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City Clerk - City Treasurer Forum: *Never a Dull Moment in Sierra Madre*



Candidates from left to right: Nancy Shollenberger, George Enyedi and Karma Bell

Photo and Story By Dean Lee

Listing her occupation as a community volunteer City Clerk candidate Karma Bell gave incumbent Nancy Shollenberger a run for her money Tuesday during a candidate forum at the Kiwanis Club.

The same could not be said about the office of Treasurer as one candidate was a no show leaving George Enyedi once again without any challenge. Although unlike the last forum at city hall he was able to answer questions given by the public and have them recorded.

“From one candidate I did not get as much as an RSVP to my letter, to my phone calls, to my emails,” said Kiwanis member Clem Bartolai after moderating the meeting. “Even up until the last day I did not receive any response whatsoever.” The candidate he spoke of is Salvatore Tesoro, III who has not appeared at any of the public events.

Shollenberger, before saying anything about being reelected, apologized for an error on the sample ballots regarding Measure U the Utility User Tax.

“Before I say anything else I want you to know that I am sorry for the error in the sample ballots,” She said. “I accept full responsibility for that error and have already addressed it with corrected ballots and a press release. I will reimburse the city for the cost to print the corrected ballots and postage totaling \$6,000.”

She went on to say this type of error has not happened in all of her 24 years of service. After assuring it would never happen again she launched the first of a series of attacks on Bell.

Before her two minute opening statements were over Shollenberger had already criticized Bell a number of times including her association with former Councilmember Bart Dole. Shollenberger made no apologies for the fact that she was opinionated, saying she supported Measure V. she then again criticized Bell for her stand against Measure V.

City Clerk Donates To Sierra Madre Police And Fire

In what appears to be a last minute effort to mitigate any damage done to her campaign for re-election, Sierra Madre City Clerk Nancy Shollenberger released copies of letters she sent on March 26, 2008. The two letters were addressed to the members of the Sierra Madre Police Officers Association and the Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighters Association and promised each organization \$3,000.00. Combined that amount represents the approximate cost of the sample ballot reprinting caused by Shollenberger’s admitted error.

The letters, which are identical, state, “As you know by now, I made an error in mislabeling the ballot propositions describing the “Arguments In Favor of Measure P”.

“Recognizing the headaches and the financial cost, which my error may have caused, I offered to reimburse the City for all costs incurred in correcting this error. To my disappointment, the City Council felt it would set a precedent, and would not accept such a reimbursement.” She goes on to talk about the amount of criticism she has received and suggests that a better way of dealing with this “unpleasantness” would be to donate \$3,000 to each group.

She ends the letters by saying, “While I don’t expect to be exculpated from my mistake because of this act, I sincerely hope that you will accept my donation.”

Shollenberger, who says this is the first mistake she has made in 24 years, has not only been under attack for the error, but also for what many have called “abandoning her duties” when she was not able to come to an agreement on compensation.

She has also been criticized during this campaign for her failure to file public notices for 8 years from 1993 to 2001.

Sierra Madre Rotary Tours Methodist Hospital “Behind the Scenes” Photo and Story By Chris Bertrand

President-elect Carmen Thibault of Sierra Madre Rotary arranged a fascinating and reassuring “behind the scenes” tour of the ER, CAT-scan equipment and labs, Catheterization labs and more on March 4. Thibault called on her connections as a Methodist Hospital Foundation board member to expose these dedicated community volunteers from Rotary to the hospital’s expanding services and staff. Methodist’s Foundation Board started “Partners in Health” which facilitates community group tours of the hospital’s amenities and services.

It was clear the staff was both proud and professional as they shared details about the advanced procedures possible with new equipment, as well as how to better utilize slower older equipment. Lab representative, Lance Yamanata demonstrated how the x-rays, CAT scans, etc. are available digitally from anywhere in the world, with a password, allowing seamless instantaneous results access for off site physicians and for second opinions. The digital system also provides access to the dictated pathologist report, for an immediate reading of the expert’s impression. The patient can also request a CD to keep on file at home, or to carry to another facility, if needed. They will eventually be “hard copy free” with digital records of tests stored on servers. A back up system duplicates the archived records in case of server failure. The cost savings per record, reliability and accessibility of a digital system has made this a major step forward for Methodist.

Emergency Room charge nurse, Sue Walker, toured the Rotarians through the current ER, the nearly complete temporary ER, which will be up and running shortly, and described plans for the construction of new facilities increasing the ER from 17 to 28 beds (plus and 18-bed observation unit), and the procedures for the transition period since ingress to the ER will change. She pointed out that Methodist, like other active area hospitals have seen major increases in daily ER patient count, with the shutdown of Santa Teresita and other local hospitals and ER facilities. Just a couple of years ago, they saw under a hundred ER patients a day. Today, the count regularly hits 130. Specially certified ER staff use a radio system to juggle the destinations of incoming ambulances from Sierra Madre, Arcadia, Temple City, San Marino, Monrovia and sometimes Duarte to hospitals with available ER capacity. They can also advise incoming ambulances on medication, treatment and expectations en route. Methodist is proud that their ER delivers one of the best cardiac patient response times in the area. In January, Methodist was certified as one of only 12 LA County, STEMI receiving center hospitals. When paramedics identify patients with heart attacks, these centers utilize strategies identified with a faster “door to “balloon” time, to fast track the interval from hospital arrival to opening of a blocked artery with an angioplasty balloon.



Rotarians listen attentively as staff explain the ‘behind the scenes activities’ at Methodist Hospital in Arcadia

In a separate discussion about ER services and disaster preparedness, she stressed that Neighborhood Watch groups and personal responsibility are the key to coping in the first few days of a large disaster. She commented everyone needs to be prepared to care for themselves for at least a couple of days, as emergency personnel will likely be called to locations of dense population and epicenters in a disaster. She noted that her own Neighborhood Watch program includes resident’s home, work and cell numbers, equipment location like large ladders and chainsaws and home floorplans.


Dennis Oxtan, Director of imaging and diagnostic services, brought the group through the newest CAT scan facility, which records 64 slices instead of a single slice of the body at a time, significantly reducing the patient’s time on the table. The new equipment will record the entire heart in about nine seconds. Oxtan’s technician offered a software demonstration of a blood vessel in the brain, manipulated it to automatically remove surrounding bones and rotate the vessel with the clarity of a high definition television program, pointing out plaque. The next generation of this equipment will view over 300 slices at a time, though the cost will be several million dollars for this hoped-for future acquisition.

Marcus Acosta, RN in the Cath Lab, greeted the group in the series of labs used for installation of stents, and referred to the evolving saga of stent material usage, from stainless steel, to chemically treated steel stents, back to plain stainless, with anticipation of a degradable stent that will eventually dissolve after its useful life. He pointed out that while the newest and best equipment allows for quicker procedures, Methodist maintains the other equipment for less time-constrictive, less intricate procedures, such as checking stent placement.

Sierra Madre Rotary President, B. Durward Howes, presented the hospital with a donation, in appreciation of their efforts in providing our community with reliable, timely and professional hospital care.

If your group would like to arrange a tour of Arcadia Methodist Hospital’s facilities, contact Christy-Joy Brendel or Margaret Googooian at 626-821-2312. Sierra Madre Rotary Club meets on Tuesday mornings at 322 Cafe at 7:00 a.m. and that visitors are welcome. Also, in line with Rotary’s commitment to provide “service above self,” our Club will use proceeds from our annual program book to fund state-of-the-art radio equipment for the Sierra Madre Fire Department. Questions or donations may be made by contacting Carmen Thibault 626-862-0485.

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- ◆ 25 years of volunteer service
President, Sierra Madre School PTA
President, Sierra Madre Little League
President, Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce


DID YOU KNOW?

Our current City Clerk has not lived up to the Oath of Office or the Statutory Laws. She has:

- ◆ Failed in her responsibilities as our elections official.
- ◆ Abandoned a primary duty to keep the public record.
- ◆ Neglected to properly record seven years of ordinances.

Unlike the current City Clerk, I will not demand that the City pay an additional \$7,800 to perform my standard duties, nor will I demand an additional \$6,500 just to oversee each election. I will return all City Clerk business to City Hall. I will appoint a Deputy City Clerk from within City staff. I will professionally administer and execute all duties of the Office.

“The Office of City Clerk is not a private business. It is a public service. I will bring the Office of City Clerk back to City Hall.”



Dear Sierra Madre Voters,

For the first time in over two decades, voters will finally have a choice in this election for the Office of City Clerk. If you are looking for a dedicated community volunteer, professionally trained and educated, who brings a high level of accountability, accuracy and initiative to the Office, I would be honored to serve.

My husband and I have raised our three sons in Sierra Madre, and when we settled here in 1982 I immediately jumped in as a volunteer. Over the years I applied my leadership and organizational skills towards education, youth sports, and local business arenas of Sierra Madre.

I will bring change to the Office of City Clerk. After an absence of 24 years, I will return all City Clerk business to City Hall. I will be your City Clerk who will serve for the same stipend as every other elected official in Sierra Madre, without requiring additional compensation for services rendered. I will work with all City officials and staff to eliminate years of evident neglect of the Office.

I bring to our community professional service with volunteer spirit. I am pro-active, non-partisan and efficient. I am committed to making the Office of City Clerk better than ever.

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Dear Neighbors and Friends,

On April 8th, please join Sierra Madre's citizens, police officers, firefighters, and your entire City Council -- ***Vote "yes" for critical public safety funding in Measure U and its companion Measure UA.*** Measures U and UA are necessary, reasonable, affordable, and appropriate for our community. Your "yes" vote ensures that Sierra Madre can keep its own police, fire, and paramedic services.

Necessary: Sierra Madre's Ad-Hoc Finance Committee analyzed our city's current financial condition and confirmed an **urgent need for additional revenue to fund basic City services.** This Citizen Committee recommended, and **City Council unanimously approved**, asking voters to increase our existing User Utility Tax (UUT) to fund general City services, particularly **police, fire, and paramedics.**

Reasonable: Measure U is a common sense approach to our City's financial needs because it:

- ⇒ **Funds our most crucial public safety services,**
- ⇒ **Exempts all low-income households,**
- ⇒ **Sunsets (expires) without reauthorization, and**
- ⇒ **Establishes a citizen committee to monitor revenues.**

Measure UA ensures that the money is spent on the services you want.

Affordable: Measure U will cost the average household less than \$1 a day—that's half the price of a cup of coffee!* And Measure U protects seniors and needy households with a low-income exemption as part of a fair and equitable solution that will preserve and protect Sierra Madre.

Appropriate: Our police officers, volunteer firefighters and paramedics put their lives on the line for us 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It's time for the citizens of Sierra Madre to commit to support them.

Say YES! To PUBLIC SAFETY! Vote YES! To Measures "U" and "UA" for:

- ⇒ **Fully funded paramedic services;**
- ⇒ **Paying our police a proper wage;**
- ⇒ **Providing our first responders with what they need; and**
- ⇒ **Ensuring the Health and Safety of ALL Sierra Madreans**

We ask you to join us on April 8th by voting "yes" to Measure U and UA.

