



# Mountain Views-Observer

WHERE YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS COMES FIRST - Sierra Madre Arcadia Pasadena Altadena and Monrovia  
Part Five In The Series On Candidates for Office In Sierra Madre, April 2008

## On The Ballot: Sierra Madre City Council

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

## “I Just Can’t Walk Away”

### Councilman John Buchanan Is Ready For A 2nd Term

By Susan Henderson

John Buchanan wants Sierra Madre to remain a “full service small town”. He is just as determined to do what he can to make that happen as he was when he first ran for office in 2004. “The issues are different than they were ten years ago”, says Buchanan, referring to the financial constraints that plague not only the city, but also the county, state and federal governments. However, he says, “I just can’t walk away. My inspiration is the town, the volunteers,”.

Seeking a second term on the Sierra Madre City Council, his tenure has not been without controversy.

Projects such as the Downtown Specific Plan, the developments at 1 Carter, Stonehouse, the old Howie’s Market Site and the skilled nursing center have been at the top of the agenda at almost every council meeting since 2004. That hasn’t deterred Buchanan, in fact his commitment is so great he has not missed a single council meeting since elected.



The Buchanan Family - Wife Teri, sons Derek - 13, Trent - 10, and John.

Born and reared in the San Gabriel Valley, John has lived in Sierra Madre for the last nine years. He has been an active Sierra Madre resident since 2001 when he began serving on the Sierra Madre Library Board of Trustees. His community service also includes serving on numerous other committees and commissions including the Hillside Management Zone Committee and most recently the Ad Hoc Finance Committee. By profession, Buchanan is an attorney for Southern California Edison.

Buchanan’s vision for the city includes the “greening of Sierra Madre”. He wants to “institutionalize comprehensive environmental policies”.

The city’s finances are also of major concern to Buchanan. As a member of the Ad Hoc Finance Committee, he worked with residents on the committee evaluating the city’s budget. After careful review, the committee recommended the passage of an increase to the existing User Utility Tax as a new revenue source to fund Police, Paramedics and Fire services. “We need to vote Yes on Measures U [the user utility tax initiative] and UA [the utility tax advisory measure which directs the funds to public safety] in order to preserve our town”.

Says Buchanan, “The future of this town will depend on the willingness of the community to preserve it.”

John Buchanan has one other very important reason for wanting to serve this community. “I live here. My family lives here.”

## Round Two: Residents Query Candidates Four of the Five Candidates For Council Face Off

By Dean Lee

Candidates running for two open City Council seats once again made clear Tuesday why they would be the best choice for a job that will in the foreseeable future still deal with some pretty ugly political issues, including an unpopular budget crisis, development, and underpaid police.

Of the five candidates only four took part during the 1.5 hour debate sponsored by the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club. First time candidate, Kevin Paschall was absent. His campaign manager read a statement explaining:

“My auto brokerage company consists of myself and my partner, I just do not have the luxury of taking a day off work.” He wrote then explaining what he stood for including enforcing Measure V an issue that hardly came up again.

Kiwanis member Clem Bartolai said they got notice that morning saying Paschall

would not be there. Bartolai was the moderator of the event.

Residents turned in cards with questions ranging from balancing the budget, Measure U - the user utility tax increase to pay for police and paramedic salaries, to how the General Plan could be improved. Mayor Enid Joffe said the city already had a balanced budget although she also explained expenditures went up faster than revenue.

Joffe said many expenses were out of the city’s hands. She then took an opportunity to express support for Measure U. Former Councilmember MaryAnn MacGillivray said the city needed to stop spending its reserves. She also said one area that could be cut to save money was personnel, “You can always bring them back,” she said.

Bill Tice, who said he likes to be called “Eagle” Bill Tice, called the April 8 ballot

“messy” pointing out that tax from Measure U, if passed, could be used for anything. “I still plan to vote for it though,” he said.

MacGillivray said the General Plan was a document that needed review every five years. “So I think it’s time to go back and really take a look at it,” she said. There are things left out that should be looked at something Joffe also agreed with.

Joffe explained the General Plan should include a environmental element such as reducing greenhouse gases. MacGillivray said the Hillside Management Zone should also be added so the city has one non-competing document.

Councilmember John Buchanan took credit for passing the HMZ. “Actually we did strengthen the hillside zone,” he said. “We expanded it, we expanded the minimum lot size, we were more specific as to what viewing and design impacts were

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## Hunting For Eggs On A Sunny Day



The Jones Family invited a few friends over to help hunt eggs and gifts left by the Easter Bunny. Young Masters Chester Burnett (left) and Sean Nesler (right) proudly show off their treasures. Photo Courtesy of B. Nesler

## Celebrating Women’s History Month In Sierra Madre: Phyllis Chapman - Charming and Wise - She Knows It All

By Susan Henderson



Phyllis Chapman in 1900's attire for Sierra Madre's 100th birthday

Ask just about any question regarding Sierra Madre’s history and there is one woman in town who probably has the answer - Phyllis Chapman. A true icon of this community, she truly exemplifies the kind of spirit that has kept this city going.

She’s done just about everything there is to be done as a volunteer going back decades. She remembers in the 1940’s when the Civic Club had a youth employment program and “Toyrarians” who lent toys to children. She remembers when there were just 17 members of the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association. She remembers the Sierra Madre Hospital that Dr. George Groth and his sister opened, and so much more. She is a walking Sierra Madre encyclopedia.

Born in Westchester County, New York, she came to the city as a teenager with her family. As time progressed, she met her beloved husband, Edward. They have two children, a son John who lives in Vancouver, Washington and a daughter Christie who lives in Eugene, Oregon. (continued on page 3)

## Murder At One Carter Body Found In 2006 Was Killed At The Site

The mystery surrounding the discovery of a murder victim on the site of the 1 Carter development in 2006 has ended. At the time, there was much speculation that the victim, Victor Tapia and an unidentified wounded man had been shot elsewhere and dumped at the site.

However, the murder

occurred on April 3, 2006. It is believed that the victims were driven to the fire road at 1 Carter site where Tapia was killed. The other victim, who survived the attack, was shot but managed to stumble down the road where he was discovered. The victims car, was left at the scene. The murder occurred at

approximately 5:30 in the afternoon.

According to Chief of Police Marilyn Diaz announced that Federico Bustos, 27, of Riverside, was been arrested for murder on December 29th, 2007 by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s homicide detectives. He is being held on a no-bail (cont. page 3)

## Sierra Madre Celebrates Annual Wistaria Festival - Thousands Will Come To Visit The Vine!

By Trish Pietrzak

Spring has sprung bringing gorgeous weather with plentiful options for outdoor enjoyment and pleasure. It’s the perfect time of year to take in the many world-class festivals that make it such a special season. Everyone could use a nice, relaxing weekend close to home. If a sun-splashed festival featuring truly gorgeous work by nearly 170 of America’s top artists, a full day of dynamite music, fabulous food and drink, and a host of activities for the entire family sounds good to you, head to downtown Sierra Madre for the Annual Wistaria Festival, March 30 2008. A sell out each year, the festival has a well-earned reputation as a world-class event. Take a stroll through friendly, Kersting Court and experience a vibrant scene, presented by the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to the festival is free. Tickets to view the vine can be purchased at [www.sierramadrechamber.com](http://www.sierramadrechamber.com) or by calling 626-355-5111.

### Extraordinary Art, Fine Crafts and Vendors

During the Festival, the downtown area will be turned into an Art and Garden Faire where festival-goers will find hundreds of hand crafted items by America’s very best artists and craftmakers while browsing among 170 booths featuring original work in—glass, clothing, jewelry, paintings, wood objects, fiber arts, garden art, photography, ceramics, palm frond baskets and other gift items. Truly a place to find something for everyone’s tastes. **Dynamite Live Music** Music has quickly become a major festival attraction and this year’s lineup will not disappoint with a spectacular lineup of bands. Musical acts at five outdoor venues will play jazz, blues, bluegrass, classical and rock with a wide-ranging musical mix on stage and street. Performing at the vine are Ron Longo (Harpist), Ann Luke (Hammered Dulcimer), and Michel Zubia (Classical Guitar).

The Memorial Park Stage will feature New Astroturf (acoustic folk), Snotty Scotty & the Brooks Brothers (Garage Band 60’s), Electric Horses on Astroturf (Hippie Rock), Veronica & Dad Band (Pop and Classic Rock) and Aluminum Marshmallow with Age of Aquarius Horns (Classic Rock). The Charcuterie Stage at 120 W. Sierra Madre Blvd lineup begins with Remember When (Vocal Group), followed by The Superstitions (Blues) and finishing the day there will be Lightnin Willie (Country, Blues). On The Kersting Court Stage the day will begin with Barry Schwam (Theremin), continuing with The Dulcimers of Dunlora, The Down Beats (Jazz) and Fuzzy Logic Bopet (Jazz). Performing on The Sabino Salon Stage at 94 Baldwin Ave are Bennett Brandies Trio (Brazilian Jazz), Chico’s Bail Bonds (Acoustic Blues), and Wreck & Sow (Bluesgrass). Vin Fix Flyer (Acoustic Bluegrass) will round out the stellar lineup of music strolling the Festival. It promises to be a real treat for music lovers! (cont. on page 3)




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## Weather Wise

### 5-Day Forecast

**Sierra Madre, Ca.**

Longitude W118.0, Latitude N34.2

Saturday:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Sunday:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Monday:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Tuesday:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Wednesday:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 60s

*Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service*

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### City of Sierra Madre March Events

- 1 - Whale Watching - 9:00 am - Recreation Center
- 3 - Author's Night - WriteGirl - 7:00 pm - Recreation Center
- 6 - Sierra Madre Coordinating Council - 12noon - Recreation Center
- 6 - Senior Community Commission - 3:00 pm - Council Chambers
- 6 - Planning Commission - 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
- 7 - Travelers & Collectors - 7:30 pm - Council Chambers
- 8 - Walk with the Mayor - 9:00 am - Kersting Court
- 8 - Sierra Madre Social - 10:00 am - Library
- 11 - City Council - 6:30 pm - Council Chambers
- 12 - Community Arts Commission - 6:30 pm - Council Chambers
- 15 - Arts Commission trip to the San Antonio Winery - 10:00 am - Recreation Center
- 17 - Community Arts Commission - 6:30 pm - Council Chambers
- 19 - Tree Advisory Commission - 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
- 20 - "Third Thursday" Book Club - 11:00 am - Library
- 20 - Senior Adventure Palm Springs Follies - 8:30 am - Hart Park House
- 20 - Planning Commission - 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
- 21 - Wistaria Vine Submissions Due - Recreation Center
- 22 - HFF Bike Ride - 9:00 am - Kersting Court
- 22 - SMVFA Easter Egg Hunt - 10:00 am - Memorial Park
- 25 - City Council - 6:30 pm - Council Chambers
- 26 - Library Board of Trustees - 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
- 30 - Chamber of Commerce Wistaria Festival

For more information on these and other City programs, call 355-7135 or visit [www.cityofsierramadre.com](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com).

### SM Woman's Club to Present Annual Games Tea

An afternoon games tea with bridge or a game of your choice is being hosted by the Sierra Madre Woman's Club on Saturday, March 29, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., in their clubhouse, the historic "Essick House" at 550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre.

This annual benefit, which supports club charities, is a time to savor a wonderful variety of delicious refreshments. It has become known for its tea table extraordinaire. Event Chair Mary Carney invites you to gather friends to come and play together, or come alone and join a group.

Tickets are \$12.00 each.

For tickets and reservations please call Carney at 355-6225.

## 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  
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### BAILEY CANYON CLEAN UP

### Saint Rita Parish Will Show 1849 Vintage Painting "The Holy Face" March 14-30

St. Rita Parish, Sierra Madre, will offer the public a rare opportunity to view the recently restored painting, "The Holy Face" from March 14-30. Restoration was just completed by Frank van Dongen and assistant, Evelyn Zumaya, of Harlequin Fine Art Gallery and Art Restoration in Sierra Madre.

The long and convoluted history of this painting bears telling. The Bible tells the story of Veronica, who wiped the face of Christ as he carried the cross to Calvary. The faint image of a suffering man's face was left imprinted on the veil and it reportedly caused many miracles, including the cure of the Emperor Tiberius from leprosy. This veil, a fabled relic, has resided at the Vatican since the 8<sup>th</sup> century. During 1848, riots erupted in Europe, including the Papal States. In an attempt to restore peace, the pope ordered the relic to be offered for public veneration and prayer. On the third day of this exposition, the smudged image on the veil reportedly began to glow, becoming more distinct and colorful. As basilica bells were rung, crowds of Romans flooded the exposition, and church officials came to witness and document the changes in the face. This miracle lasted three hours. One cleric sketched the change in the painting, and sent it to the pope. An artist in the crowd, perhaps a Spaniard, rendered his own visage, but did not sign the painting. His name remains unknown. In 1923, a Spanish bishop brought the painting to Peru, to honor the centennial of that country's independence, presenting it to an order of Carmelite nuns. After an earthquake destroyed much of the convent, the painting was relegated to storage, and nearly forgotten.

Now the work has once again come to light. Rescued from oblivion, and brought to the United States, it has been lovingly restored by Frank van Dongen and his assistant, Evelyn Zumaya, of Harlequin Gallery in Sierra Madre in order that new generations can reflect and wonder, not only on the marvelous events that took place in 1849, but on the Passion and Death of Christ nearly two thousand years ago. The very limited viewing schedule includes docents at the following times: March 14, 8:30-11 and 4-7, March 15: 8:30-10 and 3-7:30, March 16: 1:30-5, March 18 9-12, Holy Thursday, March 20: 11-5, Good Friday, March 21: 3-7, Easter Sunday: 7:30-1:30 during and after Masses. Very limited viewing the week after Easter. Call the St. Rita parish office for schedule or more information at 626-355-1292.

## SENIOR HAPPENINGS...

By Pat Birdsall



### FYI:

More than 8 million Americans had their identities compromised in 2005, according to the latest figures from the federal Trade Commission. For some victims, out-of-pocket damages exceeded \$2,000.00, and many spent 130-plus hours clearing their names. I have addressed this increasingly growing problem in the past, and will continue to do so. Here are three more suggestions to help you protect yourself...

