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Dorn Platz vs. Sierra Madre *No Deal -No Settlement: Judge Says Move On*

By Susan Henderson

After failing to reach an agreement at last week's long city council meeting, on Thursday Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Kenneth Freeman ordered the City of Sierra Madre and Dorn-Platz (for Stonehouse Homes, LLC and One Carter, LLC) to return on April 10th prepared for a Trial Setting Conference. As he promised in November, he has ruled against any additional continuances. In April, unless a settlement is reached, it is anticipated that a date will be set for trial later in the year.

At the council meeting a proposed Settlement Agreement was offered, however, Dorn-Platz would not agree to the terms and conditions. Although they have reduced the number of luxury homes to be built in the hillsides from 35 to 22 and although they did meet with residents who live on the streets surrounding the project, several important issues remain unresolved.

Specifically, according to Director of Public Works Bruce Inman, the amended plans still do not address adequately the issue of cross drainage, sloping, the size of the house on Lot 4 and visibility.

The council had hoped that "something meaningful" would be brought before them, however representative Cathy Teagarden offered nothing acceptable to the city attorney, city manager or council. In addition to Teagarden, the attorney for Dorn-Platz was present. Noticeably absent was Greg Galletly, a principal in the firm who spent a considerable amount of time in Sierra Madre during the early stages of development of the Stonehouse Project, One Carter and the failed attempt to build Maranatha High School on the One Carter site.

Second Anniversary Approaches *Sierra Madre Police Department's Annual Report Says, "We Are Hard At Work For You"*

By Susan Henderson



Sierra Madre Police Chief Marilyn Diaz explains to an inquisitive Paul Neiby how the numbers add up. S. Henderson/MVO

Sierra Madre Police Chief Marilyn Diaz, in a speech before the Kiwanis Club, unveiled the city's Annual Report for 2007. The report showcased two years of progress in fighting crime for our city under Diaz's leadership. Based upon statistics submitted to federal authorities by law, the statistics show that the SMPD has made a significant increase in arrests and prosecutions.

Despite challenges with staffing, recruitment, technology and budgeting, the department has been able to, "deliver low cost, high impact services," says Diaz.

According to the report, there has been a 10% decrease in Part I crimes (hard core felonies), and a 70% decrease in residential burglaries for the period 2005-2007. This is in comparison to Pasadena which surprisingly reported a zero increase in crime for the same period and San Marino, which had a 17% increase during the reporting period.

In addition to the outstanding record of arrests and prosecutions, the SMPD has engaged a variety of "non-enforcement" solutions to resolve problems. One example given by Diaz was the utilization of youth volunteers from the Congregational Church to clear brush from the home of an elderly resident who had not been able to do so. Not only was the resident happy, "the kids loved it", Diaz reported.

Crime prevention and public safety programs are also part of what officers deliver. Officer Esther Doyle, who was honored for her work in an elder abuse case last year, is now working with our schools developing a School Emergency Response Team.

Increased visibility on the streets along with effective team work have been largely responsible for the improvements in the services received by residents. However, the city is still facing a financial crisis which the passage of Measure U would alleviate substantially.

Reading Is FUNdamental

MVO Publisher/Editor Susan Henderson and students from Sierra Madre Elementary School take a moment to smile for the camera last week. Members and friends of the SM Kiwanis volunteered to read to second and third graders for a change of pace. In addition to Henderson, Judy Webb-Martin, Harriett Lyle, Miguel Perez, and Caroline Brown had the pleasure of spending some quality reading time with the children.



Methodist Hospital Alerts Public *Flu Patients Overwhelm Facilities*

With the flu season in full swing, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) asks community members not to seek emergency care at hospitals due to emergency room overcrowding, especially if experiencing flu-like symptoms. Emergency rooms across the United States are reporting longer wait times and an increased diversion rate, leaving hospitals struggling to keep pace.

Many or most people visiting the ER for a cold or flu are urged to try to treat themselves at home with over-the-counter drugs and with increased rest and fluids. The recommendation for seniors and children is to consult your primary physician before coming to the ER for treatment. If you do not have a regular doctor, please contact the county health information line (1-

800-427-8700) for low-cost medical clinics throughout the county. Those who have significant illness such as diabetes, heart trouble, or lung disease and get sick with the flu are encouraged to use the emergency department if there is no other alternative.

"Patients tend to flood local emergency rooms at this time of year for symptoms that can most often be more quickly and appropriately treated by a primary care doctor," said Dr. Bruce Chernof, director and chief medical officer for the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, which oversees the EMS Agency. "Emergency departments are very crowded this time of year and patients without life-threatening emergencies coming to the emergency department can expect long

delays as patients with more severe illnesses or injuries are treated first."

Methodist Hospital of Southern California is also experiencing an influx in inpatients and outpatients waiting to be seen in the ER. "The increased number of patients with illnesses ranging from the common flu to other medical ailments is having a serious impact on the hospital's ability to move admitted patients from the emergency department to nursing floors," said Dr. Fakoori, medical director of the emergency department. "We ask patients coming to the ER to be patient and understanding of the situation."

Methodist Hospital, is a 460 bed, not-for-profit hospital serving the community.

For more information call (626) 898 - 8000 or visit www.methodisthospital.org.

JIM SNIDER MEMORIAL

On Saturday, March 8, 2008 at 5 pm, friends and acquaintances of controversial Sierra Madrean Jim Snider will be held at the fire pit of Bailey Canyon. Friends say this will be an informal service and all are welcome.



Jim Snider's Self Portrait 2006

Snider was found dead in his apartment in January of this year. According to Asst. Chief Ed Winters of the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office, "James Snider died of ethanol toxicity", or what is commonly known as alcohol poisoning. His death was ruled an accident and not a suicide as had been widely speculated.

Jim Snider was 45 years old. He had served for two years on the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department.

Staff/MVO

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

**Wistaria Thrift Shop's
Huge Spring Sale**

The Wistaria Thrift Shop, run by the Sierra Madre Women's Club, will hold their biggest spring sale ever, Friday and Saturday, March 7th and 8th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Because of the large inventory of items available, the sale will be moved into 'Essick House', their historic clubhouse at 550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre.

Arrests 2005 - 2007

- 51 % increase in arrests during 2006 - 2007
- 129 % increase in arrests during 2005 - 2007



Sierra Madre Police Annual Report 2007

NEW IN THE MOUNTAINVIEWS-OBSERVER:

RENOWNED NATURALIST CHRISTOPHER NYERGES

Since 1974, Christopher Nyerger has taken over 30,000 children and adults on Wild Food Outings, Survival Skills Outings, and other field trips and outdoor programs. He has worked with such groups as WTI Inc. (original sponsor of the outings), Tree People, Southwest Museum, Boy Scouts of America, The Sierra Club, Elder Hostel, and many colleges, schools, churches, and libraries.



He is the author of seven books, including *Guide to Wild Foods* and *Enter the Forest*. He has had thousands of newspaper and magazine articles published since the mid-1970s, and is currently the editor of *Wilderness Way* magazine.

His classes and workshops have been featured on all Los Angeles area television stations, including KCET's "Life and Times" and Huell Howser's popular "Visiting" show. For two years, he appeared on Fox TV's "X Show," demonstrating survival skills on the streets of downtown Los Angeles.

Read his contribution on page 6.




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Weather Wise

5-Day Forecast

Sierra Madre, Ca.

Longitude W118.0, Latitude N34.2

Saturday:	Showers	Hi 60s	Lows 50s
Sunday:	Sunny	Hi 60s	Lows 50s
Monday:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 60s
Tuesday:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 60s
Wednesday:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

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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
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45 N. Baldwin Sierra Madre (626) 355-1596

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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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ALVERNO

Two Nights Only!

Alverno High School's spring
musical
Pippin
by Stephen Schwartz

March 14 & 15
Pasadena High School's Gladys
Edwards Theater
2925 E. Sierra Madre Blvd
Tickets are \$8 in advance or
\$12 at the door.



SMRFA OFFERS DINE OUT AND SUPPORT NIGHT

Sierra Madre, C A

—Barney's, "The Only Place in Town" is once again supporting the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association with a fundraiser on Tuesday, March 4th from 3 - 9 P.M. 20% of proceeds going directly to support the 2009 Building of Bollywood.

SMRFA has just recently unveiled the 2009 design winner, **Bollywood**, designed by Charles Meier, and needs your help to kick off this years city wide fundraising efforts. This year's float will be the biggest ever undertaken by the SMRFA and your support is needed more then ever. Come enjoy a great meal and contribute to the cause.

Look for the table with flowers as a volunteer member will be there is answer any of your questions. Patrons must present a flyer prior to dinning and can be printed from www.sierramadrerosefloat.com.

ALVERNO'S ANNUAL Black and White Ball Saturday, March 8, 2008 5:00 p.m.

Elegance and sophistication are the setting for the "Black and White Ball" hosted by the Alverno Parents' Association.

Tickets: \$95 each, or \$850 table of 10.
Contact Wendy Finchat (626) 355-3463 x227 or wfinch@alverno-hs.org

Wistaria Shuttle Tickets Now Available Online

The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce has announced that tickets for the shuttle to the Wistaria Vine can now be purchased online at their website, SierraMadreChamber.com. The Wistaria Festival is just weeks away, on March 30th, and now is the time to make sure you get tickets at the time that you want to view the vine. Cost of the tickets is \$10, and tickets are distributed based on one-hour time increments, to eliminate overcrowding at the Vine. Tickets are required to view the vine, and are free, but the shuttle up the somewhat daunting hill to the vine costs \$10.

The Wistaria Vine has more than 1.5 million luxuriant lavender blossoms and is estimated to weighs in excess of 250 tons. It is more than one acre in size. It has been named by the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest blossoming plant in the world. It is also known as one of the seven horticultural wonders of the world, which also include the redwood forest in Sequoia National Park, Brazil's tropical jungle in the Amazon Valley, India's gardens of the Taj Mahal, and the gardens of Buckingham Palace.

In addition to providing the opportunity to view the vine, the Chamber of Commerce puts on a festival downtown, which will feature in excess of 150 craft and food vendors. More than a dozen bands will be performing in several different outdoor venues.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit www.SierraMadreChamber.com or contact the Chamber at (626) 355-5111

Kiwanis To Host “Candidates Forum” March 18th

The Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club will host a City Council candidates forum on Tuesday, March 18. The forum will give residents the opportunity to hear each City Council candidate's views on current issues, and hear their answers to questions posed by the audience.

The candidates running for City Council include John Buchanan, Enid Joffe, Maryann MacGillivray, Kevin Paschall, and Bill Tice.

This event is open to the public and will be held at the Masonic Lodge, 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. It begins at 11:30 with lunch catered by Restaurant Lozano. The cost for lunch is \$11 per person; reservations for lunch are required. To make lunch reservations, please call Hank Landsberg at 355-3656 no later than noon the day before.

Residents who want to hear the presentation but do not want to have lunch may arrive at noon for any available seating.

Contact: **Hank Landsberg (626) 355-3656**

WOMEN AND HEALTH CARE REFORM

Public Forum Thursday, March 6

The League of Women Voters Pasadena Area is sponsoring a public forum on Women and Health Care Reform to assess the health care platforms of the presidential candidates on Thursday, March 6, 9 a.m. at the Women's City Club, 160 N. Oakland Avenue, Pasadena.

The forum will address what unique problems women face because of economic, sociological and biological factors and what truly affordable health care means in terms of family income. Other topics cover questions about mandated participation in a state or national insurance system and how to mobilize support for a single payer plan that benefits women, family and community.

“Healthcare in the Balance,” a DVD featuring Dr. Susan Wu and Janice Markham also will be shown.

Speakers are Dr. Susie Baldwin, health assessment chief of Los Angeles County Public Health; Shannon Connolly, California Student-Physicians for Healthcare Reform at the USC School of Medicine, and Judy Dugan, Research Director, the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights.

Admission is \$1 for the program only. Lunch following the program is \$20, including tax and tip and parking. The deadline for lunch reservations is March 3. Please call LWVPA at 626-798-0965 for reservations and further information.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization of men and women that promotes civic responsibility through informed and active citizens. While the League takes stands on issues after careful study, it does not support or oppose candidates of any political party.

Carved in Stone Meditative Lenten Production Celebrates 100 Years St. Rita's Parish Sierra Madre

Carved in Stone, a beautiful Lenten reflection with tableaux,original music, and dance will be performed Saturday evening, March 8th at 7:30 pm and Sunday March 9th at 3:00 pm. at St. Rita's Catholic Church, 322 N. Baldwin

Avenue in Sierra Madre. The program begins by taking the viewer to old Jerusalem on a journey with Jesus. The writer beautifully weaves scripture, music, dance and action creating a visually welcoming opportunity for spiritual self examination in preparation for the following week of the passion and resurrection of Christ.