**Sincerely,
The Safety Measure 4 U Committee**

P.S. The Sierra Madre Police Officer's Association (POA), in a historic agreement with the City of Sierra Madre, has agreed to withdraw support from its Measure P in favor of Measures U and UA.

PLEASE VOTE "NO" ON MEASURE P AND "YES" ON MEASURES U and UA.

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

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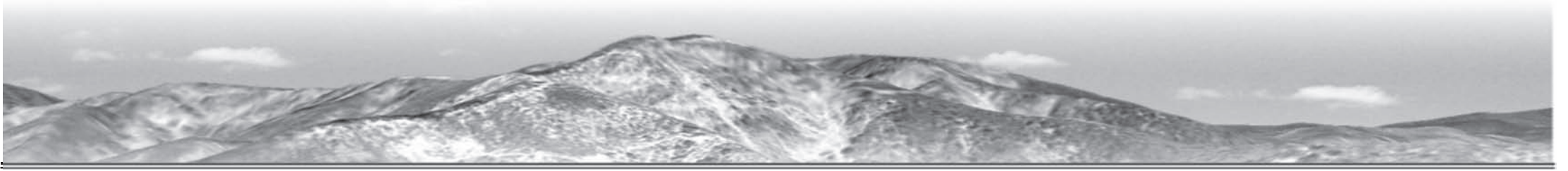
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Troubled Future for the Gold Line Expansion

By Dean Lee

Racing a June deadline, a plethora of local elected officials gathered Wednesday at a future Azusa Gold Line station to urge the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board to include the Gold Line extension in their Long Rang Transportation Plan.

Although a decision to include the extension could come as soon as next month said Congresswoman Hilda Solis flanked by both Congressmen Adam Schiff and David Dreier. She said for ever \$1 spent on transpiration infrastructure, the surrounding communities gain \$6 in jobs and economic development.

She also said combined, the communities of, Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Irwindale, Azusa, Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona, Claremont and Montclair, have invested more than \$2 billion in development along the 24 mile proposed line.

Schiff said they had a choice, "either we take advantage of those resources to build the infrastructure in our region, to get people out of their cars and get them where they need to go, or we send those resources to another part of the state that is more organized then we are."

He then stated that they needed to prevail upon L.A. Mayor Antonio



On the wrong track; A Gold Line train (left) leaving the Sierra Madre station the farthest east the trains go. The future site of the Monrovia Gold Line station (right) historic train depot sits abandoned.



Photos D.Lee/MVO

Villaraigosa and the MTA board to get behind the project, not just in theory, but in "dollars and cents."

He said the backing of Villaraigosa, which he thinks they have, could give them hundreds of millions in federal funds. He also said there was, most likely, a majority of support on the MTA

board.

"We pay tax dollars like everyone else and we're not going to sit idly by and watch this project go fallow," Schiff explained.

Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority spokesperson Susan Hodor explained Friday that although they are not part of the MTA

the Federal Transportation Authority said they must have the backing of the MTA to operate the line. The FTA also said they must have matching MTA funds making it imperative that the project be put into the MTA long rang plan.

She added that because the project was not one of the MTA's own they are not quick to embrace it and that is why so many public officials have now come out to show support including, Covina Mayor John Keen, Duarte City Councilman and MTA Board Member John Fasana, Mayor of Azusa, Joseph Rocha and many others including President of Azusa Pacific University and the President of Citrus College.

Rocha suggested anyone that had not gone and seen the movie Horton Hears a

Who to go do so.

"Because at the end the whole community has to come together and it is not until the last little boy makes his voice heard do they acknowledge their existence," Rocha said. "With so many distinguished visitors here we need to let the MTA know, we are here, that we exist, and this is a project that is much needed."

He then called on the MTA not to leave "Any of them standing at the station."

Dreier summed up his speech this way, "My message is a simple one, let's get it done."

Schiff also said the extension was ready to go and that no other project in L.A. County was as ready.

To date the project has completion of an

Alternatives Analysis; completion and approval of the Draft Environmental Impact Report / Statement, and completion of the Advanced Conceptual Engineering which included a comprehensive community-based station design and public art approval process according to the Foothill Extension Construction Authority's website.

"There are a lot of important and vital regional infrastructure improvements all over the L.A. County," Schiff said. "Some are in further states of proposals than others. None of them are ready to go the way this one is."

The Foothill Extension project was not included in the draft MTA Long-Range Transportation Plan presented to the Metro Board in late January.

Meeting looks at Housing Element of the General Plan

By Dean Lee

Looking at the city's future housing needs, residents packed a community room — across the street from the embattled Heritage Square Project— Tuesday night to discuss everything from homeless programs to preserving affordable housing to the production of more low income housing in other parts of the city.

During the two hour meeting public input was gathered by breaking the 100 or so people into four groups, Housing production, Housing affordability, Homelessness and rehab/ preservation. In some groups tensions ran high. Housing referred to both renters and homeowners alike staff said.

The city's next mixed-housing element will extend through 2014 they said. The housing element, part of the city's General Plan, is there to assess the need staff explained. In a very watered down explanation of the states housing mandates staff only said the city had to prove that affordable housing could be built. The city was in good shape they said as a number of people chuckled.

The city's Senior Planner Bill Trimble said after a number of people want to see rent control in the city although he also said the issues was something the city council did not support.

"There is a desire for rent control in the city," he said.

"Control as a response to the rapid increases in ranges of rent for some people."

Trimble also said an idea was brought up giving assistance to landlords so that rents would not be raised.

"There might be a way to removing some of the financial pressures on the landlord side," he said to a follow up question earlier, "Rents are driven by the financial needs of maintaining and renovating buildings."

He said these were just two of many issues discussed on housing affordability. He also said that although the large amount of information gathered would be given to the city's planning commission there was no guarantee any of it would make it into a final report to the city council.

Residents also said the city needs more homeless prevention programs and transitional housing something Trimble said his group was also concerned about.

"There was interest in programs that support tenants now living independently but feeling somewhat at risk after recently being homeless," He said.

Consultant Mark Hoffman said his group saw a critical need to preserve affordable housing from a current redevelopment trend.

"The city is losing more affordable housing units to reinvestments and developers speculation," Hoffman said. "They can't

keep up fast enough with the housing affordability minimums."

He also said the city should offer aggressive incentives so that nonprofits and private individuals could acquire and rehabilitate multifamily units, single-family homes and historic homes. He said grants should be available and funded though the city going so far as the city purchasing those properties to rehabilitate.

Inspections currently being done for section 8 housing every four years should be stepped up to once ever year bringing them inline with government code he said. There was also a need to spread affordable housing all over the city.

"Affordable housing is primarily concentrated in the northwest area," Hoffman said. "But there is a desire to expand beyond that into east Pasadena and to the south through an aggressive affordable housing effort."

Before the groups were formed city staff gave a short presentation where a number of maps showed a heavy concentration of low income and very low income housing in the city's northwest something not surprising to many who attended as they live in the area.

Consultant Karen Warner who led the housing production group said most people fell into two groups, one that wanted to stop down zoning and increase density building more affordable house and the others that did not

want big ugly buildings.

She also said people wanted to see the parking requirement reduced in accordance with the green plan and speed up the permitting process for new construction. People also wanted to explore the idea of manufactured housing.

Councilmember Jacque Robinson said while the groups met that many residents think the issue of affordable housing is the most important factor in the selection of a new city manager.

"Well, I have seen looking at the comments coming through the city's website," she said regarding the selection of city manager. "One of them is what do you think the most important issue facing Pasadena is? It's right up there, if not number one."

Robinson was the only councilmember to attend the meeting and said that even she had a problem with the high cost of living in Pasadena.

"There really is no in between even for a young professional like myself," Robinson said. "I've even had to struggle... so I can't imagine what a family of four or five must go through."

Some asked about the status of Heritage Square. They were simply told that the city's housing division was soliciting proposals for a new mixed-use development on this site, the exact language used on the city's website. Heritage Square was scrapped after community outcry over the developer selection.



TIPS for Hiking in the Local San Gabriel Mountains

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Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council
ANNOUNCEMENTS & OBSERVATIONS

From Caroline Brown

The Fire Safe Council presented information at the Wistaria Festival, March 30 in conjunction with other Sierra Madre groups to promote multi-hazard safety preparation.

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 Exposition.

After last week's wind storm, our weather has been calm and seemingly free from brushfire worries, but remember that just last year, March 11, 2007, there was a brush fire in Orange County, the Windy Ridge Fire, that burned 2,000 acres, destroying 3 structures. Three structures does not seem a great number but if one of the three were your home it would be enormous. Insurance agencies participating in the California Fair Plan are making inspections now. Be sure you can get a clear report, as one of our members recently did, and clear the brush from around your house to create a "defensible space."

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

We have a palette of Thermo-gel fire protection kits available on consignment via a distributor in Arizona. It arrived during the height of the fire storms in October/November, 2007. Call 355-0741.

Sunday, March 16th:

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

9:04 AM – Auto Burglary, 600 Block West Sierra Madre Blvd. A resident reported his car's rear window was smashed and his book bag was taken. The crime occurred between 6:30 pm, 3/15 and 8:30 am, 3/16. The loss was estimated at \$1100.00.

10:46 AM – Auto Burglary, 600 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. A resident reported her car window was smashed. The car was damaged between 10:30 pm, 3/15 and 10:30 am, 3/16. The car had been ransacked, but no loss was reported.

3:00 PM – Arrest, 400 block Crestvale Dr. Officers responded to the residence regarding the use of an air-soft pistol within city limits. During the investigation a modified air-soft pistol was recovered. The resident was arrested for the alteration and removal of the orange tip. He was transported to the Sierra Madre Jail for remand.

Monday, March 17th:

6:44 PM – Auto Burglary, 70 block of Esperanza Ave. A resident reported his car window was smashed and his GPS was missing. The crime occurred between 6:30 pm, 3/16 and 6:30 am, 3/17. The loss was estimated at \$700.00.

8:44 AM – Auto Burglary, 100 block of Esperanza Ave. A resident reported his car's window was smashed and her silver DKNY watch was taken. The crime occurred between 1:00 pm, 3/16 and 8:30 am, 3/17. The watch was valued at \$100.00.

9:52 PM – Burglary, 600 block Manzanita Ave. A resident reported her home was burglarized between Friday, 3/7 and Monday 3/10. The loss included a Sony Video game player, a play station, and several games. The loss was valued at \$675.00.

Thursday, March 20th:

2:07 PM – Residential burglary, 746 Woodland Drive. A resident reported someone broke into his house and stole his tools. The crime occurred between 3/17 and 3/18. The loss was estimated at \$640.00.

Friday, March 21st:

1:51 AM – DUI arrest, 500 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. The officer stopped a vehicle for a minor traffic violation. During the investigation it was determined the driver was intoxicated. The driver was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

6:55 PM – Drinking in public, Auburn public parking lot. A resident reported several people drinking beer. Officers saw a 16 year old boy and a 20 year old man drinking beer. The man was arrested for contributing to the delinquency of a minor and possession of alcohol. The minor was taken into custody and cited for drinking in public and being a minor in possession of alcohol. The minor was released to a guardian.

