panhellenic's "Dollars for Scholars" scholarship program. The program has provided monetary awards to more than 194 high school senior women since its inception in 1939.

Marjorie Totten, president of the local Panhellenic group, enthused

that Erskine's participation in the luncheon will raise funds to encourage young women to continue their education. "Chris Erskine writes both humorously and movingly about his daughter's college experiences and the parents' pride and dilemma of seeing the young lady go off to college. He knows first hand the importance of education for women."

Erskine holds a bachelor's degree in journalism and political science from Drake University, and has been with the L A Times since 1990.

Last year's San Gabriel Valley Panhellenic merit-based scholarship winners represented Temple City, Monrovia and South Pasadena High Schools. Winners of \$1,000 each were Karina Barrero, Laura Fernandez, Justine Gray, Danielle Ma and Annie Wong. Net proceeds of the luncheon will be used to continue the scholarship award program. The event will be held at the Sunset Room of the Santa Anita Golf Club, 405 S. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia. Reservations for the benefit are \$35 and can be purchased by calling (626) 355-0643.

The Dollars for Scholars Committee includes Janet Peters, chair and members Pat Beery, Sally Butler, Betty Giles, Barbara Jackman, Carol Levinski, Jodi Little, Jane Lynn, Pat Myers, Alise Ralston, Lynn Rogers, Beverly Street, Lauragene Swenson and Margie Totten.

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TRISH'S TRUTH Yet Another Leap Year

By Trisha Collins

A lot of things are happening this year. There's the presidential elections, the satellite that'll possibly hit Earth within the next few weeks, the lunar eclipse, not to leave out all the Britney drama. But what surprisingly isn't really in the media or news headlines is the Leap Year. The Leap Year, which was first introduced in 46 B.C., has recently been overlooked.

For those who are unaware, a Leap Year occurs once every four years, meaning that in particular year (this year), there will be 366 days in the year instead of 365. This is done by adding an extra day, February 29th, to Leap Year calendars.

Those born in a Leap Year are pretty unique. They only have a real birthday every four years, so when everyone is celebrating their sweet sixteens, the Leap Year kids will only technically be four. There are around 200,000 people in the U.S. born on Leap Year and 4 million worldwide. Among these are a few celebrities such as the rapper JaRule and the "American Idol" judge, Randy Jackson. Maybe on their birthdays, they can stop by the Worldwide Leap Year Festival which has been going on since 1988 in Anthony, Texas. There are many that can say they are a part of a birthday club, but few who can say they are a member of the actual Leap Year Birthday Club. This club has around 600 members, including members from Germany, England, Norway, Mexico, and Canada.

I always wondered what it would be like to have your birthday technically every four years, though I found that many Leap Year babies celebrate their birthdays on March 1st. 104 year old Luz Bejarano thought it was great that she was born on February 29th, since she's really only turning 26 this year.

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Each summer, the Pasadena Human Services and Recreation Department provides scholarship applications for the popular Tom Sawyer Summer Day Camps at Hahamongna Watershed Park and the Catalina Island. Based on income criteria, a limited number of camperships are made available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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OPINION

A Word From Publisher/Editor Susan Henderson:

Clearly, Black History Month has a special meaning for me this year. For the first time in this country, there is an African American that may be the Democratic nominee for President of The United States. In my lifetime I have met many outstanding brothers and sisters who were quite capable of leading our country, however, Barack Obama has prepared himself, overcome seemingly insurmountable odds, and been at the right place at the right time to make it happen. His candidacy is historic, but in all of the excitement about this achievement, we need to reflect a little on how far this country has come. Voting Rights have not always been a given for Women (more on Hillary Clinton next month) or African Americans. Hail Hamilton, submitted the following timely historical piece on voting rights and our government that I feel is most appropriate given the times and the fact during this month we pay particular attention to African American history.



Black History Month: The Voting Rights Act Of 1965

By Hail Hamilton

By 1965 concerted efforts to break the grip of statedisfranchisement had been under way for some time, but had achieved only modest success overall and in some areas had proved almost entirely ineffectual. The murder of voting-rights activists in Philadelphia, Mississippi, gained national attention, along with numerous other acts of violence and terrorism. Finally, the unprovoked attack on March 7, 1965, by state troopers on peaceful marchers crossing the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, en route to the state capitol in Montgomery, persuaded the President and Congress to overcome Southern legislators' resistance to effective voting rights legislation. President Johnson issued a call for a strong voting rights law and hearings began soon thereafter on the bill that would become the Voting Rights Act.

Congress determined that the existing federal anti-discrimination laws were not sufficient to overcome the resistance by state officials to enforcement of the 15th Amendment. The legislative hearings showed that the Department of Justice's efforts to eliminate discriminatory election practices by litigation on a case-by-case basis had been unsuccessful in opening up the registration process; as soon as one discriminatory practice or procedure was proven to be unconstitutional and enjoined, a new one would be substituted in its place and litigation would have to commence anew.

President Johnson signed the resulting legislation into law on August 6, 1965. Section 2 of the Act—which closely followed the language of the 15th amendment—applied a nationwide prohibition against the denial or abridgment of the right to vote on the literacy tests on a nationwide basis. Among its other provisions, the Act contained special enforcement provisions targeted at those areas of the country where Congress believed the potential for discrimination to be the greatest. Under Section 5, jurisdictions covered by these special provisions could not implement any change affecting voting until the Attorney General or the United States District Court for the District of Columbia determined that the change did not have a discriminatory purpose and would not have a discriminatory effect. In addition, the Attorney General could designate a county covered by these special provisions for the appointment of a federal examiner to review the qualifications of persons who wanted to register to vote. Further, in those counties where a federal examiner was serving, the Attorney General could request that federal

observers monitor activities within the county's polling place.

The Voting Rights Act had not included a provision prohibiting poll taxes, but had directed the Attorney General to challenge its use. In Harper v. Board of Elections, 383 U.S. 663 (1966), the Supreme Court held Virginia's poll tax to be unconstitutional under the 14th Amendment. Between 1965 and 1969 the Supreme Court also issued several key decisions upholding the constitutionality of Section 5 and affirming the broad range of voting practices that required Section 5 review. As the Supreme Court put it in its 1966 decision upholding the constitutionality of the Act, Congress had found that case-by-case litigation was inadequate to combat wide-spread and persistent discrimination in voting, because of the inordinate amount of time and energy required to overcome the obstructionist tactics invariably encountered in these lawsuits. After enduring nearly a century of systematic resistance to the Fifteenth Amendment, Congress might well decide to shift the advantage of time and inertia from the perpetrators of the evil to its victims. [South Carolina v. Katzenbach, 383 U.S. 301, 327-28 (1966)].