The first half is entitled, “His Great Gift”. The second half celebrates the centennial by intertwining early roots and the theological framework that binds all Christian faiths. Clearly, the program honors children, their protection, education and development as the church's most honorable and important mission.

The program is written, directed and produced by Mimi Mycroft, a parishoner; writer and producer of 2001 production of *The Crimson Cloak*. Ms. Mycroft also wrote the music and lyrics and Jen Bowen,also a parishoner is the music arranger. Other associate producers are Steve Gunther, Music Director, Lisa Bowman, Choreographer, Kathy Ganino, Costume Design and production and Debbie and Paul Balajada, Pacific Island producers, all parishoners. St. Rita's pastor, Father Richard Krekelberg, welcomes all to come and partake of this gift. This event is free to the public in celebration of the 100 year jubilee and it will be a magnificent experience.

Summer @ Chandler

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Summer @ Chandler offers both a co-ed day camp and enrichment classes for children who will be entering grades K-8. The camp runs for six fun-filled weeks from 6/16/08-7/25/08 and aims to create a relaxing, trusting, and fun atmosphere where all children are encouraged to pursue their own interests, develop friendships, and grow in confidence, independence, and

respect for themselves and others. Any combination of days is possible: one day, one week, all six weeks. The myriad enrichment classes take place Monday through Thursday from 6/23/08-7/24/08 and foster creativity and self-expression by giving students a chance to explore subjects that are of interest to them, yet are often only touched upon during a regular school year, and by giving them an opportunity to use their small and large motor skills along with their minds. Additional classes in core academic subjects and sports provide an opportunity to review and improve basic skills. Afternoon hikes offer a refreshing breath of fresh air and a chance to cool off in the nearby foothills. Additional campus programs include a beach volleyball program, chess camp, flute lessons, and moviemaking.

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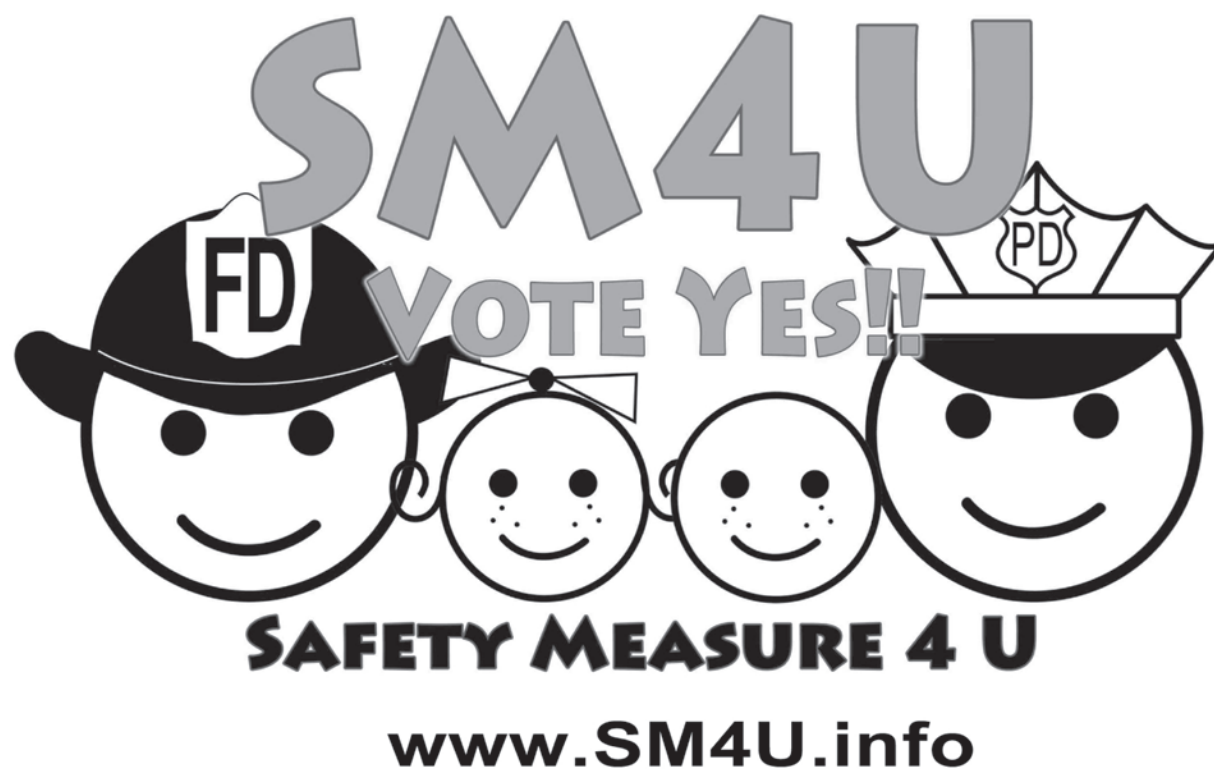
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Sierra Madre Community Arts Commission

City Hall Art Show Opening Night Reception

Friday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. – Sierra Madre City Hall

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.



Dear Neighbors and Friends,

On April 8th we will be asked to vote “yes” to ensure the health and safety of Sierra Madre. This “**yes**” to public safety is found in Measure U and its companion Measure UA.

A residents’ Ad-Hoc Finance Committee was formed to analyze the city’s current financial condition and concluded, with the support of the entire city council, that the City has an **urgent need for additional revenue to fund basic City services**. This Citizen Committee recommended, and the City Council **unanimously** approved, submitting an increase in both the scope and rate of the existing User Utility Tax (UUT) in order to generate additional revenue that can be used to fund general City services, particularly essential services such as **police, fire, and paramedics**.

We feel that **Measure U** is a **common sense** approach to our City’s financial needs because it **exempts all low-income households**, has a **sunset clause**, and **establishes a citizen oversight committee to monitor revenues**. Measure UA ensures that the money is spent on the services you want.

Measure U will cost the avg. household less than \$1 a day—1/2 the price of a cup of coffee!*
It is a fair and equitable solution that will preserve and protect Sierra Madre.

Our police officers, volunteer firefighters and paramedics put their lives on the line for us 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It’s time for the citizens of Sierra Madre to commit to them. We ask you to join us on April 8th by voting “**yes**” to **Measure U and UA**.

Your “yes” vote will:

- Fully fund our paramedic services
- Pay our police a proper wage
- Provide our first responders with what they need
- Ensure the Health and Safety of ALL Sierra Madreans

Say YES To PUBLIC SAFETY! Vote YES On Measures “U” and “UA”!

Sincerely,
 The Safety Measure 4 U Committee

P.S. The Sierra Madre Police Officer’s Association (POA), in a historic agreement with the City of Sierra Madre, has agreed to withdraw support from its Measure P in favor of Measures U and UA. PLEASE VOTE “NO” ON MEASURE P AND “YES” ON MEASURES U and UA.

Please help us spread the word! The SM4U Committee is a grassroots organization of Sierra Madre residents, Police, and Volunteer Firefighters committed to public safety. We ask that you send your donation to: SM4U Committee, 280 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., #195, Sierra Madre, California, 91024

****See www.SM4U.info***



Measures U and UA are supported by the Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighters’ Association

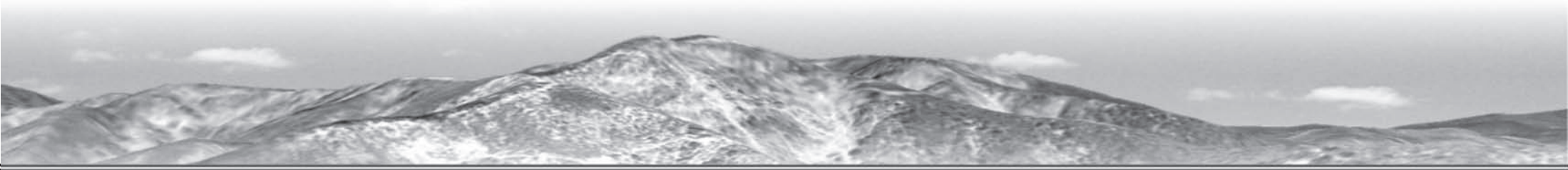
Sierra Madre’s Firefighters, Paramedics, and Police Officers are committed to you. It’s time for you to commit to them!!

Vote Yes, and U WIN!!



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Huntington ER To Expand

By Dean Lee

The Pasadena city council gave the go ahead Monday night, allowing Huntington Memorial Hospital to almost double the size of their emergency facilities in an effort to reduce overcrowding after a number of local area hospitals in recent years have closed.

Huntington also has the only trauma unit in the San Gabriel Valley, said the hospital's attorney, Scott Jenkins.

The city's planning commission had recommended earlier that the hospital submit a complete Master Development Plan application for the entire hospital prior to occupying any new emergency facilities, something which Jenkins made clear he disapproved.

"In 18 months from now we will have the emergency department ready to open, we will have people needing emergency services, and the city will say 'I'm sorry you can't use that until you get your application in,'" he said. "We would all look a little silly at that point."

The council later retracted the condition, which also required a traffic circulation plan outlining signage and the impacts on adjacent streets as they relate to the Master Plan. It would have also looked at benchmarks for employee trip reductions and landscaping for the entire hospital before opening a new ER.

Bill Trimble, Senior Planer for the city said, "The expansion involves four stories with the ground

story for the emergency. The second and third will be for hospital medical services and the fourth story for mechanical equipment."

City staff also said the total addition to the hospital's east tower would be 66,035 square feet. The plans call for a redesigned emergency vehicle loading area along Fairmount Avenue, a private street which would also be widened to 24 feet.

An idea of making Fairmount one way was suggested by Councilmember Chris Holden after safety concerns were brought up regarding a stop sign in the area. Staff said they had to be careful not to trigger the need for a new Environmental Impact Report.

"Right now we are going through a negative declaration and not a whole new EIR," they said. "If we were going through a brand new EIR, we could have that as an option."

Jenkins said having to go through a new EIR would set them back at least a year, adding to already overcrowded conditions. He also said they were trying to expedite the process as fast as they could.

Council member Steve Madison said, "I think it's a medical office building, and so there are elderly folks coming in and out of there. When I looked at the design, it just seemed odd that this property was being boxed in like that."

Staff said there were a number of solutions, including making the

stop only in one direction letting traffic flow through the intersection.

Steve Del Guercio, an attorney representing the offices at 39 Congress, explained that "the main patient entrance and exit is on the west side and you have now the intersection in close proximity to that exit and the stop line for the intersection for the west bound traffic... is now literally within a couple of feet."

He said this leads to a safety problem when people are pulling out. There would also be increased traffic, he said, blocking people from getting out.

Jenkins said this issue exists on every street corner where there is a mini-mart or gas station, implying the city would have to look at every one.

The project also involves demolition of a one-story medical office building at 47 West Congress, staff said.

According to the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services Emergency Medical Services Agency, in the last 10 years, 17 emergency rooms have closed throughout the region including St. Luke Medical Center and Santa Teresita Medical Center in Duarte.

Jenkins said right now the emergency room is seeing twice the normal number of patients. He said the number has risen to 60,000 visits a year, and expects it could go up as high as 85,000 in the next six or seven years.

through magazines," said Frisina's brother, Tony. "We went from a must-go destination to a place where people used to go."

Frisina's wife Petra shared that she's looking forward to a new beginning with her husband and family and foresees many opportunities coming their way. Unfortunately this came to be due to declining business.

"The newsstands and small business in general is becoming a dying breed," she said.

"It's sad because I think Pasadena is pushing small business out...the whole culture is turning more towards corporate America."

Thier final customer came in a few minutes before closing as employees and family gathered at the store eating pizza and sharing memories. Pasadena resident Luci Bray seemed shocked by the news.

"I've been coming here for at least 12 years and I'm really sorry to see this happen," she said. "The staff was so friendly and you could get any magazine without needing a subscription."



Bungalow News Bids Adieu

By Teresa Baxter

A legendary newsstand that has done business in Pasadena since 1962 finally succumbed to a changing web-driven society, and inadequate parking availability issues—affecting customer flow—by closing up shop last Sunday.

The store was widely known for carrying one of the most extensive inventories of newspapers and magazines from around the world. Current owner Larry Frisina took over the family business from his parents in 1979 and since that time has noticed the impact of the Internet making many publications obsolete.

"You can go on the Internet and order automotive parts that used to have to get

Rose Bowl Safety Campaign Launched-Cyclists Targeted

By Dean Lee

Walkers, runners, joggers and cyclist all came together Tuesday night to discuss safety around the Rose Bowl although city staff had one thing on their minds —hundreds of group cyclists set to descend on the area come daylight savings time March 9.

Rose Bowl General Manager Darryl Dunn explained, to about 100 avid users of the Rose Bowl loop, what rules the city plans to enforce through a new awareness program "Stay Left to be Right." He also gave an update on a possible city ban to take affect this spring on cyclists more than two abreast.

