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

On The Ballot: Sierra Madre City Council

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

“Let’s Work Together For Our Future”



Enid with son Adam and husband Joel

Enid Joffe, currently the Mayor of Sierra Madre, is not seeking re-election because she doesn't have enough to do. After all, she does own her own company, has a son in college and a husband. However, she is seeking re-election because she cares about Sierra Madre's future. She wants to see the city retain its village charm and character, and yet continue to provide the kinds of services to its citizens that few other small towns are able to do. "I'd like to see Sierra Madre become a gateway to the foothills, a day destination where visitors come to hike, dine, shop, stroll around, etc. I'd like to even see the Red Car back in Kersting Court."

Her vision for Sierra Madre does not ignore the realities of the challenges the city faces. In the four years she has been in office, the city has been plagued with staffing issues, development challenges, and the aftermath of the divisive election over Measure V. Although she was not a supporter of the initiative, Joffe states that she is committed to make it work. And, says Joffe, it is because of all that she has already endured and accomplished that she wants to continue. "Why vote for promises when you can vote for results?", she proudly asks. During her first term on the council the long awaited paramedic services were implemented. As mayor, the police officers and the city came to their first agreement in years and she appointed a citizens Ad Hoc Finance Committee to find ways to fund the salary needs of all of our public safety programs. She also is proud to have led the city to its designation as an "All American City". "The designation says on a national level that this city is special and it will in turn encourage more civic pride and volunteerism." Often accused of being a developer or in the pockets of realtors and developers, nothing could be further from the truth. "I will vigorously defend the city's right to set land use policy while seeking reasonable resolution on hillside development projects." She adds, "Measure V is the law and it is my job as a council member to make certain that the law is followed."

A Wistaria Time Of Year

Photos and Story By Dean Lee

Despite, rain, and low turnout numbers, those that did brave Sunday's Wistaria Festival said this year was one of the best ever. And, by mid afternoon the rain had stopped and the sun peeked out of dark threatening clouds as thousands packed Memorial Park, so many so, at times it was hard to walk.

Police Captain Larry Giannone said his department estimated by day's end that about 8,500 people had strolled past the 170 artisans/merchants selling everything -ceramics/pottery, fine arts, jewelry, crafts, garden, textiles, culinary, glass and wood.

Giannone said that attendance was down from about 10,000 to 12,000 in years past although volunteers working at the site of the 112 year-old Wistaria vine said you would never know as thousands walked passed the 250 ton vine. Volunteers also said it was estimated that the vine spanning an archer over two private residents on North Hermosa Avenue more than 1 million lavender blossoms.

"As you can see by the numbers we still have about 250 people an hour," Lisa Spigai-Perez a volunteer said. Spigai-Perez sits on the Chamber's board of directors. This was her fist year volunteering at the festival.



Spigai-Perez then greeted another group of sightseers getting off a tour bus like clockwork. As the group walked the shaded path another volunteer said the vine started with a root 112 years ago that cost 75 cents.

Many other residents were also out for the first time including the owners of the Sierra Madre Candy Company. The owners said the new online candy store sells 1900 era style candy from all over the country.

Sierra Madre Ham Radio Operators helped out as they do every year. The radio operators are trained in emergency preparedness and

Driver Has Heart Attack - Riders Stranded

It was not clear how many but reports Tuesday said a large number of people using the Metro Gold Line to get to the Wistaria Festival were stranded after the city's Gateway Coach Shuttle failed to pick them up at the station.

Unconfirmed reports Friday said the shuttle's driver had a heart attack and was rushed to the hospital before anyone in the city could be notified. In fact, it was not known by festival planners until Monday morning when those stranded started calling to complain.

Both the police department and city hall said they were unaware of the situation. Michelle Keith, Director of Community & Personnel Services, who oversees the shuttle's regular weekday services said she was told the driver fell ill. She also said Laidlaw Transit oversees the both the City's Gateway Coach and Dial-a-Ride bus services. "Because he was so ill he was taken to the hospital before he could notify anyone at Laidlaw", Keith said adding that he was not one of daily local drivers. The driver's condition unknown at press time.

The shuttle was scheduled to run every 20 minutes from the Sierra Madre Gold Line Station to the parking lot behind City Hall, from 9 am to 5 pm. The condition of the driver is unknown at this time.

What We Do Best --Volunteer!

Bailey Canyon Docents Show Kids The Wonders of Nature



Ready, willing and able to lead the way up the trail are (above l to r) Midge Morash, Nan Kaeser, Marge Koch (who was also celebrating her birthday), Judy Webb-Martin and Lisa Baum
Photo By S. Henderson/MVO

Despite cool morning temperatures for two consecutive days an adventurous group, aka the "Bailey Canyon Docent Naturalists", took time out from their busy schedules to teach and hike with children from Gooden and St. Rita schools. Lead by Midge Morash, the children listen attentively (below) as she explains the history of Bailey Canyon, the type of plants, and other living things that call the canyon their home, and most importantly, she taught the children how to hike safely. Afterwards the group, accompanied by many parents, hiked approximately a half mile up to the dam.

Midge, who played a key role in the development of Bailey Canyon also encouraged the students and parents to participate in the Bailey Canyon Clean Up on April 19th.



Residents Outraged Over Campaign Shenanigans Mysterious Committees, Misleading Mailers, Disappearing Yard Signs Cause Concern

To add fuel to the fire already smoldering during this campaign, a postcard from an unknown committee was delivered to residents of Sierra Madre on Wednesday and telephones all over town began to ring off the hook. The card, paid for by "Sierra Madre Citizens For Change" is full of misleading and false information.

More disturbing to residents who contacted the City Clerk's and City Manager's telephone lines with calls, was the fact that no one had heard of this alleged 'committee'. "Who are they" said one caller to this paper who was so upset she failed to identify herself.

In response to an inquiry by the MVO early in the day Nancy Shollenberger, the city clerk, said she did not know who this committee was and that none of the documents required by law for a political committee, "which were due by January 31st in order to participate in this election", had been filed.

However, the next morning, April 3rd, Shollenberger said she had learned the identity of the 'committee' and was told that the documents had been sent the evening before via U.S. mail.

Shollenberger identified the caller as "John Crawford" a person she said she did not know.

That afternoon Shollenberger filed a report dated 3/31/08 but stamped received by the city clerk on 4/3/08, the city manager.

On the form, the only name shown for the committee was John Crawford a blogger also known as 'Sir Eric', who is a former columnist for this paper. No other person was listed. One caller wanted to know if the 'committee' was the same one mentioned earlier this year at a council meeting by Faye Angus.

The postcard alleges, among other things, that the city has not filed audited financial numbers with the state controllers office since 2001-2002. A call to the controller's office indicated that Sierra Madre has indeed filed all reports due through 2007. According to Wayne Buck of the controllers office, "although reports from 2002, 2003 and 2004 were not filed on time and a fine was assessed, we currently have all reports through 2007 and 2005, 2006 and 2007 were filed timely."

The postcard also implies that the city's general fund budget has increased significantly over the last 8 years. However, According to City Manager Elaine Aguilar the Sierra Madre General Fund budget in 2001 was \$6.424 million. The General Fund budget for the last five years has been less and the current general fund budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 is \$5.975 million dollars.

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The city's web site has the budget's for all years online.

The postcard also misstates the facts on the UUT and the police settlement in an apparent attempt to frighten and anger voters.

A similar flyer was mailed two days later this time full of personal attacks targeting John Buchanan, Enid Joffe and Karma Bell. Each contained false and/or misleading statements. This time, however, they were sent in the name of SMRRD, the committee formed for Yes on Measure V.

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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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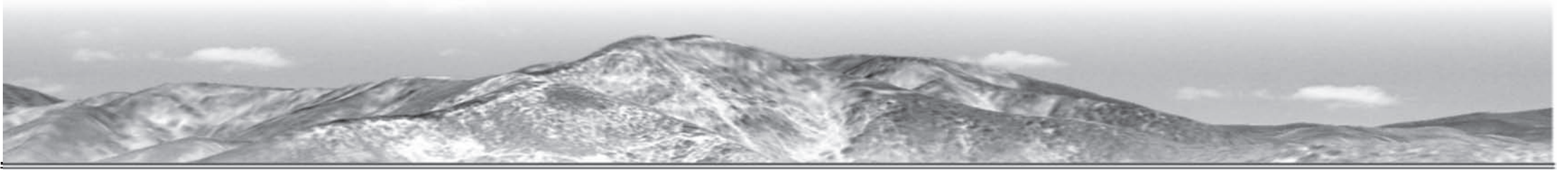
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Grand Opening Of La Pintoresca Skate Park

Photo and Story By Dean Lee

Balloons hung over the entrance to La Pintoresca Skate Park Friday as Councilwoman Jacque Robinson cut a large ribbon, that not one of the 50 skaters lined up to get in cared about, officially opening the new skating area at a cost to the city of \$150,000.

Before Robinson was even out of the way, skaters young and old were kick flipping and grinding on the new equipment that included a mini half pipe, street ramps and a number of rails to grind on. With no big airs, most of the kids stuck to old school lip tricks although a skater did try to do a stylish front side ollie for the cameras.

The popular skate park has been resurfaced

by the Pasadena Public Works Department with a three-color sporty custom design that provides a continual course of play with more grip and lower surface temperatures. Old equipment has been replaced with heavy-duty stainless steel equipment by Spohn Ranch.

City staff said the skate park, originally built in 2002, was the effort of local skaters petitioning the council to build it. The original stake park cost of \$30,000. They also said the new equipment should last 20 years as opposed to the five years the previous wooden ramps lasted. Staff said the wood had become splintered and was a safety hazard.

La Pintoresca Park, at the northeast corner



La Pintoresca Skate Park

of Fair Oaks Avenue and Washington Boulevard, is one of 23 public parks in Pasadena that total more than 1,000 acres.

The three-acre park features sports and play areas, picnic shelters and restrooms.

Tribute Honors Former Mayor

By Teresa Baxter

Many local dignitaries, friends, and family members came to All Saints Church to pay tribute to Kathryn "Katie" Nack last Saturday. Nack was a 66 year resident of Pasadena who passed away on March 16, at the age of 83. Locally, she is best remembered as a former mayor of the city and a Pasadena Unified School District board president.

Civically, her public service began with an appointment to the Pasadena Planning Commission in 1979. She was then elected to PUSD where she served three terms as board president. In 1987 she was elected to the Pasadena City Council and served as mayor in 1994. During these years she was a passionate advocate on issues concerning children and families in the community, while continuing to serve on various regional and statewide committees and commissions.

Born Kathryn Inez Tippit, the memorial brought up the fact that she grew up in Tyler, Texas, where she studied mathematics and dress design at Tyler Junior College. She was one of 100 math and science majors selected nationwide to study aeronautical engineering at the University of Texas, replacing the male engineers during World War II. According to attendee Marsha Rood, a well-known civic planner, "Nack was the intelligence that motivated 'Rosie the Riveter' in those times."

After the war she moved to Pasadena while also attending the UCLA School of Architecture. In that time she was one of the first women in the state to earn a license to practice architecture.

Reflections on the illustrious life Nack were first shared by her co-PUSD board member from the 1980's, Marge Wyatt. Wyatt disclosed

a humorous anecdote of the obstacles Nack faced in her election to the board. Apparently, a male member stated "She's a nice lady but we don't need another nice lady on the board." Nack turned lemons into lemonade by adopting that as her campaign slogan, "Another nice lady for Katie", which after decades many in attendance of the memorial were still sporting the campaign button.

"She was a nice lady...a tough nice lady" said Wyatt. "Picture Katie riding into Los Angeles on her Harley Davidson motorcycle, we all remember that. She was not a hero; she was a shero."

Mayor Bill Bogaard then stepped forward to express that at most times when he is invited to speak at an occasion it is in a time of happiness. "When I first step up to a podium I state how delighted I am to be here. I am not happy to be here today," said Bogaard. "I am saddened by Katie's death and I want Katie to continue to be a part of Pasadena. She was regularly called into positions of leadership and she filled these responsibilities in a way that was truly impressive. Katie Nack has given Pasadena a good name for compassion and service."

The memorial was best summed up by grandson, Jeff Tooker, speaking on behalf of all of her grandchildren. Tooker spoke of all of the holidays spent in Pasadena and summers in Newport Beach.

"When we we're leaving...my brothers and I would look out the back window and start waving to my grandmother until we were out of each other's sight," said Tooker. "It was what we would call the waving game."

Tooker shared that Katie's grandchildren are now playing the waving game towards heaven.

Citywide WiFi Bytes The Dust

By Dean Lee

News finally came to the city's Economic Development & Technology Committee Wednesday night saying that a citywide wireless system, set to be completed in summer, was simply not possible —this comes six months after Earthlink Inc announced that it was pulling all plans for citywide wireless systems throughout the country including Pasadena.

The city had entered into a contract with Earthlink in 2005 for the seven year services.

City staff told the Council subcommittee which includes Councilmember's, Victor Gordo, Steve Madison, Jacque Robinson and Mayor Bill Bogaard, they had no other feasible municipal Wifi provider capable of taking on the task.

"There really is no commercial offer from an Earthlink type person to do a citywide system anymore," said Pasadena Business Development Manager, Eric Duyshart. "In terms of the expenses,

the cost of infrastructure outweighs the revenue potential."

Duyshart explained that other cities have found when they set up municipal WiFi systems there are not enough customers to justify the cost. He also said city staff had been looking at other options for WiFi in the city.