Congress extended Section 5 for five years in 1970 and for seven years in 1975. With these extensions Congress validated the Supreme Court's broad interpretation of the scope of Section 5. During the hearings on these extensions Congress heard extensive testimony concerning the ways in which voting electorates were manipulated through gerrymandering, annexations, adoption of at-large elections, and other structural changes to prevent newly-registered black voters from effectively using the ballot. Congress also heard extensive testimony about voting discrimination that had been suffered by Hispanic, Asian and Native American citizens, and the 1975 amendments added protections from voting discrimination for language minority citizens.

In 1973, the Supreme Court held certain legislative multi-member districts unconstitutional under the 14th Amendment on the ground that they systematically diluted the voting strength of minority citizens in Bexar County, Texas. This decision in White v. Register, 412 U.S. 755 (1973), strongly shaped litigation through the 1970s against at-large systems and gerrymandered redistricting plans. In Mobile v. Bolden, 446 U.S. 55 (1980), however, the Supreme Court required that any constitutional claim of minority vote dilution must include proof of a racially discriminatory purpose, a requirement that was widely seen as making such claims far more difficult to prove.



Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

It seems today that some people enjoy displaying their ignorance for all to see. Case in point, your otherwise very entertaining writer Stuart Tolchin ("Tell the People the Truth," Jan 25 issue) tells us that "as far as I know, George Washington Was always a vain, calculating, ambitious man." He further tells us that he simply created some uniform to impress the other men and somehow, they were so easily impressed that they made him general.

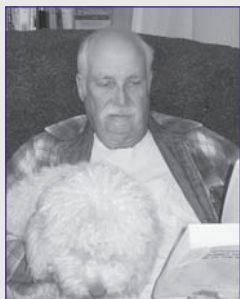
To be fair, Tolchin does say that he got his "facts" from an exhibit at the Huntington, so perhaps I should be challenging those exhibit-makers. I would agree with Tolchin that we have devolved into a sad state today where simply being ambitious and rich somehow qualifies you for presidential leadership. But if the only "research" Tolchin has done on Washington is to view some exhibit, I'd say your writer is wholly unqualified for any serious comment on our first president (and I hope no one was taking him too seriously).

Homework: Read the writings by George Washington, and read his autobiography. Read what others in his day had to say about him. While doing this research, try to put out of your mind all the modern politically-correct reconstructionist ideas about Washington. When you do so, you will find a most remarkable man who felt his main job was teacher, not king. You will find, in fact, that many of those who surrounded him wanted to set him up as king, with lineage line such as you see have corrupted much of Europe. He refused, as he had learned from history,

and he was a bit of a visionary. He was a Mason, who learned and applied many of the great principles of life based on this study. He believe in God, who he referred to as The Great Teacher. He respected and invited the Indians into his home, and called them "brother," an attitude towards the American natives that was not, unfortunately, shared by his fellows.

I am just scratching the surface. I do remind myself that Tolchin's piece was on the Opinion page, and it was clearly in the realm of opinion. But it probably needed to be moved to the Entertainment section. Cheers! Christopher Nyerges

Stuart Tolchin On...LIFE



IT'S REALLY NOT SO BAD

I've been feeling really pessimistic for about the last two weeks. This feeling was preceded by a short period of elation connected to my realization that the Presidential candidates of both parties seemed to be people of high intelligence, quality, and goodwill. All at once I became frightened. What difference can it make now! It's too late.

Even if somebody good is elected he or she will be assassinated anyway, etc. etc. My actual thought was that we are living like Austrians in the late 1930's; proud of our heritage and history and unaware that we about to be absorbed into some sort of demonic fascist Hell like Nazi Germany.

Luckily, for me, yesterday was a holiday and I was freed from my usual obligations. I had made plans for a 7:00 a.m. tennis game with Charles, a pretty great former College football player but a pretty lousy tennis player. We played a couple of quick sets and although Charles is clearly improving he's not able to beat me yet. Actually, Charles, who's just a little more than half my age, was probably hindered by the fact that he had worked until midnight the night before and had get a ride home because his car was locked in some parking lot downtown. Because it was a holiday I had plenty of time to drive Charles downtown and accept his invitation to walk over to his office and meet his clients and some of the other staff.

Charles is a Federal Public Defender which can be a pretty rough job. Federal Public Defenders are opposed by Deputy U.S. Attorneys, generally highly qualified people with the resources of the entire United States government. By reputation U.S. Attorneys only go to trial when they're pretty sure of winning. In fact, I was told by one former Federal Public Defender, now sitting as a Superior Court Judge, that in seven years he had not won one trial—and, believe me, this is a pretty brilliant guy. So, anyway, I didn't know what to expect as I walked with Charles to meet his clients and other colleagues on this non-work day. Oh yeah, one more thing -the penalties in Federal Court are, to me who only appears in State Courts, incredibly severe. First time offenders with clean records who are convicted of non-violent offenses are sentenced to a minimum of two years in prison and are required to remain in prison for almost the full time of their sentence. This is not the case for first time non-violent offenders without previous convictions who are convicted in the Los Angeles County Superior Courts. These individuals typically receive probationary sentences combined with county jail incarcerations from which they are released after serving only a small percentage of their sentence time. The reason for this disparity need not concern us here (and also I am at a loss to understand it) but anyway my expectations were that Charles' client and colleagues would be a pretty depressed group of individuals much like the attorneys and clients in Dependency Court where I had first met Charles. In that system, a non-criminal Court, people are not faced with a loss of liberty or a fine; instead they are faced with the loss of their children perhaps permanently. There is no right to trial by jury only a hearing before busy jaded overworked judges whose time is spent hearing about the worst moments in people's lives. It is not a pleasant place!

I was thinking about Dependency Court as we approached Charles' building. I hear some bearded thirty something guy in a sweatshirt struggling under the weight of several giant cardboard boxes. I think it's probably some homeless person who's going to hassle us for change and I start searching through my tennis shorts looking for a dollar and wondering why I'm putting myself through this on a holiday, this feels strangely like work. All at once Charles is hugging this guy and introducing me to him. The guy turns out to be a colleague of Charles carrying the boxes of papers being readied for filing the next day on a capital case. Out of nowhere this guy tells Charles that he and his wife are preparing dinner for Charles that night as they know Charles has to begin a trial and won't have time to cook for himself. How incredibly kind and thoughtful of him! I meet Charles' client and his family and they are people that one wishes to help. They are a devoted family, aware that their father may have made some mistakes, but clearly hopeful and appreciative of Charles' efforts in their behalf. I go upstairs and meet some of the other lawyers putting in their time on this non-work day and am highly aware of how good it feels to be a defense lawyer. After forty years it's sometimes easy to forget. As I'm leaving the bearded guy asks my name and says he knows my daughter and that she's doing really good work. (My daughter is an Immigration Attorney often working for free in extremely difficult cases.)