"The peloton starts to gear up about this time of year," he said. "So on Tuesdays and Thursdays, what we are going to sort of see, is the riders, kind of doing their thing."

The pelaton is groups of cyclists riding in large formations, between three and six riders across, allowing them to "draft" gaining great speeds found in world racing events. The ordnance, if in effect, will not allow any bicycle formation of more than two riding abreast where signs are posted.

Riders were careful, when asked, not to say they go over 35 to 40 miles per hour the posted speed limit.

In years past the peloton ride usually started at 6:15 p.m. and lasts a little more than an hour and is made up of 100 to 200 cyclists Dunn said. Claims had been made that the cyclist are rude and have a "mob" mentality something the riders' dispute.

"I truly apologize for those that are rude," a rider said. "I know it can sometimes sound mean when we yell, but that's how we alert those riders behind us. We are yelling at ourselves."

Cyclists also disputed claims that the peloton was dangerous saying those "mishaps," riders that have crashed, are solo. They also said, last year, not a single crash involved a pedestrian,

If the city council votes



"Stay Left to be Right" will launch Saturday morning

next month in favor of second reading of the ordnance severely limiting group cyclists, the ban would not go into effect for 30 days, and even so, signs would have to be posted giving cyclist most of this spring to ride staff said.

In a two page complaint last year from the Rose Bowl Operating Company, they stated to the city council that the peloton rides create pedestrian and vehicular traffic problems, "which arise when cyclists indiscriminately block traffic and use vehicle and pedestrian traffic lanes. They also seem to disregard walkers including parents with strollers and young children on bicycles."

A sub committee was put together at the time with a large number of peloton cyclists on it. They stressed the problem was pedestrians not walking counter clockwise around the bowl. Traffic laws state that pedestrians must walk against traffic when there is no sidewalk such as the Rose Bowl.

Some walkers said they would feel forced to make the entire 3.5 mile loop if that was realized something they physically can not do. One cyclist said if they could just get the majority of people to follow the rules those exceptions would be understood.

Others suggested everything from better signs to a fence between the walkers and traffic. Last year the council discussed the idea of closing off the bowl twice a week to traffic but idea was not mentioned again. Some suggested making

the road one way. That idea was heavily criticized saying it would severely limit emergency personal access through the area.

City staff said the campaign, "Stay Left to be Right" will launch Saturday morning with hundreds of flyers being distributed around the Rose Bowl. The city also said they are looking for volunteers to help distribute them. They will also have a prize giveaway they said.

Calling themselves the Rose Bowl Peloton, a group of rides put together their own list of rules and etiquette. Dunn said commended the effort saying cooperation was what they were looking for, "All we want is for the place to be safe," he said. Cyclist said the list was a way to keep the ride going by self policing.

The guidelines included, riders not overlapping wheels or riding overly aggressively, not to cross the centerline or the white pedestrian line at any time during the ride, no aggressive action against anyone and not to enter into the buffer zone for any reason.

There were a total of 11 rules listed by the riders.

The city will also place large colorful banners on the ground explaining from left to right where joggers and walkers should stay and where bicyclists should ride as well as where the buffer zone is that no one should be in.

Anyone wanting more information can call (626) 744-6774. Police will also be on hand Saturday to answer questions they said.

Commission Considers Plastic Bag Ban

By Teresa Baxter

Using Santa Monica and Oakland as municipal models, the Pasadena Environmental Advisory Commission is considering proposing an ordinance banning the free distribution to customers of single use plastic carryout bags at stores within the city of Pasadena.

Last week the Santa Monica City Council agreed to draft an ordinance containing recommendations regarding a ban on plastic bags for commercial establishments in Santa Monica. The Pasadena EAC made public a report that was presented to the Santa Monica City Council—prior to the approval of the ordinance—with pertinent facts regarding the environmental impact of the non-biodegradable bags.

The report was drafted by Craig Perkins, director of Santa Monica's Environmental and Public Management at the request of the City Council. According to the report it was determined that "plastic bags are responsible for significant negative environmental impacts and that preferable alternatives are readily available and

currently in use. The most effective way to reduce the environmental impacts related to plastic bags is to ban their use and promote the use of reusable carryout bags." The report also recommended that single use paper carryout bags should be allowed as an alternative, but should be able to meet certain requirements to minimize the environmental impacts related to their manufacture and transportation.

A similar ban was adopted by the City of Oakland in July, 2007. Oakland's ordinance applies to all stores generating \$1 million or more in annual sales with the exception of restaurants. The report also stated that, "in August 2007, the City of Oakland was sued by the Coalition to Support Plastic Bag Recycling which argued that the City failed to complete an environmental impact report as required before adopting its ordinance. In response to the lawsuit, the City of Oakland has agreed not to enforce its ordinance until the suit is resolved."

The Pasadena EAC took the first step to awareness of the issue at their meeting held last Tuesday and hopes to generate interest in the matter culminating with a "Town Hall"-type meeting to be held in May.

Cable Programming on 55 KPAS Unavailable March 5 and 6

All regular programming on 55 KPAS, the city of Pasadena's cable television channel, will be unavailable on Pasadena televisions and the Internet Wednesday, March 5, and Thursday, March 6, while a new automated playback system is installed.

The equipment inserts specific programs into scheduled time slots throughout the day and night. The existing equipment has exceeded its life span.

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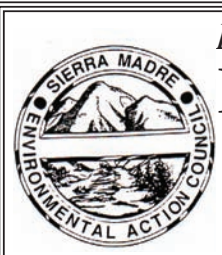
From Caroline Brown

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.

On YouTube, you will find many informative movie selections on the subject of wildland fire safety. One in particular that will be of interest is the relative experience of the damaging heat to human flesh, as contrasted to the amount of heat it takes to ignite a building. The focus is on the aspect of flying embers and the destruction to dwellings, if embers are allowed to congregate on exposed wood. Please see: www.youtube.com/watch?V=Dq6wy_tffpg

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, 2007. Call 355-0741.



Environmentally Speaking, Did You Know?

More EcoQuiz...

What accounts for half of the toxic metal cadmium found in the American waste stream?

Disposable batteries account for half of the approximately 1,800 tons of cadmium in our waste stream each year, according to the US Environmental Protection Agency. Batteries commonly end up in local landfills rather than in a battery collection programs that will properly dispose of them. Currently, rechargeables account for only about 11% of the global battery market (overall, a \$50billion industry). Reducing the use of battery-powered items is the ultimate goal, but for those things you can't part with, use rechargeable batteries (NiMH or lithium are best). You'll get hundreds of uses for each battery, rather than one.

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*** Sierra Madre has a disposable battery collection program. Take them to City Hall, the Police Department or the Youth Activity Center.**

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SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During the week of Sunday, February 17th to Saturday February 23rd the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 243 calls for service.

Sunday, February 17th:
1:14 AM - Arrest, 500 block North Michillinda Ave. Officers responded to the 500 block of North Michillinda Avenue regarding a fight in the street. Upon arrival officers found several adult men standing in the street and no fight. During the investigation a records check revealed one of the men, an Oakland resident had an outstanding Pasadena criminal arrest warrant. The man was arrested and transported to the police station. He was later released on a written promise to appear.
2:30 AM - DUI arrest, Valley View Ave and Valley Lights Drive, Pasadena. The officer stopped a car for a traffic violation, straddling traffic lanes. During the investigation the driver, a Los Angeles resident was determined to be driving under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested for DUI. Her three passengers were also arrested for public intoxication. All were transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.
1:38 PM - Traffic accident, 00 block Esperanza Ave. Officers responded to a report of a traffic collision in the 00 block of Esperanza Avenue. During the investigation the accident was determined to be a "Hit and run" collision involving a parked vehicle.
9:23 PM - Arrest, 70 West Sierra Madre Blvd, Buccaneer. The manager reported an intoxicated patron, who was refusing to leave. The man, a Sierra Madre resident was subsequently arrested for public intoxication and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

Monday, February 18th:
11:10 PM - Arrest, Valley View and Michillinda Ave, Pasadena. The Officer stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation; further investigation revealed the driver, an Azusa resident had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The man was issued a written promise to appear and released.

Tuesday, February 19th:
3:15 PM - Theft, 100 block San Gabriel Court. A resident reported several items stolen from his unlocked car: Maui Gin sun glasses, a blue vinyl bag 5" x 12" and a "Grand Am" ID card. The crime occurred, Tuesday, 2/19 between 9:00 am and 11:00 am. Total loss was estimated at \$220.00.
4:16 PM - Theft, 500 block North Michillinda Ave. A resident reported that party guests may have stolen jewelry, a wallet, an IPOD, and other belongings from the family home. The crime occurred the evening of Saturday, 2/16 and early Sunday morning, 2/17 when the resident was away, and his son hosted a party. Police officers had been sent to the home, 2/17 at around 1:14 am, regarding a fight in the street; however, the loss was not discovered until after officers left. Some of the loss included a wallet and an IPOD. The total loss has yet to be determined.

Thursday, February 21st:
6:19 PM - Arrest, 70 West Sierra Madre Blvd, Buccaneer. The manager reported an intoxicated patron who was refusing to leave. The man, a Sierra Madre resident, was arrested for public intoxication and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

Friday, February 22nd:
10:39 AM - Trespassing, 225 West Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre Convalescent Hospital. A resident reported seeing a female jump the fence of the abandoned hospital property. Responding officers found two female juveniles, 15 and 17 years old, trespassing. During the investigation, the 17 year old was found to be in possession of tobacco. Both juveniles were escorted to the police station where their guardians and the Pasadena School District were notified. Both juveniles were later released to their guardians.
1:13 PM - Vandalism, The caller reported finding the letters "XK" and a figure sprayed in black paint on the door of a storage shed at Bethany Christian Church, 93 North Baldwin Ave. The vandalism occurred between 9:00 am, Tuesday, 2/19 and 9:30 am, Friday, 2/22. During the investigation the handling officer found the word "SEEK" in black on the building's fascia panel.
11:48 PM - DUI arrest, Colorado and Vaquero, Rd. Arcadia. The officer stopped a car for a traffic violation. During the investigation, the driver, a Phillips Ranch resident, was determined to be driving under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and the passenger, a Whittier resident, was arrested for public intoxication. They were transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

Saturday, February 23rd:
1:59 AM - DUI arrest, 00 block East Orange Grove Ave, Arcadia. The officer tried to stop a car for failing to stop at a posted stop sign. The driver, an Arcadia resident, was involved in a non injury traffic accident as he collided at his own home. During the investigation the driver was determined to be driving under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.
4:49 AM - DUI arrest, Hill and Colorado Blvd, Pasadena. The officer stopped a car for weaving and crossing the double yellow lines. During the investigation the driver, a Lynwood resident, was determined to be driving under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.
10:33 AM - Theft, 300 block North Santa Anita. A resident reported her CD receiver was stolen from her unlocked car parked in the driveway. The crime occurred between 8:00 pm, Saturday, 2/22 and 10:30 am, Sunday, 2/23. The loss was estimated at \$170.00.

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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

Growing a ‘One Of A Kind’ Neighborhood In This ‘One Of A Kind’ Town

Part of the reason my husband and I felt comfortable in the Sierra Madre neighborhood we chose two years ago, was the family that came out and chatted with us, nearly every time we perused our potential purchase. Friendly and welcoming, but not intrusive, Martin and Carolyn let us know we would be a welcome addition to this little neck of the woods, pardon me, foothills.

Before a job transfer brought us here, we drove straight through LA without stopping, planning ahead for enough fuel to make it all the way through. As born and bred Midwesterners, LA's reputation in Illinois is rather scary, full of Hollywood sound bites on one end of the spectrum and gang wars on the other. This reputation of ill repute pervaded our senses, even when we lived as close as San Diego and San Francisco. For many years, we never even considered job opportunities here, just crossing LA off the list of residential possibilities. Yet we ended up here after all, and set ourselves to making the best of it.



Neighbor Martin Eberhard preps new sign posts

her feet for nearly a year, dreading LA. They ended up here in Sierra Madre. Other transplanted families from New Jersey and Connecticut related similar reluctance and experiences. Debi was amazed at the effort Gooden School's families and community made to connect and welcome them to the area.

A new neighbor, John, moved less than ten miles to our neighborhood. He reflected that after many years in his old neighborhood and town south of here, he didn't know, or even talk to his neighbors. Our police chief, Marilyn Diaz, promptly returns my phone calls and emails, attended our last block party, and greets me like a friend when we see each other in town. Pretty cool in my book. Not the LA I expected.