"We still want to move forward with some of the thing we wanted like for our inspectors, our police and fire," he said. "So when they are out in the field they have complete access to certain information like they were sitting at their desk."

He said they were looking at putting more "hot spots" throughout the city where personal could connect. He also said they were considering just letting the city catch up with current technology.

It had also been proposed that the city run the 23 square mile network something Duyshart said was never a real consideration costing too much in both money and

time,. He said it was more likely included in a set of options to just estimate cost.

The Earthlink contract would have provided the city with 650 accounts at, "no cost." or a low \$10 per month staff said. The public rates for Earthlink would have been \$21.95 per month for a 1 Mbps broadband connection. Service would have also been offered on an hourly, daily, and weekly basis. Staff also said free citywide internet access was close to impossible to find sighting reliability as an issue.

EarthLink would have paid \$918,078 for attaching approximately 750 routers to street lights, traffic signals and utility poles. Another 250 pieces of equipment would have been connected to other possible antenna sites such as the City's El Mirador tower facility.

Currently free wireless is available in public libraries and is considered to expand into open area such as parks, courtyards, and other city/community

areas something that was also part of the original Earthlink plan. A current city ordinance does not allow cell towers in protected open space areas something the city said they were looking into.

Earthlink's abandonment was in conjunction with 900 layoffs nationwide, 200 of which were in Pasadena alone. Although a number of Earthlink spokespeople had said the company was not leaving Pasadena although a "for lease" sign still stands in front of their 465 North Halstead office.

Earthlink also closed offices in, Orlando Florida, Knoxville Tennessee, Harrisburg Pennsylvania and San Francisco leaving Some calculated EarthLink loss at more than \$247 million in Pasadena alone over the full seven years of the contract. Earthlink announced they ended this year with approximately 3.9 million subscribers with total revenues at \$1.190 billion annually.

Pasadena Considers Expanding Smoking Ban

The city council will consider Monday directing the city attorney to amend the code to prohibit smoking in outdoor shopping and dining areas, within 20 feet of businesses entrances and exits, in movie lines, ATM lines, bus stops, and public outdoor events such as parades and fairs Public

Information Officer Ann Erdman wrote Friday in a press release.

She said currently the city's municipal code prohibits smoking in elevators, hospitals and health care facilities, indoor service lines, public meeting rooms, public restrooms, theaters and auditoriums, restaurants

and hotel lobbies.

A number of groups have lobbied for an outright smoking ban across the city similar to the cities of Calabasas and Burbank. In Calabasas it is prohibited from smoking in any public place.

Mayor Leads Walk With Special Guest

About 50 walkers joined Mayor Bill Bogaard and Gale Anne Hurd (pictured far right), producer of the "Terminator" movies and the upcoming film "The Incredible Hulk," for a walk around the Rose Bowl Stadium Wednesday morning as part of Up and Moving Pasadena.

The walks take place the first Wednesday of each month with a special guest chosen by Bogaard. More information can be found at www.upandmoving.org.



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CHIEF'S CORNER with SMPD Chief Marilyn Diaz



Chief Diaz (far right) and 'crew' cruising in style at the Wistaria Festival
Photo by D. Bertrand

It is my pleasure to share with you an overview of the Sierra Madre Police Department's accomplishments over the past two years. This is the first of a monthly column in which I will provide community information about crime, traffic, Department programs, and services.

I am pleased to report that overall crime has dropped in Sierra Madre. From 2005 through 2007, crime dropped 20%, or by 1,659 reported crimes in 2005 to 1,332 crimes in 2007. The most serious

crimes: murder, robbery, rape, aggravated assault, burglary, and larceny (Theft exceeding \$400.) dropped by 10% from 2006 to 2007. The greatest drop was in residential burglaries which declined from 65 in 2005 to 33 in 2007, nearly a 50% decrease. The only steadily increasing rise in a serious crime was in larceny. Most incidents involved thieves stealing valuables such as laptop computers, briefcases, purses, and jewelry left in plain view inside unlocked vehicles. This information is contained in the Police Department's 2007 Annual Report which is available on the Department's website or at the library.

The decrease in crime was coupled with a significant rise in officer productivity from 2006 to 2007, highlighted by a 51% increase in arrests, and a 59% increase in criminal cases filed at the District Attorney's Office.

In 2006 to 2007 the Police Department developed community partnerships to enhance public safety. These include the Police Volunteers, Neighborhood Watch, the Postal Carrier Alert Program, the Police Chaplains, and participation in Sierra Madre's first "National Night Out," a nationwide crime prevention effort.

The Police Department also focused on risk management to reduce city liability: Formal training for officers increased, Departmental policies and procedures and legal issues are regularly reviewed during daily briefings, and new equipment such as Taser guns, digital cameras, and video cameras are being used in the field.

Several residents have asked why arrests take place out of the city, in Pasadena or Arcadia. We encourage officers to investigate and enforce traffic and criminal violations originating in Sierra Madre when they see motorists commit them. For example, Michillinda and Baldwin Avenues are common speeding corridors. Officers will often use radar or pace the motorists, run the license plate before making the stop, and look for a safe place to stop the vehicle. In the past 20 months we have investigated at least eleven traffic collisions on Michillinda Ave. between Sierra Madre Blvd. and Orange Grove. If an officer suspects the motorist may be driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, it is common practice for an officer to observe the driving for a sufficient distance to determine if it is indicative of an impaired driver. Arrestees are booked and housed at the Pasadena City Jail.

Recently, an officer booked a prisoner in Pasadena and as he was leaving the area, saw a motorist driving erratically. The officer followed the motorist to catch up with him and eventually stopped him at Colorado Blvd. and Hill Ave. The driver was under the influence of an alcoholic beverage and the officer arrested him. Though the officer was not in Sierra Madre at the time he saw the violations, it was reasonable for him to take the action that he did. Both this incident and the investigative stops originating in Sierra Madre are common and acceptable policing practices.

I welcome the opportunity to answer questions or to hear your comments and concerns. You may call me at (626) 355-5247, or send an email to mdiaz@ci.sierra-madre.ca.us. Please check our website for the weekly police blotter, the 2007 annual report, and crime statistics: <http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/index.php?mod=policy>

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, March 23rd, to Saturday March 29th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 260 calls for service.

Sunday, March 23rd:

3:15 AM – Arrest, 100 block West Highland Ave. An officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. During the investigation, a records check revealed the driver, a resident of Ranch Cucamonga, had a \$35,000.00 misdemeanor bench warrant for his arrest. The driver was arrested and released to Monrovia PD for remand.

4:23 AM – Curfew violation, 00 block W. Laurel Ave. A resident reported seeing several juveniles jumping the fence at Sierra Madre Elementary School, and running north on Auburn Avenue. Officers detained a 13 year old from Altadena who was transported to the station where he was later released to his mother.

10:04 PM – Disturbance, 200 block Old Ranch Rd. A resident called to report she had been attacked by her husband and she was hiding in the bathroom. Officers conducted an investigation, which resulted in the husband being detained for spousal battery. He was later arrested and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

Monday, March 24th:

1:29 PM – Identity theft, 00 block Coburn Ave. A resident reported he has been a victim of an identity theft. The man told the officer the loss occurred 3/21/2008. The case is currently under investigation.

5:16 PM – Strong arm robbery, 280 West Sierra Madre Blvd. An employee reported he was threatened by a customer demanding his stored mail without paying for it. The incident is under investigation.

Wednesday, March 26th:

5:59 PM – Identity theft, 500 block Brookside Lane. A resident reported he has been a victim of an identity theft. The man told the officer the loss occurred between 1/1/2008 and 3/26/2008. The case is currently under investigation.

Thursday, March 27th:

12:46 PM – Officers responded to Memorial Park regarding the use of an air-soft pistol, a Municipal Code violation which bans its use within the city limits. During the investigation an air-soft pistol and ammunition were recovered. The male transient was arrested for use of the air- soft gun and transported to the Sierra Madre Jail for remand.

6:59 PM- Recovered stolen vehicle, Santa Anita Canyon Rd. A driver reported a Jeep parked on the side of the Chantry Flats road without rims and tires. The Jeep was stolen earlier that day from Pasadena. The Jeep was recovered and returned to the owner.

Friday, March 28th:

2:51 AM- DUI arrest, Baldwin Ave and Orange Grove Ave. The officer stopped the car for a traffic violation. The officer determined that the driver, a Glendora resident, was under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. He was arrested for driving a vehicle while under the of alcohol and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

10:19 AM – Residential burglary, 1900 block Liliano Dr. A resident reported seeing a man run out of the front door of his neighbor's home carrying a US Postal box crate. The man got into a waiting black four door Lexus with paper plates, and drove down the street. The neighbor, knowing the homeowners were out of town, called the police. Officers discovered the home had been burglarized. The case is under investigation.

Saturday, March 29th:

3:13 AM – Arrest, Colorado Blvd and Michillinda Av. The stopped a vehicle for a minor traffic violation. During the investigation a records check revealed the driver was unlicensed. The driver, a Canoga Park resident, was arrested and released on a written promise to appear.

4:06 PM – Vandalism, 87 West Sierra Madre Blvd. A Sierra Madre Play House employee reported vandalism to the exterior of the building. Officers found the words "DIE SSBK" in black marking pen on the north fascia panel. The vandalism/graffiti occurred between 11:00 pm, Friday and 4:00 pm Saturday. No dollar estimate for repair was available.



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"In short, street sweeping provides an aesthetic benefit (cleans up the mess) and a health benefit. Street sweeping assists in dissipating standing water in gutters, where drainage is inadequate, thus eliminating the potential for mosquito breeding. Street sweeping also eliminates the amount of trash that gets into the storm drain system. This is a critical means of meeting the State's Trash Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements for the L.A. River. That is, all cities that drain to the L.A. River (including Sierra Madre, believe it or not) are required to meet a state requirement that there be zero trash in the LA River by the year 2012.

"When I last studied the matter a couple of years back, most cities had their commercial zones (which generate the most litter) swept weekly and their residential areas swept monthly. In order to demonstrate a Sierra Madre good faith effort to the State, I doubled the LOS for Sierra Madre. The downtown is to be swept twice a week and residential areas swept twice a month.

"Street sweeping intervals are greatly impacted by our severe windstorms due to the sheer amount of debris that has to be removed. It would be of great help if gardeners in Sierra Madre are instructed by their clients not to deposit plant litter in the gutters and to avoid leaving piles of debris in the street, as the street sweepers are not equipped to handle piles of plant litter."

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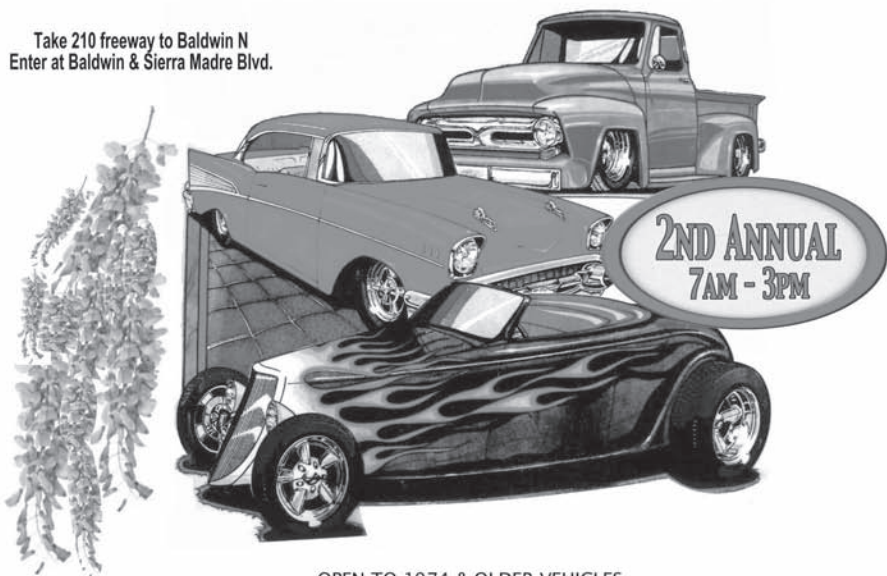


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Southwest Learning Complex Proposed At Blair Magnet School

By Teresa Baxter

A special meeting called by the Pasadena Unified School District Board of Education put aside budget cut issues to move up an agenda item that allowed Blair Magnet School to give a presentation on a proposed K-12 educational facility. The Southwest Learning Complex is an idea from the Blair community to ensure that students will have a complete learning experience from kindergarten to graduation, therefore eliminating the opportunity for students to get lost in the transition, from having to transfer to different learning environments in the educational process.

The proposed site would be located in the

general proximity of Blair creating, in a sense, an identity of familiarity among students, parents and faculty. The presentation was the first step towards a goal of a master plan to get the project in motion.

Public comment brought positive input from parents, staff and neighborhood organizations. Board President Esteban Lizardo encouraged everyone to move forward in making the Southwest Learning Complex a reality.

"I have been a long-term supporter of the expansion of Blair project...and I do think there are plenty of demographics that would support a K-12," said Lizardo. "I will also say that I've been a supporter of it because of the ideas that were expressed in the vision

which is that a K-12 complex presents an option for parents and our community that we haven't had."

Superintendent Edwin Diaz shared that the vision for the learning complex has all of the components that are necessary for a well functioning school community of high achievement that engages students, teachers and parents.