Well that's it. I was off to meet my wife for lunch aware, for the moment at least, that life is actually pretty good. The present is fine---and since there is only present everything else is fine; maybe that doesn't really make sense but it feels right especially on a holiday.

It's Just BUSINESS Cause-Related Marketing

Where Business Interests And Worthy Causes Intersect

By La Quetta M. Shamblee

“Doing well by doing good” was touted by Louis Gerstner, Jr. in the early 1980’s when he was Chairman of American Express Travel Related Services, in reference to the pioneering corporate fundraising model introduced by Amex. Although they were engaged with a number of charitable causes, the flagship project that put them on the map as the corporate trailblazer was their campaign to raise funds for the restoration of the Statute of Liberty.

In just three months, the nonprofit Restoration Fund generated over \$1.7 million, assisted by a \$4 million advertising campaign to reach existing and potential Amex customers. It was structured to generate a donation of one cent for every credit card transaction and one dollar for every new card application. In return, the company reached their objective to increase new card applications and card usage, while simultaneously raising money, visibility and support for the Restoration Fund. Purchases of travelers’ checks and travel packages generated additional donations.

The success of this campaign left no doubt that strategic collaborative projects between corporations and nonprofit causes can be structured for mutual benefit. As the fundraising landscape continues to evolve and shift to make it more challenging for nonprofits to secure resources to sustain their programs, a cause-related marketing campaign with a corporate partner is an attractive proposition. This emerging branch of fundraising is now firmly rooted in the philanthropic sector as a viable revenue source.

As with most innovations in commerce, mom and pop businesses

have long engaged in supporting local school bands, little league teams and other worthy causes. In exchange for donations of cash and other resources needed to operate programs and provide services, nonprofits have donned business names and logos on the backs of uniforms and on banners hanging from gym rafters and fences around athletic fields.

A perusal of products in any supermarket will reveal the prominence of this fundraising approach. From the licensing of the American Heart Association’s logo on cereal boxes to Avon’s national sponsorship of annual walks for breast cancer, an increasing number of causes and corporations are participating each year. The current RED campaign spearheaded by the musician Bono to raise money to combat AIDS and poverty in Africa is one the most wide-reaching, successful cause-marketing projects launched to-date.

Cause-marketing collaborations between local businesses and nonprofits represent opportunities waiting to be developed. Cause Marketing for Nonprofits, by Jocelyne Daw, is a book that provides a comprehensive overview of the subject, also making the case that the economic benefits and societal impact from this model aren’t limited to big business as long as the four key elements that define and set this approach apart from traditional marketing and nonprofit-corporate fundraising are considered, including: 1) Creating shareholder and social value, 2) Structuring the relationship as a collaborative, mutually beneficial business-nonprofit partnership, 3) Connecting and engaging stakeholders (including employees and consumers), and 4) Communicating values of citizenship through campaign activities.

By laying the proper groundwork, nonprofits of all sizes can prepare their organizations to benefit from the growing interest in cause-marketing by local businesses and corporations.

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE CALIFORNIA Invites applications for Sierra Madre Police Department POLICE SERGEANT I \$4,248.42 - \$5,450.20 CalPERS 3% @ 55 Application Deadline: 4:00 p.m. Thursday, March 13, 2008

Position: *The City of Sierra Madre is seeking an experienced and committed police professional who possesses outstanding leadership, organizational and interpersonal skills to serve the Sierra Madre community. Under general supervision the Police Sergeant is responsible for supervision, assignments, and reviews subordinates work; enforces rules, regulations, policies and general orders; advises and assists in patrol, detective, juvenile, and desk supervisory operations. Performs complex and responsible law enforcement supervision and planning.*

Qualifications

The ideal candidate will have a bachelor’s degree in public administration or a related field. A minimum of 10 years of police experience with at least 2 years as a Corporal/Agent or above is desirable. Strong writing skills, the ability to foster good working relationships, and to motivate and develop others are essential qualities.

License or Certification Requirements

- Valid Class-C California driver’s license
- Requires a POST Advanced certificate. A POST-approved supervisory course is required within one year of appointment to position.

Salary and Benefits

- Salary range: \$4,248.42 - \$5,190.67 per month. Salary will be negotiated based on qualifications.
- Up to \$630 per month for health, dental, and vision insurance for employee and family; plus 25% of the cost in excess of \$630/month.
- \$50,000 A D & D and life insurance policies & PERS level II survivor benefit is provided.
- PERS retirement – City participates in the CalPERS retirement system. City pays full employee share and counts toward final retirement compensation. No participation in social security. 3%@55
- Annual paid leave of 88 vacation hours (for first four years), 11 paid holidays, and 96 hours of sick leave with a wellness bonus program.
- Uniform allowance: \$700 annually.
- 3/12 work schedule
- Flexible spending accounts for medical and child-care expenses.
- \$5,000 signing bonus, \$2,500 payable upon appointment, and \$2,500 after passing 18 month probationary period.

Application Process

Application deadline: Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. Candidates should send a completed application and current resume to Miguel Hernandez, Personnel Analyst, Sierra Madre City Hall, 232 West Sierra Madre Boulevard, Sierra Madre CA 91024. Applications can also be faxed to (626) 355-2251.

Applications must be completed and demonstrate that the minimum qualifications are met. All statements made on

the application are subject to investigation and verification.

Resumes may be attached to completed application forms as supplemental information, but will not be accepted in lieu of an official application form. The most qualified candidates will be selected to participate in an interview process, followed by a practical test for the successful candidates. All candidates who meet the minimum qualifications will remain candidates until a final offer is accepted by the candidate who most closely meets the requirements of the City. The City may conclude that none of the candidates, even those who meet the minimum qualifications, are appropriate for the position.

The successful outside candidate must pass:

- Background investigation; and
- Pre-employment medical exam, including a physical agility and a drug/alcohol screening; and
- Psychological screening; and
- Polygraph; and
- Reference and background verification, including a credit screening.
- References will not be contacted until a mutual interest has been established.