11:55 PM – DUI arrest, 500 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. The officer stopped a vehicle for a minor traffic violation. During the investigation it was determined the driver was intoxicated. The driver was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

Saturday, March 22nd:

10:06 PM – Arrest, unlicensed driver, 600 block Orange Grove Ave. An officer stopped a vehicle for speeding. A records check revealed the driver was unlicensed. The driver was arrested and released on a citation for the traffic violation and a promise to appear for being unlicensed.



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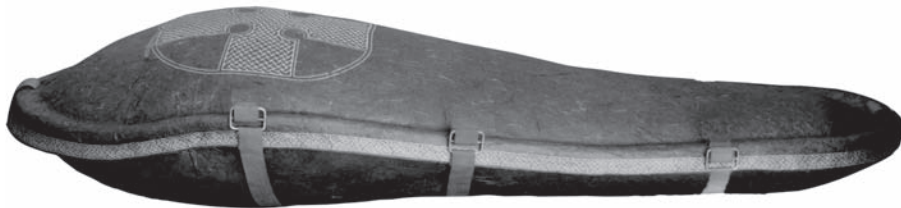
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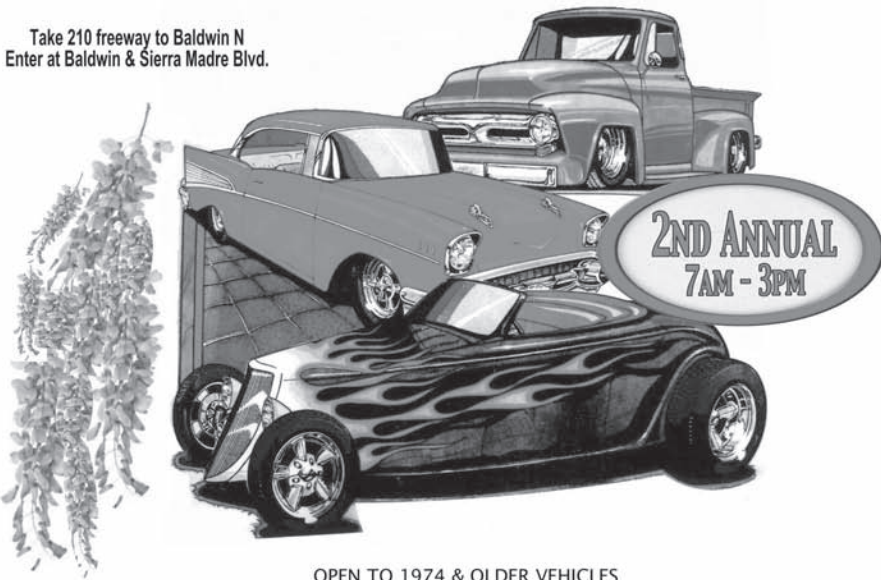


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PUSD: The Future Is Now

By Teresa Baxter

The first of several scheduled community forums regarding the reinvention of John Muir High School was held last Wednesday to a substantial crowd of supporters. Among those in attendance were parents, students, and staff of JMHS, along with a mixture of Pasadena Unified School District board members and a few representatives from other area schools.

Attendees congregated in the auditorium of the school. Then after a brief welcome by Interim Principal Sheryl Orange and PUSD Superintendent Edwin Diaz, all progressed in to breakout sessions held throughout the campus to discuss the themes of the five new academies that will open at the school in September 2008. The "Freshman Success Academy" will be established for all incoming 9th graders, while 10th through 12th graders will be able to select one of the following: Arts, Media & Entertainment; Business & Entrepreneurship; Engineering & Environmental Science; or Law & Public Service.

Diaz shared that earlier in the day he was in Sacramento with Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard to take part in the "California Mayor's Education Roundtable". During that meeting data was presented about the drop-out rate in California and the achievement gaps.

"The suggestions that were identified as strategies to apply in order to close the achievement gap... were [actually along with] the designed principles that are being suggested for John Muir High School," said Diaz. "So, the whole idea of personalized smaller learning communities, engaging business careers to provide experience as part of the high school curriculum is really considered the best practice throughout the state."

According to Diaz, there have been many schools and school districts that have identified ideas very similar to Muir, only to see them not implemented. "It's all about keeping this effort for a very long time," he said.

At this point the breakout groups went to their assigned classrooms to discuss the upcoming changes in the curriculum. Principal Orange's room was also mediated by Dr. Eddie Newman, a woman that once held the helms as the principal of Muir for seven years. The feedback from the participants recommended that in order for the academies to be successful teachers must "actually care and create a personal connection" with students. It was also brought up that there needs to be "greater parent involvement" and internships should be provided to apply "real world experience" for the students.

"One of the things that will happen with the academies is that project-based learning is integrated," said Orange. "And as far as internships—we are in the process of bringing partners on board."

The next Muir Community Forum will be held on Thursday, April 24, 6:30 p.m. at Loma Alta Park. The topic will be "School Climate".

Robotics Team Gets off to a Good Start By Binti Harvey

The John Muir High School ("JMHS") team made an impressive debut at the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotics Competition Los Angeles Regional Event. Eleven JMHS students competed against 50 Los Angeles-area high school teams to build a robot, compete in a series of matches and participate in interviews with competition judges. The JMHS team, which was co-sponsored by NASA, Neighbors Empowering Youth and Mustangs on the Move, won the "Rookie Inspiration Award" for their efforts.

"This was an eye-opening and mind-blowing adventure for the JMHS team," said David Brinza, a JMHS Team Mentor. "They enjoyed the high-energy atmosphere and developed an appreciation of the high standards to which FIRST teams are held."

The JMHS team successfully delivered a competition robot after a six-week "build season" ending in mid-February. Over the

past month, the students worked hard and gave up their evenings and weekends to further prepare for the competition. Preparation activities included designing t-shirts and promotional items, performing community service and practicing for interviews with competition judges.

The FIRST Robotics Competition is designed to help high-school-aged young people discover the excitement and rewards of the engineering and technical professions. The FIRST Robotics Competition challenges teams of young people and their mentors to create the robot using a standard "kit of parts" and a common set of rules. Teams design and build robots with the support of volunteer engineers and other professionals. Additionally, the competition teaches teamwork and problem-solving skills that will be valuable to the students in whatever career they choose to pursue.

TRISH'S TRUTH

Spring Break has rolled around again. Spring Break is a great time for kids and teenagers because it's our last major break from school until summer. Usually, we tend to spend this time doing one or more of three things. Either moping around the house all day, going out to the mall and movies with friends, or doing homework that was assigned. That's pretty much the basic Spring Break plan we have in mind even before our mini-vacation starts. Don't get me wrong, mooching around the house and doing homework over Break is all fine and well. In fact, I enjoy doing that very much. But must we spend our whole week off from school doing things for us?

Who better to write about teens than a teenager herself? And trust me, I know how we are. We tend to really only worry about ourselves. We don't mind doing

But What Am I Getting Out Of It?

By Trisha Collins

things for others, but always in the back of our mind is the question of what we're getting out of it. How are we going to benefit from it? Think about all the weekends you were out with your friends doing what you wanted to do. The week before Spring Break I know we were all thinking about how the next week was going to be like a 7-day weekend, how everything was going to be about us. I'm here to say that this self-centered thinking needs to stop.

We could be spending this time doing good things for others, volunteering, and doing community service. If you're confused about what exactly to do, look at your interests and talents. Love animals? Volunteer at your local animal shelter. Have a knack for public speaking? Offer your talent to a library reading to kids. There are endless ways you could spend your time performing good deeds and

having fun at the same time.

If you're like me, you probably love spending time with your friends. Why not do community service with a few of your closest buds? A group of you could always go visit the elderly and you might even learn a few things too. Cleaning up your neighborhood is always appreciated and is twice the fun when you and your iPod are bonding while collecting cans to recycle. Grab the neighborhood kids for extra help, soda and chips, and you've got a fun neighborhood clean-up part going (just make sure you clean up all the party mess!).

I hope a few of you are inspired to spend a little of your time doing good for other people and communities. And if before you start you're still thinking about what you're getting out of it, just try doing some good and you'll see the gift is even greater than the one you gave.

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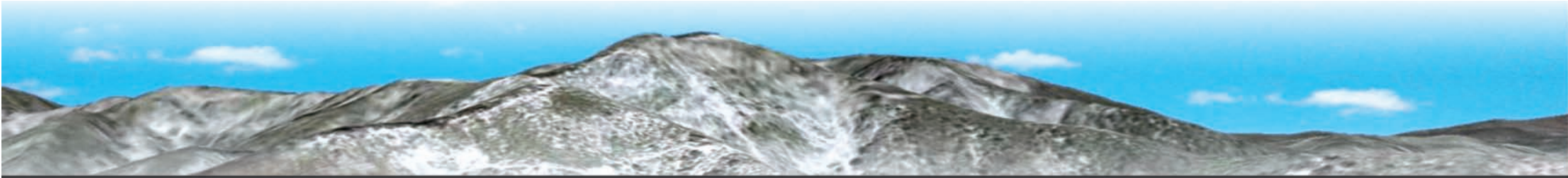
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OPINION



Mayor Enid Joffe

Coffee With Joffe Let's Talk FACTS...

I realize that it is an inalienable right in the United States to say pretty much anything you want about someone in elected office. In fact, I will vigorously defend anyone's First Amendment right to express an opinion about a public official or a public matter whether or not I agree with it. But that doesn't mean public officials shouldn't respond to misstatements or misrepresentations. The following article is primarily taken from a Letter to the Editor I wrote in 2006 in response to an article that appeared in a local paper. Since these and other rumors still seem to be circulating, I thought it might be worthwhile reprinting the letter and addressing some new issues that have surfaced.

The original article claimed that I had "hidden" my ownership of a "construction" business from the public. I have since been told by perfect strangers that I am a building contractor or, worse yet, a developer. Nothing could be further from the truth. Here is the response I wrote two years ago.

"Let's get the facts right.... My business was described in my campaign literature and in an article in the September 1-7, 2005 issue of the Sierra Madre Weekly. I am half owner of an environmental consulting and contracting business, Clean Fuel Connection, Inc. dba SolSource Energy, CA License # 770564. I am proud to be a small business owner in a field that has not traditionally employed many women.

As pointed out in the Weekly profile, our company sells and installs infrastructure for electric vehicles, natural gas vehicles and small wind energy. In the past two years we have expanded into photovoltaics (solar energy). As an environmentalist, I drive an electric car that uses no gasoline. I am not sure how that leads to the conclusion that I have a "bias toward development..."

As for the implication that my business interests affected my vote on 1 Carter, let's recall that I voted against the Maranatha High School project while on the Planning Commission. I voted for the 1 Carter housing project for the same reasons as three other council members--because I believe it is my responsibility as Council member to tightly control the development of housing that Maranatha is legally entitled to build rather than bankrupt the city in a futile court fight that we would ultimately lose. And as for advancing my business interests, I don't recall any requirements in the 1 Carter project conditions for EV chargers, natural gas refueling units or solar panels.