"I think the instructional model around developing more personalized learning experiences is completely consistent with where we want to go as a district," said Diaz. "The idea of incorporating a rigorous program beyond grade-level standards...is absolutely necessary for where we need to go in secondary reform."

New York Makes an Appearance in the Foothills

By John Blackstock

Hit TV show "Without A Trace" filmed an episode on the La Salle Campus last week, on March 19 and 20. It was about a cheerleader in a New York high school who goes missing. The title is "A Bend in the Road". The La Salle Lancers became the Cedarhurst High School Panthers in New York. The episode will air on CBS on April 10.

To Right, the photo of the girl is the cheerleader who goes missing. The cheerleaders are an all-star squad from Orange County.



TRISH'S TRUTH

I don't know about you, but I am a serious shopper. What can I say? I absolutely love clothes, jewelry, hair accessories, all of it. There's one thing that is strongly infused with the things I just mentioned. Money. Now, it's fine and dandy for a serious shopper, like me, to want to spend money, it's practically natural. But there comes a problem when you have a love for spending money shopping and you don't have a job. This is where I, along with thousands of other teens with a "passion for fashion," come in. Now, there's nothing wrong with asking your parents for money. But they'll only support your "hobby" to a certain extent. Sure, they'll listen to your pleas of how you have to get this particular shirt and how it's essential that that purse belong in your hand. They'll listen and listen, and listen some more, but it's possible that you might still be off to the mall empty-handed. I have been there. Actually, I've been there multiple times, but I have learned. Learned ways of how to shop "chic but not cheap" and I'm here

Cheap Vs. Chic

By Trisha Collins

to share a few tips with you:

#1- Always keep the change! How many times have we just thrown change away with the thought that its value had no significance? I used to drop a few pennies on the floor and never even bother to pick them up because they seemed so worthless. All those pennies add up. My grandfather has a habit of putting all his loose change in a jar. When the jar was full, I took it to the CoinStar at my local grocery store and was shocked to find that he had almost \$70 in change! I couldn't believe it! All from just a few coins a day. When I found this out I immediately began doing the same thing and now, about once every two months, I take it to the CoinStar at my bank (at the market, they charge you 9%). Collecting coins is a quick and easy way to get money when you need it. Who knew that a few coins could buy you so much?

#2- Bargain Shop! If you know you only have a little jingling in your pockets, try to avoid going into stores you know are way out of your price range. Personally, I really like Hollister Co. I also really like how

they always have a clearance section in their store. Clearance sections are a serious shopper's best friend. You can still have the brands and clothes you love at a price that you love too! If you can't clearly see any "sale" or "clearance" signs, you can always ask your friendly store clerk; I'm sure they'll explain if they have any or not. #3- Reuse. Rewear. Recycle! Now, I'm not just talking about recycling for money. I tried doing that but it seemed like I wasn't getting enough money for all the cans and bottles I was putting in. I'm talking about another kind of recycle. If you're a jewelry lover like myself, you probably have a lot. I have tons of jewelry but I can always make room for more. Today, fashion is all about the 80's and vintage things. Where better to get 80's vintage jewelry than from those who were actually there at the time? I love "recycling" my mother and grandmother's old jewelry because it's totally original and you can guarantee no one has what you have. Not to mention you can't beat free!

I hope some of these tips were helpful to you and happy shopping!

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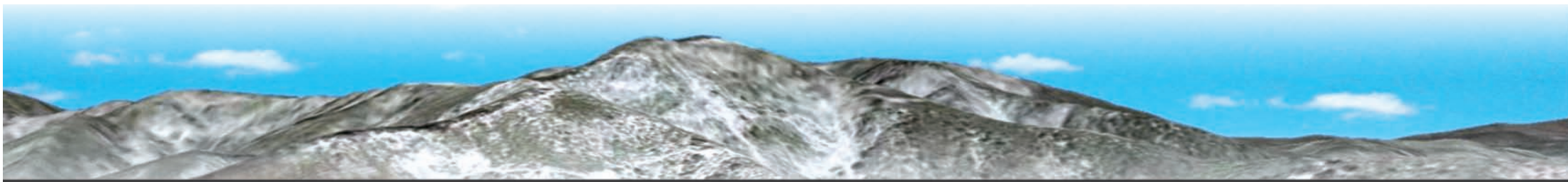
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Please be a responsible citizen and GET OUT AND VOTE. Who or what you vote for doesn't really matter. What matters is that you do VOTE. After the election, when the sun rises on Wednesday morning, it is our sincere hope that we all have the maturity enough to accept the outcome and move on.

Susan Henderson, Editor/Publisher



Susan Henderson

There Are No Rabbits In The Hat - No Genies In A Bottle or Buried Treasures! We Need The UUT!

Although I am not an only child, I am the baby of my family and as such, I have always been the optimistic one. Always hoping for a miracle and generally getting them, especially when I was younger. I didn't really pay much attention to the fact that in reality, those miracles were orchestrated by my mother, father, sister and brothers. There was no magic. Someone made it happen. The sooner I

realized that as an adult, the better off I was. Oh, early on in college I was like everyone else, somehow, I was going to get an A in that class although I hadn't studied or prepared myself. Surely something would happen or come along to save my stupid soul. Well, needless to say, after a few trips down the road of hard knocks, I figured it out. There comes a point when you have to be honest with yourself and say, "no matter how much I would rather not, I must."

And so it is with Sierra Madre's Measures U and UA. No one in their right mind wants more taxes. However, as my daddy used to say, "this isn't about what you want, it's about what you need." And that dear friends is where we find ourselves today. We don't want this \$10-\$12 dollar a month increase, but we need it. We need it because we like walking down the street at night. We like knowing in case of a fire or other emergency help is on minutes away. We need it because all around us crime is increasing and we have to take some proactive steps to keep it from overwhelming our little town. And we need it because we have to be fair to the people who come to work in our town. Sometimes when I listen to some of you talk, I think you believe that Sierra Madre should have a non-hazardous duty reduced rate salary for our public safety employees. Get real. That same price at the pump you pay and cry about, they pay - and nine times out of ten if you are working, you are making more than our police officers.

No one is asking you to make an uninformed decision. Remember, last year every council member appointed at least one person that we trusted to look at the city's finances and see where we could cut expenses. They did and they did a very fine job. But, they told us that the only way we could make it was with the UUT. It's the fairest because all users of utilities will pay proportionately. And, THERE IS A PROVISION FOR THOSE ON FIXED (LOW) INCOMES. Further, this time the council had the wisdom to put in the Advisory Measure to make certain the money is spent as we wish. And another thing, this tax won't last forever. It has time constraints so that we won't be paying it long after we run out of utilities!

If you are still not convinced that you should vote yes, what is the alternative? There is no where to go. The Feds are broke. The State is broke. The County is broke and if we don't act, we will be broke too.

So let's do the responsible thing, especially since all of us want Sierra Madre to stay as pristine as it currently is. VOTE YES ON MEASURE U AND UA. Who knows. Maybe it will make some of us conserve more energy.

Dear Editor:

Yes to Karma Bell - Karma Bell wants to have the City Clerk's office in City Hall, and even store official City records at City Hall. What a novel concept. She wants to have regular hours (not hour) at City Hall, where people can actually connect with the City Clerk. Another novel concept.

At a time when the City is facing a major budget crisis, she wants to reduce the compensation to the City Clerk, to the tune of \$14,000 during election years.

She trusts the City administration, and wants the City Clerk's office to work with other members of staff as a team, for the good of the City.

She thinks the Election Officer of the City needs to be an impartial, unbiased steward of the Election.

Her opponent takes the opposite stance on all these issues. The main knock I've heard from anybody on Karma Bell is that she lacks experience, and has never managed a City election. Nancy Shollenberger lacked experience when she took office 24 years ago, and as Nancy herself admitted publicly that when she took office, she had never managed an election either. But there is one thing Karma can say today about herself that Nancy can't. She's never mismanaged an election.

No to Nancy Shollenberger - Nancy Shollenberger wants to have the City Clerk's office in her home, and keep City records there (on the hillside that is far more susceptible to fire than is City Hall). For that matter, once they've left City Hall, they could be stored in Bakersfield for all anybody knows. If something happened to Nancy, records stored away from City Hall could be lost.

Nancy, until Feb. 1st, did not have regular hours at City Hall, and since then, she has only one hour per week making it difficult for people to actually connect with the City Clerk.

At a time when the City was facing a major budget crisis (2003), Nancy asked for more money, including asking for four times more than the Mayor makes.

Nancy doesn't trust the City administration, and kept it out of the loop on the Sample Ballot error, forcing the City Manager to ask a local reporter to provide her

and the City Attorney with a copy of the City Clerk's press release announcing the error.

Nancy thinks it's perfectly acceptable for the Election Officer of the City to be biased, and to publicly trumpet her bias, despite being the steward of the Election. Can a candidate for office really feel that their best interests will be served in an election when the City Clerk's office has signs endorsing that candidate's opponent?

Nancy messed up big time on this year's sample ballot, not only costing the City \$6,000, but putting the entire election at risk. If someone wants to challenge the results of the election regarding Measures P, U or UA, they have a reasonable chance of winning, and forcing another costly election.

Nancy refused to answer questions about the error for several days (actually, some questions never got answered, but I stopped asking when she acknowledged responsibility for the error), and... she sent the wrong information to me when I made a public records request about the issue.

Nancy has tried to re-write history, noting in her campaign statement that "A select few City Council Members decided to change the Minute Taking process." What she failed to inform the voters is that the Minute Taking process was only changed when she refused to continue taking minutes unless the Council gave her a raise.

There's the issue of 7 or 8 years of ordinances not being published. Nancy's defense has been that it wasn't her job to have them published, and I suspect that's probably right. But what Nancy hasn't addressed is the fact that Government Code 40806 states that "it is the City Clerk's responsibility to: Keep a book marked "ordinances" and record in it all city ordinances with his certificate annexed to each, stating: (a) It is a true and correct copy of a city ordinance; (b) The ordinance number; (c) It has been published or posted pursuant to law. " So either she failed to properly keep the record a for all those years, or she kept a record stating they had been published when they hadn't.

Nancy claims she's only made 1 mistake in 24 years. The evidence says otherwise. Bill Coburn

"Positions Not Personalities"

This election could make or break Sierra Madre. No need to rehash all the challenges that are facing us. However, it is time to make an honest assessment of what we need to move forward. It is time to leave the personalities and old disagreements out of it. It is time to stop comparing apples to oranges and blaming people for things they had no control over.

Whether we like it or not here are the facts: We are being sued, several times, for 1 Carter and Stonehouse; We have to recognize that those are not the only two properties in town that could cause us great development consternation, so we need to be more proactive and make certain our laws protect the city. We have to find a way to pay for our public safety. We have to find a way to pay and keep our qualified personnel. We have to grow up. So, when you look at where we were, where we are now and where we have to go, it isn't hard to figure out what to do. We don't need to change our council now. **John Buchanan and Enid Joffe** are very well versed with the issues facing us and they have worked hard for us. They have also endured unrelenting character assassinations and yet they continue to want to serve. (That may make you question their sanity though - just kidding).

They are good leaders not perfect, but neither is anyone else. We know what they will and have done. They don't come with promises that require you to use a vivid imagination in order to believe that they can actually get things done. **John Buchanan and Enid Joffe should be re-elected.**

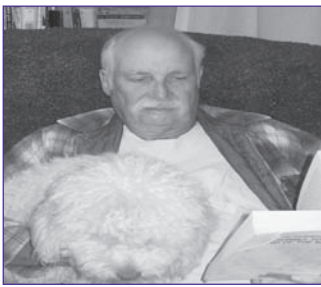
Mary Ann Macgillivray does not deserve to be elected back on the council. Although I thought long and hard the bottom line is that she does live within 500 yards of the very development she says she is fighting for. She has stated public that in the opinion of some unnamed attorney she can vote on 1 Carter issues. Will her voting cause us even more lawsuits? The law is very clear. *But more importantly*, Mary Ann Macgillivray sat on the Sierra Madre City Council from 1990-1998 with a stint as Mayor from 1994-1995. When she was first elected to the council, the city was following the rule of law regarding public hearings and the publishing of ordinances. Then in 1993, while she was still on the council, and for the entire time she was mayor 1994-1995 until she left office in 1998, the city did not publish nor give notice of hearings on the ordinances that she voted on and according a published 2001 Star News article. They did not publish as many as 80 ordinances over 8 years. That was not just a Nancy Shollenberger problem. Every ordinance that was passed for five of the eight years that she sat on the council had to be brought before the public and published and heard again by the council sitting in 2001. That time period includes the period when the General Plan was 'adopted' in 1996.

George Enyedi should be Treasurer because he is simply the best. He has the background, experience, willingness and charm. He can and will do the best possible job for our town.

Positions not personalities. Nancy Shollenberger has served the city for a very long time but there comes a time when everyone needs to recognize it is time to move on. Judging by the last few weeks alone, the job seems to be overwhelming her.

Karma Bell should be elected city clerk. Let's de-politicize the office of City Clerk and bring it back to city hall.

And please vote YES on Measure U and YES on Measure UA. Vote NO on Measure P.