Please attach POST certification to application. Immigration and Reform Act of 1986

In compliance with the Immigration and Reform Act of 1986, all new employees must demonstrate eligibility to legally work in the United States by providing required documentation.

Equal Opportunity Employer

The City does not make employment decisions based on sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status or physical handicap, except when such qualifications are appropriate occupational qualifications.

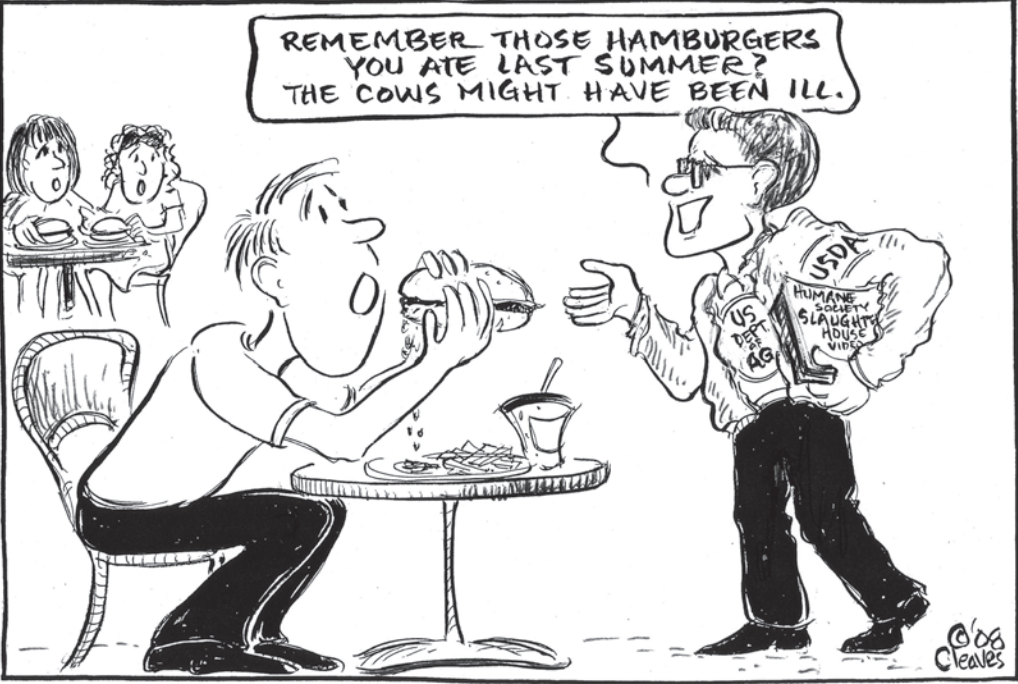
Employment Standards

Employment with the City of Sierra Madre is contingent upon meeting the medical standards of the position. A candidate must pass a pre-employment physical examination, including a drug/alcohol screening and a reference and background check. The City of Sierra Madre makes reasonable accommodations for disabled persons, considering each situation on an individual basis. Please make direct requests for accommodation to Community & Personnel Services. The provisions of this job announcement do not constitute an expressed or implied contract. Any provision contained in this job announcement may be modified or revoked without notice.

Questions

Questions may be directed to Miguel Hernandez at (626) 355-7135 or at mhernandez@ci.sierra-madre.ca.us.

Applicants may wish to visit the City’s official website – www.cityofsierramadre.com – for further information.



LEGAL NOTICES (cont.)

Norvalle M. Willis St. 640 W. 112th St Los Angeles, CA 90044. The business is conducted as: AN INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Jan 23, 2008. 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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040808MG File No. 20080075718 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: THE EDGE 5802 Hardwick St Lakewood, CA 90713.

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Kristine L. Wright and Sandy Snell 5802 Hardwick St Lakewood, CA 90713. The business is conducted as: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Jan 14, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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040809MG File No. 20080127523 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: BURNING STONE PRODUCTIONS 117 N. 2nd St Montebello, CA 90640.

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Sanny Haro J.117 N. 2nd St 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 Jan 23, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above 01/23/2008.

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04810MG File No. 20080126362 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: M.L. INTERNATIONAL 713 N. Market St Ste 7 Inglewood, CA 90203.

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Eric McDaniel 713 N. Market St Ste 7 Inglewood,

CA 90203. The business is conducted as: AN INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Jan 23, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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040809MG File No. 20080127523 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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040811EH File No. 20080151312 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: PROJECTCOLOR 1806 South Garfield Ave #C Monterey Park, CA 91754.

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Richard Goldstar 1806 South Garfield Ave #C Monterey Park, CA 91754. The business is conducted as: AN INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

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040812DS File No. 20080151302 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: MOROVATTI TIRES & WHEELS 817 W. Beverly Blvd #206 Montebello, CA 90640.

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Gevork Ananikian 817 W. Beverly Blvd #206 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 Jan 24, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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040813MM File No. 20080152443 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: J & A AUTO ACCESSORIES, INC.

14025 S. Main St Los Angeles, CA 90061. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) J & A AUTO ACCESSORIES, INC. 14025 S. Main St Los Angeles, CA 90061. The business is conducted as: A CORPORATION. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Jan 24, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/01/2007.

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040814EH File No. 20080125705 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: JUST TO HOT 1735 W. 105th St Los Angeles, CA 90047.

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Candis Mays and LaVelle Jackson 1735 W. 105th St Los

Angeles, CA 90047. The business is conducted as: HUSBAND AND WIFE. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Jan 23, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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040815AN File No. 20080151324 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: KATHY'S HAIR SALON & SUPPLY 8015 E. Imperial Hwy Downey, CA 90242.

Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Arcelia Torres C. And adan Mora Villanueva 8015 E. Imperial Hwy Downey, CA 90242. The business is conducted as: HUSBAND AND WIFE. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Jan 24, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ROGER JOANOU CASE NO. GP013524

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ROGER JOANOU.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by PHILLIP JOANOU & MICHELLE MASON JOANOU in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that PHILLIP JOANOU & MICHELLE MASON JOANOU be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 03/14/08 at 10:00AM in Dept. A located at 300 E. WALNUT ST., PASADENA, CA 91101

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner HAHN & HAHN LLP KARL I. SWAIDAN 301 E. COLORADO BLVD., 9TH FLR. PASADENA, CA 91101-1977 2/9, 2/16, 2/23/08 CNS-1276617#

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Jeff's Pics

The Book Reports

By Jeff Brown

Lewis and Clark Through Indian Eyes by Alvin M. Jr Josephy (2007)
The author offers a collection of nine interesting essays, which presents a new perspective on this famous expedition by looking at the role of the Indians in their successes .The essays are all by distinguished Native American writers and scholars descending from those tribes. The author is a popular historian and a respected scholar of Indian affairs.