Which comes to some of the mechanics of building a great neighborhood in a great town. Making sure we know each other. Three things work well here to keep the communication lines open. Well attended block parties bring us together to see each other face to face. Sharing a meal builds a neighborhood. When an issue comes up, we have already built a relationship. Two: Many of us have each other's emails and phone numbers to communicate quickly about a lost cat or a bear lounging in a back yard, or worse, if that comes up. Three: Neighborhood Watch. It's worth the time to schedule a meeting for your block or your neighborhood. Police representatives are delighted to spend an evening sharing information, answering questions and getting to know you as neighbors face to face. If you and your neighbors already had your initial meeting, I understand that staff encourage a second meeting, with the discussion topic of coexisting with our wildlife neighbors. Call them at 626-355-1414 to set it up.

We're a neighborhood of do it yourselfers, and not hesitant about asking each other for help, and giving it. Martin got it in his head that our dilapidated neighborhood entrance sign bore replacement. Susie Mc Connell, Bruce Inman and the recently retired Steve Pock helpfully guided us through the hoops, requirements, permits and needed resources, with little fuss and bother. Neighbors pitched in financially; Marie and Amy and Carolyn helped with the coordination. Martin and Dick coordinated the installation, and soon it was a done deal. It's just that kind of place.



Oakcrest Deodar Block Party 2007

And so at the end, I come to the spark that really ignited this article. We have a neighbor we've dubbed, St. Neil, despite his non-Catholic heritage. Twice in two months he has driven by at just the right moment when we needed a hand. Screeching to a halt, he just seems to know we need help with the highest of our Christmas lights, or tree stump removal last Saturday. Neil showed up, grabbed his chain saw, then added his truck pulling capability, then personal brute force later. Seemingly always at the right moment. How DOES he do that?

Just that kind of neighbor. Just that kind of neighborhood and just that kind of town. The one remonstrance that all seem to share is that Sierra Madre remain "our little secret." Oh sure, we have our local quirks and issues, but I wouldn't live anywhere else in LA, maybe nowhere else... period. So, shhhhh. Don't tell anybody!



Neighbor Neil Lavick helps with a tree.

Famous Stories Come To Life At Creative Arts Group



Creative Arts Group is pleased to present two new children's puppetry classes this winter. Children will make Rudyard Kipling's story "The Elephant Child" come to life in the first of our children's puppetry classes. Children will create an elephant whose trunk grows and a snapping crocodile while learning how the elephant got its trunk. In the second workshop, children will make a lady (or man) and a tiger based on the limerick by William Cosmo Monkhouse that starts "There was a young lady of Niger, who smiled as she rode on a tiger..." Instructor Cathy Manzo has taught puppetry for the City of Glendora and was director of the art appreciation program at Cullen elementary school. Working in early childhood education, Manzo has received awards from the Sierra Madre Parent Participation Nursery School and the Glendora Council PTA for her work with children.

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.

TRAVELERS AND COLLECTORS" PROGRAM TO FEATURE NORTHERN INDIA

Presenter Marion Gasper will explore the northern regions of India, often called "The Soul of India," exotic land of the Maharajas, home of the magnificent Taj Mahal, Jaipur, the beautiful "Pink City," and Delhi, city of astonishing contrasts. This event is free and open to the public. The "Travelers and Collectors" series is held on the second Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m., October through May. Sponsored by the Friends of the Sierra Madre Public Library. For more information, call (626) 355-7186.

Friday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m.

The Sierra Madre City Hall Chambers, located at
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, 91024

CHANGE THE WORLD BY CHANGING YOURSELF

Seeking the Path of Practical Ecology Earth Day every day? By Christopher Nyerges

"Live light upon the Earth, If you would not be earthbound." -- Shining Bear

I was only a teenager, but I could never get it out of my mind: "How should we be living our lives? Is there not more to life than seeking money, possessions, and pleasure?" These questions, and their countless variations, were the driving force that led me on my path of botany, ecology, indigenous skills, and spiritual evolution.

Back in the early '70s, there was the beginning of a heightened ecological awareness, but you were still a "kook" if you expressed an interest in practical survival, and if you expressed concern about the growing ecological crisis.

A lot has happened in 30 years. Things have gotten worse. "Great interest" and "good intentions" of the 1970s did not succeed in materially improve our overall trends in the United States. Our rapid population growth, both from within and without, has only exacerbated the situation.

I spent the last 30 years attempting to learn and to apply the "little things" that I can do, and that anyone can do, to choose to be a part of the solution. It is the way that I maintain hope, and that I can find a way to mentally rise above what seems a hopeless situation.

Besides learning many of the elements of what anyone can do, even if you're in the cities, I realized that there is no "enemy" out there. The "enemy" is always within. It is my own proclivity to laziness, to choosing the path of least resistance, to choosing something based solely on economics. Though I have not always succeeded, I have attempted to take the time to determine why we've even here on this earth for a few score years before we die. It certainly cannot be solely to accumulate a good portfolio.

My pursuit of "what to do?" initially led me to study botany. In botany, and specifically in discovering how indigenous peoples used their floral friends, I realized that food and medicine were richly abundant on this earth. While modern agriculture continues to travel down the high-tech path of genetically modified foods, the most nutritious plants on the earth are still wild plants, plants such as dandelion, purslane, curly dock and other so-called "weeds" that are found in urban areas throughout the world.

Dandelion - richer in beta-carotene than carrots. Purslane, the richest plant source of Omega-3 fatty acids. Curly dock, one of the richest sources

of vitamin A. These wild plants, and hundreds more, I have used and taught to thousands of students over the past 3 decades. Acorns still abound, and it is a fascinating path of discovery to collect the acorns and process them in the traditions of the Old Ways. In our urban areas, we can find lambs quarter, a spinach relative that is arguably nature's best mineral tablet. We find abundant carob trees planted as ornamentals, and these are edible right off the tree, with three times as much calcium as the same amount of milk. Chickweed is a common weed of lawns, rich in vitamin C and a delicious salad plant.

And get this - because chickweed has the audacity to grow on lawns, there is a poison you can buy in most nurseries that promises to kill all the chickweed on your lawn, as well as dozens of other so-called weeds, which are actually good foods and good herbs.

WHY A LAWN?

Why, why, why? It is apparently because "we" believe that there is some socially redeeming value in lawns. We have never cared for lawns, and have always used that space to create compost, and raise such plants as fruit trees, roses, lavender, and edible groundcovers such as nasturtiums, mints, and tradescantia. This is one of the "little ways" we choose to not contribute to the waste of water and fuel that goes into the care and maintenance of lawns. It is one of our little ways in which we can take charge and be a part of the solution.

And we have spoken up when other neighbors cut their "weeds" down to the bare soil. This is as foolhardy as a lawn, even worse, for it dries the soil, reduces the amount of moisture that that soil can release into the local atmosphere, and contributes to desertification.

Once you learn about the uses of plants, you become a confirmed ecologist. You will not want to pull "weeds" pointlessly, and you would not scrape plants down to the bare soil, as so many of the so-called "gardeners" do with their weed-whackers.

It is difficult enough to create a beautiful area where there was once a pointless lawn. It is more difficult to convince others, since most in today's mindset will not only ridicule you, but will find ways to fight you, legally or otherwise.

It is wise to find ways to become a part of the solution, and it is also wise to go forward with eyes open, to avoid unnecessary battles. It is wiser to convince your neighbors to the vast practicality of what you do, rather than have to fight your neighbors when they suggest your "overgrown lawn" is lowering their property values.

One person may not be able to change the world, but each of us can change ourselves. By studying plants, and learning their value, I have begun to see how botany is related to the health of the soil, and how the health of the soil is related to the network of animal life on that land, and this has led me to see how the health of the wild animals directly affects my health and well-being. This is a science, not a "New Age" word game, and the application of practical urban ecology should be approached as a hard science, where you can observe positive results, and where you can repeat those results if you follow the same procedures.

SURVIVAL SKILLS

I pursue both wilderness and urban survival skills. On most weekends, I conduct field trips where our students learn about using wild plants. We collect woods, and we make fire without matches as people in the past have done for millennia. We teach our students to find natural fibres and make such things as twine, baskets, sandals. We build shelters from branches and leaves. It has become relatively easy to be safe and sound in the wilderness using what nature has provided. But most of us live in the city most of the time.

So we teach and practice urban skills too. Urban skills include such things as making compost, finding ways to recycle just about everything, growing fruits and vegetables, and having battery-operated or hand-powered devices where possible. We have solar heated water, and a small solar electrical system. We would never just toss kitchen scraps into the city trash container, nor would we mindless "pull weeds." Kitchen scraps make good soil, and any wild plants that must be pulled get eaten by us, or the animals.

A side benefit of practicing urban ecology is that you're a little more prepared if there's ever a major earthquake or a blackout. But that shouldn't be your overriding impetus for pursuing practical survival. You should pursue it because it's the right thing to do.

Got Time?

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We have a friend who always carries a cloth napkin of his own when at restaurants. He doesn't want to participate in the extra paper waste that goes into the napkins. He has even collected other people's napkins (unused) and took them home to use in various recycling projects. I once told him that the trees still get cut, and that the restaurants still use and discard massive amounts of paper. He reminded me that he wasn't trying to change the world. He was only trying to do the right thing in his little sphere of influence. "And at least the paper I take isn't going into a landfill," he told me.

Yes, little things, but little things add up. We carry our used dish water outside and we pour it onto our plants. Of course, this means we must buy safe detergents. All things are related.

We are often confronted with the challenge that things are just too bad, "we don't want to think about it, and besides, we're not the problem. What we do is just a small insignificant part of the trash problem." But don't millions of people make that same excuse?

I hold that view that even if I cannot change the world, I should still make the right choice in those cases where I have choice. To take the path of making wise use of resources is often difficult and often inconvenient. If "karma" has any meaning, then even if I cannot change the world, I do affect my own destiny by how I make my personal choices that pertain to all the resources that I come into contact in my daily life.

I urge us all to work together to find the little ways in which we can change the world by changing ourselves. It is the right thing to do.

Christopher Nyerges is the author of How To Survive Anywhere and co-author of Extreme Simplicity: Homesteading in the City. Since 1974, Nyerges has led Wild Food Outings, Survival Skills outings, and Urban Homesteading classes in California. He is also the author of Guide to Wild Foods, Enter the Forest, and Testing Your Outdoor Survival Skills. He is also the editor of Wilderness Way magazine. For more information about his classes and books, contact School of Self-reliance, Box 41834, Eagle Rock, CA 90041, or www.ChristopherNyerges.com or self-reliance.net

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PUSD STUDENTS EXCEL AT REGIONAL COMPETITION

Five teams advance to "Odyssey of the Mind" state tournament

Pasadena, CA – On Saturday, February 23rd, teams of children from around the Southland met at Marshall High School in Pasadena for the 2008 Odyssey of the Mind regional tournament. Twelve teams from Pasadena Unified were among them, representing the Don Benito, Loma Alta, McKinley, Sierra Madre, Wilson, and Washington campuses. Five of those teams, from Don Benito, McKinley, Sierra Madre, and Wilson, were among the 19 teams who advanced to the state tournament, to be held at Heritage High School in Brentwood on April 5th.

For months, the students had been preparing for the competition, creating a solution to one of five open ended problems offered by Odyssey of the Mind each year. They had worked alone, without any help from parents or peers, facilitated only by the patience and encouragement of their coach. "No outside assistance" is a central theme to this internationally acclaimed program, instilling within its participants the pride and responsibility that comes from developing a sense of ownership.

Odyssey of the Mind coaches are allowed to teach brainstorming skills, to provide the framework of a supportive collaborative environment, and to reinforce critical thinking skills with commentary and questions. But coaches must stop short of contributing to the team's solution. Instead, they

must step back, letting the kids examine, develop, refine, and execute. The end result is a unique learning environment, where children gain the confidence to "play" with ideas, the discipline to analyze risks, the courage to take them, and the practical skills to realize their dreams.

Each solution is presented as an 8 minute performance, and is judged on everything from general categories, like stage presence and overall style, to problem specific categories, such as the portrayal of a character or an event from the classics, the success of a vehicle in completing its tasks, the dramatic or humorous impact of a plot twist, the sophistication demonstrated by one or technical operations, or the weight held by a balsa wood structure weighing less than three quarters (18g).

Except that the "Structures" problem this year specified that the weight rest on golf balls, rather than on the wood itself. And the technical operations were a team developed representation of a pre-historic extinction event. And the plot twist involved three eccentric characters who had to undo environmental damage.

The engaging fun and extraordinary challenge of Odyssey of the Mind



The McKinley Team Rejoices!
Photo Courtesy PUSD

encourages children to explore their own creativity and imagination, and develop new ways of looking at things. Each of Pasadena's teams, earned something for performing at Marshall... something that can only be enhanced by the tournament's competitive results. And for five teams, the adventure will continue next month.