- 1-Consider getting a locked mailbox-- standard boxes are like goody bags. Thieves often follow mail carriers on their routes, then sift through the mail for pre-approved credit card offers and open cards under the victim's names.
- 2-Take action if you don't receive mail. Crooks will file phony change-of-address forms to reroute victims' utility bills and bank statements to an accessible location. They then use that mail to track down key personal information. If you don't get mail for 2 days, call your post office.
- 3-NEVER trash an old computer without deleting old files on the hard drive **thoroughly**. Do nothing less than a Gutmann wipe, which overwrites your files with layers of random data.

### ~Helpful Hints~

Spray your Tupperware with non stick cooking spray before pouring in tomato based sauces and there won't be any stains. Also; spray your candleholders with non stick cooking spray and the melted wax won't stick to them.

### ~For Your Funny Bone~

"You know when you're getting old?" My friend asked. "I give up," I said. "When you tell your best friend that you're having an affair and they ask, "Is it catered?"

### Some Easter groaners...

Q- What do you get when you pour hot water down a rabbit hole?  
A- A Hot Cross bunny.

Q- What is the Easter Bunny's favorite state capital?  
A- Albunny, New York!

### Recipe of the Month: Ham & Potato Bake

~For that leftover Easter ham~

- Butter, for pan
- 6 large eggs
- 1 ½ cups heavy cream
- Coarse salt and ground pepper
- 2 baking potatoes (about 1 ¼ lbs), peeled
- 10 ounces leftover ham, thinly sliced
- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen broccoli or spinach thawed - squeeze dry with paper towels
- ½ cup grated cheddar cheese (2 oz.)

- 1- Preheat oven to 350. Butter a 9-inch round cake pan (at least 2 inches deep). Line bottom of pan with a parchment paper round.
- 2- In a large bowl, whisk together eggs and cream; season with 2 tsp. salt & ½ tsp. pepper. Thinly slice potatoes, drop into egg mixture.
- 3- Lifting potatoes out of egg mixture, arrange half the potatoes in pan. Layer with ham, broccoli (or spinach), cheese and remaining potatoes. Pour egg mixture over top. Press down firmly so that potatoes are fully submerged in egg mixture.
- 4- Cover with foil; bake until potatoes are tender, about 1 hour. Uncover, continue baking until golden and set. 30 to 45 minutes more.
- 5- Cool 15 to 20 minutes in pan. Run a knife around edge, and carefully invert onto a plate. Peel off parchment. Reinvert, top side up. Slice with a serrated knife. *This dish is basically a crustless quiche; serve it hot, cold or at room temperature. Serves 10.*

Everyday Food

Spring is a true reconstructionist.

~Henry Timrod



### Happy Birthday Ella Guttman!

**Activities:** Unless listed differently, all activities are at the Hart Memorial Park (Senior Center) 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre

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

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

**Tuesday:** Bingo- 1:30-3:30 PM .25c per card  
Yoga: 5:00 PM- 6:30 pm For seniors and others who want to go slow (can be done in a chair) Instructor, Andrea Walsh- \$6.00 for those 50 & over- \$7.50 for those under 50  
To register call (626) 355-7394

**Wednesday:** Open

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

**Friday:** Ping-Pong-2-4 pm Not tournament. Adult Fitness Class- Noon-1:00PM at the Recreation Center \$34.00 for 8 week course. Call (626) 355-7394 for info & reservations

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

### Meals-On-Wheels:

Meals are delivered to homebound seniors through the YWCA Intervale lunch program M-F with frozen meals for the weekend. \$2.00 suggested donation per day. Call Susan Garcia at 858-8382.

### Monthly Excursions:

**April 17-** Los Angeles Zoo & Autry Museum 9:30 AM- 5:00 PM- \$7.00 per person  
Bring additional cash to pay for admission to location of your choice and lunch. Zoo/Botanical Gardens Senior Admission is \$7.00. (The zoo operates a shuttle for \$1.50 for the day for seniors). Autry Museum; Senior Admission- \$5.00.  
\*For reservations and further information call Susan Clifton at (626) 355-7394 or stop by and see her at the Hart Memorial Park House- 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM- Monday-Thursday

**Free Consultation** with Pasadena Attorney Geoffrey Chin- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month- 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM- \*Appointments are a must. Call Susan Clifton at (626) 355-7394. \*Conflicting court schedules can occasionally cause cancellations.

**Blood Pressure Clinic Returns!** The Sierra Madre Paramedics will do blood pressure readings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month 10:00AM-11:30 am

**\*March 30- Chamber of Commerce Wistaria Festival**





# Presidential Campaign Cheap Shots

By Rich Johnson

Wow!!! This is fascinating. Watching the unfolding presidential campaign should

not be free. It should be televised on pay per view. We could wipe out the national debt. Really. And the season has been extended. It used to be the national bickering didn't start until each party selected their candidate. Now, with the ravenous cable news channels chomping at the bit, campaign coverage makes WWE Smackdown look like Romper Room.

It's easy to tell Senator McCain is the only soldier in the race. He's no idiot. He's run for cover. Even left the country for the relative calm of Iraq. Go figure.

But is this all new? Were presidential campaigns throughout our relatively short history conducted with class and good sports'person'ship? Let's pull back the covers of our rich history and take a peek.

In 1800, Democrat-Republican Thomas Jefferson ran against incumbent President John Adams. John Adams, member of the Federalist party, claimed that electing Thomas Jefferson would lead to the "teaching of murder, robbery, rape, adultery and incest." A little over the top? Apparently America wanted to be taught that, for Thomas Jefferson not only won the election but was also relected four years later. This relegated John Adams to become the first one-term president.

In 1828 Andrew Jackson (Democrat) ran against incumbent President John Quincy

Adams (Republican). Adams attacked Jackson's marriage, accusing him of living in sin with his wife Rachel. Seems they married before her divorce was final. She became known as the "American Jezebel". Adams even called her the famous Don Imus unmentionable word! Oh yeah, and Adams also accused Jackson of being a murderer, among other things. I guess that's bad. Jackson accused Adams of providing the Russian Czar with American virgins as servants while Adams was Minister to Russia. Who won the contest? I guess being a murderer is overrated. Andrew Jackson became President. And yes, Rachel Jackson became the first Jezebel. Ironically, the loss made John Quincy Adams the second one-term president, his father being the first.

In 1848, Whig candidate Zachary Taylor ran against Democrat Lewis Cass and third party candidate John Parker Hale (of the Free Soil party). Lewis Cass and the Democrats attacked Taylor, also known as "old rough and ready" for being uneducated, mean and greedy. And, of course, the Whigs accused Cass of being a liar (And I thought calling a politician a liar was a compliment). Well, in this case the liar didn't win. Zachary Taylor became our 12<sup>th</sup> president. Interesting bit of irony: Taylor, a longtime army general warned the south that if they tried to secede from the union he would lead the armies himself into battle against them. 12 years later his son would become a general in the Confederate army.

Now, don't you feel better? We are actually much tamer in our campaign rhetoric now than in the 1800's. So let's sit back, grab a bowl of popcorn and wait for folding chairs to start flying.

## PHYLLIS CHAPMAN (from page 1)

When you ask Phyllis about her remarkable memory regarding Sierra Madre's history, her answer will make you laugh. "I've always been a history nut", she quips.

Sierra Madre isn't her only love, however. She is an Honorary Life Member of the Los Angeles County Arboretum's Docents. The Arboretum, located nearby on Santa Anita Avenue in Arcadia, is a 127 acre botanical garden steeped in the history of this area. It is the home of Lake Baldwin, named after, who else, Lucky Baldwin. Says Phyllis, "Tarzan did not swing in Africa. He did his swinging at the Arboretum." That sounds amusing but in fact Tarzan and many other films have been shot there.

On a more serious note, one of Phyllis' main concerns is what happens to our seniors after they have lived in Sierra Madre for most of their lives and can no longer live in their homes yet want to stay here. "We do not have enough housing to meet our needs." She recalls the fight some residents waged against the the demolition of a 45,000 square foot facility, the largest building in Sierra Madre that was formerly The Passionist Fathers Seminary on Sunnyside. The facility was badly damaged in the 1991 Landers Earthquake. "That would have been a wonderful home for the elderly." She was so concerned about the fate of the building that she even, "wrote the Pope". She considered lying down in th path of the bulldozers.

Even politics in Sierra Madre doesn't deter Phyllis. "For over a dozen years I ran someone's campaign. My very first campaign was Lisa Fowler's".

Still keeping as busy as a bee, Phyllis manages the PR for the Civic Club and the Woman's Club. She is a also member of the Priscilla's and numerous other groups in town.

Her spirit is tireless. When the Woman's Club lost its' membership chair years ago, Phyllis took over the task and with diplomacy and tact, keeps the membership of the club current. In fact, before this interview ended, she walked away with this writers 'dues'!

## Chamber Of Commerce Endorses Measures U and UA

SIERRA MADRE After hosting a public forum on Measures U and UA featuring speakers both for and against the Measures, the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce polled its' membership and the respondents overwhelmingly voted their support of the Measures.

Hail Hamilton, a columnist for local newspaper the MountainViews-Observer, represented the argument against the measure at the forum. Mike Comer, a Sierra Madre businessman and a member of the city's Ad Hoc Finance Committee that recommended to the Sierra Madre City Council that they put an increase of the Utility Tax in front of the voters to raise funds, spoke for the Measures. The video of the forum will be available on SMTV 3 soon and is currently available through a link on this paper's website. (www.mvobserver.com).

The Sierra Madre Chamber Of Commerce endorses a YES vote on Measures U and UA.

For additional information, contact Beverly DeVoy (626) 355-5111 or via email at: info@sierramadrechamber.com

## CANDIDATES (from page 1)

allowed. He then said the HMZ was the overall component that was needed to preserve the hillsides.

Buchanan also backed what Joffe's earlier statement about an environmental component being added to the General Plan.

Later both Joffe and Buchanan were asked if they regretted voting yes on 1 Carter a sore spot with nearby residents including MacGillivray. Both said no. Buchanan said he thought it was the only solution at the time and compromised to preserve an area next to the Mt. Wilson Trail. Joffe said housing was a better option than the High School being proposed.

A question was then asked what they would do to bring business to the city.

MacGillivray suggested the city should try to attract tech companies such as Amazon.com saying they could bring tax revenue and needed nothing more than people and computers. Buchanan said everyone had their own ideas of what they wanted but suggested "green" businesses were in line with the city's values.

At one point things got a little touchy when a question was asked about the city's definition of "family" pulled from the city code two years ago something some said did not belong in a City Council debate. MacGillivray said misinformation had been given out in a letter to the editor in this paper. The issue, she agendized as a city council member, drew national attention at the time.

It was not clear if a number of questions were serious such as were "stoplights being stored in the city maintenance yard" or "if parking meters should be put into the downtown". It was also suggested by MacGillivray that residents adopt

street signs after a question was asked why so many of them were missing.

Regarding the installation of stop lights in the city, Buchanan passionately said he would not allow a situation where someone would race down Baldwin Ave. trying to make a yellow light and end up plowing into a bunch of people killing someone.

## Corrected Sample Ballots Mailed

In the midst of her campaign for re-election, Sierra Madre City Clerk Nancy Shollenberger publicly acknowledged the error in the Sample Ballot and sent out a "correction" to all voters.

The original ballot contained erroneous language and signatures on the Argument in Favor of Measure P, the Police Officers Initiative. The error occurred on page 10 an mistakenly referred to the User Utility Tax as Measure P and the Police Initiative as Measure UA. In addition, the signatures of the city council were affixed to the argument. The Council did not submit the argument in favor of Measure P. The argument was offered by John Ellins, President of the Police Officers Association.

The error has caused an uproar in the city, as many residents said they were confused. The correction points out the error and publishes the corrected argument in favor of and against the initiative.

*The correction also states, "If you have already voted and sent back your Vote-By-Mail ballot, and this correction change causes you to want to change your vote, you may call the Office of the City Clerk and request a new ballot be sent to you. Call 626-355-7135 or fax your request to 626-355-1546. Requests for a replacement ballot must be received by Friday March 28th, 2008."*

# MTA Cuts Include Bus Line To JPL and Caltech

*Mosca tries to stop the cuts* By Dean Lee

Eco-conscience employees at JPL may now be forced into their cars, as will many others, come June 29 after the Metro San Gabriel Valley Governance Council Monday night narrowly voted in favor of recommending cutting bus lines throughout the area including the 177 and 256 in Pasadena. The 177 connects JPL to Caltech.

The move could also strand those living in Altadena severing a vital connection to a number of Gold Line station, including Allen and Highland Park many said.

The cuts came quick but not easy as Sierra Madre Councilmember Joe Mosca made clear his opposition. He first motioned to pull lines 177 and 256 for further discussion but the motion failed. Vice Chair, Roger Chandler immediately put another successful motion on the floor sending all the proposed San Gabriel Valley cuts to the MTA Board of Directors for a final vote.

"We got to start somewhere and the 177 line is the least defensible line in the whole operation," Chandler said. "As well intended as the riders are, the fact that they left their cars at home, and their looking for sustainable ways to reduce car trips but we basically have an entire Gold Line operation and there's no money for it."

He then said if the proposed cuts were not made MTA staff would reduce other area

such as safety.

"What if we fail to meet our obligation, what if we fail to cut?" he asked rhetorically. "They will find other ways to cut, which means areas that we don't control, security, overtime, maintenance, billing, employment, staff. These numbers have to be reduced."

Mosca then asked why they did not try working out a deal with Pasadena before making changes so that the city's ARTS bus system could take over the line.

"Cathi Cole is here now," he said. "Why not work out some alternate proposal that's going to be good for all parties here." He than countered Chandler's comments saying facetiously that putting off cuts for the line would not put the MTA at risk for bankruptcy.

Cole, Pasadena's Transit Manager later said the city was still working with MTA to take over the lines. She also said they were hoping to get funding for the 177 through the MTA.

"We're hoping to get a better quality buses than what they are now using," she said.

She also explain this would be the first time any ARTS bus line would go on the freeway but made clear all of their busses could do it, "we just haven't had need," she said.

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## MURDER (cont. from pg 1)

warrant charging him with murder, attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon, kidnapping, robbery, and discharging a firearm, causing great bodily injury or death. Mr. Bustos was arraigned on Wednesday morning, March 19<sup>th</sup>, in Pasadena Superior Court.