Do I want to see houses at 1 Carter? Of course not. But when elected to the Council I took an oath of office that included a commitment to uphold the law to the best of my ability. And that is what I believe I am doing."

These words ring as true today as they did 2 years ago. Since then the owner of the 1 Carter and Stonehouse properties have filed seven lawsuits against the city. In order to try to find some resolution to the seemingly endless litigation, the City Council and the property owner sought to craft a settlement agreement that would halt the lawsuits while the developer submitted a proposal through the normal Planning Commission review and recommendation. Unlike settlement negotiations in most cities, the entire process was done at public meetings with full community participation. But in February 2008, after months of discussions with the developer and residents on what might be acceptable to all parties, the Council unanimously turned down the Settlement Agreement as inadequate in addressing the concerns of neighboring residents. All parties are now back in court while we review our options.

Another issue that keeps resurfacing is the city's financial situation. Like many small cities around the state and the country, Sierra Madre is struggling to keep pace with rising costs for everything from salaries to employee retirement funds to the cost of construction. Interim City Manager Don Hopper (formerly long-time City Manager of Monrovia) put it best in his eloquent farewell to the City in June 2008.

"I made that comment when I first got here, that this is a remarkable City, that you do more with less than probably any city that I am aware of, but make no mistake, you are living off of your savings, and that is a very dangerous precedent to get comfortable with. You have no reliable ongoing revenue stream that can address your future expenditure levels and so you are going to have to do something."

That "something" was forming a citizens' Ad Hoc Finance Committee to review the city's

finances and recommend ways of generating additional funds for public safety. The 2007-2009 budget process was a wakeup call for the City. Our budget is heavily dependent on property tax revenue but the city receives only 16 cents of every property tax dollar paid by residents. The 1 percent of local sales tax revenue we receive from the State Board of Equalization amounts to only \$200,000 per year. Even without any increase in staffing levels or any cost of living salary increases, expenditures will continue to grow faster than revenue. By the end of this two year budget cycle, it will be difficult to maintain a balanced budget let alone fund police salary increases or paramedic service.

The Ad Hoc Committee carefully scrutinized the city budget and agreed with Don Hopper's assessment. After several community input meetings and countless hours of discussion, the committee recommended that the Council put a

Utility User's Tax increase on the ballot to secure a new source of funding for police salaries, paramedics and other essential services. The result is Measure U and UA on the April 8th ballot. Measure U would increase the utility users' tax from the current level of 6 percent to 8 percent in 2008-9, 10 percent in 2009-10 and 12 percent in 2010-11. If the increase is not re-approved by the voters at that time it will step back down over a 3 year period. The Measure also modernizes the tax to include additional utilities and ensure continued collection of the tax on telephone service. Measure UA is an advisory measure to gauge the public's agreement with the proposed use of the funds.

Rumors have surfaced of a budget that ballooned from \$6 million to \$18 million under the current City Council. The two numbers are correct but that is about all that is accurate in this statement. The 2007-8 General Fund budget will top \$6 million for the first time in the city's history. General Fund money is unrestricted money typically used for the day to day operation of the city such as police and other staff salaries, utility costs, supplies, mileage etc. When you add in the \$18 million of restricted funds such as the water infrastructure funds, the total grows to \$24 million.

This number sounds great but hides the fact that the budget for day-to-day operations has been increasing about 2 to 3% per year, while costs have been going up around 5% per year. These costs are mostly outside of our control like health care or employee retirement. The increase in the restricted funds budget represents staff's hard work and staff's successful efforts in obtaining one-time grant funds for specific projects, usually equipment purchases or capital improvements such as the reconstruction of the Grove and Mira Monte reservoirs.. Once that money is spent on the project it is gone. It also does not create ongoing costs and in fact, often reduces the General Fund outlay for maintenance and repair of old equipment and infrastructure.

The status of the City's Audits has also been the subject of much discussion. *In 2006, the City Council was informed that a number of reports including State reports and City audits had not been completed despite previous assertions that everything was being done properly and on time. The delinquent reports had resulted in thousands of dollars in fines which the Council was unaware of. Once uncovered, the problem was swiftly addressed. The City Manager and City Council took action to make personnel changes and bring in experts in municipal finance experience to bring all audits up to date and prevent similar occurrences in the future. The original problems dated back to well before the 2004 Council election and had only compounded over time. At no time were any funds missing. The errors ultimately turned out to be about how funds should be accounted for not the amount of money. None of the corrections made affected the city's financial position, but the absence of proper procedures and the length of time before the problem was discovered were inexcusable nonetheless.*

My favorite rumor is that the current incumbent-candidates will not enforce Measure V. Regardless of who voted for Measure V and who did not, it is now part of the Municipal Code. *As council members it is our duty and obligation to fully enforce Measure V. Measure V specifies height, number of stories and dwelling units for downtown, but does not address the design of buildings in downtown.*

So as this campaign season draws to a close, let's continue the public debate over the important issues of public safety, the downtown and the city's financial condition. But let's continue it in a way that shows respect for the facts and for each other as volunteers committed to the preservation of Sierra Madre as a wonderful place to live.

Enid Joffe
Mayor



A Day At TARGET

By Rich Johnson

Something wasn't right. Mildred (not her real name) had shopped at that Target store for years. She knew it like she knew her shoe size. And yet today, as she stood in housewares, debating on the selection of a new salt and pepper shaker, she sensed instinctively that something was wrong. Very wrong. Her eyes were drawn to the orbicular form of a very pregnant, young woman holding a strand of pearls at the jewelry counter. The young mother-to-be reminded her of when she was carrying daughter number 3, Roberta (not her real name). She felt sorry for the woman. She was obviously due anytime and it was the middle of a very hot August. When Hillary gets elected the first thing she should do is ban sex from November through January. No woman should be forced to carry children in the heat of summer.

And then she saw what had set her internal alarms off. The pregnant woman was being stalked, right there in Mildred's Target Store. Thankfully, the man couldn't see Mildred watching him as he was leering at the young woman. But there was no doubt. There he was hiding behind the shower curtains fixated on this young mother-to-be. Disgusting. And he was a big burly man. Had he been any smaller Mildred convinced herself she would have marched right up to him and given him a severe ear bashing. The young girl, oblivious to the constant gaze of this Neanderthal subhuman, moved on to the shoe section. And as if connected by some invisible rope, the stalker followed right along, very carefully concealing his movement from her. This was no amateur. He had done this before. Many times. Mildred was sure of it.

Time to act. She was in luck. She saw a very young Asian kid (not his real ethnicity), wearing a white shirt and tie, stocking the back to school shelf. And yes, he had a badge. Mildred pulled him aside and told him what was going down. She pointed out the young pregnant gal and the stalker. He looked at Mildred, smiled and said everything was okay. And went right back to stocking the shelves. Mildred was incredulous. He must not have understood her. She demanded to speak to his supervisor. A moment later another young kid in a white shirt, tie and badge showed up. He surveyed the situation and told Mildred not to worry about it. Mildred was dumbfounded. "Give me the store manager", she yelled quietly (you know what I mean). Three painstakingly long minutes later a well-dressed professional woman walked up to Mildred. Mildred was sure she was important as she wore no badge. The store manager asked Mildred to come with her. Mildred urged the assistant managers to keep an eye on that young pregnant woman in peril. Thankfully the store manager's office overlooked the entire Target. Mildred pointed the young woman out and explained how she saw this dangerous, violent looking man stalking this helpless young pregnant woman. The store manager smirked. She then told Mildred that when the woman came into the store a half hour ago she wasn't pregnant. And that the big, dangerous looking black man, (his real ethnicity) was in charge of store security. So, things are not always what they appear to be. By the way, the story is true. The names have been changed for no good reason.

Letters To The Editor

I am Supporting Measure U and UA

On Tuesday, April 8th, I will be casting my vote in favor of Measure U and UA.

My reasons for supporting these measures are simple: 1) it raises funds that are necessary for critical public safety services (it will allow us to carry forward, fully funded, the newly implemented paramedic services and will help us retain and recruit excellent public safety officers); 2) the funds are raised locally and stay local (will not be subject to ever increasing "local funds" that are taken away by the State to balance its budget), and 3) it is a fair tax since it applies to renters and homeowners alike, except for those in our community that are of low income.

I am particularly proud of the low income exemption in Measure U. This exemption means that residents that can't afford this tax will have relief. This exemption is essential in protecting our seniors that are on fixed incomes and least able to afford this increase.

You should know that Measure U mandates that a Citizen Oversight Committee be set up by the City Council to ensure accountability, and that Measure U contains a sunset clause, which means that voters will have an opportunity in a few years to either keep it in place or vote it down.

I hope you will read more about Measure U and UA (see www.cityofsierramadre.com or call me at 836-8580 for more information), and I hope you will join me in supporting these measures that will keep Sierra Madre safe and strong.

Joe Mosca

Accepting Responsibility

If MaryAnn MacGillivray is going to tout her accomplishments while she was on City Council, she must accept responsibility for all of her efforts during her previous terms. My recollection is that she sponsored and promoted an ordinance which narrowly defined a "family" as a married man and woman, and could include their children, but specifically excluded everyone else.

As a single parent, having raised two young daughters, I was personally offended by her restrictive measure. Of greater offense was her success in convincing our city council to knowingly pass an ordinance which mirrored the onerous rhetoric of extreme, right wing religious pineheads, targeting gay and lesbian families.

If candidate MacGillivray has recanted, or apologized, it would be good to make this known prior to the April 8th election. A choice between our development and hate is an insufficient choice.