Conroy Wins Third Annual Robert Alcorn Scholarship



Pictured at the Academic Awards Ceremony are, from left, Dr. Steve Bucola '62 the recipient of the 2008 Brother Mel Anderson Alumni Award for Excellence in Academics, and the morning's featured speaker, Mrs. Robert Alcorn, Brian, Conroy '09 and Principal, Patrick Bonacci, AFSC.

Photo/ Story By John Blackstock

To say La Salle's late teacher, Robert Alcorn, was a taskmaster during the decade of service he gave to La Salle High School is an understatement. Virtually every student who passed through his classroom now reports that their literacy, language, and composition skills are what they are because of his dedicated efforts and high expectations. Bob Alcorn's efforts in languages and language arts were matched by his dedication outside of the classroom. Drama, French and Spanish clubs all benefited from his single-minded devotion to excellence.

To honor the remarkable achievements of Mr. Bob Alcorn, the Class of 1962 has established a permanent scholarship to be awarded to a La Salle Junior at the time of the Spring Academic Awards Ceremony. They established as the criteria academic excellence in the

fields in which Mr. Alcorn exercised such a profound influence: languages and language arts. The scholarship is \$1,000.00 to be applied to the student's Senior year tuition.

Because of La Salle's recent efforts to coordinate the disciplines of English and Social Studies, the Administration chose to combine these two disciplines for purposes of this award. The faculties of Social Studies, English, and Language Arts were asked to nominate candidates from each of their disciplines to be considered for this award.

Of the talented names submitted, Brian Conroy's was the only one to appear on all three lists. His three-year transcript reveals that he is a straight A student in each of these disciplines (including getting a straight A in US History Honors) – and in fact has not earned less than an A in any of his UC a-g courses. Each year he has elected to take the maximum number of Honors and Advanced Placement courses. This year he is taking two Honors courses (US History Honors & Physics Honors) and three advanced placement courses (AP Language and Composition, AP Biology, and AP Calculus AB) and has earned a three-year weighted GPA of 4.46

Muir Reinvention Plan Awarded Momentous Grant

By Teresa Baxter

Last Tuesday, the steps leading up to Muir High School was the setting for a gathering, attended by Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard, Pasadena Unified School District Superintendent Edwin Diaz, and other community leaders. All were on hand to celebrate a record-breaking grant awarded to Muir for their reinvention plan.

The Pasadena Community Foundation, a local philanthropic organization represented by Executive Director Jennifer DeVoll, presented the largest single grant of its 55-year history to

Muir Principal, Sheryl Orange. The PCF Foundation Board plans to award \$450,000 over three years, with the first phase grant of \$150,000 going specifically for the new John Muir Reinvention Plan.

"Pasadena is a community that believes in the value of education as a pathway to a better and more successful life," said DeVoll. "We spoke with many leaders in the community about how we could make an impact in helping our youth make a successful transition to adulthood."

Part of the funding has also been

designated to be applied to a teacher-training program. The PFC feels that because all current teachers have been asked to re-apply for their positions and new teachers are being recruited, high quality teacher training and on-going coaching is of primary importance.

"This is very exciting to receive a grant of this magnitude in support of John Muir students and staff. It is of tremendous benefit to this community," said Orange, during the presentation. "It sends the message that students are valued and we are doing everything that we can to insure that every student has the opportunity to go to college."

February or March. Too bad it's already late February and that scientists cannot predict where or exactly when it will hit. I began writing this article searching for some good news to report on this subject, but I simply couldn't find any. At first I thought, "Hopefully this bus-sized satellite will land in an ocean." In a very similar situation in 2002, the satellite landed harmlessly in the Persian Gulf. Then I learned that this satellite contains some very hazardous materials. So, if it does happen to land in the body of water, what about the sea life? I guess, better them than us, but I do care about the fish and coral.

I think it's time for America to get its priorities straight. I asked one of my classmates at school if they knew about this dangerous satellite and they said they had never even heard of such a thing. But they knew all about Britney's latest drama, and all the facts on how the writer's strike ended. A region in our world is in possible danger and all people on the news can talk about is the custody issues of a woman none of us even knows. Something is wrong here. Some may say I'm over reacting, but I'm really just a little concerned with the possibility of looking out my window to see a bus-sized satellite spitting hazardous fumes into my front yard, that's all. Sounds like an idea for the next Sci-Fi movie...I think not.

TRISH'S TRUTH

New Sci-Fi Movie? I Think Not!

By Trisha Collins

You know the type. You've probably seen those crazy Science fiction movies where they've discovered aliens on Mars and they're coming to attack earth. Or maybe those movies where there's a huge astroid that's about to hit Earth in...lets say a week, and there's only one unwilling guy that can stop it. Those movies are pretty common in this day and age, but the key is that they are movies. Just movies that were thought up by directors and writers; just movies that are totally fictional. Nothing like that could really happen in real life. Not to the earth at least...Not to us. There's no way that a uncontrollable satellite could be heading towards Earth at top speed as we speak. No, no way.

Unfortunately, there is an uncontrollable satellite that is heading towards Earth at top speed as we speak. Officials say that the satellite could hit Earth around late

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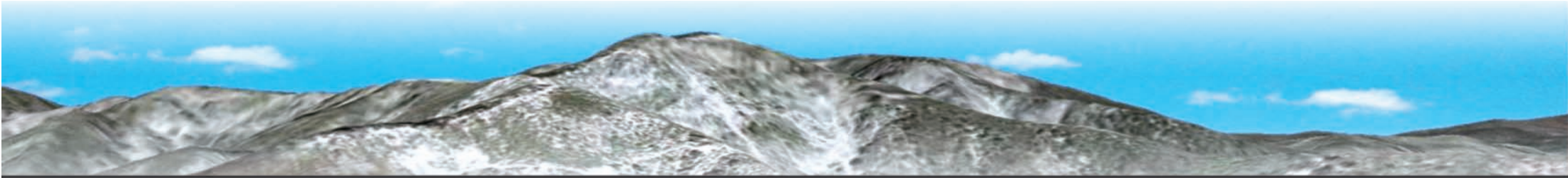
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PASADENA UNIFIED STUDENT REGISTRATION AND KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

From March 17 through March 28, the Pasadena Unified School District will hold new student registration and the annual Kindergarten Roundup for students wishing to enroll in PUSD for Fall 2008. Parents with children who will be five years of age by December 2, 2008, and are residents of Pasadena, Altadena and Sierra Madre should register their children directly at their neighborhood school.

Kindergarteners who register by March 28 will receive a special "Kinder Readiness Prep Package" that will help them prepare for kindergarten. Because many PUSD schools are seeing increased test scores, families are encouraged to register early to be guaranteed a space in their neighborhood school. Proof of residency, age and a current immunization record are required. Families participating in the Open Enrollment process will also register during the same time period. After March 28, if spaces are available at schools, families will be accepted from the Open Enrollment wait lists. After May 9, wait lists will not be maintained and students will have the opportunity to register only at their neighborhood school.

Families are encouraged to use the School Locator found on the PUSD website at www.pusd.us to locate their neighborhood school.



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Member



Susan Henderson

The Ostrich Effect

The phenomenon of ignoring an obvious situation; selective attention to information.

WE THE PEOPLE, Americans in general, and Sierra Madreans in particular, seem to have come down with a most peculiar malady - The Ostrich Effect. This 'infirmity' was originally diagnosed when it came to making financial investment decisions. For instance, the investor who only keeps track of his portfolio when times are good but when the economy turns, he sticks his head in the sand and doesn't want to know what is going on. Such a person is said to be afflicted with the disease (OE). Lately, the definition has been expanded to include all behavior where we ignore the obvious truth and engage in actions that are based upon what we want to do rather than what we should do, ignoring the facts.

Like a lot of dangerous diseases, it seems that this malady is also contagious. The behavior often spreads and instead of having just one person who refuses to see the truth, we soon have half the town following suit. In this city we have a very vocal group of people busily spewing forth half truths from half facts. Elections seem to really bring this out. This time, however, when it comes to the User Utility Tax, I hope we inoculate ourselves from such irresponsible behavior. The city needs a new source of revenue. We don't have a lot of choices. The Feds aren't going to help us and Arnold definitely isn't. We are limited in what we can do so our Ad Hoc Committee looked high and low, but couldn't come up with anything else. The people on the committee were very representative of the folks in town, and I didn't hear any objections to them serving. So, if that is the case and an increased tax is what they found we need to do, then clearly the UUT is our only viable choice.

But, if we do as we have in the past, that is, ignore the obvious and focus only on the information that we want to see, this city will have a problem. It doesn't matter who you think is responsible for our crisis (although blaming any one person or group of people indicates you probably have a severe case of OE), it doesn't matter how we got to this point, we are here. Oh, by the way, we are in this situation because the citizens of Sierra Madre expect a lot. And, 'a lot' costs money.

If we want exclusive police, fire and paramedics, we have to pay for it. If we want a responsive city government, we have to pay for it. No one is going to work for Sierra Madre just because it is a cute little village. People have to be paid a fair and decent, competitive wage with competitive benefits. We buy our homes because of the character of this city, but you don't choose your employer because it is in a 'cute place'.

Some Sierra Madreans want everyone and everything to be perfect. Ok. That's a good standard, maybe not realistic, but a good standard. However, the question must be asked, "What can we do to make that happen?" We can look at the entire big picture, and not a partial view.

If you want to make it happen, and you want this town to thrive, you better make sure you don't have a case of The Ostrich Effect. Pluck those feathers, now!



Coffee With Joffe The Reality Of Politics

I was having coffee with a local resident the other day and chatting about, what else, Sierra Madre politics. This citizen asked me why it seemed that politicians, local and national, would promise anything to get elected and then as soon as they were sworn in to office they seem to change. Does power corrupt that quickly? Is there overwhelming pressure from special interests or the state or the county to compromise their ideals? Or is it that once elected, they find out that the issues are more complex than they thought and that their previous positions were based on incomplete information?

The question gave me pause and made me think back to when I was first elected four years ago and how I felt during those first few months in office. Fortunately I wrote down some notes at the time, because I was so astonished at how different the role of council member was from the role of candidate.

When I ran for office in 2004 I thought I was ready. As a government relations representative for Southern California Edison I had spent hundreds of hours at City Council meetings in the San Gabriel Valley and South Bay listening to other city's problems. I watched how other City Councils dealt with contentious issues and public comment. Closer to home, I had served on the City's Ad Hoc Transportation Committee, General Plan Committee and Planning Commission. During the campaign I tried hard to avoid making promises I might not be able to keep or taking positions on matters where I clearly did not have all the necessary information.

But none of this prepared me for the reality of being an elected council member. For example, the first time I met with the City Manager as a new council member I was briefed on several complex personnel issues. Already there was trouble in paradise. Then I found out that the city was in a far worse budget crunch than I realized. The state had already taken away a portion of our funds to fix their own budget deficit. We eventually got the money back but not before we had to reduce staffing and eliminate programs such as the year round lap swim and our city after school care program. In the next budget cycle, we had to suspend our street improvement program halfway through the five year plan because we couldn't spare the

money from the General Fund. That was supposed to be a temporary suspension, but it has been nearly 3 years and we are no closer to reinstating the program. So much for implementing new priorities; we can't even maintain what we have.

Even though our decision-making process should be as open and transparent as legally possible, there are times that we take actions that seem baffling or counterintuitive to the public. Unfortunately it may not always be possible to discuss the reasons for our actions because they involve potential litigation or personnel matters. The public has a right to know—but that right is sometimes trumped by other laws such as employees' right to privacy.

On the financial front, it is very frustrating to a new council member come in with great energy and lots of new ideas only to learn how little of the budget is actually within our control. \$9 million of our \$18 million total budget for example, is restricted funds and can only be used for the specified purpose. Well over half of our \$6 million general fund budget already goes to public safety (police, fire and paramedics) and yet our police department is the lowest paid in the San Gabriel Valley and we have a volunteer fire department.

Unfortunately, although city revenue sources have remained relatively flat, costs have increased each year due to factors outside of our control such as the state retirement system (PERS), health care costs and additional water and air quality regulations.

So do all candidates change once they take office? Inevitably they do, as they learn about the issues facing the city in much greater detail. As I learned, there is a big difference between statements made on the campaign trail and the realities of governing responsibly. Good luck to all of us during this campaign season!



Mayor Enid Joffe

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, an 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.