In a statement from the SMPD, Diaz says, "Bustos and two other suspects are believed to have driven Tapia to a remote site at 1 Carter Ave. where he was shot multiple times. The

suspect was identified by extensive physical evidence at the scene. The motive for the crime appears to be drug-related. Sheriff's detectives are working to identify the two remaining suspects".

Diaz goes on to "commend the excellent work and dedication of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's detectives for their tenacious investigation," said Chief Diaz. "They did a superb job."

## FESTIVAL (continued from page 1)

### Kids' Stuff

Wildly popular activities will feature a host of family-style entertainment and amusements including a giant Tiger Slide, a 58-foot long Wild One Obstacle Course and the ever-popular Choo-Choo train offering rides at Memorial Park all day.

### Festive Food & Drink

Festival eateries will be dishing up a world of succulent, stroll-around street fare extraordinaire. Local restaurants and merchants will be open too. Hungry Festival-goers can satisfy their appetites with artichokes (who knew there were so many ways to prepare this yummy vegetable?), BBQ, fresh corn-on-the-cob, jumbo hot dogs, hot-off-the-grill bratwurst & sausages, gourmet Mexican food and much more. There's plenty of kid-friendly fare like kettlecorn, lemonade, giant style hot pretzels, fresh fruit smoothies, Funnel Cakes, cotton candy and shaved ice.

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Stop by for a visit, win great prizes, enjoy tasty samples, meet the staff, and check out the latest and greatest products from the proud 2008 festival sponsors and supporters.

Proud sponsors of this year's Wistaria Festival are: Kersting Court Stage - RMD – visit them at their booth near the stage to learn all about the latest Ford cars, Silver Sponsor – Edison Company, Bronze Sponsor – Jan's Towing. Friends of the Wistaria Festival are Café 322, CORFU Restaurant, Doubletree Hotel of Monrovia, Osti Tree Service and Sierra Madre Village Pizzeria.

Learn more about this fabulous community by visiting the non-profit organizations in Memorial Park. Among them will be: Friends of The Sierra Madre Library, Grey Save, Los Angeles Learning Disabilities Association, Pasadena Humane Society, Rotary Club, Sierra Club, Sierra Madre Congregational Church, Sierra Madre Community Nursery School, Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council, Sierra Madre Garden Club, Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society, Sierra Madre Rose Float Assn and VASA Order of America.

### Festival Dates/Hours/Location

The festival is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday March 30, 2008.

**Vine viewing: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Art & Garden Faire: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Driving Directions** - Sierra Madre is located directly North/East of Pasadena & North/West of Arcadia. Exit the 210 Freeway at Baldwin Ave. Drive North to Sierra Madre Blvd. Visitors are encouraged to take the Metro Link Gold Line to the Sierra Madre Villa Station where you can catch the Gateway Coach to downtown Sierra Madre.

### Tickets and Info-Line

For festival information, call the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce at 626-355-5111.

Tickets are required to visit the vine-viewing grounds. Shuttle ticket serves as entry ticket, if not riding shuttle, walk-in ticket is required. Advance reservations required; tickets limited. Shuttle buses (optional; however, walk is one mile uphill, between downtown Sierra Madre and Wistaria Vine).

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<http://www.sierramadrechamber.com/Wistaria/photos.htm>

\$10 per person; age 5 and under free (price is the same, whether you go one way or round trip, no refunds or exchanges) Make check payable to Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce. Include check with your request for vine-viewing tickets and state your preferred hour between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., as well as an alternate time; please send a self-addressed envelope (#10) with adequate postage, to "Wistaria Tickets,"

Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce, 37 N. Auburn Ave., Ste. 1, Sierra Madre, CA 91024

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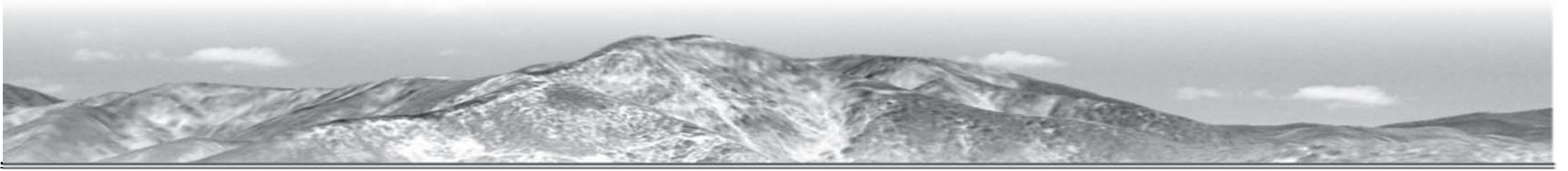
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# MountainViews-Observer PASADENA

## Rose Bowl Problems Go Beyond Cyclists

By Dean Lee

What looked at first six months ago to be a complete ban on peloton cyclists around the Rose Bowl has now turned to become a strong relationship between cyclists and the city with a focus on the big picture making the whole area safe of everyone.

The City Council Monday night during their regular meeting put off second reading of an ordinance, if in effect, would not allow any bicycle formation of more than two abreast where signs are posted.

Although, after the meeting, cyclist did threaten the city they would sue that if a ban were enacted.

"The California Association of Bicyclists organization would bring



*Banners now clearly mark the correct direction along the Rose Bowl loop*

litigation," cyclist Chris Ziegler said. "There is California Vehicle Code 21 that basically says the cities can't pass local ordinances that effect behavior in traffic lanes on public roadways."

He said the city could only enforce local laws in bike designated lanes or the sidewalk adding that,

"Bicyclists organizations would be afraid of the precedent that would set."

The council's action did not come before Mayor Bill Bogaard made sure cyclists new the ban could still go into effect immediately if a problem exists.

"Second reading could occur on any Monday night where the matter is properly placed on the agenda," Bogaard said. "So in that regard we are continuing our good faith effort to work with the riders but we are not conceding any change in the direction that we are going at this point."

He added that the council was only suspending action at the time although riders said the city had already notified them of the potential lawsuit.

The proposed ordinance came only after then police chief, Bernard Melekian, said cyclist refused to cooperate saying they were not a formal group. He said they were a safety hazard to the city and that statistics showed a number of collisions between bikes and pedestrians had happened over the last several years.

Council members at the time made clear they would ban the activity if someone did not come forward claiming responsibility. Riders quickly formed an ad-hoc committee made up of world class cyclists.

Councilmember Sid Tyler suggested Monday night they impose permits on the peloton, as is done, with other group activities such as soccer. Cyclist later said everyone from dog walkers to jogging clubs would also have to take out permits.

Melekian is now acting City Manager

The peloton is groups of cyclists riding in large formations, between three and six riders across, allowing them to "draft"



*Peloton cyclists Nick Humphrey (Right) and Allen Lin (left) at City Hall after Monday's council meeting.*

gaining great speeds found in world racing events such as the Amgen Tour of California that finished at the Rose Bowl last month.

Riders said they have set up their own set of 11 rules making sure a ban would not be necessary.

They include, 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.

Councilmember Victor Gordo said that he would like traffic officers to regulate the area after personally seeing rules not being followed Thursday night.

"The majority of people walking or jogging continue to walk and jog in the wrong direction," he said holding a new

flyer on safety rules. "I know that we have the campaign to direct people that the correct direction is counterclockwise but that's going to take some effort."

The city launched "Stay Left to be Right" a campaign aimed a walkers and joggers a week before daylight savings time when the peloton starts for the season. The peloton ride usually started at 6:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays lasting a little more than an hour. It is made up of 100 to 200 cyclists.

An informal survey done by this newspaper last Tuesday night counted 100 people using the Rose Bowl loop. Of those walking dogs/strollers, jogging, rollerblading or anything other than cycling, 67 of them were going in the wrong direction as indicated by signs on the ground.

## MTA Cuts

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She also said they were trying not to disrupt service or reduce it, although that means having a contract approved by the city council by July 1. If not, the line would continue to run but MTA would only run reduced service from Memorial Park to JPL until Sept. 5. After that then line would cease if the city did not take it over.

The governance council said the city could also take over line 256 but Cole made no mention of it.

During a very short public comment period many opposed the council's findings, even Metro San Gabriel Valley Service Development Manager, Jon Hillmer, said he had never seen as many email as this. He personally prepared the report.

Hillmer said the 177 had 107 people say they wanted to see it stay and 109 people defended the 256. Many said they found these numbers to be disturbing.

"I find it interesting that of the 10 bus lines that are up for cutting or changing about a quarter of the opposing comments came related to bus line 177," said, Jim Cowell Associate Vice President for Facilities. "I think what that shows is

that a lot of people care about this reportedly undersubscribed bus route."

He then showed a picture of a full 177 bus adding, "As you can see there isn't a set empty."

According to long time San Gabriel MTA Sector Representative David Spence, lines 177 and 256 are miscounted compared to other lines. The two are contracted lines and done by randomly counting the number of people on the bus twice a month by a person compared to an automated counting system on other Metro owned buses.

Cowell also read a letter from a blind Caltech rider that said they would now have to walk from California Boulevard to Colorado Boulevard just to get to work.

A total of 20 bus lines throughout Southern California are proposed to be eliminated.

All cuts are part of a three year Metro Connections, a plan to make up a \$71 million shortfall by the MTA, which some said is due to the large costs associated with light rail expansions such as the Gold Line and the new Purple Line. The shortfall accounts for six percent of the MTA annual budget.

System wide, Metro Connections plans to cut 450,000 bus hours.

## La Grande Opening; Adaptive Reuse of Historic Rail Depot



By Teresa Baxter

Santa Fe rail was once the main artery between San Bernardino and Los Angeles —the last passenger left the Pasadena Santa Fe Depot & Amtrak Station in 1994, only to have the historic site sit for years until Archstone Apartments bought the property with an agreement to renovate the historic station.

It took seven year and a feat of cutting the building into five pieces, then moving it across the street while the MTA Gold Line station was built, moving it back, and then finally turning the once depot into a world class restaurant.

The latest chapter includes breathing, what was once thought of as a run-down area of Pasadena, new life into the Arroyo Parkway surroundings. Last Sunday La Grande Orange Café, now located in the Gold Line Del Mar Station amidst the recently completed Archstone Apartments, held thier grand opening offering a menu sampling to invited guests prior to the first day open, Monday.

The location of the new eatery is of relevance because it has renovated, yet preserved the historic Depot. La Grande Orange Café is part of the LGO Hospitality Group, known for bringing new life to historic and unusual buildings as celebrated destination restaurants.

Bob Lynn, Founder of the Phoenix-based LGO and partner Craig DeMarco are excited by their new venture in the Los Angeles area. In fact, Lynn's roots are in Southern California. He previously held a position as second-in-command of Houston's, which is owned by L.A.-based Hillstone Restaurant Group.

"We previously developed

restaurants in Phoenix in older historic buildings in a neighborhood very similar to this," said DeMarco. "We're a community based company and very excited to be here. Everything we do will be about supporting our new neighborhood."

DeMarco also went on to praise the Pasadena Heritage Society for doing a huge service to the city of Pasadena by making sure that the depot got renovated properly. Sue Mossman, executive director for the PHS joined the festivities along with Pasadena Mayor, Bill Bogaard.

"I have to say as this has come together...it's just been increasingly rewarding and fun to see how much respect there is for the old, yet a really new vision for how this building should be," said Mossman. "One of my particular pleasures is the old ticket counter is now where you walk up to get your food. It's a new use but same feel and concept."

LGO Executive Chef Scott Malin describes the menu as "honest food you can eat everyday," with lunch and dinner served seven days a week. Salads, fresh fish, steak, taco platters, burgers and desserts are made using the freshest ingredients, much of it organically grown and locally farmed.

The addition of LGO coincides with the recent Arroyo Parkway Enhancement project approved to clean up the general appearance of the area. The street improvements will include installation of decorative crosswalks at Del Mar Blvd., California Blvd., and Fillmore St., as well as the replacement of damaged sidewalks and the planting of palm trees in the medians and parkways.

## 'Earth Hour' Is Quickly Approaching

By Teresa Baxter

According to the campaign, Earth Hour originated from Sydney, Australia last year. Created to take a stand against what is said to be the greatest threat our planet has ever faced, Earth Hour uses the simple action of turning off the lights for one hour to deliver a powerful message about the need for active engagement in regards to the issue of global warming.

This act has apparently captured the hearts and minds of people all over the world. As a result, on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at 8 p.m. millions of people in some of the Earth's major capital cities, including Copenhagen, Toronto, Chicago, Melbourne, Brisbane and Tel Aviv, will unite and switch off electricity for Earth Hour.

Several American cities will also be participating and many iconic landmarks will be "leaving the lights off for you". The Sears Tower, the Golden Gate Bridge, Phoenix City Hall, Soldier Field, Wrigley Field, Ghirardelli Square, the Georgia Dome and the Chicago Theater are a few of many taking part.

The City of Pasadena has an exciting roster of events planned for the evening. The dome and façade lights at City Hall will go dark for an hour at 8 p.m. on March 29th, signaling to all that energy conservation and



a sustainable environment make for a better, stronger community.

The City will also host several no/low light events that many Pasadenans can walk to in under 20 minutes.

According to Ann Erdman, the city's Public Information Officer, events, will include live acoustic music, a dance performance and storytelling in the dark at Pasadena City Hall, where the dome and façade lights at Pasadena City Hall will go dark at 8 p.m. as a symbol of the city's commitment to energy conservation; sing-along in the dark at Allendale Branch Library, 1130 S. Marengo Ave.; crafts and star-gazing with telescopes provided by JPL at San Rafael Branch Library, 1240 Nithsdale Rd.; storytelling in the dark at Hastings Branch Library, 3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd.. Several events are planned by neighborhood associations, businesses and non-profit organizations. Lights Out \* Walk About Pasadena is planned in conjunction with the global Earth Hour 2008. More information can be found at [www.cityofpasadena.net](http://www.cityofpasadena.net) or by calling (626) 744-6970.

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*City of Sierra Madre Press Release*

## Registration for Mount Wilson Trail Race is Now!

Celebrating it's 100 anniversary of runners concurring the hill, the Mount Wilson Trail Race will take place on Saturday, May 24, 2008 at 7:30am sharp. The 8.6 mile race starts in Kersting Court on pavement, then 300 dedicated runners will travel uphill on a dirt trail that features an elevation climb of over 2,100 feet, and then back down to Kersting Court. Past runners have managed this trek in just under 1 hour.