Stuart Tolchin On...LIFE

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

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

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

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

Maybe I'm wrong Benizar Bhutto obviously was raised as a child of wealth and privilege. After all her father, before he was hanged, was Prime Minister? The newspaper stories after her death described that while at Harvard she cried because she had to walk

to school on her own. (she had always been chauffeured by limousine before). Worse yet, at cafeteria meals she would have to get her own food and sit at a table where anyone who wanted to could plop right down and talk to her. Is there any surprise that while she was Prime Minister of Pakistan there was charges of corruption against her - after all she was used to having wealth and privilege? Nevertheless, right now it seems pretty clear, a week after her assassination, that this extraordinary woman was dedicated to actually being of service to the people of Pakistan.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0565922

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ANVAR BEDING**, 981 E. VERNON AV., LOS ANGELES, CA 90011. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **DELIA ARCEO**, 11244 S. NEW HAMPSHIRE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90044. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DELIA A. ARCEO**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/02/08**. 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. 08-0560035

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CHRISTY'S DONUT**, 5546 YORK BLVD., L.A., CA 90042. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **LY MIENG**, 3434 BIG DALTON AVE., BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LY MIENG**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/01/08**. 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. 08-0550060

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ENOUGH IS ENOUGH**, 174 W. FOOTHILL BLV. SUITE 520, MONROVIA, CA 91016. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ANTHONY CUMMINGS**, 174 W. FOOTHILL BLV. STE. 520, MONROVIA, CA 91016. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ANTHONY CUMMINGS**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/31/08**. 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. 08-0550838

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **FIERRO PRODUCTIONS**, 638 GIANO, LA PUENTE, CA,. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MANUEL MORA**, 2623 PENNSYLVANIA AVE., L.A., CA 90033. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MANUEL MORA**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/31/08**. 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. 08-0568746

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **FRANKS FLOWER AND DELIVER**, 1039 S. ALVARADO ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90006. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **FRANK BENJAMIN HERNANDEZ**, 1517 E. 92nd ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90002. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: FRANK BENJAMIN HERNANDEZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/02/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **04/02/08**.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0567212

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **JL SUPPLY**, 13440 PLACID DR., WHITTIER, CA 90605. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **LETICIA LARA**, 13440 PLACID DR., WHITTIER, CA 90605. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LETICIA LARA**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/02/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **04/02/08**.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0569044

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **JVC SERVICES**, 11525 HARO AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90241. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JOSE CARRILLO**, 11525 HARO AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90241. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSE CARRILLO**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/02/08**. 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. 08-0570091

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LOYD AND LOYD DEVELOPMENTS, L2 DEVELOPMENTS**, 16712 ELMCROFT AVE., CERRITOS, CA 90703. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **LOYD AND LOYD DEVELOPMENTS, INC.**, 16712 ELMCROFT AVE., CERRITOS, CA 90703. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: LOYD JONES**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/02/08**. 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. 08-0576796

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NAVARRO & SON'S TRUCKING**, 1346 N. CORONADO ST., L.A., CA 90026. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **LUIS F. NAVARRO**, 1346 N. CORONADO ST., L.A., CA 90026. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LUIS F. NAVARRO**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/03/08**. 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. 08-0558629

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **OPTIMUS MORTGAGE**, 5837 BEVERLY HILLS DR., WHITTIER, CA 90601. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **RICHAEAD CARMEN, INC.**, 5837 BEVERLY HILLS DR., WHITTIER, CA 90601. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: CARMEN B. RODRIGUEZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/01/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **4/1/08**.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0567595

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PARRA FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS**, 3655 HARRIMAN AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90032. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ALVIN D. PARRA**, 3655 HARRIMAN AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90032. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALVIN D. PARRA**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/02/08**. 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. 08-0542613

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PRIORITY PALLETES**, 16000 109th ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90059. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **YVONNE MENDOZA**, 12048

DOWNEY AVE. #L, DOWNEY, CA 90242. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: YVONNE MENDOZA**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/28/08**. 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. 08-0565927

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SERENITY 09**, 7720 WALNUT DRIVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90001. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **DALIA A. LLAMAS** and **KENNETH F. JARAMILLO**, 7720 WALNUT DRIVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90001. This Business is conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS. Signed: DALIA A. LLAMAS**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/02/08**. 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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FILE NO. 2008-0567211 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **JL SUPPLY, 13440 PLACID DR., WHITTIER, CA 90605**. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 01/21/2005, in the county of Los Angeles. The business was conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. The business 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.)

SIGNED: LILLIA CASTANEDA. Publish: MountainViews Observer 4/07, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0502809

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ABALDO ENTERPRISES**, 4344 PROMENADE WAY #202, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MARIO N. ABALDO** and **SHERRY ABALDO**, 4344 PROMENADE WAY #202, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. **SHAWN MICHAELS**, 7514 WHITLOCK AVE., PLAYA DEL REY, CA 90293. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: MARIO N. ABALDO**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/24/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **SEPT. 8, 2004**.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0511086

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ALL ABOUT COPIES AND PRINTING**, 13938 S. VALLEY VIEW AVE., LA MIRADA, CA 90638. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MATTHEW TYLER RUIZ**, 12836 12TH ST. #38, CHINO, CA 91710. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MATTHEW TYLER RUIZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/25/08**. 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. 08-0509754

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ANGIE'S CLEANING**

SERVICE, 731 N. ST. ANDREWS PL. #207, LOS ANGELES, CA 90038. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **IGNACIA DJ GODINEZ BARRIOS**, 731 N. ST. ANDREWS PL. #207, LOS ANGELES, CA 90038. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: IGNACIA D. GODINEZ B.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/25/08**. 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. 08-0503603

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ARBOR CAR TREE IMPLANT**, 13124 CORNUTA AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90242. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ROBERTO OREJEL**, 10522 WADDELL ST., WHITTIER, CA 90606. **MARK OREJEL**, 13124 CORNUTA AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90242. This Business is conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS. Signed: ROBERTO OREJEL**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/24/08**. 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. 08-0423550

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **AURELIA'S CLEANING**, 4342 W. 104th ST. APT. B, INGLEWOOD, CA 90304. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **AURELIA G. MAGALLON**, 4342 W. 104th ST. APT. B, INGLEWOOD, CA 90304. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: AURELIA G. MAGALLON**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/12/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0496238

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CHINA EXPRESS**, 5440 S. CENTRAL AVENUE #C, LOS ANGELES, CA 90011. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **TOMMY UN**, 111 S. OLIVE AVENUE #4, ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TOMMY UN**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/24/08**. 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. 08-0503670

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **E-Z CLEAN-UP & SUPPLY**, 346 N. SUNSET AVE. UNIT 164, LA PUENTE, CA 91744. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JOSE ARTURO ZAVALA**, 346 N. SUNSET AVE. UNIT 164, LA PUENTE, CA 91744. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSE ARTURO ZAVALA**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/24/08**. 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. 08-0511092

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **FLYING MAVERICK PRODUCTIONS**, 939 E. 88th ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90002. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **EDWARD LATROY JACKSON**, 939 E. 88th ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90002. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EDWARD L. JACKSON**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/25/08**. 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. 08-0502391

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GC WELLNESS CENTER**, 923 N. SUNSET AVE., W. COVINA, CA 91790. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **GEORGINA B. BANEZ**, D.M.D., 603 GREEN RIVER RD., WALNUT, CA 91789. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: GEORGINA B. BANEZ, D.M.D.**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/24/08**. 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. 08-0511280

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ISI PARTY SUPPLIES**, 3779 E. 3rd ST., L.A., CA 90011. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ISIDRA GOMEZ** and **ELIZABETH MAC PHERSON**, 921 N. VIGNES ST., L.A., CA 90012. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: ELIZABETH MAC PHERSON**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/**

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was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/14/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **OCT. 15, 2002**.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0456191

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DOWN UNDER PROMOTIONS**, 333 WASHINGTON BLVD. #323, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **PHIL.GEORGIOU**, 333 WASHINGTON BLVD. #323, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: PHIL GEORGIOU**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/17/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0447667

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DRIP CONCEPTS**, 4642 LADOGA AVE., LAKEWOOD, CA 90713. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **LEONARD B. LACEY III**, 4642 LADOGA AVE., LAKEWOOD, CA 90713. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LEONARD B. LACEY III**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/14/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0456872

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **INVENSIBLES dela SIERRA**, 241 E. 66TH ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JUVENTINO GAXIOLA** and **JUAN TORRE**, 241 E. 66TH ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. This Business is conducted by: **COPARTNERS. Signed: JUVENTINO GAXIOLA**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/17/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0465347

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **JIMENEZ CARPET & SUPPLIES**, 380 W. MARTIN LUTHER KING BLVD. #2, LOS ANGELES, CA 90037. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JAIME JIMENEZ GALINDO**, 721 E. 77TH ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90001. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JAIME JIMENEZ GALINDO**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/18/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0445839

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MOREANDEXTRA**, 19745 COLIMA ROAD STE. 1-224, ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CA 91748. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MNE INNOVATION INC.**, 19745 COLIMA ROAD STE. 1-224, ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CA 91748. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: CHUI YING LIU**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/14/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0457319

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ONE KON. HOOKAH ON THE CORNER**, 2029 VERDUGO BLVD. #718, MONTROSE, CA 91020. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ERIC PIRVERDIAN**, 22122 BARBACOA DR., SAUGUS, CA 91350. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ERIC PIRVEDIAN**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/17/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **02/07**.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0447700

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **VERYLOVINGPEOPLE, UNDER CONSTRUCTION URBAN GYM WEAR**, 10411 8TH AVE., INGLEWOOD, CA 90303. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **DMACK 49 PRODUCTIONS, INC.**, 10411 8TH AVE., INGLEWOOD, CA 90303. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: DANNIE KAMACK**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/14/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0401267

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **5R HEALTH**, 3020 WILSHIRE BLVD. STE. 220, L.A., CA 90010. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **FREEDOM TRAIL HOLDINGS, INC.**, 3020 WILSHIRE BLVD. STE 220, L.A., CA 90010. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: CONNIE KIM**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/07/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **APRIL 15, 2005**.
NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. 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. 08-0408840

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ATTILA THE FLAN**, 10827 E. MONTE VISTA DR., WHITTIER, CA 90601. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JENNY MARTIN, CHRISTOPHER PEREZ** and **ALEX NAVARRO**, 10827 E. MONTE VISTA DR., WHITTIER, CA 90601. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: JENNY MARTIN**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/10/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **3/10/08**.
NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0408435

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ENG LIM DAILY DONUTS**, 1102 N. AZUSA AVE., COVINA, CA 91722. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ENG LIM**, 4229 BELLECHASSE AVE., COVINA, CA 91722. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ENG LIM**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/10/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **6/1/86**.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0436464

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0417000

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **FRIENDSHIP RECREATION CENTER**, 1738 DEL MAR AVE., SANGABRIEL, CA 91770. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **KIN CHEUNG TAM** and **JUN HUA WU**, 9845 OLIVE AVE., TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: KIN TAM**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/11/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0435708

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GREENLEAF MORTGAGE**, 13006 PHILADELPHIA ST. STE. 611, WHITTIER, CA 90601. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ERIK LUTZ**, 13006 PHILADELPHIA ST. STE. 611, WHITTIER, CA 90601. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ERIK LUTZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/13/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0426275

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **L.A. II LA PRODUCTIONS**, 264 S. LA CIENEGA BLVD. STE. 1147, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **LAMAR ADAMS**, 264 S. LA CIENEGA BLVD. STE. 1147, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LAMAR ADAMS**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/12/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **06/01**.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0417217

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: **COPARTNERS. Signed: MIGUELA TORRES HINOJOS**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **03/13/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-0417128

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) **BURGEOIN 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: **WESTMEN ENGINEERING**, 8301 FLORENCE AVE. #204, DOWNEY, CA 90240. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **WESTMEN, 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. 08-0367346

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 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 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. SEPULVED

LEGAL NOTICES (cont.)

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**.

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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 LA BREA 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**.

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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.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner CLAYTON D. WILSON WILSON & WILSON 414 S FIRST AVE ARCADIA CA 91006 3/29, 4/5, 4/12/08 **CNS-1305965#**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: FRANCES ZELKO MELLERUP CASE NO. GP012443

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

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SUSAN BARBARA MELLERUP in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SUSAN BARBARA MELLERUP 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 05/09/08 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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Attorney for Petitioner KELLEY BANNON LASHLEY ANGLE & BANNON 1111 S ARROYO PARKWAY #470 PASADENA CA 91105 4/5, 4/12, 4/19/08 **CNS-1312982#**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

As a long time resident of Sierra Madre, I was dismayed to read the caustic "Letter to the Editor" written by Ron Longo about MaryAnn MacGillivray in the March 11-1626 edition of the MountainViews-Observer. He refers to the enactment of an ordinance that occurred over a decade ago. I was out of the country at that time and was not familiar with the situation he describes. So, as suggested in his letter I "visited the library" to read the articles and letters to the editor of the Mountain View News and the Star News. I viewed a recording of the September 23, 1997 meeting of the Sierra Madre City Council in which Ordinance 1136 was passed. I studied the language of Ordinance 1136 passed in 1997 and in 2001 and I listened to a tape recording of a radio show hosted by Bill Handel in 1997 in which he dedicated an entire segment to the subject of Ordinance 1136. Further, I spoke to Charles Martin, attorney for the City of Sierra Made in 1997, and as many of the council members who voted on Ordinance 1136 as I could get in contact with. I also reviewed the minutes of the pertinent meetings.

This is what I discovered.