The Airmen and the Headhunters: A True Story of Lost Soldiers, Heroic Tribesmen and the Unlikeliest Rescue of World War II by Judith M. Heimann (2007)
Of the Americans lost in the Pacific during WW11, none had a more fascinating experience than two B-24 crews which were downed over Borneo in 1944 and 45. With the help of a local District Official and the Dayaks, Borneos native headhunters, the airmen survived several months in uncharted interior jungles, avoiding capture by occupying Japanese forces. Amazing war story, and also a fascinating anthropological account of a bygone people.

Death of a Gentle Lady by M. C. Beaton (2008)
This is bestseller Beaton's 23rd Hamish Macbeth mystery, which finds this wonderful Scottish detective having to solve another murder. The book is set in the very atmospheric and sleepy seaside town of Lochdubh. Wonderful characters and descriptive writing takes us on a fun journey to this place and people in Northern Scotland. Enjoyable light reading!

Salem Witch Judge: The Life and Repentance of Samuel Sewall by Eve LaPlante (2007)
This is a comprehensive portrait of Sewall (1652–1730) who was an English-born American judge who presided over the Salem witchcraft trials of 1692. Nineteen innocent men and women were put to death, all the result of trumped up charges. Some were unknown to Sewall, but others were his friends. For many years, he struggled with a strong sense of shame and regret and later announced in public the blame for the executions. He spent much of the remainder of his life trying to repent in the eyes of God. He wrote extensive diaries, books, almanacs, essays, ledgers, poems and letters. Sewall became the author of America's first antislavery tract, and published an essay on sexual equality. A fascinating account of the man and of daily life in early America.

Where Did I Leave My Glasses?: The What, When, and Why of Normal Memory Loss by Martha Lear (2008)
The book discusses the issues of memory loss and aging, how much forgetfulness is normal, when does it occur and, what we can do about it? Lear is a former staff writer for *The New York Times Magazine*

Recommended by Journalist Bill Moyers

Command of Office: How War, Secrecy, And Deception Transformed the Presidency, from Theodore Roosevelt to George W. Bush by Steven Graubard (2004)
The book chronicles the shifts thru 8 presidents as they relied on secrecy as a means of consolidating and expanding the extent of the presidency, thus diminishing the legislature and judiciary. How did this happen and what are the consequences?

Book pics can be ordered at Sierra Madre Books (836-3200)
Email recommendations or comments to jeffspics1@gmail.com

Scene One - Take One DVD Review

Never Again (2001)

This film by Eric Schaeffer is very funny. It tells the story of a single middle aged man, Jeffrey Tambor, and woman, Jill Clayburgh, who find each other, have good chemistry and sex, and then begin to wrestle with issues as they search warily for that deeper meaning. They have both been hurt in relationships, are both 54, and neither wants to risk falling in love again, hence the title. And they are both dealing with the normal human issues regarding intimacy, midlife relationship crisis, mortality, loneliness, and the desire for love. It's a romantic farce with complications, a mix of drama and comedy. It includes other characters as well and some Jazz. It has a New York atmosphere.

The film's outrageous comedy is great, and the touching moments are very realistic. It's definitely R rated with some very risqué language. I was amazed by this film which was recommended by my 79 year old mother and her friends. While many movies are geared toward the younger crowd, this one is for 40+ generation. Not only is the acting, script and the directing great, its plot is not one usually seen in other love stories! It is also a very moving film with some very memorable moments. This film deals with real life issues underneath the humor, and is well written from both a male and female perspective. Plus, it isn't afraid to show the sexual side of humanity beyond 50. The movie makes you believe that getting older doesn't include the loss of desire and sexuality! The dialogue is great, the gags are unforgettable! Clayburgh is outstanding as usual. All in all it is a very funny and heartfelt romantic comedy, not for everyone of course because of its adult language and situations. Enjoy!!



The Mountain Clymer

By Kim Clymer-Kelley

GLOBAL WARNING

Pardon me while I use my space here once again to get on yet another soap box. Hope you can bear with me for one more time...though by now, you have to know that when I say "one more", its probably a lie.

Anyway, a few nights ago, I came into the room when my son had the television on, and I sat down to watch it with him. We watched a show called "Six Degrees of Global Warming"...a two hour documentary on the National Geographic Channel that was discussing what the Earth is in store for over the next 50-100 years. It informed viewers that unless we take some drastic measures, during that time the average temperature on the planet will rise an estimated six degrees. The last time that this happened was about 250,000,000 years ago when, most likely, a huge volcano erupted in Siberia throwing tons of carbon dioxide and ash into the air trapping the sun's heat within the Earth's atmosphere. The result was a six degree rise in the average temperature of the planet's surface which nearly annihilated all living things...95% of life on Earth. A description of this event and what the effects of a six degree rise in temperature will have on us and our environment is well detailed on several websites:

<http://books.guardian.co.uk/departments/scienceandnature/story/0,,2063401,00.html>
And:
<http://pnews.org/ArT/ScI/SiX.shtml>

I would highly recommend taking the time to inform yourself by reading them and also checking television listing for future airings of the National Geographic show on the subject.

I am not sure what it is going to take for this country to wake up and smell the coffee (most

other countries are much more aware of the urgency of this matter and are beginning to take aggressive actions against the situation). We are all so spoiled, self-absorbed, smug and ignorant. Scientists say that we have, at the most, 10 years to radically lower the world's carbon emissions if we are to stabilize world temperatures within 2 degrees of their present levels. But even at 2 degrees, a lot of changes will occur that will have disastrous consequences to life as we know it for all human kind. To cut emissions enough to have the affect needed will take great alterations in our lifestyles. It will not be enough for a few environmentally conscientious individuals to simply make sure that they use their blue recycling cans religiously, or switch a light bulb out, or are diligent about turning off lights that are not in use. It is going to take strong government intervention. It is going to take legislation and mandatory cutbacks. It is going to take an all-out effort by the government and corporate America to research and institute new technologies immediately...corporations can no longer drag their feet because making changes does not best serve their financial interest...there is no more time for the usual short-sightedness of the American economic system. If corporations refuse to cooperate, the government will have to stand up to them for once and force them to cooperate. It is going to take strong and courageous legislators to act in the world's best interest ...to stand up to corporate bullying and enact and enforce tough regulations. It is going to take a public that is willing to bite the bullet and live a simpler and less self-centered life. This is a matter of human survival. Once we reach the point of no return...in just 10 short years (do you remember Monica Lewinski...that was 10

Looking Up

With Bob Eklund



Photo by Aaron Dominguez

Snowflakes Are Dancing

COMPOSER CLAUDE DEBUSSY captured the magic of snowflakes in the musical notes of his composition "Snowflakes Are Dancing." Caltech physicist Ken Libbrecht has captured that same magic in photography, while also probing the secrets of the physics behind the snowflakes' creation.