On Friday, May 23, 2008 the celebration begins with a pre-race Pasta Load Party, which everyone is invited attend and support the runners. The pasta feast is provided by Café 322, in Kersting Court from 6:00 - 8:00 pm for just \$6.75. Pre-registration (or packet pick-up) will also take place during the dinner.

New this year is a Family Award category. Participants can team with other family members and compete for the Family Award. The combined time of the each family team member will be calculated and the lowest average time will take home the prize!

Registration forms are now available at the Community and Personnel Services Department at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024 and are also available online at [www.mountwilsontrailrace.com](http://www.mountwilsontrailrace.com). The Trail Race sells out every year, so be sure to register early! You don't wanna be left out!



## Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & OBSERVATIONS

From Caroline Brown

Just imagine, if the big wind of March 16 had been accompanied with low humidity and high temperatures, what a Red Flag hazard we would have been facing! Remember still to inspect your property for fallen dead wood, branches or trees and remove it all now while the weather is cool. Every where the leaf litter collected on inside corners of your roof valleys and ground level wall connections is where wind blown fire embers will collect in a fire storm.

We will have a multi-hazard preparation booth in combination with our Fire Safe Council information at the Wistaria Festival, March 30. Please stop by and join our efforts in preparing our community for disaster. Remember you and your neighbors will need to be self-sufficient for a period of up 10 days.

Our next regularly scheduled Fire Safe Council Meeting will be April 7, 7 p.m. in the City Council chambers with the presentation "Why Emergency Preparedness is so important."

Our next demonstration of Thermo-gel will take place Saturday, April 12, at the Second Annual La Canada/Flintridge Emergency Expo.

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

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## Sierra Madre Police Blotter

*During the week of Sunday, March 9th, to Saturday March 15th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 210 calls for service.*

**Sunday, March 9th:**  
3:16 PM – Warrant Arrest, 500 block of Woodland Dr. Officers responded regarding an argument. During the investigation a records check revealed the resident had an outstanding warrant. The resident was issued a written promise to appear and released.  
6:12 PM – Domestic Violence Arrest, 242 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. A woman came into the station with her estranged husband to report she had hit him. The investigation revealed a domestic violence battery. The woman was arrested for the battery and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

**Monday, March 10th:**  
7:48 PM- Vandalism, 200 block South Hermosa Ave. A passerby reported a vehicle parked on Hermosa Ave at Orange Grove Ave and its driver's side window was smashed. The owner said she parked her car at 7:25 pm and by 7:45 pm the window was broken. The damage was estimated at \$500.00.

**Tuesday, March 11th:**  
11:36 AM – Residential burglary, 700 block of West Grandview Ave. The resident left home at about 9:30 a.m. and returned about 11:30 a.m. She found her back door standing open and called police. There was no evidence of forced entry. The only loss was a check for \$1,035.

**Friday, March 14th:**  
6:15 PM – Attempted suicide, 100 block Auburn Ave. A resident called to report her boyfriend had a gun and was going to kill himself. As officers arrived, the man was trying to leave in his car. Due to the officers' quick response, a suicide was averted, no injuries occurred, and the man was taken into protective custody. Officers also collected several rifles for safekeeping.

**Saturday, March 15th:**  
7:50 AM – Arrest, 600 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. Officers stopped a car for a registration violation. During the investigation a records check revealed that the driver was unlicensed. The driver was issued a written promise to appear and released.  
15:02 PM – Arrest, 200 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. A man who had previously been arrested for driving without a driver's license came into the police station for a vehicle release. During the investigation a records check revealed that the man had an outstanding arrest warrant. The man was arrested and released in a written promise to appear.

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## Mount Wilson Trail Race

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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!

### City of Sierra Madre

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To: City Wide  
From: The City of Sierra Madre ~ Department of Public Works  
Subject: **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT F.Y. 2008 ~ 2009**  
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the Community Development Block Grant 34<sup>th</sup> year ~ FY 2008 ~ 2009

DATE & TIME OF HEARING	PLACE OF HEARING
City of Sierra Madre City Council meeting Tuesday, March 25, 2007 Meeting begins at 6:30 pm	City of Sierra Madre City Council Chambers 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA. 91024

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

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Posted: March 3, 2008  
Suzi McConnell, Administrative Assistant , Department of Public Works



## Environmentally Speaking, Spring Cleaning Quiz Answers

1) Which of the following effects (Respiratory irritation, headaches, nausea, organ & central nervous system damage or, all of the above )can result from the use of conventional cleaning products?

All of the above...Conventional cleaning products contain chemicals that can cause respiratory irritation, headaches, nausea, and damage to organs and the central nervous system. Choose non-toxic cleaning products or choose alternatives such as baking soda and vinegar.

2) What percentage of total poison exposures occurs in the home?

92% of poison exposures occur in the home. Items containing hazardous materials should be safely stored away from children and in a well-ventilated area.

3) For each ton of 100% recycled paper that's produced, how much water is saved?

7000 gallons...When you must use paper towels, use ones that are made from recycled paper. As an alternative to most wipe-up jobs, use a reusable micro fiber cloth.

4) Scented laundry detergent is a safe way to remove odors from clothing. True or False?

False...Seeing "fragrance" on the ingredients list of a product means there are potentially hazardous chemicals lurking within, including phthalates. For the past 50 years, 80-90% of fragrances have been synthesized from petroleum. A few of the commonly found harmful chemicals in fragranced products are acetone, benzene, phenol, toluene, benzyl acetate and limonene. Harmful health effects of

fragrances are caused not only by the chemicals mentioned above and a few thousand other individual chemicals, but each fragrance may well contain hundreds of different chemical combinations. Because fragrance ingredients are protected under trade secret laws, the consumer is kept in the dark about many of the harmful chemicals that make up synthetic fragrances. Synthetic fragrances are also harmful to marine life, and are a source of pollution. Fragrance is increasingly cited as a trigger in health conditions such as asthma, allergies and migraine headaches. Alternative, eco-friendly laundry soaps contain natural essential oils that can add non-toxic fragrance to clean clothes.

5) Exposure to volatile organic compounds (VOCs) comes from using: Paint, window cleaner, furniture polish, air fresheners or all of the above?

All of the above...Most commercial brands of cleaning products contain chemicals that can release volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the air. The EPA has found that the air we breathe in our homes is six to ten times more polluted than the air outside--and toxic cleaning solutions hold some of the blame.

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## No Constitutional Right to Home School Says A New Ruling

By Dean Lee

A court ruling last month has local parents, politicians and students fuming alike and, this week, vowing to fight to overturn a surprising verdict that says parents cannot home-school their own children unless they have a state teaching credential.

Last month Justice Walter Croskey of The Second Appellate District in Los Angeles County made the ruling involving a case on allegations of abuse or neglect by a father, which some say had nothing to do with home schooling.

"There was a family, the Long family, and they were part of some private Christian home schooling in Tujunga, and there was some kind of intervention with Social Services," explained Martin Forte, owner of Excellence in Education in Monrovia. At "the initial appearance in Superior Court, Social Services wanted the two youngest children put into public school."

According to attorneys in the original case, Social Services asked that the children be put in a public school to get them away from the father. At the time, the court's opinion was that "the home schooling the children were receiving was 'lousy,' 'meager,' and 'bad.'" It was also the court's opinion: "that keeping the children at home deprived them of situations where (1) they could interact with people outside the family, (2) there are people who could provide help if something is amiss in the children's lives, and (3) they could develop emotionally in a

broader world than the parents' 'cloistered' setting."

Forte said these are all the most common "myths" about home schooling.

"Let's address the big 'S,' socialization," he said. "A properly home-schooled child participates in field trips and park days or sporting events. They have a socialization experience of plus or minus a lifetime. They can be sitting there with a grandparent or a child 10 years younger than them."

On the other hand, he said, students in public schools have a socialization experience of plus or minus six months, with the age range limited to those in the grades in which they are. Because of this, Forte also said, "home schoolers (sic) assimilate into society better."

"These are really perceived fears, and this is a major one," he said.

Forte later said the most favorable oversight comes from the parents; particularly "the fact that the parent wants what's best for the child. That involves the parent teaching the child, it [may] involve[s] going to classes we have here, or going to a community college such as PCC [Pasadena City Collage]." He pointed out an 11th grade student, Yeran Torosyan, sitting out in front of the Excellence in Education facility, as an example.

Torosyan said she is currently taking nine classes, including photography and ceramics at PCC, as well as three AP classes at Excellence in Education. Torosyan said she had been home schooled for the last two

years and that the decision was both hers and her parents.

"We though we would try it out for a year, but I ended up really liking it and doing well." She then added that the court's ruling would force families back into public schools, something schools could not accommodate. Currently there are 166,000 families across the state that home school, according to reports.

Since the ruling, a frenzy of press releases have come from officials, including State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell and Gov. Schwarzenegger, who issued the following statement March 7:

"Every California child deserves a quality education and parents should have the right to decide what's best for their children. Parents should not be penalized for acting in the best interests of their children's education. This outrageous ruling must be overturned by the courts and, if the courts don't protect parents' rights, then as elected officials, we will."

O'Connell made a similar comment, "Every child in our state has a legal right to get an education, and I want every child to get an education that will prepare them for success in college and the world of work in the challenging global economy."

El Cajon Assemblyman Joel Anderson called the court decision a misguided decision and an attack on home-schooling. He introduced Assembly Concurrent Resolution 115, calling upon the California Supreme Court to reverse the opinion.

## TRISH'S TRUTH

### Where, Oh Where, Have All the Good Cartoons Gone? Oh Where, Oh Where Can They Be?

By Trisha Collins

I remember waking up extra early on Saturdays as a kid. Funny how, now I'm a teenager, I try to grasp hold of all the extra sleep I can get, but back then, I made sure I was up before anyone else. I had to, you see. The morning time was my time. I was the head of the household in the mornings until I heard my mother's steady footsteps walking about the house. The morning time was cartoon time. All the best cartoons came on Saturday mornings and I made sure I was up to watch them all. Equipped with a cold bowl of Apple Jacks cereal and a blanket, I would sit on the couch and indulge in happiness. I loved it. Like I said, this was *my* time. My time to be alone with just my favorite cartoon characters I had grown up with and me.

Disney Channel. Nickelodeon. Cartoon Network. These channels were the source from which, I believe, the absolute best shows came from. The best shows of my generation. Does anyone remember "Doug"? Or that great show "Gulla Gulla Island"? How about "Pepper Ann"? Not to sound like a grandparent or elder, but they don't make them like that anymore. Shows like "Kablam" and "Cousin Skeeter" and "Mister Rogers Neighborhood", those were good and wholesome shows. They had the laughs, they had the surprises, but they also always had a message. Those were shows you could learn from without even knowing you were learning.

Nowadays a lot of the cartoons on TV are full of violence. They all just seem the same. There's some kid who goes on a quest to "catch 'em all" and captures all these weird creatures. Or a kid is determined to gain supernatural powers by killing the "ultimate evil". How can kids relate to that? I remember watching "As Told By Ginger" on Nickelodeon and thinking, "I know how that feels". And watching reruns of the "Rugrats" remembering what it was like to be small. I kind of feel like the upcoming generations of kids are going to be deprived of all the good-natured shows of "my time". Almost as if they're missing out on some kind of childhood they'll never get to have.

Maybe I'm going a little overboard with this, but those early Saturday-cartoon-mornings made memories that I think I'll always keep. Well, it's a good thing for places like YouTube.com, which keep all the best shows like "PB and J Otter" near and dear.

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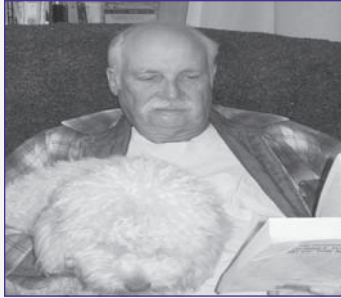
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# OPINION



## Stuart Tolchin On...LIFE Are We Really Ostriches?

Right now, the Presidential election campaigns are in full swing. As usual the rich and privileged, and sometimes talented, are trying to convince the other non-rich, non-privileged, and usually non-talented, that there really is no difference between us. The only reason people want to get elected is so they can help the rest of us – they really care

about us – sure they do.

Maybe this ongoing hypocrisy is the reason why so many of us can't take the elections seriously. It's all lies- and worse, it always has been. George Washington was, as far as I know, the richest man in the colonies. As I learned from the exhibit at the Huntington, he was always a vain, calculating, ambitious man. Forget the cherry tree; Washington, when he decided he wanted to be a General, went out and put together a uniform that he wore just to impress the other Founding Fathers with his capacity for military leadership – and it worked. Not only was Washington made the General, everyone was sure that he was the right choice because he looked so great in his uniform while riding a horse. Someone who looks that good and is that rich ought to be able to have anything they want – Right? – NO, WRONG!!

Although, I'm a life long non-Republican (sometimes I'm Green or Peace and Freedom, but mostly Democrat), I just did not believe an incredibly wealthy person like John Kerry was an appropriate selection as a Democratic candidate. Similarly, I don't believe that Dianne Feinstein and Nancy Pelosi, yes and Arnold and Oprah too, are really interested in helping me. I guess I believe that wealth and privilege and fame create so much distance from other people, that everything other than one's self just becomes a hobby – something that's not really of primary importance.

I say this knowing full well that Teddy Kennedy has worked long and hard for what I guess he believes in, the interest of the common man, for 45 years and yet, somehow American doesn't really believe him – we know he's really in it for the hot tubs and the parties and the babes.

Maybe I'm wrong. Benizar Bhutto obviously was raised as a child of wealth and privilege. After all, her father, before he was hanged, was Prime Minister? The newspaper stories after her death described that, while at Harvard she cried because she had to walk to school on her own (she had always been chauffeured by limousine before). Worse yet, at cafeteria meals she would have to get her own food and sit at a table where anyone who wanted to could plop right down and talk to her. Is there any surprise that while she was Prime Minister of Pakistan there were charges of corruption against her – after all she was used to having wealth and privilege? Nevertheless, right now it seems pretty clear, a week after her assassination, that this extraordinary woman was dedicated to actually being of service to the people of Pakistan.