Bill Hunnell

Sierra Madre's April Ballot

City Council Races:

John Buchanan, Incumbent
Enid Joffe, Incumbent
Mary Ann McGillivray
Kevin Paschall
Bill Tice

City Clerk:

Nancy Schollenberger, Incumbent

Karma Bell

City Treasurer

George Enyedi

Salvatore Tesoro, III

BALLOT MEASURES:

Measure P Police Initiative
Measure U User Utility Tax
Measure UA UUT Advisory

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-0417217

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. 08-0408427

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. 08-0438491

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: **CO-PARTNERS. 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. 08-0417128

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**.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-0417077

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. 08-0409752

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. 08-0417091

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **THE ENTERTAINMENT ELITE**, 7824 3rd ST., DOWNEY, CA 90241. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MICHAEL GRIMAUD**, 7824 3rd ST., DOWNEY, CA 90241. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MICHAEL GRIMAUD**. 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. 08-0408430

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **WEASTMEN ENGINEERING**, 8301 FLORENCE AVE. #204, DOWNEY, CA 90240. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **WEASTMEN, INC.**, 10707 S. PIONEER BLVD. #3, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: YANRONG XU-SMITH**. 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 **N/A**.
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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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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. 08-0241327

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. 08-0348635

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 McCOMAS ST., POMONA, CA 91706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **SEBASTIAN ARMANDO GRIMALDI**, 1562 McCOMAS 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. 08-0322087

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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-0339603

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **M&R MERCHANDISE OULET**, 15640 LEFFINGWELL RD., WHITTIER, CA 90604. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ROSA M. COTA**, 14505 JALON RD., LA IRADA, CA 90638, GUILLERMINA MADRID, 8425 JELLIN LANE, PICO RIVERA, CA 90660. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: ROSA M. COTA**. 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. 08-0315749

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SELECTED BRANDS OF THE WORLD**, 17855 E. VALLEY BLVD., CITY OF INDUSTRY, CA 91744. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ASE PROFITABLE INVESTMENTS, INC.**, 17855 E. VALLEY BLVD., CITY of INDUSTRY, CA 91744. This Business

business as: **DK TRUCKING**, 12325 IMPERIAL HWY. #154, NORWALK, CA 90650. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **DEONTRE O. KING**, 12325 IMPERIAL HWY. #154, NORWALK, CA 90650. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DEONTRE O. KING**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/05/08**. 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. 08-0383946

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ELLIOTT INVESTIGATIONS, ELLIOTT AND ASSOCIATES**, 673 E. LAS FLORES DR., ALTADENA, CA 91001. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **BRENDA J. ELLIOTT**, 673 E. LAS FLORES DR., ALTADENA, CA 91001. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: BRENDA J. ELLIOTT**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/05/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **1/1/86**.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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 9th 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.)

PLACE OF MEETING

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

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

PROJECT LOCATION: 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

is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: TANYA CHAVERRI**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **02/22/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **2/22/08**.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-0367346

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CUTTING EDGE**, 2665 S. SANTA FE AVE., VERNON, CA 90058. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MARIA D. HERNANDEZ**, 301 N. BANNA AVE., COVINA, CA 91724. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARIA D. HERNANDEZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/03/08**. 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. 08-08-0383861

The following person(s) is (are) doing

File No. 08-0383863
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **FAST LANE TRUCKING**, 6590 LONG BEACH BLVD., LONG BEACH, CA 90805. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ANDREW HOWARD**, 6590 LONG BEACH BLVD., LONG BEACH, CA 90805. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ANDREW HOWARD**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/05/08**. 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. 08-0383862

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HOWARDS CATERING SERVICE**, 630 N. SEPULVEDA #616, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ANTIONETTE HOWARD**, 630 N. SEPULVEDA #616, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: ANTIONETTE HOWARD**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/04/08**. 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. 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)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-0375350

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **JORGE'S GET AROUND TRANSPORT, INC.**, 11670 KILLIAN ST., EL MONTE, CA 91732. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JORGE'S GET AROUND TRANSPORT, INC.**, 11670 KILLIAN ST., EL MONTE, CA 91732. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: ROBERTO ACOSTA**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/04/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **2/08/08**.

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)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08

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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)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0392581

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SAN INSURANCE, INC.,** 712 N. AVALON BLVD., WILMINGTON, CA 90744 Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SAN INSURANCE, INC., 712 N. AVALON BLVD., WILMINGTON, CA 90744. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: MARCO RIOS (MGR).** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/06/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **03/06/08**.

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)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0376434

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SO-CAL AUTO SALES,** 14175 LEFFINGWELL RD., WHITTIER, CA 90605. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ADRIAN FRANCISCO BERDOTE, 12246 AEGEAN ST., NORWALK, CA 90650. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RICHARD LEE WALKER.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/04/08**. 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. 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)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0384190

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SPEEDY CATERING SERVICE,** 6709 LA TIJERA BLVD. #834, L.A., CA 90045. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ANTHONY L. SMITH JR., 6709 LA TIJERA BLVD. #834, L.A., CA 90045. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ANTHONY L. SMITH JR..** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/05/08**. 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. 08-0384191

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SPEEDY SMITH TRUCKING,** 630 N. SEPULVEDA #635, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MAURICE LAMAR SMITH, 630 N. SEPULVEDA #635, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MAURICE LAMAR SMITH.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/05/08**. 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. 08-0358100

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **THE LOAN MODIFICATION GROUP,** 4343 CRENSHAW BLVD. 3rd FLOOR, LOS ANGELES, CA 90008. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HOMER JACKSON, 5923 LABREA AVE., L.A., CA 90056. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: HOMER JACKSON.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **02/29/08**. 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. 08-0375157

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **UNITED SAFETY SERVICES,** 260 W. ARROW HWY., BLDG. H, SAN DIMAS, CA 91773 Full name of registrant(s) is (are)

UNITED SAFETY SERVICES, 260 W. ARROW HWY., BLDG. H, SAN DIMAS, CA 91773. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed:.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/04/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **3/1/2008**.

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)
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0803MBP File No. 20080390749 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:
TRINITY EWARE
1325 Valley View Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91107.

Full name of registrant (s) is (are)
Liam J. Wylie, 1325 Valley View Ave., Pasadena, Ca. 91107. The business is conducted as:**ANINDIVIDUAL 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 March 6, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.**

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0803MBP

090801ED File No. 20080348709 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:
SUNNY'S GIFTS, MING QIU, QIU PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, HILCOM

1005 E. Las Tunas Dr #650 San Gabriel, CA 91776
Full name of registrant (s) is (are)
PHEOGON, INC., 1005 E. Las Tunas Dr #650San Gabriel, CA 91776. 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 28, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above not.

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090801ED

090802MG File No. 20080340789 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:
LONG BEACH REAL ESTATE, LONG BEACH LENDING

10775 Los Alamitos Blvd Los Alamitos, CA 90720
*Full name of registrant (s) is (are)***RAD REAL ESTATE 10775 Los Alamitos Blvd Los Alamitos, CA 90720.** 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 26, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.
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090802MG

090803ED File No. 20080357510 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:
HSJM ENTERPRISES, INC.

7340 Firestone Blvd #121 Downey, CA 90241
Full name of registrant (s) is (are)
HSJM ENTERPRISES, INC. 7340 Firestone Blvd #121Downey, CA 90241. The business is conducted as: A CORPORATION. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Feb 29, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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090803ED

090804ED File No. 20080357847 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

*The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:***IGLESIA DE CRISTO DE LA REGION ESTE**
915 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90011
Full name of registrant (s) is

(are) **IGLESIA DE CRISTO LOS SANTIFICADOS 915 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd**

Los Angeles, CA 90011. 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 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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090804ED

090805MG File No. 20080331437 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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

3836 Prospect Ave #5 Culver City, CA 90232

Full name of registrant (s) is (are)
Michael A. Piacentino 3836 Prospect Ave #5 Culver City, CA 90232. 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 26, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/25/2008.

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0803MBP

090805MG File No. 20080331952 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) is (are) doing business as:
A CLASSY PARTY TO REMEMBER

804 Milwood Ave Venice, CA 90291

Full name of registrant (s) is (are)
Veronica Sanchez Morales 804 Milwood AveVenice, CA 90291. 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 26, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/26/2008.

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090805MG

090806MG File No. 20080331079 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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

10961 Palms Blvd #2 Los Angeles, CA 90034

Full name of registrant (s) is (are)
Emerson Bategui 10961 Palms Blvd #2 Los Angeles, CA 90034. 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 26, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.

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090806MG

090807MG File No. 20080331389 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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

MUTUAL LOCAL BUSINESS DIRECTORY, MLBD, MUTUAL COMMERCIAL LENDING, MCL

501 W. Garvey Ave #106 Monterey Park, CA 91754

*Full name of registrant (s) is (are)***Pak K. Lau 501 W. Garvey Ave #106 Monterey Park, CA 91754.** 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 26, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) not commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above.
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090807MG

090808MG File No. 20080288978 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person (s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious

name:

JOEL'S BARBER SHOP
2910 W. Beverly Blvd
Montebello, CA 90640

The name of registrant(s) is (are) Joel A. Gomez 15552 Del Prado Dr Hacienda Heights, CA 91745. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 02/02/2007. Original File #07-0270728. 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) ended to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/19/2008.

NOTICE-The Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 at seq. Business and Profession Code) First filing: 03/07; 03/14; 03/21 and 03/28, 2008
090808MG

090809ED File No. 20080322603 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person (s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious name:

RJ ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS
20307 Elkwood St
Winnetka, CA 91306

The name of registrant(s) is (are) Ramon Pablo L. Lavares 20307 Elkwood St Winnetka, CA 91306. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 01/31/2007. Original File #07-0209166. 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 25, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) ended to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/25/2008.

NOTICE-The Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 at seq. Business and Profession Code) First filing: 03/07; 03/14; 03/21 and 03/28, 2008
090809ED

090810ED File No. 20080357509 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person (s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious name:

HENCAL ENTERPRISE
6443 Florence Ave
Bell Gardens, CA 90201

The name of registrant(s) is (are)Henri De Jesus Sosa Calderon 3296 Sequoia Dr South South Gate, CA 90280. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 04/27/2007. Original File #2007-01026103. 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 29, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) ended to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/29/2008.
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090810ED

090811MG File No. 20080347232 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person (s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious name:

UNEK DESIGN
5739 Hazelbrook Ave
Lakewood, CA 90712

The name of registrant(s) is (are) Floricar Bumacad 5739 Hazelbrook Ave Lakewood, CA 90712 The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 07/31/2006. Original File #2006-1687940. 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 28, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) ended to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/28/2008.
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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: 03/07; 03/14; 03/21 and 03/28, 2008
090811MG

090812ED File No. 20080314617 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person (s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious name:

ELEGANCE UPHOSTERY
6106 Rockne Ave
Whittier, CA 90606

Full name of registrant (s) is (are)
Ricardo Vargas 6106 Rockne Ave Whittier, CA 90606 The business is conducted as: AN INDIVIDUAL. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 08/25/2004. Original File #2004-2192335. 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 22, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) ended to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/22/2008.

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090812ED

090813ED File No. 20080313566 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person (s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious name:

VIE A PARIS BAKERY

1610 W. Redondo Beach Blvd #11 Gardena, CA 90247. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) GLOVIS, INC. 30902 Clubhouse Dr 26G Laguna Niguel, CA 92677. The business is conducted as: A CORPORATION. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 09/13/2006. Original File #2006-2038844. 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 22, 2008. The registrant (s) has (have) ended to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/22/2008.

NOTICE-The Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 at seq. Business and Profession Code) First filing: 03/07; 03/14; 03/21 and 03/28, 2008
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ROBERT JOSEPH GARDNER AKA ROBERT J. GARDNER CASE NO. GP013632

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ROBERT JOSEPH GARDNER AKA ROBERT J. GARDNER.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by PAMELA LYNN GARDNER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that PAMELA LYNN GARDNER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 04/25/08 at 10:00AM in Dept. A located at 300 E. WALNUT ST., PASADENA, CA 91101

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

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

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One Of A Kind: Featuring unique homes & gardens and the people who create them Photos and Story By Chris Bertrand Building, Working And Living Green on Montecito

70 E. Montecito Avenue in Sierra Madre is the newest construction in a transitional district adjacent to downtown Sierra Madre. Just few short years ago, Fred Crockett utilized his thirty years of design experience to forge new architectural ground here, with four green-conscious, live-work spaces on a long narrow site. An eclectic assortment of businesses coexist here, including auto repair, small scale manufacturing, arts-related pursuits, contractor's offices, self storage and more. In true Sierra Madre style.