Dr. Libbrecht, who can include solar research at Mount Wilson Observatory in his many-faceted resume, will share his findings about snowflakes with the Mount Wilson Observatory Association (MWOA) at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 24. The public is cordially invited to this profusely illustrated, free talk at the Altadena Public Library, titled "The Physics of Snowflakes."

Libbrecht has studied and photographed snowflakes for many years and is the author of five popular books on the subject, in addition to a 2008 snowflake calendar. These books can be viewed and purchased at Amazon.com or purchased from the Caltech Bookstore or Vroman's Bookstore in Pasadena.

As usual at MWOA lecture/meetings, there will be complimentary refreshments served before the lecture, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The library is at 600 E. Mariposa St. in Altadena.

PLANET EARTH, IT TURNS OUT, IS NOT THE ONLY PLACE where snowflakes are dancing. NASA's Cassini spacecraft has discovered that Saturn's moon Enceladus is jetting out giant ice geysers three times the size of the moon, and now scientists are beginning to understand how the ice grains in these geysers are created and how they might have formed. Knowing the process of how the plume forms and the path the water-ice particles have to travel is giving them an insight into what may be a liquid reservoir or lake lying just beneath the surface.

"Since Cassini discovered the water-vapor geysers, we've all wondered where this water vapor and ice are coming from. Is it from an underground water reservoir or are there some other processes at work? Now, after looking at data from multiple instruments, we can say there probably is water beneath the surface of Enceladus," said Juergen Schmidt, team member on Cassini's Cosmic Dust Analyzer at the University of Potsdam, Germany. This study appeared in the Feb. 7, 2008, issue of the journal *Nature*.

The large number of ice particles observed spewing from the geysers and the steady rate at which these particles are produced require high temperatures, close to the melting point of ice, possibly resulting in an internal lake. The lake would be similar to Earth's Lake Vostok beneath Antarctica, where liquid water exists locked in ice. The ice grains then condense in the vapor evaporating from the water, streaming through cracks in the ice crust to the surface.

Scientists have studied the plume dynamics since 2005, collecting data from several Cassini remote-sensing instruments and those that sample particles directly, like the Cosmic Dust Analyzer. They conclude that an internal lake at a temperature of about 273 Kelvin (32 degrees Fahrenheit) is the best way to account for the material jetting out of the geysers.

The presence of liquid water inside Enceladus would have major implications for future astrobiology studies on the possibility of life on bodies in the outer solar system.

The next Enceladus flyby is in March 2008. The spacecraft's closest approach will be at a mere 30 miles from the surface and the altitude will increase to about 124 miles as the spacecraft passes through the plumes. Cassini will sample the plumes directly and find out more about their makeup.

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

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years ago)...if we have not made the necessary changes, the world will deteriorate at an ever increasing rate, and we will not be able to stop it.

That is the truth...one that is UNDISPUTED by the scientific community (despite lies to the contrary...lies spread by small but ignorant and fanatical religious and political groups and are spread around the general population who then use them as an excuse for inaction.) Some of the timelines and temperatures may be slightly disputed, but there is a unanimous agreement that we are in serious and immediate danger.

We must act now. We must insist that our government takes action. Tell them to stop wasting money on a war whose mission will be moot if we do not meet our 10 year deadline ... we need to put that money to use here to combat global warming instead. We must stop our mass consumption of energy-wasting products we do not need. We must only buy what we absolutely need to buy and make energy-wise choices when buying. Remember...every product produced takes energy to make it, and transport it, and sell it...so buy only what you absolutely need. Stop making excuses and become an educated, conscientious, and active citizen in this effort to save the planet. Speak out and educate others. Urge your legislators to enact legislation to support and encourage the efforts of individuals and corporations who are taking the initiative to institute changes. Push for programs that offer major incentives to those who wish to make their homes and businesses energy self-sufficient. If you are an investor, invest in companies who are advancing and promoting green technologies. As a consumer, let your money do some talking...boycott companies who are polluters, energy wasters, and those who encourage gross consumerism...educate yourself to who those companies are and how they manipulate the public into thinking that need things that they do not really need. Every little bit helps....do not think that you cannot make a difference...you are a vital piece of the puzzle. Take care of your part and encourage others to take care of theirs...do all that you can do. It will take great sacrifice and effort by everyone in the world, but we need to do more than all of the others.

Because of our overly extravagant lifestyles here in this country and because we are such gross over-consumers, we have by far the highest per-capita carbon dioxide footprint in the world. The majority of the blame for this situation rests firmly on our shoulders as we have not only chosen this greedy lifestyle for ourselves, but we have spread our lifestyle throughout the world and have exploited the rest of the world to help support our addiction to our lifestyle. We were integral in creating this mess, we owe it to the world to be the leaders in attaining our planet's salvation.

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- Avoid overly packaged goods. The packaging is a total throw-away.
- Avoid things made with toxic materials, such as most household cleansers.
- Cut back on water use at home.
- Waste less energy on lights and equipment.
- Eat less meat.
- Do not buy "energy vampires"...if you own anything that has a light lit on it when it is turned off, unplug it...better yet...insist on purchasing only items that do not remain on when not in use.

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TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

Burger Continental

Recently I revisited an old friend; it was one of the first restaurants where I used to hang out after school... Burger Continental. I remember the student special: Cheeseburger, fries and unlimited soft drinks.

The name Burger Continental is mis-leading. Sure, they serve burgers... good ones at that. But they also offer many Middle Eastern Dishes and have some of the best bargains in town. Believe it or not, I think they have one of the best pizzas around, too, and I still don't know how they do it...but they do!!! Where else can you go and get Mexican, American, Japanese and Middle Eastern all in one place? I have heard mixed reports; a couple of friends have said that they felt the food has gone down-hill. The famous expression...it is what it is... applies here.

Speaking of bargains, the Sunday Brunch has most everything on their regular menu, including sushi, pizza, a carving station, fresh fruit, chicken, stuffed grape leaves, shrimp and salmon. I think you get the picture. They also serve a California Sparkling Wine with live entertainment. All for \$14.99 and lower for kids.