Somehow, it's easier for me to believe in the sincerity of people like the monks of Myanmar, who have lived in poverty and have chosen to risk and lose their lives trying to help others. In some ways it's just hard to believe in the sincerity of Al Gore who, after losing in 2000, got fat and grew a beard and got rich before he decided to help us.

Maybe we need to elect leaders like Mother Teresa, whose strong religious beliefs led her to be of constant service to the world. But wait, I've learned that even Mother Teresa questioned her faith and wondered if there was a God. Strange isn't it? Somehow we don't expect strong religious examples to think like this. Maybe we could never forgive Jimmy Carter for secretly lusting in his heart.

I think I've found my point. What really hurts us is the knowledge that we're being lied to almost all of the time. We stop listening and can't ever recognize the truth when it is being presented. No wonder we're all so confused.

Look, we all watch television and television is, of course, supported by advertising and what is advertising? That great fuel that empowers our whole system – Well I don't know if you can describing it as constant lying – but it sure ain't about telling the truth.

Okay, so what's to be done? There's no way we can force politicians and advertisers to tell the truth. They probably don't know how. All we can do is practice being truthful, at least to ourselves at first, and then even in our dealings with other people. Maybe if we get used to telling the truth ourselves, we'll be better able to recognize it when it's coming from someone else. I sure hope so.

So my first and only rule, just like Keats is "This above all – to thine own self be true."

And when you find yourself lying to yourself, as you will, to help remind yourself to be true, send one dollar to Stuart Tolchin at ... JUST KIDDING. Be Well

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## An Anniversary Not Worthy Of Celebration

By Teresa Baxter

Recent polls have suggested that American citizen's are not happy with the direction that their country is headed, especially when it comes to the invasion of Iraq and the reasoning that led to the invasion. Yet, here we face the fifth anniversary of a war that was seemingly based on fabrications. The majority of the population complacently observes, while the government has them in a tail-spin of turbulence in regards to a spiraling dollar, a sub-prime mortgage fiasco, and an apparent trillion dollar budget deficit.

In previous decades—namely the 60's, a decade that defined rebellion against governmental control—people united to stand up to the perceived authorities that were leading the country to destruction.

Thankfully, some still take to the streets to voice their opinions in regards to current events that may have an affect on our country's future. On Wednesday, the fifth anniversary of the invasion of Iraq, several organizations across the country formed peace marches and vigils calling for an end to war.

One of these events took place in Pasadena at the corner of Fair Oaks Ave. and Colorado Blvd., organized by the American Friends Service Committee of Los Angeles. It was a great opportunity to take time to listen to each of the messages conveyed by those who were in attendance from diverse backgrounds. The question was simple:

**"What is your reflection regarding the fifth anniversary of the invasion of Iraq?"**

"It has been a horrible cost to the American and Iraqi people. Millions of Iraqi citizens have been displaced directly because of the U.S. war and occupation. Many have died. 3,390 American soldiers have died as of this week...that's a huge cost to families and loved ones. The U.S. soldiers are not solving problems, not creating peace...they are causing more hardships." **Steven Gibson, Altadena.**

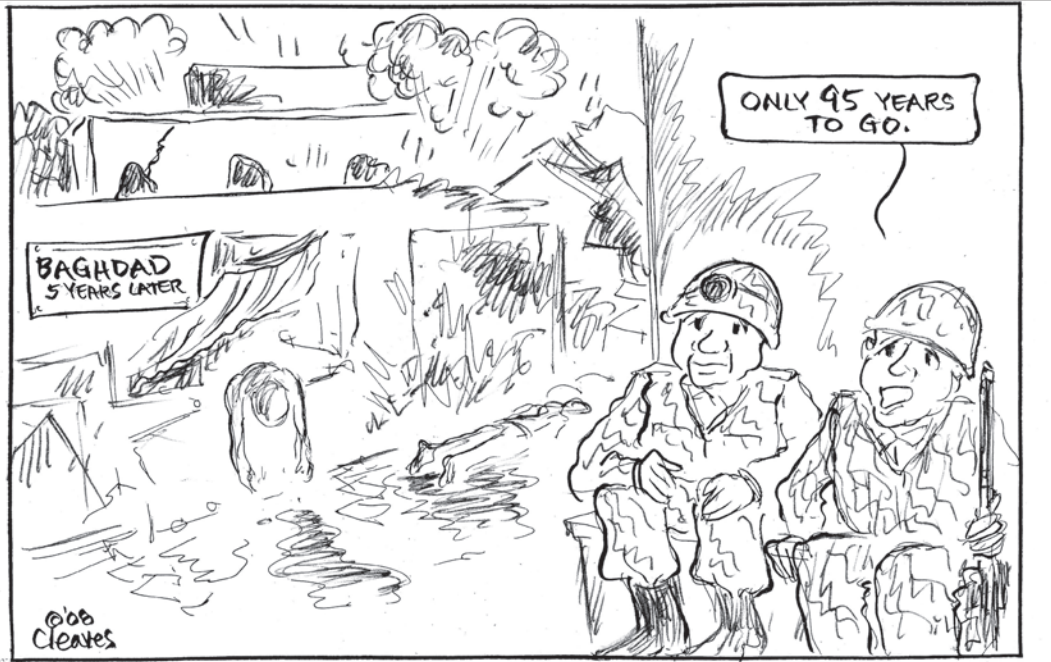
"After 3,990 U.S. armed service members lost their lives in Iraq, I know that no matter what my brothers and sisters in uniform do, they cannot solve the problems there." **Maricela Guzman, Navy Veteran, Compton.**

"I have a great deal of sadness and heartbreak that this has gone on for five years." **Karen Hayes, Los Angeles.**

"Five years and 4,000 U.S. dead... and how many hundreds of thousands of Iraqi's are dead? A \$3 trillion debt that my children and grandchildren will have to pay has got to stop?" **Ferne Hayes, Los Angeles.**

"I am sick of this invasion and I wish that it could just end...it's sad, very sad and I'm just sick of it." **Lupe Lujan, San Gabriel.**

"The war concerns are no longer a minority. It's now a majority that is absolutely upset as we are about the expenditures. If we are going to rebuild our country for schools, we can't be building bombs." **Catherine Buntin, Wilmette, IL.**



Susan Henderson

## Good Housekeeping

**good (adj.): a favorable character or tendency; housekeeping (n): the management of home affairs**

In the city of Sierra Madre, finding something to disagree with your neighbors about is pretty easy. After all, since 1907 when we voted on whether or not to incorporate, at least half the town thought otherwise. And, as recently as the last election, the town was split almost 50/50 but that's okay. We agreee, we disagree, and then we move on because regardless of how we arrive at the conclusion, the bottom line is that we all want Sierra Madre to remain a pristine, small town.

So, why is it then, especially during elections, that we forget about all the good in the city and apparently take great pride in showing the rest of the world how 'controversial' we can be? Last week I read an editorial in another paper on our upcoming election and it really upset me. It wasn't who they endorsed that caused concern, it was their depiction of our little town. It seems that all they can see is our worse behavior. Then it dawned on me that perhaps that is all we ever show.

That editorial was shortly after a local blog found it necessary to 'block comments' from Sierra Madre bloggers because they were so mean spirited and inflammatory. Add to that an email this paper received last week from one of the candidates who had been threatened because a lawn sign given to a supporter was placed next to a sign for another candidate that the caller disliked. According to the candidate, the caller stated that the candidate would probably loose as many as "100 votes" because of the association of his campaign with the others.

Come on people. This is a democracy and people have the right to express their individual choices about who they are going to vote for without being punished. No wonder we have such a difficult time getting good people to run for office.

When a supporter calls and asks for a lawn sign, should the candidate ask for i.d. and a sworn affidavit indicating who else they are supporting? And how is it that if you take a position on one issue you are 'labeled for life' in this town? Do we need a disclaimer on all real estate sales that indicates that your 'personal political views' may cause you rejection from your neighbors?

And, another thing, what about all the vocal residents who are at the council microphone every time they get a chance. Why aren't their names on any ballot? It would seem that if they have something to contribute, they would run for elected office and take a leadership role rather than be the eternal critic.

It really is time for Sierra Madre to clean up its' act. The behavior of a few is creating a reputation for this city that is unfair. Less than 1% of the residents in this town are the real noise makers and we are not divided into the "Yes On V's" and the "No On V's". We are not divided at all. We just have differing opinions on many things. But, again, the bottom line is that we all want to keep Sierra Madre a wonderful, small town.

So, now is the time, right now, to start doing a little good housekeeping. We have an election in a few weeks and without question there will be some winners and some losers. We need to embrace both for having the courage to run and we need to respect the final

outcome of the election. We need to show more of our favorable traits and less of the undesirable ones.

Sierra Madre is our home and like any functional family, we need to protect the integrity of the household. There is no need for anyone to portray this town as a "bunch of crazies". I don't know about you, but I am not.

How do we repair our reputation? Well, we need to distance ourselves from those who brandish hysterical, hateful and conspiratorial rhetoric. We need to think for ourselves. We need to respect others as we would like to be respected. We need to let people make their own choices about whom they choose to associate with and/or vote for without mischaraterizing the person. We need to.....grow up. This really isn't 3rd grade... this is adult life.

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# LEGAL NOTICES

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0447810**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BAD GUY INDUSTRY**, 2315 CHICO AVE. #9, SOUTH EL MONTE, CA 91733. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DUONG A. HO, 2608 TROY AVE., SOUTH EL MONTE, CA 91733. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DUONG A. HO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/14/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0456547**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **C&M AUTO ELECTRIC**, 501 W. EL SEGUNDO, LOS ANGELES, CA 90044. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CESAR CHAVEZ, 3137 W. 139<sup>TH</sup> ST. APT. 318, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CESAR CHAVEZ.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/17/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **03/17/08**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-08464380**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **C&M SHOWS**, 1005 E. LAS TUNAS DR. #262, SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MICHAEL GARCIA, 382 N. LEMON AVE. #410, WALNUT, CA 91789. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MICHAEL GARCIA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/18/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-08456217**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CASCADA DE SABORES**, 6907 S. SAN PEDRO, L.A., CA 90003. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARIA LOPEZ, 6907 S. SAN PEDRO, L.A., CA 90003. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARIA LOPEZ.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/17/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-08445923**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CHAMPION INTERNATIONAL**, 13806 FREIBURG ST., WHITTIER, CA 90602. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SPIRIT LACE ENTERPRISE, INC., 13806 FREIBURG ST., WHITTIER, CA 90602. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: HSU-YU HSEIH.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/14/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **OCT. 15, 2002**.

**NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. Anew Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. 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 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews Observer 3/24, 3/31, 4/07, 4/14/2008

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-08456191**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DOWN UNDER PROMOTIONS**, 333 WASHINGTON BLVD. #323, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PHIL GEORGIOU, 333 WASHINGTON BLVD. #323, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: PHIL GEORGIOU.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/17/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.

**NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name

Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. Anew Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. 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 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews Observer 3/24, 3/31, 4/07, 4/14/2008

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-08447667**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DRIP CONCEPTS**, 4642 LADOGA AVE., LAKEWOOD, CA 90713. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LEONARD B. LACEY III, 4642 LADOGA AVE., LAKEWOOD, CA 90713. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LEONARD B. LACEY III.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/14/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-08456872**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **INVENSIBLES dela SIERRA**, 241 E. 66<sup>TH</sup> ST. LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUVENTINO GAXIOLA and JUAN TORRE, 241 E. 66<sup>TH</sup> ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. This Business is conducted by: **COPARTNERS. Signed: JUVENTINO GAXIOLA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/17/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-08465347**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **JIMENEZ CARPET & SUPPLIES**, 380 W. MARTIN LUTHER KING BLVD. #2, LOS ANGELES, CA 90037. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JAIME JIMENEZ GALINDO, 721 E. 77<sup>TH</sup> ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90001. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JIAIME JIMENEZ GALINDO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/18/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.

**NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. Anew Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. 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 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews Observer 3/24, 3/31, 4/07, 4/14/2008

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-08445839**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MOREANEXTRA**, 19745 COLIMA ROAD STE. 1-224, ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CA 91748. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MNE INNOVATION INC., 19745 COLIMA ROAD STE. 1-224, ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CA 91748. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: CHUI YING LIU.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/14/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-08457319**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ONE KON, HOOKAH ON THE CORNER**, 2029 VERDUGO BLVD. #718, MONTROSE, CA 91020. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ERIC PIRVEDIAN, 22122 BARBARCOA DR., SAUGUS, CA 91350. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ERIC PIRVEDIAN.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/17/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **02/07**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-08447700**

The following person(s) is (are) doing businessas: **VERYLOVINGPEOPLE**,

## UNDER CONSTRUCTION URBAN

**GYM WEAR**, 10411 8<sup>TH</sup> AVE., INGLEWOOD, CA 90303. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DMACK 49 PRODUCTIONS, INC., 10411 8<sup>TH</sup> AVE., INGLEWOOD, CA 90303 This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: DANNIE KAMACK.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/14/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-08401267**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **5R HEALTH**, 3020 WILSHIRE BLVD. STE. 220, L.A., CA 90010. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FREEDOM TRAIL HOLDINGS, INC., 3020 WILSHIRE BLVD. STE 220, L.A., CA 90010. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: CONNIE KIM.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/07/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **APRIL 15, 2005**.

**NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. Anew Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. 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 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews Observer 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/07/2008

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-08408840**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ATTILA THE FLAN**, 10827 E. MONTE VISTA DR., WHITTIER, CA 90601. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JENNY MARTIN, CHRISTOPHER PEREZ and ALEX NAVARRO, 10827 E. MONTE VISTA DR., WHITTIER, CA 90601. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: JENNY MARTIN.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/10/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **3/10/08**.