1. The intent in supplementing the language of the state in the passage of Ordinance 1136 was to comply with government code section 12955L which made it unlawful to discriminate through land use policies based on race, religion, color, sex, familial status, disability, marital status, national origin or ancestry. The use of the term family, defined as "those related by blood, marriage or adoption living as a single housekeeping unit", was broadly used in the codes and ordinances of the city and had been since at least the early 1980's. The City Council broadened the language to include any alternate style of living arrangement into the definition of housekeeping unit of which family was a part therein. The new, inclusive language still allowed the city to regulate use of residences and thereby prevent undesirable and inappropriate uses such as half way houses for convicted pedophiles akin to what recently happened in Altadena. Since the language was defined by Charles Martin, the legal rationale argued by then councilmember Bart Doyle, and the ordinance passed by majority vote it does not appear to be the "brainchild" of MaryAnn MacGillivray.

2. The "overflow crowds" referenced were primarily from out of town and members of or associates of a gay and lesbian organization called Catalyst.

3. In the 9/25/97 Mountain View News article written by Dan Oates there was no mention of MacGillivray opening the meeting with a prayer in violation of "the tenets of Separation of State and Church."

4. In viewing the tape of the Council Meeting, I saw no evidence of the meeting being tumultuous as described by Mr. Longo. I saw an orderly progression of folks expressing their viewpoints. The majority of speakers were members and associates of the aforementioned Catalyst with some Sierra Madre residents speaking pro and con.

5. There is no evidence of "overwhelming protests" by the residents of Sierra Madre. In the letters to the editor of the Mountain View News, there were approximately equal numbers

of pros and cons.

6. As for the reference to MacGillivray "embracing thinly veiled homophobia", MacGillivray asked several speakers what statements made by her were perceived to be anti-gay and no one came up with anything.

7. Due to an error made by city staff, Ordinance 1136 passed in 1997 was not properly advertised and so was declared void. Subsequently on October 8, 2001, Ordinance 1136 was passed unanimously by then mayor Glen Lambdin and councilmembers Doug Hayes, Bart Doyle, Kris Miller Fisher and Robert Stockly. The wording was identical and unchanged as compared to the ordinance passed in 1997. It was passed with no discussion or public comment indicated in the minutes of the meeting.

8. A discussion with Charles Martin, City attorney in 1997, indicated that he believed that MacGillivray was very capable and easy to work with - not "rigid and unwilling to compromise" as Mr. Longo asserts. Discussions with Doug Hayes indicated that he and MacGillivray always got along in a friendly and cordial manner even if they had differing opinions. Mr. Hayes further stated that he thought the whole thing was much ado about nothing because the ordinance had no discernable impact on anyone.

9. Mr. Longo is incorrect in his assessment of Ordinance 1234 which was passed November 22, 2005. He asserts that the definition of family was changed to be more inclusive and appropriate. In fact, Ordinance 1234 relates to review of planning commission decisions and contains thirteen different and various amendments, one of which removed the definition of family. There were no comments from the public or city staff in a public hearing held by the Planning Commission with regard to Ordinance 1234 on September 1, 2005 as evidenced by the minutes of the meeting. Nor did the minutes of the 11/22/2005 city council meeting indicate there was there any discussion of Ordinance 1234 on the "family definition" issue.

10. Regarding the reference to the "virulently homophobic Dr. Laura Schlessinger," Tammy Bruce, a self described lesbian feminist, in her book The New Thought Police, thoroughly refutes the scurrilous vendetta that was brought against Schlessinger. She defends Schlessinger and writes in several places about the attack. One typical part that captures the truth is the quote, "as to being a gay-basher, quite the opposite is true. In fact, as noted earlier she (Schlessinger) has been personally involved for years with Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), one of the more respected gay and lesbian organizations. PFLAG Los Angeles became a favorite charity of Schlessinger's and she got involved with the organization specifically because she recognized the importance of its mission to support families of gays and lesbians"

My investigation of the facts of this matter finds Mr. Ron Longo's letter replete with sophistry, innuendoes, distortions and untruths.

De Alcorn
Sierra Madre

Stop Trying to Pass The Buck, MacGillivray

In regards to Mary Ann MacGillivray's involvement with the infamous 1997 redefinition of "family" (Ordinance 1136) it seems that she now is trying to deflect criticism of this important campaign issue in two ways. First of all, she did not respond to Ron Longo's challenge issued in the 3/11 edition of this newspaper to apologize for her previous "moral crusade". Clearly she is uncomfortable with issuing a public statement about it. Secondly, some reports indicate that MacGillivray is also trying to "pass the buck" and blame the whole issue on then City Councilman Bart Doyle, saying that redefining "family" was his idea, and that she just went along with it. Please don't try to revise history, Ms. MacGillivray. The following quotes regarding Ordinance 1136 can be found in newspaper articles from the time:

- "....MacGillivray, who authored the angst-ridden ordinance....." - Sierra Madre Mountain Views, 9/25/97
- ".....Hester, who [initially] voted in favor of the definition that was proposed by Councilwoman Mary Ann MacGillivray....." - Sierra Madre Mountain Views, 9/18/97
- "According to a front page article in the Pasadena Star News (Tues., Sept 16), Councilwoman MacGillivray stated, "I take particular issue that Doug Hayes said it was not our position to dictate morality." - Sierra Madre Mountain Views, 9/18/97
- ".....And, as reported in this paper, he [Mayor

Hester] added, "Councilwoman.....MacGillivray felt very strongly about this and we agreed in deference to her....." - Sierra Madre Mountain Views, 9/18/97

5. ".....Well MacGillivray and her supporters really did "send a moral message to the rest of the country. Unfortunately it is a negative one that makes Sierra Madre look very immoral and ignorant to the rest of the country. It was a sad day yesterday when the city council voted yes on her definition of family."- Sierra Madre News, 10/2/97

6. "It's important to keep the definition clear and legal," said councilwoman MaryAnn MacGillivray, who first proposed the definition to the City Council. "....The fact is this community is taking a moral stand, and the fact is a family is people related by blood, marriage or adoption." - by Beatriz E. Valenzuela, Herald Tribune Correspondent (date unknown)

There is nothing in the media to support any claim that redefining "family" was Bart Doyle's idea. Clearly there is overwhelming evidence that MacGillivray was at the source of initiating and pushing for this shameful measure. Or does MacGillivray want us to believe that ALL of the media got it wrong? One has to wonder, why is MacGillivray apparently not even honest enough to own up for what she did here eleven years ago? And even if she has deluded herself into believing that Doyle was responsible for this fiasco, why can't she publicly denounce Ordinance 1136 even now? Vote NO on MacGillivray. Her history makes her unfit to serve in public office.

Bruce Carr, Sierra Madre

Change is the only Constant in Life Candidates, Tell us Who You Are!

By Christopher Nyerges

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Ironically perhaps, change is the only constant in life. Seasons change. Our bodies change - sickness, health, growing older, losing hair, losing teeth. Economies change, usually fueled by fraud, fear, and greed - no shortages there. Fashions and tastes change, generally fueled by economic interests rather than interest in any immutable values.

We are surrounded by change.

It is thus amusing and childish that each presidential candidate now clamors for "change." I am for change. I am the best candidate for change. I represent change. I am for the most change, and all its variants, ad nauseum.

Everyone is a distinct individual. Regardless who next sits in the White House, it will represent "change."

Obviously we cannot predict what will occur in the future with absolute certainty. The past provides a clue, of course. But how each individual deals with the unknowns of the moment is determined by their inner character. So rather than

tell us the obvious - "I will bring change" - as if change, per se, represents some sort of universal panacea - tell us what you believe. Tell us your values. Tell us specifically how you regard each of the many problems we face, and tell us your vision of the implementation of solutions.

To tell us that you are the candidate of "change" tells us nothing, except that you've jumped on the bandwagon of an empty slogan.

There will be change, yes, we know that. Tell us why we should vote for you. What is your vision for the nation? What specific economic principles do you embrace, and why? How should we be, or not be, meddling all over the globe? What should we do short-term and long-term in Iraq? Should we or should we not secure our borders? Should we be addressing a great moral and spiritual crisis? Or not?

In other words, beyond your smile, your hair, the color of your suit, who are you?

But - and now I speak to the voters - are we easily taken in by the smile, the hair, the color of the tie? Are we too "busy" to investigate in-depth those who would be leader? I hope and pray that such is not the case. If we allow the surface appearances of the candidates to determine our votes, than we have once again become our own worst enemy, and it will follow that we will get what we indeed deserve.

Tuesday's City Council election in Sierra Madre is right around the corner.

Each of us can review the facts of Enid's accomplishments in office and as a local, small business owner at www.EnidJoffe.com. That was my first job as a potential voter, and a newcomer to Sierra Madre.

Then I sat down to talk to the person. I found the "live" Enid to be the same as the "website" Enid.

- Seeking and building consensus on the tough issues in Sierra Madre to move us FORWARD

- Working tirelessly to make Sierra Madre more financially viable while preserving our precious, small town lifestyle
- Savvy yet compassionate listener taking voter priorities into positive action
- No hype. Just hard work.

I believe that she will best represent me and Sierra Madre for City Council. She's got my vote. Can she count on yours? Chris Bertrand, Sierra Madre

Citizens For Change - Call Me!

About two days ago I received in the mail a slick and shiny over-sized post card purporting to enlighten me on the evils of Measure "U".

The facts in this matter are well known and a matter of Public Record. Yet the "facts" as presented by the author(s) of this shiny mail piece are so grossly misrepresented that I assume this to be a deliberate act of malicious mischief.

Am I mistaken? I will be pleased to buy lunch for each and every member of this committee called "Sierra Madre Citizens for Change" who wishes to identify himself. The purpose is to gain an explanation.

I have attached my phone number. I doubt I'll get a single call. Perhaps, in a venture like this, it is better to remain anonymous
Paul Neiby, Sierra Madre 355-1291





One Of A Kind: Featuring unique homes & gardens and the people who create them

Story By Chris Bertrand, Photos By Dick and Chris Bertrand

Wistaria Major and Minor



Chris Bertrand

I had my first dose of Sierra Madre's Wistaria (yes that's the preferred spelling!) Festival on March 30. Purple-clothed wistaria enthusiasts flooded the city's downtown streets amid the vendor tents and tour buses, but the major exhibition required a bus ride to the private site. The show DID go on despite drenching rains the night before and several times in the morning hours of the festival. I even donned my new purple scarf knitted by Aunt Kate, just for the occasion.

Of course the major exposition was the historic wistaria vine. Taking up over an acre, weighing in the neighborhood of 250 tons and with around a million blossoms in a good year, it's quite the event! As one of the seven horticultural wonders of the world, the vine's company is impressive, including the redwood forest in Sequoia National Park, Brazil's tropical jungle in the Amazon Valley, Mexico's Xochimilco floating gardens, India's gardens of the Taj Mahal, Japan's Yokohama rock gardens, and the gardens of England's Buckingham Palace. This vine also holds a place in the Guinness Book as the world's largest flowering plant.

Docents Amy and Glenn Putnam have been volunteering at the vine for at least ten years. Amy chuckles that she raised her hand years ago at a Friends of the Library meeting, when "vine docents" were sought. They've been here every year since. Visitor counts were somewhat low in the morning during the heavy rain, but those dedicated docents like the Putnams stuck it out. I heard more than one story of vendors and docents trekking home for hot showers in between shifts. Enthusiastic docent Georgette Dunlay, a former Sierra Madre Civic Club president, no longer lives in Sierra Madre, but continues her yearly purple clad docenting year in and year out.

Purchased for the sum just seventy five cents from a Monrovia nursery, this Chinese lavender variety of wistaria was planted back in 1894 by Alice and William Brugman. The lore says Alice, a horticulture lover, bought the plant as a birthday gift to herself. If you just have to have your own wistaria, nearby Persson's Nursery, on Sierra Madre Blvd. in Pasadena, had several in stock this week at \$55 to \$65 for a 15 gallon container in tree or vine form. The variety at "The Vine" is said

to be Wistaria sinensis or Chinese Wistaria. The nursery has a couple of blue, plus some white and pinks available.

The most awe inspiring tidbit I learned is that in favorable conditions, it has been measured to grow an inch an hour, possibly fed by an underground spring sought out by the hundred plus year old roots.

We have a friend in the Bay Area, who often bemoaned his weekly chore of trimming his wisteria framing his back door. Now I know why. At peak growing season, 1 inch x 24 hours in a day is two feet of growth per day. Two feet of growth in a seven day week adds up to fourteen feet per tendril! No wonder it's a weekly chore! Otherwise, they might fall victim to the "Vine that Crushed the House" calamity which overtook the original home on this site. After the original house went down, a new home was built about 200 feet away. These days the vine inhabits two properties, and the generous owners permit the public to amble beneath and around the vine once a year.

If you missed "The Vine" on March 30, other "minor" Sierra Madre wistaria displays nearby are worth note. The best one is right in the center of town at Sierra Madre City Hall. The photographers were definitely hovering about this one on Sunday. It's a great place to enjoy the magical impression the large gazebo gives when the ground beneath it is covered in wistaria "snow." On Alegria between Baldwin and Auburn at the West end of St. Rita's upper school campus climbs another vigorous display. Mater Dolorosa on Sunnyside (private access only except for special events) has a beautiful curving arbor and walkway beneath their wistaria display installed about five years ago. And lastly, the rather unlikely site at the front entrance to Robin's Barbecue on Rosemead in Hastings Ranch.