Sierra Madre's April Ballot

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Enid Joffe, Incumbent
Mary Ann McGillivray
Kevin Paschall
Bill Tice

City Clerk: Nancy Schollenberger, Incumbent
Karma Bell

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Van Nuys, CA 91406.
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San Gabriel, CA 91776.
Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Cathryn Cong 931 Palm Ave #A San Gabriel, CA 91776. The business is conducted as: AN INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County

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060807JJ File No. 20080215288 STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP OPERATING UNDER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
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3027 W. Valley Blvd
Alhambra, CA 91803.
The fictitious business name statement for the partnership was filed on 04/30/2007. Current File No. 2007-1035390. The full name of registrant(s) is (are) Iris Sandra Cepeda Perez 3027 W. Valley Blvd Alhambra, CA 91803. The business was conducted by: A 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 Feb 05, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) ended transacting business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/05/2008.
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060808MG File No. 20080207840 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person (s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious name:
ADVANCED SMOG TEST ONLY CENTER
9614 E. Garvey Ave #C
South El Monte, CA 91733
The name of registrant(s) is (are) Kenny Ngo 9614 E. Garvey Ave #C South El Monte, CA 91733. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 07/20/2005. Original File #05-1713758. 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 Feb 04, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) ended to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/04/2008.
NOTICE-The Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 at seq. Business and Profession Code) First filing: 02/15; 02/22; 02/29 and 03/07, 2008 060808MG

060809AN File No. 20080223501 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person (s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious name:
EL PARRAL
2800 Firestone Blvd
Bellflower, CA 90280
The name of registrant(s) is (are) Cesar Sosa 11918 Heritage Cir Downey, CA 90240. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 11/08/2006. Original File #06-2482926. 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 Feb 06, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) ended to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/06/2008.
NOTICE-The Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 at seq. Business and Profession Code) First filing: 02/15; 02/22; 02/29 and 03/07, 2008 060809AN

060810DS File No. 20080159115 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:
ROSENFELD AND ASSOCIATES
133 N. Swall Dr
Beverly Hills, CA 90211
Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Benjamin Rosenfield 133 N. Swall Dr Beverly Hills, CA 90211. 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 25, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.
NOTICE-The Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 at seq. Business and Profession Code) First filing:

02/15; 02/22; 02/29 and 03/07, 2008 060810DS

060811EH File No. 20080231863 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person (s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious name:
ARTESANIAS "EL RINCON MEXICANO"
611 N. Occidental #4
Los Angeles, CA 90026
The name of registrant(s) is (are) Fabiola Cienega 611 N. Occidental #4 Los Angeles, CA 90026. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 08/23/2007. Original File #20007-1980815. 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 Feb 07, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) ended to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/07/2008.
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060812EH File No. 20080231888 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person (s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious name:
EROSE
1056 W. 47th St
Los Angeles, CA 90037
The name of registrant(s) is (are) Camelia Scott 1056 W. 47th St Los Angeles, CA 90037. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 04/16/2007. Original File #20007-0905860. 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 Feb 07, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) ended to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/07/2008.
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060813EH File No. 20080233086 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person (s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious name:
HELEN'S BEAUTY SALON
4070 Tweedy Blvd Ste C
South Gate, CA 90280
The name of registrant(s) is (are) Priscilla Paz 4070 Tweedy Blvd Ste C South Gate, CA 90280. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 04/16/2007. Original File #20007-0905860. 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 Feb 07, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) ended to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/07/2008.
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060814 File No. 20080232017 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:
eTronicGlobal.com, eTronic Global
1443 Calle Linda
San Dimas, CA 91773
Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Shant Asadovrian 1443 Calle Linda San Dimas, CA 91773. The business is conducted as: COPARTNERS. 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 Feb 07, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.
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060815 File No. 20080232247 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person (s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious name:
M.A.B.A. TRUCKING
2812 S. Hobart Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90018
The name of registrant(s) is (are) Michael Brown 2812 S. Hobart Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90018. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 05/05/2006. Original File #20006-0028888. I declare that all information in this statement is true and

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.

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050801MG File No. 20080117651 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:
TRACKS OUT DA TRUNK
12824 Lime St
Compton, CA 90221.
Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Richard D. Bowden, Jefferey B. Gates, Byron K. Gdragney, Brandon D. Washington and Dwayne C Ballard 12824 Lime St Com-pton, CA 90221 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 22, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/10/2006.
NOTICE-The Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 at seq. Business and Profession Code) First filing: 02/07; 02/15; 02/22 and 02/29, 2008 050801MG

050802MG File No. 20080159858 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:
HAIR MASTERS FRESH CUTS BARBERSHOP
14510 Crenshaw Blvd
Gardena, CA 90249.
Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Ramsey Kadana 14510 Crenshaw Blvd Gardena, CA 90249. 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 25, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.
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050803MG File No. 20080166497 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:
LUNAS RESTAURANT
343 S. Mission Dr
San Gabriel, CA 91776
Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Efrain Avila 343 S. Mission Dr San Gabriel, CA 91776
Carrier 743 St Louis Ave Long Beach, CA 90804. 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 28, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above 01/28/2008.
NOTICE-The Fictitious Name Statement

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050804MG File No. 20080165948 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:
XPRESS AUTO SERVICE
14834 Valley Blvd #A
La Puente, CA 91746.
Full name of registrant (s) is (are) ST. JERIES ENTERPRISES, INC. 14834 Valley Blvd #A
La Puente, CA 91746. 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 28, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/28/2008.
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050805MG File No. 20080167102 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:
LT INVESTMENTS
4312 Friar Circle
La Verne, CA 91750.
Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Mike Lopez and Tony Toy 4312 Friar Circle La Verne, CA 91750. The business is conducted as: COPARTNERS. 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 28, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above 01/28/2008.
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05806MG File No. 20080125046 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:
RAMIREZ FASHION
1638 ½ Washington Blvd Unit 4A/4C
Los Angeles, CA 90007.
Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Nicasio Ramirez 1638 ½ Washington Blvd Unit 4A/4C
Los Angeles, CA 90007. 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 on Jan 23, 2008.
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050807 File No. 20080153475 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:
THE CHILDREN'S PLAYHOUSE
700 S. Ave 60
Los Angeles, CA 90042.
Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Abigail Lucy Manhey 700 S. Ave 60 Los Angeles, CA 90042. 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 253, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.
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0802MBP File No. 20080356486 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:
BEAR MANAGEMENT
171 E. Grand View Avenue
Sierra Madre, CA 91024.
Full name of registrant (s) is (are) Mary Lou Caldwell and Gordon Wayne Caldwell, 171 E. Grand View Avenue, Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024. The business is conducted as: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on February 29, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-0347857
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ACJ LEATHER COMPANY, 122-A EAST FOOTHILL BLV #150, ARCADIA, CA 91006.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ALDEMAR MARTOS, 122-A EAST FOOTHILL BLV #150, ARCADIA, CA 91006.** This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALDEMAR MARTOS.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **02/28/08.** The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **2/28/08.**
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Publish: Mountain Views Observer 3/03, 03/10, 3/17, 3/24/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-0322021
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ART & DESIGN IRON WORKS, 1473 VIRGINIA AVE., BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **BRENDA TELLO, 2458 STROZIER AVE., SOUTH EL MONTE, CA 91733.** This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: BRENDA TELLO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **02/25/08.** The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under

Looking Up

With Bob Eklund



Photo by Aaron Dominguez

Astronomers Find Dark Cosmic Web

ASTRONOMERS HAVE KNOWN for some time that the Universe is full of mysterious dark matter. This invisible matter forms giant structures of filaments, sheets and clusters. How exactly this dark “cosmic web” is distributed throughout the Universe has long eluded scientists.

An international team of astronomers from France and Canada has recently managed to detect, for the first time, dark-matter structures up to 270 million light years in size. These structures extend to more than 2,000 times the size of our Milky Way. The explored scales are three times larger than any previous analysis showed.

To accomplish this feat, the scientists used a relatively new technique called weak gravitational lensing. The light from distant galaxies is deflected by dark matter as it travels through the Universe to us.

Just as the bone structure of a human body is visible on an X-ray, the dark matter leaves its imprint on the galaxy light pattern, revealing itself through gravity. The careful measurement of this effect (predicted by Einstein) has been the major goal of the Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope Legacy Survey.

A team of 19 researchers from 11 institutions led by the Institut d'Astrophysique de Paris (IAP, CNRS, Universite Pierre & Marie Curie), the University of British Columbia (UBC) and the University of Victoria (UVic) has spent several years developing tools to analyze images obtained by the MegaCam, the largest digital camera in the world. The results are a major leap forward, as such large scales and small signals have never before been probed.

“These results show that weak gravitational lensing is a reliable and accurate technique for cosmology,” emphasizes Dr. Yannick Mellier of the IAP. Next-generation telescopes and cameras will measure weak gravitational lensing over the whole sky, using billions of galaxies. Those surveys are expected to help unveil the nature of dark matter and shed light on the even bigger mystery of dark energy.

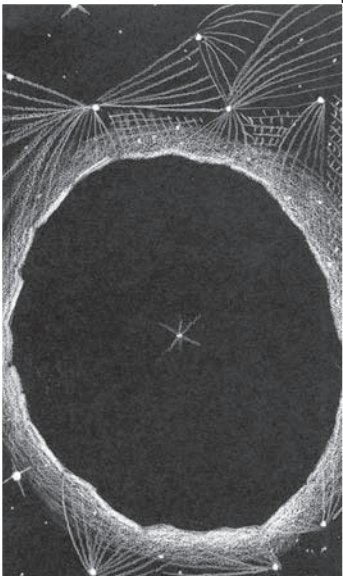


Illustration By Virginia Hoge

DARK MATTER
In the midnight hour,
Coming home, I walk into
A spider's stretched web.

A 366-DAY YEAR—I'm sure we've all noticed that this February had 29 days—something that happens every fourth year. It's easy to remember Leap Year because it's also the year of Presidential elections and the Summer Olympics.

The reason we have leap year is that if we didn't insert an extra day in the calendar once every four years, our calendars would not stay in synch with the time it takes Planet Earth to go around the Sun. We orbit the Sun once every 365 ¼ days. So we add that extra quarter-day per year by putting in one extra day every four years.

This shortest month of the year has an odd history. At first, February was not in the Roman calendar, which had only ten months. Then, in about 700 B.C., Numa Pompilius (the second Roman king, following Romulus) added two months: January, at the beginning of the new year; and February, at the end. Numa gave February 29 days, with 30 days in Leap Year. Later, in 452 B.C., the Romans moved February to its present position, between January and March. Finally, at about the time of Christ, Augustus Caesar gave his name to August (formerly called Sextilis) to honor himself, and took a day from February, leaving it with 28. He did this so that *his* month could have as many days as July, named for Julius Caesar.

Does your birthday fall on February 29? Too bad—you can only celebrate it once every four years! You are one of about 100,000 Americans (and 2 million people in the world) who celebrate their birthday on Leap Year.

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

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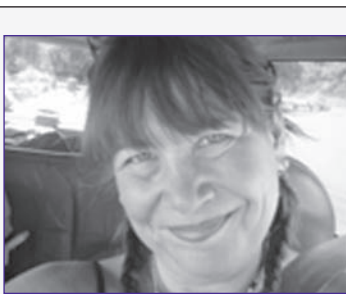
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A couple the yellow jacket nests.

The Mountain Clymer

By Kim Clymer-Kelley

BEE CAREFUL

weeks ago when I wrote about the dangers in the mountains, it got me thinking about some of the other dangers that I ran into while packing on the trails in the mountains...one in particular...one that I never thought about until I came face to tiny face with them...yellow jackets. I had been warned of many things while training to pack with the previous owner, Dennis Lonergan. He had warned me about the conditions of the trails in the rain and of the danger in crossing fast and deep water. He had warned me to take switchbacks slow, to check the cinches on the saddles and the balance of the loads on the animals frequently and to NEVER tie the pack string to my horse. He had warned me to listen for snakes on the trails and all of the dangerous places along the trails where he and others had had accidents...but he never told me (until after I had found out the hard way) about the problem that yellow jackets can create on the trail. Fortunately the very first encounter we had with them was not on the trail...it at least served as a warning that there were yellow jacket nests, and that they did not like to be disturbed, and that we needed to be on the lookout for them when packing.

One afternoon, after a long pack out to Sturtevant Camp, we stopped to patrol a group of cabins. This particular group of cabins sits on a hillside just above the main trail. I handed the string of donkeys off to Xoxa, left the pack trail and rode down into that cluster of cute little cottages while Xoxa took the rest of the animals down to the main trail to tie them off while he did some patrolling there. I got off my horse, hitched him to a tree and headed over to the first of the cabins. As I circled the cabin, I noticed that on one end of it, the lattice that enclosed the crawlspace under the cabin had been ripped off. Trash and household items that had been stored under the house had been pulled out and strewn all over yard around the cabin.