Burger Continental is a family-run business and has been a Pasadena favorite for over 30 years. They also run a popular catering business, so don't be surprised if you recognize owners Harry or Gary at the restaurant.

There is live music on most nights, Dixieland on Wednesday nights and traditional Middle East Music on the weekends, with belly dancers making sure all are having a good time. I must admit the music can be very loud, and we had to wait for the breaks to have a conversation.

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Answers To Last Week's Crossword

Potpourri

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From the Inside Out

An Ongoing Series of Personal Points of View on Health

By Mary Carney

Insurance.....One Response

Last week another columnist's overview of health insurance pushed a big button with me.

I'm not sure even where to start with the whole thing.

Maybe with the "new scientific discovery" that what you eat / digest / assimilate affects genetic pattern development over time? Maybe it's the increasing amount of genetically modified foods? Maybe it's all the non-nutritive chemicals added to the manufactured foods to make them "taste" delicious, thus covering up the poor nutritive value? Maybe it's our eating habits themselves? Use instant "X" and save time for better things?

Maybe it's the "new scientific discovery" that the cellular "strength" of a child has much to do with the cellular strength of the grandmother? (Which means that, as each generation gestates in increasingly toxic environments, we can expect to see exponential weakening of general health over time. If you, as a mom, have a fragile immune system, do you understand how critically important your health is for your child? And your grandchildren?)

Maybe it's the unrelenting media and professional pressures by your child's doctors and staff, social pressures by parents of your child's friends (who don't know what you know), educational pressures to fill your child with vaccine toxins on a regular basis. ("They" are now looking to increase the "mandated" vaccine level to 69 assaults by the time your child is 15.)

Maybe it's the vaccines themselves? It's possible that the fractions which are supposed to boost the 35% of your "fighting" immune system are OK, but what about the mediums in which the vaccines have been grown? There's a 40+ year history of simian cytomegalovirus contamination in some vaccine types. There's a continuous supply of toxic chemical preservatives deemed essential to keep vaccines from growing unwanted molds, etc., while in storage between manufacturer and injection. During childhood, cells divide and replicate very quickly. With a continuous influx (assault) of toxic chemicals affecting the developing system, is it any wonder that your child's system might become fragile? The

ability of the 65% of your immune system to clean up, after the 35% of the fighters have done their job, may simply be overwhelmed. Countries which took the time to do studies on children given no vaccines until after the child was older than 24 months, proved that these children were much healthier.

Maybe it's the pervasive media onslaught? "Oh, you hurt? Just take this pill..." Until the actual cause taken care of, the situation will continuously recur, driving the "event programming" ever deeper into your body system until your poor body eventually says, "I can't take it any more."

Of course we have health insurance problems! Insurance was originally designed as a backstop for healthy people who had a serious and unexpected problem. No insurance program in the world has sufficient resources pay for sniffles, and colds, and minor aches and pains, to reverse the kinds of exponential growth in poor health that develops in an unaware population when the above conditions exist. Especially not when the health providing companies are required to show a growing profit with increasing stock value on the market.

I wish I could be light-hearted and amused about this whole subject. But it hurts when a friend or neighbor gets caught up in the medical cycle that their life-long training and education has taught them to accept. And when their finances now allow only "insurance approved procedures" (if they are fortunate enough to have it) it hurts more.

Fortunately there are more and more caring, educated individuals out there who have invested their lives in studying preventive care, in becoming knowledgeable in how the integrated body / mind system works together, and who can provide information and guidance. And because everyone is unique, the process that works for one most likely will not work for another, so time and patience are required - sigh!

My prayer for you is that you find knowledgeable, caring people with the information and resources to enable you to take charge of your own health from the inside out. Over time, your personal quality self-care - both free and available 24/7 - can be the best health insurance you'll ever have.



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SPORTS

Back Page Journal

A RETURN TO HOOPS YESTERYEAR? GEEZ, I SURE HOPE NOT....



By Brad Eastland,
Sports Editor

Lakers versus Celtics. The very words still compel the psyches of basketball sluts to tremble. To ache. To yearn for just one more epic showdown between these two storied powerhouses. L.A., left coast, vs. Boston, Beantown USA. Wouldn't that be something? Could it happen?

Uh-huh. Could happen. Could happen this very year, in fact. After all, it happens every 20 years or so. And we're just about due. So what's the big deal?

Well, if you come from my era of basketball fandom, it's a very big deal. No two franchises have so thoroughly dominated any professional sport the way the Lakers and Celtics have cast their giant collective shadow over the NBA. In 61 NBA seasons, one of these two clubs has reigned as champion a staggering 30 times. That's like half. It's hard to fathom, really. It would be like if the Patriots and Giants had each won 10 Super Bowls, like if the Yankees and Dodgers had each won 26 World Serieses to date. (Yes, I know the Yankees have already won 26 Serieses, but the Dodgers are still stuck on six, aren't they Dodger fans. Which sharpens my point. So there.)

And so here we are, more than halfway through the 2007-2008 NBA season, and the Celtics---thanks to the off-season additions of Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen---are high atop the East with a 41-10 record at this writing, while the Lakers, energized by the emergence of Andrew Bynum and the 11th-hour addition of Pau Gasol, are 36-17 and riding quite high themselves. The Lakers and Celtics are suddenly two of the six or so best teams in basketball. Another NBA finals match-up is a definite possibility. It would be their 11th. Obviously the odds of this occurring will improve if Garnett recovers from a nagging belly strain, if Kobe can play at Kobesque levels with his torn pinkie ligament, and if Bynum comes back from his knee injury at close to 100%.

Let's get back to why this Lakers/Celtics thing is such a big deal.

Frankly it's a tad painful for me to write about Lakers versus Celtics, because when I was a little kid it always turned out the same. Bill Russell and Red Auerbach raising a trophy over their heads, my heroes Elgin Baylor and Jerry West walking disconsolately off the court, heads down.

However, if you'll bear with me I will struggle grimly on; because this is a rivalry that demands historical review.

Back in the 50s and 60s the Lakers and the Celtics (notice how I impishly and somewhat stubbornly keep listing the Lakers first?) met seven times in the NBA finals. As said, Boston won each time. But the second one, in 1962, could have changed everything. It went the full seven games, and with only a couple of seconds to go in the 4th quarter of the decider Laker shooting guard Frank Selvy had an open 8-foot jumper to win it all. Frank Selvy, who in college once scored a record 100 points in a single game! Eight feet from glory. This wasn't some long, twisting 25-footer, or some desperation half-court heave like the one he made to cap off his 100-point masterpiece. Eight feet. A shot the deadly-accurate Selvy had made a thousand times without giving it a second thought. He missed.