These four units, unique for this little hamlet, were completed in 2007, selling in the mid-\$800k range. I kept hearing mention and references about the building, but never got the chance to peek inside til now. The two story units, with main floor double garages and rooftop gardens, are all sold and owner occupied. Two are used as flexible live only space; one is a true live-work space, and Crockett maintains the front unit for his Alno Pasadena Kitchen showroom.

Since I'm in the investigation stage of

greening up my personal living space, my visit was like dropping a kid into a candy store... a green one, of course. Lots of "Wow" and "I want" plus a good dose of admiration and awe emanated from my lips. First and foremost, construction of the building utilizes passive solar energy techniques to greatly minimize energy usage. So much so, that with energy bills that average \$70-\$80 a month for about 3000 square feet, the hefty investment in solar energy panels just doesn't make financial sense.

Remember the many 100 plus degree days we had around Labor Day? That hottest month last year required only about \$120 to keep its occupants cool and comfortable. They're THAT efficient here. For homes with equivalent square footage, I heard of energy bills several times that \$120. Ten inches of water-based, closed cell foam insulation between the walls and atop the roof helped keep temperatures under 75 until midday during those torrid days.

Clerestory windows flood most of the space with natural Northern exposure light without the worry and heat of direct sun.

They also vent the warmer air up and out through the open floorplan, keeping even the top story comfortable. A thick central block wall moderates the temperature fluctuation.

The sleek rollup garage doors are translucent yet maintain privacy. Little or no interior lighting is required until nighttime, also making the garage area user friendly for work pursuits.

Now we come to the ALNO brand, which Crockett chose as his signature product for the showroom. Crockett waxes poetic on his pride in offering this line, where the quality and construction tolerances are ground breaking. "Green" by design and choice, before it was fashionable, ALNO has been environmentally conscious for its entire 80 year history, and has used low emission and non-toxic paints and lacquers for over 20 years. Says Crockett, President of ALNO Pasadena, the German company's first representation in the San Gabriel Valley, "We're proud to have created a space that lives up to the ALNO name."

Admittedly, here is the crème de la crème

of kitchen products, elegant, creative, functional and sleek. I drooled over the many extras that can be had for a few extra dollars. Think stainless steel exhaust systems that could double as modern artwork, a built-in espresso center or retracting, rolltop style glass fronts, lighted lower cabinets, lockable toxic liquids container, built-in ladder, or, or, or... Add in top drawer, induction cooking that remains cool to the touch and super-insulated refrigeration with flexible freezer allocation and flash freeze options.

For more information about Crockett's design construction business, visit [www. AlnoPasadena. com](http://www.AlnoPasadena.com) or call 626-355-7500.



Chris Bertrand



Clockwise from top: Crockett shows that state of the art induction cooking is cool to the touch, literally! Sleek and efficient "Live and work" units in Sierra Madre. One room of the 3000 square foot, ALNO showroom

Far Left: Crockett enjoys the rooftop garden and panoramic views.

Close Left: Clerestory windows take in the Northern light and mountain views.

Looking Up With Bob Eklund

*Explosion Visible To The Naked Eye From Halfway Across The Universe
(On the Day Arthur C. Clarke Died)*



Photo by Aaron Dominquez

A POWERFUL STELLAR EXPLOSION detected March 19 by NASA's Swift satellite has shattered the record for the most distant object that could be seen with the naked eye. Coincidentally, March 19 also marked the passing of famed science-fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke, co-creator (with Stanley Kubric) of the landmark space movie "2001: A Space Odyssey," who died in Sri Lanka at the age of 90.

The stellar explosion was a gamma ray burst. Most gamma ray bursts occur when massive stars run out of nuclear fuel. Their cores collapse to form black holes or neutron stars, releasing an intense burst of high-energy gamma rays and ejecting particle jets that rip through space at nearly the speed of light like turbocharged cosmic blowtorches. When the jets plow into surrounding interstellar clouds, they heat the gas, often generating bright afterglows. Gamma ray bursts are the most luminous explosions in the universe since the big bang.

"This burst was a whopper," said Swift principal investigator Neil Gehrels of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md. "It blows away every gamma ray burst we've seen so far."

Swift's Burst Alert Telescope picked up the burst at 2:12 a.m. EDT, March 19, and pinpointed the coordinates in the constellation Bootes. Telescopes in space and on the ground quickly moved to observe the afterglow. The burst is named GRB 080319B, because it was the second gamma ray burst detected that day.

Swift's other two instruments, the X-ray Telescope and the Ultraviolet/Optical Telescope, also observed brilliant afterglows. Several ground-based telescopes saw the afterglow brighter to visual magnitudes between 5 and 6 in the logarithmic magnitude scale used by astronomers. The brighter an object is, the lower its magnitude number. From a dark location in the countryside, people with normal vision can see stars slightly fainter than magnitude 6. That means the afterglow would have been dim, but visible to the naked eye.

Later that evening, the Very Large Telescope in Chile and the Hobby-Eberly Telescope in Texas measured the burst's redshift at 0.94. Redshift (a shifting of the star's light toward the red side of the spectrum, due to the motion of the object

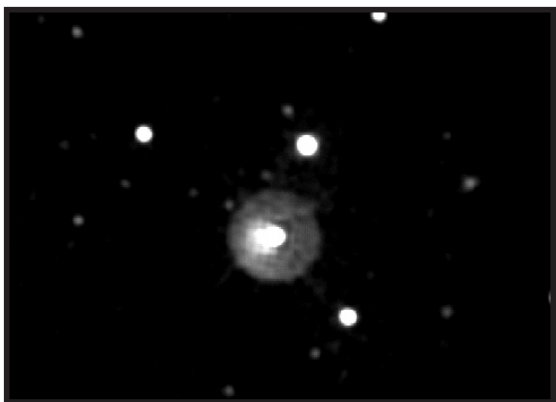
away from the viewer) is a measure of the distance to an object. A redshift of 0.94 translates into a distance of 7.5 billion light years, meaning the explosion took place 7.5 billion years ago—a time when the universe was less than half its current age and Earth had yet to form. This is more than halfway across the visible universe.

"No other known object or type of explosion could be seen by the naked eye at such an immense distance," said Swift science team member Stephen Holland of Goddard. "If someone just happened to be looking at the right place at the right time, they saw the most distant object ever seen by human eyes without optical aid."

GRB 080319B's optical afterglow was 2.5 million times more luminous than the most luminous supernova ever recorded, making it the most intrinsically bright object ever observed by humans in the universe. The most distant previous object that could have been seen by the naked eye is the nearby galaxy M33, a relatively short 2.9 million light-years from Earth.

Analysis of GRB 080319B is just getting underway, so astronomers don't know why this burst and its afterglow were so bright. One possibility is the burst was more energetic than others, perhaps because of the mass, spin, or magnetic field of the progenitor star or its jet. Or perhaps it concentrated its energy in a narrow jet that was aimed directly at Earth.

GRB 080319B was one of four bursts that Swift detected on March 19, a Swift record for one day. "Coincidentally, the passing of Arthur C. Clarke seems to have set the universe ablaze with gamma ray bursts," said Swift science team member Judith Racusin, of Penn State University in University Park, Pa.



This photo of the stellar explosion was seen by an Optical/Ultraviolet telescope.

Photo Courtesy NASA.Gov

To learn more or contact Bob, email him at b eklund@m vobserver.com



with keen anticipation. I know the sign says coming soon but I am starting to feel like the kid that is waiting for the doors to open to buy the newest IPOD. Oh well, the meter is running on this one and I can't hold my appetite forever. so I am heading down to Alhambra and Charlie's Trio Restaurant.

Charlie's Trio is on the Main Street strip of an increasingly popular and revitalized area of Alhambra. The restaurant has a pleasant patio area for you to enjoy the nice warm spring days and a small bar with many beers on tap to keep you cool. The dining room is medium in size and, on my last two visits, which were both at lunchtime, there was a brisk business crowd. Actually my last lunch here was a business meeting and, since the aforementioned Chacuterie has this kid fidgeting, I decided to come here to write about my experience.

Charlie's Trio is Italian. Now, you might ask, "What type of Italian, Peter?" Northern Italian, Southern, Sicilian? – boy, you ask a lot of questions! Hmmm... Well, I like to say it's the old country Italian. The style that I love and fondly remember growing up as a kid. Fresh Spaghetti and Meatballs, Pizza, Lasanga and Sausages. I read that someone said it was two notches above an Olive Garden. Is that a compliment? I think it is.

Of course when one thinks of Italian food one naturally thinks of family and yes, your thinking would be on the mark here. This restaurant is run by two brothers, Mike and Chuck Fata. They have named the restaurant after their father Chuck Sr. Very fitting since he has been in the Pizza business since the early 1970's. Now that's Italian.

I love to write this as much as you should love to hear it. Simply said, there is no real need to get into menu prices here as they are very reasonable, with all entrees ranging between \$8 to \$19. My lunch companion and I shared a Caesar salad, spaghetti Bolognese and soft drinks for \$16 plus tip. Not bad!! You'll find many blue-collar favorites on their menu like chicken Parmagiana, fettuccini Alfredo, anti-pasta salad, eggplant and ravioli. If you have read my column before, you know I will travel

TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

Charlie's Trio

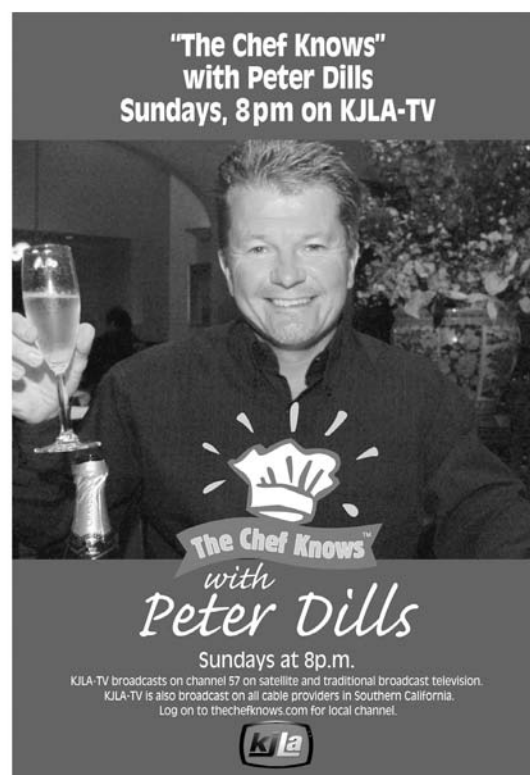
a great distance for a good Caesar salad (lucky for me I don't have to), Charlie's Trio's Caesar is good, simple fresh lettuce and a creamy dressing; maybe they got one over on me but I really liked it. If this is your first read of my column, you will notice that the food does not always match the geography we associate with it. In this case, The Caesar is an example, as it was actually invented in Tijuana, Mexico and really has nothing to do with Italy.