“Damn bears”, I chuckled to myself as I began to pick up the mess. It was not uncommon to find such messes that bears had left behind when they think they smell something good in one of the cabins. Once the cabin right next door to this one had the entire side ripped off and a little cave dug out from under it when a bear decided to take up residence there. He even accidentally turned on the radio inside the cabin. He was not long gone when we stumbled upon that mess because the batteries in the radio were still working. We thought that the owners had been in until we found the gaping hole in the side of the cabin...and the cozy little den underneath it. Anyway...on this particular day as I walked around picking up stuff and throwing it back under the cabin, I came upon the seat cushion of an old leather office chair. It had been broken off of the rest of the frame, which was lying not far too from it. Thoughts of the Three Bears story went through my head as I bent to pick up the pieces. As I hoisted the seat section off the ground, I was instantly swarmed with hundreds of yellow jackets who, apparently, had built a nest in the coils and stuffing of the underside of the seat. It took me a second to realize what the stinging and burning was that I was feeling all over my body and for the buzzing to register as that of a swarm of bees. I threw the seat back on the ground and began to dance around screaming at the top of my lungs...waving my hands and slapping at every part of my body that was being stung. I ran as fast as I could away from the area, but the bees were in hot pursuit. I tore past the two neighboring cabins screaming for help and tearing my clothes off, as the wasps had instantly made their way under my shirt and up my pant legs. They were also in my ears and tangled in my hair...they were everywhere and I could not get away from them. I could hear Xoxa calling for me in the distance and by the time he found me at the far end of the cluster of cabins, they seemed to have called off their attack, though they were still hiding in my clothes and hair. I was crying and screeching each time another one stung me...I felt as though someone had taken a lit cigarette and poked me all over my body. Each new sting felt like an electrical shock. He picked up my shirt off the ground and shook it to get any remaining wasps out of it as I removed my overalls and did the same with them. When I was sure that the clothes were free from all insects, I put them back on. Just as I had finished redressing, Dennis arrived. He had been working on another cabin not far from that group and heard all of the noise. It was then that he remembered to warn us about

Even with the knowledge of what yellow jackets could do, our first encounter with a nest on the trail, still took us by surprise. It happened on the upper trail just before reaching the Cascade Picnic Grove. The upper trail runs along the side of the mountain for about a mile and a half. It is the trail that the pack train has to use...not as pretty as the lower trail that follows the streambed, but the only one that is safe for equestrian use. The upper and lower trails both branch off of the main trail in the canyon, about a mile and a half from the station at “Fern Lodge Junction”, and run for a mile or so separate from one another until the lower trail climbs to meet the upper trail at another junction called “Falling Sign Junction”. From that junction it is another half a mile before the trail drops back down into the canyon. The pack trail is very narrow...less than two feet of tread in some places...with steep drop-offs on the downhill side in many areas, and sheer rock faces and boulders flanking stretches of the uphill side...a tight squeeze that in most places makes it impossible to dismount or to walk along side the animals...if you run into problems along that portion of the trail, it is almost impossible in most places to deal with them.

On this particular day in late August... unbeknownst to us, the peak of yellow jacket season...we were heading out to camp with our usual load of supplies for a group that was coming in for the weekend. I was riding Jake, my adorable but flakey Arabian, and leading the pack string of four or five donkeys, as Xoxa brought up the rear on my other horse, a very mellow chestnut quarter horse mare named Whiskey. We were nearing the place where the trail drops back down into the canyon to a beautiful spot in the stream. Here the water cascades down a steep rocky stretch of the canyon...giving the place its name, Cascade Picnic Grove. As I rounded the bend and began the descent to the streambed, I suddenly heard a huge commotion behind me. The donkeys pushed frantically up on Jake's rear making him dance nervously and bolt forward on the narrow trail. I dropped the lead the lead rope of the pack string and hurried Jake down the trail to safety of the picnic grove. The donkeys followed in close pursuit charging past me as I crossed the creek and stopping once they reached the clearing on the other side. On the hillside around the bend and just out of sight, I heard Xoxa cursing loudly and nervously. This was followed by a loud grunt and the sound of something tumbling down the hill through the dried leaves. I realized that something or someone had fallen off the trail and down the hill. At that point on the trail there is a steep treed decline of about thirty feet and then a fifty-foot cliff that ends in the middle of the cascade. Fearing the worst, I leaped off of Jake hitched him to a tree, and tore up the hill, passing Whiskey as she raced down the trail. I called to my partner and feared for the worst when he did not answer. When I reached the top of the hill I found Xoxa kneeling on the hillside against a tree that grew just above the edge of the cliff...it had saved him from falling the fifty feet or more onto the rocks below. He carefully made his way to the top of the hill and worked his way over to a place where he could climb over the retaining wall and back up on the trail. With the exception of a nasty raspberry on his arm (as it turned out, from a poison oak vine) and five or six bee stings, he was okay.

We encountered hives like that at least once or twice a summer...sometimes more. Each time it took us by surprise, but we learned better what to do...drop the lead rope for the string and get the *hell* out of the way because the donkeys would mow you down or knock you off the trail if you didn't. I would usually run Jake down the trail to a wide spot and give them room to get by. Being on the lead animal, I never got bothered, but the yellow jackets would swarm the donkeys and whoever was following them. I later heard many stories from Dennis and Bill Adams (the original owner of the station) about their encounters. They were firm in their belief that yellow jackets posed one of the greatest threats to packers on those trails. Usually they do not attack hikers who are just passing by unless they step directly on their nest (which are usually in the ground along side the trail). So let this be a warning to all of you hikers...if you notice a few bees flying in one area along the trail, keep your distance and walk quickly and quietly by, carefully watching your step as you go. Believe me, they are lightning fast and very short-tempered, and you do **not** want to make them angry.

by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP.

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By Jeff Brown

Why Mars and Venus Collide: Improving Relationships by Understanding How Men and Women Cope Differently with Stress by John Gray (2008)

Without an understanding of our different needs, women and men are adjusting their actions and reactions to no avail. *Why Mars and Venus Collide* provides a different understanding and a variety of techniques you will need to counter the effects of stress and move toward a lifetime of love. He provides a variety of new and practical ways to improve your communication, uplift your mood, increase the attraction in your relationship, and create harmony with each other. You will learn why communication sometimes breaks down and what you can do to ensure success in the future. Lots of great helpful insights!!!!

Marching Toward Hell: America and Islam After Iraq

by Michael Scheuer (2008)

Scheuer was a former CIA counter terrorist agent and head of the Ben Laden unit from 1996-1999. He stated in an interview, “We are 10 years into this war and we are being led by politicians who are deceiving the American people. We are fundamentally misunderstanding and underestimating the enemy. Our politicians are more concerned with avoiding criticism from the media and European countries than protecting Americans. During the Clinton era we had 10 chances to kill or capture Ben Laden but we didn’t do it. We are being attacked not because of women in the workplace or our freedoms but because the majority of Moslems around the world see our foreign policy as a threat to their faith.” Some of his proposals are that the U.S. must reduce its foreign commitments and to focus on domestic security, including stationing the Army along America’s borders. We must take steps to reduce our oil dependency on the police state of Saudi Arabia. We need to bolster our intelligence assets and use the military differently. He wants America to change its message to Muslims by changing our out-dated cold war foreign policy.

George’s Secret Key to the Universe by Stephen Hawking and Lucy Hawking (2007)

For the kids, reading level 9-12

Lucy writes, ”Science is a wonderful and fascinating subject that helps us understand the world around us and all its marvels.” Having the reader appreciate this is the point of this hardback The adventure takes the reader to the far end of space and back, and along the way teaches a great deal about science and how the world works, including Stephen Hawking’s theories about black holes. This book helps make science interesting and accessible to middle school kids. Wonderful black and white cartoons throughout, lots of facts and color photos. Co-authors Stephen and Lucy Hawking are father and daughter; he is the brilliant theoretical physicist who wrote *A Brief History of Time*. Lucy Hawking has written for many publications, including New York magazine. The first in a trilogy.

Book pics can be purchased or ordered at Sierra Madre Books (836-3200)

Email recommendations or comments to jeffspics1@gmail.com

Scene One - Take One DVD Review

Michael Clayton (2007)

This is a pretty good dramatic thriller about burned out corporate lawyer Michael Clayton (George Clooney), whose job is to clean up the firm’s rich clients’ problems. When a troubled colleague (Tom Wilkinson) threatens the settlement of a billion dollar case, Clayton faces his biggest challenge ever, including some personal problems as well. Nominated for Best picture Oscar.

Absolute Power (1997)

Master Burglar (Clint Eastwood) finds himself in big trouble when, while plying his trade behind a one way mirror, he witnesses a man (Gene Hackman) being involved in the death of his married mistress. The man is the President of the United States. Eastwood must now cope with this and stay alive long enough to do something about it. Very good thriller.

Thomas Jefferson (1997)

This wonderful Ken Burns 2 part biography follows Jefferson’s entire life. We follow him as he enters national politics, writes the Declaration of Independence, becomes President, and later moves into his retirement years. Ossie Davis narrates and Burns interviews many leading historians in this penetrating look at both his genius and dark side .We see a Jefferson who embodied the contradictions common to the country at that time.

It’s Just BUSINESS

By Laquetta Chamblee

Charitable Giving Begins at Home

(Reprinted from Mountain Views Newsmagazine, Jan 07)

As SGV community nonprofits recuperate from the year-end frenzy of gathering donations and spreading good cheer, it is important to consider the incredible work they do all year long. The contagious, collective generosity so prevalent during the holidays usually takes a sharp dive southward for almost a year, until the next “season of giving.” However, most programs and services at these charitable organizations must operate year-round, virtually nonstop to address needs not met by government institutions, for-profit businesses or anyone else.

Although volunteers and donated items are appreciated and will always be needed, these contributions cannot be exchanged for phone service, rent, liability insurance or other expenses that must be covered on an ongoing basis. It is important for all volunteers to understand the importance of making some level of financial contribution, even if it’s small.

Fundraising Ideas:

Stock transfers, yard sales, redeem recyclables, sell large or valuable items on *e-bay* or in the *Recycler*

Other nonprofit activities for your group: Volunteer for an upcoming event; purchase tickets to attend a major fundraising dinner

You don’t have to be wealthy to make a difference. You simply need a commitment and follow-through with whatever amount you’re able to give. Anyone with any level of financial means can play a leadership role in setting a new standard for community support of the nonprofit sector. MVN is taking a leadership role in that effort this year by educating our readers about ways to become actively involved in setting this new course. Let’s start with a beginning-of-year challenge designed to encourage readers to take action in the immediate future:

- 1) Convene a group of at least three friends, co-workers, family members or other associates: plan activities together toward a common worthy cause and create some fun in the process;
- 2) Select a charitable organization to support at least through the first half of 2008: this time frame provides an opportunity for your group to formulate, implement and complete your plan;
- 3) Contact the nonprofit to see if they have a Wish List with specific items they need or a Donor Program with preset giving categories: it is important that nonprofits receive what they actually need as opposed to what we simply wish to give, unless of course, it’s cash;
- 4) Determine the amount of money to raise and how your group will raise it: the amount and fundraising approach will be dictated by the means and resources of the group, and finally;
- 5) Make the donation to the nonprofit in installments or in one lump sum...

..Now it’s time to repeat the process, possibly on behalf of the same nonprofit? And please, share your experience and results with us so that we can begin to document and report on this exciting new approach being launched by MVN readers here in the beautiful San Gabriel Valley foothill communities.



BIRD’S EYE VIEW

By Pat Birdsall

Shopping, Mini-Coopers and Gypsies...

The gloomy, cold, and at times, wet weather got me in a funk. I tried to think of something that would boost my sagging spirits and came up with a tried and true solution known to most women in the modern world. Shopping! I never have a problem finding things to buy unless of course I’m looking for something specific, then it’s like the Tin Man searching for a heart at a hillside developer’s convention. When I’m not looking for anything in particular, I’ve been known to buy so much that it takes two men and a boy to help me get it all to my car. Okay, maybe a slight exaggeration—forget the boy.

I went to one of my favorite places to spend lots of time and lots of money-- that little French retailer called tar-ZHAY. I love everything under their roof except for their clothing. Maybe it’s an age thing. Their selections seem geared for the very young and well, I’m not. The old fogey in me wonders what marketing genius convinced women that blouses that should probably be sold in maternity departments for the visually impaired, ended up as the hottest, gotta have item going these days. My guess would be a Jenny Craig reject that’s on a gastric bypass waiting list somewhere. Just a guess...

In addition to being able to hide a Mini-Cooper in one, I’m sure a lot of babies will be born that will be total surprises to the friends and families of some of these trend followers. People are just too embarrassed to ask if someone is pregnant or just has poor taste in clothing. The poor taste doesn’t just describe the design but the fabrics they’re made from. Garish is a word that comes to mind. I don’t think that a roving band of gypsies would be caught dead with anything made from these prints. That could account for the roving part come to think of it.

At any rate, if the same marketing genius behind this unfortunate rage were to apply this “gift” to other areas of our lives imagine what could be accomplished. We could be “sold” on *Peace on Earth*. Silly me, I forgot that there’s no monetary gain in that concept.