Have an interesting home, garden or person who helps create them, which might be of interest to our readers? Contact Chris at Chris.Bertrand@MVObserver.com



Clockwise from above: A closeup of the flowering vine, which is a record-holder for largest flowering plant. A docent dressed in purple to match the festive fauna in spite of threatening rainclouds overhead. A couple gets to wander underneath the huge plant, walking in the "snow" created by its fallen petals.

Looking Up With Bob Eklund

Hubble Finds First Organic Molecule on Extrasolar Planet



Photo by Aaron Dominquez

The NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope has made the first detection ever of an organic molecule in a planet orbiting another star. This breakthrough is an important step in eventually identifying signs of life on a planet outside our Solar System.

The tell-tale signature of the molecule methane in the atmosphere of the Jupiter-sized extrasolar planet HD 189733b has been found with the Hubble Space Telescope. Under the right circumstances methane can play a key role in prebiotic chemistry—the chemical reactions considered necessary to form life as we know it. Although methane has been detected on most of the planets in our Solar System, this is the first time it (or any other organic molecule) has been detected on a world orbiting another star.

This discovery proves that the Hubble and other space telescopes to be launched in the near future (including the NASA/ESA/CSA James Webb Space Telescope) can detect organic molecules on planets around other stars by using spectroscopy, which splits light into its components to reveal the "fingerprints" of various chemicals.

"This is a crucial stepping stone to eventually characterizing prebiotic molecules on planets where life could exist," said JPL's Mark Swain, who led the team that made the discovery. Swain is lead author of a paper on this subject in the March 20 issue of the science journal Nature.

The discovery comes after extensive observations made in May 2007 with Hubble's Near-Infrared Camera and Multi-Object Spectrometer (NICMOS). It also confirms the existence of water molecules in the planet's atmosphere, a discovery made originally by NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope in 2007. "With this observation, there is no question whether there is water or not—water is present," said Swain.

The planet, known as HD 189733b, is located 63 light-years away in the constella-

tion Vulpecula, "the little fox." HD 189733b, a "hot Jupiter" type extrasolar planet, is so close to its parent star that it takes just over two days to complete an orbit. "Hot Jupiters" are approximately the size of Jupiter, but they orbit closer to their stars than the tiny innermost planet Mercury in our Solar System. HD 189733b's atmosphere swelters at 900 degrees C, about the same temperature as the melting point of silver.

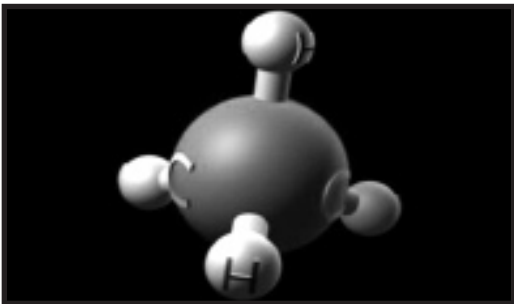
The observations were made as the planet passed in front of its parent star in what astronomers call a "transit." As the light from the star passed briefly through the atmosphere along the edge of the planet, the gases in the planet's atmosphere imprinted their unique signatures on the starlight.

According to the paper's co-author Giovanna Tinetti from the University College London and the European Space Agency, "Water alone could not explain all the spectral features observed. The additional contribution of methane is necessary to fit the Hubble data."

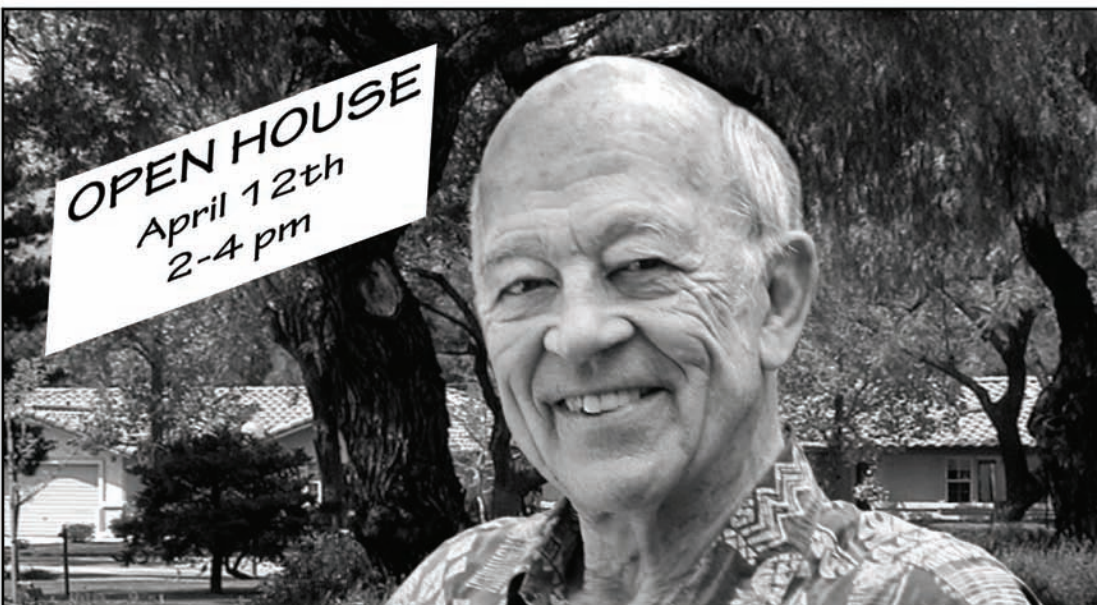
Methane, composed of carbon and hydrogen, is one of the main components of natural gas, a petroleum product. On Earth, methane is produced in a variety of ways—from natural sources such as the oceans and wetland environments, but also from livestock and manmade sources like waste landfills and as a by-product of energy generation.

Though the star-hugger planet is too hot for life as we know it, "this observation is proof that spectroscopy can eventually be done on a cooler and potentially habitable Earth-sized planet," Swain said.

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



Methane, illustrated above, can play a key role in the chemical reactions needed to form life as we know it. Illustration provided by Nasa.gov



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The Mountain Clymer

The Call of the Wild

By Kim Clymer-Kelley

One of the most mysterious and elusive creatures of our local mountains is the ring tail, or ring-tailed, cat. Contrary to its name, it is not a cat of any kind, but rather a close relative of the raccoon. When I have mentioned my many encounters with them, my stories have been met with a raised eyebrow or two. It seems that many believed them to be extinct, at least locally. Many believed that the fire of 1953 destroyed the population and they never came back. When one of the cabin owners claimed to have one living in his cabin, he had to take photos to prove it. Those photos were made into a poster that was proudly displayed at the pack station for many years as proof that our canyon was inhabited once again by ringtails.

As the photos on the poster show quite well, the ringtail is an animal about the size of the small and similarly proportioned kit fox. They weigh about 2 ½ pounds, have a small round head with large cat-like ears, short legs, long body and a long, puffy, very distinctly banded tail. On the road to Chantry Flat, they are frequently seen at night running along the top of the rock wall that serves as a guard rail most of the length of the road. When they are caught in the headlights of a car they usually turn to look at the intruder with glowing eyes, then quickly slip over the wall. It is then that it is easily identifiable as the headlights hit the stripes on its tail as it disappears in to the darkness.

It was during the second summer that I lived in the mountains that I first remember hearing the cry of the ringtail, though I did not know what it was at the time. One night, not long after the weather had gotten warm, I was awakened by a loud noise coming through my open window. I was not aware at first of what it was that awoke me, only that it was a noise of some sort. It shook me from a deep sleep, so that when it sounded a second time, I was conscious enough to identify it as animal, and then, fully awakened, I laid quietly in bed listening for it to call again - fearing that it may have been a dog, cat, donkey or horse who was injured or in danger. After a couple minutes I heard it again. It was a sound like I had never heard before, a sharp and abbreviated noise kind of a cross between a bark, a snarl and a growl, and loud...very loud. Worried, and totally at a loss as to what it could be, I listened some more. There it was again, close. Somewhere on the hillside just below my bedroom. I got up and called for my dog Jack, who slept in the doghouse right outside the house. In a moment he appeared at the back door. Relieved that he was okay, I let him in for the rest of the night, got back in bed, and fell asleep as the noise continued sporadically outside the house.

The next day I described the noise to a friend and even did a remarkable reproduction of it for him. "Oh," he proclaimed knowingly, "that is the sound that a baby bear makes when it is calling to its mother." Unaware that this friend was not the nature expert that he claimed to be, I accepted the information as fact, worrying a bit that perhaps there was an orphan bear out there who was searching nightly for his mom. The sound continued throughout the summer. It seemed that several times a week I would be wakened by the noise. Poor baby bear.

When the 4th of July came around that year, I invited my friend Al and his kids up to the station for a cookout and to go up to "the Ridge" to

view the fireworks. "The Ridge" is what we called the eastern end of Manzanita Ridge. It is the area near the top of the mountain that is visible from Santa Anita Avenue where there is a giant white board that looks like a drive in movie screen from below. You can hike there up a very steep fire-break that runs up the hillside from the heliport just above the station, or you can drive there on the San Olene Fire Road that starts at Chantry Flat and winds up the mountain for about 3 ½ miles. Once there you can see the entire L.A. basin and all of the firework displays going on. The closest ones at the Rose Bowl are partially obstructed by the layout of the mountains, but the high ones that explode over the ridge are glorious! Al's kids were about the same age as my boys. His son was about 19 and his daughter about 13 at the time. My oldest, Patrick, then 17 and my youngest, Ben, 14, came along on our little adventure. We all piled into my minivan to go celebrate the Fourth.

Though it was not built for the job, my Nissan Quest had served as a pick-up and off-road vehicle since we moved to the station. It had traveled many a rugged dirt road, hauled hay, trash, and manure, forged many a stream, and with its extremely low ground clearance, paid the price. By the time I left the station I was on my seventh transmission pan and third oil pan. In the past, the road to the Ridge had been in pretty good shape, but the previous winter had been very rainy, and though they had graded the road during the winter months, there had been significant rainfall since. As we headed up the road, we found it to be in relatively good shape, though in some sections there were a lot of rocks in the road, and many were too big for my car to clear without risking another oil or transmission pan. As we passed through the bad areas, the boys took turns running in front of the car and tossing the rocks off the road. This made the going very slow, but we arrived in time to see a spectacular display of fireworks happening in every direction in the valley below. We walked around the ridge a bit as the kids explored the area gathering treasures.

Within an hour or so, the last of the shows had ended and we rounded everyone up into the van and headed back down the mountain. About half way down the road, I noticed the car was handling a little funny. Subtle at first, and barely noticeable because of the bumpiness of the road, the problem got distinctly worse as we crept along.

"I think we've got a flat," I moaned. "Aw, geeeee...you're kiddin' me," Al responded. "Fraid not." I said as I stopped the car. Fortunately, we had a flashlight, a spare and all of the jack parts with us, and three healthy boys. We all piled out of the car and snapped into action. Sure enough the front driver's side tire was flat as a Twiggy doll. I got all of the equipment out of the back and Al, with his usual laid-back joking style, took command of the mission. He sent the younger two to get some large rocks to put behind the wheels and enlisted the two older boys to do the grunt work. Albert Jr. got the hubcap off and Patrick helped by holding the flashlight and handing him what he needed. We both stood watching and supervising as they began to jack the car off of the rocky ground. Al could not help but make fun of how slowly things were getting done and how this was going to "make men out of them". We were in good humor and easily able to make light of our predicament. In a way, it just made our outing even more of an adventure, and wasn't that what mountain life was really all about? Our laughing and joking came to an abrupt halt when we

heard a loud noise that had become very familiar to me by then. It was the loud barking noise that I had been hearing at night since the weather had gotten warm, the noise that I had been told was that of a baby bear calling to its mom.

"Oh my gawd!!! What was that?" Al asked...revealing his "chicken" side. "I hear that all the time," as I started to explain, the noise came again, this time closer, "My friend told me that it was a baby bear calling to its mom."

"Oh, my gawd!!! There are bears here?" There was a great deal of panic welling up in his voice. "Where is its mother?"

"I don't know...probably somewhere just out of his sight." I answered. I was not really too concerned, and was trying to diffuse his rising state alarm by making my calmness apparent to him. It was not working. "Shirley!!! Ben!!! Get in the car!!!" he shouted. "Gimme that!!!" he barked as he grabbed the jack handle and the two boys scurried out of his way. He worked frantically at getting the car off of the ground enough to get the tire off. "Give Kim the flashlight and get me the spare tire," he ordered. The noise sounded again, seemingly closer than before. "It's closer!!! It's coming this way!!!" He was terrified. "Hurry up!!!" he called to his son. His son handed me the flashlight and I held it in position to light the work area for him. Patrick took a second flashlight and began shining it in the direction of from where the noise seemed to be coming. "Can you see anything?" Al asked as he handed me the nuts from the tire to hold.

"Just a couple of bears running around in the grass," he answered casually in his usual wiseass teenager style.

"This is no time to joke," he scolded. The noise sounded again and he shifted into an even higher gear.

"It's okay, there's nothing there," Patrick said, trying to reassure Al.

Again the noise. "Oh, my gawd!!! That's nothing???" I turned to see Albert Jr. lean the spare against the car and walk off laughing silently so as not to anger his father. Patrick joined him and they stood snickering just out of earshot. I looked in the car and saw Ben and Shirley covering their mouths to hide their laughter. I started to laugh myself. Trying to conceal my laughter, I turned my head, but my body was jerking with my chuckles and as it did so, the flashlights beam jiggled around. "Hold that light still!!!" Al snarled.