**NOTICE-** This 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 prior to that date. 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 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews Observer 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/07/2008

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-08408435**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ENG LIM DAILY DONUTS**, 1102 N. AZUSA AVE., COVINA, CA 91722. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ENG LIM, 4229 BELLECHASSE AVE., COVINA, CA 91722. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ENG LIM.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/10/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **6/1/86**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-08436464**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **EXQUISITE STUDIO**, 5985 FLORENCE AVE., BELL GARDENS, CA 90201. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARIA J. AVILA, 2564 OHIO AVE., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARIA J. AVILA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/13/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-08417000**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **FRIENDSHIP RECREATION CENTER**, 1738 DEL MAR AVE., SAN GABRIEL, CA 91770. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KIN CHEUNG TAM and JUN HUA WU, 9845 OLIVE AVE., TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: KIN TAM.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/11/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-08435708**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GREENLEAF MORTGAGE**, 13006 PHILADELPHIA ST. STE. 611, WHITTIER, CA 90601. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ERIK LUTZ, 13006 PHILADELPHIA ST. STE. 611, WHITTIER, CA 90601. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ERIK LUTZ.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/13/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-08426275**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **L.A. II L.A. PRODUCTIONS**, 264 S. LA CIENEGA BLVD. STE. 1147, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LAMAR ADAMS, 264 S. LA CIENEGA BLVD. STE. 1147, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LAMAR ADAMS.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/12/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **06/01**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-08417217**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PASSAGE ENTERTAINMENT**, 8345 CRAVELL AVE., PICO RIVERA, CA 90660. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ARMANDO ZUBIA, 8345 CRAVELL AVE., PICO RIVERA, CA 90660. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ARMANDO ZUBIA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/11/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-08408427**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PROVAL**, 11514 LINDALE ST., NORWALK, CA 90650. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RUDY AMADO MALDONADO, 11514 LINDALE ST., NORWALK, CA 90650. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RUDY MALDONADO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/10/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **03/10/08**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-08438491**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **QUICK AUTO PARTS**, 7003 ALBANY ST., HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MIGUELA TORRES HINOJOS and ROGELIO TORRES, 7003 ALBANY ST., HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255. This Business is conducted by: **COPARTNERS. Signed: MIGUELA TORRES HINOJOS.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/13/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-08417128**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SANTA ROADSIDE**, 851 CORONADO DR., ARCADIA, CA 91007. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MOHSEN POURNAZARI, 851 CORONADO DR., ARCADIA, CA 91007. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MOHSEN POURNAZARI.** This

statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/11/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **AUG. 2000**.

**NOTICE-** This 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 prior to that date. 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 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews Observer 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/07/2008

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-08417077**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **STEREO LAND**, 1717 N. HACIENDA BLVD. #23, LA PUENTE, CA 91744. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JASON CHANG, 8201 SUFFIELD ST., LA PALMA, CA 90623. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JASON CHANG.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/11/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **11/01/91**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-08409752**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **STEVENS CARPETS AND MORE**, 19104 NORWALK BLVD., ARTESIA, CA 90701. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BURGEON INVESTMENTS, INC., 13125 ARBORWALK LANE, TUSTIN, CA 92782. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed:.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/10/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **03/01/08**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-08417091**

The following person(s) is (are) doing businessas: **THE ENTERTAINMENT ELITE**, 7824 3<sup>RD</sup> ST., DOWNEY, CA 90241. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MICHAEL GRIMAUD



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: 02/29/ 03/07/ 03/14 and 03/21, 2008 080805MG

**080806MG File No. 20080286650 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
*The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:* **WAHBA'S MAINTENANCE SERVICES 1507 Wesely Ave Pasadena, CA 91104**  
*Full name of registrant (s) is (are)* **Wanes Wahba1507 Wesely Ave Pasadena, CA 91104**. The business is conducted as: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Feb 19, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/19/2008.  
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**080807MG File No. 20080289794 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
*The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:* **RAVING & FX 174 S. Glendora Ave West Covina, CA 91790**  
*Full name of registrant (s) is (are)* **Phuong Vo 174 S. Glendora Ave West Covina, CA 91790** . 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 Feb 19, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.  
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**080808MG File No. 20080289715 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
*The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:* **NOVA PRODUCTIONS 13157 Shaver St Baldwin Park, CA 91706**  
*Full name of registrant (s) is (are)* **Belonna Vo 13157 Shaver St Baldwin Park, CA 91706**. 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 Feb 19, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/19/2008.  
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**080809MG File No. 20080263783 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
*The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:* **NU.VISION CONSTRUCTION 16173 Harvey Dr Fontana, CA 92336**  
*Full name of registrant (s) is (are)* **Francisco Echeverria 16173 Harvey Dr Fontana, CA 92336**. The business is conducted as: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Feb 13, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/01/2008.  
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**080810SJ File No. 20080297282 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
*The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:* **ELAN COLLECTION, ELAN INTERIORS 408 St Louis St Long Beach, CA 90814**  
*Full name of registrant (s) is (are)* **Deborah Ann Jacobus 408 St Louis St Long Beach, CA 90814**. 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 Feb 20, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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**080811MG File No. 20080305855 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
*The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:* **NATIONWIDE SALES AND LEASING 5318 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St #584 Long Beach, CA 90803**  
*Full name of registrant (s) is (are)* **Andre Love 5318 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St #584 Long Beach, CA 90803** 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 Feb 21, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above 01/2000.  
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**080812DV File No. 20080306311 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
*The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:* **COMPUTER REPAIR SERVICES, COMPUTER REPAIR PRO'S, LAPTOP DESKTOP REPAIR PRO'S, COMP-U-REPAIR 17758 Palo Verde Ave Cerritos, CA 90703**  
*Full name of registrant (s) is (are)* **Mustafa Hussain 17758 Palo Verde Ave Cerritos, CA 90703**. The business is conducted as: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Feb 21, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.  
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**080813MG File No. 20080306006 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
*The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:* **LA GAVIOTA SEAFOOD & MEAT STORE 728 E. Arrow Hwy Pomona, CA 91767**  
*Full name of registrant (s) is (are)* **Jorge and Cenorina Guerrero 728 E. Arrow Hwy Pomona, CA 91767**. The business is conducted as: **HUSBAND AND WIFE**. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Feb 21, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.  
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**080814DV File No. 20080297152 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
*The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:* **MR HANDYMAN ONLINE 12110 Arnsdale Ave Whittier, CA 90604**  
*Full name of registrant (s) is (are)* **Jesse James Garza 12110 Arnsdale Ave Whittier, CA 90604**. 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 Feb 20, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.  
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**080815MG File No. 20080289794 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
*The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:* **BERACAS REALTY 1430 Colorado Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90041**  
*Full name of registrant (s) is (are)* **Ernesto Polanco 1430 Colorado Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90041**. 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 Feb 21, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/21/2008.

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**080816DV File No. 20080279144 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
*The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:* **FAST EDDIE TRUCKING 1206 S. Lomita Blvd Unit 6 Harbor City, CA 90710**  
*Full name of registrant (s) is (are)* **Jaime Gonzalez 1206 S. Lomita Blvd Unit 6 Harbor City, CA 90710**. The business is conducted by: **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 Feb 15, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.  
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**080817DV File No. 20080272501 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
*The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:* **HOG HEAD MANAGEMENT 775 Rose Ave #8 Long Beach, CA 90813**  
*Full name of registrant (s) is (are)* **Gideon Thomson and Kianna Daneil 775 Rose Ave #8 Long Beach, CA 90813**. The business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNESHIP**. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Feb 14, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.  
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**080818DV File No. 20080278200 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
*The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:* **GKS PLUMBING INCORPORATED, 3N1 PLUMBING 1662 W. 215<sup>th</sup> St Torrance, CA 90501**  
*Full name of registrant (s) is (are)* **GKS PLUMBING INCORPORATED, 1662 W. 215<sup>th</sup> St Torrance, CA 90501**. The business is conducted by: **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 Feb 15, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/15/2008.  
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**080819SJ File No. 20080279667 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
*The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:* **ULTIMATE CLEANING SERVICE 18308 E. Glalatea St Azusa, CA 91702**  
*Full name of registrant (s) is (are)* **Norma Quiroz 18308 E. Glalatea St Azusa, CA 91702**. The business is conducted by: **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 Feb 15, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.  
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**080820DV File No. 20080305417 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
*The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:* **AZTECA IMPORTS 683 Santa Fe Ave Los Angeles, CA 90021**  
*Full name of registrant (s) is (are)* **Rosa Maria Calderon 683 Santa Fe Ave Los Angeles, CA 90021**. The business is

conducted by: **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 Feb 21, 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 A 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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under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File No. 08-0241327**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DMC ASSOCIATES, 1037 RUTLAND AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90042**. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MICHAEL R. WESLER, 1037 RUTLAND AVE., L.A., CA 90042**. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MICHAEL R. WESLER**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **02/08/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **5/11/03**.  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File No. 08-0339511**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ELEGANT PRINT & LABELS, 1105 WESLEY AVE., PASADENA, CA 91105**. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ERNESTO MEDINA, 1105 WESLEY AVE., PASADENA, CA 91105**. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ERNESTO MEDINA**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **02/27/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File No. 08-0322087**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HUGO PET PRODUCTS, LLC, 23708 WELBY WAY, WEST HILLS, CA 91307**. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **HUGO PET PRODUCTS, LLC, 23708 WELBY WAY, WEST HILLS, CA 91307**. This Business is conducted by: **AN LLC. Signed: REUBEN BAHAR**. 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 the fictitious business name or names listed above on **2/21/08**.  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File No. 08-0322082**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LATINO'S BEAUTY SALON, 4311 E. COMPTON BLVD., RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, CA 90221**. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ELIZABETH MENDEZ, 7320 EXETER ST. #3, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723**. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ELIZABETH MENDEZ**. 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 the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.  
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### City of Sierra Madre COURTESY NOTICE

**To:** Property Owners within a 300-foot radius  
**From:** The City of Sierra Madre  
**Subject:** **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 07-10 (4 NORTH BALDWIN AVE)**  
  
**Applicant:** Sign Development Inc.  
1366 W 9<sup>th</sup> St  
Upland, CA 91786

*The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider a request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to alter the service island canopies at the service station at 4 North Baldwin Avenue. Section 17.37.020.B of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code states that “no buildings or improvements or portion thereof shall be erected, constructed, converted, established, altered or enlarged” in the Downtown Overlay Zone without approval of a Conditional Use Permit.*

### DATE AND TIME OF MEETING

City of Sierra Madre  
Planning Commission meeting  
Thursday, **April 3, 2008**  
(meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.)

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

**PROJECT LOCATION:** 4 North Baldwin Avenue is in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

**APPEAL:** The decision of the Planning Commission is subject to a 10-day appeal period to the City Council. If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the Planning Commission in court, one may be limited to raising issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Development Services Department at (626) 355-7135.

By Order of the Planning Commission,

Danny Castro,  
Director of Development Services

**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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**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 the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File No. 08-0348635**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **FAMOS ENTERPRISE LIMITED, 17921 CONTADOR DR., ROWLAND HTS. CA, 91748**. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **POSEDON TRUCKING, INC., 17921 CONTADOR DR., ROWLAND HTS., CA 91748**. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: LIAN MA**. 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 **N/A**.  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File No. 08-0322018**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GRIMALDI'S TRUCK SERVICE, 1562 MCOMAS ST., POMONA, CA 91706**. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **SEBASTIAN ARMANDO GRIMALDI, 1562 MCOMAS ST., POMONA, CA 91706**. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALDEMAR MARTOS**. 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 the fictitious business name or names listed above on **2/07/00**.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File No. 08-0339603**  
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One Of A Kind:  
Featuring unique homes & gardens and the people who create them  
Photos and Story By Chris Bertrand  
13 Acre Villa is a Sierra Madre Treasure

Alverno's Villa Del Sol d'Oro, beautifully situated on thirteen acres at Michillinda and Highland in Sierra Madre hosts its share of photographic shoots, movies and television shows, while in another area of the expansive and heavily treed acreage, 282 young women attend the Catholic high school built there in the 1960's. The original owners, the Barlow's, sold the property to a group of Franciscan nuns in 1941, who started the school. Then in 1978, Alverno came under the auspices of the Immaculate Heart lay community, becoming an independent, all girl, Catholic high school, not under the organizational arm of the Los Angeles Archdiocesan schools.

According to Ann Gillick, Head of School, the rental the beautiful Villa and grounds helps keep tuition costs down for this private school, though these special uses are governed by a strict set of rules on times, filming, etc. in respect for the neighborhood surrounding them.

What an opportunity for these young women to study amid this history! Cindy McLoughlin, Facilities Manager, commented that classes are often held in the historic Villa and amid the nature on the grounds. A great opportunity for creative writing and

photography students to soak up history and rev up the creative juices outside the four walls of a sterile classroom.

Today, the two uses of the property meld nearly seamlessly most of the time, with little impact on each other. The challenge for the school is that nowhere on the property is a facility large enough to have a regulation soccer or softball game for the school's teams, or drama productions or assemblies for the entire school. When one of those sports teams qualifies for playoffs, for instance, the games must be played offsite, as the fields don't fit the required regulation size. Alverno teams are repeat Horizon League champions in five out of six sports, and the Alverno Jaguars are 2004 CIF Division VI Softball Champions! Catholic Masses and other religious services are restricted as well, since the onsite chapel is miniscule, converted from a small outbuilding from the Villa's heyday. Even graduation must take place outdoors, on the school terrace.

The school is proceeding with the long process of steps internally with a 5-year Master Plan, and with the city of Sierra Madre, to identify a plan that will allow building of a multi-purpose building on the site of the current tennis courts to house

the functions so important to the life and health of a vibrant school such as Alverno. Upgrades to the sports field are also being researched. Topographic and arborist consultants were contracted, and all the trees have been mapped and tagged, to best preserve the forested atmosphere of the historic site.

I asked Danny Osti, of Osti Tree Service, and longtime Sierra Madre resident, about his experiences with the 479 trees on these thirteen acres, during his extensive tree maintenance there. In this almost overwhelming task, he mused that few of the unusual, original trees planted on the site by the original owners remain, except a rare Chinese Stone Pine, as natural aging and weather take their yearly toll.

City officials have identified a low wall between the villa and the proposed soccer/softball field, which they feel needs to remain in place for historic value. In addition, proposed upgrades to the perimeter fencing would add more wrought iron, to better match the distinctive signature gates on Highland and Michillinda, and to deliver a more homogeneous and attractive face to the neighborhood.

When the plan is approved, the next step

will be to finance the improvements. Any Alverno alumna out there with a spare million or two or three?