Had that shot gone in, how might it have affected all those terrible repeat performances, when Boston merely capitalized on their psychological advantage over the Lakers time and time again?

In 1969, though, the Lakers had them right where they wanted them. They'd just acquired the great Wilt Chamberlain, they still had Elgin and Jerry, Boston was old and banged up, Russell was 34 going on 54, and consequently the Celtics had only finished 4th in their conference that year. They were done.

No, they weren't. Because the Lakers went out of their way to help these old tired Beantowners find one last burst of adrenaline. For Game Seven, they stuffed hundreds of balloons in the rafters, so that when they won the balloons would rain joyously down upon the multitudes. Have you ever heard of a team owner (Jack Kent Cooke, in this case) doing anything quite so stupid? Bill Russell took one look up into the rafters, then barked angrily to his teammates, "They can't 'bleeping' beat us. But it's going to be funny watching them take down those balloons." They can't beat us, the aging Russell said.

And they didn't. The basketball gods, angered by Cooke's hubris, made sure of that. First, Wilt got hurt in the 4th quarter, but when he was recovered Coach Butch van Breda Kolff (a well-documented idiot of yore) wouldn't put him back in. Then, with about a minute left and Boston up by one point, Don Nelson hoisted up a desperation set shot from just outside the foul line, which slammed hard off the back heel of the rim, bounced ten feet straight up....and dropped in. And that was it. This time the Lakers had only their owner, their coach, and themselves to blame. Final score: Boston 108, Lakers 106. Of all the gut-wrenching finals losses to the Celtics, this was the worst.

At least until 1984, when Larry Bird and the Celtics did it again. Heavy underdogs, they parlayed an improbable Gerald Henderson steal of an ill-advised, cross-court James Worthy pass at the end of Game Two into victory, in a game they had virtually already lost. They went on to win in seven games. That made it Boston, 8 finals victories, versus Lakers, a lifetime goose egg.

Finally, in 1985 and again in 1987, thanks to the brilliance of all-time-greats Magic Johnson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, the Lakers beat the Celtics in the finals. It was great to finally beat those guys a couple times. But the score still stands Boston 8, L.A. 2. The balm of those two triumphs soothed the scars of the 60s, but it didn't make the scars go away.

So if it does happen, if we do get one more Lakers versus Celtics final this year, please please please let the basketball gods ensure that the Lakers win. And let it be a win that drives a stake into the heart of Celtics fans everywhere. Otherwise, I hope we don't even get there. Because I don't know if us Laker die-hards could take another dagger like '62, or '69, or '84.

Sometimes it's okay just to make it to the big dance. But there are other times when getting there, only to have some other guy go home with the girl who brung ya, just makes it worse.

Just ask the Patriots.

Ken Meyer: 1964 - 2008

By Brad Eastland

Sierra Madre softball lost its touchstone last week.

Ken Meyer, long-time Monrovia resident and the sitting President of the Sierra Madre Girls Softball Association (SMGSA), passed away on February 15th, the victim of a freak ATV accident near San Diego. He was 43.

Meyer's passing leaves a gigantic hole within the SMGSA family. His is perhaps the name most closely associated with girls softball in this area. Not only was he league President at the time of his death, but since 1999 Meyer coached over 20 different teams including regular season, several All-Star teams, and fall ball. Within hours of the SMGSA website's posting the tragic news, dozens upon dozens of heartfelt testimonial messages of condolence and remembrance had flooded the site's message center.

Ken Meyer was a respected, popular, well-loved man.

A candlelight vigil was held last Sunday the 15th at Heasley Field in Ken's honor. The response was stunning and sobering. On very short notice, and though it was the middle of a holiday weekend, over 400 of Ken's close, loyal friends found time to attend. Many of the attendees were members of the SMGSA family, many others were simply those souls whose lives Ken touched forever. In his eulogy, John Latta, Director of Coaching for the league, summed up Ken's life this way: "I asked my wife and girls what they remember about Ken, and their answers were the same; his sense of humor, and his relentless, never-ending smile. Ken greeted all comers walking up the hill [to Heasley Field] with that beaming smile. I think of Ken and his 'Heasley hospitality', welcoming folks to the field, almost like a restaurant owner might greet his oldest and best customers. Like most of us Ken had a job but the game of softball was his avocation. There was no doubt he loved being on the field. Other than spending time with his family, the game of softball was where Ken wanted to be."

When Latta was done, the field lights went off and candles were lit. Someone put on a Hawaiian version of "Over the Rainbow", one of Ken's favorite songs. One of Ken's daughters read a poem. There was a solitary lit candle on home plate during the ceremony. At the end, others came and added their candles to it. People stayed and talked. No one wanted to leave.

Ken Meyer was a character.

He loved life. He loved to laugh. He was known to hide the occasional Coors Lite in a red cup. He loved to tell stories and tell jokes, especially lame jokes, the lamer the better. No one recalls ever seeing him without a handful or mouthful of sunflower seeds.



Photo By Lynda Ott-Albright

"He always had a bag," says good friend and fellow SMGSA Board Member Lynda Albright, whose daughter Rachel played for Ken last year. "He'd always be eating them in the dugout or coaching box while he cheered on the girls." He was known to be exceedingly passionate about the sport (to put it mildly), not above throwing his hat to the ground and getting ejected from a game if he felt strongly about a bad call. His face would flush red and everyone would laugh, and Ken would laugh back.

It is only fitting that a lasting monument to Ken's commitment to girls softball be put in place for the upcoming season. So beginning on Opening Day, March 8th, the softball field at the Sierra Madre School Upper Campus on Canon Avenue---a field he helped develop and build---shall henceforth be known as "Meyer Field".

Ken Meyer leaves behind his wife Kelly and two daughters, Hannah, age 16, and Madelynn, age 11. But in a larger sense---and perhaps this shall be his legacy---he had many more daughters than that. Because over the years, Ken treated each girl who came through the SMGSA as part of his own extended family. As Kelly herself said recently about her beloved husband, "each girl was like a daughter to him...."

(If you'd like to make a donation to the Meyer family for Hannah's and Maddie's education, a scholarship fund has been set up by the SMGSA for that purpose. Please make your contributions to: The Meyer Family, Washington Mutual, 25 Kersting Court, Sierra Madre, CA, 91024.)

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