"Sorry," I answered, trying with marginal success to disguise the fact that I was laughing uncontrollably. The noise came yet again.

"We're going to get killed...it's going to eat us all!!!" He was working feverishly and the boys and I were practically convulsing in laughter as Al's imagination carried him further and further away. He finished the tire change in record time, we all gathered everything up and threw it in the car, got in, and continued toward home. After a few moments of forced silence, the boys let loose, laughing and kidding Al the rest of the way home. Insult was added to the injury the next day as we recounted the story to some of the other residents of Chantry Flats. When I demonstrated the noise to them, they informed us that the noise we were hearing was that of the ringtail, the cute little things on the poster at the station. We have never let Al live that night down.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS...

By Pat Birdsall

FYI: Earth Day

1970 was a time when rivers caught fire and cities were hidden under dense clouds and smoke. This is when the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) was born, and twenty million people celebrated the first Earth Day on April 22nd of that year in San Francisco, California. Remarkable progress has been made since then in protecting human health and safeguarding the natural environment. We still have a long way to go.

~Helpful Hints~

When storing winter clothes: 1) Sort before you store; one pile for repairs, one pile for giving away. 2) Clean the clothes before storing 3) Ala Mommie Dearest: No wire hangers! They leave indentations in clothing. Padded hangars are the best. 4) Avoid plastic storage or dry cleaning bags. They impede air flow and this can lead to discoloration.5) Store clothes in a closet that is cool, dark and dry thus avoiding mold and mildew. *USA Weekend*

~For Your Funny Bone~

The local bar was so sure that its bartender was the strongest man around that they offered a standing \$1000 bet. The bartender would squeeze a lemon until all the juice ran into a glass, and hand the lemon to a patron. Anyone who could squeeze one more drop of juice out would win the money. Many people had tried over time (weight-lifters, longshoremen, etc.) but nobody could do it. One day a scrawny little man came into the bar, wearing thick glasses and a polyester suit, and said in a squeaky voice, "I'd like to try the bet." After the laughter had died down, the bartender said OK, grabbed a lemon, and squeezed away. Then he handed the wrinkled remains of the rind to the little man. The crowd's laughter turned to total silence as the man clenched his fist around the lemon and six drops fell into the glass. As the crowd cheered, the bartender paid the \$1000, and asked the little man, "What do you do for a living? Are you a lumberjack, a weight-lifter, what?" The man replied, "I work for the IRS." * * * * * Don't forget, The IRS spells "Theirs" * * * * *

Recipe of the Month:

Baby Spinach Salad with Tuna & Cheddar-Carrot Balls

These two recipes are categorized "for school lunchboxes" and, "an after-school snack", but I think they sound good for any and all ages...

Baby Spinach Salad with Tuna

- 2 Tbs plain low-fat yogurt
- 1-2 Tbs Dijon mustard
- 1 Tbs fresh lemon juice
- Course salt & ground pepper
- 3 ounces baby spinach (about 3 cups, loosely packed)
- ½ cup seedless red grapes, halved lengthwise
- ¼ cup thinly sliced red onion (optional)
- 1 can (3 oz.) chunk light tuna packed in water
- Flatbreads for serving (optional)
- 1) In a small bowl whisk together yogurt, Dijon and lemon juice; Season with salt and pepper
- 2) Combine spinach, grapes and onion, if using in another bowl.
- 3) Just before serving, drain tuna, add to salad, and toss with dressing.
- 4) Serve with flatbreads, if desired.

Cheddar-Carrot Balls

In a medium bowl, with a wooden spoon, combine 4 oz. (½ a bar) cold cream cheese, 2 oz. yellow cheddar cheese, finely grated (1cup loosely packed), and one carrot, finely grated (1/2cup). With moistened hands, gently form 12 balls, each equal to 1 level Tbs. of mixture. Serve with crackers of your choice and some fruit, or refrigerate, covered with plastic wrap up to 2 days.

The income tax has made more liars out of the American people than golf has.
~ Will Rogers



Happy Birthday

Ken Anhalt, Julia Gottesman & Dorothy White!



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- Instructor, Andrea Walsh- \$6.00 for seniors
Wednesday:	Open
Thursday:	Game Day- 1:30- 4:00 PM Poker, Bunco, Scrabble, Cribbage, Chess, Checkers, Backgammon, Pinochle...you name it. Yoga: 5:00-6:30 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
Friday:	Ping-Pong- 2:00-4:00 PM- Not tournament, just for fun
~ New~ Fridays:	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 (626) 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.
- May 15-** From Sierra Madre to Fillmore where you will board a train to Santa Paula. A 3 course meal will be served in the vintage dining cars. There will be a walking tour of the heritage murals or you can explore the California Oil Museum. \$52.00 (includes bus, train & lunch) The trip has a high minimum requirement of 45 people, so ask a friend or two to join you.
**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 The SM Paramedics do blood pressure readings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 11-12:00 noon
Hearing Loss after 50+ Dr. Lucy Shih will discuss treatment options currently available on Tuesday, April 22 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Arcadia Community Center 365 Campus Dr., Arcadia. One in three people age 60 and over, and half of those older than 85 have hearing loss. Hearing problems can be frustrating and even dangerous. For reservations call (626) 574-5130.

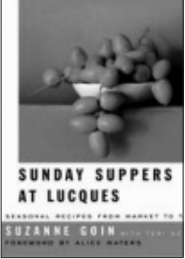
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The Book Reports

By Jeff Brown

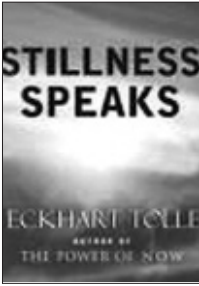
Sunday Suppers at Lucques: Seasonal Recipes from Market to Table by Suzanne Goin (2005)

Few chefs in America have won more praise than Ms. Goin. She got her start cooking in some of the best restaurants in the world. And now runs her famous Los Angeles restaurant Lucques. Sunday Supper is result of her efforts to recreate relaxed family dinners with each week focusing on comforting foods that are rooted in the produce of the season. This book contains the recipes that made her famous.132 recipes in ninety full color photographs arranged in easy to follow steps organized by season such as Saffron Chicken with Parmesan Pudding, Spring Onions and Sugar Snap Peas, Veal Osso Buco with Saffron Risotto, Herb-Roasted Rack of Lamb with Flageolet Gratin, or for dessert, Lemon Tart with a Layer of Chocolate or Pumpkin cake with Pecan Streusel and Maple Ice Cream. The book is a James Beard Foundation Award Winner.



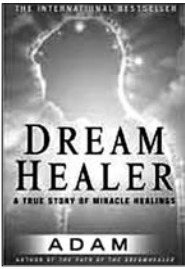
Stillness Speaks by Eckhart Tolle(2003)

Expanding on his message "Get out of your head and into the moment" Eckhart Tolle shows us in Stillness Speaks a way of living in the now. Here Tolle emphasizes the art of stillness, that place where thoughts, attachments and the ego fall away and we are left with what the moment has to offer: "When you lose touch with inner stillness, you lose touch with yourself. When you lose touch with yourself, you lose yourself in the world." In short simple pieces the essence of his message is easy. If we can connect to the stillness within we move beyond our active minds and emotions and discover great depths of lasting piece, contentment and ultimately the divine. He draws from the essence of all spiritual traditions expressing these truths in fresh new ways. Tolle is widely recognized as one of the most original & inspiring spiritual teachers of our time and is not aligned with any particular religion or tradition. His profound yet simple and practical teachings have helped thousands of people find inner peace, healing and greater fulfillment in their lives.



DreamHealer: A True Story of Miracle Healings by Adam (2006)

Adam was sixteen when he discovered he had a gift. Living a typical childhood in Canada he came to realize that he is an energy healer. He has the ability to connect to and influence another person's health from near and at a distance. Now only 21 he has become a phenomenon. Dubbed a miracle worker he has succeeded in helping thousands of people. He has healed rock legends and astronauts and his standing room only events inspire thousands. His writing is inspirational and enlightening and his insights into healing offer hope to anyone. We see his journey in the book from the healing of his mother onward. He gives us seven steps in living well, guides to heal ourselves and a new way to look at our bodies and the forces around us!!!

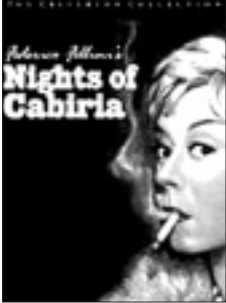


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Email recommendations or comments to jeffspics1@gmail.com

Scene One - Take One DVD Review

Nights of Cabiria (1957)

One of Federico Fellini's best movies. The story focuses on an impoverished prostitute Cabiria (Giulietta Masina,Fellini's wife), working on the outskirts of Rome who never seems to give up on finding true love and a rich wonderful life despite a continuous string of heartbreaks and misfortunes. This tragicomedy masterpiece won the Academy Award for Best Foreign Film. Basis for the Broadway musical Sweet Charity. In Italian with subtitles.



The Big Sleep (1946)

Philip Marlowe (Humphrey Bogart at his best) is a private detective who is hired by General Sternwood to investigate a case of blackmail involving his youngest daughter. The plot thickens when the murder victims pile up. As he digs deeper Marlowe finds only corruption and deceit but also falls for the General's eldest daughter(Lauren Bacall). Wonderful action, dialogue and cast. Keep a notebook handy to follow the characters. Other famous people involved are Raymond Chandler who wrote the novel on which the movie is based, William Faulkner who adapted the book for the screen, and Howard Hawks who directed.

The Producers (1968)

This is the original movie with Zero Mostel, Gene Wilder and Kenneth Mars. It is far funnier than the recent remake and is a comic masterpiece! Wild but lovable producer Max Bialystock hasn't had a Broadway hit in years. He and his neurotic accountant, Leo Bloom, come up with the idea to oversell shares in a surefire flop musical using "Springtime for Hitler" which is supposedly the worst play ever written, and then keep the profits. A gem!





TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

Comfort Food

Seems like every day I am learning something new about food and cooking. When I think of comfort food here in the States, for me it consists of meatloaf, chili and mashed potatoes. Recently I made a visit to Teri & Yaki on N. Lake in Pasadena, and the menu says Asian Comfort Food. Another restaurant in Pasadena, Hurry Curry on S. Fair Oaks, has laid claim to the title of Japanese Comfort Food. So, come along with me while we explore two different kinds of Comfort Food, which sounds nice and relaxing to me.

What comes to mind when you think about Japanese food? If you're like me, Sushi and Tempura head the list. Probably, like me, you did not know that curry is actually "the" Comfort Food for Japan.

Hurry Curry of Tokyo, a great restaurant offering Japanese Comfort Food since 1989 in West LA, established its first franchise in 2003 in Jakarta, Indonesia. It opened at its Old Pasadena location in 2005, and has rapidly become one of my favorite restaurants. The reasons? It is clean, relatively inexpensive and the food quality is above average - all of this being coupled with memorable flavors.

Hurry Curry was given an impressive 9.3 by CitySearch.com, and it has become a favorite of Yelpers.

I don't quite know what it is, but there is nothing better for me than going into an ethnic restaurant and seeing that the people working there look like they have been in the area that the foods comes from, have taken in the air, smelled all the different smells and been a part of the history and preparation of these foods. It is one of those things that makes me love my job.

Okay enough of my Romanticizing. So, what to order at Hurry Curry? A must is the Fried Chicken (\$5.75). It's my absolute favorite, and is served with a chicken dressing on the side. I could eat this non-stop and, some days, I think I do!! Other recommendations are the Fried Shrimp Curry with Spinach (\$9.50), the Japanese staple-Chicken Curry (\$8.50), and the very colorful Tarako Ika (\$8.95). Also a must for the palate is the Lobster Bisque - one of the better soups that I have had anywhere; this one must come from the owners' origins in the seafood industry.

The restaurant has a happy hour from 3 PM to 6 PM, with \$2 Sake Martinis, \$2 appetizers and \$2 beer. If you are a beer drinker, as I am, that is a great reason to go in and of itself. They also offer curb-side "to go" service, a very unique service in Old Town.

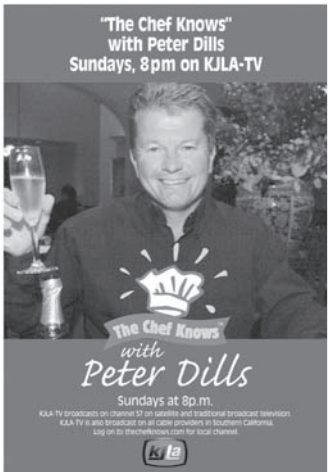
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As always it is recommended that you log onto their website to make sure prices and hours are correct. www.hurrycurryoftokyo.com.

Teri &Yaki opened recently on N. Lake in Pasadena with a very simple menu. The main entrees consist of chicken and beef with a few side dishes. It looks like they are catering to the health-conscience here, with skinless, boneless chicken and lean beef. All the meats are marinated for at least 24 hours and I really like the side dishes, which include Seasoned Spinach, Broccoli, Crispy Wontons and Sweetened Potatoes. All items are range around \$7 and you can double up on the meats for no more then \$10.95. I do prefer their chicken over their steak. I must warn you this is not Spago, but on a day when you aren't sure what you want to eat for lunch, this place hits the spot. If you are a soup fan, I can recommend the Spicy Noodle Soup (\$6.75). The restaurant offers items a la carte and, though the restaurant is small, it is very serviceable. Teri &Yaki has three locations: Monrovia, West Pasadena and the one I visited, 229 N. Lake Ave. Pasadena (626) 844-4554

For updated menu and hours of operation please go to their website www.teriandyaki.com
Both Hurry Curry and Tery & Yaki have different styles, but I must say that I do feel Comfortable recommending either to you!! This is Peter Dills signing off until next week when I have a very special place for us to visit!!!