Cindy McLoughlin, Facilities Manager, would be delighted if those with documentation, pictures, history information and personal insights on the history of Alverno would contact her (and me for a possible further article) at 626-355-3463, to add to the archives. If you have interest in renting the villa for a personal or organization event, contact Sandi McQuilken, Events Coordinator for the Villa, from Santa Anita Gardens at 626.444.3377 or info@sagardens.com.

Have an interesting home, garden or person who helps create them that might be of interest to our readers? Email me at C.Bertrand@MVObserver.com!



Chris Bertrand



Above Left to Right: Breathtaking views draw film and tv producers here, and also inspire the writing or artistic creativity of the young women studying here. Gorgeous and intricate wrought iron gates at several Alverno locations. A main floor room, once used as a chapel during the Franciscan order's ownership, boasts a hand painted, beamed ceiling. Top of Page: Alverno High School shares the 13 acre site



NASA'S CASSINI SPACECRAFT performed a daring flyby of Saturn's moon Enceladus on Wed., March 12, flying about 15 kilometers per second (32,000 mph) through icy, water geyser-like jets. The spacecraft snatched up precious samples that might point to a water ocean or organics inside the little moon, which is small enough to fit between Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Scientists believe the geysers could provide evidence that liquid water is trapped under the icy crust of Enceladus. The geysers emanate from fractures running along the moon's south pole, spewing out water vapor at approximately 400 meters per second (800 mph).

The new data provide a much more detailed look at the fractures that modify the surface and will give a significantly improved comparison of the geologic histories of the moon's north pole and south pole.

New images show that compared to much of the southern hemisphere on Enceladus—the south polar region in particular—the north polar region is much older and pitted with craters of various sizes. These craters are captured at different stages of disruption and alteration by tectonic activity, and probably from past heating from below.

"These new images are showing us in great detail how the moon's north pole differs from the south, an important comparison for working out the moon's obviously complex geological history," said Carolyn Porco, Cassini imaging team leader,

Looking Up With Bob Eklund  
Cassini Flies Through Watery Plumes of Saturn Moon

Space Science Institute, Boulder, Colo. "And the success of yesterday's daring and very low-altitude flyby means this coming summer's very close encounter, when we get exquisitely detailed images of the surface sources of Enceladus' south polar jets, should be an exciting 'next big step' in understanding just how the jets are powered."

This week's flyby, and another one planned for Oct. 9, 2008, were designed so that Cassini's particle analyzers could dissect the "body" of the plume for information on the density, size, composition and speed of the particles. Among other things, scientists will use the data gathered this week to figure out whether the gases from the plume match the gases that make up the halo of particles around Enceladus. This may help determine how the plumes formed.

During Cassini's closest approach, two instruments were collecting data—the Cosmic Dust Analyzer and the Ion and Neutral Mass Spectrometer. An unexplained software hiccup with Cassini's Cosmic Dust Analyzer instrument prevented it from collecting any data during closest approach, although the instrument did get data before and after the approach. During the flyby, the instrument was switching between two versions of software programs. The new version was designed to increase the ability to count particle hits by several hundred hits per second. The other four fields and particles instruments on the spacecraft,

in addition to the ion and neutral mass spectrometer, did capture all of their data, which will complement the overall composition studies and elucidate the unique plume environment of Enceladus.

Cassini's instruments discovered evidence for the geyser-like jets on Enceladus in 2005, finding that the continuous eruptions of ice water create a gigantic halo of ice dust and gas around Enceladus, which helps supply material to Saturn's E-ring.

This was the first of four Cassini flybys of Enceladus this year. During the March 12 flyby, the space-



Enceladus' north polar region. Courtesy NASA

craft came within 50 kilometers (30 miles) of the surface at closest approach, 200 kilometers (120 miles) while flying through the plume. Future trips may bring Cassini even closer to the surface of Enceladus. Cassini will complete its prime mission, a four-year tour of Saturn, in June. From then on, a proposed extended mission would include seven more Enceladus flybys. The next Enceladus flyby would take place in August of this year.

For more information, visit: <http://www.nasa.gov/cassini> and <http://saturn.jpl.nasa.gov> You can contact Bob at [b eklund@mvoobserver.com](mailto:b eklund@mvoobserver.com)

A Special Women's History Month Series

Founder of AARP, Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus (1884-1967)  
By La Quetta Shamblee

Both the National Retired Teachers' Association (NRTA) and American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) owe their existence to Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus. Her legacy lives on to the benefit of 39 million AARP members and some 275,000 NRTA members. A career educator, Dr. Andrus became the first female high school principal in California, when she was appointed to East Los Angeles High School in 1916. She spearheaded the process to have the name changed to Abraham Lincoln High School in hopes of inspiring an ethnically diverse student body. Her motto, "To serve, not to be served" was applied throughout her life on behalf of generations at both ends of the spectrum.

To have been selected as the state's first female high school administrator is a testament to her special talents and the respect she demanded from her peers and superiors. This is particularly impressive, considering she was born into a world in 1884 where women weren't allowed to vote and had virtually no property rights. Decades of work during the women's suffrage movement finally resulted in the passage of the 19th Amendment on August 26, 1920, which granted the right to vote. It is likely that the climate of unrest among women activists had a profound influence on a young Ethel Percy Andrus, shaping and expanding her horizons about her future.

Her concern for individuals on both ends of the generational spectrum is reflected in her successes as a career educator working with youth, as well as her lasting contributions by founding two organizations that are currently the largest serving those of retirement age.

Inspirational quotes chosen by Dr. Andrus can still be seen throughout the Lincoln High

School campus to this day. Engraved into the exterior and interior of buildings, the quotes serve to carry on her call to excellence, cooperation and other virtues that she championed as an example for both students and staff. Her teaching careers also included a brief time as a faculty member at Chicago's Lewis Institute, the predecessor of Illinois Institute of Technology. During the latter part of her teaching career, she turned attention to improving the economic plight of retired teachers, which resulted in the founding of NRTA in 1947.

In response to learning that retired teachers were living on very small pensions, and typically without health insurance, she contacted more than thirty companies before finding one willing to provide coverage for retired teachers in 1956. Two years later, AARP was founded to accommodate membership expansion to include retirees from other occupations. AARP is the leading non-profit, nonpartisan membership organization for people age 50 and over in the United States. Currently, the NRTA is still a division of AARP, serving its educator community.

Dr. Percy's work established standards for other retirement programs that have benefited millions of workers for more than half a century. Her efforts continue to be recognized and celebrated. The nation's oldest and largest professional school of Gerontology at USC is named after her, and she was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1993.



Ethel Percy Andrus





# The Mountain Clymer

By Kim Clymer-Kelley

## Killer Carwash Slays Island Visitor

It happened again. This past weekend I had another one of those flashbacks, you know the ones brought on by a form of “post traumatic stress disorder” (or PTSD as it is referred to by those of us who suffer from it). Fortunately, when I have these flashbacks to particular incidents in my life, I am more prone to get the giggles than to freak out. It was a flashback to one of those horribly traumatic events of long ago that I learned quickly to laugh at (kind of like the time I used a twig from a dead poison oak shrub to scratch an itch inside my ear).

This particular memory resurfaced as I was out for lovely weekend drive in Azusa. I was returning from a venture up San Gabriel Canyon and over the Glendora Mountain Road. Beautiful day for a drive - very relaxing - we had found a passable “Philly cheese steak” place for lunch. It was a warm sunny day, there was lots of sparkly blue water in the canyon: everything was wonderful...until I saw it. We were heading home on Foothill Blvd., engaged in some very enjoyable conversation, and all of a sudden, there it was on the south side of the road just before Costco - a CARWASH!!!! Not just any carwash, it was one of THOSE carwashes, the kind that you put money in and you “do-it-yourself.” The kind that, at a moments notice, can turn a pleasurable summer day into a struggle for survival. The kind that can turn deadly to those not savvy enough to have a full understanding of just how these things operate.

Hilton Head Island, SC, 1979. This island had been a second home to me since I was 9. My family first went there in 1965. There was nothing on the island then except for a modest shopping center, a small inn and a sleazy little beach motel, a few restaurants, many small shacks that the island natives called home, some modest beach homes, and the luxurious, yet somewhat primitive resort at which we were to become regulars. It was heaven. Wide white hard-packed beaches (perfect for bike riding and walking), old civil war and pre-civil war ruins, palm trees and pine forests, abundant wildlife, alligator inhabited lagoons and pungently sweet, thick air that you could actually feel the weight of when you inhaled or when you moved through it. By 1979, it was quite a different place. Many “plantations” had sprung up all over the island; communities of beautiful houses, condos and town homes. There were many interesting places to shop or escape the heat, lots of excellent dining and entertainment, many large hotel-chain resorts, and a carwash. A self-carwash, but a carwash none the less. As was traditional for our family, we were spending three weeks in August in our town home in Harbor Town, a scenic planned community built to resemble a Mediterranean fishing village around a beautiful circular harbor, accented with a picture perfect lighthouse at the entrance of the marina.

I arrived on the island the day after the rest of the family had arrived from New Jersey. I had driven my brand new Datsun B210 all night from the Chicago area where I had lived for the year that had passed since I had graduated from college. I was not going to be returning there. I had made the decision to move back to Jersey in order to save up some money for grad school. When I arrived on the island, my car was loaded down with all of my summer clothes and any of my personal belongings that I could not live without, the rest was in storage in Indiana until I could return to pick it up. I was spending three weeks in Hilton Head before heading north with my family - three weeks that held the promise of being some of the best times of my life. Joining us there was my best friend since second grade, Kim Craver (better known to us as Kim Cr. I was Kim Cl. since we were always both in the same class in school and both were Kim C.s).

It was, as anticipated, a wonderful, fun-filled vacation. Every night Kim Cr., my sister Karen, and I hit the discos and danced the night away, usually closing the place down and heading off to a private club until the wee hours of the morning. We would return home sometime between 2am and 4am and sleep until 11am or so, have lunch, and drag ourselves to the beach until, in the tropical tradition, the thunderstorms rolled

in around 3 or 4 in the afternoon. We would then head home, shower, eat and start all over again. It was marvelous (when you are 23, that is).

One day on the way home from the beach, Kim Cr. and I decided to make an extra stop. Since I was still basking in the glow of new car ownership, I decided that I needed to make sure that the salt air was not taking its toll on my little yellow “Honey Bee”, so I headed over to the car wash to scrub it down. What better time to take care of this than when we were in our swimsuits and in need of a bit of refreshment. We pulled into one of the bays and I got out the soap and sponge that I had purchased so that I would be sure to do a thorough job. Kim Cr. stood just outside of the stall to watch.

I closed the windows of the car, grabbed the hose that hung from a carousel mounted on the ceiling of the stall, and deposited my quarters. The water began to pump through the coiled hose. I pulled the trigger on the nozzle and began to wet down the car. Something was not right. As I held the wand at the end of the hose and directed the spray from the nozzle where it was needed, it felt as though the hose was fighting against me. The intense pressure of the water pulsing through it made it feel as though the hose was twisted and needed to unwind in order to get it to stop pulling from me. It took all that I had to hang onto it and to keep it under control and I was getting exhausted trying maintain command of it. This was not acceptable!!! Thinking that the problem was that it needed to unwind a bit in the direction that it was pulling, I released my grip a bit to allow it to do so. Major miscalculation!!! The nozzle flew out of my hand and out of control. It began to whip wildly in circles around me. As it did, it struck me over and over again, in the head, on my stomach, chest and ribs, all over my back and my legs, and on every square inch of my arms as I tried to fight it off. I was panicked; I was sure it was going strike me too hard in the head and kill me. I was screaming for help and crying from fear and the pain of its blows. As hard as I tried, I could not get out of its way. My eyes searched in desperation for my friend to help me. I finally caught a glimpse of her through my hands as they protected my face. She was standing, backed up against the entrance wall, her hands gripping her sides, sinking slowly to the ground in laughter. “It’s not funny!!!!” I screamed...”It’s going to kill me!!!!” I continued in terror “Make it stop!!!! Go get help!!!! GET HELP!!!!” But she could not. I finally thought to sink to the floor and crawl out of its reach. I emerged, completely covered with welts, bruises and scrapes just as the quarter ran out and hose monster died.

“Some friend you are!!!!” I scolded. “I could have been killed.”

“I’m sorry,” she replied, trying to regain her composure enough to display at least a modicum of concern, “I didn’t know what to do, and...” she added as she succumbed to laughter her once again, “...that was the funniest thing I’ve seen in my life!” She laughed again uncontrollably. It then dawned on me how funny it all must have looked, and even though every part of me ached, and I was still shaking from the attack, I had to join her and we both laid on the ground and laughed until tears streamed down our faces.

“All I could think of was the headlines in the local paper...” she said through her gasps for air, “KILLER CAR WASH SLAYS ISLAND VISITOR”. That sent us into further fits of laughter. We finally got ourselves together enough to head home, laughing all the way there. When I entered the house, wearing my bikini (yes, there was a day when I could actually do that \*sigh\*), dripping wet and looking like I had been nearly beaten to death (oh, that’s right, I had) my mother was horrified.

“Oh, my god!!!! What happened to you???” she gasped. That sent us both once again into hysterics. Needless to say it took quite awhile to get a coherent story out of us but by the time we did, my mom had joined us on the floor laughing.

I have never since entered one of those do-it-yourself carwashes and always give a firm and urgent warning to all I know who have consider such foolishness.



## Bird’s Eye View

By Pat Birdsall

I received an e-mail from my friend Vickie with an attachment that was both interesting and fun.The attachment was entitled, “Your Age.” After entering your date of birth, you are instantly furnished with your age, the day of the week you were born, days lived, months lived, hours, minutes, seconds, etc, and other fun facts pertaining just to you. It immediately jogged loose from the recesses of my brain, this very old Mother Goose nursery rhyme that a lot of you are too young to have even heard of called, “*Monday’s*

*child is fair of face...*”

Monday’s child is fair of face, Tuesday’s child is full of grace; Wednesday’s child is full of woe, Thursday’s child has far to go; Friday’s child is loving and giving, Saturday’s child works hard for a living; But the child born on the Sabbath day is bonny and blithe, and good and gay.