Sure, Pasadena has its Mi Piacce and Il Fornaio, but Alhambra can be proud of their own little piece of Italy - Charlie's Trio. Worth a drive from wherever you are reading this. I'll be back for the Tiramisu Dessert.

Charlie's Trio, 47 W. Main St. Alhambra. (626) 284-4943. The atmosphere is casual. Full Bar and Reservations are accepted.

They also have a second location, with a sports bar flavor, at 5769 N. Huntington South Pasadena. Visit their website at www.charliestrio.com for updated prices and menu items.

Join me this Sunday night for my TV Show the



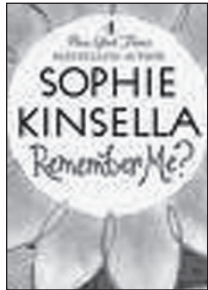
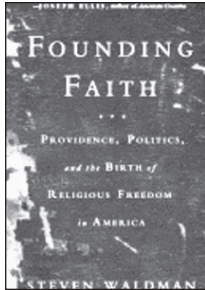
Chef Knows on KJLA TV, right after Race Replays from Santa Anita.

Jeff's Pics The Book Reports

By Jeff Brown

Founding Faith: Providence, Politics, and the Birth of Religious Freedom in America by Steven Waldman (2008)

In this book, Steven debunks a lot of myths about the founding fathers and our religious beginnings. He hopes to clear out some of the arguments in our culture wars about how our country really started. It is a myth that the United States was founded as a Christian Nation. Not true. Settled by Protestants, yes, but by 1776 the founders turned away from our being a Christian country. People came here to establish their own religion at the expense of others'. Horrible persecutions happened in our beginnings. Many Quakers were executed. Toleration was only for different Christian sects. Waldman focuses on the five founding fathers with the most influence on religion's role in the new country: Jefferson, Franklin, Adams, Washington, and Madison, and untangles and explains their complex legacy in this country's separation of church and state doctrine.



Remember Me? by Sophie Kinsella (2008)

With the same humor and charm , Sophie Kinsella, author of the #1 bestseller Shopaholic & Baby, returns with an wonderful new novel and a likeable new heroine who finds herself in an utterly hilarious and life changing situation! When 28-year old Lexi Smart wakes up in a London hospital, she's in for a big surprise. Her teeth and body are perfect. Her handbag is Vuitton and her car a Mercedes but, having just survived a car accident, Lexi has lost three years of her memory, and she's about to find out just how much things have changed. A very fun read!

Recommended by Harry Bosch:

A Thread Across the Ocean: The Heroic Story of the Transatlantic Cable by John Steele Gordon (2003)

In the mid 1800's communication between the U.S. and Europe was only as quick as the fastest ship, which could take weeks. But in 1866 the Old and New Worlds were finally united for quick communication by the successful laying of a cable across the Atlantic. This book chronicles this feat, which was the brainchild of an American businessman and one of the greatest engineering feats of the 19th century. It took a decade with many failed attempts, millions of dollars in capital, courageous seafaring, and overcoming seemingly impossible technical problems. This book brings to light this amazing American story that changed the world. An easy to read, delightful history tale.

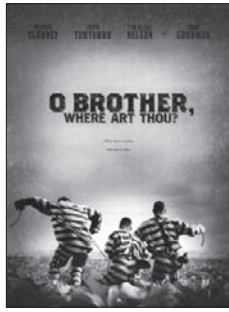


Book pics can be purchased or ordered at Sierra Madre Books(836-3200)
Email recommendations or comments to jeffspics1@gmail.com

Scene One - Take One DVD Review

Amelie (2001)

Impish Amelia, Audrey Tautou, lives alone and works in a café. When she finds a box of toys hidden for 40 years behind a baseboard in her apartment, she's inspired to find the owner of the items, a move of generosity that sparks more benevolent acts as she appoints herself a behind the scenes guardian angel to friends and neighbors, and discovers that the smallest of acts can make a big difference to people. It's a celebration of life and Amélie reminds us that small wonders abound around us. A delight! Set in Paris, with wonderful views of the city and its little shops along cobblestone streets. In French with subtitles.



O Brother, Where Art Thou? (2000)

Three hapless convicts (George Clooney, John Turturro and Tim Blake Nelson) break out of jail during the 1920s with the hope of retrieving some hidden money. Along the way, they have all kinds of adventures, from alluring riverside sirens, meeting Baby Face Nelson and recording a hit country song. It is like a rollicking romp in the tradition of the "road" pictures of Bob Hope and Bing Crosby. Bluegrass music is at the center of the film, and along the way we see chain gangs, sharecroppers, cotton fields, rural politicians, river baptisms, hobos on freight trains, patent medicines, small radio stations and KKK rallies. The movie's title is from Preston Sturges' 1941 comedy "Sullivan's Travels." A very unusual movie. Lots of fun!!

The Apartment (1960)

This is a classic Billy Wilder comedy drama about a lonely insurance clerk, Jack Lemmon, who hopes to rise through the ranks by loaning out his apartment as a place for his philandering superiors as they tempt him with promotions and raises. When his boss, Fred MacMurray, coldly ends his romance with his elevator girl mistress, Shirley MacLaine, she attempts suicide. The clerk falls for her as he caringly helps her back to health. It also captures the image of the giant 60's American office with rows of identical desks and dehumanizing conformity of its workers. Wonderful acting! It was nominated for 10 Academy Awards, and won five, including Best Picture.



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 Brandley 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- 2nd 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 2nd Tuesday of each month 10:00AM-11:30 am

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

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Burning The Candle....

*"I burn my candle at both ends;
Folks say it is not right.
But ah, my foes, and
Oh, my friends,
It makes a lovely light!"*

In recent weeks it seems as though there is a "driving" energy that is pushing, pushing, and demanding more and more of me. While events do seem to be flowing together reasonably smoothly, it's like it's never ending. No sense of "stop."

Now, there are some interesting disciplines out there that have fairly well convinced me that some people just don't have any "Off" button. As a matter of fact, about 78 percent have no "Off" button, which makes it really challenging for the 22 percent of us who do have "Off" buttons, and who absolutely, for our own health, require "down" time. Trying to keep up with that demanding 78 percent can be very challenging.

On the bright side, I know I get much more done when I'm around some of those 78 percent folks. And, when I'm near them, I, too, have no "Off" button. I experience myself as though I'm more focused, more structured, more efficient, when other people's energies are near me. Sometimes they bring major change to my plans, but other times it's as though I suddenly have access to a jet fuel type - as long as those people are around, I can fly! (Then I sleep!)

Sometimes that energy comes and there's no one around. Sometimes it stays for a while; other times it's there for only, say 11 or 12 hours, and then it's passed on. . . . But for the last month I feel as though I'm being driven. From my resources, I notice that there's a transformative power-house energy driver affecting all of us. In the early 1970's, someone noticed that the protein structure of the human genetic code matched the hexagram structure of the Chinese I'Ching. Each Hexagram has a major theme, with six distinct

energy levels. The levels have specific functions - foundation, hermit, martyr, opportunist, heretic, and role model. Right now, Jupiter is in the hexagram called the "Marrying Maiden", denoting the focused driving power of ambition that enabled (so legend says) a Chinese concubine to become empress. Such a transformation, requires decidedly focused energies.

So, if you, too, have been feeling there's more pressure to "do" things, more pressure and seemingly endless pressure to perform, and as if you are already so tired and just want to sleep, you're not alone. There's an energy moving through us all, asking us to become more flexible, more aware ... more conscious, more clear. There's light shining into major institutional organizations and structures, bringing light into things that have been hidden, shocking and arousing us, and asking us to step up to the plate and clean things up, clean things out. It affects us privately, in business, in finances, and challenges us to take a deep breath, and flow with it.

So, in spite of - or because of - the increased pressure, take more naps. Drink more fresh veggie juice; eat more wisely. Breathe more deeply, stretch more thoroughly and effectively, get a massage, have a life force healing energy session, or two, and - while it may seem you are burning your candle at both ends, consciously increase your capacity to handle and respond to the challenges facing all of us. This particular energy will be here for a while, then there will be a breathing space, then it will come back. See if you can tell when! It's all part of noticing how and who you are - from the inside out.

Art of the Garden Creative Arts Group 2008 Tour

By Donna Packer

The promise and hopefulness of early Spring will erupt in exuberance and celebration at Creative Arts Group's 14th annual *Art of the Garden* tour Sunday, April 13th. Four gardens will be on display to delight the senses and inspire lovers of gardens and outdoor living as only those of us fortunate enough to live in Southern California can enjoy.

This year's designers have transformed ordinary outdoor spaces into imaginative landscapes incorporating granite boulders, Pennsylvania Bluestone, Arroyo river rock, Flagstone and gravel in hardscape elements as varied as waterfalls, streams, weeping walls, fountains, pools, spas and fireplaces. Adding softness and contrast, an array of plant material was used. Ornamental grasses, Equisetum, Sago Palms and Junipers line streams mimicking nature, while boxwood hedges, knot gardens, dwarf Pittosporum and Mondo grass define sweeping lawns and give structure to formal areas in classic garden designs. Mature Oaks, Sycamores, Brazilian Pepper Trees and a variety of Palms provide shade and focal points for beds of roses and other flowering plants.

The landscape surrounding a Wallace Neff-designed French Normandy farmhouse incorporates formal garden elements such as a classic parterre garden into a very beautiful and natural setting at the foot of a terraced slope. Boxwood hedges add structure and symmetry while drifts of bulbs and vines soften garden walls. Meandering bluestone steps shaded by mature Elms lead down the hill past a large oval lawn designed to recapitulate the oval foyer at the home's entry.

The gardens that encompass a three-story 1906 Arts and Craft home were redesigned and completed in 2006. The focus of the new "East Garden" is a stately river stone fireplace, vine arbor and an outdoor kitchen. The facade of the new pool house extension mirrors that of the 100-year-old main house and incorporates the original French doors recovered from an unused sunroom. In a gradual shift from a traditional English garden, the owners replaced many water-hungry plants with non-thirsty natives while keeping some of the former citrus and old-rose plantings.

Enter the wrought-iron gate of the property surrounding a residence described as French Normandy/Victorian transitional with Craftsmanesque touches and you have entered an entirely different world. A stream bed and

waterfall were added to the original entry walkway. A river rock wall and huge boulders are softened by prostrate Juniper and pines pruned as bonsai. The side and rear gardens feature a pool and spa with a weeping wall of river rock, tumbled brick terraces for entertaining and dining, a fireplace and cook center. Different paths within the garden lead to hidden nooks with fountains converted from antique Asian urns. Black Bamboo and Ginkgos are complemented with junipers, pines, daylilies, iris and ornamental grasses.