BIRD'S EYE VIEW

By Pat Birdsall

Timesavers...

I think the following tips that I am about to impart would make Martha Stewart green with envy. Then again, maybe not...

Guests coming for dinner? Short on cash? In a hurry? Go to the supermarket near you and buy a less expensive cut of meat than your recipe calls for and get it tenderized. No time to wait for the butcher? You're in luck! Just locate the bagger that I was fortunate enough to get on my last trip to the store. He takes the cut of meat you have selected, places it in the bottom of the grocery bag and then proceeds to put all of your canned items on top of it. It is now flat enough to cook in a jiff. If the dish you have chosen to prepare contains tomatoes, more luck is coming your way! He usually puts the tomatoes right next to the meat on the bottom under the cans. If he can manage it, and you have scored a triple, guess where any bananas you have purchased will go? Do pass "GO," do collect \$200.00...you are correct! Of course they will be on the bottom, underneath the cans, alongside the meat and tomatoes.

While you are cooking your meat and tomato dish you can be baking a wonderful loaf or two of banana nut bread that your guests will enjoy with coffee after the meal. After all, the bananas have already been mashed for you...another time saver!

I never did find that loaf of white bread that I purchased... Could that have been what was in that flat-as-a-pancake blue and white plastic "thing" that I tossed?



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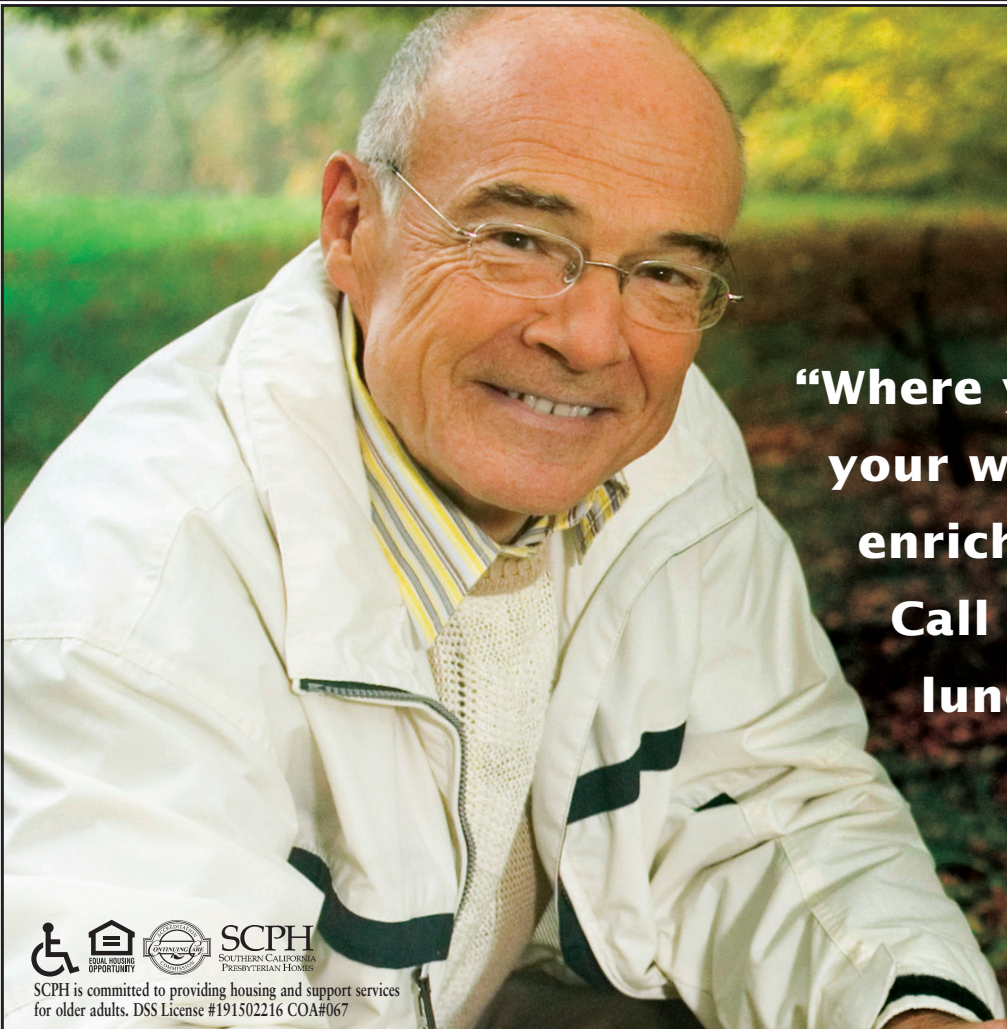
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SPORTS



Back Page Journal Aye, And A Grand Game I'tis

By Brad Eastland, Sports Editor

Two golf stories? I guess this must be my "Golf Issue". Which is a good thing. Golf is great theater. And this coming weekend is Masters weekend, which always gets my golf goat. The problem is how to turn that excitement into a thrilling "Back Page" column...a Masters retrospective? Too easy. A discussion surrounding the Masters' sad history of racial intolerance? Too difficult. Something on women's golf? Too boring. (Oh come on, ladies, you don't care about the LPGA either! I'll prove it---quick, who won last year's LPGA Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic??? I rest my case.)

Anyway, since I have never been invited to play golf at the Masters course at Augusta National (it's a grotesquely private club---I swear those Georgia rednecks have machine guns mounted in their guard towers), I thought I would tell you about a course I have played that in many ways is even greater than Augusta. It's called Turnberry.

Turnberry is in southwest Scotland, in County Ayrshire. Just off wee Highway A719. While the course itself may not be quite as beautiful as the magnolia-dusted Augusta, the surrounding setting is way more spectacular; craggy coastal shores and spectacular 10 p.m. sunsets see to that. The Turnberry Hotel across the road is a 3-story white giant a couple hundred yards long, on a high mound, and since it's in the middle of nowhere it might as well be the house of God. Throw in the fact that the course is built upon the ruins of the castle of Scotland's greatest king, Robert the Bruce, and you've really got something special. And it's a tougher course than Augusta, which is to say it's even more unfair to the regular hack golfer. (The course record there is only seven under par. At Augusta it's nine under.)

Tom Watson, Greg Norman, and Nick Price all won the Open Championship at Turnberry. Each man was, at the time he won, already the reigning best player in the world, cementing not only their reputations but also Turnberry's position as one of the world's paramount golf courses. Watson, in his Open in 1977, shot a 65-65 on the weekend to defeat Jack Nicklaus in what is generally considered the greatest golf match of all time. 65-65.

Which, I am here to tell you, is impossible.

That's the point of this column. When you play a course like Turnberry it tells you all you need to know about how ridiculously great pro golfers are. I played Turnberry twice in my life, in 1989 and again in 1996. And the thing that struck me about it both times---other than how spectacularly beautiful it is to play golf with the world's most out-of-place hotel just to the East and the Firth of Clyde lapping at the craggy shore to your West---is how obscenely difficult the course is. For a regular hacker, it is virtually unplayable. Literally. You stand on the tee box on certain holes, and you look down the fairway and it's only about 30 yards wide with gorse on either side. Gorse are huge, prickly thorn bushes that acquire

nourishment by swallowing golf balls. Gorse bushes are also called "whin", not to be confused with "win", which is something you won't do if you hit it in the gorse. In an amazing coincidence, in both 1989 and 1996 I shot a round of exactly 105, with exactly 7 additional balls lost forever in those scratchy, arm-bloodying gorse bushes. That's 7 take-overs, or "Mulligans", if you prefer. So if you add stroke-and-distance for each lost ball, I actually shot a score of 119 in each round, seven years apart. Same score.

Please understand, it's not like I'm a crummy golfer. I may not be a two-handicapper, but I'm not a schlub either. For instance, at our two local courses, Altadena and Eaton Canyon, I'll usually shoot around 39 for 9 holes, which doubles up to a 78 for 18. At a tougher course like Santa Anita, I might card an 85. So for a decent self-respecting hacker to stagger around a golf course in 119 shots, twice, is humbling, and is an anthem to how difficult Turnberry is.

But I loved it. I imagined I was Watson or Norman or Price carving out his victory in '77, '86, or '94. I imagined I was the crusty old Scot who laid out the course a hundred years ago. I imagined I could actually play this damn game.

There was one hole in particular that told me---and should tell you---everything you need to know regarding the charm and magic and utter Heavenliness of Scottish links golf. It was 1989, and I was playing the 7th hole. A par-four. "Roon the Ben" they call it (All the golf holes at Turnberry have their own cute, Gaelic names...like "Tappie Toorie", "Blaw Wearie", and "Fin Me Oof"). It's a beautiful golf hole, smack up against the rocky shore, with only the Firth of Clyde separating Turnberry from the Atlantic Ocean and the New World.

Anyway, I was on the green in three, 30 feet from the cup, needing two putts for my bogey. Don't laugh! When you shoot a 119, bogeys are hard to come by, so I was excited, deadly focused, and motivated. But as I prepared to putt, I noticed a strange object halfway to the hole, right in my line. I squinted. What IS that thing? I asked myself. My vision was starting to wane in '89, I couldn't tell. It was silver and shiny, glistening and wet-looking. I walked up, bent over the mysterious object, and discovered that it was...in fact...a fish.

An 8-inch-long, wiggling, still-living silverfish. Poor thing. Some weary gull had obviously dropped it on the green, just to make my two-putt for bogey even more challenging than my innate lack of talent might make it. But never let it be said that I don't know golf protocol. I placed a coin behind the fish to mark its position, then I took my putter, measured one club length to the side, placed the fish there, two putted (brilliantly), recorded a bogey five on my scorecard, and---in case the gull should come back later searching for his dinner---replaced the fish. It's all about respect, fans.

Ain't golf a grand game? Aye, lads and lassies, it's indeed.

P.S.---and yes, Jamie Farr really does have his own ladies' golf tournament...that's what happens when a man puts on a dress for a living.

PHS Golf Team Experiments...With Having Fun

By Brad Eastland, Sports Editor

"All men are created equal" in the Declaration of Independence. But all men AND women are equal on the Pasadena High School Varsity Golf Team.

Make that the Pasadena High School "Coed" Varsity Golf Team. It's the newest development on a team that's been around since 2006, when PHS resurrected a golf program that had been dormant for decades. "The school had a golf team way back in the fifties or sixties, maybe even into the early seventies, but that's about it," says golf coach Eli Harris. "A couple years ago we brought golf back to PHS. And we made it coed this year to make sure we got enough players."

Actually, of the seven players on the varsity squad only one, Christina Cunanan, is a female. But in any male-dominated sport one female is a lot more than zero, and that's the point.

"I love to play, but I've only been playing golf for about two years," says the 6th-seeded Christina, a 15-year-old sophomore. Her inexperience is shared by most of her teammates. Only 5th-seed Noah Venerable, a senior, has played varsity for all three seasons that the new team has been in existence. As a result, PHS won only three of its first nine Pacific League matches. But for the present, nobody is really concerned about wins and losses: "Most of these kids are doing something they never dreamed of doing," Coach Harris says through a huge ear-to-ear grin.

One player who does not suffer from inexperience is top-seeded Thomas Reese. The Bulldogs' #1 man

has been swinging a club since he was three years old. "He's a pretty good all-around athlete, so golf sort of comes naturally to him," explains Anthony Reese, Thomas's father, who also doubles as assistant coach. Thomas has even put his beloved basketball aside for the time being to concentrate on his golf game. "Our team practices five afternoons a week, but I play pretty much every day," the talented sophomore adds proudly.

The PHS team is a diverse squad made up of hard trying up-and-comers. Luis Ambriz, the #2 seed, is a short, powerfully built young man who delights in pounding drive after long drive down the middle of the range in practice. He's a right-handed sophomore. Conversely the #3 seed, senior Krikor Latchinian, is a tall lanky lefty. Fourth ranked junior Andrew Hantman and 7th-seeded Derek Williams (another left-hander) round out the squad.

Part of the purpose of this year's cobbled-together golf team is to advertise for more players. The whole coed experiment is a recruiting tool of sorts. "We didn't have enough boys for the varsity (you need seven) and we certainly didn't have enough girls for an all-girls team," Coach Reese explains. "We're hoping that other girls will see how much fun Christina is having on the varsity, so that by next year we'll draw enough players for a separate girls team, so that the girls can compete a lot more effectively."

In the meantime, the coed experiment is a rousing success. It's obvious that the other players have totally accepted Christina as one of their own. She fits right in. You can tell by the way they all laugh and joke with each other before a match that if they get beat it's not because of nerves...

"The most satisfying thing is the kids," sums up Coach Harris. "They're great kids, all of them. And with each passing week you can see how much fun they're having. You can see it in their faces that they all want to play."

Below Left, Christina Cunanan practices with the PHS Varsity Golf Team, right, the team shows that having fun, not winning, is everything. Photos by Brad Eastland, MVO



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