Well, I now know that Donna Summer was certainly a Saturday’s child. I don’t think that Mother Goose would understand the 21st Century definitions of the child born on the Sabbath, so I think I’ll just let that one go. By all indications I was born a Monday’s child. Lord knows, I certainly don’t fit that description. In light of the fact that I keep ignoring the little “Don’ts” of life that most people learn from I feel that I have far to go, and hence, must be a Thursday’s child. Thursday, yeah that’s it...Perhaps if I pay attention and adhere to the following; I can qualify to be a Tuesday’s child. One can only hope.

Don’t nuzzle a cat after applying lip balm...  
Don’t apply hand lotion just before leaving the house...you’ll never get the door open.  
Don’t sneeze while applying mascara... “Baby Jane” who?  
Don’t eat hot soup while wearing glasses, especially while reading... The first time I did, I almost called 911.  
Don’t open a hot oven while wearing glasses and mascara...the glasses get fogged up and the mascara melts. Not pretty.

Don’t switch lines at the grocery store... Inevitably, there’s a reason for such a “short line.” It’s usually that the person in front of you has lots and lots of coupons; some outdated. They then insist on seeing the store’s ad and want to speak to the manager to boot. The manager always seems to be in the bowels of the store and finally appears after you’ve already lapsed into a semi-coma. Then, after the coupon/ad issue is resolved, the person has the audacity to ask the clerk if they can borrow a pen to write a check!

Well, after that last one, I’m too steamed to write the rest of my list. That makes me wonder if in all actuality, I was born on a Wednesday. That certainly makes more sense.



## Table For Two

By Peter Dills

## Houston’s Vs. Smitty’s

cut). I have enjoyed the shrimp cocktail on a previous occasion. You might say, “So what, Peter?”. Lots of restaurants have Shrimp Cocktail. You would be surprised to know that many do not. Did you read my article on McCormick and Schmick’s? I did have one strange experience with the Ice Wedge Salad, which comes with buttermilk blue cheese dressing. When I told the waiter that I wasn’t that keen on it, his reply was ... “Well, that’s what you ordered.” Now I think I know why some reviewers like to go undercover. Sorry I didn’t mention specific prices on Smitty’s, I usually go to the restaurant’s web site for prices. For some reason, however, they aren’t offered. Hmmm.

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### Houston’s Restaurant Pasadena

The first few times I went to Houston’s I was on the fence. I had some good memories of it being the Velvet Turtle many years ago. It is still a little dark inside - and bring your credit card, because you will need it here!! Let me say here that I think their entrees are on the expensive side, but I do find the wine list to be reasonable.

I have dined at Houston’s at least ten times in the past year and I have to say that the overall experience has blossomed for me; it has become one of my favorite restaurants to enjoy an evening. Why you ask? I find that the food is exceptional and the service is stellar. You are warmly greeted and seated, brought your water, drinks and food, usually by a different server in each instance. Each handoff leaves you with a friendly, warm and considerate person as you move through your meal. This part is amazing because Houston’s is a chain restaurant. They train them well here – my hat is off.

Let’s talk about the food and prices. Let’s start with The FAMOUS French Dip - \$18 - which is usually the dish I order when at Houston’s. Roast beef on a French roll is defiantly a must try. The oven-baked Barbeque Ribs are \$27 and come with fries and coleslaw; rib fans will not be disappointed with this meal. Is it sushi you crave? There are many great choices on the menu and they tell me that many customers rave about it. But come on now, why go to a steak place for Sushi? Or is this really a steakhouse? Sushi prices range between \$12 and \$16. I suggest the Seared Tuna Roll at \$16, if you must have seafood. For my next visit I look forward to the Lump Crab Cakes (\$18); when done right, you can never go wrong with crab cakes. Desserts feature a Five Nut Brownie and an Apple Walnut Cobbler, each at \$8 - both are very sweet and tasty!! In surveying the wine list, I was impressed with Schramsberg at \$9 a glass, and the Tantara Chardonnay, also at \$9.

For complete menu and prices www.houstons.com. Be sure you make reservations; a wait is likely without them. 320 S. Arroyo Pkwy, Pasadena CA 91101 - Phone (626) 577-6001

And the Winner and Still Undisputed Champ!!!!

The judge’s decision is in and here is the scorecard. For people-watching and a good meal, Smitty’s is very impressive and scores points. For a complete dining experience and one that soothes the soul - Houston’s packs a powerful punch.

As for this match, the Prize Belt and Undisputed Title goes to - HOUSTON’S.

I can’t wait for the rematch. *For additional dining discoveries check out my TV Show The Chef Knows on KJLA TV right after race replays from Santa Anita on Sundays Nights. Time Warner Channel 16 and Channel 57 on Satellite.*



## From the Inside Out

An Ongoing Series of Personal Points of View on Health

By Mary Carney

## On Food - And Prayer

During my father’s school days, a required mental discipline was poetry memorization, books and books of it. As an adult, he continued this mental memorization discipline every morning while shaving - we could hear him muttering to himself while the razor bzzzed. Naturally, his mind was like a steel trap and, whenever things would get tense he’d toss out a couple lines of poetry, or puns, or anything to break the tension.

In junior high, I too had to memorize and recite poetry. Naturally, most of what I learned, my father still knew. In an effort to “keep up,” if not get ahead, I learned extra poetry, much of which I thought funny at the time. So did my English teacher, because she had me present one recitation to the whole school during assembly. Now, however, my sense of humor has undergone a sea shift, and to me, much of what was humorous is now

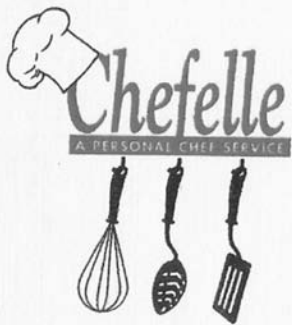
seen covering up cynicism and despair. As I now watch more closely what I say and what I think, because I know the effects, I’m wary of letting the less than lighthearted stuff “in.” But because I love food, and because this is “Holy Week,” I offer some not too bad snippets of a formerly favorite poem by Roy Atwell, “Some Little Bug”, from the 1920 & 1936 “Book of Humorous Verse” by Carolyn Welles, with today’s after-thoughts.

“In these days of indigestion, it is often times a question as to what to eat, and what to leave alone; for each microbe and bacillus has a different way to kill us, and in time they always claim us for their own. ... There are germs of every kind in any food that you can find in the market, or upon the bill of fare; Drinking water’s just as risky as the so-called deadly whiskey, and it’s often a mistake to breathe the air. ... Eating lobster cooked or plain is only flirting with ptomaine, while an oyster sometimes has a lot to say; and the clams we eat in chowder make the angels chant the louder, for they know that we’ll be with them right away. ... All those crazy foods they mix will float us ’cross the River Styx, or they’ll start us climbing up the Milky Way; and the meals we eat in courses mean a hearse and two black horses, so, before a meal some people always pray.”  
“So, before a meal some people always pray.” Ah, so that’s why we pray? Well, sometimes. A few days ago I considered that

there are a couple reasons to “pray” before eating. One, to create a space of centeredness, comfort and relaxation inside yourself, to be grateful in this moment, for life, food, friends, and nourishment for body and soul - and that activates my self-healing system. Two, is to energetically harmonize the food before me, so that its nutrients are more easily absorbed into my system, and can give me the energy to keep going for my highest and best life.

Prayer is about consciously setting an intention for connection! And for “being in charge.” Regularly taking just few moments can both set and activate automatic triggers that turn off your highly adrenalized system - and activate your self-healing troops. If we take time to pray three times a day at meals, and add to that our waking (setting the intentions for this to be a good day), and bedtime prayers (giving thanks for this day just past, and intending/trusting that next day will be a good, if not even better day), we are actually programming our body’s subconscious and unconscious energy patterns to support us in staying healthy, loving, relaxed, flexible, efficient, productive and creative.

Funny how lines of rather cynical poetry can lead to realizing the importance of consciously focusing life energies, which helps us stay healthy from the inside out. Why not give it a try?



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# SPORTS

## Back Page Journal



### All Aboard the Time Tunnel...

By Brad Eastland, Sports Editor

Well, Major League Baseball circa 2008 is just about upon us. Optimism abounds. Every team is tied for first place. Dodger fans haven't started whining yet.

It's a glorious time of year.

So then how shall we commemorate these glorious rites of passage?

I know. Remember that terrific old TV show The Time Tunnel? The one where these two scientists go back in time and are thrust into the front-row seats of History and have all sorts of exciting adventures? Well that's what I'd like to do. Go back in time and buy a ticket to three of the most fascinating baseball games in history. You know---see the magic with mine own misty eyes. Let's do that now, shall we? All aboard for 1908....

September 23rd, 1908. "Merkle's Boner": Don't get excited. It doesn't mean what you think it means.

Here's the story. In 1908 the Giants and the Cubs were locked together in the first great pennant race in baseball history. Every game was as tense as a gunfight. On September 23rd the Giants were about to take control of the race, as Al Bridwell singled up the middle with two outs in the bottom of the 9th to score Moose McCormick from third for the winning run of a 2-1 thriller. Except for one minor detail. Fred Merkle, a 19-year-old rookie who was on first base when Bridwell batted, failed to run the play out and touch second base, veering off toward the clubhouse showers the minute he saw Bridwell's hit fall safely. Cubs second baseman Johnny Evers alertly retrieved the ball from the outfield and stepped on second, claiming "force out" at the top of his lungs, inning over. He was right of course. Except for two things: the force-out rule had never before been so rigidly enforced at that early stage of the evolution of the game, and from the ensuing chaos there remains much lingering doubt that the ball Evers retrieved from the outfield was even the right ball! No matter. Umpire Hank O'Day ruled the game suspended until it could be reviewed, National League President Harry Pulliam ruled a few days later that Merkle was indeed forced out, the game was therefore declared a tie and not a Giants victory, they replayed the game a couple weeks later and the Cubs won, beating the great Christy Mathewson in the process, all en route to the National League Pennant and the World Series Championship. All because of what was immediately and for all time termed "Merkle's Boner" (sure, you can exhale now). Poor pathetic luckless Fred Merkle was hounded and ridiculed for his error for the rest of his life.

Two things more: In July of 1909, Pulliam---the sad wages of ten ruthless, pressure-packed months of suffering the scorn and angry backlash from his decision---put a bullet through his head. He was 44. And the Cubs, the 1908 champs, are still looking for that next World Series title exactly 100 years later.

September 30th, 1927. "The Babe upstages the Big Train": Any baseball nut worth his salt (nuts and salt...I like it) can tell you that on September 30th, 1927, Babe Ruth smashed his epic, record-breaking 60th home run of the '27 season in the 8th inning off of Washington Senators pitcher Tom Zachary. Naturally, it would be beyond great to time-travel back to Yankee Stadium for that game. But what you probably don't know is what additional treat we'd be in for, namely that we'd also get to see the last game---the very last appearance as a participant on a baseball diamond---of the legendary Walter Johnson, the Big Train himself, perhaps the greatest pitcher who ever hurled the horseshide. What are the odds of that? What are the odds of The Babe's 60th home run and Walter's last hurrah coming in the same game??? Ironically, the Big Train's farewell appearance wasn't even as a pitcher. One of the best hitting pitchers ever, he pinch-hit for Zachary in the 9th inning of that final game, yes the same Tom Zachary who had given up Ruth's 60th home run just one inning earlier. Amazingly it was Johnson's 110th lifetime pinch-hit appearance; he also pitched exactly 110 complete-game shutouts in his career, a record. And history also records that in his final big-league at-bat Walter Johnson flew out to right field, where the ball was caught by...wait for it....Babe Ruth. ("gives me goosebumps just typing the words")

September 29th, 1954. "The Catch": A no-brainer. We've now made it all the way back to the 1950s. Once again it's September, and we're still in New York City. And you are now looking at Willie Mays. My all-time favorite player. My baseball god. I did see him play a few times in the late 60s, but by then he was old and tired and slow and nothing like the whirlwind that burst upon the baseball scene in the 50s like a runaway bowlegged comet. Now close your eyes and see Willie go: Game One, '54 World Series, 8th inning, tie game, runners on 1st and 2nd, no one out....crack!....the Cleveland Indians' Vic Wertz, a burly left-handed lumberjack of a batsman, hammers a high line drive (or low fly ball, if you prefer) into the deepest recesses of center field of the New York Giants' cavernous home ballpark, the Polo Grounds. It's a sure triple and two runs in the bank for Cleveland, and a sure Game-One win....except that in center field is Mays. Mays, most skilled of outfielders, Mays, Mercury in cleats, Mays, the one man living or dead with the ability to spy, track, measure, outrun, and then gently gather in this 460-foot bullet before it one-hops the wall. Which he does, over the shoulder, his #24-clad back to home plate. Look at him! And look at that cannon-like throw back to the infield to keep the runners from scoring! Now then---aren't you glad you all came back to 1954 with me?

"The Catch" is generally considered not the greatest grab in baseball history, but rather, most certainly, the most famous, momentous, and monumental defensive play ever produced by a baseball player. The World Series tends to do that---it turns greatness into mythology. "The Catch" broke Cleveland's back. "The Catch" was the whole series. The Giants swept the Indians four straight. And neither the Giants nor the Indians have won a World Series since.

How'd I do? Are you jazzed, psyched, ready for that first pitch? I thought so.

"Play ball!"

## La Salle Dedicates Field to Kohorsts

**Pasadena, CA** - On February 29th, 2008, The Lancer Baseball Field was formally dedicated to Bob and Shelley Allen Kohorst for their years of unconditional support of the La Salle Lancer Baseball Program. In a ceremony held before the opening day varsity game, Head Coach Harry Agajanian presented the Kohorsts with a plaque commemorating the honor after which Bob and Shelley both threw out the first pitch of the season to catchers Dalton Salvo '08 and James Harmon '10. A permanent plaque in honor of the Kohorsts has also been installed at Lancer Field.

Bob and Shelly's son, Matt Kohorst '07, is a member of the Lancer Baseball Hall of Fame and is currently playing baseball at San Diego State University.



Above - from left - Harry Agajanian Lancer Baseball Head Coach, John Ring, Assistant Principal, Shelley and Bob Kohorst, John Matheus, Athletic Director



Shelley and Bob Kohorst throw the first pitch (above). The proud parents of Matt Kohorst, stand in front of the new plaque honoring their contribution (right).



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