The landscape of a classic Californian residence is a study in understated elegance. The rear yard of this grand property is notable for its dramatic sweeping lawn, interrupted only by a simple swimming pool. Bordered by mature Sycamores, Ash and Brazilian Pepper trees, this is a lawn for entertaining, able to comfortably accommodate 700+ guests. Two patios provide more intimate areas for entertaining with an outdoor kitchen and comfortable seating around a large fireplace. A shady patio off the library has a simple square fountain that incorporates the element of water adding to the quiet elegance, and a multiple-stone statue contributes to the contemplative nature of this area.

These gardens showcase the talent of Pasadena's finest designers, landscape contractors and horticulturists including Mark Berry, Rick Button, Ron Osti, Steve Perry, Joe Gagnier and Victor Lang.

Creative Arts Group wishes to thank this year's homeowners Scott and Barbara Bice, Kurt and Lauri Dillman, Ted and Dedi McCarthy, and Cindy Vail and Greg Stone for their generous participation in the 2008 *Art of the Garden* tour.

The *Art of the Garden* tour is Sunday, April 13th, 10:30-4:30 pm. For more information or to order tickets call Creative Arts Group at (626)355-8350.



Kiwanis Presents Program on Health

On Tuesday, April 1, the Kiwanis Club of Sierra Madre will present a program entitled "The Journey To Health". The program will be presented by Connie Luzan, RN, BSN, PHN, who is the Coordinator of Weight Management programs at Torrance Memorial Medical Center.

She will talk about weight management, diet, and how they affect health. The meeting will be at noon at the Masonic Temple at 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. The public is invited. Lunch will be served; reservations are required. For reservations, please contact Hank Landsberg at 355-3656 no later than noon the preceding Monday.

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- 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.org

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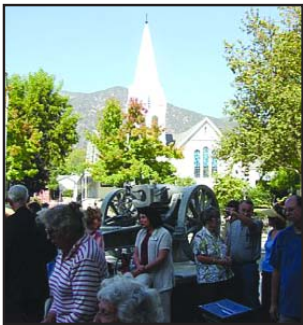
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SPORTS

Back Page Journal

One Reporter's All-time Team

By Brad Eastland, Sports Editor



Another baseball column. Two in a row. Yep, it's a back-to-back baseball bonanza this week and last for your ongoing amusement and coffee-house reading pleasure.

Had to do it. With the 2008 season just underway the circumstances warrant it, the calendar requires it, and the baseball gods demand it. And besides, my blood is up.

Topic? Easy. Nothing gets a true baseball fan's blood boiling like a rousing discussion of the All-Time Team.

Of course there's no such thing as one all-time team, everyone has their own, and that's just the point. My brothers, boyhood buds, and I used to argue and hash out our all-time teams every year, and it's amazing how often they would change; however slightly.

I realize I have an advantage over most of you, you my loyal readers, fellow baseball fans, and all-time team aficionados. This is what I do. As a sportswriter, a sometimes sports novelist, baseball historian, former member of the Society for American Baseball Research and a lifelong baseball fanatic with no less than 80 or 90 books on baseball in his home library, this sort of thing falls right in my wheelhouse. You might not even have heard of some of my selections. And your own baseball knowledge might only go back thirty or forty years. But hey, that's okay, everyone's got an opinion, and everyone's opinions have value. Especially when those opinions serve to further and broaden a global understanding of baseball in particular and the American Experience in general. All opinions have value. Your opinions have value.

Here are mine.

First base. In baseball history, truly a talent-rich position. Hank Greenberg, Jimmy Foxx, Willie Stargell, Harmon Killebrew, the list is like a separate Hall of Fame wing. Buck Leonard from the old Negro Leagues was often called "the black Lou Gehrig." But with apologies to Buck and the others, Lou Gehrig is still *thee* Lou Gehrig, and the discussion starts and ends with him. Seven seasons of 150 RBIs. A Triple Crown. A .340 lifetime batting average. An amazing 493 homers in only 14 full years. And of course he's the only victim of a disease ever to have had that disease bear his name. Sign him up.

Second base. Jackie Robinson is a popular choice, but baseball wasn't even his best sport. Joe Morgan had great all-around skills, including fine defensive credentials. But Rogers Hornsby, well, his offensive stats are just too good. In fact, his stats look like misprints! Two Triple Crowns? Three seasons over .400? Next....

Shortstop. Honus Wagner. Easiest selection on the list. I'm not even going to throw out an alternative name for comparison. Wagner is probably the only player ever who, in his prime, was the best hitter, best fielder, and best base runner in his league all at the same time. So if any of you out there want to argue that The Flying Dutchman is the greatest player of them all, at any position, you won't get an enthusiastic argument from me.

Third Base. The weakest position in baseball history. Not that we haven't had a slew of talented third-sackers. But on balance, we've had less of them than at any other position in the game's grand annals. Let's go with Mike Schmidt. At least he hit over 500 homers and won a bunch of Gold Gloves for his defense....

Outfield. The most talent-rich and star-studded category in baseball history. I mean the outfield must

be the position where the best players play, if athletic geniuses the like of Ted Williams, Stan Musial, Ty Cobb, Oscar Charleston, Roberto Clemente, Hank Aaron, Mickey Mantle and Joe DiMaggio can't crack the starting line-up. But Babe Ruth dwarfs them all. The Babe created the modern game and sculpted it in his image by making the home run sexy. His career slugging percentage was an otherworldly .690---That stat alone makes him, in my book, the greatest player of all time. (and we won't hold it against him that he never got a hit off a black, Latin, Korean, or Japanese pitcher, never saw a slider, and never played a game at night.)

Outfield. Willie Mays. To put it in another sport's terms, Mays is what you'd have in basketball if you were to combine Michael Jordan and Magic Johnson.

Outfield. Hard to leave Ty Cobb off any all-time list, but Barry Bonds is---or should I say was?---good enough to make it necessary. His resume might even be better than The Babe's. And we won't hold an overblown thing like steroids paranoia against him any more than we'd hold all Ruth's advantages against Ruth. There's no point in me trying to explain the significance of Bonds' Nintendolike numbers, that's a whole 'nuther column. Suffice to say that Bonds and Ruth are simply the two scariest guys to ever stand in a batter's box.

Catcher. The usual suspects are always Johnny Bench, Mickey Cochrane, Bill Dickey, Roy Campanella, and Yogi Berra. All good choices. But how can we leave off Josh Gibson? He was the closest thing the Negro Leagues had to Babe Ruth, and tenacious research tells us he hit even more home runs than his white counterpart, a lot more. Like over 800. Maybe 900. Sadly, when Jackie Robinson was selected over him to be the first black to break the color line in 1947, Gibson died at age 35 of a broken heart. So this column will not add insult to injury. Write him in.

Right-handed pitcher. Walter Perry Johnson, the prince of pitchers. He twirled 110 complete-game shut-outs, a record that will stand forever. And he won 417 games for the Washington Senators, one of the worst teams over a long period of time to ever disgrace a baseball field. Walter was a sidearmer, and some say no one ever threw a ball faster. And in addition to his athletic accomplishments, by all accounts The Big Train was also the most upright and moral of men, and the most beloved athlete of his time. It's hard to believe they never made a movie about this guy....

Left-handed pitcher. This was a tough one. The easy choice of course is Sandy Koufax; he's a Dodger, which means you've all heard of him, he's recent, he's classy, he's reportedly the nicest guy in the world, and even his name---Koufax---has that unique, mythological quality. But I can't do it. I've got to go with the man with the most lordly name of all: Robert Moses Grove. You might recognize him as "Lefty" Grove. He won a record nine ERA titles, and was the only 300-game winner between the World Wars, when hitting was king. He went 31-4 in 1931. So Grove over Koufax. Yes, this was my toughest call.

Reliever. Need three outs? Bring in Koufax. Okay, so he's technically not a relief pitcher. And I know the great relievers like Goose Gossage, Dennis Eckersley, and Rollie Fingers would be upset. But if the fate of the free world depended on it, could any of them say he'd be a better choice to get three guys out than Sandy Koufax? Anyway this is my team and I make the rules.

Off the bench: Okay, I just created this category for Ty Cobb. When a guy hits .367 lifetime, steals 892 bases, and wins twelve batting titles, you have to get him in the game at some point, right?

So there you have it. My All-Time baseball team. Let the debates begin!

editor's note: go ahead and email me YOUR all-time team, at b.eastland@mvoobserver.com

Pasadena High Tennis: Back In Business

By Brad Eastland, Sports Editor



Ayo Beckley and Jose Vasquez playing against Hoover High.

Photo by Brad Eastland, MVO

The Pasadena High School Varsity Tennis Team got spanked pretty good by San Gabriel a couple weeks back, losing by the lopsided score of 16 sets to 2. And then, just last week versus Hoover High, they were annihilated again by a similar score. In fact, the team hasn't won a match all year. Ouch!

All that losing may not sound like much of a story on the surface. But it's better than not playing at all.... Which is exactly the way it was last year.

That's right. In 2007, PHS did not field a varsity tennis team. At all. In an era of "tennis apathy", a disease which extends to the professional tennis ranks as well, there simply were not enough applicants among this school of several thousand students to fill up a 10-man roster. And it was this circumstance---the lack of live, willing bodies---which was the primary obstacle first-year varsity tennis coach Derek Jones knew he needed to overcome. "We just had to get the word out," says Jones, a PHS graduate himself (class of 1976).

It wasn't easy. "We did everything we could. We extended the tryout period, we did a lot of intra-school advertising for the program, and we talked to as many kids as would listen to us. None of the kids who tried out last year were even interested, which just made things tougher," adds assistant coach Scott Eaton, who along with Jones was determined to field a team for 2008.

And it worked. Ten young men have stepped up to play this season. Not a one of them has any high school varsity tennis experience whatsoever. Consequently, they get blown off the court each and every week. (As of this writing, the

Bulldogs' record this season is a lopsided 0-and-12.)

But they do show up. With rare exception, each kid makes every practice and every match. They're out there swinging and sweating in the hot April sun. And this is a young team, very young in fact, with two freshmen, two sophomores, and only three seniors. Therefore, there's a lot of "up-side" to their performance. The set scores are getting closer.

Perhaps the two best players on the team are Ayo Beckley and Jose Vasquez. In an interesting tactical move, the coaches have them paired together as their #1 doubles team: "I think in the beginning they both wanted to play singles," Jones says with a smile, "but Scott and I told them that separately they'd take a beating, yet if they were paired together they'd win more often!" And they have.

You can tell how impressed and proud the coaches are of all these kids. It takes a lot of guts to go out there every week knowing you're going to get beat.

So on that note, the Mountain Views-Observer salutes the bravery and commitment of every member of the Pasadena High School Varsity Tennis Team. They are: Francisco Jimenez, Sean Young, Beckley, Vasquez, Joey Canas, Marcos Alfaro, Rafael Batista, Caesar Morales, Krikor "Coco" Kazanjian and Brian "don't call me Che" Guevara. Bravo, one and all.

Sports is for those who show up. Winners show up, losers stay home. Every member of the still-winless PHS Varsity Tennis Team is a winner.

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