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WhereAreTheCampaign Slogans?

By Rich Johnson

I guess I am a bit premature to be bringing up the idea of campaign slogans. Then again, with the accelerated frenzy the media has brought to campaigns, maybe we need slogans even during the primaries. Couldn’t hurt...could it? A special note to Joe Feeney: “What’s the worst that could happen?”

Campaign slogans have played a big part of our presidential cycle for a long time. Let’s review some notable slogans as we think about what would work for our new crop of candidates.

“Tippecanoe and Tyler Too” is maybe the most famous presidential election slogan. It was used by William Henry Harrison during his campaign for president to remind voters how brave he was. Tippecanoe was the name of a battle won by then Governor Harrison in 1811. Maybe we should have governors lead armies into battle. I wonder what Arnold would think. Tyler was his running mate. And they won...kinda. President Harrison died 31 days into his presidency.

Abraham Lincoln had a rather snappy slogan in his first run for president. His 1860 slogan? “Vote Yourself a Farm.” Wow, that gets my vote. I think he kept the same slogan writer because his re-election slogan was just as snappy. “Don’t swap horses in the middle of the stream.”

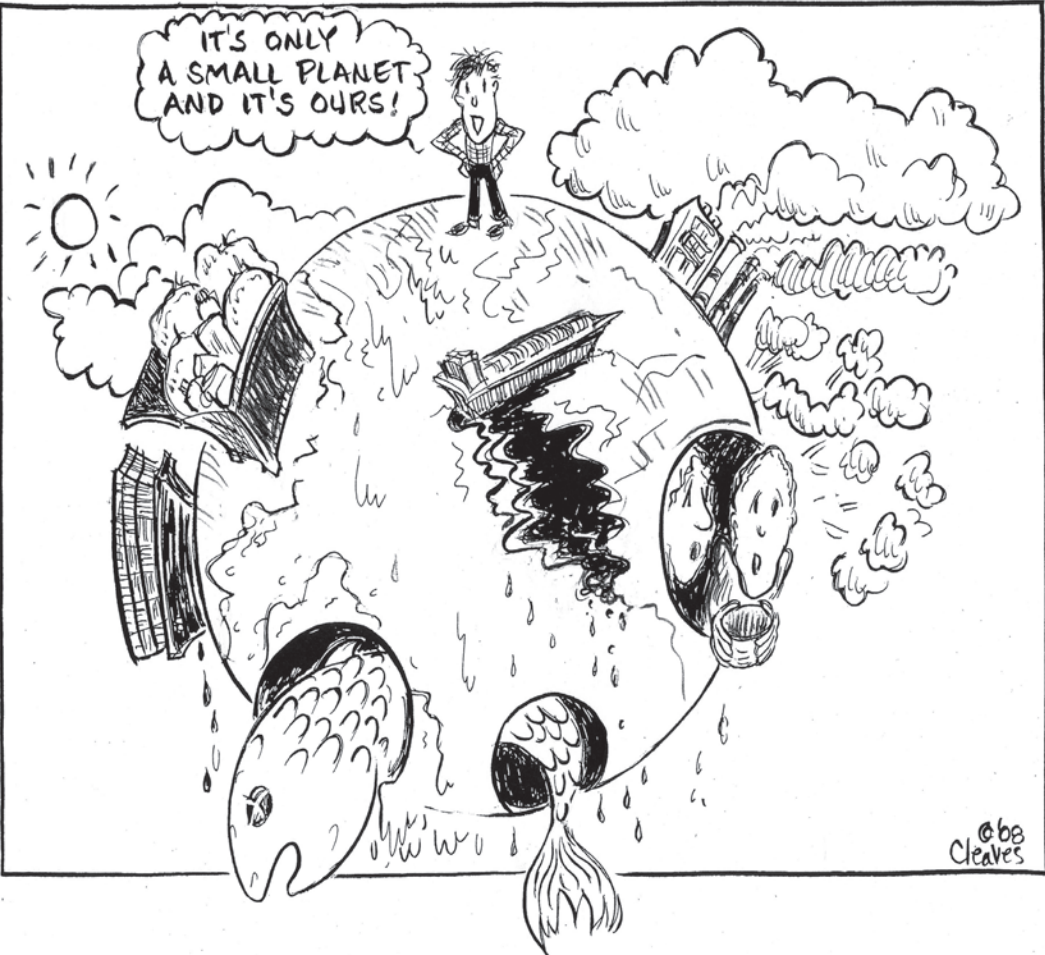
Woodrow Wilson’s slogan is very timely and would probably work well now, “He Kept Us Out of War.” That is until after his re-election. William McKinley, who was elected president in 1900 swept into office with this catchy little phrase, “A Full Dinner Pail.” It has a nice ring to it, don’t you think? Calvin Coolidge probably made this one up himself in 1924, “Keep Cool With Coolidge.”

Herbert Hoover got back to the basics and won the 1928 election with the promise, “A chicken in every pot and a car in every garage.” What he failed to mention was no job and no money as we did fall into the great depression on his watch.

Let me quiz you on three. I’ll even give you the year. You supply the candidate. The year was 1952 and the slogan was “I Like Ike.” Can you guess? Okay, here’s another one: The year was 1968 and the slogan was “Nixon’s the One.” Who’s campaign was that from? One more? The year was 1992 and the slogan read “Ross for Boss.”

Anyone remember comedian Pat Paulsen? He ran for president in 1968 using the slogan “I Can’t Stand Pat: Paulsen for President.” And in 1988 he ran with the following slogan “We’ve Upped Our Standards. Up Yours!” And the answers to the above quiz questions. First was Dwight Eisenhower, then Richard Nixon and finally Ross Perot.

So what about the current candidates? I think we, the holders of the San Gabriel Valley brain trust should be able to come up with winning campaign slogans. Why don’t you email me with your best efforts. I’ll print them in our next edition. Write to r.johnson@mvoobserver.com



SPORTS

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THE RIFLEMAN - Revisited

By Brad Eastland, Sports Editor

I picked up DirecTV for my new house the other day. One of the “free” channels they gave me for three months to suck me in and induce me to buy more channels later on was “The Western Channel”.

Shrewd channel surfer that I am, I noticed right away that one of the old black-and-white reruns “The Western Channel” shows a couple times every day is *The Rifleman*.

You older folks remember *The Rifleman*, right? Reformed outlaw and widower turned rancher Lucas McCain, played by Chuck Connors, lives on a sleepy little spread somewhere in the New Mexico Territory with his young son Mark, and living in such a sparsely populated corner of the world it sure was amazing how poor Lucas was pushed, goaded, and generally compelled by forces beyond his control to participate in a life-or-death gunfight in nearly every single adventure. Fortunately, ol’ Luke was justly known far and wide as “The Rifleman”, faster and more accurate with his Winchester rifle than any man with a handgun, employing a modified loop-lever-&-trick-trigger mechanism which allowed him to crank off his rifle rounds in rapid-fire succession, making him the most feared gunman west of the Rio Grande. *The Rifleman* ran for six years in the late 50s and early 60s, it had the best and most memorable theme song in television (I bet you’re humming it right now), the best opening sequence in television (Lucas pumping forth twelve crisp rifle shots in that rapid-fire succession), Connors himself was TV’s most physically imposing leading man (6-feet-5-inches tall, handsome, square-jawed, utterly fierce) and for a little kid like me growing up in Iowa the show was and is a priceless trigger for the pleasant memories of a pleasant childhood.

What’s all this got to do with Sports, I can hear you begin to wail....



More than you know. Because Chuck Connors was not only a TV star, he was a world-class athlete as well. In fact he is one of only

twelve men ever to play both Major League baseball and in the National Basketball Association.

The basketball career came first. In 1946 he joined the newly-formed Boston Celtics, and immediately put his indelible stamp on NBA lore. On November 5th of that year, as starting center in the first-ever Celtics basketball game in what was then called the Basketball Association of America, Connors became the first-ever pro player to shatter a backboard by dunking a ball. Cool, huh.

Chuck’s hoops career didn’t last long, and he soon gravitated to baseball. Mainly a minor-leaguer, the Brooklyn-born Connors managed to get into one game for his beloved Brooklyn Dodgers in 1949 (he grounded into a double-play), and two years later logged 66 games for the Chicago Cubs. He was known for his crazy antics on the ballfield, like once doing cartwheels all the way around the bases after a homer. But in his Major League baseball career he did find time to record 48 hits in 202 at-bats for a lifetime .238 average, including two Major League home runs. Not bad for a future TV icon.

By 1952 Connors’ pro sports days were done. He was immediately “discovered” by a motion picture scout, made his film debut in *Pat and Mike* with Spencer Tracy & Katharine Hepburn, and later starred in several movies alongside big-screen legends the caliber of Burt Lancaster, Gregory Peck, Charlton Heston, and James Garner. But it is the small screen’s *The Rifleman* for which he will always be remembered. It’s even on his gravestone.

Perhaps Connors’ most fascinating contribution to the great sprawling mosaic of Sport, or at least the quirkiest, has to do with the offspring of a Mr. and Mrs. Person, residents of Brantley, Alabama in the early 60s. They must have been big fans of *The Rifleman*, which had just gone off the air in ‘63, because on June 27th the following year Mrs. Person gave birth to a son, and the couple named him after their favorite TV star: Chuck Connors Person. It’s a testament to Connors’ crossover popularity that the Persons would ever name their son after him. For the Persons, you see, were African-American. (Ironically, years later and not too long before his death, Connors would earn an Emmy Award Nomination for playing a slave owner on the acclaimed, landmark mini-series *Roots*.)

How does this story end? Well, young Chuck Connors Person developed an instant aptitude for basketball, was a college basketball star at Auburn, was drafted by the NBA’s Indiana Pacers, and was voted 1987’s NBA Rookie of the Year. On the court he was known for deadly long-range marksmanship, just as his more-famous namesake was known for deadly long-range marksmanship with a gun. Person averaged over 14 points a game in his long and brilliant career, and he’s still on the NBA’s all-time top-20 list of career leaders in 3-point field goals made. What are the odds that a black kid would be named after a white TV star, share his reputation for deadly long-range shooting, and play the same pro sport? What are the odds the kid from Alabama would earn the same cool nickname?

What was Chuck Connors Person’s basketball nickname?

What else? “*The Rifleman*”.

T-BALLERS COME UP BIG ON OPENING DAY

By Brad Eastland

The Mets and Rangers rolled around in the dirt for an hour last Saturday at the Heasley T-Ball Field, and literally no one went home a loser.

How refreshing. Yet it wasn’t as if nobody scored in the game. Indeed, lots of kids touched home plate. Yes, practically every kid hit the ball. Yes, every kid got up to bat in every inning, per league rules. The bases were a veritable merry-go-round of revolving children. After two innings the shrewdest of the nearly fifty witnesses to this battle royal thought the score was maybe, oh, about 14-13, but no one was sure, and no one among the four dozen was even sure who was ahead.

However, even those less-hardy fans who left a little early knew what the final score would be.

“In every T-Ball game ever played in Sierra Madre, it’s ended in a zero-zero tie,” said former mayor John Buchanan who watched the game with this reporter, adding whimsically, “But every kid in both dugouts always knows what the score is!”

Yes, they don’t keep score in T-Ball. This is surely the purest of the four divisions of Little League play, five and six year old boys (and girls) signing up for the sheer joy of participating, before politics, one-upsmanship, and nepotism seek to suck the fun from it. The players on both teams had smiles on their faces from ear to ear for the entire hour a T-ball game lasts, and no one was heard to be jockeying any influential adults for a position on any post season all-star teams. Wouldn’t do any good in T-Ball. There aren’t any.



Five year old James Garza prepares to ‘tee-off’.



Just Like A Painting - Another perfect day for youth ball

Case in point: Rangers manager Mark Williams refused to single out the performance of any of his players after the game. “I just don’t think T-Ball is the time to start heaping praise on individual kids,” Williams waxed wisely, and he went on to say that he sees his role as one of not teaching his kids bad habits, as opposed to being responsible for having to teach them good habits.

Mets manager Jim Heiberg did mention that Joshua Vance and Aidan Conley might be his two best players, but only in passing. His stated goal as manager is to.... “Try to make every game enjoyable for each kid, and try to create a special moment in each game for all the kids.” Well said.

At this level of youth baseball, the most important thing is to keep it fun and keep it moving. The Mets and Rangers coaches surely did a good job of that. At least no one *looked* bored. And since in T-Ball every kid gets to at least put bat on ball, everyone is a hero.

Williams summed it up well. He knows that he has three observations to myself, and instead let every kid on my team know that I think they’re practically ready to play major league ball. And I’ll watch their eyes sparkle at the thought....”

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